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"The WWAF committee thanks everyone who attended our 2022 Festival. Attendees from near and far enjoyed four days of engaging, immersive and thought-provoking events. We look forward to welcoming guests back to the event over the Queen's Birthday long weekend in June 2023."

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Despite some form of precipitation, often just heavy dew, on most days in May, the total was only a bit over half the average at 39.4 mm, for a year-to-date of 345 mm. We are still well above average for the year though, as normally we would have seen only about 260 mm at this stage. All forms of precipitation are counted in the official figures, including dew and melted frost.

Woodend's Rain report

Month	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	av 5yr
January	80.0	9.8	73.6	92.6	140.8	79.4
February	3.8	12.0	67.8	32.4	2.0	23.6
March	31.7	12.2	79.6	47.0	73.2	48.7
April	31.0	7.6	139.8	15.2	89.6	56.6
May	115.6	114.8	79.0	83.0	39.4	86.4
June	78.2	168.2	80.1	183.6		
July	73.3	63.2	49.3	115.6		
August	91.3	78.1	93.0	56.0		
September	26.2	38.3	56.3	72.8		
October	69.0	29.4	99.5	102.0		
November	55.5	64.8	54.4	91.2		
December	91.0	10.0	42.4	45.0		
Total mm	746.6	608.4	914.8	936.6	345.0	

The New Woodend Star and the Rotary Club of Woodend acknowledge the Dja Dja Wurrung, Taungurung and Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Peoples and their Ancestors as the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the lands of the Macedon Ranges on which we meet, work and live. We recognise their living culture and continuous connection to the land and waters in our area and pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

The 2022 National Entomology Insect Expo

For the first time in Australia, the 2022 National Entomology Insect Expo will be showcasing the Science of Entomology (Insects) to the general public with a spectacular exhibition over three days at the Woodend Buffalo Sports Stadium.

Featuring live specimens, rare insect collections, workshops, demonstrations, insect-themed artwork and insect displays from across the country, the Buffalo Stadium has been totally filled and booked out by exhibitors from all over Australia for the three-day event. Under the microscope will be the Central Victorian Regional Insect Collection – now the last collection representing the insects of central Victoria in existence. The collection’s managing director entomologist, Bert Candusio, said the CVRIC held rare and fascinating species he was excited to share with the public at the Expo.

“We have a rare specimen of one of the largest flies in the world, measuring 6.5 centimetres in body length – *Phellus Olgae* – which was collected at Lockwood,” he said. “We have also catalogued a particular species of camponotus ant that is unknown.”

Last year, La Trobe University asked Mr Candusio to step in and salvage its Bendigo campus insect collection due to a redevelopment. It comprises some 20,000 student specimens gathered from as early as the 1960s. “It forms a great baseline of data and we’re excited about all the spin-off research that can now happen as a result of having this collection,” Mr Candusio said. “Already, we know that due to global warming, we are now seeing species here that are typically from much further north.”

For now, the collection is housed in Woodend while a team works on the cataloguing, further development and creating a digital database. The next step is to find its permanent home so it can be enjoyed by the public and they have their sights set on Woodend. Mr Candusio was the founding director of the former Insectarium of Victoria, which was also housed in the town.

Sponsored by Bendigo Community Bank of Gisborne and Macedon Ranges Shire Council, the 2022 National Entomology Insect Expo is the major fundraiser for the group maintaining the CVRIC and will assist in purchasing equipment for proper storage, preservation and database development. Mr Candusio said he hoped the event would get more people interested in some of our smallest creatures.

“There is what I like to call a ‘Cute and Cuddly Effect’ whereby people want to save the koalas or panda bears, because they are cute and cuddly and it is what they are familiar with. What a lot of people don’t realize is that in order to do that, you must start with the conservation of invertebrates and insects,” he said.

The Expo will be held at Woodend’s Buffalo Stadium from July 1–3, opening 10am to 5pm. Mr Candusio said the expo will give entomologists, private collectors and insect breeders a chance to showcase their work. The CVRIC will showcase its collection alongside exhibitors from all over Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland and South Australia.

“It’s going to be pretty exciting and absolutely wonderful, especially for children, I mean the kids are going to be thrilled,” Mr Candusio said. With an art show, displays of



insect photography and a giant butterfly pantomime, Mr Candusio is sure the expo will cause a buzz of interest around the science of entomology.

Featuring insect breeders, spider and scorpion keepers and specialist insect retailers, this event will bring together a large number of both static entomological specimen collections, ‘live’ insects, spiders and related invertebrates, workshops, entomological merchandise and the ongoing research work of the CVRIC.

The Expo will also incorporate an entomological (insect) themed art show by Victorian and local artists and featured insect pantomime entertainment to meet and greet all visitors. Quality food catering will also be available on-site during the entire event.

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Whether you're looking for a little local knowledge, like minded neighbours to connect with or you'd like to give back by volunteering for a good cause, there is no shortage of wonderful organisations in the region that would be happy to welcome you! - **learn more via kgmg.com.au/not-for-profit**



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Recovery continues in Hepburn and Macedon Ranges

At the one-year mark following the devastating flood and storm event last June, the state government is continuing to support those in Hepburn Shire, Macedon Ranges Shire and surrounds with practical support to help them rebuild.

Last month, Member for Macedon Mary-Anne Thomas visited Trentham Fire Station, which was used as a Local Command Facility for four days following the storm event, operating 24 hours a day to help coordinate local response efforts. The station was a central point for those assisting on the ground, including CFA, VICSES, Ambulance Victoria and Victoria Police.

Trentham CFA received \$17,000 for a new generator through the Volunteer Emergency Services Equipment Program following the storm.

The storm and flood had a significant impact across the region. In Hepburn Shire, more than 45 per cent of the shire experienced damage, with 10,000 trees down and 220 roads damaged. In Macedon Ranges, 345 properties reported asset damage.

The free cleanup of damaged and destroyed structures and debris on residential properties was jointly funded by the Commonwealth and Victorian Governments. The \$105 million project cleaned up over 1,000 residential properties statewide, including 133 in Hepburn Shire and 167 in Macedon Ranges Shire.

To manage the large volumes of fallen trees and debris, an innovative green waste facility was established in Romsey. Since its opening, the facility has processed more than 13,000 tonnes of trees and storm debris, which have now been returned to the community as timber, fence posts, sleepers, stakes, firewood, mulch and sawdust.

Councils play a major role in helping people after recovery and can face significant resource demands in supporting their community. The Victorian government has invested \$8.2 million to help affected councils coordinate and drive recovery locally, including to help process planning matters quickly.

The Victorian government will also invest a further \$4.76 million to extend this funding to eight affected councils for another 12 months, including Macedon Ranges Shire and Hepburn Shire, ensuring they are resourced for the long-term recovery journey ahead.

The \$13.8 million recovery support package announced following the disaster provided dedicated and ongoing recovery case support. It has since provided a gateway for 2,200 Victorians seeking advice, accommodation, insurance, health, wellbeing and financial support.

The government has also streamlined planning requirements and the application process to help residents rebuild faster and will continue working with locals on the challenges people are facing – particularly where rebuilding in bushfire-prone areas when material and labour are in high demand.

“Recovering from a disaster is complex and takes time – we’re continuing to provide support to local families, businesses and communities who were affected by this unprecedented event,” said Ms Thomas.

SUBMITTED BY KATE LEE



Storm recovery one year on

June marked one year since the storm that caused widespread damage across the Macedon Ranges, and other parts of Victoria. In the days immediately after the storm, people were trapped on their properties without power and mobile coverage for days or weeks, and hundreds of trees down across roads in the shire cut off people’s ability to move about.

Recovery is expected to continue for both Council and private landowners for some time, and Council will continue to advocate on behalf of residents and provide support.

One of the challenges for clean-up efforts has been the size and number of trees that came down. In partnership with Bushfire Recovery Victoria (BRV), Council’s Romsey site helps to overcome these challenges by operating with local crews and specialist equipment.

The Romsey facility has allowed us to clear and process storm waste faster and on an enormous scale, and up-cycle waste into products which benefit our community.

Since its creation, the Romsey site has:

- Supplied ten Men’s Sheds across six shires with timber for community projects
- Woodend Men’s Shed have used milled timber to craft over 100 nest boxes for storm affected residents who want to support native animal habitats in their own backyards
- Created 50 kilometres of fencing supplies and retaining wall sleepers, for local residents and primary producers across the worst storm-affected farms and communities
- Milled 11,500 stakes for Council tree planting programs, saving thousands of dollars
- Created free firewood for residents
- Given free firewood to vulnerable members of our community, delivered to their homes
- Provided 90 truckloads of root balls to enhance fish breeding habitat within rivers and water systems across 10 water catchment authorities
- Delivered 225 cubic metres of sawdust to local pig farmers
- Processed 180,000 cubic metres of mulch, with free mulch available at transfer stations

For further information about support available visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/Storm-Recovery

The Department of Families, Fairness and Housing are also offering volunteers within the Macedon Ranges free Mental Health First Aid Training. To enquire contact recovery@mrsc.vic.gov.au



SUBMITTED BY CATHERINE CHAPMAN, MRSC

Woodend research organisation breaking new ground in the fight against Parkinsons



A team of international collaborators, led by a Woodend local, Australian researcher, Dr Greg Willis of the Bronowski Institute of Behavioural Neuroscience, have found a large piece of the puzzle that will help to treat Parkinson's disease more effectively. With colleagues from Toneyama National Hospital in Japan and, more recently, Stanford University in the USA, the team have defined the major role that the brain system controlling day/night function, the circadian system, plays in disease development, and how Parkinson's can be treated with non-invasive phototherapy. The international project, which extends over 28 years takes, this discovery from the lab to the clinic.

