

## School students launch youth mental health initiative

Hundreds of Year 8 secondary school students from the Macedon Ranges Shire gathered in Kyneton on Tuesday 27 March to launch this year's Live4Life program.

Live4Life is a unique rural youth mental health promotion strategy and is currently in its eighth year of operating in the Macedon Ranges.

Live4Life educates around 600 Year 8 students on mental health and provides leadership opportunities for 30 Year 9 and Year 10 students from five high schools in the Macedon Ranges Shire: Gisborne Secondary College, Braemar College, Kyneton Secondary College, Sunbury & Macedon Ranges Specialist School and Sacred Heart College.

The Macedon Ranges Shire Council has entered into a unique partnership with Macedon Ranges Health, Cobaw Community Health Service, Victoria Police and the five schools to actively promote rural youth mental health.

The 2018 launch was sponsored by Hardwicks Meatworks and the Rotary Clubs of Kyneton, Woodend and Gisborne who provided a BBQ for all students on the day. Other support has been received from Organs Coaches and Coliban Water. The activities and information stalls were coordinated by Macedon Ranges Health Service, Canteen and Victoria Police.

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— May —

- 4 ..... Woodend Warblers
- 5 ..... Spudfest, Trentham
- 5 ..... 1st Aid Training, WNH
- 9 ..... Author Susan Green, Library
- 11..... RSA Course, WNH
- 11..... Woodend Warblers
- 12... Comedy Festival Kyneton Town Hall
- 13..... Mothers Day
- 16..... Knit & Natter
- 16... Kindergarten ready sessions, MRSC
- 18 ..... Community Lunches, RSL
- 18 ..... Woodend Warblers
- 20 ..... Rock and Roll Band, RSL
- 23..... Hickory Dickory Dock, Library
- 23..... Hotel Sorento, Kyneton Town Hall
- 25..... Woodend Warblers
- 27..... Woodend Landcare meeting
- 27..... Cantano Memoria, Gisborn Singers

— June —

- 3 ..... Jazz Band, RSL
- 6 ..... Woodend Warblers
- 8-11 ..... Woodend Winter Arts Festival
- 9 ..... Chamber Poets, RSL
- 13 ..... Woodend Warblers
- 20 ..... Knit & Natter
- 20 ..... Woodend Warblers
- 15 ..... Community lunches, RSL
- 22 ..... Community Lunches, RSL
- 22..... RSA Course WNH
- 27..... Woodend Warblers

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## Vale Jo Clancy

We mourn the loss of Landcare member Jo Clancy on 9 April 2018. Jo served as secretary, president, vice-president and leader of the catering crew since she joined the group in 2002.

The drawcard for Jo was Five Mile Creek and she was a driving force behind much of the work we've done there. She was passionate about Black Gum protection, habitat restoration and reclaiming usable spaces. A favourite walk of hers was the Quarry Rd Rail Reserve and at her urging we've achieved some degree of protection for a couple of especially significant wildflower sites.

She wrote a mean press release, had contacts everywhere and lobbied keenly. She was undoubtedly one of THE founders of our group in terms of the culture she established. Jo raised the bar high when it came to running meetings, conducting our affairs scrupulously, leading us to incorporation and pushing for implementation of an action plan.

Our Mayor and Landcare member, Jennifer Anderson, said of Jo: "She had a gift for ensuring everybody felt included. Her mark in Woodend is clearly evident, possibly unnoticed by many, but appreciated by all in our ability to better enjoy our surrounds."

Jo was a smart, outward-looking and unconventional woman. Her signature call to morning tea at our working bees - 'cooe' - will be carried on. We'll miss you Jo.

Our next working bee will be held on Sunday 27 May at Slaty Creek Reserve. No working bees will be held in June or July. Check our blog or the Coles window for information, or contact [woodendlandcare@gmail.com](mailto:woodendlandcare@gmail.com)

SUBMITTED BY KATE DANIEL

### Woodend's Rain report

Much better this month ... but still below average... hoping for more Autumn rains.

Month	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	av 5yr
January	3.9	19.2	61.4	35.3	27.8	80	37.93
February	97.4	11.2	41.6	14.3	26.5	3.8	19.48
March	53	49	26	47	23.7	31.7	35.48
April	20.5	84.1	39.4	36.2	165		69.04
May	47.2	46	68.7	101.2	38.6		60.34
June	147.8	122.3	39.5	98.8	10.6		83.80
July	101.8	79.3	95.3	186.6	60		104.6
August	116.4	32.7	50.7	107	119.6		85.28
September	85	55.9	44	163.6	55.2		80.74
October	75.6	49.6	12.9	91.8	45.8		55.14
November	67.2	53	41.3	63.2	77.4		65.20
December	35.2	36.6	41.7	92.8	77.2		60.45
<b>Total mm</b>	<b>851</b>	<b>627.7</b>	<b>479.5</b>	<b>1037.8</b>	<b>728</b>	<b>115.4</b>	<b>634</b>

## EPA calls for entries in the Victorian Premier's Sustainability Awards

Environment Protection Authority Victoria (EPA) is encouraging businesses, government organisations, community groups and individuals who have shown leadership in environmental protection to enter the 2018 Premier's Sustainability Awards.

EPA Chief Executive Officer Nial Finegan said the award category is one of ten awards which recognise Victorians who are helping to build a sustainable future.

"Environmental protection means different things to different people, but increasingly it's about sustainability and doing what we can to support a healthy environment - now and into the future," Mr Finegan said.

"The Environmental Protection Award is about acknowledging those who are stepping up to play their part and profiling projects that are preventing or reducing harm to our environment and communities from pollution and waste."

Eligible entries can include initiatives that prevent harm through specially developed technology or equipment; changes in practices and processes; and education programs, resources or activities that have informed the community or businesses and helped people be active participants in protecting their environments.

"We encourage any eligible group or individual who has reduced environmental impact or come up with new and more sustainable ways of protecting our precious environment to enter," Mr Finegan said.

