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— **OCTOBER** —

- 1-2 Be Kind to Animals Week
- 2..... Woodend Farmers' Market
- 14..... MRSC free webinar - Prepare For Summer
- 21..... Craig Castree - Edible Gardens, Library
- 23..... MRSC Bird Blitz survey
- 24..... MRSC Horse owners discussion group
- 28..... Planning for Retirement, Library
- 28.... How to write your will. Trentham Lifestyle Activities Group
- 30 Hanging Rock Market

— **NOVEMBER** —

- 6..... Woodend Farmers' Market
- 9..... MRSC Webinar Compost and Ag pastures
- 12-14 Wine Retreat at Lancemore
- 27..... MRSC Webinar Grass Identification

— **DECEMBER** —

- 4..... Woodend Farmers' Market
- 7..... MRSC Webinar Central Vic Climate

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We could be forgiven for thinking this was a wet August, but in fact it was much drier than average. We received just 56 mm for the month compared to the average of 87.6 mm, but there was some precipitation on 25 of the 31 days, so it was damp. Year to date total is 625.4 mm. We only had two light frosts. It is worth noting that rainfall figures include other forms of precipitation, such as frost and dew, and they added their small contribution on some August days.

Woodend's Rain report

Submitted by Peter Yates

Month	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	av 5yr
January	27.8	80.0	9.8	73.6	92.6	56.8
February	26.5	3.8	12.0	67.8	32.4	28.5
March	23.7	31.7	12.2	79.6	47.0	38.8
April	165.0	31.0	7.6	139.8	15.2	71.7
May	38.6	115.6	114.8	79.0	83.0	86.2
June	10.6	78.2	168.2	80.1	183.6	104.2
July	60.0	73.3	63.2	49.3	115.6	72.3
August	119.6	91.3	78.1	93.0	56.0	87.6
September	55.2	26.2	38.3	56.3		
October	45.8	69.0	29.4	99.5		
November	77.4	55.5	64.8	54.4		
December	77.2	91.0	10.0	42.4		
Total mm	727.4	746.6	608.4	914.8	625.4	

A merger between nature and art for Woodend's High Street



Woodend Traders Inc. is embarking on a street beautification project, which will see the installation of a series of life-sized kangaroos in key locations in Woodend public spaces.

Similar to Shepparton's now famous 'Moovving' Art Exhibition of life-sized painted cows, Woodend's kangaroos will be colourful canvases to showcase local

artists and add to Woodend's reputation as a hub of art and culture.

The project, supported by Macedon Ranges Shire Council, will be community-driven with input sought from local groups, schools and individuals.



"At a time when artists are bereft of many of their usual opportunities to engage with the public, this is something that will mobilise our community, facilitate creative connections, provide some income and contribute positively to the town landscape. There are numerous examples elsewhere of the value of public art to tourism. It's time for Woodend to get on board and tap into the vast artistic talent in our backyard," said Nadine Hartnett, Founding Manager, Macedon Ranges Art Trail

It is expected that once completed, the kangaroos will be a unique way to showcase public art in Woodend and become a tourist drawcard that provides travellers with another reason to stop and explore the town.

The project will kick off later in 2021, with submissions of interest welcomed from artists, art groups, not for profits, schools and individuals, whose ideas and input will be vital to its success. For more information, email woodendtraders@gmail.com

SUBMITTED BY NIKKI BARKER ON BEHALF OF WOODEND TRADERS INC.

Vaccination Clinic opens at Kyneton Health

Central Highlands Rural Health's vaccination clinic at Kyneton Health received the long-awaited go-ahead to open its doors to the community.

The vaccination clinic opened on Tuesday 14 September and complements other local vaccine providers in the region.

Working with the Loddon-Mallee Vaccination Hub based at Bendigo Health, Kyneton Health's COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic administers Pfizer and AstraZeneca vaccines, as per government guidelines.

Central Highlands Rural Health CEO Maree Cuddihy said: "We're really pleased to have secured a small but regular supply of vaccines for our community as a 'sub-hub' of the state-run vaccination centre at Bendigo Health. The goal here is to get as many people vaccinated as soon as possible and our clinic is one of many providers in our region."

"Now is the time to pick up the phone or jump on the website and make a booking – whether that's with our clinic, a state-run vaccination centre, a pharmacy or your local GP. The important message stays the same – everyone in our community should 'Get the Jab Done!'"

The COVID-19 vaccination clinic at Kyneton Health offers a



limited number of appointments on Tuesdays and Fridays at 7-25 Caroline Chisholm Drive, Kyneton.

Bookings can be made online <https://portal.cvms.vic.gov.au/> via the booking hotline on 1800 675 398.

For more information about the COVID-19 vaccine, visit <https://www.chrh.org.au/covid-19-vaccines/>

SUBMITTED BY HELEN EDWARDS



Macedon celebrating longest serving teachers

Macedon Ranges is home to five of the hundreds of Victorian teachers, principals, school administrators and policy makers being recognised for their long-serving dedication to students and families, through the Recognition of Service to Victorian Education program.

Member for Macedon, Mary-Anne Thomas last month congratulated all staff being honoured for more than 40 years of service to Victorian education, acknowledging their dedication, hard work and persistence over many decades – and particularly their resilience and support for their school communities during the pandemic.

Please see below our local teachers being recognized and their years of service.

Karen McHugh	Daylesford Primary School	40 years
Ray Borg	Gisborne Secondary College	40 years
Stephen Winzar	Gisborne Secondary College	50 years
Patricia Hyland	Mount Macedon Primary School	40 years
Gayle Ryan	Riddells Creek Primary School	40 years

“I know that everyone in Macedon will be grateful to Karen McHugh, Ray Borg, Stephen Winzar, Trish Hyland and Gayle Ryan for the dedicated years of service and for helping so many local kids reach their potential to have exciting and rewarding lives,” said Ms Thomas.

A total of 174 teachers and staff are being recognised for 40 years of service, 119 staff for 45 years of service, 40 staff for 50 years of service, and nine staff for 55 years of service.

While coronavirus restrictions have made it impossible to hold a ceremony to recognise the service of these long-serving staff members, recipients will receive a personalised Certificate of Recognition and a commemorative booklet.

SUBMITTED BY KATE LEE:

Photo: Mary-Anne Thomas MP with Patricia Hyland and students of Mount Macedon Primary School



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Fred's Paddock

Janet Hawkins reflects on the origin of the big planting of daffodils on the Very Special Kids Glen Osmond respite farm.

Have you seen the amazing display of daffodils just a couple of kilometres from the Woodend township? Now that travel within the region is once more permitted, can I recommend a walk or drive along Old Lancefield Road to enjoy an amazing vista? The paddock is around two kilometres from the Romsey Road corner of Old Lancefield Road on the east side. But why this huge planting?

In 2005, Fred Silcock was looking for a paddock which he could use to extend his daffodil breeding programme. "Fred, am I right in thinking that you have your eye on our front paddock in Old Lancefield Road?" Fred quickly confirmed my suspicion, telling me that it was ideal soil for his bulbs and that the position was perfect. It was an easy decision. "It's yours Fred, for as long as you need it."

At the time, we were just starting the long process of setting up the Very Special Kids Glen Osmond respite farm on 26 hectares, and this seemed like a perfect addition to the project. Although what we were soon referring to as 'Fred's paddock' was not part of the land being donated to VSK, it was part of the original farm grant in 1857, and we knew it would add another area of beauty to the area for VSK families to enjoy. Once the cottages were completed, and stressed-out and often grieving families started arriving, they were soon telling us that it was the wonderful views and the country surrounds which helped them the most. Although the special facilities in the cottages and the huge barn added to the enjoyment and ease of their stay, it was the views of Mt. Macedon and Hanging Rock and the farming ambience which gave them the feeling of relaxation which they so desperately needed. If they happened to stay when Fred's daffodils were blooming, it was an added bonus.

