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Woodend's Rain report

We are still slightly below average for the year to date. The July rainfall was only about two-thirds of the average figure despite the fact that it rained on twenty-four of the thirty-one days!

Month	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	av 5yr
January	61.4	35.3	27.8	80.0	9.8	42.9
February	41.6	14.3	26.5	3.8	12.0	19.6
March	26.0	47.0	23.7	31.7	12.2	28.1
April	39.4	36.2	165.0	31.0	7.6	55.8
May	68.7	101.2	38.6	115.6	114.8	87.8
June	39.5	98.8	10.6	78.2	168.2	79.6
July	95.3	186.6	60.0	73.3	63.2	95.7
August	50.7	107.0	119.6	91.3		80.3
September	44.0	163.6	55.2	26.2		69.0
October	12.9	91.8	45.8	69.0		53.8
November	41.3	63.2	77.4	55.5		58.1
December	41.7	92.8	77.2	91.0		67.9
Total mm	479.5	1037.8	727.4	746.6	387.8	675.8

SUBMITTED BY PETER AND ANNE YATES

A bit of rainfall trivia



Rainfall is a common topic of conversation in the Woodend area, so I thought a few snippets on the subject might be of interest.

Many of us wonder about how rainfall is measured. The Bureau of Meteorology has many automatic weather stations scattered around the country, but they do also rely largely on volunteer observers, who are provided with an old-fashioned stainless steel rain gauge, which has to be emptied and read at 9am every day. This might seem to be very 'old-school', but these gauges are probably more accurate than the many digital gauges that many of us now have.

Rain gauges must be sited to have a 2:1 clearance angle from anything that would affect the rain from arriving in the gauge. That means that if you have a 10 metre high tree, it has to be at least 20 metres from the top of the gauge. Not many properties can claim to have such a clear area.

The rainfall for a given day is recorded at 9am. So any rain that falls for example after 9am on a Monday is recorded as Tuesday's rainfall at 9am on Tuesday.

Despite the fact that we are all feeling a bit soggy at the moment, our 2019 rainfall is actually slightly below the long-term average.

When the rain falls and the soil starts to become wet, our local creeks start to run. The Five Mile Creek and its tributaries feed into the Campaspe River just outside Woodend township and it is the first waterway that runs northwards. Jackson's Creek in Gisborne, for example runs southwards, eventually into Port Phillip Bay. The Campaspe runs via Lake Eppalock into the Murray River.

The headwaters of Five Mile Creek are on the northern slopes of Mount Macedon. Falls Creek and Smokers Creek join to form Five Mile Creek near Hanging Rock. Then Camel's Hump Creek joins it a bit closer to Woodend.

When it rains in Woodend, it often rains a lot more on Mount Macedon, so the creek can rise quite rapidly once the soils are wet. For much of a typical year, Five Mile Creek does not run. But during Winter it always runs and about every ten years, it also floods.

Anecdotally, there used to be trout in the creek, but no longer. Perhaps the proliferation of private dams has reduced the run-off into the creek, but the main fish species now appear to be some tiny native Mountain Galaxias and some European Tench. Platypus have also been recorded in the larger pools in recent years.

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Photo: Natalia and Jacob Williams with their snowman



Photo: Hubert Weisrock

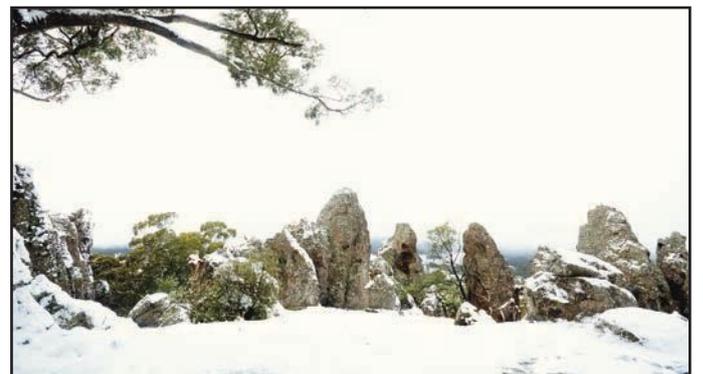


Photo: Hubert Weisrock - Snow at Hanging Rock



Photo: Bruce Hedge - Aerial view of Woodend



2019 Youth Award winners earn applause

Deserving young people were in the spotlight as the winners of the 2019 Macedon Ranges Youth Awards were announced during a special presentation at the Kyneton Town Hall.



The annual awards are planned and hosted by Council's Youth Ambassadors, a group of dedicated young leaders who plan and host the event which is aimed at recognising and celebrating the extraordinary and diverse achievements of young people aged 12 to 25 years who work, live or attend school in the Macedon Ranges Shire.

The 2019 youth category winners were announced by Macedon Ranges Youth Ambassadors who co-hosted the evening.

Academic Achievement; Rosemary Howarth, who is completing a Masters in Arts and Cultural Management at the University of Melbourne while working part time and raising her son.

Academic Excellence; Year 12 student Andrew DeLeonardis, who is studying at university level through the University of Melbourne and received first-class honours in linear algebra—one of the most difficult undergraduate subjects.

Musician Jasper Leach, who won the Music Award category, is the 2018 Battle of the Bands song writer winner. He performs regularly at events throughout the Shire, including the Macedon Ranges Youth Festival, and is working on his own EP.

Accomplished dancer, Keely Corcoran won the Performing Arts award while prolific artist, Year 9 student Annabel Thiele, won the Visual Arts award.

Alice Knox was awarded the Business Employee award for her hard work and excellent customer service, while Adrian Black won the Business Enterprise and Innovation category for his approach to sustainability and his contributions to conservation and the environment.

The Sport (group) award was won by Victorian and Australian level champions the Kyneton Secondary College Aerobics Squad, while Darcy Peavey took out the individual sport award for outstanding individual accomplishment and contributions to the school sports program.

In the Community Participation category, the five winners were: Laura Crozier, Miranda Johnston-Jones, Maddie Sumner, the Camp Campaspe Program organising group, and the Gisborne Secondary College Sustainability Group.

The individual and group winners were recognised for their outstanding contributions to youth voice and youth mental health in schools and the community.

Tiarna Mayman, who was nominated across two categories,

was awarded the Staff Pick (individual) category winner for her perseverance through illness and ability to overcome challenges and start her own business.

The Staff Pick (group) category was awarded to KidzFlip Youth, a non-profit organisation that aims to provide resources and improve educational opportunities for young people.

Business Excellence Awards finalists announced

The finalists in the 2019 Bendigo Bank Macedon Ranges Business Excellence Awards have been announced.

The annual awards recognise businesses that provide outstanding products and services to the Shire and bring value to their community through local jobs, services and supplies.

All named finalists are also eligible for the inaugural People's Choice Award. Voting for this award can be completed via the business awards website at [mrsc.vic.gov.au/peoples-choice](https://www.mrsc.vic.gov.au/peoples-choice)

The deadline for voting is Tuesday 3 September.

voting at <https://www.mrsc.vic.gov.au/Live-Work/Business-Economy/Business-News-Events/Business-Awards#section-3>

Mayor, Cr Janet Pearce congratulated the finalists on their efforts in preparing their submissions.

"The awards are a great opportunity for our local businesses to promote the hard work they do every day. Entering the awards does take commitment and hard work so I congratulate all the finalists on making it this far."

This year's Business Excellence Awards finalists are:

Excellence in Agribusiness and Food Manufacturing

Blackbird Cakes; Crofters Fold Estate; Josh's Rainbow Eggs

Excellence in Creative Industries and IT Technologies

Macedon Ranges Writers; Pass-the-Parcel; Techno Bird

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and ranunculi blooming!

Please remember the roads
can still be a bit slippery and
icy even at this time of year. The
probability of more snow, how-
ever, is pretty low.

Road safety has become a
more serious problem this year. The number of deaths
and injuries on Victorian rural roads in 2019 has increased
sharply compared to previous years. Please drive to suit the
conditions, and do not text or talk on your mobile phone
whilst driving, unless on a hands-free set, and then only
sparingly. Driver distraction and the use of drugs, alcohol,
and speed are the commonest causes of accidents on the
road.

