

## Hollywood - here we come!

From a young age, Flynn Mazza and Kale McQuade have had a very strong passion for film making. So, in 2017, they decided to test their talents by entering a short film into the International Youth Silent Film Festival.

Held in America, New Zealand and Australia, the International Youth Silent Film Festival allows young and aspiring filmmakers to produce a 3-minute-long, silent short film. The top three finalists from every region then get the opportunity to have their films screened to an international audience in Portland, USA for the World Grand Final.

Flynn and Kale's entry 'Out of Time' - a time-travel oriented - short film took three months to produce and film. The film was shortlisted as one of the 17 Victorian regional finalists and was screened at the Astor theatre in St Kilda, where it won the Audience

Choice Award!

In 2018 the young filmmakers went for a much more ambitious story and production. They also reached out to local businesses and used Holgate Brewhouse and Red Wine Bar and Bistro as locations. The short film - a murder mystery titled "Suspected" - was once again shortlisted as one of 16 Victorian regional finalists at the regional awards ceremony and screening, the film took home first place!

As a result, in June this year, Flynn and Kale will be traveling over to Portland, Oregon, to represent Australia in the World Grand Final and at the festival of film activities leading up to it.

They've started their GoFundMe page ("Help Flynn & Kale get to America for film award"), to try and help make the trip possible, as they have to pay all their own expenses. You can support Flynn and Kale by



making a donation or by buying a snag from them at the Coles BBQ on the 6th April 10am - 2pm, sponsored by Sacred Heart College and again on on 13th April 10am - 2pm when they'll be running the monthly Rotary BBQ. All proceeds from the 2 days will go to help them achieve their goal.'

SUBMITTED BY MIKE HAMER, ROTARY WOODEND

## First Nation Signage Launch in the Park...

This month saw the installation of First Nation signage at the entrance of the Woodend Children's Park, with a Smoking Ceremony and Welcome to Country by the Djaara Elder Uncle Rick Nelson. The ceremony marked the ongoing connection to Country and custodianship of the Dja Dja Wurrung in Woodend

Macedon Ranges Shire Council, the Dja Dja Wurrung Corporation and Uncle Rick developed the sign, and collectively we have worked to make the broader community aware of the Dja Dja Wurrung culture and history in Woodend.

This sign was inspired by conversations with Uncle Gene Roberts, a proud Yorta, Murray and Djaara man who was a strong advocate for greater recognition of this culture in the Macedon Ranges. Sadly, Gene passed

away last year before, he could see this sign. He would have loved this event held in his honour.

An unanticipated but welcome outcome of the project was that the local schools have all had similar signs erected in their school halls. At the launch ceremony we had representatives from Early Learning Daycare, Kindergarten, Woodend Primary School, St Ambrose Parish School and Braemar College, who all spoke about the value of learning this culture. The children from Woodend Kindergarten, reciting their daily Acknowledgement of Country, stole the show.

Muntrie (native cranberries) muffins, lemon myrtle shortbread, kutjera (bush tomato) relish and crackers, Davidson Plum chocolates were all devoured as morning tea after the launch ceremony. It was a beautiful, spiritual

morning event that was many years in the making, but was very much worth every minute.

SUBMITTED BY JANE WALDUCK



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— April —

- 4.....Probus Club General Meeting
- 4.....Energy saving retrofitting workshop
- 6.....Woodend Farmers' Market
- 7.....Camp Out at the Rock
- 7.....Day light saving ends
- 9.....Dinner with Damien Kingsbury
- 11.... Backstage with Margot Fonteyn - ADFAS
- 13.....Big Bash Cricket
- 17.....Story of The Sapphire, Kyneton
- 17.....St Mary's Guid "Life of a Farmer" talk
- 19-22.....Trentham Easter Art & Craft Show
- 19-22.....Woodend Art Group Show
- 19.....Good Friday
- 21.....Easter Sunday
- 22.....Easter Monday
- 25.....ANZAC Day Dawn Service
- 27.....Red Cross Mothers Day Stall

— May —

- 3.....Comedy Show, Kyneton
- 4.....Trentham SpudFest
- 3-26.....Mt Players, 12 Angry Men
- 10.... Homage to Ray charles - The Meltdown
- 12.....Mother's Day
- 24.....Swansong, Kyneton Town Hall

— June —

- 7-10.....Woodend Winter Arts Festival
- 9.....Inaugural Veterans Celebration Footy
- 10.....Queen's Birthday Holiday

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Current and previous cemetery trust members may apply for reappointment as part of a competitive selection process.

More information about the role of cemetery trust members is available at: <https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/public-health/cemeteries-and-crematoria/cemetery-trust-appointments/class-b-cemetery-trust-appointments>

**To register your interest please contact the Woodend Cemetery Trust by telephoning the Secretary on 0417 011 300 or emailing: [woodendcemetery@gmail.com](mailto:woodendcemetery@gmail.com) within two weeks of the date of this advertisement.**

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*Woodend's Rain report*

2009 was even drier, followed by the wettest year on record in 2010. A shame we can't average it out a bit!

Month	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	av 5yr
January	19.2	61.4	35.3	27.8	80.0	9.8	42.9
February	11.2	41.6	14.3	26.5	3.8	12.0	19.6
March	49.0	26.0	47.0	23.7	31.7		35.5
April	84.1	39.4	36.2	165.0	31.0		71.1
May	46.0	68.7	101.2	38.6	115.6		74.0
June	122.3	39.5	98.8	10.6	78.2		69.9
July	79.3	95.3	186.6	60.0	73.3		98.9
August	32.7	50.7	107.0	119.6	91.3		80.3
September	55.9	44.0	163.6	55.2	26.2		69.0
October	49.6	12.9	91.8	45.8	69.0		53.8
November	53.0	41.3	63.2	77.4	55.5		58.1
December	36.6	41.7	92.8	77.2	91.0		67.9
<b>Total mm</b>	<b>627.7</b>	<b>479.5</b>	<b>1037.8</b>	<b>727.4</b>	<b>746.6</b>	<b>21.8</b>	<b>742.7</b>

SUBMITTED BY PETER AND ANNE YATES

## Giving power back to the Macedon community.

The government is helping the Macedon community do their bit to counter climate change and embrace a clean energy future, with a planning exemption recently announced that will facilitate a community wind energy facility at Woodend.

The Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group is developing the Community Energy Park project, which is expected to include wind turbines, solar panels and battery storage.

The project will help reduce local carbon emissions and provide a source of income for residents and local sustainability projects, while increasing energy security for the region.

Details of the project will be subject to a detailed design, assessment and review via the planning permit application process, which includes community consultation.

The amendment to the Macedon Ranges Planning Scheme is necessary to allow an application to be made to develop a wind farm on the site, as the current zoning prohibits a wind energy facility.

“This is a big step forward for the Macedon community energy park project. The determination and commitment of the local Macedon community is to be applauded. The people of Macedon are passionate about embracing clean energy and doing their bit to tackle climate change,” said Member for Macedon, Mary-Anne

Thomas.

Mr Al Reid of Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group said, “If our community can produce the energy we need from clean, local sources, then we have a moral obligation to do so. We have an opportunity to be part of the solution, not the problem.”

As a not-for-profit group, MRSG proposes to use income from its share of electricity sales to fund other clean energy projects across the shire. All residents and businesses in the shire will have the opportunity to buy shares in the project to maximise local ownership.

“Through the consultation process, site neighbours and the wider Macedon Ranges community will be able to influence project design and stay updated on progress.”

SUBMITTED BY KOREY FERNANDO OFFICE OF MARY-ANNE THOMAS MP



Photos include (from the left): Bruce Mildenhall, Lisa Chesters MP, Lily D'Ambrosio MP, Barry Man, Mary-Anne Thomas MP, Al Reid, Mayor Janet Pearce, David Gormley-O'Brien, Councillor Jennifer Anderson and Ralf Thesing.

## A big step towards 100% clean energy for the Macedon Ranges

At the Macedon Ranges Sustainable Living Festival on 3 March, Lily D'Ambrosio, Victoria's Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change, announced an exemption to the ban on wind power in the shire for the proposed Macedon Ranges Community Energy Park. The Minister was supported by State Member for Macedon Mary-Anne Thomas, Federal Member for Bendigo Lisa Chesters, and Mayor Janet Pearce.