As Dr Willis points out, the problem with current drug treatments is that they are trying to replace the deficient brain chemical dopamine within two to three hours, when it took two to three decades for the loss of dopamine to occur: while the degeneration is painfully slow and subtle, the sudden, high-dose drug treatment becomes problematic; becoming excessively harsh over time, and side effects develop, including involuntary movement, hallucinations and drug overdosing, resulting in loss of quality of life.

As Dr Willis explains, the most powerful stimulus for effecting a change in circadian function is light, acting as a "time keeper" that regulates the internal body clock. It is essential that the right amount of light is given at the right time of day, and that it is monitored regularly. This has to be done carefully, over long periods, as circadian change is slow, and improvement is incremental, as it slowly returns circadian phase to normal. He says it is important to realise that sitting in the sunlight or using just any light will not provide predictable relief, as the time, type and intensity of exposure have to be carefully controlled over time, to produce beneficial effects. In the same way that a defibrillator puts a fading heartbeat back into phase, high intensity light, at the right time within the circadian cycle, puts the circadian system back into phase, and Parkinson's symptoms improve.

For this reason, Dr Willis and the group are developing a digital device that is based on a manual system that has been developed over 26 years and proven to be safe and effective, with a low incidence of side effects and high rates of patient satisfaction.

The Bronowski Institute's work shows that routine drug treatments must complement the protracted nature of

circadian function, as should novel treatments that are currently under development. The system developed by Dr Willis and his colleagues is compatible with current drug regimens.

The Bronowski Institute of Behavioural Neuroscience's Bronowski Clinic in Woodend is the world's first Circadian Neurology Clinic achieving a long-term

reduction in the movement-related symptoms of Parkinsons, as well as its secondary features, insomnia, depression, fatigue and anxiety, using phototherapy, a treatment that effectively slows the degenerative process of Parkinson's disease and improves quality of life.

The Clinic has operated for more than 25 years, treating patients from as far away as the US, Europe and Asia; and is seeing its first patients in India. Join the fight against this insidious condition, your ideas, support and feedback are valued and always welcome (director@bronowski.org).

For more information about the work of the Bronowski Institute of Behavioural Neuroscience, and the Bronowski Clinic, visit bronowski.org/the-bronowski-clinic/

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Baptcare seeking volunteer mentors to support local families

Baptcare's Home-Start Program, providing families with volunteer mentors, is expanding its service into the Macedon Ranges Shire and is seeking new volunteers to support local families. Baptcare's Home-Start program provides emotional and practical support for parents with at least one pre-school-aged child. The program has been successfully offered in the Greater Bendigo area for 13 years. This free program works with all cultures, religions and backgrounds and assists parents seeking support for post-natal depression, disability and social isolation. Volunteers are matched with a family to offer emotional support, link them into their local community and build parent confidence.

Volunteers complete a preparation course before working with a family and have ongoing support in their role from the Home-Start team. Jenny, an existing volunteer, says, "What a great choice I made when I decided to volunteer for the Baptcare Home-Start program. I was looking to do something meaningful, that involved new learning that would be rewarding, sometimes challenging and fun. Top score for all of the above!"

Home-Start is now looking for new volunteers to join this group of dedicated people. Jane Worthington, Home-Start Team Leader, says, "We have been so proud to continue service throughout the challenges of the COVID pandemic. We need more people who can offer 1-2 hours a week to provide much-needed support to families in the Macedon Ranges and Bendigo. For parents, this one-to-one companionship means so very much." To register your interest to volunteer, contact Jane on 0439 038 140.

SUBMITTED BY JANE WORTHINGTON, TEAM LEADER HOME-START VIC

Shining a light on the hidden harm of elder abuse



Kyneton Town Hall was illuminated purple for one week during June in recognition of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD), which is commemorated on 15 June every year. On this day, individuals and organisations worldwide seek to prevent elder abuse by highlighting the importance of the rights of older people.

Elder abuse is any act that causes harm to an older person and is carried out by someone they know and trust, often a family member or friend. The abuse may be physical, social, financial, psychological or sexual and can include mistreatment and neglect. Warning signs may include an older person seeming fearful, anxious or isolated, injuries, or an absence of personal care. Unexplained changes to legal documents or finances are also possible signs.

Older people can reduce the risk of elder abuse by making sure their financial, medical, legal and other affairs are in order. They must also be empowered to recognise the signs of elder abuse and encouraged to seek help.

If you are experiencing elder abuse, or concerned about an older person, you can get help by calling Seniors Rights Victoria on 1300 368 821 on Monday to Friday, from 10am to 5pm, or by visiting seniorsrights.org.au.

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Clarkefield to pilot innovative affordable housing model for Australia

Diversity of housing makes a community

Whether it is young families, retirees, tradies or white collar – a mix makes a community work. It is here that housing affordability becomes critical; get it wrong and you can simply price key parts of a community out of the market; for some in the community, any level of housing is simply not affordable, says Rob Pradolin, an advisor on the Clarkefield project and founder and executive director of Housing for All Australians, a private sector-led charity focused on creating an Australia where everyone has a roof over their head. At Clarkefield, a number of houses will be dedicated to those in need of affordable housing.

“Australia is in a housing crisis. We have an affordability problem, especially in Macedon Ranges,” says Rob, “and the number of households unable to access affordable accommodation without requiring some form of housing assistance is on the rise.” He says access to affordable housing is critical if we are going to attract key workers to service our community.

“At Clarkefield we are planning to trial an affordable rental housing model targeting key workers— a first for Australia.” With the model, known as PRADS—the Permanent Rental Affordability Development Solution—a dwelling is rented at below the market price for its economic life, and this is secured by way of a legal encumbrance on the property. Due to the encumbrance, the dwelling is then able to be sold, to investors generally, at a lower price. The investor then rents the dwelling to eligible tenants through an approved property manager.

“The outcome of the PRADS model is the creation of privately owned affordable rental housing that targets key workers and makes it affordable for them to rent close to where they work,” says Rob. “The PRADS model is scalable and has the potential to create a supply of long-term, affordable, private rental housing, without the need for any ongoing government subsidy.

“PRADS makes business sense, in that it is financially sustainable, and addresses a serious social need in our community. But it does require local government and the development industry to work together collaboratively,” he says.

SUBMITTED BY ROBERT PRADOLIN



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We received 113 responses, with 57% percent showing interest in purchasing compost from Council – most saying they would purchase every three to six months. A majority of those also said they would prefer to purchase in bulk (trailer load) whereas 34 opted for bags (approx. 20kg).

Amongst the feedback were suggestions for pricing of compost in bulk, bag and other sizes. Council is working on establishing the costs, and is looking at bulk delivery, self-loaded in bags, and the possibility of pick up from transfer stations as options.

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The five-bedroom, three-bathroom, double-storey, Georgian-style home had

views of the garden from every window. And every window needed quality drapes fitted into matching pelmets or recessed into the ceiling.

‘So that really started something!’ says Jim.

At the time, Karen and Barry Plant (yes, the real-estate agent) were ‘bringing San Diego’ to Melbourne, through their new prestigious building company Birchbank Homes. The couple were so impressed by the installation that they asked Bradley’s to supply curtains and blinds for all of the Birchbank builds, which they went on to do for over ten years.

Highlights of working with Birchbank were both personal and professional for Jim and Rhonda. Professionally, their work frequently appeared in pictures in magazines featuring award-winning houses built by Birchbank, including the Plant’s original house in Templestowe (pictured). A personal highlight was travelling to Sanctuary Cove to install window furnishings for Karen and Barry in their holiday apartment, then staying there for a few days. Working in a thriving business meant very few holidays, so this perk was gratefully taken up.

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Award-winning Healthy Landscapes program extended

The Healthy Landscapes Practical Regenerative Agricultural Communities program has been extended until 2024. The unique program supports farmers and rural land managers and is a collaboration between Macedon Ranges Shire Council, Hepburn Shire Council, the City of Greater Bendigo, Melbourne Water, A Healthy Coliban Catchment project (North Central Catchment Management Authority and Coliban Water), and the Upper Campaspe Landcare Network. All parties have committed in-kind and financial support to allow the program's continuance for another two years.

The aim of the Healthy Landscapes project is to enhance the capacity of rural landowners to implement sustainable land management practices and regenerative grazing techniques that improve soil health, reduce exposure to climate risks, sequester carbon and reduce emissions, and enhance biodiversity and waterway health.

In the last twelve months, the program has delivered popular grass identification workshops, a holistic grazing course, a small property management course and many other events and webinars to over 875 participants.