The Transport Accident Commission (TAC) on the
3rd of September 2019 is holding a summit in Bendigo:

[http://www.tac.vic.gov.au/road-safety/towards-zero/
regional-road-safety-forum](http://www.tac.vic.gov.au/road-safety/towards-zero/regional-road-safety-forum).

If you cannot attend the summit, there is an online sur-
vey (able to be taken via the above address) open until 13th
September. Macedon Ranges Shire Council meets regularly
with Regional Roads Victoria to discuss local roads issues.
Many of these are beyond the control of Council, such as
the setting of speed limits, but we can advocate on behalf
of residents.

On August 10th the Macedon Ranges Shire Depot in
Woodend hosted its inaugural Open Day. There was a
strong turnout, where residents learnt, amongst other
things, about the new Food Organic and Garden Organic
(FOGO) waste weekly collection to be phased in from
February 2020. Staff talked to the many children present
about what goes in which bin and why, and how to mini-
mise waste in the first place.

Most of you will be aware of the recycling issues many
councils, including Macedon Ranges, are facing. We are
working hard to find cost-effective and innovative solu-
tions to keep as much recyclable and reusable material out
of landfill as possible. Please continue to use your bins pro-
vided at home appropriately and listen out for any further
instructions that Council may issue. At the time of writing
this article we are requesting residents to avoid putting
glass into the recycling (yellow lid) bins. Glass bottles and
jars can be dropped off at your local transfer station free
of charge. Our kerbside collections always aim to be as
cost-effective as possible, with as little impact on the
environment as we can achieve at the same time. I thank
you for your cooperation in both acting to promote safe
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Council commits to renewable energy power purchase agreement

As part of its commitment to achieve zero net carbon emissions by 2030, Council has agreed to join a council-only buying group to purchase renewable energy.

At the 24 July Ordinary Council Meeting, Chief Executive Officer Margot Stork was delegated authority to sign a letter of commitment for a tender process and award of a resulting contract to procure power under the Local Government Renewable Energy Power Purchase Agreement (PPA).

Under the Climate Change Action Plan, which it adopted in June 2017, Council committed to reduce carbon emissions from its operations by 25 per cent by 2020-2021.

In October 2018, Council then stated its intention to achieve zero net emissions by 2030.

The Power Purchase Agreement will ensure Council achieves its 2020-21 goal and makes additional progress towards its 2030 target.

Council's agreement to join other Victorian councils to purchase renewable energy for 10 years through a Power Purchase Agreement follows Council's involvement in a collaborative working group of more than 35 local government councils from throughout Victoria that has assessed options for purchasing renewable energy using combined buying power.

The Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) will conduct a tender process as agent to the group of councils that have signed the PPA.

The tender process will investigate the best price outcomes for the buying group of councils. Council's current contract for retail electricity, public lighting and natural gas will expire on 30 June 2020, and the timing of the tender process will enable Council to enter new contracts in a timely manner.

In keeping with its Climate Change Action Plan, Council has

been working to improve energy efficiency and reduce emissions associated with its operations, including conversion of streetlights to LEDs and generation of power on site through solar panel installation at 14 of its buildings.

Have your say on the way septic systems are managed

Do you have a septic system at your place? Then you might like to check out our revised draft Domestic Wastewater Management Plan 2019, which covers how septic systems in the shire are managed.

Council is seeking feedback on the draft plan, which will go on public exhibition from 12 August.

The streamlined new plan has been prepared in accordance with state regulations, which require councils to develop a plan every five years in consultation with water authorities and the community.

The current 2013 plan has been condensed and the changes proposed in the 2019 version include improved mapping. Council and Coliban Water will provide \$20,000 each to implement a new program where septic systems close to waterways and in high density areas within water catchment areas will be inspected proactively to ensure they are in good working order.

Council's Acting Manager Community Safety, Althea Jalbert welcomed feedback from the community on the plan.

"There's around 8,000 septic systems within the shire and 4,500 of them are located in declared drinking water catchments," Ms Jalbert said. "Managing and protecting our catchments is essential to maintaining high quality, safe drinking water for our community."

"The draft plan supports property owners to reduce the environmental and public health risks associated with septic systems in the shire."

"We encourage everyone to have a read of the draft plan and let us know if they have any further suggestions or feedback."

The draft plan will be open for public

comment until Sunday 13 October 2019. You can provide your feedback at mrsc.vic.gov.au/your_say, emailing mrsc@mrsc.vic.gov.au or mailing your submission to PO Box 151, Kyneton, 3444.

For more information, or to ask questions regarding septic systems, contact Michael Dyt in the Environmental Health unit on 5422 0333.

Survey reviews Council's performance

Macedon Ranges Shire Council has shown improvement in key areas, according to the results of the 2019 Customer Satisfaction Survey of residents.

The Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey is an independent annual phone survey which measures residents' perceptions of the performance of their local council. The independent survey is conducted by Local Government Victoria on behalf of councils across Victoria, and participation is optional. Results are benchmarked against a state-wide average and similar local government areas, with Macedon Ranges classified as a large rural shire.

The 2019 Macedon Ranges results are generally positive, with favourable results in a majority of individual service areas. Across the Twenty four individual service measures, improvement has been noted in fourteen areas, and Council is ranked significantly higher than other large rural shires in relation to waste management.

The survey is one of a number of opportunities every year for Council to receive feedback from the community.

The full results are on Council's website: mrsc.vic.gov.au/community-satisfaction-survey

SUBMITTED BY LEANNE MANTON



Arnold and Gabriella Morrison enjoying snow for the first time. Pictured with Aunty, Angela Falzarano

Help us find a solution to the recycling crisis

Council is looking for innovative solutions to the current recycling crisis -- and residents are being asked to help.

Council and its waste contractor, Four Seasons Waste, have been looking for alternative options for processing of the shire's recycling, following the closure of its processor, SKM Recycling. An alternative processor has been identified, but this processor will only accept recycling loads which do not contain glass.

Council is asking residents to not place glass in recycling bins, effective immediately, so it can explore this option further.

Acting Director Assets and Operations, Anne-Louise Lindner urged residents to remove glass from their recycling bins, and to work with Council as it seeks to find an alternative to sending recycling to landfill.

"We really hope the community will come on board and help us to remove glass from recycling bins," Ms Lindner said. "Shards and small pieces of glass can become embedded in paper and cardboard in recycling bins and contaminate the other recyclables.

"We urge residents to remove glass from their bins and help us explore this new option for our recyclables with a new processor."

Ms Lindner said Council would do bin audits in coming weeks and monitor the level of glass in the bins.

"If we can see glass has been removed from bins, we may be able to divert recycling from landfill and send the glass-free recycling to this new processor."

Council has long been advocating for a solution to the recycling issue which involves all levels of government working together. The Victorian Government has announced councils affected by SKM's closure will receive a rebate to cover additional costs incurred to deal with recyclable waste.

"This new funding has a particular focus on finding innovative solutions to the problem and, by trying to remove glass from our recycling, we're already making progress in this area," Ms Lindner said.

Residents can take glass free of charge to Council's transfer stations in Kyneton, Woodend and Romsey. As a last resort, glass can be placed in general rubbish bins (red lid). Lancefield residents who are currently taking part in the current glass recycling trial will be able to place glass in the special 'glass only' bins which have been provided to participants.

Council will consider long-term options regarding recycling at its Ordinary Council Meeting on 28 August.

"Councillors, Council staff and our community are committed to reducing waste and to resource recovery, and we thank them for their assistance while we look for a solution to this difficult problem," Ms Lindner said.

SUBMITTED BY LEANNE MANTON

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Read under the Rock – Australian Reading Hour. 19 September 10.30-11.30am

Take time out and join us at the Hanging Rock Cafe for a special reading experience in a beautiful natural environment. Bring along a book to read; share your favourites with others and learn how to open up the big world of eBooks. Enjoy free morning tea as your cares slip away.

Hanging Rock Reserve exit fees are kindly being waived by Macedon Ranges Shire Council for this event.

Victorian Youth Theatre

Book in to Seussical next school holidays. A one-hour adaption of the original Broadway musical based on the works of Dr. Seuss. Enjoy the Cat in the Hat, Jojo, Horton, Mayzie La Bird, Gertrude and more, along with fabulous songs. Woodend Library Thursday 26 Sep 1.30-2.30pm

School holidays

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A finance specialist with a difference, Matt Farrell and partner Laura, along with their three kids, moved into the area two years ago, drawn by the Macedon Ranges lifestyle.