To power every household in the Macedon Ranges Shire, the Park could host up to eight wind turbines, 24,000 solar panels and 10MWh of battery storage.

‘Located on cleared land deep in the pine forest south of Woodend, the Park site has high wind speeds, existing electricity transmission lines, good access roads, limited biodiversity and no neighbours within 1km,’ said Mr Reid.

For more information visit [energy.mrsg.org.au](http://energy.mrsg.org.au).

SUBMITTED BY ALAN REID, MACEDON RANGES SUSTAINABILITY



## 12 Angry Men by Reginald Rose

An 18 year old boy's life is on the line after being convicted of murdering his father. Two witnesses attest the fact – a cut and dried case...or is it? This powerful and

moving drama about an American murder trial takes place in the jury room of a court house. Twelve men deliberate the conviction, or acquittal on the basis of ‘reasonable doubt’, forcing the jurors to question their morals and values.

The play explores the difficulties encountered among this group of men, whose range of personalities adds to the intensity and conflict. It also explores the power one person has to elicit change.



A stellar cast directed by Frank Harvey and Leo Vandervalk is a must see! The season runs from Friday 3 May – Sunday 26 May. To book tickets go to [www.themountplayers.com](http://www.themountplayers.com).

SUBMITTED BY KAREN HUNT

## Get skills in music and events with MITS

Music in the Sticks (MITS) are looking for new members aged 14 to 25 years who are interested in learning all aspects of the music industry and would like to help with a range of local youth events.

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SUBMITTED LEANNE MANTON

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## Learn how to save money and energy at retrofitting workshop

Did you know that most of the energy you use in your home goes in heating and cooling?

Come along to a free workshop on retrofitting and find out what you can do at home to reduce your environmental footprint and save money.

The information session on retrofitting is being held on Thursday 4 April from 7.30pm-9pm at Woodend Neighbourhood House, 47 Forest Street, Woodend.

For more information on Council's environment events or to book, visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/environment-events](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/environment-events) or call 5421 9660.

### Connect and have fun at our Youth Spaces

YEP!, which stands for Council's Youth Engage Program, encourages

people aged 12-18 years to make new connections and get involved with a range of local youth programs, events, activities, mentoring and work place training opportunities at weekly youth spaces across the Shire (during school terms).

Drop by and check it out! Youth spaces operate:

Tuesdays: Kyneton Youth Space, 4pm-6pm in the Youth Development Unit, Hutton Street, Kyneton.

Thursday: Riddells Creek Youth Space, 4pm-6pm in the Riddells Creek

Community Centre, 74 Main Road, Riddells Creek.

Thursday: ASD Youth Space, 4pm-6pm in Woodend Neighbourhood House, 47 Forest Street, Woodend.

For queries regarding the Kyneton LGBTIQ+ youth space, call 5422 0296 or email [youth@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:youth@mrsc.vic.gov.au)

For more information on youth activities and opportunities, visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/youth](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/youth) or call 5422 0221.

SUBMITTED BY ANNE-MARIE



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## Three new native fisheries for the Macedon Ranges

For the first time ever, the Malmsbury, Upper Coliban and Lauriston Reservoirs have been stocked with Golden Perch and Murray Cod to create three exciting native fisheries for anglers across the Macedon Ranges to enjoy.

Member for Macedon Mary-Anne Thomas celebrated the inaugural stockings by adding another 5,000 Golden Perch into Malmsbury Reservoir.

All three reservoirs received 10,000 Golden Perch last week, with Lauriston also receiving 25,000 large Murray Cod fingerlings weighing 5g each.

This stocking plan is a brand-new venture developed by the Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA) together with local angling clubs,

Stocking more fish into Victorian waterways is a major part of the Andrews Labor Government's Target One Million plan to get more Victorians fishing, more often.

These reservoirs have historically been managed as trout fisheries, so these native fish stockings are a new commitment implemented as a special treat for anglers.

There are further plans to stock all these waters with more native fish including Silver Perch, Golden Perch and Murray Cod in future. To top it off, Brown Trout stockings will also be increased this winter.

The newly stocked fish will take a few years to reach catchable size, so anglers of all abilities can look forward to some phenomenal trout and cod fishing in the near-future, especially considering that these three reservoirs are on the Target One Million agenda to allow boats and kayaks with electric motors on-water access.

"This will create fantastic fishing for both native fish and trout all-year-round. It's a game changer for these reservoirs"

SUBMITTED KORY FERNANDO, OFFICE OF MARY-ANNE THOMAS,



Photo: Mary-Anne Thomas MP and Acting CEO of Coliban Water, Neville Pearce

## Message from your Councillor



Congratulations and a huge thank you to the project partners, the community, and those who have worked over the years to see the unveiling of a sign acknowledging the history and culture of the Dja Dja Wurrung people and their ongoing connection to Country. Dja Dja Wurrung Elder Uncle Rick Nelson performed a Welcome to Country and smoking ceremony. The participation of the

local kindergarten children and their Acknowledgment of Country was very special.

Projects like this are part of the process of reconciliation, and it is something that Council is keen to take a greater role in.

Council is currently in the process of developing its first Reconciliation Action Plan and consultation with the Traditional Owners of our Shire is central to the process of developing this plan.

A ten year anniversary, and another successful Macedon Ranges Sustainability Festival. This group has grown, and we are very fortunate to have them operating in the Macedon Ranges. They are strong advocates for renewable energy (they have supported the installation of solar panels on many community facilities) and for raising awareness of how we can all minimise our environmental footprint. Council is currently working towards the goal of being zero net emissions by 2030.

Thank you to the Woodend Hesket Football Netball Club for organising a Mental Health Awareness day, together with their registration day. It's something we need to talk about, and our sporting clubs are such an important part of this process.

The squash courts and fencing are gone. Momentum is gathering as community groups are coming together, sharing ideas and working towards a Woodend Community and Cultural Centre.

I would like to acknowledge the hard work of the CFA brigades in our Shire who have been on alert, and who have provided reassurance to residents over this hot and dry summer. We know the long hours of volunteering that many contribute, and it is important to recognise their work assisting at the Bunyip fires.

Yes, it is already that time ... the 2019/20 budget process is beginning. We want to hear from residents and groups, and there will be an opportunity for submissions and presentations to Council.

Over the last months I have been invited to visit and talk to community groups in Kyneton and Woodend. I value the opportunity to talk about Council and discuss issues that you raise. Please feel free to contact me as I would welcome the opportunity to meet. Best wishes, Janet

SUBMITTED B CR JANET PEARCE

## Council Decisions

Minutes for the meeting and a recording of the live-stream will be available within five working days, and available to download from [mrsc.vic.gov.au/meetings](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/meetings)

# MT MACEDON ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE

THURSDAY 26TH APRIL 2019 AT 6AM

## FREE BUSES OPERATING FROM:

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DEPART:	LOCATION:	ARRIVE:
4:15 AM	Gisborne Train Station	4:40 AM
5:10 AM	Gisborne Train Station	5:35 AM

### Woodend to Dawn Service

DEPART:	LOCATION:	ARRIVE:
4:30 AM	Woodend Train Station	4:50 AM
5:15 AM	Woodend Train Station	5:35 AM

### Sunbury to Dawn Service

DEPART:	LOCATION:	ARRIVE:
5:00 AM	Sunbury Train Station	5:45 AM

### Kyneton to Dawn Service

DEPART:	LOCATION:	ARRIVE:
4:45 AM	Post Office	5:15 AM

### Riddells Creek to Dawn Service

DEPART:	LOCATION:	ARRIVE:
4:15 AM	Riddells Creek Primary	5:00 AM

### Lancefield and Romsey

DEPART:	LOCATION:	ARRIVE:
4:45 AM	Lancefield-Mechanics Hall	5:30 AM
5:00 AM	Romsey-Community Hub	5:30 AM

### Tony Clarke Recreation Reserve-Waterfalls Rd, Macedon

Buses from Tony Clarke Recreation Reserve in Macedon will operate as a continual shuttle service with **the first bus departing at 4:15AM** and the **last bus departing at 5:20AM**. No booking required for this service.