The program was recognised with a 2021 Premier's Sustainability Award for its success in facilitating practice change on properties.

Over the next two years, the program will continue to offer:

- Free individual on-farm advice
- Holistic grazing management course
- Small property grazing management course
- Webinars, field days and discussion groups
- Regular Healthy Landscapes newsletter

For more information visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/Healthy-Landscapes

SUBMITTED BY CATHERINE CHAPMAN, MRSC

Wild and Wonderful Winter Environment Events

Council has a diverse program of environment events over the coming winter months to stoke your curiosity in our wonderful natural environment in the Macedon Ranges:

- Families can enjoy Brushy the Phascogale's School Holiday program with local artist Jo Mott and the 'on the prowl' travelling biodiversity exhibition at our local libraries.
- Like to get out in nature? There are opportunities to take part in citizen science, walks and talks exploring local flora and fauna and a community-planting day at Hanging Rock.
- Those feeling the cold might like to tune in to the Prepare Your Home for Winter webinar with the Australia Energy Foundation.
- Love your local sport and want to see it thrive at a time of climate change? Join our Future Proofing Sports webinar with Annabel Sides from Green Planet Sports for some helpful tips to improve club practices for a sustainable future.
- If you're managing land in the Macedon Ranges, then our Healthy Landscapes program is for you. Featuring property visits, land management education and holistic grazing courses.

For more information, program bookings or to download an events program visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/environment-events

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Healthy Landscapes Holistic Grazing current graduating group at participant Sam White's Sidonia Beef farm.

Hello possum!

Successful Creatures of the Night spotlighting surveys

During the Autumn Festival, residents joined Macedon Ranges Shire Council officers on night walks out in the forests and woodlands of our shire. These night walks are carried out each year to help us assess the health of our environment and our precious nocturnal wildlife.

The results are in! After spotlighting in all six of our biolink areas, 108 individuals of 11 species were spotted, with the Common Ringtail Possum spotted 57 times! Often seen in pairs and pictured here by photographer Helen Evans.

We were also delighted to spot the threatened marsupial – the Brush-tailed Phascogale! The Brush-tailed Phascogale is an indicator of a healthy ecosystem, and is the target species for Council’s nest box program. This shy animal is rarely seen while spotlighting, so participants on the Cobaw and Mount William Range night walks were very lucky.

A big thank you to our citizen scientists, including over 70 adults and children, both locals and visitors from Melbourne!

You can find out about future spotlighting and environment events by subscribing to Environment Enews at mrsc.vic.gov.au/environment-ews

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Common Ringtail Possum, often seen in pairs and pictured here by photographer Helen Evans.

Ready to take the Plastic Free July challenge?

Council is taking the Plastic Free July challenge as part of our ongoing efforts to reduce plastic waste and protect our environment.

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1. straws
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Rotary celebrates the 35th Presidential Changover

Woodend Rotarians and friends came together for a very happy celebration to thank outgoing president Josephine Falzarano and welcome incoming president Charles Bender.

Josephine said it had been a privilege to lead the Club during a busy and successful year, which saw a return to face-to-face meetings and an increase in Club membership.

“The club’s continued to work to help the homeless, improve access to affordable housing, provide support for local youth and educators, develop the Rotary Centenary Project on Five Mile Creek; we became a peace club and started the conversation on what we can do to better protect the environment and reduce our carbon footprint. We continue to support the *End Polio Now Campaign* through the Rotary Foundation and raised enough money to fund over 10 Cleft palate operation for children in Bangladesh,” she said.

Josephine thanked the outgoing board and paid special tribute to those retiring from the board: Club Secretary Annie Hamer, International Director Allan Cann, Club Service Director Robert Rushford and Community Service Director Grant Hocking, who is stepping down to take up the role of District 9800 Chair of Rotary Foundation.

Each year at the changeover, Rotarians are awarded for their service and actions. This year, Josephine awarded the Darryl Crozier “Service above Self” to Robert Rushford for his outstanding work and commitment to the role of Club Service Director, and the Paul Harris Award to Paul Quinn. Paul was acknowledged for his work as Youth Director, and, in particular, for seizing and creating opportunities to mentor and support our local young people.

Charles, previously president in 2011/12 and 2014, was warmly welcomed by members. He said he was very excited to be taking on the presidency for the next year.

“We have a big year planned. Following a two-year break for the pandemic, Club members are looking forward to bringing back the Woodend Community Halloween Party, bigger and better than ever and officially opening the Centenary Project to celebrate 100 years of Rotary in Australia. The Rotary International Convention is coming to Melbourne in May next year, bringing opportunities for us to meet and host Rotarians from around the world.”

Charles welcomed the new board, which includes a number of new and continuing members: Adriaan Adolph, Mick Deviny, Josephine Falzarano, Mike Hamer, Rosemary Guyatt, Terry Longton, Paul Quinn, Steve Simpson, Tony Waters and Deidre Willmott.

A highlight of this year’s Handover Lunch was the presentation of a cheque for \$30,000 from *The New Woodend Star*. *The New Woodend Star* is a Rotary initiative underpinned by volunteers and funded by advertising revenue. The major part of any net proceeds are returned to the community as donations to local causes or on projects in the Woodend community.

SUBMITTED BY DEIDRE WILLMOTT



The Darryl Crozier award 'Service above Self' was given to Robert Rushford.



The new board of the Rotary Club of Woodend.



New President Charles Bender.



Josephine Falzarano thanking the club for their support during her presidential year.



Welcome new member Jon Hazelton

Jon moved to Macedon in 2010 from Melbourne. Jon loves the balance of the blissful environment we live in, with the bright lights of the city only being an hour away. He has worked in career counselling since 2011, and is currently studying a Graduate Diploma in Counselling at Deakin University, for supporting people to have the 'full'

conversation, to tap into their unique strengths and to help them with solutions to find their paths forward. Jon's passions are yoga and wine — "Balance is essential," he says!

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Presentation of TNWS cheque. L-R: Josephine Falzarano, Jane Watters, Deidre Willmott

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Cleaning up or building? Careful – that native vegetation may be protected!

Concerns about increased incidents of illegal vegetation removal in the shire have prompted Council to urge residents to contact us before removing or trimming native vegetation.

Native vegetation is protected and a permit may be required for removal of trees, bushes, grasses and herbs. These plants may be protected by planning controls including significant landscape, environment significance, vegetation protection and heritage overlays. There may also be agreements or covenants on land titles relating to vegetation protection.

Examples of property clean up that may require a permit include:

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- Any tree or shrub removal

The Victorian Government's policy for native vegetation is outlined in the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning's Guidelines for the Removal, Destruction or Lopping of Native Vegetation. This is a state-wide document and must be considered by Council when assessing proposals to remove native vegetation.

These guidelines seek to ensure there is no net loss to biodiversity as a result of the removal, destruction or lopping of native vegetation. They also assist in the protection of vital habitat for insects, reptiles, birds and mammals.

Before you remove or modify any native vegetation contact us on 5422 0333 to clarify if a planning permit is required or visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/Native-Vegetation

Unauthorised clearance of native vegetation is illegal under the Planning and Environment Act 1987 and the Macedon Ranges Planning Scheme. Offenders may be prosecuted and receive heavy penalties.

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An attentive audience attended the Sheila Drummond Memorial Lecture during this year's Woodend Winter Arts Festival, with Sally Warhaft and Sean Kelly discussing the recent federal election.
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Excerpts from the Captain's Address to the Annual Dinner

I'd like to welcome everyone to the 2022 Woodend Fire Brigade Annual Dinner, in the 126th year of the Brigade's history.



2021-22 was another busy year – with well over 100 call outs. And this year, the trend has continued with nearly 40 so far!

The Covid-19 pandemic continued to present us with issues and several periods of lockdown – which had a significant impact on how we had to operate for much of last year. But we did a fantastic job getting through it.

There must have again been some divine intervention after all of that to give us a second consecutive relatively quiet Fire Danger Period last summer – with not one TFB for two fire seasons – something I cannot recall happening for many years, if at all!

There are a lot of people to thank for making that time as smooth as possible.

Thank you to the officers and other members of the BMT. Most members probably don't realise how much work they put in over a year.

Thank you to all members of the brigade. We have to remind ourselves that we are all volunteers, and can realistically put in as much as we can. To those who really put in – thank you very much.

As this is my last Dinner as Captain, I thought it would be interesting to see what we have achieved as a brigade in my five years in this position.

First of all, I want to say what a privilege and honour it has been to work with such a great and dedicated group of people. Not only as Captain for the last five years but also as an Officer for seventeen years.

So, what are some of the major things that have happened in my time as Captain?

When I became Captain, I outlined the important need for the brigade to develop and implement a strong succession plan, and this has worked very well, with the structure of the BMT and broader management roles. Following recent elections, we once again have a full and very strong Brigade Management Team on many different levels.

We have continued to respond brilliantly to emergencies in many areas – especially through some very difficult times such as Black Summer.

We have maintained a strong and targeted recruitment program. We've lost a few members and welcomed some new ones, and it will be great to see their skills and experience develop.

Our new Large Tanker arrived and did a brilliant job with our crews in NSW during the Black Summer fires. We have more members nominated for National Emergency Medals from this campaign.