By early 2019, Fred's daffodils had spread to fill the entire paddock, and he had already started newer plantings further up the road. Luckily, as usual we had cut wide fire breaks so that when a vicious grass fire swept through his paddock that January, the fire break, and a quick response from the local CFA brigade, stopped the fire only metres from our house. Fred, who had been increasingly unwell had recently gone back to hospital, never did see the blackened remains of his Glen Osmond paddock. Sadly, within days he was back in hospital and he died soon after.

Perhaps it was a good thing that Fred never saw that blackened paddock but oh, how I wish he could see it now!



Whatever was in all that charred soil, it certainly didn't harm his bulbs and the daffodils are now better than ever.

Edgar's Mission, who are leaders in the growing



movement to improve kindness to farm animals, provide a small flock of sheep for the Glen Osmond VSK families to feed and enjoy. In time, the remaining part of Glen Osmond, including Fred's paddock, will become an addition to Edgar's Mission's large sanctuary at Lancefield, and we are assured that they will make sure that Fred's daffodils continue to flourish and that some of their rescued animals remain for the families.

If ever there was a time when we could all do with a bit of a cheer up, it is now. Due to Covid, the cottages are still closed, the continuing presence of the virus brings stress and uncertainty to many in our community. One good piece of news is that in spite of all they have gone through, Fred's daffodils have survived and are looking better than ever. Could this be just the message and cheer-up we all so desperately need?

SUBMITTED BY JANET HAWKINS.



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Support to educate Hepburn and Macedon Ranges on new recycling services

Victorian councils are being supported to roll out new education campaigns to help residents understand the four-bin recycling system, as part of the Victorian government's goal to divert 80% of waste from landfill.

All Victorians will soon be sorting their household waste and recycling into four streams – with all local governments to transition to new glass services by 2027, and new food and garden organics services by 2030.

Local Member for Macedon, Mary-Anne Thomas, said that both the Macedon Ranges and Hepburn Councils are two of the 17 councils across the state to share more than \$1 million in grants.

This funding will support Macedon Ranges Shire Council's four-stream household recycling services, by targeting all households with a new campaign to reduce contamination, increase use of the food and garden organics service and minimise waste.

In Hepburn, the funding will have a focus on new household organics, food, garden and recycling collection,

and the council will be introducing a food and garden organics service in May 2022 to all households.

Sustainability Victoria will provide communication materials based on behaviour change theory and research, developed in partnership with local government and industry, allowing councils to focus their funding efforts on advertising and engaging with residents.

All councils and alpine resort management boards are eligible for funding under the \$6.03 million Recycling Victoria Household Education and Behaviour Change Fund to be shared across four funding rounds. For more information on the Fund, visit Sustainability Victoria's website.

The Victorian Government has invested over \$515 million to deliver the biggest transformation and reform of Victoria's waste and recycling industry. This includes \$380 million to deliver Recycling Victoria, which will fundamentally reduce waste, boost jobs, and establish a recycling system Victorians can rely on.

"Our new household recycling services will maximise our recycling capacity, create new jobs and reduce the amount of waste going to landfill. This is an amazing and much needed step in the right direction for our community and the entire state as well," said Ms Thomas.

SUBMITTED BY KATE LEE



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HELLO FROM KGMG!

Anyone familiar with our work knows that we’re always up for a bit of a local collab! We were thrilled to have the opportunity to work with Josephine and the team at The New Woodend Star, not only to build their new website (well worth a sticky beak when you get the chance!) but also to create this page in the paper itself!



Keep your eyes peeled each month as we highlight some of the area's businesses and personalities through a collection of our favourite images (plus a few words thrown in for good measure!)



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A new township and benchmark for Macedon Ranges

Brad Paddon, Director at APD Projects, on the future of Clarkefield in the Macedon Ranges as a carbon neutral sustainable township.

As locals will know, Clarkefield is a largely undeveloped hamlet on a train line just 40 minutes from the centre of Melbourne at the gateway to the Macedon Ranges.

The township includes a small collection of privately held residences, a heritage hotel and horse stables, a sporting field and community facilities, and a disused school. Sadly a number of these buildings have been in a slow decline for several years.

We are now three years into planning a future Clarkefield. We propose that one of Victoria's oldest settlements become one of its most sustainable, and one of the first in the nation to be designed around responding to climate change.

APD plans to take responsibility for the carbon emissions in the proposed infrastructure at a revitalised Clarkefield. When new residents enjoy their walkable township, they will be treading on specially sourced low carbon concrete and asphalt.

For other carbon emissions, we propose to set them to zero by growing a dedicated and diversified living forest asset. Ultimately APD sees a 50 to 100-hectare forest developed, potentially nearby, to offset construction emissions.

In due course Clarkefield will also have a solar farm dedicated to its residents. Initial housing in the area will also have the option for solar panels ahead of any larger development for the solar farm.

Every house will be all-electric to enable the use of on-site renewable energy and at least 7-star rated for its energy efficiency.

APD is initially planning between 350 to 450 lots on the 26 hectares of land in Clarkefield current already zoned for a township. We recognise that planning for new development in Macedon Ranges must respect the character and environmental attributes that exist in this highly valued part of Victoria.

We have also committed to the inclusion of long-term affordable housing at a percentage below market rent. While allocating a proportion of housing to affordable stock is not new, APD plans to do this under a build to rent model (or PRADS, Permanent Rental Affordability Development Solution) created by Housing All Australians.

Keep an eye out for announcements on Clarkefield. We have completed a round of community consultation and plan to lodge an application with Council later in 2021.

More information about Clarkefield can be found at <https://shapeclarkefield.com.au/>

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Features include approximately 5 acres of cleared land with good soil, a recently approved Macedon Ranges Shire Planning Permit for a dwelling, a second 2 acre Chestnut orchard area and approximately 60 acres of some of the most beautiful native treed flora and fauna environment within which are Lake Strathmore plus 4 springfed dams and several formed walking/driving tracks.

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Help Rotary End Polio

The Rotary Club of Woodend is participating in the Walk with Us End Polio campaign this October to raise funds to eradicate the scourge of polio.

Rotary has been working to eradicate polio for more than 30 years, and we've made incredible progress in the fight to rid the world of it forever. As a founding partner of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, we have helped to reduce polio cases by more than 99.9 percent. It is crucial to eliminate polio from the last two countries where it remains endemic and to keep other countries polio-free. If all eradication efforts stopped today, within 10 years, polio could paralyse as many as 200,000 children each year.

We are close to eradicating polio, but we are not done yet. We still need funds to continue immunization and surveillance efforts.

The Rotary Walk With Us campaign is an End Polio Now walking

event throughout October and an opportunity to participate in a fun way to help raise awareness and funds for this important project. You can register to walk and set your total distance and fundraising amounts, or you can donate to someone who is walking. For the walkers the total distance they set is accumulated over the month of October so they can walk when, where and with whom they want in a COVID safe way.

Each walk is logged on the website along with all donations. It is easy and all donations through Rotary will be matched 2 to 1 by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. All Australian donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible.

Register to walk now and donate at www.rotarywalkwithus.org or you can support a local Rotarian by donating to Grant Hocking via <https://www.rotarywalkwithus.org/fundraisers/granhocking>. This site

has information on the event and the global program to eradicate Polio.

Be a part of history and donate today. Your gift will get us closer to the finish line.

SUBMITTED BY DEIDRE WILMOTT



Photo: Past District Governor Grant Hocking 2020 Walk With Us End Polio campaign

WHO WILL BE OUR FINALISTS FOR THE 2021 BUSINESS AWARDS?

Find out from 26 October when all will be revealed

In the meantime, find out more about the *Josh's Rainbow Eggs* Macedon Ranges Business Excellence Awards, including information on our generous sponsors for the event, via mrsc.vic.gov.au/business-awards.



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RISE against Homelessness – you can help

Rotary Club of Woodend has joined forces with Rotary Clubs across the region to address homelessness – a growing social concern created by lack of affordable rental accommodation and safe housing in our area.

The group, which includes the Rotary Clubs of Woodend, Gisborne, Kyneton, Macedon Ranges and Daylesford, is called ‘Rotary in Support of Empowerment’ or RISE and we are pleased to have Robert Pradolin, founder of Housing all Australians (HAA) and many local organisations working alongside of us.