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For further information, visit the: **Mt Macedon Anzac Day Dawn Service Facebook page.**

## 2019 Mt Macedon Anzac Day Dawn

The region's largest Anzac Day Dawn Service will be held on Thursday 25 April at Mt Macedon's iconic Memorial Cross.

Chair of the Mt Macedon Anzac Day Dawn Service Committee, Mr Bruce Mildenhall, said that the Committee had worked hard to ensure that the content and quality of this year's service would continue the strong tradition of Services past.

This year marks the centenary of the beginning of the long journey home from the Great War for Australians – a difficult journey for them, their families and the generations that followed. This year's Dawn Service will reflect on this return, and the nature of returning from all armed conflict.

'Voices from the Front' – extracts

from writings penned by Australian service personnel from the earliest, to the most recent conflicts, as well as reflections on the aftermath of conflict – will again be featured. Wreaths will be laid to commemorate service, and anyone who attends the event is invited to lay a wreath in honour of a loved one.

As access roads to Mt Macedon will be closed, anyone wanting to attend the Service is invited to catch a free bus from the towns of Gisborne, Woodend, Macedon, Romsey, Lancefield, Riddells Creek and Sunbury, or the shuttle bus from the Tony Clarke Reserve. Bookings are essential for these services and can be made by visiting: [www.organscoaches.com.au](http://www.organscoaches.com.au).

Mount Macedon Road will be

closed to Dawn Service traffic from the corner of Mount Macedon Road and Honour Avenue, to the corner of Mount Macedon Road and Straws Lane from 3:00AM on Anzac Day. All private cars will be directed to Tony Clarke Recreation Reserve.

A continual shuttle bus service will operate from Tony Clarke Recreation Reserve- Waterfalls Road, Macedon, with the first bus departing at 4:15AM and the last bus departing at 5:20AM. Bookings are not required for the shuttle service.

For further information, visit the Mt Macedon Anzac Day Dawn Service Facebook page, or [www.mtmacedon-dawnservice.org](http://www.mtmacedon-dawnservice.org).

SUBMITTED BY BRUCE MILDENHALL

## Anzac day and beyond at the RSL



The Woodend Anzac Day March will commence at 11.15 am on the 25th April from the High Street Service Road East side (near Brooke St) to Woodend RSL. Veterans will march with the Kyneton Municipal Band, Braemar Cadets and Scouts and Guides.

The march will be followed by a Commemorative Service at the RSL with guest speaker Squadron Leader Judith Ellis, an East Timor veteran. After the service everyone is welcome to participate in a FREE barbeque and FREE soft drinks for the kids.

The Anzac Day Appeal provides funds that change veterans' lives. Please purchase an Anzac Day badge from one of our members positioned around Woodend in the days before. All proceeds go towards welfare for ex-service men and women.

Poppies Bistro continues to be popular for a family meal on Friday evenings (currently closed on Sundays). We now have a toddler-safe fence around the backyard and a jumping castle for the kids to enjoy. Bookings 5427 4447.

We offer a licensed bar and a family friendly venue, now with air-conditioning.

SUBMITTED BY PETER WHITELAW, PRESIDENT WOODEND RSL

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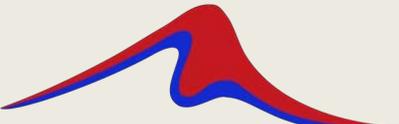
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- Gorse and blackberry removal
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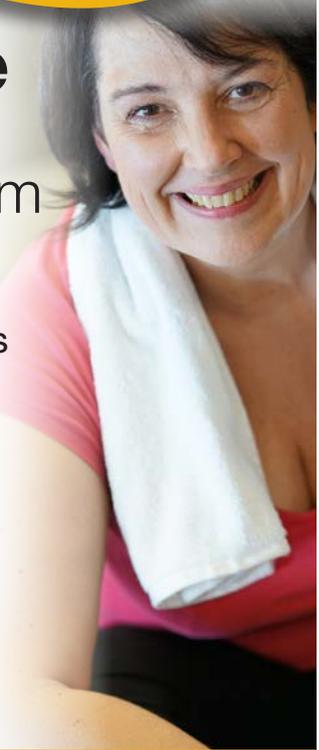



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## 2019 funding program



Local groups and organisations with a great idea for a project or activity are encouraged to consider applying for financial assistance via Council's new and improved Community Funding Scheme, opening on Monday 1 April.

The Community Funding Scheme is Council's annual grants program for not-for-profit community groups and organisations of all sizes, and offers financial assistance of up to \$12,000 for a variety of projects and activities.

Applications are invited that align with one of the following funding streams:

- Community and cultural development projects
- Enhancing the effectiveness of local community groups
- Supporting local environmental priorities
- Enhancing community places and infrastructure (this stream has been previously known as the Places for People funding program).

Applications for the program open on Monday 1 April and close Tuesday 30 April 2019.

For more information on the Community Funding Scheme, guidelines or application forms visit

[mrsc.vic.gov.au/Community-Funding-Scheme](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/Community-Funding-Scheme) or call 5422 0206.

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## Tickets now on sale for the 15th Woodend Winter Arts Festival

Exciting and diverse music, including international and national musicians, author line-ups of nationally well-known names and personalities, including a special celebration of 30 years of Writers Victoria, free events and something for all ages and tastes - The 15th annual Woodend Winter Arts Festival ticket window is now open online.

This year the Words and Ideas program includes stalwarts of politics, publishing and media, including George Megalogenis, Gabrielle Chan, Michael Bachelard, Clare Wright, Elizabeth Kleinhenz, Sally Warhaft, Toni Jordan, Robert Hillman, Jan McGuinness, Mark Brandi, Kelly Gardiner, Eliza Henry-Jones, Robert Gott, Angela Savage - and one for the kids - the enormously popular Leigh Hobbs (at the Woodend Library Children's session).

Local authors Dee White and Ann Bolch offer up a range of writers' workshops on self-publishing, blogging and plot development, while David and Sara Gormley-O'Brien present a salon-style event, inspired by Roger Sworder's passion for philosophy and open conversation at the Cravat Club, and the Vic Hotel will again host to the enormously popular Poetry Slam, thanks to the Chamber Poets.

Art exhibitions by the Macedon Ranges Potters, the Gallery Members of Mt Macedon and the stunning Macedon Ranges Art Trail, in combination presenting a literal journey to the works of local sculptors and visual artists in a range of locations across the weekend.

The Woodend Winter Arts Festival is held over the Queen's Birthday long weekend - 7 - 10 June, with free fireworks on opening night (7 June) at Buffalo Stadium in Woodend. Full details of the Festival program and ticket purchases are available at [www.woodendwinterartsfestival.org.au](http://www.woodendwinterartsfestival.org.au)

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Photo by James Penlidis - author Toni Jordan is one of the speakers in the Words & Ideas lineup this year.

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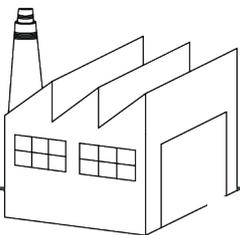
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## Stolen water meters a growing concern, says Western Water

Western Water is urging customers to be vigilant regarding tampering with and theft of water meters.

Reports of water meters being stolen, interfered with or removed from properties in the Western Water service region have been growing.

Removing or damaging water meters is against the law, and can result in significant fines under the Water Act.

Graham Holt, General Manager of

Customer, Community Relations and Operations said, "If customers notice that their water meter is stolen, missing or damaged, they should contact Western Water immediately."

There have also been reports of individuals posing as Western Water employees and switching water meters on customer properties.

Mr Holt said, "Customers should be careful to ask for identification

from anyone visiting their property. Western Water will always inform you in advance of any maintenance work or changes to your water meter."

If you are concerned that your water meter has been tampered with, you should call Western Water on 1300 650 422.

SUBMITTED BY LUKE WILLOUGHBY

## Intensive Learn to Swim program

Give your child the chance to improve their confidence in the water and build on their swimming skills during the school holidays by enrolling in an intensive Learn to Swim program in Kyneton and Gisborne.