We were successful in gaining a grant for a new Medium Tanker 2, which is due later this year.

We organized the purchase of a new purpose-built FCV, which arrived late last year.

We transformed our old Support vehicle for the new Rehab



program, and we are currently in the process of applying for a grant for a purpose-built Rehab Unit. So, with a pretty modern fleet, that just leaves the 25-year-old Pumper.

We put the finishing touches on the new shed, with grants for shelving and storage.

We've done work at the Running Track, including the installation of bollards to protect the surface and our infrastructure.

We received grants for the new lockers in the changeroom and also a grant for our static generator, which keeps us powered when there is none.

Upgrades to member facilities – such as couches and important IT upgrades, which need to be managed on an ongoing basis, including new iPads, computers, a printer and Bluetooth speakers, as well as a new fridge and noticeboard, etc.

Important new equipment such as a Defib, TIC, extra BA sets, new hoses and fittings, torches, Protec branches, the Big Easy kit, chainsaw equipment, first aid kits and equipment, and new tools.

We transformed the front of the station with the new Fire Wise Garden. What a great effort from the germination of the idea, through the design phase, gaining the grant and then construction, planting and maintenance. I think you will all agree the result is a real showcase, and the team involved should be very proud, as I am as Captain.

We also started the new Juniors Program, which has gone from strength to strength – thanks to the dedicated team for making this happen and the ongoing running.

We have continued a strong community presence, as well as a consistent exposure in the media and social media campaigns.

So, we have achieved a great deal in my five years as Captain, and I want to thank every member who has made it happen.

We also have a great deal to look forward to over the years ahead under a new leadership group, with new Captain Steve Ritchie.

Of course, I am going to remain very active in the brigade, and Steve and I have had discussions in this regard – especially helping him settle into the important Captain's role.

I just want to conclude by reminding our members to never underestimate the value and importance of what we do for our community, our state and even the nation, with the brilliant work that we do. The CFA's goal is to help save lives and property – and that is exactly what we do.

For further information, contact the Woodend CFA on 5427 2356, or visit the station in Urquhart Street. Follow us on Facebook, or you can visit our website: woodendcfa.org.au

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Free camps for students in Macedon

The state government will help Victorian kids enjoy the best camps, sporting programs and cultural experiences Victoria has to offer, re-engaging them in the extracurricular activities they loved before the pandemic.

Member for Macedon, Mary-Anne Thomas, announced in June that local camp providers Doxa Youth Foundation in Malmsbury and PGL Adventure Camps in Tylden, will be delivering free camps during 2022, targeting those students who wouldn't normally have the chance to attend a camp.

"Congratulations to Doxa Youth Foundation and PGL Adventure Camps on partnering with the Victorian Government to deliver fantastic camps that I know will provide wonderful experiences for kids in Macedon as well as students across the state," Ms Thomas said.

Victorians stayed home during the pandemic to slow the spread of coronavirus, but that also meant schools had to cancel sports, camps and all of the other extra activities kids love.

Positive Start in 2022 will help get students back out and about around the state, and support their physical and emotional health and wellbeing.

The \$84.3 million program will focus on students from government and low-fee non-government schools who have been most affected by COVID-19 school closures – as well



L to R : Adults with students and school captains of St Ambrose PS; Deputy Principal, Debbie Geisler; Principal, Bronwyn Phillips; Mary-Anne Thomas MP; Architect Mardi Butcher from Melbourne Archdiocese of Catholic Schools

Upgrading local schools brick by brick

Students in Woodend will soon have access to the first-rate classrooms and facilities they deserve, with work under way upgrading St Ambrose Primary School.

Member for Macedon, Mary-Anne Thomas has recently turned the first sod to start construction on St Ambrose's \$3.2 million upgrade, which will help it deliver a 21st century education.

Raysett has been appointed to build the upgrade, which will include a refurbishment that includes two general learning areas, art room, administration and associated spaces.

St Ambrose's upgrade will create local jobs, with work expected to be completed by early 2023.

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as students and schools that might otherwise be unable to participate in an outdoor education or camp program.

These camps will provide unforgettable experiences for students that might otherwise have missed out – paddling a canoe under the stars, doing a rockpool ramble, trying their hand at a boomerang, or conquering the high ropes course.

A further \$12.4 million will provide access to a broad range of arts, sporting and cultural experiences for students at every government and low-fee non-government school in Victoria.

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A new partnership to support students with disability

A program of the state government ensures Victorian students with disability in Macedon are better supported by their teachers and peers, through a new partnership with Australian of the Year Dylan Alcott AO and Get Skilled Access.

The new partnership will design and deliver a series of Abilities Awareness in Schools resources to promote disability awareness among students and staff, as part of the state government's Disability Inclusion reforms.

The resources will include videos featuring Dylan Alcott and others with lived experience of disability – exploring topics to build students' understanding of disability and improve their confidence to interact with classmates with disability. It will target students of all ages in mainstream primary and secondary schools.

The resources, which will start to roll-out from Term 3 this year, will also see the delivery of workshops and new evidence-based resources for teachers and staff, helping them foster school environments inclusive for all students.

The government's Australian-first \$1.6 billion Disability Inclusion reform has started rolling out in classrooms across Victoria.

As part of this new approach, new facilitators are helping schools and families work together to identify each student's unique strengths and how to best support their learning and participation – meaning schools will be able to better plan and adjust support for students throughout all stages of their education.

Ms Thomas said of the program, "We can always do more to support students with disability at school – with these new resources from Get Skilled Access, we're building our school communities' understanding of disability to make every single school in Macedon an inclusive one.

The Victorian Budget 22/23 also included \$326 million to deliver upgrades for 36 special schools – meaning every government special school will have had a major upgrade since we were elected in 2014.

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Kids' poster competition making waves for Water Week

To celebrate National Water Week, Greater Western Water is inviting primary-aged students to design a poster and be in the running for some great prizes.

The annual poster competition is open for entries until 2 September, with winners announced during National Water Week (17-23 October 2022). This year's theme is 'Our water stories'.

There are 15 prizes up for grabs across five categories for a range of ages and abilities. There's also a \$500 school prize sponsored by Southern Rural Water, to go towards your school's sustainable project. First prize winners in each category will enter the state-level competition.

About National Water Week

National Water Week builds awareness of the value of water. Covering three-quarters of our planet and making up two-thirds of our bodies, water shaped our history and inspires our future. First Nations people have protected and sustained our water and lands for more than 65,000 years. It is a precious resource that we need to continue to protect.

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New Macedon Ranges sports precinct underway

A new sports precinct in New Gisborne is set to give regional athletes the ultimate home advantage in the Macedon Ranges.

Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence today joined Member for Macedon Mary-Anne Thomas and representatives from Macedon Ranges Shire Council as works officially started on the Macedon Ranges Regional Sports Precinct, backed by a \$14.8 million investment from the state government.

Featuring an indoor multi-sports stadium with three competition courts, the show courts will be line marked for netball and basketball, while the stadium will also be able to host badminton and volleyball.

Adjacent to the stadium, a sports oval and pavilion with female-friendly change rooms will be built to support the development of local football and cricket.

"The Macedon Ranges is a fast-growing community and it's important that locals have modern and accessible sporting facilities so people can get out and stay active," said Ms Spence.

Once complete, the new sporting precinct will be a boost for local clubs and their players, as well as community groups to meet and develop local programs.

The project is expected to create 68 full-time jobs during construction, and another 23 jobs once fully operational.

Feasibility studies have shown a growing need for new courts and sporting fields in the area, with more families moving into New Gisborne and surrounding suburbs.

The government's investment in the precinct includes \$11.6 million from the Local Sports Grants initiative and \$3.2 million from the Growing Suburbs Fund, with Macedon Ranges Shire Council contributing more than \$10 million and the AFL \$100,000. The federal government has also committed \$15 million towards the project.

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Your community diary

— JUNE —

28..... Community Lunch – RSL

— JULY —

- 1-3..... National Entomology Insect Expo at Buffalo Stadium
- 1..... Pathways for Carers (walking group)
- 2..... Woodend Farmers' Market
- 5..... Free info session Commonwealth Health Support Program
- 5..... LGBTIQA+ Youth Leadership day Sunbury/Cobaw health
- 7..... Community immunisation session WCC
- 8..... Close self-nomination Business Excellence Awards
- 9..... Chamber Poets @ RSL, 1pm
- 9..... Future Creations Zine Launch at Woodend Library
- 11..... Learn to Play Bridge classes commence
- 13-14..... Mental Health First Aid course – session 2
- 14..... Author Nicole Hurley-Moore at Woodend Library
- 16..... Jimeoin at Kyneton Town Hall
- 16-17..... Mount Players One Act Play Festival
- 29..... Kyneton Battle of the Bands
- 31..... Nomination close for 2022 Youth Awards

— AUGUST —

- 2..... Inclusive Storytime at Woodend Library
- 2..... Feed me to the roses info session, Woodend Library
- 4..... Community immunisation session WCC
- 5..... Pathways for Carers (walking group)
- 6..... Woodend Farmers' Market
- 19..... Mount Players opening of Reservoir Dogs

— SEPTEMBER —

- 1..... Community immunisation session WCC
- 3..... Woodend Farmers' Market
- 4..... Father's Day
- 14-15..... Mental Health First Aid course – session 2
- 23..... Public Holiday day before Grand Final
- 24..... AFL Grand Final

— OCTOBER —

- 1..... Woodend Farmers' Market
- 16..... Lions Sunday Market

— NOVEMBER —

- 1..... Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
- 20..... Lions Sunday Market

— DECEMBER

- 18..... Lions Sunday Market
- 25..... Christmas Day (Sunday)
- 26..... Boxing Day (Public Holiday)
- 27..... Public Holiday in lieu of Christmas Day

Always check with organisers about any events listed. To have your event listed on our calendar just send the details to:
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Battle of the Bands is back!