"We've found the lifestyle perfect for our family. It allows the kids to be kids with the space, the environment and activities we like. We've found the community really warm, and have involved ourselves in the footy, Scouts and CFA since arriving. It's the commutable distance to the city which makes it possible."

Matt looks forward to assisting anyone needing help with finance and can be reached on 0459 766 884.

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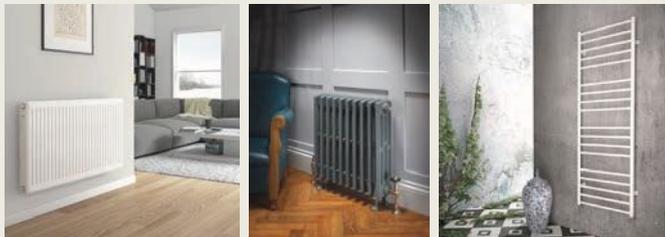
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2nd Woodend Scouts looking forward...

Woodend's scouting movement received a welcome boost this year with funding for a massive upgrade and internal fitout of their hall at Racecourse Reserve from the State Government. "This upgrade won't just benefit the 2nd Woodend Scout Group but the entire community, who will be able to use these facilities for a wide range of activities and events," said State Member for Macedon Mary-Anne Thomas in her announcement. The Scout Group are keen to work in collaboration with the Woodend Pony Club, Adult Riders and Council on this upgrade over the next couple of years.

It has been a fortuitous year for the Scout Group, which has worked in collaboration with other Groups in sending a troop to East Timor in the past month. Eight Woodend venturers worked with children at the Railaco School outside of Dili, building infrastructure that would accommodate their 1800 students. It was a life-changing experience, creating an appreciation in the participants of young people in our region, and the effects of war and political upheaval. Thank you to everyone in the community who supported fundraising efforts to get there.

Scouting is a program that gives young people the opportunity to develop leadership and teamwork skills in a natural environment, and this quarter has seen our young members Noah Yeung, Mitchell Dunn and Evie Blain receive their Grey Wolf achievement - the highest level award for Cubs (aged 7-11). In addition, we have had four young members work towards their Scout Medallion Award - Edward Pearce, Lana Hughes, Bailey Thorne and Emily Walduck --the highest award achievement for Scouts (aged 11-14). Furthermore, we have recently had three incredible members earn their Queen Scout Award and Venturer Award - Richard Jefferson, Lachlan Sutton and James Inkster - the highest award at the Venturer Level (aged 14-18 age). These qualifications are recognised universally, and all participants should be extremely proud of their achievements. For anyone who is interested in the Scouting program, you are most welcome to enquire with Group Leader Phil Seeber - contact gl.woodend2nd@vicscouts.asn.au . Please also check out our activities via www.2ndwoodendscouts.com.au

SUBMITTED BY JANE WALDUCK



Photo: Mary-Anne Thomas MP, pictured with the 2nd Scout group and the group leaders

RED CROSS

We have had great success in recent months with a Trauma Teddy programme at the Dame Phyllis Frost Centre, with both the women involved and the administration very keen to continue. Now there are plans to expand to Tarrengower Prison in Maldon.

Of course the usual needs are donations of yarn (for all volunteers). Any 8-ply wool or acrylic is always gratefully accepted (no fluffy please), or any donations of money to enable us to keep up supplies!

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To turn a page

Shared Reading Circles: Woodend, Lancefield and Romsey

“Some books seem like a key to unfamiliar rooms in one’s own castle.” F Kafka

Reading is something that most of us take for granted. It’s when we teach others to read, that we get a glimpse of what a complicated process it is. We use our brains in different ways to translate the markings on the page to words, words to sentences, and sentences to meaning. Each one of us will interpret the meaning in different ways.

Being read to is something most of us give up once we can read for ourselves, and then we usually read silently. To Turn A Page is part of a social movement that aims to change this, and wants to maximise the benefits of reading aloud, one story at a time. Currently held at neighbourhood houses in Woodend, Lancefield and Romsey, participants of the Circles can contribute by reading aloud, in turn, or they can participate just by being there; there is no compulsion.

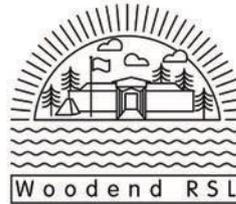
The act of reading aloud, with the words being heard, evokes feelings that may have lain dormant for some time. It is the words that connect us as humans. We recognise aspects of ourselves in the writing or identify with the experiences. Shared Reading Circles connect individuals with themselves and with literature. It is beneficial to everyone: any gender, any age, any ability.

If you are interested in words, want to connect with people, or just want to get out of the house to do something different and interesting, contact info@toturnapage.org.au to find out more.

SUBMITTED BY VICTORIA WELLS, FOUNDER, TO TURN A PAGE

SAVE THE DATE!

Celebrating its 125th year, the Kyneton Horticultural Society will be hosting a Jubilee picnic in the Kyneton Botanic Gardens on Sunday 20th October 2019. Information will be announced closer to the date.



Woodend RSL

The Woodend RSL has undergone many changes over the last year as we have welcomed many community members to join in with our diverse activities. Poppies Bistro is open every Friday evening (from 5pm) for Schnitzel Night, an economical and family-friendly meal with jumping castles for kids to enjoy (except in adverse weather), and drinks are available from the bar at very competitive prices.

Our membership has grown by about 30%, with about one third being Service Members (those who have worn a uniform). One third are Affiliate Members (relatives of those who have served), and one third are Social Members. Our fastest growing group is young families. Parents can join as a Social Member for only \$25 p.a. (enabling a 10% discount on drinks) and children are very welcome.

We are also keen to invite members of the community to volunteer at our RSL. Volunteering can be to assist with catering for the many functions that we run for community and service groups during the year.

We are happy to train and provide bar experience for those seeking a Responsible Service of Alcohol qualification.

We also need the skills of those who can assist with minor renovation projects, and we are always looking for people who can reach out to support local veterans of all ages.

Contact us at admin@woodendrsl.org or for bookings at Poppies Bistro, phone 5427 4447

SUBMITTED BY PETER WHITELAW, PRESIDENT WOODEND RSL

Kyneton horticultural society flower show

In its 125 year history, the Kyneton Horticultural Society is once again hosting its annual Spring Flower Show at the Watts Pavilion, Kyneton Showgrounds on Saturday 7th September, from 1pm to 5pm, and Sunday 8th September from 10am to 4pm.

The Show highlights an extensive range of daffodils, heliobores, cut flowers, shrubs, pot plants, cacti and succulents, floral art, vegetables and a large children’s section.

An excellent range of plants grown by the KHS members will be available for sale, as will potted bulbs, books, jellies and pickles, pots and gardenalia.

President, Nicholas Scott, encourages everyone of all ages to participate, to show what you can grow. The KHS has a website www.khs1894.com to download the entry form.

Afternoon tea and raffle available.

There will be a free horticultural talk on Saturday.

For general enquiries, contact the Show Secretary, Arnold Jenkins on 5422 6449 or 0407 844 220 or Nicholas Scott, President, 0438 664 849

SUBMITTED BY NICHOLAS SCOTT



Woodend Landcare celebrates Biodiversity Month

September is always a busy time for Woodend Landcare. Help us celebrate and take care of our beautiful natural environment at one or more of the following events ...

Landcare in the Library 2-7 September

Every year, the first full week in September is the time to recognise the efforts of the 100,000+ volunteers who dedicate their valuable time to care for our treasured land, water and native Aussie species. In Woodend, we celebrate Landcare Week in the library. This year, our display has the theme, 'Birds of Woodend'. You can learn to recognise some of the more common native birds found around Woodend, and what you can do to encourage more native birds in your backyard.

On Wednesday 4 September (4-5pm), Macedon Ranges Shire Council and Woodend Library will also host a Biodiversity Show and Tell for junior naturalists (5-10 years). Bookings are required through the

Macedon Ranges Shire Council website, or call 5421 9660.

National Threatened Species Day -Saturday 7 September

9-12pm: Woodend Landcare at the Farmers Market

Come and visit Woodend Landcare volunteers at our stall at the Farmers Market. Find out how you can get involved in Landcare, or get some tips on how to improve nature on your property.