### 4 or 5 day intensive

The 4 or 5 day intensive swim lessons run for 30 minutes and are held over consecutive weekdays. Children can improve their swim skills and confidence during an intensive Learn To Swim program. Classes are suitable for children aged three years and over.

### 2 day intensive

These classes will run in the afternoon for an hour both days and are aimed

at further developing your child's swimming and water safety skills.

Gisborne Aquatic Centre Monday 8 to Friday 12 April (5 days) and Monday 15 to Thursday 18 April (4 days). Bookings are essential. Contact Gisborne Aquatic Centre on (03) 5421 1452.

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## Autumn arts events in the Shire

From laugh-out-loud comedy and heartfelt drama, to musical performances that explore soul, classical and even world music, Macedon Ranges Shire Council presents a program of arts and cultural events this autumn that are set to amaze.



### Get the giggles as the Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow comes to town

Some of the funniest comedians from the Melbourne International Comedy Festival are headed to Kyneton Town Hall on Friday 3 May at 7.30pm as part of the Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow.

Grab a mate and grab a date—the line-up of artists is sure to tickle your funny bone.

### Shake your tail-feather with Melbourne band The Meltdown

Soul outfit The Meltdown pay homage to the late, great rhythm and blues pioneer, Ray Charles, in this hip-shaking performance.

On Friday 10 May at 11.30am, the band offer a morning musical experience you won't forget,

capturing the iconic sound and energy of this legendary artist.

### Be inspired by the story of The Sapphires

This heart-warming play charts the journey of four young women from regional Australia as they bring music and joy to the battle-grounds of the Vietnam War.

If you've seen the award-winning film and loved it, don't miss this life-affirming live theatre work, on at Kyneton Town Hall on Friday 17 May at 8pm.

### Catch acclaimed theatre work Swansong

Step back in time to Ireland in the 1960s with Swansong, an award-winning drama from writer/director Conor McDermottroe.

It tells the story of Occi Byrne, a lost soul, and the illegitimate child of a single mother, who fights his way into adulthood.

Violent, tragic and hauntingly tender, Swansong is being performed on Friday 24 May at 7.30pm at Kyneton Town Hall.

### Fall in love with The Naked Cello

The Naked Cello is a collection of original musical works, developed by popular cellist and composer Helen Mountfort.

The performance, held on Friday 31 May 8pm, at Kyneton Town Hall, draws inspiration from the music of Eastern Europe, India, Papua New Guinea, and the cello music of J.S. Bach.

To find out more about these events or to book tickets, visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/buytickets](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/buytickets) or call 1300 888 802.

### Exhibition at Kyneton Museum

Life on the Line

Showing until Sunday 26 May, Life on the Line invites

visitors to wind back the clock to experience life on the railways in Queensland over more than 140 years.

Developed by The Workshops Rail Museum and part of the Queensland Museum Network, the photographic exhibition is presented in two parts, Working on the Railway, which highlights staff driving locomotives, shunting and other duties on trains, and Keeping the Trains Running that illustrates scenes of railway staff engaged in a range of roles from signalmen, to ticket sellers, booking clerks and track workers.

Kyneton Museum is located at 67 Piper Street, Kyneton, and is open Friday to Sunday, 11am–4pm.

Entry fees apply.

For more information, visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/museum](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/museum) or call 1300 888 802.

## Plenty of family-friendly fun on offer these school holidays

Sculpture, swimming, dance and more - we've got a jam-packed program of activities on offer these school holidays, whatever your child's age or interests.

### Strange Garden (sculpture workshop)

Established artist Eliza-Jane Gilchrist leads this unique workshop for children that will get them building stunning sculptural installations out of cardboard.

Sessions are being held at Kyneton Town Hall on 10, 11 and 12 April at 9.30am–11am, 11.30am–1pm and 2pm–3.30pm.

Each workshop will see children drawing, decorating and sticking unusual plant shapes together to create a wondrous, magical garden.

For more information or to book your place, visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/buytickets](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/buytickets) or call 1300 888 802.

### Explore animation with Friendly Forest (animation and technology workshop)

This interactive workshop, suitable for children of all ages, blends art, craft and

technology to tell stories.

Artist and game designer Josh Salmon leads participants through the process of creating an ever-evolving nature sequence, incorporating augmented reality and stop-motion.

Sessions are being held at Kyneton Town Hall on 15, 16 and 17 April at 9.30am–11am, 11.30am–1pm, and 2pm–3.30pm.

For more information or to book your place, visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/buytickets](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/buytickets) or call 1300 888 802.

### Dance program at Buffalo Stadium, Woodend

Hip-hop, acro, singing and acting are all on offer these school holidays at Buffalo Sports Stadium in Woodend.

Dance classes are being held on 8 April, 9 April and 10 April.

Time: 9–12pm all sessions  
Age: 6–13 years

For more information or to book and purchase tickets, email [buffalo@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:buffalo@mrsc.vic.gov.au) or call 5427 3411.

### Camp out under the stars at Hanging Rock

Get back to basics and spend the night sleeping under the stars at Hanging Rock's annual camp out on Saturday 6 April.

For one night only, a limited number of campers are invited to pitch a tent at the base of the Rock and soak up the mystery and magic of this unique nature feature after dark.

Campers can set up from 4pm on Saturday and are encouraged to bring a tent, sleeping gear, torch, deck chairs, food and drink.

The local SES is providing a barbecue dinner on Saturday evening, followed by a guided night walk at 7.30pm with the park's ranger to explore the reserve's

flora and fauna.

Bookings are essential, and can be made online at [mrsc.vic.gov.au/CampOut](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/CampOut).

School and organised groups are also welcome to attend. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information, call 5421 1468.

### Activities and games at Kyneton Toyota Sports & Aquatic Centre (KTSAC)

Two school holiday activity days will be held at KTSAC for primary school-aged children on 11 and 16 April.

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Please don't miss our spectacular Mothers' Day stall on April 27, 9am to 1pm, outside the Woodend Newsagency. There is also our fabulous Mothers' Day raffle, offering three prizes, all designed for the mother in your life. Thank you to our local business people, who have donated so generously towards the raffle prizes.

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## Celebrating Diversity

On March 21st the Woodend Children's Park hosted Jali Buba Kuyateh and his band to celebrate diversity on Harmony Day in recognition of cultural diversity. The band played to a large and enthusiastic audience - young and old. Jali is a master of the kora - a 21-string bridge-lute-harp originating from West Africa. The event was sponsored by Macedon Ranges Shire Council, Arts & Culture events.

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### Dr Richard Bills Update:



Dr Richard Bills is currently on extended leave as he recovers from surgery after being diagnosed with cancer of the prostate. He would like to thank those that have sent messages of support and enquired

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Damien Kingsbury is a Professor of International Politics and Director of the Masters of International and Community Development at Deakin University. Join him for dinner at the Sizzler Restobar Indian Restaurant, 80 High Street, Woodend (fully licensed or BYO).

Tuesday 9 April 2019, 6.45 for 7.00 pm

For event cost and Bookings: [www.trybooking.com/BBIRI](http://www.trybooking.com/BBIRI) For further information, contact Margot Clark on 0409 284 824 or [alpwoodend.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:alpwoodend.secretary@gmail.com).

SUBMITTED BY JANET MOORE

## Adfas Backstage with Margot Fonteyn

On Thursday 11 April, ADFAS Central Victoria will host one of Australia's most famous ballet dancers, Ms Robin Haigh, as she presents her lecture Backstage with Margot Fonteyn at the Kyneton Town Hall.



Dame Margot Fonteyn, the world famous ballerina, led the Royal Ballet from the age of sixteen until her retirement at the age of sixty. In this lecture, we will be delighted by Robin's professional and personal relationship with the Grande Dame of Ballet.

Robin was awarded a Royal Academy of Dancing Scholarship at the age of seventeen, and travelled to London in 1956 to study at the Royal Ballet School, entering the company at Covent Garden sixteen months later. Robin came to know Dame Margot both as a dancer and as a person during her tour of Australia in 1962. Several months later, Fonteyn and Nureyev formed their extraordinary dance partnership, each bringing something of enormous value to the other.