Music in the Sticks will host Battle of the Bands 2022 at Kyneton Town Hall on Friday 29 July. The event will showcase local young talent and provide young people within our FReeZA program an opportunity to learn new skills and gain experience performing live in front of an audience.

Two prizes are up for grabs on the night, including the Judges Prize and the People's Choice Prize. The Judges Prize will be awarded to the artist who receives the highest score from the judging panel, and the winner will receive a merchandise pack valued at \$500 to help support the promotion of their music. The People's Choice Prize will go to the artist who draws the largest crowd! This will be measured through ticket sales and at the door, with the winner receiving a \$200 voucher for Manny's/Store DJ, a leading music retailer in Australia.

The judging panel will consist of two community members who are prominent in the local music scene, a young person and a representative from Council.

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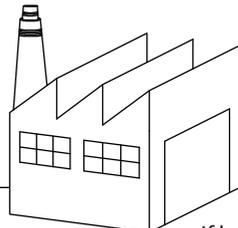
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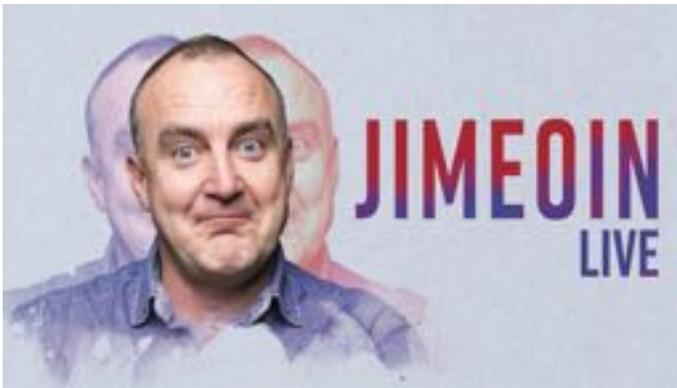
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The Mount Players Happenings



Auditions for our November production, *When the Rain Stops Falling*, an Australian drama by Andrew Bovell, will be held this month on 23 and 24 July. The story spans four generations of dysfunction in one family's lineage of secrets, abandonment and the search for answers. An epic work of drama with a cast of eight, offering male and female roles with ages ranging from 20s to 60s. For a script and full details on the play and to book an audition time, please contact Director, Vicki Smith at stagestruck58@me.com

Our third production, the Tarantino thriller *Reservoir Dogs*, will open on Friday 19 August and run to Sunday 4 September. The play has been adapted for the stage with a full female cast. Creative Director, Craig Lenaine-Smith (Director of *Harold & Maude* in 2014) will put his own special touch on this classic, including live music on stage.

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION: This production of *Reservoir Dogs* is for a mature audience only. It contains high level coarse language, sexual references, stylised depictions of violence, simulated gun shots, the use of strobe lighting effects and stage cigarettes which produce an odour.

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U3A Kyneton Choir

U3A Kyneton offers lifelong learning, physical activity and social and community interaction primarily for members in the third age of life.

Adam Przewlocki, 'one of the choir men of the Macedon Ranges', has accepted U3A Kyneton's invitation to direct the choir. There will be ten weekly sessions held from 15 July until 16 September. Practice sessions will commence on Fridays at 12 noon and finish at 2.00pm.

Adam is proposing to work towards a goal; a public performance during the Daffodil Festival. There are manifold benefits attached to choir singing – it creates a strong sense of community and social inclusion. It increases self-esteem, and is an ideal way to express emotions and to strengthen the immune system.

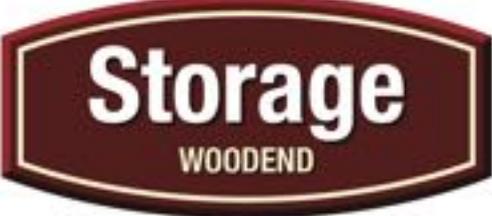
Previous experience and the ability to read music are not necessary.

U3A will be performing with other Kyneton choirs– the Sea Shanty Choir and the Rainbow Choir, as both are also involved with the Daffodil Festival. The plan is for continuation of the choir with a second series in October to December.

Further information about U3A Kyneton can be found on u3akyneton.org.au, by email at info@u3akyneton.org.au or by calling John/Roni on 0439 360 763.

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Woodend RSL would like to say a big thank you to our community, volunteers and local businesses for all your support during the 2022 ANZAC Appeal.

Together, you helped raise an incredible \$12,140.70.

Woodend RSL is a 100% volunteer-based sub-branch. So this support means the world to us!

100% of funds raised through the 2022 ANZAC Appeal will support veterans and their families in times of need. Your donations help greatly, and will allow the Woodend RSL to positively impact veterans' lives, by providing support where it's needed.

The Woodend RSL Bar is open for refreshments every Thursday and Friday from 5pm until late. Everyone is welcome. The sub-branch is a great opportunity to become involved in the community and make new friends in a supportive and inclusive environment.

We look forward to having further collaboration with the community over the coming months, and once again, we thank everyone for their volunteer efforts, support and generous donations during this time.

If you are a veteran going through a difficult time, the Woodend RSL has a CONFIDENTIAL welfare service available to assist. Our welfare team can be contacted on 0428 989 077.

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Woodend Library

Future Creations Zine Launch and Zine Maker Space

Saturday, July 9, 10am – 12 noon

Drop into our relaxed and informal makerspace and discover the fun of zines. Experienced ziner Kelly Robson will be there, with lots of materials, examples and advice if you want it. We will also launch Future Creations Volume 7, a zine created by young people living in the Macedon Ranges. Ages 12-17 years. (Adults and keen kids over 8 also welcome!)



A zine is a small-circulation, self-published work of original or appropriated texts and images, reproduced via a photocopier.

Light catering provided. No bookings required.



Nicole Hurley-Moore: Fairy Tales and the Dark Path

Thursday, July 14, 6 – 7pm

Fresh from Goldfields Gothic to you! Author Nicole Hurley-Moore leads us down a dark path of fairy tales through a magical and terrifying forest to another world of enchantment, filled with both good and evil. Today, many fairy tales have been simplified and sanitised from their original frightening forms, but if you like your tales dark, join Nicole as she explores older versions of our favourite stories. For adults and teens.

Please book here: goldfieldslibraries.com/woodend-events/ or call 5427 2074



Inclusive Storytime

Tuesday, August 2 at 10am

For children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), Storytime can be challenging. Large groups of people, loud noises and variation to routine can cause anxiety. Inclusive Storytime sessions cater for all children and meet the unique needs of children with ASD, by providing a controlled environment that helps autistic children feel safe and settled. The sessions also incorporate special features like sensory materials and picture exchange communication system cards (PECS).

As well as helping to develop early literacy and school readiness skills, Inclusive Storytime provides important opportunities for the children to interact socially and enables parents and carers on similar journeys to connect. These sessions also establish libraries as a "safe place" and can help to strengthen community awareness around autism.

Please join us on Tuesday 2 August, 10am at Woodend Library for Inclusive Storytime. All are welcome to attend, and no bookings are required.

Feed Me to the Roses

Tuesday, August 2, 2 – 3pm

In recognition of Dying to Know Day on 8 August, join Hayley West for a frank but fun information session on environmentally-conscious body disposal methods – including natural burial, human composting and water cremation.

Hayley is an artist, death literacy advocate and a member of the Natural Death Advocacy Network. She also hosts Death Cafes and is on the Castlemaine Cemetery Trust.

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New investment to get music venues back on track

Victoria's world-famous live music venues have received a boost from the state government to get artists back on stages and audiences back in venues, and to help live music make a strong return across the state.

Member for Macedon Mary-Anne Thomas, in May visited the Macedon Railway Hotel, which has received a grant through the Victorian Live Music Venue Support Program. The Palais Hepburn also received funding under the program. "Congratulations to the Macedon Railway Hotel and The Palais Hepburn. The community can look forward to more live music, close to home."

Targeting venues with capacities of 50 to 1,200 people, the program provides grants of up to \$65,000. This investment recognises the critical role music venues play in the state's live music scene, not just setting the stage for memorable gigs but providing a vital platform for artists and employment for industry workers.

With dedicated funding for programming live gigs, the initiative is getting musicians back where they flourish – on the iconic stages across the state that showcase why Victoria is the live music capital of Australia.

Since the start of the pandemic, more than \$80 million has been provided in dedicated support for the music sector, including earlier tranches of the Live Music Venue Support Program.