Finalists in the 2017 Environmental Protection category, Yarra Valley Water constructed a waste-to-energy facility next to the Aurora Sewage Treatment and Recycled Water Treatment Plants in Melbourne's north to combat the effects of drought. One hundred tonnes of commercial organic and food waste, previously destined for landfill, is being processed every day into biogas via anaerobic digestion.

Entries for the Premier's Sustainability Awards close at 5 pm on Thursday 7 June. Finalists will be announced in mid-August and invited to attend the awards ceremony on Thursday 11 October. To enter and for more information, visit [www.sustainabilityawards.vic.gov.au](http://www.sustainabilityawards.vic.gov.au)

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Winter is coming... the days are getting shorter. Many of us are now leaving and returning in the dark for our commute to work or school.

Now is a good time to consider how visible you are on the road to other users. This applies whether you are driving a car, walking or riding a bike or horse. For cyclists in particular, it is important that we make ourselves as visible as possible. This means always carrying lights and many of our local community now use flashing front and rear lights every time they ride a bike, day or night.

What you wear is important. Do you realise how difficult it can be to see a cyclist without lights and wearing dark clothing during the day? It's that time of year where many of our tree lined roads are in shadow at various times of the day.

Are you really as visible as you think? Check out this short video for a graphic demonstration. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VQsYih8lf1I>.

No matter how you use the road, you need to be responsible for making yourself visible to other road users. After all, no one wants to run over a cyclist or to be knocked off a bike so let's be visible out there!

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## Call for nominations - 2018 Bendigo Bank Macedon Ranges business awards

The awards are open to all businesses based in the Macedon Ranges Shire. They recognise outstanding service to the community and beyond, in the following categories:



**Andrew Towner** from Braeside Country Retreat Mt Macedon 2017 award winner

Excellence in Agribusiness; Excellence in Customer Service; Excellence in Health and Wellbeing; Excellence in Hospitality; Excellence in New Business; Excellence in Professional Services; Excellence in Retail Excellence in Tourism; Excellent in Trades, Construction and Manufacturing , and The Not for Profit/Public Sector Award.

Mayor Jennifer Anderson encourages businesses of all types to enter the awards, which celebrate business excellence and innovation.

“It doesn’t matter if a business is large or small, home-based or not-for-profit. If you know a business or individual working in a business that deserves recognition, nominate them today,” she said.

Anderson says Council is pleased to once again partner with Bendigo Bank and the Midland Express for the awards, which focus on the many contributions local business makes to the community.

“The Macedon Ranges has many innovative and successful businesses providing quality services and jobs that boost our local economy and deserve recognition,” she said.

Bendigo Bank, which has a branch in Kyneton and Community Bank branches in Gisborne, Lancefield and Romsey, is excited to be major sponsor of this year’s awards.

“It has been an honour to be once again involved with these awards and to support local businesses, and we wish the 2018 nominees the best of luck.”

Andrew Towner of Braeside Mt Macedon Country Retreat, the 2017 Business of the Year, said taking part in the awards had been beneficial: “I found participation in the awards to be a worthwhile exercise, as it provided me with the opportunity to take time out from the busy day-to-day operations to take stock of our business and review the way forward.

“This program not only supports businesses in their planning but also shines a light on their achievements, something that can also get lost in daily operations.”

Nominations close on Monday 21 May and can be submitted at [mrsc.vic.gov.au/business-awards](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/business-awards). Ring (03) 5422 0336 or email [comms@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:comms@mrsc.vic.gov.au)

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## Renaissance pageantry comes to Woodend

Before there was opera as we know it, there was experimental musical performance which signalled the beginnings of the baroque period. And this year's Woodend Winter Arts Festival will feature an ambitious production – the re-creation of 'La Pellegrina' (The Pilgrim Woman) which was performed at the society wedding of the age (in 1589) - the marriage of Ferdinand I de' Medici, Grand-Duke of Tuscany, to Christine de Lorraine, grand-daughter of the former queen-mother of France, Catherine de' Medici.

To say no expense was spared for this wedding celebration is an understatement – estimates put the cost of the lavish production at the time at nearing an extraordinarily extravagant \$200 million.

The more modest (but no less creative and energetic) production for the Festival will feature soprano Jacqueline Porter, tenor Robert Macfarlane, Ensemble Gombert, Accademia Arcadia and choreography by Delia Silvan. It is made up of the six musical interludes of the original work, and will feature costume design by Alistair Trung, who has made a name in and beyond fashion with design synonymous with a unique language of clothing and dressing that transgresses the prescribed ideology of age, body, gender and beauty.

Apart from his own fashion label and four boutiques, Alistair has collaborated with the Leigh Warren Dance Company, Lindy Hume, Dance North, Pinchgut Opera,



**Designer Alistair** Trung will take up the challenge of costume design for the first professional Australian performance of *La Pellegrina: A Medici Extravaganza*, a pageant of music, theatre and dance.

## Mark your diaries now!

With many free events on over the Festival weekend, mark your diaries so you don't miss out! The Saturday evening Poetry Slam at the Vic with Emilie Zoey Baker needs to be booked (it's free but limited spaces) and the children's Saturday morning session at Woodend Library with illustrator Ann James also requires a booking. You can book for these through [www.woodendwinterarts-festival.org.au](http://www.woodendwinterarts-festival.org.au). Other free events such as the four art exhibitions will be held over the Festival weekend and entry is either free or with a gold coin donation. Enjoy!

The Sherman Contemporary Art Foundation, Khai Liew, The Art Gallery of New South Wales, and UNSW galleries.

Staged by acclaimed writer and producer Rodney Hall, and under the musical direction of John O'Donnell, this Renaissance pageant, never professionally performed in Australia, offers audiences a unique experience, featuring period instruments, masked singers and brightly-coloured sculptural costumes, while above them on triple screens a shadow play, created by two dancers, develops images from the libretto.

This is a must for all who loved *L'Euridice* in 2014, with four performances over the Festival weekend.