2-3pm: All about Black Gums - tour of Browning Street Reserve

Tour one of Council's newest bushland reserves, which contains nationally threatened Black Gums - right in the heart of Woodend. Learn how to identify a Black Gum and the important role they have in the local environment. Bookings are required, through the Macedon Ranges Shire Council website or call 5421 9660.

September Working Bee - 9am, Sunday 22 September

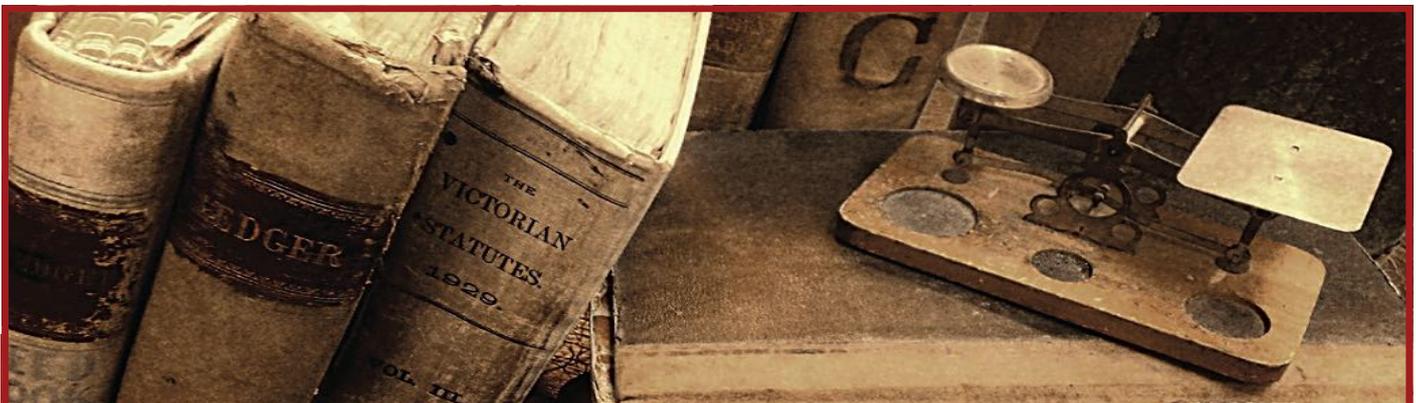
Our September Working Bee will be held at the Trees for Mum site next to and opposite the Woodend Children's Park. We need lots of volunteers to help us tidy up the site, including removing any oak regrowth in the planted native grasses. Tools and morning tea provided.

Launch of the Flora of the Macedon Ranges booklet 2-3.30 pm, Sunday 29 September

Council's new bushwalkers guide to the flora of the Macedon Ranges is out. The launch includes drinks and a walk along Five Mile Creek, using the new guide to identify plants. Meet at Lake Earnshaw, at the top of Jeffreys Street, Woodend. Bookings are required through the Macedon Ranges Shire Council website, or call 5421 9660. You can grab a copy of this excellent guide in the Woodend Library.

More information and contact details at www.woodendlandcare.org

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Lisa Richards, Volunteer Central Vic Coordinator, sums up VCV as "...sort of a dating service for volunteers."

With a wealth of experience in community volunteering, we take a grassroots approach, where we reach out as much as possible into the community to connect with local groups and people who are seeking ways to get involved. VCV provides information and support to volunteers and community groups through our weekly drop-in Resource Hub at Kyneton Library. We also run regular training sessions and events for community groups and organisations.

For more information about Resource Hub days and times, and for online resources visit www.volunteercentralvic.com.au.

Whether you're interested in volunteering or are looking for volunteers, contact Lisa Richards from VCV on 5421 1619 or email us at info@volunteercentralvic.com.au

SUBMITTED BY JEMMA GRAY, VCV VOLUNTEER

Maternity services restructure at Kyneton District Health



Kyneton District Health is disappointed to announce that it will suspend labour and birth care at the maternity service at Kyneton Hospital from 30th September 2019.

However, pregnancy and postnatal care will continue to be provided. The safety of mothers and their babies and the provision of safe and high quality care always has to come first.

In 2018-19 there were only 26 babies born at Kyneton District Health, with only women classified as low risk, and able to labour and birth in our birthing suite.

The decision to change the maternity model of care to one that only provides care for women during their pregnancy, and then again after the baby is born, has followed a steady decline in births at the hospital.

There have also been increasing challenges in recruiting the skilled workforce required to support birthing. Recently, one of our two GP obstetricians resigned from KDH. Across Australia, there is a shortage of rural GP obstetricians and GP anaesthetists.

Around 50 per cent of women are transferred to metropolitan or regional hospitals as their pregnancy progresses, due to changes to their or their baby's health.

We will continue to investigate other models of care.

Women who have been booked to birth at KDH will be supported to transfer to another health service, to ensure it is a seamless transition for them.

Women will be supported to return to KDH as soon as possible following birth, and to have our staff provide support and care prior to returning home.

Local women may still be able to receive pregnancy care at KDH under the care of midwives in an antenatal clinic, with obstetrician oversight coming from the hospital where they are booked to birth.

KDH recognizes the importance of local access to pregnancy care, and we will develop formal arrangements with the larger metropolitan and regional hospitals to streamline the care for pregnant women.

While KDH recognises that this transition to a new model of care may cause some increased anxiety for women and their families, we hope that the initiative to continue providing local pregnancy care is well received, and we welcome any feedback about ways the model can be improved.

The board and senior executive are very disappointed not to be able to continue to support local families to birth close to home. The safety of all our patients, including local women and their babies, remains our number one priority.

We would also like to thank our dedicated staff, including our GP obstetricians and midwives for the high quality service they have been able to deliver.

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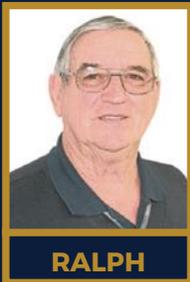


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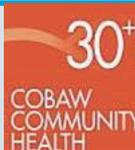


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If you want to make an inclusive difference in the way in which you work, your registration is welcome.

The training is taking place on Wednesday 18 September from 6.30 to 8.00pm at the Macedon Ranges Hotel & Spa, 652 Black Forest Drive, Macedon. A light meal will be provided.

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Patrick Eckle's *Wine review*

Introduction

The wines this month come from one of the iconic producers of the region, Hanging Rock. The Ellis family have been producing wines from their estate vineyard perched high in the hills of Newham, as well as single vineyard shiraz from Heathcote, for over 30 years. Their Jim Jim vineyard in particular is a cold, uncompromising site that exemplifies cool climate viticulture.

2018 Hanging Rock Jim Jim Sauvignon Blanc

Sourced from the estate vineyard that is 750 m above sea level, the wine saw 10% barrel ferment, with the balance fermented and aged in tank. There is a lemony thread to understated tropical fruits, with some apple and faint mealy notes. The palate has lovely lines of acidity with citrus dominating, a touch of red apple gives breadth of fruit, with a light creaminess from time in oak, and an acidity that is scintillating but fully integrated, that can only come from the Macedon Ranges.

Rating: 92 | Price: \$30 | When to Drink: 2019 - 2021

2017 Hanging Rock Macedon Ranges Pinot Noir

2017 was a vintage that will go down as one of the longest and coldest in the last decade, but also a year that has been capable of producing breathtaking Pinot Noir and Chardonnay that will be known for its longevity.

This release is produced from Hanging Rock's estate vineyard, perched above the township of Newham in the Macedon Ranges. The wine is a pretty light red in the glass, with a nose that is dominated by red cherry, with a delicate weave of earth from the inclusion of whole bunches, and spice from time in good French oak.

The palate has the mineral structure that you expect from the region, with a tension of tannin and acid against pure red cherry fruits that broaden on the mid palate but will take time to grow in stature. The finish has slow build of textural but fine tannin, and some elegant baking spice notes.

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SUBMITTED BY PATRICK ECKEL



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OUT & ABOUT

The Mountview theatre enjoyed a wonderful season through August with their 2019 musical, *Rock of Ages*, which no doubt sent people home with their favourite '80s hits still playing in their heads. Congratulations as always to the cast and crew for their months of hard work and dedication.



Our fourth and final production, 'The Graduate,' has been cast, and is now in rehearsal. Director, Robert Wallace, promises a strong and very creative version of the classic movie we all remember, which starred Dustin Hoffman and Anne Bancroft. This will open on Friday 1 November – so lots more about this play next edition.