Robin has worked internationally as a dancer, choreographer and teacher, including the role of director of the West Australian Ballet. What stories she can tell!

Love Ballet? Then this is the lecture for you!

Entry Fee applies, with cash or cheque payable on the evening, and this includes refreshments.

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

MACEDON RANGES WINE BUYERS GUIDE  
Patrick Eckle's  
**Wine review**

### Introduction

This month's reviews come from one of the pioneering producers in the region, Granite Hills. Llew Knight has been crafting benchmark white wines in the region for decades, however the reds are worthy of equal praise. The two wines reviewed showcase new plantings to the region and are made in minuscule quantities.

### 2017 Granite Hills Gamay Noir

There were only 20 dozen produced, so it was a privilege to enjoy a bottle. In winemaking there is often an economies of scale approach, which means making a single barrel or small batch of wine can be incredibly difficult. This is a very impressive effort with the winemaking faultless.

The wine was grown on the rockiest and most wind-swept part of the vineyard, and you can't help think of the site when looking at the savoury backbone of the wine. In terms of colour, it is a delicate light red in the glass, with a nose that is full of raspberry and strawberry fruit. The palate shows a wine with ample tannin and acidity, as expected from a young Gamay, but it's set against concentrated and pure strawberry and red cherry fruit; there is a faint spice with a generosity of acidity that is mineral and driving. The lingering note is that of red cherry and earth.

**Rating: 94 | Price: \$30 | When to Drink: 2019 - 2023**

### 2018 Granite Hills Gruner Veltliner

There were 390 dozen of the Gruner Veltliner produced, and it's a variety that is proving to have a great affinity with the region. The nose has touches of musk and faint Turkish delight against Meyer lemon and green apple. There is depth and concentration of fruit, with understated nectarine and finger limes having an almost peppery edge that's accentuated by a lovely line of acidity. There are floral jasmine notes that give generosity and frame the finish. Impressive value.

**Rating: 94 | Price: \$25 | When to Drink: 2019 - 2023**

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Woodend Library has undergone some refurbishment works over the past couple of months to improve function and storage for library and council staff. The project is almost complete, and the Woodend staff are very much enjoying the fresh paint, new air con in the office and the redesigned 'off desk' area. Library staff would like to thank the Macedon Ranges Shire Council for including the works in their budget and coordinating the project.

**Reserving Library Resources.**

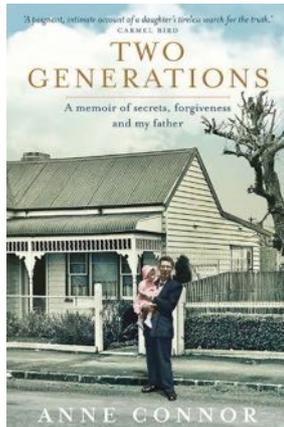
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**Anne Connor: Two Generations.**

Please join us for an interesting author talk. Debut author Anne Connor delves into her family history in *Two Generations* finding secret tragedy. A tale of romance, hardship and

resilience *Two Generations* is an intimate and imaginative retelling of the lasting effect of secrets and the greater impact of her father's soldiering experience in the Second World War on her family. Book sales and signing.

Wednesday April 17 6.30 -7.30pm at Woodend Library. For bookings visit [www.goldfieldslibraries.com](http://www.goldfieldslibraries.com)



**Easter and ANZAC Day**

The library will be closed on these public holidays, please access our eLibrary and catalogue - it's available 24/7!

**Patron Trolley**

We now have a trolley available for use when you are in the library. This can be used by anyone who needs help carrying items around the library or who likes to borrow a lot of books! The trolley is located close to the self-loan station.

**Are you waste wise?**

Join Lisa Richards, the coordinator of the MRSRG Waste

Action Group for a hands-on session at the Library in May. Let's minimise household waste. There is a recycle station at the Woodend Farmer's Market and you can recycle items such as contact lenses, plastic toothbrushes, dental floss containers, toothpaste tubes, cosmetics, hair care and skin care packaging and certain brands of coffee pods.

Did you know you can recycle your old batteries, printer cartridges and phones at the Library too? Just in front of the Shire customer service desk there are bins for these items, so please make use of this service.

Recycling session on Saturday 4th May 10.30 am at Woodend Library.

For bookings visit [www.goldfieldslibraries.com](http://www.goldfieldslibraries.com)

The **Autumn Program** is out, and coming up in May we have events running on Mammals in the Macedon

Ranges and Ancestry. The Easter school holiday program will be out soon. Bookings are required for all sessions. Please have a look at our website to book your place, or come in and we can help.

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## Celebrating a successful Relay for Life

The 17th annual Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay For Life was held at Lancefield Park on Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd March.

Despite the heat, community members turned out in large numbers and joined together to celebrate local cancer survivors, patients and carers, while remembering those who are no longer with us.

The Relay For Life committee would like to thank the Macedon Ranges community for another successful event. A total of 19 teams registered for the event, with \$84,019.24 raised – taking the total to over \$1.5 million over 17 years.

Congratulations to our seven teams, who each received a Research Award. These teams are Clarkefield and Friends, Friendship, Lindenbury Lappers, Lynne & Wendy's Walkers, Macedon Ranges Shire Council, Team Cutajar and The Lions Hearts.

Research Awards are a chance to fund a specific type of cancer research, which means that Relay For Life teams who raise \$5000 or more can choose a type of currently funded cancer research project.

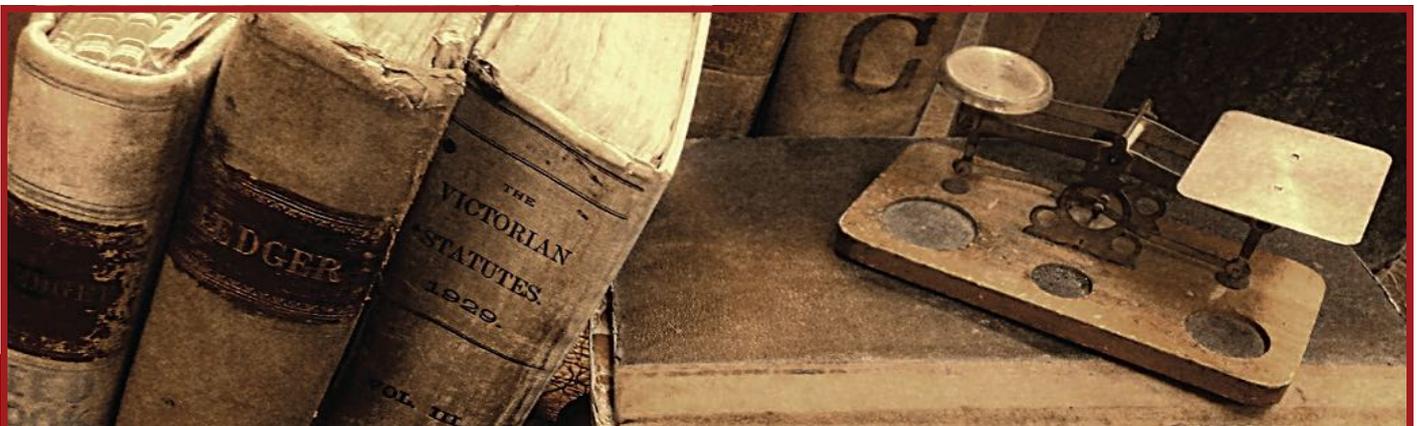
Teams are also given the opportunity to name the Research Awards, perhaps in memory of a loved one.

Congratulations to the highest fundraising team, Friendship, who beat their fundraising total from last year, with an impressive \$13,502.

Thank you to all local businesses, schools and community groups who sponsored and supported this year's Relay. A special mention and thank you to the 2019 Spirit of Relay award winner, Lancefield and Romsey Community Bank Branches of the Bendigo Bank for their support of Relay for the last 17 years.

