



# The New Woodend Star



## This Mother's Day - Plant a tree and create a living legacy

Come along and plant with your mum or for your mum on Sunday, 8 May at Campaspe Drive, Woodend

Woodend Landcare is hosting Trees for Mum on Sunday, 8 May from 9am to midday at Campaspe Park off Campaspe Drive, just the other side of the creek to the Children's Park.

Trees for Mum is a series of Australia-wide free tree planting events run by Landcare on Mother's Day. First started in Sydney in 2002 by friends and colleagues, Deena Raphael and Lauren Adlam, as a way of paying tribute to their Mums, who they had both lost to cancer; Trees for Mum in Woodend is now in its fifth year.

The trees and shrubs will be a range of natives that are perfect for the Woodend climate. The Woodend Landcare team will be on hand with plenty of tools to help you plant them into weed mat along the bank of the creek. Everyone will be given a tree or a shrub and some grasses to plant to create an interesting habitat.

Bring along some gloves and gumboots if it's wet and muddy. There's no need to book this year, but if you do have a question call Angela on 0409 373 010.

*Submitted by Angela Van Dam for Woodend Landcare*

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### Balmy for Salami? Learn how to make it

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### Macedon Ranges Running Club

Now past the 5km milestone, new recruits continue to prepare for celebratory run on May 15.



### Macedon Ranges Basketball wins

The Macedon Ranges' basketballers are literally shooting above their average.



### ANZAC Day Services

Vintage Warbirds made a special salute to the occasion at Mt Macedon with a flyby over the Memorial Cross.

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# Free community solar system

## Applications are being sought from community groups in Macedon Ranges for a free 5Kw solar PV system.

This solar system will be donated to the community of Macedon Ranges as a result of the collaboration between The Hub Foundation Castlemaine, the not-for-profit organiser of the MASH solar bulk-buy, and SunEdison, the supplier for MASH2.

Valued at \$7,400, the 20-panel system comprises a European manufactured inverter and top quality panels.

“This donation marks the successful installation of over 100 systems in Macedon Ranges resulting from MASH2, the second round of our hugely successful solar bulk-buy program,” said Jo Kaptein, Project Officer at the Hub Foundation.

“It is part of the promise the MASH project makes to each community and will be the fourth solar installation donated to community groups in Macedon Ranges and Mount Alexander Shire by MASH since May 2015.”



“We are looking forward to delivering yet more free community solar installations for the people of Macedon Ranges with our next round of the MASH project, MASH3, which will launch in mid 2016,” said Kaptein.

The deadline for applications is 30th May 2016. Visit [www.mash.org.au](http://www.mash.org.au) or call 0455 589065 for details.

MASH1 community bonus installation at Newstead Community Centre, Mount Alexander Shire.

*Submitted by Jo Kaptein, Project Officer, the Hub Foundation*



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# Swamp Wallabies

## - a plea to dog owners

Swamp wallabies are like a smaller, darker version of a kangaroo. They are beautiful little animals and unlike kangaroos, they are more or less defenceless against dogs. In the past, they probably lived in the bushier areas along Five Mile Creek in Woodend, but in recent years they seem to have disappeared. This may be partly due to the increased prevalence of uncontrolled dogs.

Legally dogs are permitted to be off-leash as long as they don't harass wildlife. Many people are quite sure that their off-leash dogs are harmless and don't represent a threat to people or animals, but this is often not the reality. Voice control is never as effective as a leash. Dogs are companion animals and they certainly enjoy their walks just as much if they are with you all the time on a leash, so it should not be regarded as an imposition on their freedom.

At a recent Landcare working bee, a swamp wallaby was seen browsing between the walking track and the creek. At the same time numbers of off-leash dogs were seen passing with their owners. This is an appeal to all dog owners to please consider making a small change if they are in the habit of letting their dogs roam near them during walks.



Many of us live in Woodend because of the fabulous natural environment it offers. Wallabies are beautiful, inoffensive, defenceless animals and it would be great if we could allow them to co-exist with us in their natural habitat without threats like off-leash dogs. In the not too distant past, Landcare members have witnessed a loving pet Labrador harassing an injured wallaby which subsequently had to be put down. Please give this some thought.

*Submitted by Peter Yates | Woodend Landcare*

*Macedon Ranges Shire Council encourages all dog owners to keep their dog on a lead on all shared paths and in bushland reserves. For more information on pets and wildlife, see: [http://www.mrsc.vic.gov.au/Animals\\_Pets/Wildlife](http://www.mrsc.vic.gov.au/Animals_Pets/Wildlife)*



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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	<b>49.6</b>	791.6

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## Nominate your favourite local business now!

### Do you know a business doing amazing things?

Support your favourite business by nominating them for the 2016 Bendigo Bank Macedon Ranges Business Excellence Awards.

The awards recognise businesses which provide an outstanding service to the community and beyond.

Elliott Midland Newspapers successfully ran the awards for over a decade, with Council as a major sponsor. To see the awards continue into the future, a new partnership has been formed, with Council now leading the program to ensure the long-term sustainability of the event.

So nominate your favourite business before 27 May by selecting from any of these categories:

- Excellence in customer service
- Excellence in food and beverage
- Excellent in new and emerging business
- Excellence in professional service
- Excellence in wellbeing services
- Excellence in retail
- Excellence in local produce
- Excellent in events and attractions
- Excellence in accommodation
- Trainee / apprentice of the year
- Young business person of the year

Mayor, Cr Graham Hackett said with more than half our working population leaving the area for work each day, supporting local business development and growth was a key priority.

"A lot of the successes of our local businesses is due to the hard work that goes on behind the scenes, which isn't always easily measured through profit margins. These awards not only recognise the outstanding achievements of local businesses and the contributions that they make, but acknowledges the challenges they have faced" said Cr Hackett.

You can fill out the nomination form online at [mrsc.vic.gov.au/business-awards](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/business-awards) or collect a form at Council service centres in Gisborne, Romsey, Woodend and Kyneton.

*Submitted by L. Manton for M.R.S.C.*

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## Hesket Primary School

### Garage Sale and Open Day

Hesket Primary School is hosting a garage sale and having its annual Open day on Saturday May 21 from 10am to 1pm. Outside entries for the garage sale are welcome, cost is only \$10.00. There will games and Devonshire Teas available.

The Open Day is a chance for those parents looking to find out about the Hesket school, how it operates and the many advantages of a small school. The staff will be on hand to answer any questions. There will be tours of the school and displays of students work.

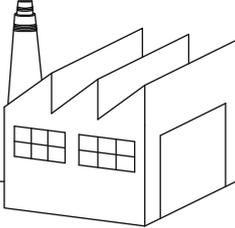
### Hesket Primary starts a playgroup.