“We are very concerned at the growing number of women over 50 who are facing homelessness, and we want to help them regain stability in their lives,” explains Josephine Falzarano, President of Woodend Rotary.

Justine Maher, team leader Housing Sunbury and Cobaw Health, is seeing the issue first hand.

“From the start of January this year, our organisation alone has worked with 65 cases in the Macedon Ranges of people in need of shelter, of which 70% were women, and 55% were women over the age of 50,” says Justine.

“Hope is the most important thing we can give women who find themselves homeless, often without warning or resources to support themselves,” says Gisborne Rotary President Lynette Robinson.

As its first objective, RISE is looking for local spaces or buildings, private or commercial that are vacant and that can be leased and refurbished by volunteers to provide short term or ‘pop up’ accommodation for homeless women.

This follows the successful launch by the Minister for Housing in the presence of the Governor, in July 2018 of Melbourne’s first pop-up shelter, in a vacant building owned by aged care not-for-profit CaSPA Care. HAA brought together private sector volunteers and over a two year period, the YWCA has been able to provide housing to a total of 85 women over 55 years of age, in a building that would normally have been empty for several years.

As Robert Pradolin, founder of HAA says, “It just does not make common sense to leave buildings empty when we have a housing crisis. “HAA was founded in the knowledge that if the basic need of shelter is not met, there are longer term economic consequences, and the significant associated costs are pushed to future generations. These costs are a result of increased mental and physical health issues, family violence, policing and the justice system, as well as long term welfare dependency.”

You can read about Housing All Australians and what they do by visiting <https://housingallaustralians.org.au>

For RISE, affordable short to medium term accommodation is the first step in a plan that needs to include long term solutions for social and affordable housing.

If you know of any buildings or have spaces on your property that are not currently being used, or would like further information on this project, please call Josephine on 0407 271 628.

SUBMITTED BY THE ROTARY CLUBS OF MACEDON RANGES

Rotary Woodend Centenary Project Moves Ahead

Woodend Rotary has reached a major milestone in the Rotary Woodend Centenary Project with Macedon Ranges Shire Council approval now in place.

The project will commemorate this year’s anniversary of 100 years of Rotary in Australia by creating a place right near the market and the information centre where people of Woodend can pause, reflect, appreciate the Five Mile Creek, and newly re-established native vegetation and associated wildlife. Over the coming months four large stones will be placed next to the creek and landscaping around the stones



will be completed. The project also includes the removal of a large willow by the side of the creek.

Woodend Rotary appreciates the support we are receiving for this project from the Macedon Ranges Shire Council and The Rotary Foundation.

We are working closely with Woodend Landcare on the landscaping and revegetation of this area. In June, volunteers from the two groups came together to start work cleaning up



the site. They will also work together maintaining the area for the future.

If you would like to know more about the project, call Josephine on 0407 271 628, or if you would like to know more about Woodend Rotary Club and how to join or volunteer, please contact Tony on 0418 528 509.

SUBMITTED BY ROTARY WOODEND CENTENARY PROJECT COMMITTEE

Is your home ready for summer?

5 things you can do now to ensure your home is cool and efficient



Want a cooler home this summer and to cut down on bills?

Here are five things you can do now to ensure your home is cool and efficient this summer

Spring! That time of year when the weather starts to warm up, the bees are out, and we receive our tax returns. It's also an important time to prepare your home for the ever-increasing temperatures seen over summer. Here are five easy, cost-effective ways you can make your home cool and efficient:

1. Before your air conditioner gets a serious workout, you might want to put servicing and cleaning your filter at top

of the list. Cleaning your air conditioner filter can reduce your energy bill by up to 15% and improve your air quality. Eligible homeowners can now apply for a \$1,000 rebate on an energy-efficient reverse-cycle air conditioner.

2. By the time summer rolls around, many Aussies have already begun their solar journey. This can mean there's a rush of customers. By getting the ball rolling in spring, you'll have everything ready to go to make the most of the peak production in summer. Eligible homeowners can now apply for a \$1,400 rebate. Consider making the switch!

3. In spring, the days

are still shorter than the summer season, and we tend to use more indoor lighting after natural light is no longer available. Replacing the light bulbs in your home with LED lighting could reduce your lighting energy expenditure by 75%.

LEDs also don't give off heat like halogens do, meaning you can keep your home cooler as things warm up for less!

4. Important Announcement! The Victorian Government has released the \$250 Power Saving Bonus, to assist with paying for your energy bills if you have experienced hardship due to COVID-19. Find out more by contacting the Australian Energy Foundation on 1300 23 68 55 or jump online to book a consultation at a time

that suits you: aef.com.au/bookings

5. Lastly, keep cool, reduce your bills, and make the solar switch with a FREE webinar 6.30pm Thursday 14th October. This is delivered in partnership with the Australian Energy Foundation, Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group, Sustainable Malsbury and funded by Macedon Ranges Shire Council. Register here: <https://fb.me/e/2JJ2WdHV6> using the Eventbrite link.

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SUBMITTED BY ALANNA ROBERTSON



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Roadside maintenance

Each year Council slashes about 800km of roadsides to reduce the chance of a fire starting because of hot vehicle exhausts, mechanical failures, or collisions.

Council slashes high-use roadsides to reduce the chances of these resulting in a fire. Typically, 80 per cent of traffic uses 20 per cent of our roads, so we slash those roads as a priority.

While storm damage has left fallen trees along roadsides, the removal of firewood does not remove fine fuels, which are the main contributor to fire spreading.

The removal of firewood is illegal and contributes very little to reducing the impact of wildfire.

Property inspections and notices

Council's Fire Management Officer will soon begin inspecting properties for fire risk within the shire and will issue fire prevention notices to properties that pose a risk.

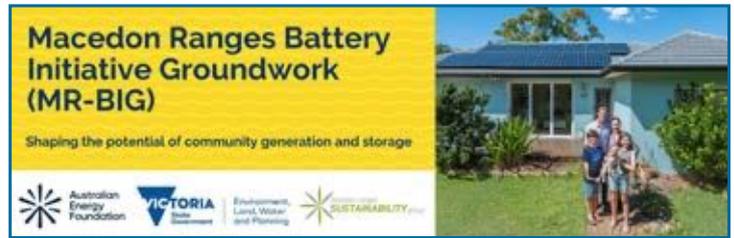
Heavy penalties apply to owners who fail to comply with a notice. Properties are expected to be maintained to the required standard throughout the fire danger period.

If you plan on baling and receive a notice just let us know by completing the application for extension on the back of the notice.

If you are grazing stock, you must demonstrate that the number is sufficient to reduce the risk.

SUBMITTED BY MONICA HILL

MRSG to tackle power grid reliability and increase uptake of renewable energy



The Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group (MRSG) was successful in securing a \$54,000 grant in the Victorian government’s Neighbourhood Battery Initiative earlier this month. MRSG will be partnering with the Macedon Ranges Shire Council, Powercor, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP), the Australian Energy Foundation, as well as two other organisations who were also successful in securing NBI grants, Hepburn Wind/Central Victorian

Greenhouse Alliance and APD Clarkefield Project, to engage with local communities in the Macedon Ranges, identify problem areas in the grid and explore ways that neighbourhood-scale batteries can be used to increase the uptake of renewable energy, leading to cheaper electricity costs and less dependence on coal and gas.

“We are very pleased for MRSG to be recognised as a leader in the pursuit of clean energy solutions

by the Victorian government and DELWP. We hope this project will demonstrate practical ways to increase the availability and uptake of clean, reliable renewable energy in the grid and benefit all residents of the Macedon Ranges,” said MRSG President, Dr David Gormley-O'Brien. If you wish to know more about this project, please go to <https://mrsg.org.au/nbi> or contact the team on nbi@mrsg.org.au

SUBMITTED BY DAVID GORMLEY-O'BRIEN

Council providing free mulch for remainder of 2021

Macedon Ranges Shire Council is pleased to offer residents free mulch at all Council transfer stations until 31 December 2021.

Residents are encouraged to head to their local transfer station and claim up to one cubic metre of free self-loaded mulch.