The Festival program includes something for everyone - international musicians from Italy and Brazil, and well-known Australian musicians, the ever-popular Words and Ideas program, Slam Poetry and four art exhibitions throughout the weekend.

The Woodend Winter Arts Festival is held over the Queen's Birthday long weekend (8 - 11 June) with free fireworks on opening night (8 June) at Buffalo Stadium in Woodend. Full details of the Festival program and ticket purchases are available at [www.woodendwinterarts-festival.org.au](http://www.woodendwinterarts-festival.org.au)



SUBMITTED BY: WOODEND WINTER ARTS FESTIVAL COMMITTEE



**Graeme Simson** will be one of the speakers at this year's Festival (Photo by Rebecca Rocks)



**Pietro Roffi** from Italy will perform in two events at this year's festival. (Photo by Alice Camandona)

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## 2nd Woodend Adventurous Venturers

2nd Woodend Venturers are not shy of a challenge, and this Easter they embarked on the adventurous experience of hiking Tasmania's Cradle Mountain Overland Track. Although only 75km long, the hike took seven days which was the longest the group had experienced carrying all food, tent and gear on their backs.

The group had prepared in January by hiking Gippsland's Wilderness Track, which was 85km but only took them three days in extreme heat, and they also traversed the Great Ocean Road's 100km hike a few months ago. The Overland Track was not as difficult as the Gippsland Hike which was hampered by a king tide that impacted their water supply, but it was challenging due to the unpredictable weather of that region and the logistics involved in getting there.

All thirteen of the hikers savoured pristine scenery, climbed the 1600m altitude of Mt Ossa - Tasmania's highest peak - and camped along the designated platforms at the end of very long days. The group fundraised for this experience with festival barbecues and a sponsored mountain bike ride, and the work made the experience all worth the while.

## Talk is now underway about the Kokoda Trail ... let's wait and see!

SUBMITTED BY JANE WALDUCK



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**Thanks to a Woodend Rotary club fundraiser,** Woodend Neighbourhood House now has a defibrillator.

“With sudden cardiac arrest being one of the leading causes of death in Australia, having a defibrillator to hand can make the difference between life and death” (St John’s Ambulance)

“With over 10,000 people visiting the Neighbourhood House each year, we are thrilled to have this life-saving equipment on site. Our heartfelt thanks go to the Woodend Rotarians and the wider Woodend community who supported the fundraising luncheon,” said Woodend Neighbourhood House Vice-President Nigel Emms.

The Woodend Rotary funds enabled the purchase of a Heartstart defibrillator (AED) and paid for twelve volunteers and tutors to be trained in its use.

First aid training in CPR and the use of a defibrillator can save a life prior to the ambulance arriving. Woodend Neighbourhood House offers a number of first-aid courses each year. Dates for the next courses are Saturdays 5 May, 11 August, 20 October and 1 December. Enrolments are online at [www.woodendnh.org.au/firstaid](http://www.woodendnh.org.au/firstaid)

SUBMITTED BY ANGELA VAN DAM



**L-R Nigel Emms** (Vice-President, Woodend Neighbourhood House) and Peter Willmott (President, Woodend Rotary)



**Nigel Emms,** Susan Carroll and Patrick Hocking take turns to practice CPR and use a training defibrillator



**Accredited First Aid Trainer and Registered Nurse Bernadette Cossar** with Angela Van Dam, Coordinator WNH

## Recognise your sporting club’s most valuable off-field performer

Nominations are now open for the 2018 Sports Focus ‘Administrator of the Year’ award.

### Do you know someone:

- who has made a significant contribution to their local sporting club?
- is an inspiration to the community for their tireless work, commitment and dedication to sport?
- goes above and beyond to change their club for the better and to encourage, support and motivate others?

### Nominate them now!

The award is celebrating its 30th anniversary in 2018 and recognises the achievements and contributions made by volunteer administrators to the sport and active recreation sector.

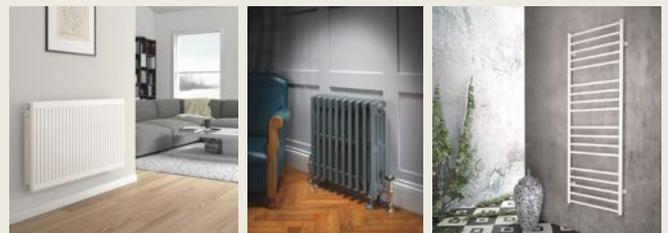
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The recipient of the 2018 Administrator of the Year award will be announced at the 2018 Sports Focus Annual General Meeting in Bendigo later in the year.

For further information contact Zita Waldron-Brown at Sports Focus on 5442 3101.



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## Kindergarten readiness session, helping little feet take big steps

Parents of children who turn four years old before 30 April 2019 are invited to attend a free information session on assessing their child's readiness for kindergarten the year before school.

The session is presented by Council and features members of Council's Early Years team, Cobaw Community Health's speech pathologist, and guest speaker Michelle Savage from Bloom Psychology. The session will provide an overview of how you can prepare your child for kindergarten, and will cover what support is available for you and your child if needed, what kindergarten is about and the unique aspects of each of our kindergartens.

The free information session will take place on Wednesday 16 May from 7 - 8.30 pm at the Woodend Community Centre, corner of High and Forest streets.

"If parents have any concerns, or are unsure about the benefits of kindergarten, or whether their child is ready for the transition, I'd encourage them to attend," said Council's Acting Director of Community Wellbeing, Jill Karena.

"This session gives parents the tools to feel more confident in assessing whether your child will be ready for kindergarten next year, and to learn some strategies for supporting your child in their transition to kinder."