As a part of our transition from kindergarten to primary school, Hesket Primary School is offering a playgroup to children who will be coming to school in 2017. It's a great opportunity for these children to become familiar with school and to meet other in an informal setting. We will meet on Wednesday afternoons during the school term at 2.15pm.

*If you are interested in joining in please contact Cliff Palmer, the principal, on 54270 330*

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## Rotary in Vanuatu

Members of Woodend Rotary recently completed the installation of a water tank at the AOG church in Port Vila, Vanuatu.

The church is also the local evacuation centre and during cyclone Pam last year housed over 300 men, women and children. During the cyclone the church lost part of its roof and caused everyone to huddle at one end of the church.

Following the cyclone, authorities turned off the water supply for a few days to ensure the supply of water was safe. This meant that those in and around the centre had no available water. The roof has been replaced; however a gap remained in providing a water supply in future disaster events.

A team of five made up of Members of Woodend Rotary members and partners dedicated many days work to install the 10,000 litre tank and a new cyclone fence to help protect it from flying debris during the



next cyclone. This was preceded by a lot of planning to ensure materials and preparations were completed to ensure the successful installation.

The installation consisted of 3 stages which included the installation of a concrete slab, the tank and plumbing, then the cyclone wire fence. Members of the local community supported the installation with labour, tools and the provision of cold drinks to those working on the project.

This new tank will ensure a steady supply of drinking water for days for hundreds of people in the community and at the centre. This was a great project for Woodend Rotary and meets one of the main aims of Rotary International which is to provide safe water for everyone.

The members of Woodend Rotary and the community of Woodend who support Rotary fundraising should feel proud of the completion of the project.

*Submitted by Grant Hocking*

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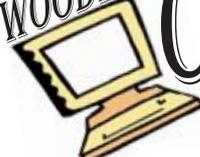
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## Save Your Bacon

**Rotary Woodend and Hope Assist Local Tradies HALT are calling all local tradies for a free breakfast.**

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.' Brendan Maher, General Manager, R U OK?

More information is available at the website [thehalt-brekkie.com](http://thehalt-brekkie.com), Tuesday the 10th of May, 7am-9am Woodend Mitre 10, 7/130 High Street Woodend Enter by timber yard

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The winner of the 1992 Melbourne Cup, Subzero and his handlers (Kerrie, Nicki and Graham) visited Heskett Primary School last week.

The whole school enjoyed listening to the winners exploits and what he does now in his retirement. The children got to ask questions of Subzero.

On enquiry, when asked by Jayden, Subzero answered that he did have girlfriends (although we're not sure how many or where they are).



Kerrie also spoke to the children about how to look after horses and care for their needs.

*Submitted by C. Plamer*

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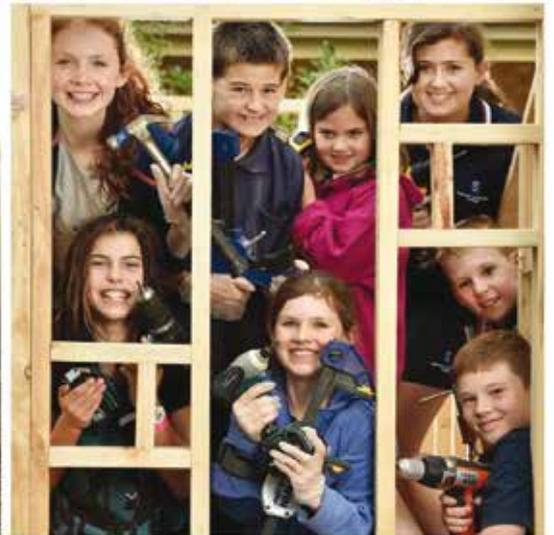
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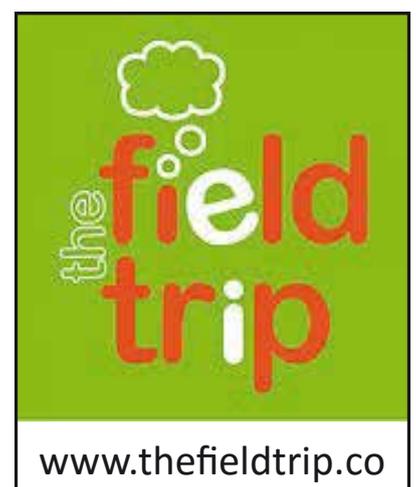
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Agency North for the terrific media the project received  
Field Trip members and their parents for participating in the building of the Cubby!

## CUBBY FOR A CAUSE

**We do great things when we pool our resources and talents as a community**



## Scouts canoe the Glenelg River

Over the recent school holidays 14 scouts, 9 venturers and 5 leaders from 2nd Woodend Scout Group paddled for 3 days down the beautiful Glenelg River in the far west of Victoria.

Carrying all their tents, food and equipment in their canoes, they camped out each night beside the river in special canoe-only access campsites provided by Parks Victoria. The scouts paddled more than 35km over the three days, ending their hike in South Australia after visiting the magnificent Princess Margaret Rose limestone caves. The venturers completed the full 80km length of the river, to finish at the river mouth at Nelson.

Surrounded by national park along the way, we all enjoyed the serenity and peacefulness of this once-in-a-lifetime experience. Birds and wildlife were in abundance, and the peace and quiet away from mobile phones and computers was wonderful. All the participants completed their canoe training through scouts before embarking on the journey. As well as having lots of fun - they learnt about teamwork, self-reliance and the satisfaction of overcoming challenges along the way.

*If you would like to be part of the fun at 2nd Woodend Scouts, please contact Jenny Johnson on 0488 445066.*

*Submitted by Andrew Johnson*



## May celebrations at the House

On Friday 20 May we'll be celebrating a year since we launched our first Community Lunch.

These scrumptious lunches are prepared by a team of volunteers and aim to build connections across Woodend. Everyone is welcome to come along; just let us know for catering no later than 19 May at midday. Lunch costs \$5.

National Volunteer week is 9-15 May and coincides with Neighbourhood House week. If you've never visited the Neighbourhood House drop in and say hello; we're open Monday to Friday from 9am to 3pm. Also, if you'd like to learn about volunteering opportunities come and see us.

We're also celebrating that our amazing year 9 techsperts from Braemar College are back! They'll help you with all things technical from iPhones and Kindles to Skype and Facebook.

Drop in to the House on a Friday between 2pm and 3pm and they'll answer your technical questions. No need to book – calendar of dates on [www.woodendnh.org.au](http://www.woodendnh.org.au)

### New courses in May

Pamm will be hosting a children's gardening class on 15 May and Vicki is running a crochet workshop on 21 May – full details are on our website.