The mulch is produced from garden organics dropped off at Council’s transfer stations and is available to residents living in the Macedon Ranges Shire. Residents will need

to provide proof that they live in the shire, such as a driver license or rates notice.

This is a first-come, self-load offer. Residents should bring their own shovel, containers or trailer, and protective clothing.

There are many benefits to mulching your garden, including water conservation. Mulch stops the top of the soil drying out, keeps the soil moist, and can reduce watering by about 60 per cent. Other benefits to mulching include:

- Prevents weeds and weed seed germination, which compete with plants for moisture and nutrients.



- Keeps the soil temperature constant, and using an organic mulch means you are adding extra organic matter to the soil.
- Greatly improves soil conditions for the root zone of all plants

The amount of mulch available at transfer stations varies and is available while stocks last.

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Multi-million-dollar sewer upgrades completed for Bacchus Marsh

Greater Western Water has completed major water and sewer projects for Bacchus Marsh and surrounds, facilitating continue strong urban development.



The \$20 million works include an upgraded sewer pump station, a new sewer pipeline and two new water pipelines, with most of the projects completed in the past month.

Greater Western Water's General Manager, Growth and Infrastructure, Amanda Smith said with the local population projected to double to 46,000 in the next 20 years, this important investment will ensure we can meet demand for services from the Bacchus Marsh community for many years to come.

The works include an upgrade to the existing sewage pump station at Peelmans Lane, near Grant Street; a new 8-kilometre-long sewer pipeline from Peelmans Lane to the Bacchus Marsh Recycled Water Plant; and a new 2.5-kilometre duplicate sewer pipeline to meet the increased demand for essential sewer services in the area; and water pipeline projects.

"These are significant projects for the town's sewerage and water network. In particular, it ensures Greater Western Water can meet the demand for sewerage services for at least the next 15 years," Ms Smith said.

"These projects have been safely delivered under COVIDSafe settings, demonstrating the concerted efforts of staff and contractors.

"Greater Western Water thanks the community for their patience and understanding during construction."

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POSTPONED Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay For Life

Unfortunately, the Lancefield Macedon Ranges Relay For Life has had to be postponed once again, due to the Covid outbreak and resulting restrictions. Our October 9th Relay will be held next year.

A big thank you to our teams and their supporters for their understanding and continued support during this time of uncertainty.

We plan to hold our Relay in March 2022 and are in the process of locking in a date. We will keep you up to date with the date once finalised.

Funding from events like Relay For Life helps to sustain support services such as Cancer Council's 13 11 20 information and support line, which directly helped 47 Macedon Ranges residents last year alone. It also includes Cancer Connect - which links those affected by cancer to others who are going through a similar experience. Funds raised also support research into a range of cancers including many of the lesser known cancers which are less well funded in terms of research.

To join the Lancefield Relay For Life event please phone 1300 65 65 85 or visit relayforlife.org.au.

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How to get involved and benefit from the 2022 Macedon Ranges Autumn Festival

Autumn may seem like a long way off, but planning is well underway for the 2022 Macedon Ranges Autumn Festival.

The Macedon Ranges Autumn Festival showcases the shire beyond Macedon and Mount Macedon villages, encouraging visitors and locals to engage in the broad range of experiences and activities on offer across the region.

Community, business owners and creatives are now encouraged to start considering the opportunities to get involved and benefit from being part of the festival.

The event team are currently taking concept submissions from all who are interested in running an activity or event and getting on the 2022 festival program.

Foodie businesses can also register to participate in the inaugural Autumn Pie and Tart Trail.

Funding support is available for approved event and activity concepts, while qualified artists can apply for a grant to deliver an artistic immersive experience or attraction.

The festival will be held over one month from 26 March to 25 April. So, get creative, collaborate, and get on the program.

For further festival details and key planning dates, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/autumn-fest or phone (03) 5422 0333.

SUBMITTED BY MONICA HILL

Bird watchers needed

Council is inviting bird watchers and those interested in learning about birds to the annual 2021 Bird Blitz event. This year the bird surveys will be held on Saturday 23 October. Bird watchers of any experience are welcome to attend the surveys.



The 2020 Bird Blitz recorded 94 species and some 2,575 individual bird observations. Interesting sightings included five threatened species, the first official record of Brush-Bronzewing Pigeons, and the occurrence of unusual visitors such as the Nankeen Night Heron and several Scarlet Honeyeaters.

On the day, small groups of volunteers will survey 3 to 4 sites. Each group will have a leader who is confident with bird identification from both sight and sound.

Bird watchers confident with identification may like to survey independently or lead in a small group – please let us know of your preference when booking.

Public attendance of this event will depend on the COVID-19 restrictions and may be subject to change.

Sign up at mrsc.vic.gov.au/environment-events

SUBMITTED BY MONICA HILL



Upcoming property management events for horse owners

To find out more and to register visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/healthylandscapes

For Horse Owners Discussion group, on-farm in New Gisborne

Sunday 24 October, 10am- 12noon

Come along to a meeting for horse owners that wish to improve their land, pastures, soil and the health of their horses. The New Gisborne property which is hosting the event has drawn on central point yard and track systems and is using planned grazing to develop strong, healthy, diverse pastures. This management strives to contribute to biodiversity and healthy waterways while efficiently managing the horses and their health.

Online equiculture course, \$100 discount available

Equiculture – short for equine permaculture – is a holistic horse property management program that promotes sustainable farm and pasture management techniques designed with your horse’s welfare and natural behaviour in mind.

Macedon Ranges Shire Council and Melbourne Water are offering a \$100 discount on the online course from renowned equine experts, Jane and Stuart Myers. The discount is available to land managers in the Macedon Ranges.

Grass identification Webinars and Field days

Do you want to be able to identify the plants in your paddocks? Are they native or exotic or are they a weed? Join Graeme Lorimer for a webinar on Tuesday 26 October 7.30pm – 9.00pm followed by a field day in Darraweit Guim – Saturday 27 November, 10am – 2pm

Compost on Ag Pastures and Natural Capital Accounting Webinar

Find out some of the latest research on the effectiveness of compost on grazing pastures and how benchmarking your natural environment might work. Tuesday 9 November 7.30pm – 8.30pm

Transitioning from spring to summer feeding with Brian Wehlburg Webinar

Be inspired by Brian Wehlburg’s passion for environmental improvement and grazing management with this Savory Institute registered trainer, Wednesday 17 November 7.30pm – 8.30pm

Central Victorian climate: Today, Tomorrow and the future Webinar

Join Felicity Gamble, Senior Climatologist from the Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) who will present the forecasts for the upcoming three months and the future (~2035) for central Victoria. Felicity will also share some useful tools and materials that have been developed by the BoM and AgVic. Tuesday 7 December 7.30pm – 8.30pm

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empowering people to develop connection, relaxation and responsiveness for a happy, willing horse, both from the ground, and when riding.

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Fiona invites you to visit her website sevenkeyshorsemanship.com.au for information on the types of face to face and virtual, private and group lesson, workshop day, weekend clinic and multi day Personal Progression or Intensive Study Module learning options to select from, dates for upcoming events, perspectives, stories and much more.

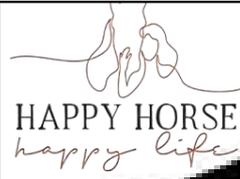
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SUBMITTED BY FIONA DARLING



Photo Fiona with Tici coming back from a ride

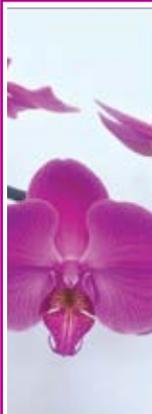

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Craig Castree - Edible Gardens

Woodend Library, Thursday 21 October, 6-7pm

Learn the difference between an edible garden and a vegetable garden, and how you can turn your existing garden into an edible one. Horticulturalist and author Craig Castree has over 45 years' experience growing his own organic food on an urban block. Let him show you the difference between an edible garden

and a vegetable garden, and how by doing one thing per day can turn your existing garden into a productive, edible, organic space. Craig is presenting in Woodend and Kyneton in October.