For more information about joining a team or volunteering please email lancefieldrfl@cancervic.org.au, or call 1300 656 585

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## SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING

Macedon Ranges Scottish Country Dancers are a small very friendly group of people who love to dance and have fun. Classes are every Thursday 1-3pm at Buffalo Stadium, Forest Road, Woodend, and this year we are offering a beginners class. So why not come along and try it? Scottish Country Dancing is suitable for all ages and it's a lot of fun for everyone, it's one of the best forms of exercise you can do, keeps the body and mind active and it's very sociable. So, what do you need to get started? Just a comfortable pair of flat shoes that you can dance in and wear comfortable clothing. Beginners and experienced dancers are always welcome to join us. For more details contact Linda 0408 476317 or Meg 5427 1100

## Boost your fundraising with the Coles Community BBQ

In previous issues we announced that each month your community organisation can go into the draw to win a voucher from Coles to help with a fundraising BBQ. There were no applications for the draw and the voucher will carry over to April. So, now is the time to book your fundraising BBQ, or if you have one already booked in April, then register at [content@newwoodendstar.org.au](mailto:content@newwoodendstar.org.au) to go into the draw to win a \$50 Coles voucher. The Voucher must be used to purchase food supplies for the fundraising activity.

## St Mary's Guild – Knit and natter

A small group of women meet monthly at the Norma Richardson Hall in Woodend to Knit and Natter. People from the wider community of The Macedon Ranges contribute knitted squares from which blankets are made and given to the Salvos to distribute amongst those living on the streets and in need.

The Knit and Natter is held on the third Wednesday of every month (except in December), hosted by St Mary's Guild, with hot beverages, a slice and biscuits and fruit. In the cooler months, there is also hot soup for a donation of \$5.

## Red Cross

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

## Woodend Rotary Club

The Woodend Rotary Club meets on Thursday evenings at the Victoria Hotel

## Young Voices of Macedon



Young Voices of Macedon has been pleased to welcome a number of new choristers this year. Our new captains Charlotte Teed (Cantabiles) and Elliott McGregor (Vivos) have been presented with their badges and are proving

to be capable and enthusiastic assistants to the teachers.

We have embarked on a highly varied repertoire from countries worldwide, and have recently worked hard on a cappella songs, including three-part arrangements of Kum ba yah and the Beatles' classic Let it be. With the assistance of sol-fa training, the children are developing their part-singing skills, and each rehearsal sees increasing confidence in a cappella performance. Our programme also includes songs in various languages, including German, Japanese, Spanish and Latin.

Upcoming performances include the Choralfest@ Montsalvat in early May, a performance at the Bupa aged care facility in Woodend, at least one church service and a concert in association with the Woodend Warblers in June. As always, our major concert in October will take place at the Church of the Resurrection, Macedon, and our choir will join with the adult choir of that church in a service of readings and carols shortly before Christmas.

Fund raising is an important aspect of most community groups. Our major effort this year will be an all-day BBQ at Bunnings in Sunbury.

New members are welcome. See [www.yvmacedon.org.au](http://www.yvmacedon.org.au)

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## Macedon Ranges U3A Gisborne

Macedon Ranges U3A Gisborne has completed its first term of activities for 2019. Our speakers for the term have covered a wide range of topics.

We have had presentations from Peter Tammer on film history. Chris McConville informed us about the history of Hanging Rock and the surrounding area. Peter Hamilton took us on a trip to Rapa Nui (Easter Island). Pieter Van De Wildekamp astounded us with his experiences in the top end as a Fisheries officer. Mary Oliver enthralled us with her discussion on Georgia, and Sara Bryant educated us on the activities on offer at the Gisborne Library.

Our Term 2 program is going to be just as interesting, with presentations from Janet Wood on Greece, Peter Tammer has prepared some interesting documentaries, Suzanne Collings will talk on gardens around the world and Bill Hall is preparing to expand our minds.

We were pleased to welcome three new members to our meetings.

Term 2 commences on April 29th at 10.30am. No educational qualifications are required. We are located in the front room of the Macedon Ranges Further Education Centre building 8a Hamilton Street Gisborne 3437, next to the library.

SUBMITTED BY SUSAN SKINNER

## Look what's happening at St Mary's for Easter!

Easter is the busiest time of the year for the church - yes even busier than Christmas! So we have a lot happening in the lead up, and a lot of opportunities to welcome you. It is a great time of year to come and see, ask questions, and hear the great story.

Saturday April 6 at 6:30pm we will have prayers in the style of Taize. This is a quiet and contemplative service of about half an hour that consists of prayer, silence and quiet singing.

Good Friday at 1:00pm in the Woodend Children's Park the churches of Woodend will combine to share a service.

Easter morning at 11:00am our celebration of the miracle of Easter with traditional Easter Egg hunt in the garden afterwards.

Everyone is welcome to St Mary's, whether it's your first time, your first time in a long time, or you are a regular attender.

If you have questions about Easter or our services please call Reverend Mel 0411 722 718

SUBMITTED BY REV MELISSA CLARKE



Make a big note in your diary for the WAG Art & Craft Easter Market at WAG's Railway Station Rooms on the Easter weekend April 19 to 22, from 10am to 4pm - featuring framed and unframed paintings, prints and drawings, cards, jewellery, woodturning and much more. Go to [www.woodendartgroup.org.au](http://www.woodendartgroup.org.au)

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## That's a wrap for MRMF 2019!

Festival-goers were met with some serious heat at the Gisborne Steam Park on March 2nd for the 2019 Macedon Ranges Music Festival. But not even a scorching 38oC could keep the more than 600 enthusiastic punters from attending this year's event, with a lineup of musicians featuring Husky, Lloyd Spiegel, Tracy McNeil and many incredible local acts. Fan favourites proved to be local acts Blue Howl and Sleepy West, voted as the crowd's pick of the bunch.

In addition to the music, the Festival is a major fundraiser for the Woodend-based Cambodian Kids Foundation, and this year it raised \$14,500 for the charity, with 100% of ticket sales donated directly to help fund important community development work in a rural Cambodian Village.

While there was plenty of action on the Main Stage, there were also youngsters battling it out in the heat in the Youth Stage Competition. Vying for a range of prizes, including a recording package, cash prizes, and the opportunity for a slot on the 2020 Main Stage, there was no shortage of talent on display.

Singer-songwriter Jack Lyall came out on top with an impressive combination of vocal and guitar work, and he will perform in the opening slot of the 2020 Festival.

This year's festival also featured a pop-up cocktail bar by new local distillery Mountain Distilling which proved to be popular in the heat.

This event was made possible by many generous sponsors including Creative Victoria, Gisborne Community Bendigo Bank and the GREAT association.

SUBMITTED BY JIMMY O'HARE



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## Change Your Clock, Change Your Smoke Alarm Battery

Sunday 7 April is the end of daylight saving, and at 3am you need to move your clock back one hour. Along with changing your clock, it is the perfect time to also change your smoke alarm batteries.

Woodend Captain Mike Dornau said house fires occurred more frequently in the cooler months, so “it makes good sense to check your smoke alarm battery at the same time you change your clock.”

“In autumn and winter, we tend to stay indoors more, turn on the heating, and do more cooking indoors,” Captain Dornau said. “Only the sound of a smoke alarm, not the smell of smoke, will wake you in a fire. All smoke alarms, whether hard-wired or wireless, require a battery, he added. “Hard-wired alarms use a battery as a backup and the battery needs to be changed as well.”

Smoke alarms usually have a lifespan of about 10 years—alarms older than this should be replaced. Some smoke alarms have a printed use-by date, but if an alarm is still ‘beeping’ after its battery has been changed, it should be replaced.

**Only a working smoke alarm saves 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. And, with all of the plastics, materials, electronics and chemicals around - house smoke can be extremely toxic.

Here are some interesting home fire facts revealed in recent surveys and studies:

- One in five Australians have experienced a fire in their homes
- Research has shown that the absence of a smoke alarm can increase the possibility of a fatality by 60%
- While 45% of properties visited had smoke alarms installed, 31% of those were not functioning, with the batteries flat or even removed
- About 64% of house fires were unintentionally lit
- Around 56% of these started in the kitchen during cooking and a further 15% the result of electrical faults
- In more than 95% of metropolitan household fires someone was home at some stage during the fire

To ensure you have a working smoke alarm:

- Test it weekly by pushing the test button with a broom handle to make sure it beeps.
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- Change the battery at least once a year.