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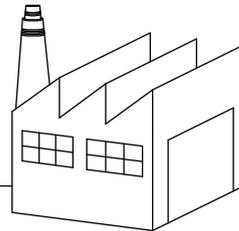
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### May's program - Our Power

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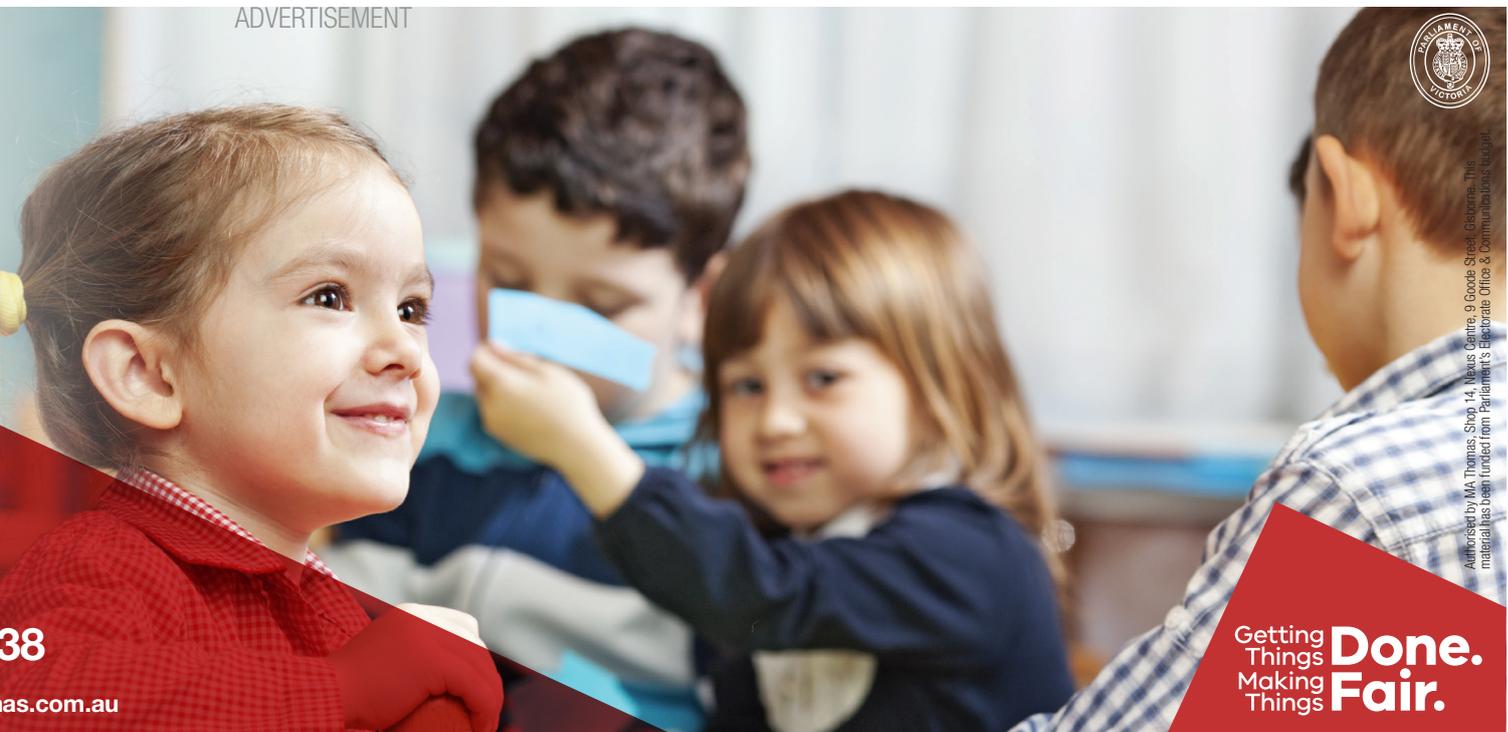
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## Giving our kids the best start in life

Kids across Victoria will have everything they need to get the best start in life, with more kinder places, new and upgraded kinders and new language programs, thanks to a funding boost from the Andrews Labor Government.

The Budget provides an additional \$17.9 million to give at least 3,000 children attending state-funded kinders the opportunity to learn a language other than English for the very first time.

Learning languages at kinder often result in kids learning the language of their grandparents, as well as inspiring them to take an interest in other cultures. It's also shown to improve brain function and their English reading and writing skills.

Weekly sessional language programs will be delivered in 120 kinders, with a further 10 services to become bilingual – where children will benefit from up to half their program being offered in another language.

Thousands more children will also be able to attend kindergarten, with almost \$43 million to build, upgrade and improve early learning facilities across Victoria, as part of the Victorian Budget 2018/19.

It is part of an overall \$60.8 million investment that

will help kinders meet the growing demand for kinder places, provide access to the latest technology and ensure kinders are accessible and inclusive for children of all abilities.

This boost will bring this Government's investment to a record \$123.6 million to build, expand and improve early years infrastructure across Victoria, funding an additional 8,250 three- and four-year- old kinder places since 2014.

This record investment comes as Victorian families continue to benefit from the Labor Government's landmark \$202.1 million Education State Early Childhood Reform Plan, which was announced in last year's budget.

Member for Macedon, Mary-Anne Thomas: "When we said we'd build the Education State, we weren't kidding. The early years are critical - and this is about making sure every child in Victoria has access to the best quality kinders, kinder programs and the best teachers. We're setting them up so that they're ready for kinder, ready for school and ready for life."

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## The Gisborne Singers perform Cantata Memoria

Cantata Memoria commemorates the 50th anniversary of the Aberfan tragedy of 21 October 1966. It was on this day that 116 children and 28 adults perished when a coal spoil tip enveloped Pantglas Junior School together with some nearby houses in Aberfan, south Wales. It was not only the disaster itself, but the following insensitive bungling by authorities and lack of prosecution of the National Coal Board and employees which has cast this tragedy deep within the Welsh psyche.

22 Gisborne Singers took up the offer to be part of the North American premiere in Carnegie Hall, New York in January 2017. Karl Jenkins' work was not new to our choir: we performed his *The Armed Man* (a Mass for Peace) in 2015, so it was fitting to prepare and perform the Australian Premier of *Cantata Memoria*. The Gisborne Singers have developed a fine reputation for the quality of their performances. One of our professional soloists said after a recent concert: "Thanks again for having me, I honestly think the Gisborne Singers are the finest amateur choir I've heard in Australia. Very impressive sound."