Do you need a first aid certificate? Our next session is Saturday 14 May and at the time of going to press there are still a few places. The dates for the remainder of the year are 6 August and 22 October.

### Vale Annie Ten Brink

We are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of our long-time friend Annie Ten Brink. Known across Woodend for her cheery 'Bonjour', Annie was a regular visitor to the House and will be missed by many.

*Submitted by Angela Van Dam*

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### Justine Garvey



Dr Justine Garvey has decided to focus all her time and skills at Brooke St Medical Centre solely in our New Aged Care team. From the first week of June she will therefore cease consulting in our general clinic services completely. The New Aged Care team provides services to residents of Aged Care Facilities.

We ask that Justine's patients please identify another doctor at the Practice for their ongoing services.

### Flu clinics



The flu vaccine is **free** of charge for patients who are considered "**high risk**". This includes Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, those with chronic disease, pregnant women, and people over the age of 65 years. Your doctor will determine eligibility. For all other patients, the vaccine costs \$21.

Our vaccine clinics are now open with all patients Bulk Billed for the consultation component (plus cost of vaccine as outlined above). Please phone reception or book into a flu clinic online [www.bsmc.net.au](http://www.bsmc.net.au).

### Weekend hours

For urgent needs, our weekend hours are:

Saturdays: 9.00am – 1.00 pm

Sundays: 10.00am – 12.00 midday

**Brooke St. Medical Centre – tel. (03) 5427 1002**

### Welcome to Shu Mei

We warmly welcome Shu Mei Cheong, our new physiotherapist.

Shu Mei joins Cathy James in meeting patient needs for physiotherapy services. Shu Mei will provide late appointments on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays. In a number of weeks, she will also provide Saturday morning appointments.

### Medicare patient cheques end July 1<sup>st</sup>



On July 1<sup>st</sup> this year, the Government is changing how you receive your Medicare rebate.

Medicare will cease reimbursing patients with cheques. From July 1<sup>st</sup>, electronic fee transfer into patient's bank accounts is the sole way Medicare will pay patients.

To be paid through this new system, patients need to register their bank account details with Medicare. This can be done online using the Medicare online account via myGov. Alternatively, you can ring 132 011 or visit a Medicare office. Our receptionists are happy to assist you with the Medicare process.

Brooke Street Medical Centre patients are asked to pay their account in full on the day. The Medicare rebate portion of that fee will be repaid by Medicare directly into your nominated account.

Patients who experience hardship paying in full on the day should please discuss this with a receptionist.

Those who have not registered their bank account details will not receive payments from Medicare after 1<sup>st</sup> July.

**After hours GP Helpline - tel. 1800 022 222**

# Sew Woodend

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Saturdays 14 May, 18 & 25 June & 2 July 1.30pm – 4pm  
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Saturday 21 May - (Time) Mr Sew Maintenance  
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Saturday 21 May 10am – 12.30pm  
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Tuesday 10am – 12.30 Social knitting (CLOSED OR BYO CHAIR)

Wednesday 18 & 1 June \$180 (Time) includes fabric  
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Bree will be teaching basic cushion construction techniques

Wednesday 11 & 25 June 7pm – 9.30pm \$180 includes fabric  
Make a Retro Apron with Bree from Lulu Rocket Retro  
Bree will be teaching basic sewing techniques to create a retro apron

Thursday 10am – 12.30 Social knitting/crochet \$5  
Thursday 12.30 – 3.30pm Social quilting/sewing \$10

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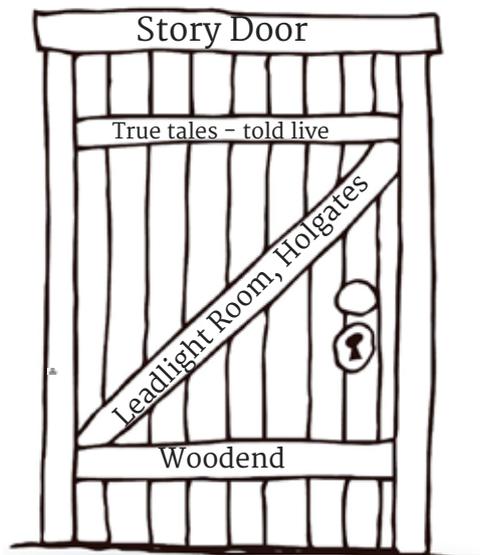
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## Who's Balmy for Salami?

Macedon Ranges Cooking Demonstrations program continues on June 4 with a sausage and salami demonstration. A set lunch will be provided after the demonstration of Italian delicacies with red and white wine included. Fresh seasonal ingredients are used in all demonstrations and meals. Alternatives will be available for those with dietary requirements with notice prior to the event.

The full seasonal program for the Macedon Ranges Cooking Demonstration is shown below and all sessions will be held at the Woodend RSL, Anslow St

Cooking and preparation notes will be provided for participants

- June 4: Sausages (and Salami)
- October 8: Cheese (Ricotta, Mozzarella and Chevre)

The cost is great value at \$49 per person per session. For more information please contact: Daniel Rigoni, Rotary Community Director. 0430 371 001 or book via [www.trybooking.com/KRWZ](http://www.trybooking.com/KRWZ).

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On the morning of Thursday May 5, join us for the Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea. Enjoy the company of friends and help raise funds. You can also book a free concert after the morning tea!

Catch three free lunchtime concerts, performed by Monash University performance majors. These free concerts are very popular, so you do need to book! Dates are May 5, 12 and 19 at 12 noon.

Join us on the evening of Friday May 13 for Duneira Ghost Tours, led by Lantern Ghost Tours at 8.30 pm and 10.30 pm. See Duneira at night from a different perspective. Adult and family tickets are available.

Italian violin virtuoso Davide Monti returns to Duneira on Saturday 22nd May with *Il Diabolo* (The Italian Devil) with Jacqueline Ogeil on harpsichord and Josephine Vains on cello. Enjoy sublime works from Corelli, Scarlatti, Vivaldi, Tartini and hear a new Australian work! Bookings essential. Davide will delight audiences with his improvisations and phenomenal technique.

In keeping with the Italian theme, later on the same day Duneira are delighted to welcome Giacomo Saccone who is the President of Libera Pisa, an international association dedicated to the promoting lawfulness and fighting corruption. He'll talk about the struggle that anti-Mafia organisations have in today's world. In light of recent events in Melbourne, this will be an interesting and enlightening discussion.

Don't miss Guided House Tours on 12th and 19th May. *Private tour group bookings are most welcome. www.duneira.com.au or 5426 1490 (Mon to Thurs, 9am to 3pm)*

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## My Story - Celebrating Service to Scouting

Rosemary Moait (Rose) and David Bachelor (Bach) are two 1<sup>st</sup> Woodend Leaders who have had a long relationship with scouting. Rose has been involved in scouting since 1978 (38 years) and Bach since 1981 (approximately 30 years as he had a break). These two inspirational individuals talk with Bettina Bokori-Mayman about their scouting journey.