For bookings and event information, please head to our website www.goldfieldslibraries.com or call us on 5427 2074.



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U3A Kyneton held its AGM via Zoom on 3rd September 2021. Despite Covid-19, membership of U3A Kyneton has increased substantially, to 262 members this year. Our current committee was re-elected. The election of office bearers resulted in the appointment of president Peter Johnson, secretary Roni Taubman, treasurer Andrew McDowall and course co-ordinator John Taubman, together with six additional committee members.

Due to regional Victoria being unlocked again at the time of writing this article, U3A Kyneton has been able to recommence courses under Covid-19 guidelines.

It has been a very difficult year and we would like to thank all our members for their patience and the support. Members and guests are always welcome to attend our weekly Friday meetings where speakers are invited to give presentations on a wide range of topics. These sessions commence at 2pm at the Red Brick Hall, 23 Yaldwyn Street West, Kyneton. Meetings have also been held via Zoom during Covid restrictions.

The courses for 2022 are currently being developed. U3A Kyneton would welcome any members or those in the community who may wish to offer a course in 2022. Our courses vary greatly in length and U3A Kyneton has such a

devoted and diverse membership that we can offer a very wide range of courses and activities.

For further information visit our website www.u3akyneton.org.au or email info@u3akyneton.org.au alternatively have a friendly chat with our Secretary, Roni on 5422 2552 or President, Peter Johnson on 0439 360 763.

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Vale Richard Whiteley

Life Member Richard Whiteley passed away on 22 August. He was a member of the Mount Players Committee for the first 12 years of its independent life

from 1976, performing in the tiny, original theatre. When the theatre was lost in the 1983 Ash Wednesday fires, Richard was assigned to oversee all theatre planning and construction. From appointing architects to fundraising, Richard worked tirelessly to ensure that our beautiful Mountview Theatre was finally completed and opened in 1990. Indeed, Richard remains an integral part of our theatre's history. He will be greatly missed. Our condolences to the family.

The Mount Players Youth Theatre (MPYT) is a vibrant community theatre program designed for children and young adults aged from 10 to 19 years old and is run entirely by volunteers. The MPYT has been an active adjunct to The Mount Players since 2005 and provides opportunities for young participants to learn a wide range of theatrical skills.

With many of the current, long-standing leadership group indicating their unavailability to be involved next year due to other commitments, The Mount Players is now seeking interest from enthusiastic, experienced volunteers for 2022. If you would like to know more, please go to www.themountplayers.com for full details and contact person.

It is hoped that the Youth Theatre will be able to stage their end of year production in December, however, due to continued uncertainty with Covid, Love Song has sadly been postponed till early 2022.

SUBMITTED BY KAREN HUNT

A free workshop on how to write your will.

Friday 29th October 2021. 10:30 am

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By Patrick Eckel

Introduction

You may notice a number of wines reviewed from the region are in the ~\$40+ bracket. The reason for this comes from the complexity (and quality) of the marginal climate of the Macedon Ranges for growing grapes. It is not uncommon for vineyards to be yielding 1 tonne of fruit per acre, compared to 3 - 4 tonnes in other premium regions. Viticulture is exacting and yields need to be managed. The payoff is the quality of wines that can be produced that rival local and international examples at many multiples of the asking price.

The reviews this month do offer good value, especially the Silent Way Pinot Noir. You would be hard pressed to find a better Pinot Noir at the price.

2020 Silent Way Pinot Noir

The grapes are sourced from the Quarry Ridge vineyard and the winemaker is Matt Harrop. 2020 was a difficult year in many ways, and this is an excellent example of Pinot Noir at less than \$30. A light red in the glass, with a fragrant nose of lifted red cherry, cinnamon-like spice and more earthen wild strawberry. The wine has great pace and acidity, and is well handled with a tart red cherry influence but is in balance with plusher red berry fruits. The oak gives a floral and spiced impact, before bitter dark cherry brings things to a close.

Rating: 93 | Price: \$28 | When to Drink: 2021 - 2028

2020 Paramoor Christina

The wine is sourced from the Paramoor and Manna Hill vineyards and is a unique blend of Pinot Noir and Pinot Gris. The blend of the varieties and the low alcohol have created a unique and interesting wine. The aromatics see the pear and musk influence of Pinot Gris with a swathe of citrus fruits. The palate is medium bodied and focuses more on texture and citrus fruits than anything else; there is a chalkiness and length to the wine that offsets the minimal impact of fruit. It will be a wine that will gain more structure with time.

Rating: 88 | Price: \$28 | When to Drink: 2021 - 2024



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A message from your West Ward Councillors

Spring has made it to Woodend. The daffodils and blossoms bloomed, the crisp clear mornings have then followed, with some gorgeous days for walks and gardening. Although limited still by restrictions we should feel lucky that we do have beautiful outdoor settings to enjoy without having to travel far from our homes. There has been evidence everywhere of people helping one another out as we continue to have to limit our activities due to Covid 19 restrictions. A big thank you to all our local businesses who ran click and collect or takeaway and to everyone who has continued to support them. Council continues to update our website with not only what programs we have available to support businesses but links to State and Commonwealth programs. The economic development team is always happy to discuss any concerns or ideas you may have either via phone on 54219616 or email ecodevadmin@mrsc.vic.gov.au

Spring is a great time to get out in the garden, now the days are generally less wet, slightly warmer and longer. To assist Council is providing free mulch for the rest of 2021. This is usually \$10 per cubic metre load. You must be able to load the mulch yourself and provide proof that you live in the Macedon Ranges. Don't forget any green waste from gardening that you can't home compost can go in your light green lidded FOGO bin for weekly collection, including weeds, rose pruning and blackberries. Larger loads not containing weeds and cut to less than 250mm diameter can be taken to the transfer station (tip) for free. Since introducing the four bin system most residents are doing really well and we have markedly reduced waste to landfill and increased our recycling rates. Some landfill (general waste) bins still have significant recyclables and green waste in them. Please check our website or download the Macedon Ranges Waste App for more information.

We are aware some residents are continuing to struggle to clean up from June's storms. Please continue to let us know what problems you may be having, so we can see if we or Bushfire Recovery Victoria can help, by contacting us via recovery@mrsc.vic.gov.au

Council is currently working on many projects to support those who may be more vulnerable or struggling to pay for things, a situation which may have only recently occurred for some as a result of the pandemic. We are developing an affordable housing policy, to determine what role Council can play as well as assisting in our discussions with Homes Victoria administering the Victorian Government's Big Housing Build.

To assist in improving the physical and mental health of older residents through improved community connection Council is one of only 10 organisations to be awarded

funding through the Australian Government's Seniors Connected Program's Village Hub project. We will receive \$330,000 over 3 years to provide a variety of initiatives to alleviate loneliness and social isolation that can be experienced by some of our older residents. We will do this in collaboration with those whom we already know work in this area of need.

Council is also busy planning for 2022 Autumn Festival and thanks everyone who provided feedback on the inaugural festival this year. We are now calling for anyone interested in running an event or being part of the festival to get in touch. See mrsc.vic.gov.au/autumn-fest.

The Woodend Five Mile Creek Master Plan background work with Council staff and Woodend Landcare has commenced. Watch out for the community consultation phase of this important project, likely to occur in late October/early November.

Finally, we would like to thank everyone who has provided feedback on the many documents we had out for consultation during August and September. Some, like the Council Plan and community vision, must be adopted by the end of October, whilst others are likely to require more work and further consultation in response to feedback received.

Please continue to look out for one another and don't hesitate to call or email Council staff if you have any questions about anything happening within the shire.

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While storm damage has left fallen trees along roadsides, the removal of firewood does not remove fine fuels, which are the main contributor to fire spreading.

The removal of firewood is illegal and contributes very little to reducing the impact of wildfire.

Property inspections and notices

Council's Fire Management Officer will soon begin inspecting properties for fire risk within the shire and will issue fire prevention notices to properties that pose a risk.

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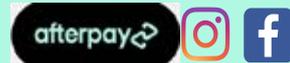
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One of the federal government's responses to the Royal Commission into aged care back in May was to announce the allocation of 80,000 extra home care packages over the next two years.

Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health has been a Home Care Package provider in Sunbury for the last four years and it is expanding its service to include residents of the Macedon Ranges.

"We work with Home Care Package recipients to tailor services that meet their needs and their goals," says Carly Visscher, Sunbury and Cobaw's Community Connections Manager. "With over 40 years' experience delivering a range of health and wellbeing services in the local community, we offer a trusted, personalised

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The types of services that can be purchased include exercise groups, help with housework, gardening and maintenance, assistance with shopping or transport and healthcare supports such as podiatry and physiotherapy

The organisation is holding an information session on Tuesday 5 October on the types of services that can be purchased through the packages and about My Aged Care, the access point for government funded aged care services.

For bookings or more information, call 9744 4455 or email hcp@scchc.org.au. The sessions are open to anyone seeking more information about Home Care Packages including family members or service providers.

SUBMITTED BY SARAH TURNER



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An update from the RSL

We hope all our members and all our Woodend community are staying strong through these interesting times. Your Woodend RSL Sub-Branch are managing through the health risks and rules by adapting as needed to ensure we continue to

provide a safe service to our veterans, their families, and the Woodend community.

Our focus coming out of the restrictions will be more activities in our spacious outdoor area.

We still have the indoor area available for community hire and use, (subject to Covid restrictions at the time). When we return to a two square meter per person rule, we can accommodate 100 people inside and 300 outside. Under the restrictions at the time of writing, we can accommodate 10 inside and 20 outside, which may be what you need for a family gathering under these difficult times.

We are open again for seated service for drinks and companionship for 10 people inside and 20 outside on Thursdays and Fridays from 5pm until 7pm. Please accept our apology if we have a full house if you pop in. Check what restrictions are current at the time you wish to visit.

We are not planning on opening our bistro in the next couple of months but remind people that if they come in for a drink, you are welcome to bring takeaway food from other businesses. Our focus is to provide a place for community contact and conversation in a relaxed safe environment. As the weather improves, we will also put up the jumping castle, Covid restrictions permitting.

Remember to wear a mask, unless seated and drinking, maintain a safe distance and scan in. If you are not feeling well, please do not attend the RSL and follow the guidelines for COVID testing.

Supporting the health and wellbeing of veterans, Get Moving (physical activity) will be the key focus for this

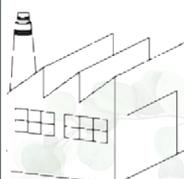
year's Veterans' Health Week to be held from 16 October to 24 October 2021. We are planning an activity in our outdoor area for the weekend of 23-24 October. Watch for more detail on social media and on our website.

During the restrictions, there has always been scope for some exercise, so get out for a walk as a minimum. Science has shown this provides positive outcomes for both your physical and mental health.

Remembrance Day falls on the 11th of November each year. On the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month, a minute's silence is observed and dedicated to those soldiers who died fighting to protect the nation. We will be holding a service at Woodend RSL Sub-Branch in our outdoor area, and all community members are welcome, subject to COVID restrictions at the time. More detail will be provided closer to the date. We will also have poppies available for sale prior to the 11th so keep an eye out for our volunteers and pick one up and wear it with pride.

Please contact us by email at admin@woodendrsl.org if you are aware of any Veterans or Veteran families who may need some help or assistance. We have many Veterans from recent conflicts, who are now in our community. They may need our support and mateship as well.

SUBMITTED BY HOWARD BURVILL, SECRETARY, WOODEND RSL SUB-BRANCH

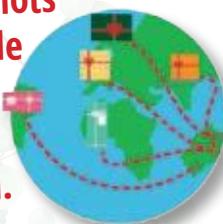


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Planting trees this spring? Remember to plan before you plant.

Greater Western Water is reminding the Woodend community to be careful where they plant trees this spring.



While trees provide

welcome shade and habitat for wildlife, underground can be a different story, with tree roots causing a lot of damage to pipes.

Thirsty tree roots seeking moisture tend to gravitate towards underground pipes and can eventually penetrate them, causing blockages and even spills.

In fact, tree roots are a leading cause of sewer blockages across the region.

The best way to prevent issues from tree roots is to choose trees with non-invasive root systems and to plant away from the underground infrastructure. Using root barriers can also help minimise damage.

A good rule of thumb is that tree branches extend about 1.5 times the distance of its branches.

Customers can also contact Greater Western Water or go online to Dial Before You Dig to find out where pipes are located on their property.

So, if you're planting trees this spring, a little planning first can help prevent costly issues down the track.

SUBMITTED BY JESSICA JORQUERA

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Authorised by Lisa Chesters, ALP, 16 Myers St, Bendigo

Federal government must support more GPs to deliver vaccines

Federal Member for Bendigo, Lisa Chesters, last month called on the Federal government to better support GP clinics to provide COVID-19 vaccines.

“If we want lockdowns to end, if we want restrictions to be eased then we need to get people vaccinated. We need to make it easy for people to access a job and we need that to happen quickly,” Ms Chesters said.

In information provided by Ms Chesters’ office, 64% of vaccinations in NSW have been provided by GPs, compared to 50% in Victoria. “We have known since the beginning of the rollout that for many GPs, it isn’t financially viable to run COVID-19 vaccination clinics,” Ms Chesters said.

“The government must ... secure a greater supply of vaccines and give GP clinics the confidence that allocated doses will show up. We can’t continue to have people turned away when promised vaccines just aren’t delivered”.

SUBMITTED BY JACOB KAYE

Woodend Traders invited to end modern slavery

Local resident and member of Australian Catholics Religious Against Trafficking in Humans (ACRATH) Margaret Leahy is asking Woodend businesses to join the campaign against modern slavery.

Margaret has written a letter to stores asking them to identify at least one product which they know, or have good reason to believe, has been produced in a slavery-free supply chain.

ACRATH has been working for more than 20 years to identify, raise awareness and seek to eradicate the many areas of human slavery which exist in the world. As such they can assist those who wish to identify products in their stores that are slavery-free.

According to Margaret, the response to date from Woodend businesses has been very positive.

For more information, please contact Margaret Leahy on 0408310868 or geemagleahy@outlook.com. For more information about ACRATH and their goal to promote slavery free supply chains please visit <https://acrath.org.au>

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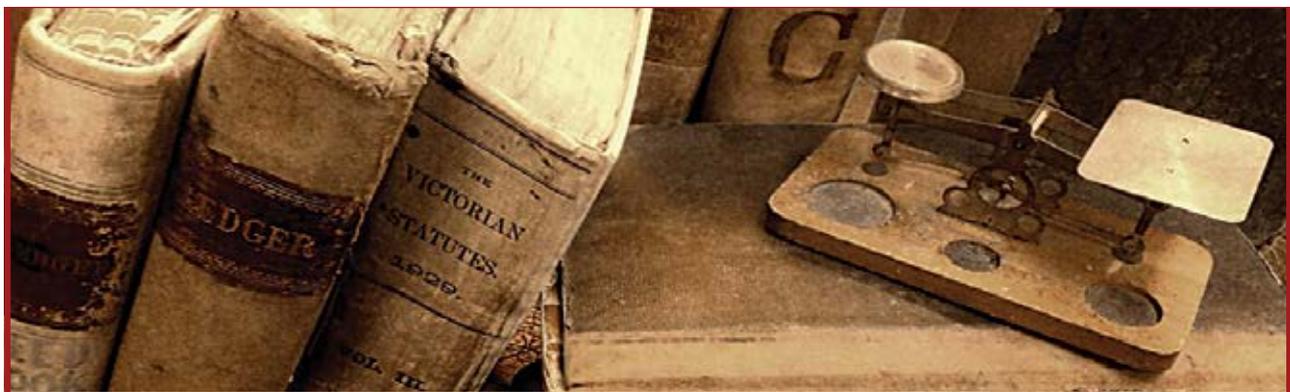
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Have your say – A Green Sport Action

This month our article has a difference. It is connecting the Woodend community of young people aged 18-25 and parents of children and young people to have their say on what Future Healthy means

for Victorians.