The music is accessible, memorable and truly moving. It uses repetition effectively and borrows appropriately from other musical sources, and the final result is riveting. As in Jenkins' other works, it shows a truly Jenkins stamp throughout.

There will be two Sunday performances at 3 pm: on 20 May at Church of Christ, New Gisborne, and on 27 May at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Kyneton.

Bookings through Trybooking; easiest access is the link on our web site [www.gisbornesingers.org.au](http://www.gisbornesingers.org.au) or Robert 5428 7033.

SUBMITTED BY ROBERT BLAIR

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A new community choir aimed at encouraging anyone and everyone to sing has been established on Wednesday evenings at St Mary’s Anglican church - that’s the old bluestone church on the hill.

The “Woodend Warblers” will be run by local Andrew Price, an experienced choir master who is one of the directors of “Men in Suits” (youtube them if you’re not familiar with them). He and his organising team of Tricia Hartshorn and Jenny Zimmerman are keen to see everyone have a go, even if you’ve never sung before. Community singing has proven benefits to both physical and mental health. Come along and check us out!

7-8.30 pm every Wednesday night. Cost is \$10 per night to help us cover costs. There will be a variety of music types, starting off with very simple stuff. No auditions! Our main aim is to have fun. If you want to know more ring Jenny on 0438 498 869

SUBMITTED BY JENNY ZIMMERMAN 0438 498 869

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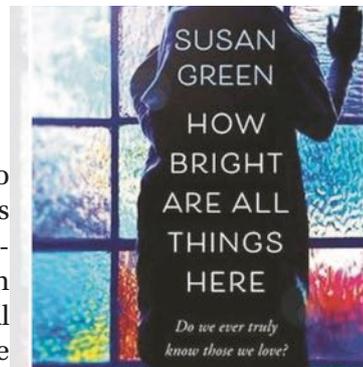
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please keep them to around 250 words. We will need to edit longer articles for clarity this ensures that all contributors can be considered for inclusion in The New Woodend Star.

## Library news

### Author Susan Green talks

'Drama is a hard habit to break, and besides, life is awfully dull when it's naked and truthful.' Susan Green has won several literary awards and is the author of the hugely popular 'Verity Sparks' series.



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SUMMITTED BY LULU COCHRAN

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## We love your photos ...

Seen something amazing in the Macedon Ranges, why not share your photos with the wider community? Send them in with the description of who, what, where and when.

## Registrations for kindergarten and 3 year old groups are open

Council would like to remind parents that registrations for our three-year old groups and kindergarten programs across the shire are now open. To register your child today visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/kinder-enrol](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/kinder-enrol)

Kindergarten supports your child's development - in particular, their social, emotional, fine motor language, literacy and numeracy skills - and instils in your child a love of learning.

For more information about our kindergarten or three-year old programs please contact Council's Early Years unit on 5422 0239 or visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/kinder-enrol](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/kinder-enrol)

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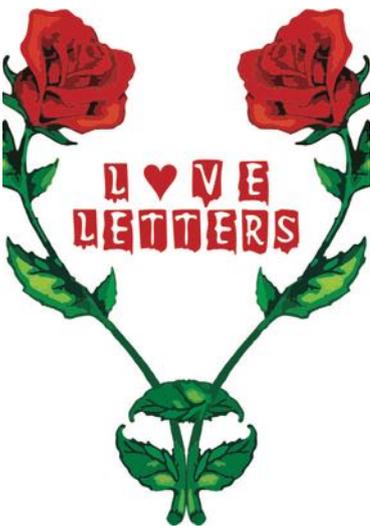
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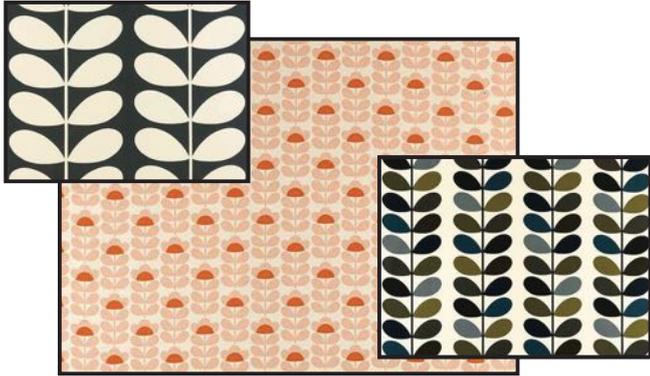
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## We want your blankets, swags and sleeping bags...

The third annual Woodend Community Project "Winter Blanket Drive" for the Melbourne city homeless is ready to kick off.

The Woodend Community has given generously in the past couple of years with a combined total of around 8 cubic metres of blankets, warm coats and other items. Woodend Rotarians were very pleased and humbled by the incredible response from the locals and we are hoping for support again this year.

Woodend Rotary is coordinating the blanket drive for 2018 and we are looking for blankets but will accept sleeping bags, coats, scarves and hats. Items must be clean and in excellent condition.

Drop off points have been established at Woodend Library and Mort & Pestle in the 19th Hole Shopping Centre Woodend.

Collection will continue until the end of May when the items will be transported to the Youth Project centre in Hosier Lane Melbourne for distribution to those in need.

The Youth Projects, as it is known, is not age specific and provides health care, outreach services to those living on the street. The Projects also has showering facilities, a laundry and a hang out area. Living on the streets long term makes it hard to look after yourself and the Projects also teaches cooking and other life skills prepare

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Also appearing at the Woodend Winter Arts Festival is Melbourne Ensemble - Shuberts Octet



## Message from Councillor Janet Pearce

The Draft Budget Report and the Draft Strategic Resource Plan 2018/19 are on display on Council's website and at the Woodend Council Office area. We encourage you all to read it, and any person can make a written submission up until 22 May.