How did your involvement with scouting occur? Rose: In 1978 I joined 1<sup>st</sup> Macedon Scout Group and became the Treasurer. Bach: In 1981 I became a parent helper at the 15<sup>th</sup> Moorabbin North Scout Group.

How has your journey with scouting unfolded? Rose: In 1984 I joined 1<sup>st</sup> Woodend Scout Group as a committee member. In 1992 I became a Venturer Scout Leader and then I joined the Training Team.

I was asked to take over and modify the Venturer Scouts Ideals Course, which is part of the Queens Scouts Award. I have been a Welfare Officer and acting District Leader. Bach: I resumed my scouting support in 1987 by becoming a

1<sup>st</sup> Woodend Cub Scout Leader for 3 years then I became a Venturer Scout Leader.

Fondest memory? Rose: My tent went missing at a large event and one of my Venturer Scouts found it. As the tent had my name on it, he immediately approached the group, retrieved my tent and very proudly returned back to our campsite with my tent in hand. I also remember a Venturer Scout who was doing his Queen's Scout Award. He broke his neck during school but wanted to complete his Queen's Scouts Award. For his Pursuits task he was restricted in what he could do, so he joined a teddy bear making class and made Patrick the Bear. It was hilarious seeing a 6-foot tall

young man produce a Teddy Bear not much bigger than his hand.

Bach: Seeing boys and girls become young men and women, bumping into them years later and seeing how their life has unfolded.

Have you received any scouting awards? Rose: A Silver Arrowhead medal for Excellent Service for at least 7-8 years, a Silver Wattle medal for Outstanding Service for at least 12 years and a Silver Koala medal for Distinguished Service for at least 16 years. Awards are not just about the years of service but also about what you do outside of your usual role.

Bach: A Silver Arrowhead medal for Excellent Service for at least 7-8 years and a Silver Koala medal for Distinguished Service for at least 16 years.

On Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2016 (2-5pm) the 1<sup>st</sup> Woodend Scout Group will hold a farewell afternoon tea for Rose and Bach at the 1<sup>st</sup> Woodend Log Cabin, 41 Forest Street Woodend. If you are able to join us please RSVP to Fiona on 0400 764 576 or [GL.woodend1st@vicscouts.asn.au](mailto:GL.woodend1st@vicscouts.asn.au)

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## Wine Reviews with Patrick Eckel

This month I wanted to let you in on a great quality and educational tasting experience that is less than 30 minutes from Woodend at Cobaw Ridge in Pastoria.

Cobaw Ridge were part of the vanguard of Macedon Ranges wineries having been established in 1985 on a site that had previously been overlooked for agriculture ventures. Alan and Nelly Cooper have worked tirelessly over many years to craft meaningful and unique expressions of Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Syrah and most notably the Italian variety Lagrein.

They achieved biodynamic certification in 2011, with attentive viticulture practices undoubtedly showing across their full range of wines.

### 2013 Cobaw Ridge Chardonnay

The 2013 Chardonnay is both expressive and elegant with the wine held back for a number of years prior to release, something that is done across the range at Cobaw Ridge.

The wine is a gentle yellow in the glass with worked characters of gun flint that fall in behind stone fruits, fig and green melon, the oak inputs are secondary but give definition.

The palate has tremendous balance that is built on a fine filament of citrus acidity that runs from start to finish, baked apple and nectarine fill out the palate with enough mealy complexity to add contrast and texture. The wine finishes with great length and will continue to evolve over the medium term.

Rated: 95 | Drink: 2016 - 2020 | Price: \$50

Website: [www.cobawridge.com.au](http://www.cobawridge.com.au)

### 2013 Athletes of Wine Vinero Pinot Noir

To start with you have to like the name 'Athletes of Wine' it does give the mental picture of a runner doing 100 meter sprints along the vines, but that adds to the appeal. It is the brainchild of Liam O'Brien and Matthew Brooke who are a couple of the best-known Sommelier's in Australia.

The wine meets you with a lively and concentrated nose that focuses on pristine red cherry and raspberry fruits. The palate continues the fruit driven trend with juicy red fruits growing in structure and benefiting from structural oak inputs that provide both spice and a lattice of fine tannins that dull the exuberance of the primary fruits.

This wine will age well as secondary characters make themselves known.

Rated: 91 | Drink: 2016 - 2024 | Price: \$42

Website: [www.athletesofwine.com.au](http://www.athletesofwine.com.au)

*Written by Patrick Eckle*

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David and Janet have years of experience in operating successful restaurants because of their commitment and dedication to building cafes and restaurants that emit 'city' style and fun 'party style vibes' that make a great dining experience for that special night out, or even simply for a 'pizza passaggio' which in Italian means a quick and fast pizza 'eat and leave'.

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Submitted by: Janet Leung | [janet@idared.com.au](mailto:janet@idared.com.au)  
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Jade has been in the hospitality industry for 18 years and takes prides in cheerful and professional customer service.

Boasting a large outdoor deck with stunning views of Mt Macedon, the café is an ideal place to visit for a relaxing brunch in the sunshine.

Inside, the walls are lined with local art and the mood is relaxed with comfy lounges dotted throughout. Along with fabulous coffee, The Brahms & Liszt offers many options to tickle your taste buds including lots of gluten free options.

Mouth watering waffles and crepes are a specialty as well as gourmet pies, focaccias, egg & bacon rolls and that's just to name a few. Jade and the friendly team also freshly bake a selection of homemade cakes and slices to enjoy with your drink of choice. We have just added a few new items including more breakfast options that are available all day every day.

*The Brahms & Liszt is located at 4/80 High Street Woodend, (at the rear) and is open 6 days a week: Tuesday 9am - 3pm, Wednesday 7am - 3pm, Thursday 9am - 4:30pm, Friday 7am - 4:30pm, Saturday 8am - 3pm, Sunday 9am - 3pm. They will soon be opening late for Friday night drinks, stay tuned for details.*

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 This month's movie is on May 10<sup>th</sup> "The Human Scale"  
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***NBN for the Macedon Ranges***

Recent discussions with NBN Co. show nearly all sites for the Macedon Ranges have been, or are about to be approved. There will soon be public information sessions for local businesses and residents of the Ranges. I recommend going to one of these sessions as they are most informative. If you have concerns about the changeover you can get in touch with NBN via [www.nbnco.com.au](http://www.nbnco.com.au).

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You can also encrypt your own files to help protect against infection, but this can slow down response times on your PC or Mac. These Trojans will also attack connected drives, USB sticks and such like that are connected physically or wirelessly.