Visit <https://futurehealthy.vichealth.vic.gov.au/> to have your say.

What is Future Healthy?

“From September 2021, Future Healthy – led by health promotion foundation VicHealth – will work with organisations right across Victoria to make a difference in local communities.

We’ll be investing in grassroots community organisations – like your local community garden, arts or sports club. Organisations who know your local areas better than anyone and know how to make change happen.

We’ll also support organisations who are ready to make a big difference. This could be in a geographic area or for group of people with similar challenges around being connected, active, or accessing food that’s good for you and the planet.”

Why is VicHealth focusing on this work?

“In a time where we’ve been impacted by bushfires, pandemics, climate change and isolation, we’ve seen the impacts on health and well-being, especially for young people.

Future healthy is about building back a Victoria where young people feel supported to connect with their community, access healthier food and feel safe to exercise outdoors and try new opportunities”

This is a \$45 million investment over 3 years.

How can you get involved?

If you’re a young Victorian 18-25 or a parent of kids, health promotion foundation VicHealth wants to hear your reality and your ideas to build a healthier future together Get online and Have Your Say. What would support Victorians aged 0-25 to better connect, be active, and enjoy food that’s good for them and the planet?

You can complete a survey, add a video file, a list of ideas, a proposal once, twice, as many times as you like.

If you are a community organisation sign up to keep up to date with funding opportunities that are coming up in the next few months.

Why do I think this is important?

- With every degree of warming natural, social and economic ecosystems are stretched.
- Frontline communities and those who already experience disadvantage will be impacted first and most.
- In a sports context this means that access and affordability of sport and physical activity and the mental and physical health benefits it offers are reduced.
- Strong connected communities are more resilient to climate change.

Strong resilient communities can offer physical activity and sport to more people, more often, helping individuals and whole communities look after their health and wellbeing.

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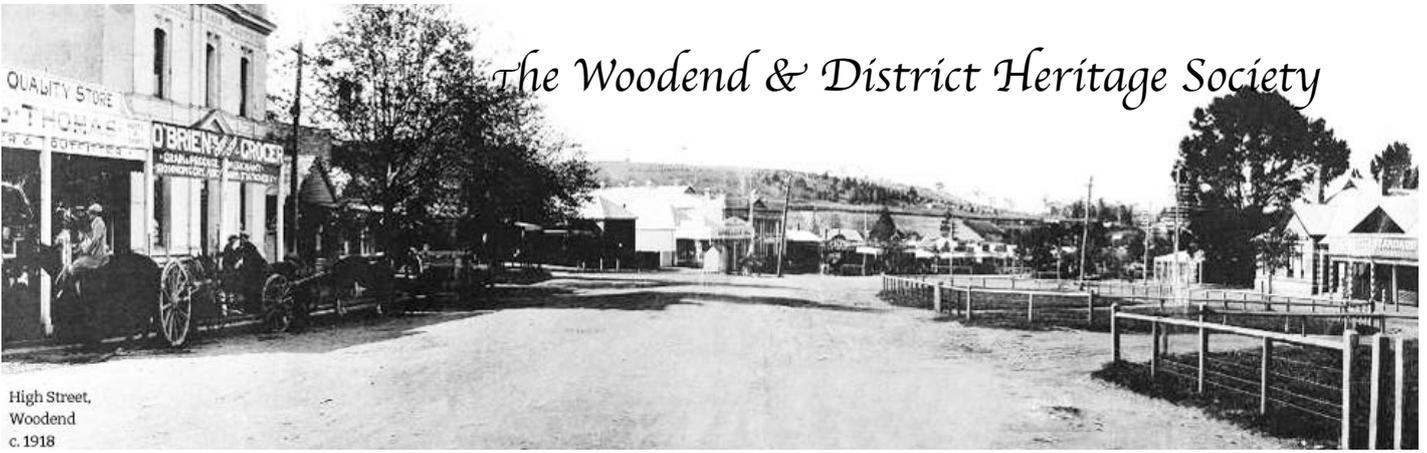
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The Steam Thresher

By the mid 1800s in Victoria, the manufacture of agricultural machinery was a thriving business. In Woodend, several farmers developed their own single- and double-furrowed ploughs and showed off their implements at local ploughing competitions. In 1872, Mr Lennon, Mr Grant, Mr Cunningham, Mr Walker and Mr Hutcheson were making ploughs for local farmers. In 1877, the ploughs of Mr Lennon dominated the ploughing contest, with eighteen on the field, but there were others made by more recent entrants – Mr Hay, Mr Tynan and Mr Cockburn. For the first time, in 1890, a contest was held for harrowing, in which blacksmith John Redmond won with his own set.

Photo 1150: Dobsons Threshing Team setting off to Chanters Lane, Ashbourne, for work.



As farm machinery continued to be invented and improved, shows of machinery drew huge crowds. Larger local and foreign farm machines were put on display at shows, such as that of the Port Phillip Farm Society in 1854, and steam threshing machines were just one example. Threshing machines separated the grain from the stem of the crop and made the process much quicker and easier than before. Demand for steam threshing machines was growing by 1856. Popular they were, but also dangerous, and that year a most unfortunate incident occurred in the area, when a young man's leg was entangled in the machine. Fire was another hazard, and farmers soon realised they should not operate the machines in high winds, in case of flying sparks.



In 1904, Mr Frank Bowyer of North Woodend bought a Leviathan New Australasian Steam Finishing threshing machine for £50 from John Danks & Son of Melbourne. Mr Bowyer wrote that it arrived in good order, although missing a small part, which was quickly replaced. Developments in agricultural machinery were rapid, and the steam thresher was eventually replaced by the header.

Photo 106: A steam-powered threshing machine on the Bowyers farm in North Woodend. The portable steam engine and threshing machine, owned by Mr Francis Bowyer Snr, operated until 1906 when it was sold.

SUBMITTED BY JANE HOLTH

Little Athletics Back on Track

Although there is little or no community sport taking place with the winter football and netball seasons being impacted by repeated lockdowns, there is hope that Kyneton's oval will be buzzing by early October with the sound of the return of Little Athletics.

Kyneton Little Athletics is scheduled to commence its 2021/22 season on Saturday 9 October at 9am. The club's President Ashley Fraser is optimistic about the upcoming season. "Whether or not our season starts on time we will be driven by LAVic and the health experts. Our main concern is the safety of the children; however we are hopeful with the correct COVID protocols and with the cooperation of our members that we can get the kids outside and running around in the beautiful Kyneton spring weather."

The season runs until the end of March 2021 and with many children and young people having been stuck at home with no organised sport the club is hoping that there will be an increased interest in athletics to get people moving again and working on their fitness.

"Last year we had 165 members ranging from aged 5 to 16," says Ashley. "This year we are continuing to focus on



coaching and hoping to see more senior athletes involved, using athletics is a great way to stay fit in the off season if they usually do other winter sports such as football and netball."

A wide range of track and field events are covered every Saturday morning at the Kyneton Showgrounds - sprint and middle distance running, hurdles, jumps, shot put, discus and javelin. Coaching is provided both to the children and their parents if they are interested in leading a group and the emphasis is on improving on personal bests each week. There is the opportunity to enter regional competitions and many Kyneton members have gone on to compete at state level.

"Athletics is a sport that you can continue to be involved in for your whole life," says Ashley. "Many elite athletes only started in their mid-teens and we have lots of former club



members who have gone on to join one of the many senior clubs in the region to continue their training."

Go to lavic.com.au to register and pick Kyneton as your preferred club. For more information, like and follow the club's Facebook page or call Ashley on 0417 549 257.

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Daylight Saving - Change your clock, change your smoke alarm battery

Daylight Saving Time begins at 2am (AEST) on Sunday 3 of October.

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

Remember, it is normally smoke, not flame or heat, that kills the majority of fire victims. When asleep, our sense of smell is largely diminished, and we're unlikely to smell smoke. The smoke may also put occupants into a deeper sleep, so a smoke alarm actually helps wake you.