It is important to provide us with feedback- whether you feel something is missing, an area is not prioritised or not included, or even if you are pleased that funds are allocated to a project or area, then let us know!

Councillors are out and about at community events but it is always best to make a formal submission, as they will all be made available for all Councillors to read.

A Special Council Meeting will be held at 7 pm on 30 May 2018 in the Council Chamber of the Gisborne Administration Centre to provide an opportunity for any person who wishes to make a verbal presentation in support of their submission.

The lights at the Gilbert Gordon Oval are on! The project shows all levels (local club, local government and state government) working together to achieve a shared outcome. Congratulations to the club and user groups for all their efforts in fundraising.

Thank you to all who registered their interest and/or provided feedback to The Macedon Ranges Shared Trails Feasibility Studies which are currently underway - an exciting project!

SUBMITTED BY JANET PEARCE, MACEDON RANGES SHIRE COUNCIL

## Help shape the future of arts and culture in the Macedon Ranges

Did you share your ideas on arts and culture in the Macedon Ranges with Council recently?

The draft Arts and Cultural Strategy 2018–2028, which will guide Council's promotion, support and investment in arts and culture over the next ten years, will be released shortly, and we want you to have your say.

Council will be hosting public forums and listening posts in the shire that offer an overview of the draft strategy.

Come along, have your say and be part of shaping the future of arts and culture in our community.

For more information, visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay) or call Robyn Till on 5422 0333.

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## Join the Shared Trails Feasibility Study Project

Macedon Ranges Shire Council would like to hear from community members or groups interested in a proposal to develop additional walking and cycling trails in the shire.

The Macedon Ranges Shared Trails Feasibility Study project will look at trail options along various routes including Tylden to Carlsruhe, Kyneton to Woodend, Woodend to Riddells Creek, and Woodend to Hanging Rock.

Providing safe walking and cycling opportunities throughout the shire is a priority for Council. A key action in the 2017-2027 Council Plan is a commitment to investing \$1.1million in planning, renewing and building new footpaths and cycling paths to improve both access and community connections.

Consultants with experience in the trail-planning industry have been appointed to manage the project.

Details of the Shared Trail Feasibility Study Project including proposed routes will be available at [mrsc.vic.gov.au/your\\_say](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/your_say) from Monday 9 April.

Groups and community members interested in the project can register their interest or provide feedback to Recreation Project Officer Michelle Nolte on 5422 0240 or by emailing [mnolte@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:mnolte@mrsc.vic.gov.au)

LEANNE MANTON MACEDON RANGES SHIRE COUNCIL

## Council appoints new Director Planning and Environment

Macedon Ranges Shire Council is pleased to announce the appointment of Angela Hughes to the key leadership position of Director Planning and Environment.

Ms Hughes has extensive experience in local government in strategic planning, statutory planning and compliance.

She is looking forward to working at Macedon Ranges Shire given its unique position as a peri-urban Council with iconic land features.

Ms Hughes will take up her new position in May. A new manager also has been appointed in this directorate. Susan LaGreca will join Council later this month as Manager Economic Development and Tourism.



## Healthcare under the Rainbow

Cobaw Community Health's WayOut team have launched an educational video that provides a safe platform for LGBTIQ+ young people to speak to healthcare professionals and services about their needs. The video offers suggestions and advice about working with the sex and gender diverse community.

The Healthcare Under the Rainbow video is a contemporary educational tool for GPs and other healthcare professionals, aimed at improving inclusive clinical practice and increasing the safety of young people accessing healthcare services.

A group of young people from the Macedon Ranges developed and produced the video. Participants enjoyed the opportunity to develop skills in photography, film, editing and events, as well as the experience of researching and developing health promotion messages for healthcare professionals.

This project was funded by a grant from Kyneton Community and Learning Centre's LETS! (Leaderships & Events Training Skills) Project, through the Victorian Department of Health & Human Services' Engage! Program. A seven-month process, the video was launched last month with an event at Brooke Street Medical Centre in Woodend.

The producer of the video, Kieran Atkins said, "I really enjoyed doing the video. It was very exciting to work on something about youth healthcare that is medically sound and informative and that has been led by LGBTIQ+ young people. I hope the video ends some of the stigma around the doctor/patient relationship. It's a very positive and encouraging video that celebrates the good that equal healthcare can provide."

For further information contact WayOut on 1300 0 26229 and to view the video visit [www.cobaw.org.au/healthcare-under-the-rainbow/](http://www.cobaw.org.au/healthcare-under-the-rainbow/)

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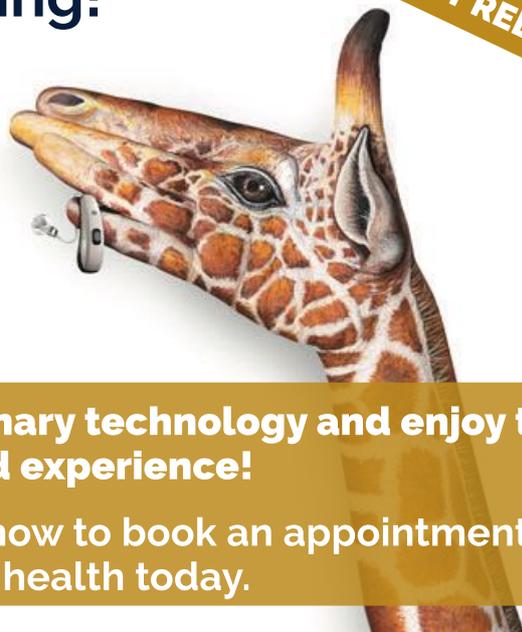
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## Red Cross Woodend welcomes new faces

We are always delighted to have new faces at our meetings; they bring fresh ideas and perspectives. Please join us at the Woodend Bowls Club at 1.30 pm on the first Thursday of each month - have a cuppa and check us out.