The Victorian Budget 2022/23 continues this commitment, with an additional \$2.9 million to establish and strengthen regional touring circuits for live music and expand revenue streams for local artists.

In further support for live music, the government is also offering music fans a 25 per cent rebate for ticket purchases over \$40 through the Victorian Entertainment Program.

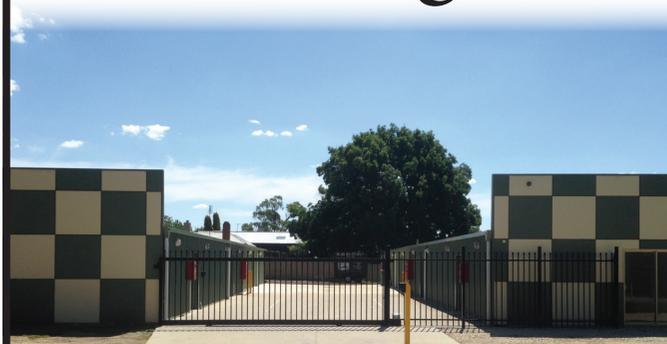
For the full list of venues supported through the Live Music Venues Support Program, visit creative.vic.gov.au.

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Stef Duzel is pictured with Mary-Anne Thomas.

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Community Connections Woodend 1st Scout Group

We were blown away by the support we received at 1st Woodend Scout Group's Log Cabin Café over the Queen's Birthday long weekend. It really was a whole group undertaking, with our Venturers, Scouts, Cubs, Leaders, committee members and parent helpers all pitching in to make the café a success. Activity started on the Friday night, with our Venturers and parents giving the Log Cabin a good clean in readiness for customers, whilst our Scouts busied themselves in the kitchen, making delicious hedgehog slice. Fast forward to Sunday morning, where the soup was steaming, sandwich presses working overdrive and tea and coffee flowing. The Log Cabin Café is our key fundraising activity for the year, and a fantastic way for us to raise funds to replace our well-worn camping equipment, but more importantly it is a great learning experience for our Scouts and Venturers. A huge thank you to everyone who came along and enjoyed our hospitality.

Our youngest Scouts have been making connections in the community with the support of local groups. A huge thank you to the Woodend Men's Shed for their support making 16 wooden echidna bodies for the Joeys to practice their hammering skills. The Joeys loved having a go and were really proud of their final product!



The Joeys accompanied their friends from Wills Cub Unit as they visited the SES Unit in Woodend, learning all about the important work they do supporting our community. They got to have a look at some of the SES' tools and safety equipment, learnt new knots and found out what to pack in a home survival kit. The visit helped our Joeys and Cubs work towards their SES Awareness Badge, which they now proudly wearing on their uniforms!

Cubs from Burke Unit have been out in the community visiting the Kyneton Toyota Sports & Aquatic Centre as they worked towards their Outdoor Adventure Skills badges in Aquatics. The Cubs had a fantastic night practicing their swimming skills and learning about safety in the water.

Finally, a huge congratulations to two of our young Cubs who joined their peers and Leaders from across the region to complete the Macedon Ranges Ramble. They hiked a whopping 18km over Mt Macedon and Mt Towrong in far from ideal conditions. The hot drinks enjoyed by families at the Trading Post at the end of the Ramble were certainly well received!

It's great to see our Scouts of all ages out in the community once again. If you're interested in learning more about Scouting with 1st Woodend Scout Group, contact our Group Leader Chris Eagle on gl.woodend1st@gmail.com.

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From your West Ward Councillors

Most of you will have caught up by now that Council approved the sale of the Hanging Rock East Paddock to the State Government. The sale of the East Paddock has been under consideration for several years and offers the benefit of combining the entire Hanging Rock precinct (consisting of the Hanging Rock Reserve, owned by State Government, and East Paddock, currently owned by Council) into a single state park. The Hanging Rock Reserve is home to Hanging Rock itself, as well as the Racing Club, racetrack and the Cricket, Tennis and Petanque clubs. The East Paddock is the open space typically used for special events, such as concerts.

However, the recent decision to sell the East Paddock was a difficult one for council to make, as the master planning process was also being undertaken concurrently by the State Government and involved the whole Hanging Rock precinct. It was often difficult for people to understand that the two processes needed to be considered separately.

In our motion to approve the sale, Council predicated the sale on commitments being given by State Government to: maintain the East Paddock as public open space, protect the significant natural and cultural values and views of the site, understand the importance of alternative facilities for existing Hanging Rock sporting groups being identified, planned, funded and delivered, and to maintain representation of Macedon Ranges Shire Council in future governance and management arrangements of the Hanging Rock precinct.

There is still a long way to go before these processes are all finalised, but we are optimistic that the path we have taken will ultimately benefit our community and guarantee the preservation and viability of the Hanging Rock Precinct both in the short term and for generations to come. Our thanks go out to all of you in the community who provided feedback to us on the proposed sale of the East Paddock and to DELWP on the proposed master plan. One feature of the proposed master plan that we find very pleasing is the involvement of our three Traditional Owner groups in the development of the draft and their proposed ongoing engagement in the management and governance of the precinct.

Many thanks also to everyone who has contributed to our budget process. Council budgets are very tight and experience many competing demands that we obviously cannot fully address. Input from community members helps councillors and council officers understand what is important to the community and often throws up previously unidentified priorities as well as unexpected solutions to what had appeared to be intractable problems. We are blessed in the Macedon Ranges with an engaged community who provide a lot of feedback, ideas and, where necessary, criticism, to council, and we thank you all for it, and strongly encourage you to keep it happening.

On the topic of community consultation, the council has recently moved the annual Community Satisfaction Survey into a quarterly process to enable community sentiment to be measured at different times in the year. The results will still be collated into a single annual report. Interviewing of a randomly selected group of people began at the end of the April-June quarter, with the final report expected in May 2023.

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Well done to all those involved in organising and running the Woodend Winter Arts Festival across the long weekend in June. As usual, a range of events was on offer – this year featuring musical performances, throat singing and an election dissection. The Friday night fireworks were very well attended and a huge hit at Buffalo Stadium. Attendees at the festival were not only able to enjoy the artistic performances on offer but also experience the broad range of attractions of Woodend and the surrounding area.

In some exciting environmental news, the Macedon Ranges has been recently identified as an epicentre for low-lying Snow Gums (below 800m elevation) in Victoria, with the largest population being identified in Newham. At higher elevations, between 900-1000m, some of the largest stands of Snow Gum outside of Eastern Victoria can be found on the slopes of Mt Macedon.

Best wishes and stay warm,
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Mark, Janet, and Jennifer

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Macedon Ranges Business Excellence Awards 2022 – Nominations closing soon!

Nominations for Josh's Rainbow Eggs Macedon Ranges Business Excellence Awards 2022 are closing 8 July, so if your business is doing amazing things make sure you register by the cut-off!

This is the perfect opportunity to share a story about your business or an individual who works in your business and tell us how this has contributed to business excellence in the shire. There are 11 award categories including the People's Choice Award and Business of the Year.

Find out more at mrsc.vic.gov.au/business-awards or contact 5422 0333.

Nominations closing soon for the 2022 Youth Awards

Nominations for this year's Macedon Ranges Youth Awards will close 31 July. There are six categories in this year's awards and winners will be announced on 6 October at Kyneton Town Hall.

If you know an inspiring young person, or group of young people, aged 12–25 years who live, work or attend school in the Macedon Ranges and deserve recognition for their achievements, nominate them at mrsc.vic.gov.au/youthawards or email youth@mrsc.vic.gov.au.

National Reconciliation Week 2022 reflections

Macedon Ranges Shire Council held two captivating events during National Reconciliation Week, with this year's theme being "Be Brave. Make Change."

The opening event, held on 31 May at Kyneton Town Hall, saw a Welcome to Country from Aunty Joanne Honeysett, Taungurung Elder and Traditional Owner, followed by two special guest speakers: Brent Ryan, Assistant Director Education from the Yoorrook Justice Commission and Nicole Findlay, CEO Reconciliation Victoria.

Brent spoke of the work of the Yoorrook Justice Commission, and the formal truth-telling process into historical and ongoing injustices experienced by First Nations Peoples in Victoria. Nicole Findlay spoke of the work of Reconciliation Victoria and the ongoing work of reconciliation in communities across the State.

A Community Round Table event held on 7 June at the Woodend Community Centre saw Macedon Ranges Councillors and staff engaging with community members and having conversations about what we can do in partnership to progress reconciliation. Dennis Batty, local Taungurung man and member of Council's RAP working group, gave a heartfelt presentation that included his own stories about his family's local history, his own truth telling and what reconciliation would look like to him.

Inspired by Dennis' stories, the gathering, including young people from Council's Leaders in the Loop Program, had conversations and shared their ideas about how the community can support reconciliation action in the Macedon Ranges. Many of those attending also signed up to continue the conversation and explore what further actions can be taken.

If you would like to be involved, contact the Community Development team at ecomdevadmin@mrsc.vic.gov.au or call 5422 0333.