Here are some interesting home fire facts:

- Following research by fire agencies across Australia, the CFA has issued a recommendation that smoke alarms be installed in every bedroom.
- Data collected over the past 10 years has revealed that most fatalities and injuries caused by residential fires are from blazes which have started in sleeping areas, and fewer than one in five (only 16%) of Victorians have a smoke alarm in their bedrooms
- CFA data shows that in the past 10 years there have been 79 deaths in residential house fires – 22 of these are from fires that started in sleeping areas, as well as 117 serious injuries
- If your bedroom door is shut and a fire starts in your sleeping area, you may never wake up.
- A recent survey conducted with input from more than 2,500 Victorians aged 18–64 revealed:
- Only one fifth (20%) of people tested their smoke alarms monthly
- Less than a third (30%) of people did not believe they need to clean their smoke alarms with vacuums yearly, while less than half (46%) of people actually did so
- One in five (22%) people only have one smoke alarm in their home.

Make sure you have a working smoke alarm:

The most important thing to remember is that **ONLY A WORKING SMOKE ALARM CAN SAVE LIVES.**

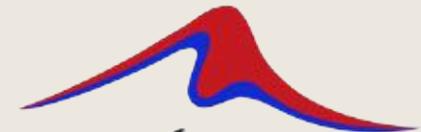
Everyone is therefore responsible for making sure they have working smoke alarms installed in their home.

Special smoke alarms are also available for people who hearing impaired. For further details visit the VicDeaf website.

For further information contact Captain Mike Dornau 5427 2356 or visit the station in Urquhart Street, and follow us on Facebook or our website: www.woodendcfa.org.

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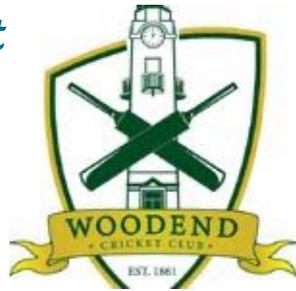


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SUBMITTED BY ANDREW PRICE

Girls-Only Cricket Is a Big Hit at Macedon Cricket Club



The Macedon Cricket Club has opened its doors to aspiring young female cricketers, with a dramatic increase in girls-only cricket teams. They are now seeking players from the broader area to fill the new teams.

“Cricket is such a wonderful sport for girls,” says Joanna Roch, the club’s coordinator of girls’ cricket, whose daughter, Emily, has played in and captained the Macedon girls’ team over the past two seasons. “It’s wonderful to see the friendships that develop in the team and the good spirit in which the matches are played,” she added.

This season, the club is seeking players for new girls-only teams in the under 11, under 13, under 15 and under 17 age groups. The club is also seeking players for what will be the only senior women’s team in the local area.

“The interest in girls’ cricket is really strong and is growing rapidly,” says Tim Shaw, the coach of the u17 girls’ team. “This year we’re delighted to create so many more opportunities for young girls to experience and learn about cricket in a fun, safe and supported environment. We’re thrilled that so many of our experienced u17 girls have successfully undertaken the Cricket Victoria Level 1 Coaching Accreditation course. This means we’re creating new opportunities for young girls to play cricket whilst we’re also creating opportunities for some of the older girls to coach their first team.”

The expansion of girls’ and women’s cricket at Macedon

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reflects a growing commitment to the game by the Gisborne & District Cricket Association. The Macedon teams will be playing in ‘Just for Girls’ competitions in under 13, under 15, under 17 and women’s competitions. The age-tiered competitions will be played on Friday evenings through the summer period and the women’s competition will be played on Sunday afternoons.

“With the loosening of COVID restrictions, we’re now able to commence some informal training sessions for new and established players,” said Tim. “It’s an ideal opportunity for girls to come along, play some cricket and decide if the game and environment is a good fit for them.”

For more information you can email macedongirlscricket@gmail.com or phone Joanna Roch (0427 819 268) or Tim Shaw (0447 006 130).

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Bowling – good for you and more fun than a crossword!

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To start with, it is a sport that you can learn quickly, and if you start young enough, can give you a challenge to enjoy for many decades to come.

The best way to start is to play social or recreational bowls and then possibly develop to play competition. However, many bowlers are happy to just play socially.

Lawn bowling offers low-impact physical activity – walking back and forth the length of the green several times throughout a game and, for those more physically able, the deep lunging delivery of the bowls.

For those with mobility issues, such as bad backs and wonky knees, there are various physical aids, including bowl lifters that cut down on stooping and ‘arms’ for bowl delivery without the deep knee bend.



The physical aspects are obvious, but there are also other health benefits as well. Being out in fresh air contributes to sleep. It is also a ‘mind game’ involving both strategy and tactics.

It is a great sport for older people, but more and more younger people are playing. In fact, one of the most common things we hear from later starters is that they wished they had started playing when they were much younger.

It is also probably the most multi-generational of sports. Can you think of many other sports where grandparents can play with their grandchildren? In fact, you can have three or four generations playing together. It’s not something you see in other sports – all the generations can play together competitively on an equal footing.

It’s also a great game for those who have played more physical sports, such as football, netball, basketball or cricket, to remain active without

putting a strain on their bodies. And what a great way for footballers and netballers to remain active during the ‘off season’ in a very competitive and social environment.

If you do want to take it more seriously, you even have the chance to represent your district, state and, eventually, even your country as lawn bowls is an official Commonwealth Games sport. There are also many tournaments being regularly held all over the country, which you can register for and try your luck at!

Club membership fees are very reasonable, and usually more affordable compared to golf and other sports.

The Woodend Bowling Club provides bowls for beginners and recreational players, as well as coaching.

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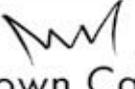


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Students Supporting Junior Readers

The Smith Family's student2student program is a peer to peer reading program in which older students volunteer in the role of a reading 'buddy' to support and encourage younger students who have fallen behind in their reading. The student2student program offers these younger children the chance to practice reading regularly with an older student, so that they can catch up with their year level.

student2student provides older students with a chance to make a difference by providing reading support and by sharing their love of reading. The reading program runs for 18 weeks, and both reader and buddy commit to reading 2-3 times a week, for 20-30 minutes each session. The reading is done at home via a phone or digitally. We couldn't run this program without the commitment and generosity of students such as those at Sacred Heart College, Kyneton. Further information on student2student can be found in the Our Learning Programs section of The Smith Family website - www.thesmithfamily.com.au

Mellka Geberat- student2student Program Specialist at The Smith Family

student2student at SHC

The Mercy values at Sacred Heart are at the very core of the College. The Mercy value for Year 11 is Service. At the start of the year, the College formed a relationship with The Smith Family reading program. Eight Year 11 students completed the required training and, through their commitment as Reading Buddies, lived the Mercy value of Service.

Through this program, our Reading Buddies are empowering their reader through care, praise and support. The impact they have on their reader is significant, as they develop their reading ability. The significance and value of the program is not lost on the Reading Buddies, as they can see the joy and pride in their reader as they improve throughout the reading sessions. This is the first year Sacred Heart has been involved in the program, and we look forward to more Year 11 Reading Buddies in the coming years.



Paul Matthews - Head of Senior School

"My experience with the student2student reading program has been very successful and an overall great experience. My journey was a little bumpy at the start while learning how to use the online Chatty Kids program, however, once I learnt that it was smooth sailing and a wonderful experience that I will remember forever. Assisting my buddy in reading has been so inspiring, watching us move up the levels and seeing the improvement my buddy is making. It fills me with joy that I am making a positive impact on my buddy's life." **Talia Willmot**



"Through the student2student reading program I have developed a great relationship with my buddy and I have also learnt many skills through my involvement in the program. I have read with my buddy around 3 times each week, progressively reading chapters and making our way through novels. Throughout the past few months my reading buddy has progressed so much, from needing quite a bit of assistance when reading, to now reading so smoothly and comprehending what is happening through the story. Overall, it has been very positive experience which I would definitely recommend. You really do get a lot out of it!" **Tasha Barron**



"We read quite regularly and she is really improving and gaining confidence. A highlight has definitely been when my reader finished a book and she found it easy to read. I find it really pleasing to how far she has come" **Paige K**

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