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*Submitted by Chris Barker*

## Woodend Art Group

It is a veritable blur of brush bristles all around the region as members add a final flourish to their fabulous art works in preparation for the Winter Art Show, June long weekend.

A busy month of May coming up for the Woodend Art Group, starting with President Amanda Aish Candusio's solo exhibition 'Women in Wartime'. Now open at The Chamber Art and Coffee House, 90 High Street until Sunday 8 May. A compelling body of work.

### Workshops

- The watercolour workshop with Terry Jarvis, scheduled for May 15 is filling fast. For enquiries call Pamela 5427 1659.
- Daniel Butterworth workshop on still life will be held on May 28. Contact Jennifer 5427 4148 .
- Acclaimed artist Ben Winspear, winner of the James Farrell Self Portrait Award will be conducting oil painting classes in term two. Scheduled for Tuesday mornings 10 to 1pm at the WAG art rooms, Woodend Railway Station. Please contact Ben directly on 0427 505 793.

Five from our group will proudly display their newly acquired Encaustic skills in a group exhibition at The Gallery, Mt Macedon May 7 – June 5.

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## May

- 5 Cancer council biggest morning tea – Duneira
- 7 Woodend art group exhibition – The Gallery, Mt Macedon (till 5/6)
- 8 Mother's Day
- 8 Tree's for Mum
- 8 Mother's day concert – Duneira
- 8 Women in wartime exhibition – The Chamber art & coffee house
- 10 HALT Tradies Breakfast, Mitre10
- 12 Duneira guided house tour
- 13 Lantern ghost tour - Duneira
- 14 St Mary's Street Stall: 9am -12noon
- 15 The New Woodend Star submissions due
- 15 Woodend Lions Market
- 15 Watercolour workshop with Travis Jarvis
- 15 Macedon Ranges Running Club – 10k run
- 19 Duneira guided house tour
- 20 Community lunch at Woodend Neighbourhood
- 21 Heskett Primary School – open day & garage sale
- 22 Violin virtuoso - Duneira
- 27 Macedon Ranges Business Excellence awards nominations close
- 28 Still life workshop with Daniel Butterworth
- 31 Woodend Kindergarten information session

## 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

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- 10 St Mary's Street Stall: 9am – 12noon
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## October

- 8 St Mary's Street Stall: 9am – 12noon
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## November

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

## December

- 10 St Mary's Street Stall: 9am – 12noon

### 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

1st Woodend Scout Group, 5427 2848, Leisa 0429 331 695

Friends of Macedon Ranges Library, Sheila/Don 5427 3644

Garden Club, 5422 6062 / 5427 3340

Kyneton Municipal Band, PO Box 57 Kyneton, 3444

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

Macedon Ranges Families of Children with Disabilities Support Group, 5427 3365

Macedon Ranges Residents Assoc., 5427 1481 or 5427 2651

Macedon Ranges Photographic Society, Ron Mathews, 5427 3284

Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group info@mrsngonline.org.au

Parent Support 4 LD, Kerrie 0414 432 158

R.S.L., Anslow Street, 5427 3122

Red Cross, 5427 1260

Rotary Club of Woodend, meetings weekly at Vic Hotel Thurs 6.45pm, 0409 439 046

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

Woodend Bee Friendly Society, 3rd Sunday, 0408 578 032

Woodend Business & Tourism Group woodendtraders@gmail.com

Woodend Landcare: Meetings and weekend working bees – Jo 5427 1909

Thursday Crew – morning – Stewart 5427 4615

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

Woodend Senior Citizens Club, Comm. Centre

Woodend SES Training Nights Monday, Urquhart St

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## Water main replacement

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Part of Western Water's Capital Investment Program, the \$75,000 project involves digging a trench in the nature strip between Forest and Anslow streets, and boring underneath Anslow Street to install 245 metres of new water main.

The project is due to be completed in July.

Replacement of the main will greatly reduce the chance of it bursting, meaning a more reliable water supply for homes and businesses in the area.

Burst water mains can damage roads, footpaths and properties, and inconvenience customers, as water is cut off without warning.

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The project is part of Western Water's network maintenance program across the region, which monitors the condition of mains to ensure they are replaced before they fail and interrupt drinking water services.

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*Submitted by E. Smith for Western Water*

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# Caroline Chisholm – The Emigrant's Friend

This famous humanitarian had strong connections to our local area, and her tireless work to assist the vulnerable should forever remind us of the power of just one individual to make a difference.

In 1854, Caroline Chisholm then aged 46, travelled by stage coach with her son Archibald from Melbourne to the Bendigo goldfields. They camped at Mt Aitken (near Gisborne) the first night. The second day travelling through the Black Forest was slow and difficult, but they 'finally emerged into a beautiful valley' and her son pitched their tents by the Five Mile Creek in Woodend. She discovered other travellers there, too exhausted from the previous day's travels to go any further. By the end of this journey Caroline had already hatched her plan to set up shelter sheds at strategic locations along the route. Caroline was very impressed by the developing township of Kyneton, and her family returned there the following year, and purchased a general store.

Shelter Sheds for immigrants travelling to the goldfields were established at Essendon, Keilor,

Gap Hill, Gisborne, the Black Forest, Woodend, Carlsruhe, Malmsbury and Elphinstone. The sheds were 36 feet by 12 feet, and could accommodate up to sixty men, women and children. A small fee was charged, and there was also food, water, wood and candles that could be purchased at fixed rates. Many of the people employed as caretakers of the shelters had originally met Caroline when they themselves were in need of help.

In 1854, at the time Caroline first travelled through the Macedon Ranges, she was already famous across the British Empire. Marrying a British army officer in 1830, Caroline was used to long periods apart from her husband, who openly encouraged her 'interest in public works'. Periods living in Madras, India and then in the newly founded Sydney; Caroline had devoted her time to become a vocal advocate for those less fortunate than herself. Living in Sydney from 1838-1846, Caroline worked tirelessly to help vulnerable women in particular; providing accommodation in her own home, establishing a refuge for girls, an employment agency, and a school for children.

After her death, Caroline's daughters recalled their mother continually pleaded to authorities for immigration to be seen as a human, not economic process. These are wise words of advocacy that continue to have great relevance today.

Did you know?

Caroline's image was removed from our \$5 note when the new polymer notes came into circulation in 1992.

There is a monument near the band rotunda at Five Mile Creek which marks the location of her Woodend shelter.

The Chisholm family store was located in High Street, Kyneton in the vicinity where Sacred Heart College stands today. The Chisholm family sold the store in 1861.