A recording of the opening night talk can be found at mrsc.vic.gov.au/RW2022

SUBMITTED BY CATHERINE CHAPMAN, MRSC



Local native flowers now in bloom to brighten your winter days!

Our forests and woodlands have winter flowers too! Victoria's state floral emblem, the Common Heath (*Epacris impressa*) is in flower now and putting on quite a show. This lovely shrub has tubular flowers in dark pink, pink and white colour forms. The flowers provide nectar for small honeyeaters such as the Eastern Spinebill, and nectar-loving marsupials such as pygmy possums and phascogales.



Common Heath can be seen on the edge of the Calder Freeway between Macedon and Woodend.

You find it in stringybark forests/woodlands predominantly, so Ashbourne and Bullengarook are good locations to see it, specifically Ashbourne Road Reserve, Hobbs Road Reserve, and Bullengarook Recreation Reserve. It will most likely be around the Macedon township area as well, also on Norton Road on the rail easement.

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Introduction

We are well and truly into red wine weather in the Macedon Ranges; this month we have a Pinot Noir from one of the pioneers of the region in Hanging Rock, as well as a Shiraz that is produced by Zig Zag Rd wines that comes from a vineyard in Heathcote. Heathcote is a region that is a stone's throw from the Macedon Ranges, with a number of producers crafting Shiraz from this warmer site to augment the wines produced from their own plantings.



2021 Zig Zag Rd Heathcote Shiraz

The grapes were sourced from Heathcote and picked relatively early, with wild yeast and no material impact of oak. The approach has created a wine that is medium-bodied and more European in its styling.

A medium red in terms of colour, with sappy plum and cherry set against earth and charcuterie. The palate continues in a near identical thread to the palate, with brambly dark berry fruits and fresh acidity tempered by cured meats and faint chocolate notes. The finish has an enjoyable savoury edge and driving acidity.

Rating: 89 | Price: \$29 | When to Drink: 2022–2028

2019 Hanging Rock Jim Jim Pinot Noir

A good year for Jim Jim Pinot Noir, a warmer and drier year, which is a luxury in one of the coldest wine-growing regions in Australia, and a site that was planted with an aspect and orientation that was focused on sparkling wines.

The wine was fermented with 25% whole bunches and aged in a mix of new and old French oak for 16 months.

The nose gives black cherry and plum fruits with lifted spice. The palate shows a serious wine, with berry compote and sandalwood-like spice; tannins are fine, and acidity is focused, which keeps things fresh and flowing. The finish has generosity and length and is more dark than red cherry and has plenty of structure.

Rating: 92 | Price: \$60 | When to Drink: 2022–2028

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Macedon Ranges Shire Council's Customer Service Centres Opening hours

Council's Customer Service Centres have returned to pre-Covid opening hours at Kyneton, Gisborne and Woodend and have increased at Romsey in what is hoped will provide residents with extended opportunities for face-to-face interaction with staff.

Updated opening hours at all sites are as follows:

Kyneton & Gisborne Monday–Friday
8.30am–5pm

Romsey Monday–Friday
9.30am–5pm

Woodend Monday and Thursday
9.30am–5pm

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday
12.30pm–5pm

A return to normal operating hours at three sites and an increase in hours at the Romsey site reaffirms Council's commitment in continuing to provide excellent customer service.

For information visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/Contact-Us or call 5422 0333.



Ensemble Gombert delighted audiences at this year's Woodend Winter Arts Festival. WWAF is encouraged by the capacity crowds that attended and feedback that audiences were hungry for more.

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We would like to welcome our new GP Dr Zin Ye Naung, and Exercise Physiologist Michelle Lancefield, to the team.

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Farewell

We say goodbye to two valued members of the Ranges Medical team; Dr Elspeth Harrison and Dr Susi Fox.



We wish them well as they embark on their new work adventures.

Welcome back



Dr Pritinesh Singh has resumed part time consultations and will be available via video and phone appointments for now.

Appointments to see Dr Singh will need to be booked by calling the practice.



Welcome

Introducing the newest member of the Ranges Medical nursing team; Julie. Julie has recently completed her 'Re-entry to Practice' course as a Registered Nurse at La Trobe University.



See you soon

Dr Anne Peterson has commenced her long service leave and will be returning to Ranges Medical in December.

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 Saturday 7:00am - 12:00 noon
 Sunday 8:00am - 12:00 noon



Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
5.30am	Resistance Training			Resistance Training			
6.15am	X-training Circuit		X-training Circuit		Gym Circuit		
6.20am		Fitball Class		Fitball Class			
7.00am						Fitball Class	
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Seeking parent and community input for Primary School Mental Health Project

Council, with support from its partners is developing a holistic mental health education program to support the wellbeing of children in grades five and six in the Macedon Ranges.

Parents and interested community members are being asked to provide input to contribute to the development of a holistic mental health education program for children in grades five and six.

Building resilience, mental health awareness and a community of support for children during these transitional years are key priorities in the program development.

To fill out a survey visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/youresay. Submissions close 7 July.

Are you a carer living in the Macedon Ranges?

Join us for a casual stroll to connect with nature and other carers through Pathways for Carers, part of our Village Connect program. Hear from guest speakers and learn about local services and supports that may assist you in your caring role.

The group meets once a month for a walk along the Campaspe River Trail in Kyneton and enjoys morning tea together afterwards.

Our next walks are: Friday 1 July and Friday 5 August, 9.45am (meet at the Barry Doyle Rotunda in Kyneton). This is a free event. For catering purposes please RSVP your attendance.

For more information call Abbey on 5422 0262 or visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/village-connect



Call for youth leaders

Volunteers aged 18 to 25 are being sought to help plan and support the delivery of a three-day camp for young people in the Macedon Ranges.



Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health's Pride Camp, organised by its long-running WayOut program is an annual event for LGBTIQA+ young people aged 14-21 years, supporting them to build social connections and a sense of belonging, as well as developing knowledge and skills that contribute to their mental health and wellbeing.



"No experience is required to be one of our youth leaders, just tons of enthusiasm," says Mez Lanigan from WayOut. "This is a great opportunity to learn a whole range of new skills including event planning and management as well as useful leadership skills. WayOut provides a number of leadership and volunteer opportunities for local LGBTIQA+ people with lived experience."

If this is something you want to be part of, register your interest by Monday 4 July via www.surveymonkey.com/r/pridecampyouthleaders. All leaders will be invited to attend a youth leadership day on Tuesday 5 July. The camp will take place in September. If you have any questions you can speak to one of the team on 5421 1666 or email healthpromotion@scchc.org.au.

Support to help you stay socially connected

Council is holding a free information session in Gisborne on 5 July for older people, their families and carers about Commonwealth Home Support Programme and Village Connect services.

These services provide the extra support you might need to stay connected to your community.

Support available includes:

- Social support: support to attend appointments, shopping, banking, community activities, group excursions, assistance with technology (purchasing & using devices), regular phone calls, etc.
- Respite care: someone to care for you while your carer takes a break.
- Connecting to activities: information about activities in the community that support good mental and physical health, and bringing older people together online.

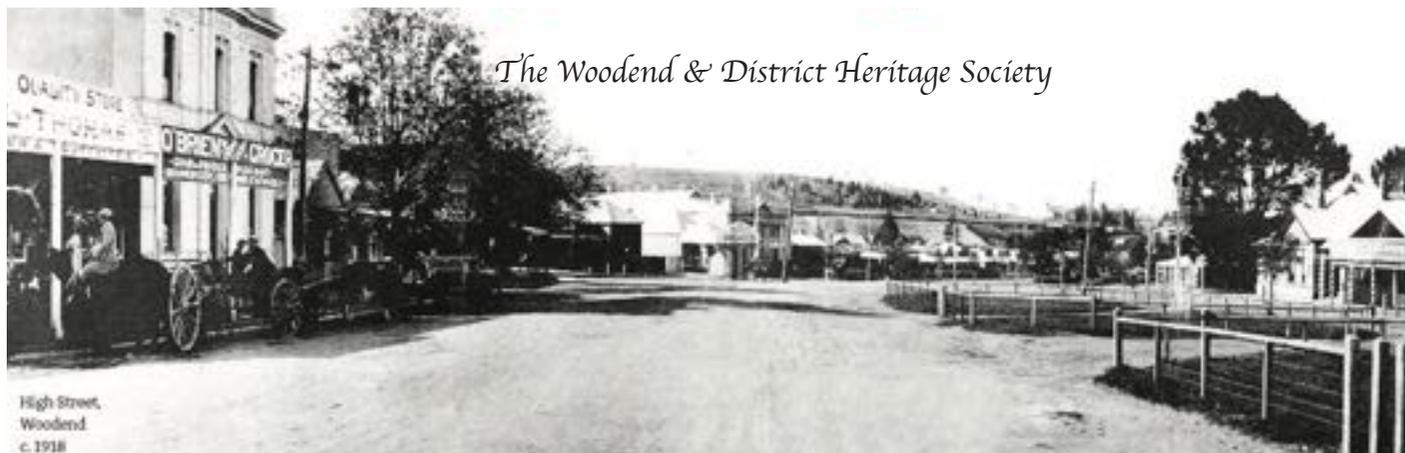
The information session will explain more about local services and supports, who can benefit, how supports can be accessed and approximate costs.