The Trauma Teddy campaign continues to amaze! We are so thrilled to find such a generous response to our requests for knitters. Knitting one ted is lovely, but a continuing commitment is truly generous and much appreciated. I want to express our gratitude to those wonderful people who are not Red Cross members yet have taken up the needles and produce Trauma Teddies of great cuddliness! Please call me on 0407 049190 if you would like to join the knitters or volunteer at the legendary Woodend Red Cross!

The Neighbourhood House has offered space to run an introductory session to knitting, assembling and generally teddy-ing about. With a cuppa and a chat of course! We will have some kits for the novice and they are quite simple, so I encourage anyone to have a go and maybe discover a new talent! More information will be available soon and we let you know through our regular column in The New Woodend Star and at the Neighbourhood House. Great to have volunteers uniting to help others. Woodend is a very generous and giving community - well done all!

There is a lot more to Red Cross than teddies, and we were very proud to make a considerable contribution to the dire humanitarian situation in Bangladesh, with proceeds from our Christmas stall

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## Another successful Good Friday appeal

Once again, the Woodend, Newham and Heskett-Kerrie CFA Brigades conducted the annual Good Friday Appeal Collection for the Royal Children's Hospital.

Thank you to the ladies of the Woodend CFA who ensured that all were well fed and watered, those who helped sort and count the money on the day, and the team at the Commonwealth Bank in Woodend for the final collection tally. Local residents and visitors donated a near-record total of just over \$13,175 - including more than \$10,770 for Woodend, just over \$850 for Heskett-Kerrie and more than \$1,520 for Newham.

### And to the volunteer families that make it possible

A special mention must be made of the increasing number of families who participate. It is great to see family and friends joining Woodend CFA volunteers for the collection. The Price family collected \$1,322, the Callaghans \$1,084, the Selbys \$476, the Bowens \$387 and the Wilson-Annans family \$343, while the growing McKinnon clan came together to raise an whopping total of \$4,530. The best individual effort was Ben Botwood with \$710 while eleven week old Leo Kyretses raised \$270.



Callum Judd (front left) with his mother Claire, Aunt Katie, cousins Aaron and Riley, and his Uncle Malcolm

### Thank you Woodend...

The response to our recent fundraising letter has been fantastic, and thank you to everyone who has donated so far. We will give you an update each month through this space in the New Woodend Star.

For further information contact Officer in Charge Mike Dornau at the Woodend CFA on 5427 2356 or 0409 093 935, or visit the station in Urquhart Street or our website: [www.woodendcfa.org](http://www.woodendcfa.org). You can also follow us on Facebook.

SUBMITTED BY MIKE DORNAU, WOODEND CFA

For the last three Good Friday appeals, young Callum Judd has been watching progress from his bed at the Royal Children's Hospital. This year the brave seven year old joined his family to actually be involved in the collection with the volunteers from the Woodend CFA.

Callum suffers from neuroblastoma which is the most common solid tumour of childhood. It is almost exclusively a childhood cancer occurring most commonly between the ages of 0-5 years. The amazing Callum jumped on the Woodend Pumper and hopped on and off the truck with his mates, to collect a fantastic total of more than \$610. Callum - we were so honoured and inspired to have you share the day with us!

Callum was presented with a Woodend CFA cap and made an honorary member of the Woodend CFA

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- build your own action plan of next steps
- access tools, templates, support and resources.

Limited places are available, so it is important to book early. The workshop includes a light lunch and costs \$25 for members of Macedon Ranges Business Connect, Romsey Region Business and Tourism Association and Business

Kyneton and \$60 for businesses based outside the shire.

Your Business in the Digital Space will be held on Tuesday 15 May from 9.30 am-1.30 pm at the Newman Room, Kyneton Town Hall, 129 Mollison Street, Kyneton. For more information or to book, visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/business-events](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/business-events) or call 5421 9616.

SUBMITTED BY LEANNE MANTON

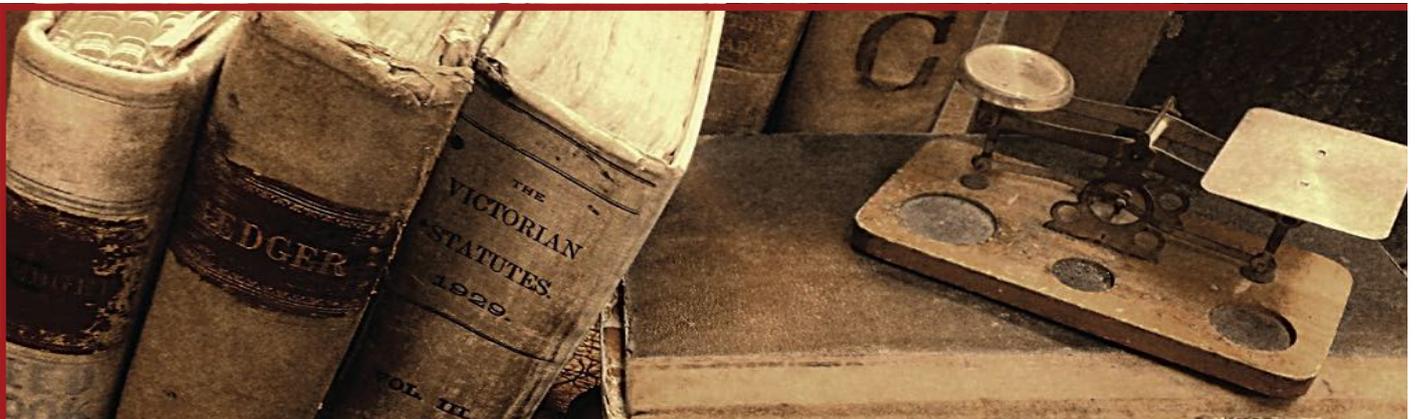
## LISTEN with your EYES

The Macedon Ranges Art Trail is hosting a preview of work by 30 artists before the opening of the Woodend Winter Arts Festival on Friday 8 June.

'Listen with your Eyes' is a visual art exhibition reflecting the themes Woodend, Winter and Festival. The artists have been invited to interpret one or more of the themes.