To book tickets go to www.themountplayers.com.

The Players were thrilled to have received \$6,000 from Macedon Ranges Shire Council's 2019 Community Funding Scheme. This money will be used to install much needed heating/cooling in the theatre's dressing rooms. A huge thank you to MRSC.

SUBMITTED BY KAREN HUNT

September events at Kyneton Town Hall

Tickets may be purchased by contacting the Box Office 1300 888 802 (Monday to Friday 8.30am-3pm) or via ktickets@mrsc.vic.gov.au

SUBMITTED BY NICKY PETERS

Swinging on Broadway

Friday, 20 September 2019 | 11.30am to 12.45pm

The Sound of Music swings at last! There's a bossa nova in *Brigadoon*, a mambo in *Mamma Mia*, and *Hello Dolly* will definitely be heavy on the hi-hat!

Melissa Langton will be swinging down Broadway with a mix of classic show tunes and some playful reinterpretations of more recent Broadway favourites!

Line Dance (not the country kind)

Tuesday, 24 September 2019 | 11am to 03.30pm

Line Dance is an invitation to follow a playful trail of charcoal and movement, body and impression, colour and projections to compose a dance of lines. Immerse yourself in mark making and mess, go wild with technique and texture.

Visual artist Rita Pires and contemporary dancer Alexandra Harrison take participants on a wild and messy

dance experience.

The workshops are presented in age appropriate classes:

- Tuesday 24 September, 11am to 3.30pm for children aged 9 to 12 years old
- Wednesday 25 September, 11am to 2pm for children aged 5 to 8 years old
- Thursday 26 September, 11am to 3.30pm for children aged 13 to 18 years old.

Author Talk - Claire G. Coleman: *The Old Lie*

Thursday, 26 September 2019 | 07.30pm to 08.30pm

Join us for a collaboration with The Wheeler Centre, as we present an educational and cultural conversation with author Claire Coleman, hosted by academic and art critic Dr Tyson Yunkaporta.

Claire believes speculative fiction is a powerful political tool. 'It's a genre in which there's great scope for Aboriginal literature ... It's able to

On Thursday 12 September at 6.30pm at the Kyneton Town Hall, ADFAS Central Victoria will introduce Anthony Russell, who will present *The Mystery of Holbein's Ambassadors*.

Hans Holbein was the first great mainland painter to spend much time in England, and he brought with him a sophistication and skill with far reaching consequences for England's artistic development. His 'Ambassadors' is recognised by the National Gallery of London as one of its greatest treasures. It dates from a tradition in the arts when no object was without meaning and symbolism. However, practically all of this meaning has been lost to the modern observer.

This lecture considers the tempestuous circumstances of its creation and the hidden messages concealed within it. The painting tells us much about the state of Europe at the time and the hopes and fears of its major players.

Anthony Russell is a cultural historian, writer and artist. He has travelled much of the world, combining painting with tour lecturing. Now based in London, he spends much of his time lecturing and undertaking research.

Entry is payable on the evening and this includes refreshments (7.30-8.30pm).

For more information and registration of interest please call Nicky on 0400 958 449.

sneak politics into places people don't expect to see it.'

With Coleman's new book, *The Old Lie*, she returns to themes of invasion, dispossession and apocalypse. Again, it's a novel of startling and alarming twists.

For this conversation, Coleman will be joined by Tyson Yunkaporta, author of *Sand Talk: How Indigenous Thinking Can Save the World*. The pair will discuss craft, creativity and Indigenous imaginations.

About the host

Tyson Kaawoppa Yunkaporta is a Bama of Nunga and Koori descent with cultural ties to Mardi mobs in Western NSW. With an accomplished career in both mainstream and Aboriginal community contexts, Tyson has worked in K-12 classrooms, as a university lecturer, as a senior executive officer in the Department of Education and as an Aboriginal pedagogy mentor.

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SUBMITTED BY KRIS PERKOVIC

So you want to keep dinosaurs?

Spring is a great time to get your first clutch of chickens or boost your current flock. Many breeders will soon have some lovely girls for sale.

Here are some of the essentials that you will need to have ready before your new feathered friends come home.

Your chicken coop needs to be totally fox-proof as you never get a second chance around the Macedon Ranges. A strong frame with heavy top and bottom netting is ideal. Plywood is too easy for foxes to smash through. Look online for pre-made, build it yourself, or find a handy person to build your coop in a protected part of your property that is not exposed to any extreme elements -- especially extreme wind and heat. While it would be lovely to free range your chooks during the day, it is too risky without protection - so create a coop that the chickens can live in if required.

Make sure water and feed containers are off the ground so the chickens don't tip them over or fill them full of straw and dirt when scratching around. The largest you can fit will allow you to leave for a couple of days. Chickens require 500ml to 1 litre of water and pellets available throughout the day, each day. Auto pedal feeders are great for holding a lot of food and are the only way to stop mice, rats and birds.

A warm and dry nesting box in which to lay eggs. Ideally, get one that you can access separately from the main coop entrance. Make sure it's off the ground, to ensure your girls feel safe.

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For feed, it's best if you supply them with a complete pellet

as their staple feed, which contains everything they need for great health and egg laying. Their age when purchased will determine the particular pellet needed. Then add some treats and scraps to their coop, such as mixed grain, greens, sunflower seeds, corn, wheat, meat, dairy, sardines/ canned fish, porridge, warm pollard or meat meal, each day. Don't over feed them as they become fussy and leave feed on the ground for pests, and they lay fewer eggs.

Shell grit is for their digestion and should be made available at all times in a separate small container. The chickens will use it as needed.

Next month, we will discuss the types of chickens available, and also the daily and weekly jobs that you need to do in order to keep them happy and healthy.

If you need more information sooner drop into The Woodend Produce Store, where we are happy to chat to you about everything chook related!

SUBMITTED BY FIONA LAIRD

Photo compliments of Nea Gyorffy from Kyneton Transition Hub



Choose Tap, choose savings says Western Water

Western Water is reminding customers to Choose Tap to stay healthy, save money and help the environment.

One of the biggest benefits of choosing tap water is the financial savings with one litre of bottled water costing up to 2,400 times more than tap water.

General Manager, Customer, Community Relations and Operations, Graham Holt, says drinking bottled water is also an unsustainable practice and a waste of valuable resources.

"Not only does it take 3 litres of water to make one litre of bottled water, but over 40% of plastic bottles end up as landfill or litter," Mr Holt said.

"We put a lot of effort into ensuring our customers receive high quality drinking water, yet Australians are still spending \$736 million a year on bottled water."

"Tap water is healthy, significantly cheaper, and better for our environment. It just doesn't make sense to buy bottled water," he said.

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What's on at the House this Spring?

Once a year, community members all over Australia come together to ask RUOK? For the last three years, Woodend Neighbourhood House has hosted a community lunch to do exactly that. This year, we are partnering with Woodend Library to host this popular event and welcome every one to the Woodend Community Centre on Thursday, 12th September.

Since it started back in 2009, the RUOK? Movement has been working to prevent suicide and social isolation by asking everyday Australians to connect with their community members and take the time to check in and ask them RUOK? Tragically, eight people take their lives every day around the country, and 89% report

knowing someone who has made an attempt. RUOK? encourages everyone to invest more time in the people around them, because when our relationships are strong, we're more likely to see those signs that someone's struggling and be able to help.

This year, the RUOK? community lunch event will be running from 11am - 2pm and will feature some special surprises, as well as a delicious lunch served at 12pm to enjoy amongst friends, old and new. There will also be information on hand from a broad range of community groups and services to help you explore your interests and connect. Transportation to the event is easy with a FlexiRide bus stop right outside the venue. Follow the event on our Facebook page for further information and updates, or visit www.woodendnh.org.au or call us on 5427 1845 to book your spot.

Speaking of connecting with your people, if you are an art lover and are looking for a fun day out, then sign

up for our Archibald Prize Day Trip on Tuesday 1st October. This year the exhibition is being held at the stunning TarraWarra Estate in the Yarra Valley. To book your spot on the bus, give the House a call, or visit our website. Tickets are great value at \$40, which includes return transport from the House, and entry to the exhibition.