The session will run from 1.30 to 3.30 pm on Tuesday 5 July 2022 at the Gisborne Mechanics Hall, 8 Hamilton Street Gisborne.

COVID-safety measures will be in place and free transport can be arranged for those who need it.

To register contact Stephanie Harper on 5422 0258 or email sharper@mrsc.vic.gov.au

SUBMITTED BY CATHERINE CHAPMAN MRSC



High Street, Woodend, c. 1918

Steaming to Woodend

A major step in the history of Woodend was the opening of the Woodend Railway Station.

With great enthusiasm, the station welcomed its first official train from Melbourne on 29 June 1861. It was officially opened in July that year, with townsfolk celebrating with a roasted bullock in the street. The station was imported from Manchester – a strong classical design in weatherboard, with provision for goods traffic. A semaphore system on the platform operated signals. The railway often transported sheep but in 1869, they were unloaded onto the passenger platform and soiled the clothing and footwear of some annoyed passengers. On 2 November 1892, the Woodend Star reported a busy day with eight passenger trains and 64 goods trains with 982 trucks, mostly carrying sheep. By the early 1890s, a sub or overway was needed and other improvements, as in 1894, the Health Officer complained that odour from the ‘conveniences’ could be smelt in the refreshment rooms.

Fire tore through the station 11 December 1897 and damaged the refreshment rooms run by Mrs Fuggle. The buildings ‘burnt like matchwood’ according to the Star. Not everyone mourned the loss, the Star announcing that ‘Woodend is to be supplied with a handsome brick structure equipped with every modern convenience and towns people may have cause for gratification’. Its cantilever verandahs and hipped slate roofs were features. Building of the second station was completed by October 1898, and the area was enhanced by planting plane trees. Some years later, a weighbridge was installed, the platforms needed to be extended, and a bookshop provided extra entertainment.

Further improvements were carried out in July 1921. The refreshments rooms functioned until 1953, mainly to sustain passengers from Daylesford and Ballarat, and eventually became the centre for the Woodend Art Group.

SUBMITTED BY JANE HOLTH



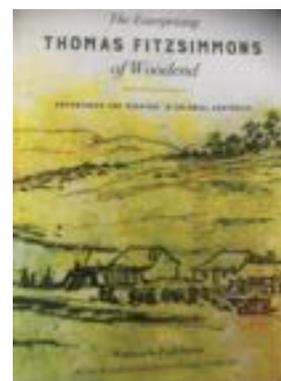
The present Woodend Station before the footbridge was built



The original Woodend Railway Station building, which burnt down in 1897. Photo is from the National Gallery website

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SUBMITTED BY CATHERINE CHAPMAN, MRSC



New players needed for the Macedon Ranges Bridge Club

The Macedon Ranges Bridge Club is looking for new players. If you enjoy playing cards or making new friends, you are invited to go along to its Learn to Play Bridge classes that commence on 11 July 2022.

“Bridge is a fantastic card game that challenges the mind and keeps us mentally active. It can take a little effort to learn but provides years of enjoyment, social interaction and friendship,” the secretary of the Woodend-based club, Cate Carr said.

“It has been a difficult few years for the community and the club struggled through Covid like everyone else,” she said. “We had to play online during the lockdowns but now we are back and looking for new players.”

Bridge is played around the world, with clubs in the major cities and most regional centres. The Macedon Ranges Bridge Club attracts players from Kyneton, Woodend, Gisborne, Macedon, Lancefield, Daylesford, Sunbury and all places in between.

Bridge is sometimes likened to chess with cards – it requires brainpower and logic but also partnership skills and perhaps a little luck. It is thus both social and challenging – so fun for all. “It is a partnership game, but you don’t need a partner to come to the lessons, as we can match you up with another learner,” Ms Carr said. “If you have played 500 or solo, bridge might be for you but you do not have to have any card-playing experience to learn the game.”

For more information or to book ring Cate on 0417 549 041 or email cate2010@live.com.au.

Covid vaccination required.

The Macedon Ranges Bridge Club plays at 12.30pm every Monday and Thursday at the Woodend Tennis Club rooms. For more information see the club website at www.mrbc.asn.au

SUBMITTED BY CATE CARR

Active Kids Sports Program

Learn correct sporting techniques and skills to develop confidence and knowledge of sport. Children use a range of equipment from soccer, netball, hockey, basketball and more. Children learn skills for catching, rolling and throwing in a relaxed fun environment.

Sessions are held 10–10.45am Wednesday mornings at the Buffalo Sports Stadium for children 2–5 years. Parent participation is required.

Costs: Casual visit \$11 (Eftpos only) or 10 pass \$99 (6 months expiry). 5% discount on second child if they participate in the same program.

For more information call 5472 3411 or email buffalo@mrsc.vic.gov.au

SUBMITTED BY CATHERINE CHAPMAN, MRSC

Five good reasons to join your local bowling club

There are advantages to joining any type of sporting or social club and lawn bowls is no exception. It can be a fantastic way to meet new people, learn some new skills and enjoy some fresh air (especially in Woodend). Lawn bowls is one of the most iconic sports in Australia and has been enjoyed by multiple millions around the globe for centuries. In fact, there are indications that a version of the sport was being played as far back as 5000 BC.

Here we will focus on some top reasons why you should consider taking up lawn bowls and joining a club.

1. Lawn Bowls is for any age or identity

Years ago, there was a stigma attached to lawn bowls, particularly in Australia. Younger people assumed you only took up the sport when you were too old to play anything else. True, lawn bowls have always been popular with seniors, but in the modern world, even teenagers are having a go and everyone in between. Lawn bowls is a relaxed and technical sport that can be enjoyed by people of all ages, so don't let age stand in your way. Enjoy some lawn bowls today.

2. You'll make loads of new friends

Social outdoor bowls is all about getting together with other like-minded people and participating in a fun sport. Because of the very diverse age group that now plays lawn bowls, you'll make awesome new friends, both young and old. Not only will you meet new people while out on the bowling green, but you can socialise with them inside the club as well. All social clubs give you access to meeting new people. Sporting clubs are no exception.

3. Learn new skills and have fun

While lawn bowls isn't a physically challenging sport by any means, it can be a very skilled and technical one. At a glance, it might look relatively easy, but when you actually play the game, it's much harder than it appears.

So, if you think you won't be challenged enough when you take up this sport, think again. You'll learn some great new skills when you indulge in one of Australia's favourite pastimes, and you'll have a lot of fun in the process. At the end of the day, having a good time is the name of the game.

4. If you're competitive, you can play competition or tournaments

Not everyone who participates in lawn bowls wants to get competitive and serious about it, but if that's your mindset, then there are plenty of competitions and tournaments to get involved in to pit your skills against other serious players. Naturally, you'll want to master the game a little before you take that step, but the option is there if you want to become a more 'professional' player and take the game seriously.

5. There are health benefits

For starters, if you're playing outdoor bowls, you are getting some fresh air and sunshine. This is always good for your health, so long as you wear some sun protection. Lawn bowls help improve your coordination and self-esteem, as it's mentally stimulating as much as physically. Because it's a low-impact form of exercise, lawn bowls are kind to the muscles and joints whilst still getting some form of exercise in.

Although it's far from being a high-octane, strenuous sport, lawn bowls will still help improve your fitness levels, joint mobility and flexibility the more you play. This is one reason it's always been so popular with seniors.

Social outdoor bowls at Woodend

If you have wondered what playing lawn bowls is like, why not come down to the Club for and have a go. We can introduce you to the game at a pace to suit you, and we also have Social Bowls nearly every Wednesday of the year. We can provide everything you need, the bowls and important guidance from one of our experienced players. And it's free to get started!

Check out our website and Facebook page

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

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Supporting Shave for a Cure

On Friday 20 May, I organised the Shave for a Cure event at Sacred Heart College.

I was passionate about this, because when I was in Year 9, I made a deal with my mother that if I grew my hair, I'd cut it in three or four years to fundraise money for the World's Greatest Shave. Suffice to say it worked, and now we've raised nearly \$4,000!

The Shave for a Cure was one of my projects for VCAL (Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning). There were many tasks to organise, some of which were organising a date and time, booking the location of the event, securing a hairdresser to shave our heads, applying for the day to be a casual clothes day for students, and organising other people who wanted to join in on the shave.

It was a huge success that drew in a large crowd, and even Dr Egberts himself made an appearance, but didn't shave his head! The day was great, and we had a number of brave people who cut their hair.

A big thank you also to Ms Matricardi-Old for taking charge of the clippers. I would also like to thank Liam Cowburn, Kejsi Schulz, Oscar Broadbent, Dylan Azzopardi, Marissa Fisher, Annette Fisher and Hunter Daw for cutting and shaving your heads for blood cancer. You've all contributed in getting closer to beating blood cancer.

WRITTEN BY SETH SCOTT, YEAR 12



Seth Scott has his head shaved by Ms Matricardi-Old.



Principal Darren Egberts with Seth after the shave.



The Shave participants before and after the Shave



Enrolments Closing Soon

Enrolments for Year 7 in 2024 will close 29 July 2022.

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