For further information contact Captain Mike Dornau on 0409 093 935. Follow us on Facebook, or you can visit our website: [www.woodendcfa.org](http://www.woodendcfa.org).

SUBMITTED BY MIKE DORNAU CAPTAIN WOODEND CFA



Woodend SES have been very busy this month with callouts, ranging from tree incidents to road crash rescue and providing assistance to the police and ambulance call outs.

We are gratified by the great response from the community in our drive for old vehicles to use for training in our rescue techniques and ultimately provide an ever-continuing improvement cycle.

Woodend SES will be supporting “Camp Out at the Rock” On April 6th and 7th Make sure you register for the SES BBQ and if you need a little more info about this great annual event then checkout the URL below <https://www.visitmacedon-ranges.com/events/camp-out-at-the-rock-3/>

Easter is coming and will be here is less than a month. It’s a good time get the car checked, wheels tyres and brakes. If you’re towing, get that cooling system checked too. Don’t forget the caravan. Wheel bearings tyres couplings, electrics and gas.

Did you know Woodend SES is recruiting? There’s nothing quite like volunteering. We have a wide range of roles available for aspiring members. There are roles in operational rescue and also in administration, maintenance, fundraising and logistics. Age is no barrier and there is always something you can do. If you live close by in Woodend, are available during the day, and you may have a heavy rigid driver licence we would love to talk to you.

Please contact the unit via the VicSES website. [www.ses.vic.gov.au](http://www.ses.vic.gov.au) Have a great month & Easter Break...

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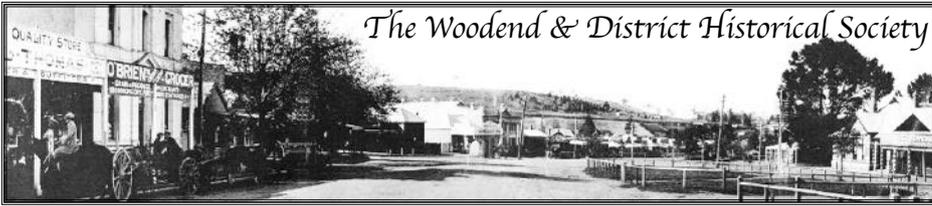
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The Woodend & District Historical Society

## New Woodend Star in June 1997

The first edition of the New Woodend Star was published by the Kyneton Guardian and was posted to all householders in the old Newham Woodend Shire on 11 June 1997. An initiative of the Woodend Rotary Club, it was first suggested by Bill van Smeerdyk to fill the gap left with the closing of the Five Mile Creek News. Karen and Brian Spauld organized the setting out etc.

The front page included a letter from Woodend Mayor Rod Hardy, who mentioned Art works commissioned by Pauline and Ivor Johnson and executed by Shane Bartley and Robert Watson, to be displayed above the Woodend Supermarket, and wishing the newsletter every future success. A word from the Rotary Club President announced the First Issue of the New Woodend Star and its future editions.

Contents included an article about the Football Club, and the new Buffalo Sports Stadium and included photographs on page 3.

On page 4, the new Parish Priest Fr. Vincent Peile was introduced and the Woodend Lions Club contributed a piece on its history, aims and objectives in the town plus the Lions Art Show and collection and the Woodend Market. The Woodend Landcare Group featured, including their aims, and giving contacts as Lois Gordon and Robin Baker.

Page 4 also had the Woodend and District Combined Probus Club, its history in England and Woodend, with information regarding membership, and giving the phone numbers of Mrs Sophia Reynolds and Leon Stryker.

On page 5, the Woodend & District Heritage Society had an article on the Resource Centre at the old Courthouse, meeting times, and the collection held at the Courthouse, also the address and phone number.

Pages 6 & 7 had a two page spread with photographs, plus Ivor and



Pauline Johnson's invitation to the unveiling of the "19th Hole Art Collection: Woodend" on Sunday 15th.

The following pages included Woodend Business and Tourism Association (representing a majority of businesses in the Woodend Newham area), Rotary Club of Woodend 10th Anniversary, and an article on the history, aims, objectives of the club. There was Crop-a-Cop - An article on The Woodend Police Station fundraising exercise for children with cancer, to be held on 16th August, 1997, as part of a national campaign; an article on Cobaw Community Health Service - locations, programs & services available to the local community; and a feature on the State Emergency Service Woodend Branch being issued with new hydraulic rescue equipment, from government funding, plus general information.

Woodend Top Ten CD's, A Movie Preview of "The Lost World", and Kid's Corner colouring competition and Birthday club, sponsored by 19th Hole Shopping Centre, was on page 11.

Wide World Of Woodend Sports was on page 12, along with Macedon Ranges On The Net, an article on the Macedon Ranges Information Network on the Internet.

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## The New Pennant Season Finals Have Begun.

The Central Highlands Pennant Finals have now been completed, with our Saturday Division 2 team just missing top spot on the ladder by a mere single point. Unfortunately, our good form during the season did not continue into the finals, leading to our elimination in the Preliminary Final.

Our Midweek Division 1 team put in a strong season and just missed the Top 4 in a last game battle for the position. Our Saturday Division 2 and Midweek Division 2 teams endured a tough season, and did not make the finals, both finishing in 6th place. Congratulations to all players during the season and through the finals.

### O'Brien Pairs

On Sunday March 10, we held the annual O'Brien Pairs Tournament in honour of club stalwarts Frank and Laurie O'Brien. Eight pairs actually had to battle with some welcome rain, but managed to finish the event in lovely sunshine. The winning team was Ron 'Frosty' Frost & Graham 'Bluey' Muir, the only three game

winners ahead of the two game winners Norm Bickerdyke & Stan Nicholls and Cliff Staggard & Rob Smithies. Their names will now be added to the Honour Board.

### Evelyn Connor Memorial Trophy

This Tournament was held on March 14 in honour of Woodend Bowling Club member Evelyn Connor. The event was open to WBC members over 60 years of age, and was run with two bowl triples over three eight game ends. A near-capacity entry enjoyed a terrific day, with the winners being the team of John Shaw & Pat Morgan. The winners finished just ahead of the only other three game winners Bev Muir & Rob Smithies, with two games winners Arlene Johnstone & Ron Frost in third place. Best last game went to Lois Scott & Graham Muir with Bev Muir also winning the Resting Toucher. Thanks to the Connor family for sponsoring the day.

Thank You Brooke Street Medical Centre

We would like to thank Woodend's Brooke Street Medical Centre for sponsoring our Triples Tournament on March 21. It was a very successful day and their support is very much appreciated. We will publish the results in next month's Woodend Star

### Woodend Netballers Had A Bowl!

While Victoria endured its hottest summer on record, the Woodend Bowling Club enjoyed a red hot season of Barefoot Bowls. Prior to Christmas, we hosted a number of social functions, which continued right through to early autumn.

On the very last day of summer, we were very happy to host the Woodend Heskett Netballers for a team-building session of Barefoot Bowls. After a short practice, they went through four round-robin games before the Grand Final was played. The team of Claire, Brittany, Sarah and Tara was victorious in a sudden death play-off over the team of Lincoln, Savannah, Dempsey, and Leah (who had come all the way from France as an exchange student). The Club presented the Photo Trophy to the champs, while Anne-Louise presented individual trophies to the winners and a couple of achievement trophies for best bowl of the night and the person who came the furthest distance to play (guess who got that one?).

For more information please call our NEW phone number 4417 7811, visit our website at [www.woodend-bowlsclub.weebly.com](http://www.woodend-bowlsclub.weebly.com).

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## Delivering for Country Football and Netball Clubs

The government is giving growing footy and netball clubs in regional Victoria another chance to upgrade grounds, courts and pavilions, and to welcome even more budding sporting stars than ever before.

Member for Macedon, Mary-Anne Thomas is calling on local football and netball clubs to partner with local councils and apply for the next round of the Country Football and Netball

Program grants. It's a funding partnership with the AFL, AFL Victoria and Netball Victoria to help netball and football clubs across the state meet the growing demand for player participation across regional Victoria.