Finally, if you are aged between 16 and 22 years old, or know someone who is, the House will be running a series of 'Get To Work' workshops aimed at this age group in September. The interactive sessions are designed to provide practical tips and tricks to help attendees secure casual retail or hospitality positions over the summer holidays, all for the bargain price of \$20 - that even includes afternoon tea! For more information or to book your spot, please visit www.woodendnh.org.au or call us on 5427 1845.

SUBMITTED BY CHLOE GREEN

Sustainable House Day.

15 September 2019

Join our Sustainable House Day bus tour.

Want to join a free bus tour, and see inside homes that were created with sustainability in mind?

You can learn how to make your home healthier, cheaper to run and more comfortable to live in, through our free bus tour, which will visit houses in the Shire that are open for Sustainable House Day.

The bus tour will take place on Sunday 15 September from 9.30am to 1pm and will leave from the car park next to the Woodend Community Centre. Places are limited, and the opportunity is available to Macedon Ranges Shire residents only.

Lunch on the day will be provided by the Macedon Ranges Veg Eating Group.

To find out more, or to book your place on the bus tour, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/bus-tour

For more information about Sustainable House Day, and to register to attend visit www.sustainablehouseday.com.

Volunteer your time on Sustainable House Day

If you'd like to make a difference and help to ensure the success of a fun event that helps the planet, consider volunteering on Sustainable House Day.

Sustainable House Day, to be held this year on Sunday, September 15.

Volunteer roles are varied but can comprise helping to set up and pack up Sustainable House Day signage and paraphernalia in a home in your area, directing visitors through a home, creating videos, or participating in the leadup to the event.

The Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group is Renew's local partner for Sustainable House Day. If you'd like to volunteer in the Macedon Ranges, visit our website mrsg.org.au and contact the MRSG Sustainable Homes Action Group at mrsg.susthomes@gmail.com

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Whether you need a giant sequoia; a sugar maple or a lemon verbena, I'm here to find the plants you are looking for. In addition to that, we are now supporting the local community by selling locally-made pots; bird baths and custom-made garden designs. Pop by and see the outside wall art; the new natives and gifts; flowers and homewares. We look forward to welcoming you. Please follow Woodend Nursery on Facebook to be eligible for a range of fun competitions and rewards for you and your garden!

Bare-rooted trees are still available, which makes so much economic sense! Save money and plant wisely!

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Fancy a fresh Carrot?

Twelve edible gardens will be open to the public on the weekend of 7 and 8 September 2019, as part of the Kyneton Daffodil and Arts Festival. Three schools are participating for the first time this year: Taradale Primary School (Stephanie Alexander garden), Macedon Primary School (Middle Gully Reserve) and Our Lady of the Rosary Primary School, Kyneton, where students are experiencing the joy of growing their own food and eating it too. It is a great chance for the school community to see how the children are transforming their gardens.

Nea Gyorffy, organiser, says, "We encourage visitors to learn and exchange ideas about growing sustainable, organic edible plants. Working edible gardens are not necessarily pretty, but are all about maintaining productive, rich soil; producing fresh food without using chemicals; and reducing the cost of food, while not compromising quality ... and enjoying a healthy lifestyle."

Visiting Open Edible Gardens helps you find inspiration to get out there and grow your own food - be it in a large vegetable garden or orchard, in a small garden or simply amongst the ornamentals. It is a great way to help you learn techniques for soil improvement, water saving, composting, companion planting, Hugelkultur, wicking beds and more.

During the festival, all information about times and where the gardens are can be found in the Kyneton Daffodil and Arts Festival and Kyneton Transition Hub brochures, in most shops in Kyneton, and at the Kyneton Mechanics Institute, the official Festival information centre. Or visit kynetondaffodilarts.org.au; kynetontransitionhub.com, Facebook, or call Nea on 0419 874 735.

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New Writers Group

Do you love writing? Are you interested in forming a new writer's group? The purpose of the group would be to give feedback to each other, possibly invite experts in to talk to us and over time learn how to write better. Amateur writers of all styles are welcome to join the group. There is an experienced writer who is willing to help set up and guide the group. If there are enough people interested, I will organise a preliminary meeting at a café or pub. The group may end up having its regular meetings in Trentham as it is central in the Daylesford Macedon Ranges, which is where members of the group will most likely come from. If you are interested, please provide your details to me. Thank you Anne-Marie Pedeau Email: ampedeau@bigpond.com



Book your community fundraising BBQ.

Great way to raise funds for your club or cause. Book this month with Coles and go into the draw to win a \$50 Coles voucher via content@newwoodendstar.org.au. August winners * Mike and Anne Donau for the Woodend Bowling Club.

The Woodend Probus Club

Meets on the first Thursday of each month at 10am at the Woodend Community Centre, to listen to informative talks on a wide variety of topics including travel, history and other interesting subjects. At the next meeting on 5 September, the speaker will be the film maker Michael Dillon.

Get Waste-Ed at the Pub

15th September 2019, from 5pm at Holgate Brewhouse.

Open to everyone, these are fun get-togethers with the Waste Action Group.

Talk trash and get active avoiding, refusing, reducing, reusing, repairing, recycling and composting our way out of the recycling crisis!

RUOK? Day Lunch
Taking place on 12th September at the
Woodend Community Centre.

Red Cross

Red Cross Woodend meets at Woodend Bowls Club on the first Thursday each month at 1.30pm.

Save the Date

Historic Garden Open

One of Woodend's oldest gardens will be open to the public on October 13th 2019 to raise funds to help build a school for the children of Vanuatu, a project of the Rotary Club of Woodend initiated by Alan and Shirley Cann.

The house and garden were established nearly 100 years ago on half an acre in Carlisle Street.

Social disadvantage in the Macedon Ranges

On a freezing night in August, the Rotary Club of Woodend welcomed Kerryn Wildenburg and Simon Furness from Kyneton Caring Community. Simon and Kerryn spoke about the work they do – providing support for those who are socially disadvantaged throughout the Macedon Ranges. The services they offer include a free foodbank, an emergency relief service (for example, clothing and household items), a drop-in center and soup kitchen, and a need assessment and referral service to other agencies and service providers in the local area. “Over 1,800 people from across the Ranges access our Foodbank every month and the need is growing,” said Simon. “The traditional view of social disadvantage is changing rapidly, and we encounter people from all walks of life in need of our services. Everyone is welcome.”

The Rotary Club of Woodend is committed to supporting those who are socially disadvantaged in our community. We have a number of current projects, and more are planned in this space for the next year. We welcome all members of the community to come on board and support these. If you would like further information as to how you can help those who are socially disadvantaged in our community, please contact Community Service Chair Josephine Falzarano on 0407 271 628.

The Rotary Club meets every Thursday night at the Victoria Hotel in Woodend, 6.45pm for a 7pm start. If you'd like to consider joining a club that's light on formality and big on making a difference, come and give us a try. Please contact Membership chair Annie Hamer on 0411 549 562.

SUBMITTED BY MIKE HAMER, PRESIDENT ROTARY CLUB OF WOODEND

Photo: Simon and Kerryn with Rotary president Mike Hamer



HELP! We are in desperate need of volunteers.

The Op Shop is staffed fully by volunteer labour, but unfortunately our workforce is diminishing due to some of our members reaching the grand old age of 90. We have really appreciated the long years of service these strong community members have given to us, & we thank them for all their efforts.

Also unfortunately some of our other members have been struck down with ill health, or are looking after family members who aren't well or undergoing surgery. We therefore find ourselves in the awkward position of desperately needing new volunteers to help keep our Op Shop open.

As most of you are probably aware, we try to support our local communities in a number of ways, by donating to several volunteer organisations, such as the CFA, the SES, the ambulance service, student welfare and emergency appeals both local and further afield. We also try to keep our prices reasonable, to help out the disadvantaged in our local area.

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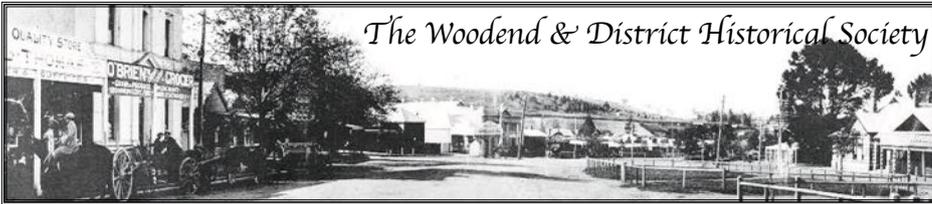
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The Woodend & District Historical Society

A Tale of the Mount part 3 continued...