Caroline was a contemporary of Charles Dickens (he said the character Mrs Jellyby from Bleak House was a parody of her). She was presented a bust of her own likeness by Pope Pius IX on a visit to Rome in early 1854.

*Written by Marion Coulsen*

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## *Australian Decorative & Fine Arts Society (ADFAS)*

There was a buzz of anticipation in the air on Thursday 3 March at Kyneton Town Hall when ADFAS members met for the first lecture of the year. The speaker was Lars Tharp, well-known presenter on UK television's Antiques Road Show, and he did not disappoint, with his humorous recounting of a canal boat tour by five English artists including William Hogarth, Samuel Scott and others.

For something completely different, some members visited the Bendigo Art Gallery on 17 March to see the Marilyn Monroe exhibition, featuring over 20 original film costumes from some of Marilyn's greatest films alongside numerous dresses and accessories from her personal wardrobe. Seward Johnson's iconic eight metre high sculpture of Marilyn Monroe, Forever Marilyn, complements the exhibition down the hill in Rosalind Park.

Members are now looking forward with anticipation to Thursday 14 April, when Jane Clark, Senior Research Curator at MONA in Hobart, will talk about the unconventional and ground-breaking visual art experience that awaits the viewer at MONA. In 'David Walsh's Bold Experiment: the evolving Museum of Old and New Art', Jane Clark will argue that owner, David Walsh, hopes to challenge

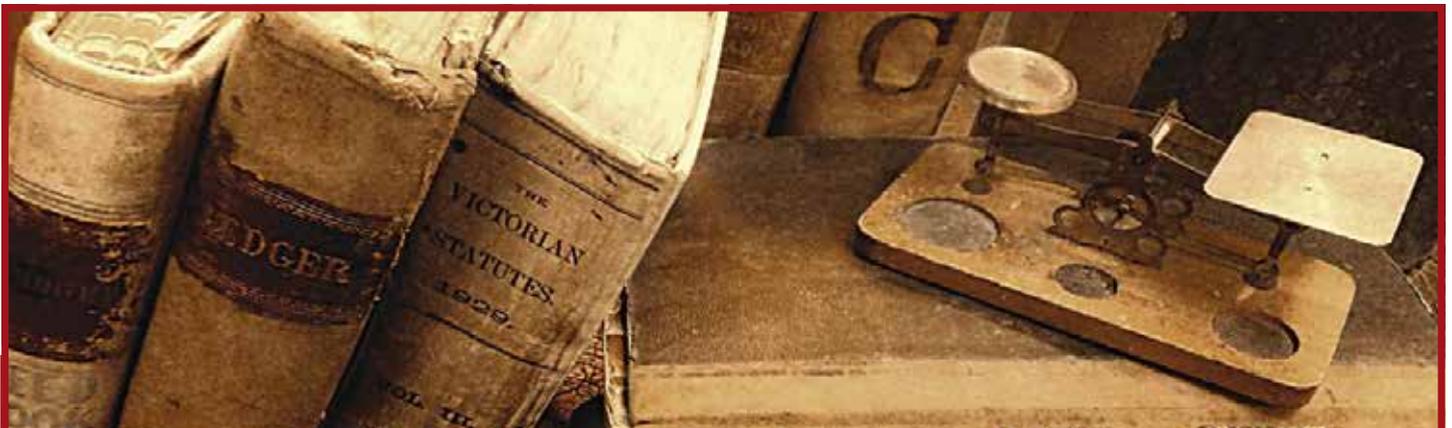


conventional approaches to art at least in part through sensory shock and disequilibrium.

Details: Thursday 14 April, 7 for 7.30pm at Kyneton Town Hall. The lecture is followed by local wine and supper. Visitors are welcome to sample ADFAS. The cost is \$30 per lecture. Ring Maureen on 0408 517 485.

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*Submitted by Norma Aplin, ADFAS Central Vic*



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## State Equestrian Champions

For the second year running Braemar College has taken out the Equestrian Victoria Interschool State Championships for the second year in a row.

This year's competition was held over a week at Werribee Park Equestrian Centre, and attracted 488 competitors from 173 schools riding 635 horses.

Competitors came from every corner of the state, and several hundred horses and riders camped at the venue for the entire week.

As well as the overall competition, riders competed for individual awards and a place on the Victorian team for the National Championships to be held in Sydney later this year.

The five Braemar College riders who qualified were Jessica Martin, Alice Taylor, Lizzie Brand (pictured) Harry Luxmoore and Isabelle Luxmoore. Other members of the Braemar College Equestrian Team may also secure a berth at the National Championships after competing in the Victorian Equestrian Interschool Series during the year.



To ensure that larger schools are not unfairly advantaged, only the points from the four highest scoring students from each school are counted in the State Championships shield competition.

Braemar College on 454.5 points took out the Title ahead of nearest rivals, Geelong Grammar School on 445 points.

Harry Luxmoore was awarded the Nan McArthur Award for the best-performed primary rider whilst Isabelle Luxmoore was runner-up for the same award in the secondary rider category.

Braemar College Principal, Mr Russell Deer says, "There's great energy amongst our riders and parents, and this helps boost the whole team.

We are very proud of our students and the significant effort they put into competing at this level. They are well supported by their families and friends and the entire College community."

*Submitted by D. Hobbs for Braemar College*

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Presented by Macedon Ranges Shire Council and  
delivered by Sally Ward from Early Life Foundations,  
the session will help parents identify the signs for  
readiness and provide them with useful tips in  
preparing their child for kinder.

"Many parents feel unsure about the best time for  
their child to start kinder, particularly if they turn  
four early in the year – between January and the  
end of April," said Council's Director of Community  
Wellbeing, Karen Stevens. "This is a great opportunity  
to help you decide whether your child will be ready for  
kindergarten next year, and to learn some strategies  
for supporting your child in their transition to kinder."

The free information session will take place on Tuesday  
31 May from 7pm–8.30pm at the Family and Children's  
Centre at 71 Robertson Street, Gisborne. Places are limited.  
To register, call Nikki on 5422 0231 or email [nyoung@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:nyoung@mrsc.vic.gov.au).



## Enrolments open now

Council would like to remind parents that enrolments  
for our three and four-year-old programs across the  
shire are now open. Kindergarten supports a child's  
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For more information about kindergarten  
programs, vacancies, fees and enrolments, please  
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*Submitted by Leanne Manton, M.R.S.C.*

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## Run groups celebrate



Gisborne hosted the Macedon Ranges Running Club's milestone 5km run on March 10. The celebratory event at Dixon's Reserve had more than 75 participants from all club branches, including Woodend, enjoying the run in ideal conditions.

On finishing, each Start Running Group (SRG) member received a certificate acknowledging their completion of the club's 8 week start running program. Congratulations and well done to all.