Grants of up to \$100,000 go to projects that assist in ground resurfacing, installation of lighting, building modern and safer netball courts and new pavilions with accessible and female-friendly change rooms.

The Country Football and Netball Program was launched in 2005, and since then it has invested more than \$26.6 million in more than 480 projects

across the state.

Locally, since its inception, the program has supported the modernisation of facilities at Woodend, Riddells Creek and Kyneton through lighting upgrades, female friendly change rooms and upgrades to pavilions.

Clubs in regional Victoria and outer metropolitan areas are eligible to apply. Applications are open now, and close on 3 June 2019.

For more information or to apply online, visit [www.sport.vic.gov.au](http://www.sport.vic.gov.au)

SUBMITTED BY KOREY FERNANDO

## INAUGURAL VETERANS' DAY FOOTBALL CELEBRATION

The Woodend Heskett Football and Netball Club (WHFNC), along with the Woodend RSL sub-branch, would like to invite all Defence Force veterans, serving personnel, friends and families, and the wider community to a Veterans' football match over the Queen's Birthday Weekend, Saturday 8th June 2019.

An initiative of the sporting club, the match is to acknowledge and celebrate the contribution of our defence personnel and their service to the nation, particularly those involved in recent conflicts and peacekeeping operations, such as Somalia, Cambodia, Iraq, Timor Leste and Afghanistan.

The President of the Woodend RSL, Mr Peter Whitelaw, commented that this was a unique situation in which a community group has by itself sought to recognise veterans, and reflects the celebration of military service by the wider community. He added that such initiatives provided an invaluable sense of community support and respect to veterans, many of whom are still struggling with the effects of their service.

The President of the Central Highlands Vietnam Veterans Association, Mr Ken Bryce, has congratulated the Club on this initiative, adding that this expression of community support for veterans will go a long way in assisting their rehabilitation and recovery. "This can only assist in creating a cohesive and caring community" Mr Bryce observed.

This initiative is also in the context of both the Federal and State governments seeking to recognise the service of and support and appreciation for veterans.

It is hoped that this Veterans' Day game and recognition ceremony become an annual feature on the Woodend calendar.

The inaugural Veterans' Day game will be held between the WHFC Hawks and the Riddell's Creek Bombers, starting at 2pm on 8 June.

The match will be at the Gilbert Gordon oval, a short walk from the Woodend train station. Parking is available at the ground. Veterans may enter at no charge and also receive discounted food and drinks.

More details will be provided before the event.

SUBMITTED BY TOM GARLAND AND JOHN MCCAUSLAND

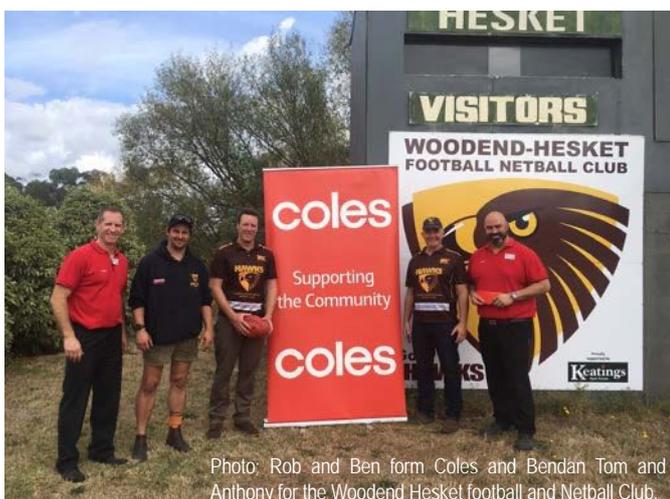


Photo: Rob and Ben from Coles and Bendan Tom and Anthony for the Woodend Heskett football and Netball Club.

## Major sponsor signs on for two years

The Woodend Junior Football Netball Club and the Woodend Heskett Football Netball Club are thrilled to announce that Coles has signed on as a major sponsor for seasons 2019 and 2020. Both Clubs are thrilled with this partnership, which will directly benefit the facilities at the Gilbert Gordon Oval in Woodend.

Paul Podbury, President of the Woodend Heskett Football Netball Club commented on this important announcement: "Both clubs are striving to create a great social atmosphere for young people to compete in their chosen sport in a safe and fun environment, within the Woodend community. Sponsors like Coles coming on board will allow the Clubs to fundraise together to make important improvements to the facilities, which will benefit not only our players, but also all who are involved in contributing to running training, match days and events."

Several major projects in planning stage include relocating the netball courts to be closer to the Club's facilities, and implementing an electronic scoreboard, which will improve the professionalism and brand of the Gilbert Gordon Oval. "The Clubs are committed to a collaborative approach, to ensure that the facilities for Woodend continue to improve for future generations," said Mr Podbury.

To further support fundraising for infrastructure improvements at the Gilbert Gordon Oval, the clubs, in conjunction with the Woodend Masters Football Club and the Woodend Cricket Club are hosting a Big Bash Cricket event on Saturday 13 April, proudly sponsored by Coles and Macedon Ranges Travel Services. Six teams of eight players will compete in six-over cricket matches, with teams comprising players from the Senior Football Netball Club, Juniors, Masters Football Club, Woodend Cricket Club and a Legends of Woodend team with local identities.

Spectators will have a chance to enter a draw, with \$10,000 worth of prizes, including vouchers from major sponsor Coles and Macedon Ranges Travel. Ticket purchase gains entry into the prize draw, and free BBQ and drinks from the bar from 2.00pm - 5.00pm. Live music and entertainment for the kids will also be provided during the day. All are welcome, so get on board to help your local sporting clubs and be part of this fantastic community event.

For ticket purchases please go to the senior football club website [http://websites.sportstg.com/club\\_info.cgi?c=1-3351-36690-0-0/](http://websites.sportstg.com/club_info.cgi?c=1-3351-36690-0-0/) or contact the club president@woodendheskettfnc.org.

Limited tickets will be available on the day

SUBMITTED BY PAUL PODBURY

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## Building Resilience in Children and Teens

On Tuesday 13 March, Sacred Heart College Kyneton hosted an evening with clinical psychologist Andrew Fuller, as part of the College's Parent Engagement Partnership Program. Andrew specialises in the wellbeing of young people and their families, and is a bestselling author, with titles including *Unlocking Your Child's Genius*, *Life: A Guide*, and *Beating Bullies*. The event was well attended, with parents making the most of the Q & A session at the conclusion of the presentation. The next event in this series is scheduled for Tuesday 21 May and will focus on cyber safety. An excerpt of one of Andrew Fuller's articles is provided below.

How to be happy - by Andrew Fuller, Clinical Psychologist

The art of making yourself happy is something we can all learn and practice. No one is happy 100% of the time. Life has its ups and downs. Even so, there are some sure-fire ways to increase your happiness.

1. Don't wait to see if you are having a good time. Instead of going to places and seeing if it is fun, decide in advance to have fun regardless of the circumstances. Enjoy the day regardless of the weather. Make the most of the occasion regardless of the company.

2. Go outside and play. You were told to do this as a kid and I'm telling you to do it again, play more. Go for walks, throw a dog a stick, skip,

sing loudly or imagine yourself to be a spy passing through enemy territory. Whatever does it for you. Make a promise to play more.

3. Develop deep friendships. Your friends are your true wealth, Value them and see them regularly, let them know how important they are to you. Most people only have two close friends, so don't fool yourself into believing you are less popular than most people.

4. Increase the closeness of extended family. Keeping in close contact with your family gives you a support base for difficult times, and also strengthens your sense of where you come from. Feeling you belong in a family is a powerful way of being happy.

5. Play to your strengths. Have a good long hard look at yourself. What are you good at? Make a commitment to develop your skills, talents and abilities as much as you can. If you don't develop your own unique talents, the world misses out.

For the final 5 points on 'How to be happy', as well as an insight into how to make yourself miserable, and other notes from our guest speakers - visit the 'Parent Engagement Partnership' page of the College's website, to be found under 'Our College' - [www.shckyneton.catholic.edu.au](http://www.shckyneton.catholic.edu.au)

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