There was no doubt in his mind that the child was Rose Adams. He made himself known to the Scottish lady and found Margaret Goudie had lost her husband about a year ago when he had been killed by a falling tree at Barbour's saw-mill. It was obvious that his death had affected her mind. She continued to live alone in the little cottage her husband had built in the wildest part of the mountain surviving on the small remittance that she received from Scotland and only going into Middle Gully or Woodend once a fortnight for supplies. It was while returning from Woodend that she came across Rose half way up the north-side of the mount and the longing for company induced her to take the child with her.

Margaret Goudie and Rose accompanied Edward Robb to the survey camp the next day, where Rose was reunited with her overjoyed father. He was so relieved to have Rose safe and sound the matter was taken no further. Mrs Goudie lived on Mt Macedon for many years.

This is a shortened version of a descriptive short story written by Edward Robb, which was published in the Woodend Star on January 13, 1900. It is hard to decide whether his tale is all fact or a mixture of fact and fiction, the places, mills and survey party are legitimate, and a family named Goudie did live in Woodend in the 1860's. I wonder if they were related to this Mrs Goudie - Sylvia Boxshall



SUBMITTED BY JANNYSE WILLIAMS

Photo: The Barbour's Sawmill Log Chute, Victorian Heritage Listed

Get Waste-Ed with the Waste Action Group

Have you been hearing about the recycling crisis that's paralyzing Victoria, and been wondering what to do? The situation should encourage all of us to take another look at how we are managing our waste, says Lisa Richards, leader of the Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group's Waste Action Group.

"We have been treating our rubbish bins as a portal to the magical land of 'Away!'" Ms Richards says. "But that myth has been busted and now we are forced to face up to our rubbish and create better solutions," she says.

Ms Richards says that keeping track of our waste often helps us reduce it. "A home, school or office waste audit is a great way to see what types of waste go in your bin. Once you know that, you can take steps to avoid or reduce that kind of waste."

She thinks there are big environmental gains to be had

by reducing food waste and notes the rollout next year of Macedon Ranges Shire Council's FOGO system which will soon mean the kerbside collection of many more food and green waste items than domestic compost bins can currently handle. "Once the slimy smelly stuff is out of your bin, it's so much easier to work with what's left."

The Waste Action Group is working on projects, including a Zero Waste Trailer for hire at events and festivals, litter clean-ups around the Ranges, War Against Waste initiatives in schools, campaigning for better waste and litter legislation, and delivering public education talks. The group are also on a mission to take the Macedon Ranges plastic free in a bid to turn the plastic tide.

If you would like to know more visit: www.mrsg.org.au/ waste-recycling

Or come to "Get Waste-Ed at the Pub"

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A unique new opportunity for the youth of Woodend – introducing Woodend CFA Juniors

Woodend Fire Brigade is starting a Junior Brigade, which is open to both boys and girls aged from 11 to 15 years.

CFA Juniors is an established state-wide program, with over 250 Brigades involved across Victoria. The program is overseen by the CFA and managed at a local brigade level. Similar successful programs already operate within the Gisborne and Kyneton CFA Brigades.

The Junior Brigade is free to join, and Junior members are provided with a uniform, such as a polo shirt, hat and overalls.

All activities are supervised by at least two Junior Leaders (trained adult firefighters that are brigade members) who hold a Working With Children Check. As well as being free to join, the Woodend Fire Brigade will attempt to make most activities cost-free.

What is it, and what activities are involved?

The Junior Development Program is designed to develop Teamwork, Community Spirit, Commitment, Confidence, Responsibility and Respect.

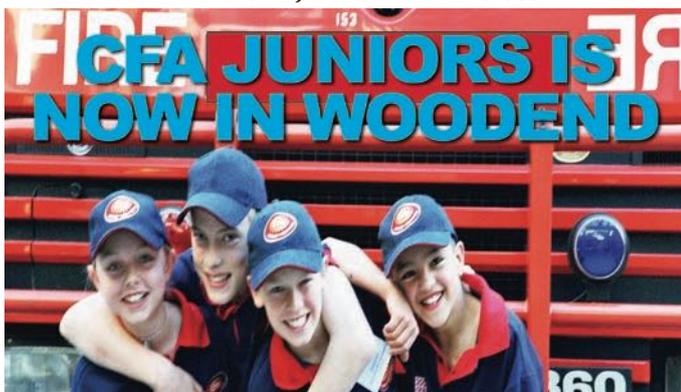
It provides safe, enjoyable and challenging activities, which can include: community service; fire safety awareness; leadership development; practical firefighting drills; map reading and radio use; first aid training; fire brigade competitions and championships.

Junior members will also have the opportunity to work alongside our Senior members at our training sessions and regular Sunday Rosters.

Junior members will not respond to emergencies or use heavy equipment, and there is no requirement or pressure to become senior firefighters once they turn sixteen years of age.

Come to our information session

This will be held at the Woodend Fire Station on Sunday, September 22nd at 10.30am, for Juniors interested in joining. If you can't make the information session, you can contact the brigade for more information via email on juniors@woodendcfa.org, visit our website www.woodendcfa.org or our Facebook page @WoodendCFA. Or you can call Lieutenant Malcolm Judd on 0407 273 653.



Time to start your pre-summer clean up!

Now that the weather is starting to improve, people are beginning to venture outdoors more often, especially into the garden and other areas on larger properties. So, now is the time to start preparing to reduce the risks of fire danger to you, your family and your property.

The ferocity of a fire depends on a number of factors, including the weather, ground slope and especially the amount of 'fuel' on and around your house or property.

Fuel is the only factor that you can alter before an unplanned fire starts. Fuel reduction is therefore one of the most important preventions you can undertake, with the most effective methods including mowing, raking, slashing and burning.

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.

SUBMITTED BY MIKE DORNAU

LIVE4LIFE

Spring fund raising dinner in support of the award winning program addressing youth mental health and suicide in rural communities Friday 20 September (see advert on page 21)

Live4Life has come into being as a direct, personal response to the reality of suicide as the leading cause of death in young people in Australia, and the highest incidences of mental health issues and suicide are in rural and regional areas.

Live4Life began in the Macedon Ranges. It is a community grown, evidence based, rural youth mental health initiative using a hands-on, grass roots, collective impact approach. As well as operating in Macedon Ranges it is now in its third year in Benalla and Glenelg Shires.

In 2018 Youth Live4Life and the Live4Life communities of Macedon Ranges, Benalla and Glenelg won VicHealth's Improving Mental Wellbeing Award and the Youth Affairs Council of Victoria's Most Innovative Rural Youth Program.

"Live4Life is not just about delivering mental health education in schools. It is about mental health education for the whole community with young people at the centre," said Pauline Neil.

"It is a whole community response to youth mental health and suicide prevention. We can't always rely on services to offer support to our young people when they need it and where they need it. It just doesn't happen in rural areas. Every adult in contact with young people needs to know what they can do to turn the tide on this issue. Every teacher, coach, canteen helper, parent can be equipped with the skills to recognise signs, open a conversation, listen and provide advice to young people who might be struggling but who could otherwise slip under the radar."

SUBMITTED BY BERNARD GALBALLY

Carlsruhe CFA

Carlsruhe CFA commemorates 60 years

Sunday 28 July marked the 60th anniversary of the Carlsruhe Fire Brigade, and the celebrations began with the ceremonial turning of the first sod of soil at the site of the Brigade's new station (corner of Cobb & Co and Springvale Roads Carlsruhe).

In 1959, the brigade was formed by a group of farmers and locals who had been working together to protect their community from the threat of fire. In those early days, these fire fighters were armed with only hand-pumps and a furphy water cart as water supply. Sixty years and five fire-fighting vehicles later, and the Carlsruhe brigade has recently received an upgrade to their tanker, now a Hino 3.4C 4x4 crew cab (3750 litre water capacity).

Dignitaries including Mary-Anne Thomas MP; MRSC Mayor, Councillor Janet Pearce; CFA Officers and members from a number of local brigades attended the anniversary luncheon, which provided an opportunity to reflect on the past and also recognise a number of members with Service Award medals: Barry Croft (10 years), Firefighters Dave Elliot (15 years) and Gavin Lester-Smith (40 years), National Medal recipients: Firefighters Hermann Marschall and Captain Peter Baldwin.