Thanks go to the club's volunteers for making the day success, Western Water for use of their water filtration system and Cobaw Community Health.



The program will be completed with a 10km run at Lions Park, Riddells Creek on May 15 at 8am. We extend an invitation to family, friends and local community to come down and support the club's runners.

*Submitted by Stephen Ingram*

## Woodend Hanging Rock Petanque Club

On April 9 on a beautiful sunny autumn day, WHRPC hosted the fifth Ian Castle Memorial Day at Hanging Rock Reserve. This is a day that the family, friends and club members of the late Ian Castle gather to play petanque, socialise, have fun and honour Ian.

"My family and I are very humbled that the club continues this day. Our friends are so generous with their support and I'm grateful Ian is still thought about. He was a gentle, caring man and would go out of his way to help others." said Margaret Castle.

Originally club members Ian Castle, Chinka Steel and Ken Helmore, great lovers of the game of petanque decided to hold a social day away from Hanging Rock. They settled on Anderson's Mill near Smeaton, the old flourmill having belonged to Marg Castle's great uncle. After Ian passed away the first Ian Castle Memorial Day was held at Anderson's Mill in 2011 and again in 2012.

This year, some sixty people of all ages attended and enjoyed a truly wonderful day in magical surroundings.

Please note that our current summer social season will end on April 28 and will resume in October. If you are interested in coming along on a Thursday evening please contact Club Secretary Peter Wells on 0407 302 308 or email secretary@petanqueattherock.com.au. See picture at back page.

*Submitted by Helen Lunn*

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## Macedon Ranges are Basketballs top achievers

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David Huxtable, Basketball Victoria Country Manager, said, "We were impressed with how much the MRBA have achieved in the past three years - particularly with just one basketball court available in Woodend. They are a great example to small basketball associations across Victoria."

MRBA President, Megan Condron, was on hand to receive the award. The award recognized the great turnaround basketball has had in Woodend with participation in the sport doubling, a large pool of committed volunteers, a dramatic increase in qualified coaches, and great development opportunities for junior players, coaches and referees.

The Macedon Ranges' basketballers are literally shooting above their average. This year, MRBA rep teams took out the Under 18 Boys Division 2 Basketball Championship and the Under 12 Girls Division 3 Championship.

Local player, Nick Grantham, has been selected for the Under 18 Country Victoria Men's Team and we've also had players selected in Under 14 State Teams at the Southern Cross Jamboree; as well as players selected for the Under 14 BVC Regional Academy program and Under 12 Jamboree.

The MRBA's winter season is now underway with a busy Men's comp and the Aussie Hoops development program being offered here in Woodend. In addition, we have 120 children playing for Woodend Hawks' junior teams in the Sunbury Basketball Association competition.

At the MRBA's AGM on 12 April, a new committee was formed and we look forward to getting more hands on deck to share the variety of roles to keep our domestic, representative and Woodend Hawks programs running so successfully. For more information, visit [www.mrba.net.au](http://www.mrba.net.au).

*See picture on back page.*

*Submitted by N. Cooper for MRBA*

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## *Hawks go down with a fight*

Months of hard work and dedication saw the Woodend-Hesket Masters Football Club make its long-awaited debut in the Victorian Country Masters Football League on April 2.

The Hawks hit the road to play their first official game against the Murray Crays and were well supported by families and friends, who sported banners and streamers.

Despite a stunning and convincing win over league stars Gisborne in a practice match the Crays gave the Hawks a football lesson in hot, blustery conditions by dominating the game from the first bounce.

The Hawks defence dug deep to weather an unrelenting attack from up to a dozen players who had only recently retired from playing in the highly regarded Ovens and Murray League. Despite the scoreline, the Hawks defenders rallied to repel the faster Crays.

Woodend-Hesket's attack made the most of their limited opportunities, however, credit lies with the Crays' midfield that was too strong for the Hawks.

After star ruckman Doug Sutherland kicked their first major in the opening quarter, the Hawks were kept goalless until the last quarter. Midfielder Gerome Raco and forward James Oldland helped the Hawks with two final-quarter goals that saw Woodend-Hesket outscore the Crays in the last term.

While it was a tough, physical contest the match was played in a great spirit with both teams gathering after the game with players and families for a meal and presentations.

The Hawks were due to play their first home game at the time of print on May 1 against Bendigo, with match details to follow in the next edition.

Round 1: Murray Crays 10.11 (71) – Woodend-Hesket 3.3 (21). Goals: Sutherland, Raco, Oldland  
Best: Sutherland, Raco, Allen, Sewell, Watkins.

*See photo on back page*

*Submitted by D. Janks*

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Capital gains tax will apply to this sale and a main residence exemption will not be available. The actual cost base of the portion of land will need to be established. It will be a reasonable portion of the purchase price paid for both lots plus a proportion of associated cost base items incurred on the property since. As the property has been owned in excess of 12 months, a general 50% CGT Discount will be available.

Notably, should Bob sell both titles to the same purchaser under the one contract, a main residence exemption would be available.

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## Out-of-control burn-offs warning

The CFA is urging Victorians to take extreme care when burning off after responding to a high volume of out-of-control private burn-offs since the end of fire restrictions in the Macedon Ranges.

Woodend CFA Captain Mick Christie said that “drier than normal conditions for this time of year have caught many residents by surprise. We have responded to several out-of-control burn-offs on private property in our area alone in the past few weeks. We understand residents want to take advantage of milder conditions to clean up their properties, but the effects of an out-of-control fire can be devastating,” Mr Christie said.

“It is vital people do the right thing: check conditions, comply with local by-laws and register their burn-offs. Our part of the state is still warm and windy. If a fire is left unattended in windy conditions it can spread quickly and put neighbouring properties, homes and bushland in danger.”

“It is absolutely essential that you have enough water on hand to put out a fire. There isn’t enough time to run back to your house if your fire gets out of control. You should consider if a fire break, free of flammable materials is required around any burn-off.”

Burning off undergrowth and other vegetation is generally permitted outside of the Fire Danger Period on certain size land allotments. You can check the details on the Macedon Ranges Shire website under ‘Burning Off’. However, landowners should register their burn-off with the Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority (ESTA) by calling 1800 668 511.

Property owners must be aware they have legal obligations when burning off and failing to comply with local council by-laws may lead to a fine.

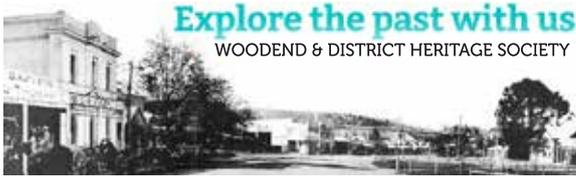
Mr Christie said that registering burn-offs with ESTA would ensure the burn could be added to the statewide register. “All calls to Triple Zero about smoke sightings are cross-checked with that register, and fire-fighters are called out if nothing is listed for that location,” “False alarm calls to unregistered burn-offs take volunteer firefighters away from workplaces, families and other emergencies.”

### Keep burn-offs safe:

- Check regulations set by the Macedon Ranges Shire
- Register your burn by phoning 1800 668 511
- Notify neighbours before starting the burn
- Check the weather forecast
- Establish a fire break cleared of all flammable material is required
- Make sure there are enough people to monitor, contain and extinguish the burn safely

For further information contact Captain Mick Christie on 0419 870 601, 1st Lieutenant Mike Dornau on 0409 093 935, call the Woodend CFA on 5427 2356, or visit the station in Urquhart Street. Remember, we’re always looking for new members – especially people able to respond during the day.

Submitted by 1st Lieutenant Mike Dornau, Woodend CFA



What did the editor of the first copy of the Woodend Star feel would be of interest to the general public? Page 1 was dedicated to advertisements!

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# The Woodend Star

## Exploring Woodend's History Ruby McCullough

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*Pictures far left, J.F. O'Brien's grocery business, High Street Woodend, 1902. Michael O'Brien built the grocery store in 1887, the mechanic's institute seen on the right was not built until 1893. Michael's son J.F.O'Brien took over after his father's death in 1890. He added to the range of goods and services provided, including adding the agency for the Argus newspaper. The delivery carts are lined up, with bread baskets and packages. There are many goods displayed outside, under the verandah. The store burnt down in 1907, and J.F.O'Brien then built a new shop on the same site. Above, The masthead from the first edition of The Woodend Star.*

Ruby McCullough, a member of Woodend CWA, was a remarkable woman. During the years of 1945 and 1946 she offered her own home as a holiday home for women and children from drought-stricken areas of the state.

She cooked, cleaned and generally looked after all their needs. As a result of her generosity many women and children were able to have a much needed break from hard times in the bush.

The Country Women's Association owes a debt of gratitude to this lady and her husband. Seeing an on-going need Mrs. McCullough donated land and 500 pounds towards the building of a cottage and a committee formed from CWA Branches raised more money for this purpose. Mrs. McCullough is a true example of what CWA is about - see a need and do something about it.

Ruby McCulloch is buried in Woodend Cemetery in row E 59.

Submitted by J Williams for Woodend & District Heritage

Submitted by Norma Proctor 5422 2318

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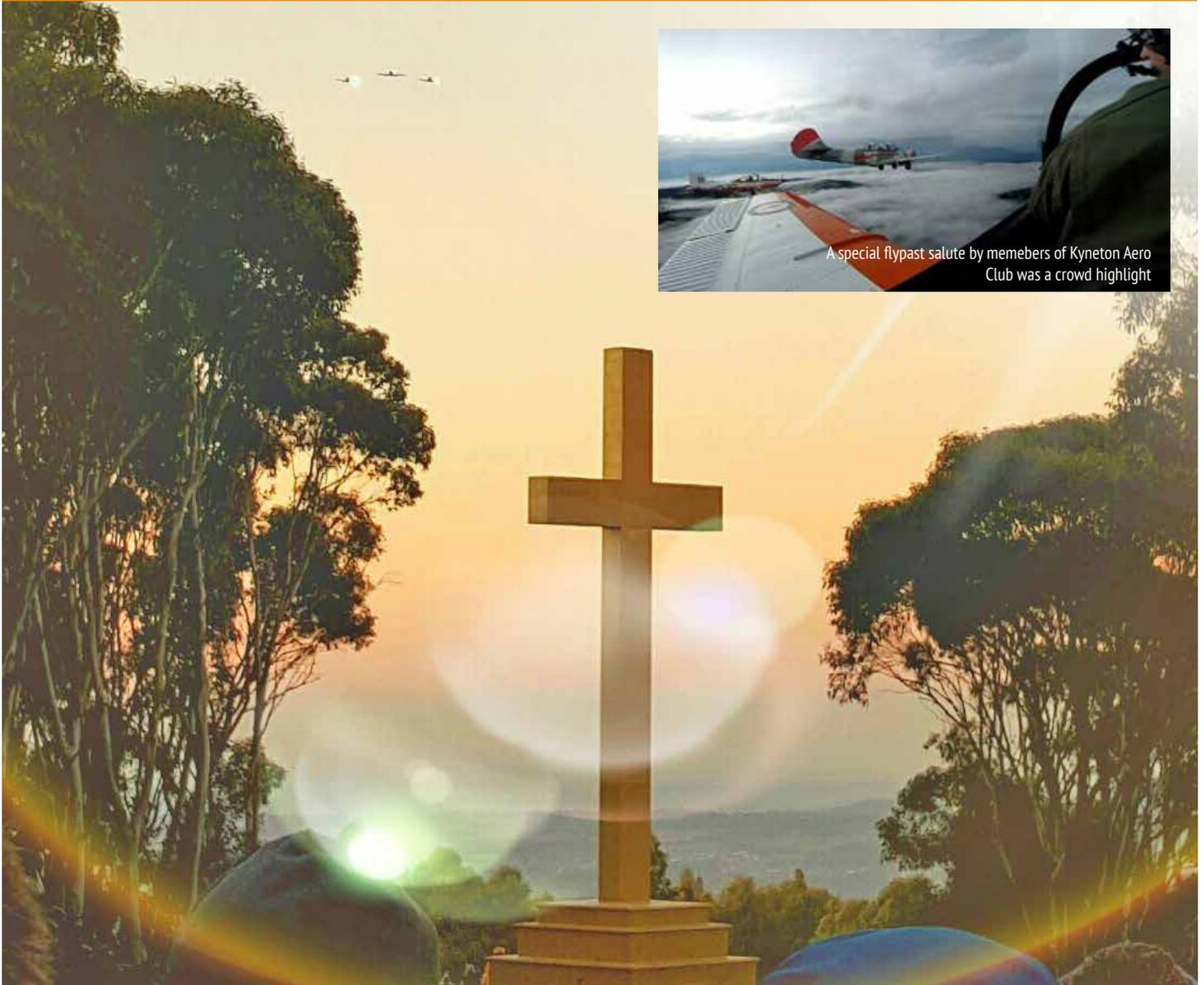
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A special flypast salute by members of Kyneton Aero Club was a crowd highlight



Woodend-Hesket Masters Football Club make its long-awaited debut in the Victorian Country Masters Football League on April 2.



Macedon Ranges Basketball Association u/18's winning team see page 27 for details



Woodend Hanging Rock Petanque Club celebrated the fifth Ian Castle Memorial Day at Hanging Rock Reserve.



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