SUBMITTED BY PETER BALDWIN

Photo: Mary-Anne Thomas MP and members of the Carlsruhe Brigade celebrate their 60th anniversary with the ceremonial turning of the first sod at the site of the new station.



Kyneton Croquet Club

Located on the corner of Ebdon and Donnithorne Streets, Kyneton, is welcoming new members for the next season.

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Thursdays at the Rock ... October ... visitors welcome

From Thursday 3 October, play will be at the Ian Castle Shelter Area at Hanging Rock, from 4.30pm, with our traditional BBQ and the commencement of our Summer Star Weekly Competition. A great opportunity to meet with friends and make new friends ... And there's plenty of help on how to play, plus a Club booklet available to all guests.

Mondays at Woodend swimming pool carpark from October

Club is trialling Mondays at this location. Come along! in the warmer months of October and November

State coach will be at the Rock Thursday 24 October

State Coach Lindsay Kinghorn will be in attendance to help new and experienced players with tips on playing the game, increasing your enjoyment. Non-members or brand new players are welcome

Annual General Meeting

The Club's Annual General Meeting will be held Tuesday 17 September at Woodend Neighbourhood House from 6pm. Want to attend? Ring Acting President Chinka 0427 272 826.

Strategic Plan

A Members' afternoon tea workshop was held at Woodend Tennis Clubrooms on August 11. A lively discussion took place, and the final draft of the Strategic Plan will be presented to September Committee meeting prior to formal presentation at AGM.

A huge word of thanks to Mike Rowland for his fantastic work and the generous donation of his time to the Club after our State grant application was unsuccessful. Mike's return to Club activities is after his great contribution to the organization of the 2006 Nationals at The Rock hosted by your local Club. Mike is a true friend of the Club, and long-time contributor to the local community.

Quoits

As part of the 11 August activity, we conducted a quoits competition to ease the formality and to help work off the very generous afternoon tea provided by the Committee.

The first WHRPC Quoits Competition results: joint winners were Shirley Marshall and Graham Richards. Congratulations to them both.

SUBMITTED BY CHINKA STEEL



The Woodend Junior Hawks season is coming to a close. What a wonderful season it has been, with great development, opportunities and success for all netball and football teams.

The first season of girls football has been an amazing opportunity for our girls in the Under 13 and Under 18 Youth Girls. We have seen representation in Interleague, players invited to Essendon Girls U14 Development Squad and the Interleague Best and Fairest.

The WJFNC was represented successfully at the RDFNL Presentation Night (Best and Fairest) held on 14th August.

The results were:

11A Football: Noah Hanegraaf (3rd place), Alex Gray (4th place)

11C Football: Bryn Sawyer (winner)

13B Football: Charlie Paton (5th place)

11 Div 1 Netball: Hayley Alexander (runner-up)

13 Div 1 Netball: Charlee Duff-Tytler (runner-up)

15 Div 1 Netball: Jessica Martin (winner)

Bridget Bourke - we wish them all the best.

The 13B and 15B Football teams both made the first week of the finals. This was the first opportunity for many players to play in an RDFNL final. Both teams were unsuccessful but not without an almighty fight. The Grand Final day promises to be very exciting.



Willem Hanegraaf (13B) team went to Mandurah WA and played in the Australian 12 and under Football Championships, representing Team Victoria. Willem had an outstanding carnival, playing at Centre Half Forward and Full Forward. The Victorian team took out the title, being undefeated for the week. Willem was also awarded a Sportsmanship Award from the organising body, School Sport Australia, and is the only Victorian U12 player to receive such an award in its history. He was lucky to be under the guidance of a professional group of coaches, and formed a great relationship with his team mates based on respect, sportsmanship and a 'team first' mentality. The support Willem received from the Junior, Senior and Masters Clubs, sponsors, families and individuals was overwhelming and he certainly represented our club proudly.

The 11A Red football team and 17 Division 1 Netball team have both made it through to the Grand Final, held on Sunday 18th August. Our Under 11A red team lost by 4 points; after a slow start, the boys came home with a wet sail and could not quite catch up the deficit. Congratulations on a great season. Our Under 17 netballers took the flag, winning a tight encounter in horrible conditions against Gisborne 39-28. Well done to

the girls on an amazing season.

The Junior presentation night and AGM will be held on Saturday 14th September 4-7pm. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

Woodend-Hesket Senior Football Netball Club has had a successful season. Senior football results were not quite as good as we were hoping, and the club is now searching for a new senior coach. Our reserves and under 19s teams have both made finals and will be trying their best to win a couple of finals.

Our netball teams have had another good season, our C-Grade team just missing out on percentage. A and B Grade both had competitive seasons, and we thank the girls for their efforts again this year. Our Under 19s are leading the way in finals, and we hope to see them replicate last year's efforts where they made the Grand Final!

Our Club is proud of the work we have done in our community in 2019. Mental health, gender equality and Towards Zero are all messages we have championed as a football/netball club. As a club, we will continue to provide a safe place for our young people to have fun in a social environment, while being involved in sport.

#armhawkies



SUBMITTED BY PAUL PODBURY



The following players have been invited to the 2019 League Female Football Presentation Night:

- Paige Koliba
- Lili Collins



Photo of school children in the early days of Sacred Heart College.



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Bowling started 5,000 years ago

In the last edition of The New Woodend Star, we wrote about the history of the Woodend Bowling Club starting 130 years ago. But the history of bowls as a sport started a long, long, long time before that.

The history of lawn bowls goes back to Egyptian times. Biased stone bowls from 5,000 years ago were discovered by a team in 1930, led by British anthropologist Sir Flinders Petrie. The bowls were discovered in the grave of an Egyptian boy in the era of the first Pharaohs.

The oldest lawn bowls site that's still played on is in Southampton, England. Records show that the green has been in operation since 1299 A.D. So they are still playing bowls on the same site after 720 years.

King Henry VIII was also an avid bowler, but in 1511, he restricted the sport by decree to only the rich nobles, as he thought the poor needed to spend more time working than being involved in recreational activities.

The most famous story in lawn bowls is about Sir Francis Drake and the Spanish Armada. Allegedly on July 19, 1588, Drake - involved in a game at Plymouth - was notified that the Spanish Armada had been sighted. The myth reports that Drake replied, "There is plenty of time to win the game and thrash the Spaniards too." However, there is much historical conjecture about these 'facts'.

The Scots lay claim to creating the original code of the sport, after a meeting in Glasgow in 1848, and these were the basis for all subsequent laws.

The bowls themselves

Bowls were originally made from lignum vitae, a dense wood giving rise to the term 'woods' for bowls, which you occasionally still hear on the greens, both nationally and internationally. Today, bowls are more typically made of a hard plastic composite material.

Bowls were once only available coloured black or brown, but they are now available in a variety of colours. Colours must be approved by World Bowls.

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 - on either our carpet or grass green?

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Humble Beginnings

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Originally situated in Wedge Street with St Joseph's Primary School and the Convent of Mercy, Sacred Heart College moved to its current site on High Street in 1907. Over the next century, the school educated generations of young women and men, with recent years seeing significant investment in buildings and infrastructure.

Beyond Kyneton

In 1901, the Mercy Sisters took charge of a number of other schools in the local area, including St Mary's Malmsbury, Sacred Heart School Lauriston, Our Lady's School Woodend and St Mary

Magdalen's in Trentham.

In Woodend, children had been schooled by lay teachers in a small building next to St Ambrose Church in Templeton Street from 1859. With the purchase of 'Blanchwood' in Brooke Street as the Convent of Mercy in 1901, the Mercy Sisters took over the running of the school, and then in 1911 the school was transferred to the coach house next to the convent.



Sacred Heart College Today

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clear link back to the lives and work of our founders.

Sacred Heart College looks with expectation and enthusiasm to its future in Kyneton and the Macedon Ranges, a future celebrated neatly by the College's motto, 'Semper Fidelis,' Faithful Always.

SUBMITTED BY DR DARREN EGBERTS PRINCIPAL



Photo: 130th Anniversary Rose Planting



Photo: School Captain Keeley Rankin

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Contact our College Registrar for enrolment enquiries or visit our website for tour information and bookings.

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