Located at the Woodend Tennis Club, behind the visitor information centre, MRAT welcomes people to drop by the exhibition from 5.30 pm and enjoy a festive drink before moving on to the fireworks at Buffalo Oval. Leave your cars near the tennis club and stroll to the spectacular display that has become an annual highlight on the town calendar.

The art exhibition will run all weekend from 10 am to 4 pm. All work will be for sale including paintings, ceramics, origami, photography and jewellery. Among the artists participating are several who have won prizes at recent shows; Helen Cottle, Kathy Medbury, Lynn Munn and Shay Downer. Donations are appreciated to support MRAT's ongoing promotion of local artists.



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## Woodend RSL News

In April, both Woodend RSL and its Women's Auxiliary held their first new committee meetings. Plans are underway for a series of social functions. Some of the imminent events include a rock and Roll band on 20 May and a jazz band 3 June, both at 2pm. The Chamber Poets session, featuring well-known writer Cate Kennedy, is at 1pm on Saturday 9 June.



### RSL Hall for Hire

The RSL is also making its hall facilities available for hire. The main hall is 135 square metres and can seat 100 guests in theatre style or at tables. We have a commercial kitchen and can provide volunteers for the licensed bar and catering services.

### Lest we forget

This month the RSL remembers the three battles of Krithia on the southern Gallipoli Peninsula between 28 April and 6 June 1915. The 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th Australian Infantry Battalions fought alongside New Zealanders under British Command above Cape Helles. Over 6000 men were killed or wounded before their retreat.

It is highly likely that many of the men who fought at Krithia came from the Woodend region. My grandfather (Will Herrick from Woodend) fought in the 2nd Battle of Krithia and was shot in the leg. Fortunately he survived to later fight in France. The 6th Battalion had 725 men of whom 133 were killed in that battle; 153 were wounded, 24 subsequently died of wounds and 127 were missing.

SUBMITTED BY: PETER WHITELAW, PRESIDENT, WOODEND RSL

## The Woodend RSL Women's Auxiliary announces the...

2018 leadership team. Patricia Leonard is President, Sally Edwards is Secretary and Hilary Simpson is Treasurer. They are a happy and enthusiastic group of ladies who have done wonders at many recent events both at the RSL and outside catering at Hanging Rock.

April is always a busy month at the RSL, with Anzac Day one of the most important yearly events. There is fresh determination amongst us, and with new RSL President Peter Whitelaw we hope to move forward in leaps and bounds.

The intention is to revive social activity with Friday night members and family events such as nibble nights, pizza nights, roast dinners etc. Watch this space for big things about to happen! If you would like to be involved Ring Patricia on 0408 599 066

## Woodend Art Group

Woodend Winter Art Exhibition on Queens Birthday Weekend, 8-11 June. On offer will be well-priced art, pottery, cards and other craft items from 10 am to 4 pm each day.

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May 19 - Reno Capanna - Pen & Ink - \$90

May 20 - Marg Morgan - Acrylic Pouring - \$90

May 26 - Luca Royle - Composition in Photography - \$85

June 16 - Carol Carter - Life Drawing - \$90

### New Classes on Offer Term 2

Painting like Picasso with Michael Berry and Afternoons with Daniel Butterworth.

Check out our website for more information; [www.woodendartgroup.org.au](http://www.woodendartgroup.org.au) or contact Di Fitt by email [president@woodendartgroup.org.au](mailto:president@woodendartgroup.org.au)



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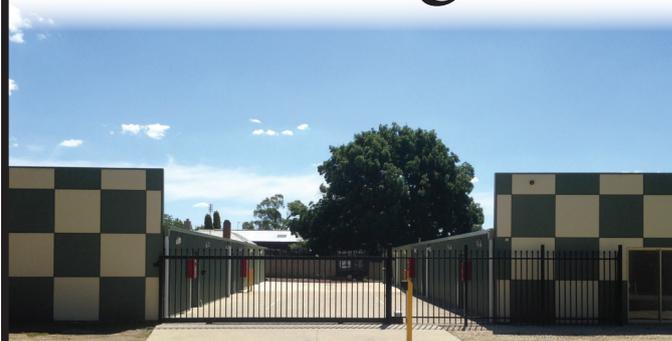
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From hands-on workshops for creatives, to performances that promise belly laughs and plenty of family drama, Council's program of arts and culture in May is guaranteed to put a smile on your dial.

## 2018 Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow

Get your month off to a mad-cap start, as the 2018 Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow spills into town.

On Saturday 12 May from 7.30 pm a cast of funny makers from Australia and beyond showcase everything from stand-up and sketch to satire and song.

This is always a popular event on the Kyneton Town Hall calendar: get in fast because these tickets won't last!

Tickets are \$45 adults, \$42 seniors and \$40 concession.

## Hotel Sorrento

The complexity of Australian families come under the microscope on Wednesday 23 May at 7.30pm, as the award-winning play Hotel Sorrento takes to the Kyneton Town Hall stage.

Written by acclaimed author Hannie Rayson, the story chronicles the life of three sisters who grew up together in the seaside town of Sorrento.

Dubbed a 'gentle psychological thriller that no Australian should miss', Hotel Sorrento highlights the importance of blood ties and collective family memories.

Tickets are \$32 adults, \$29 seniors and \$25 concession.

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

## Exhibition: Chinese Fortunes

Don't miss the myth-busting exhibition at Kyneton Museum, Chinese Fortunes.

The exhibition, showing until Sunday 24 June, explores the stories of Chinese migrants in Victoria and offers new insights into the political, economic and cultural dimensions of their experiences.

Developed in conjunction with The Museum of Australian Democracy at Eureka (MADE) in Ballarat, and The Golden Dragon Museum in Bendigo, Chinese Fortunes uncovers the remarkable contributions made by Chinese migrants from 1851 to 1901 and highlights their resilience and cultural pride.

Catch Chinese Fortunes at Kyneton Museum on Friday to Sunday from 11 am to 4 pm. Entry fees apply.

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

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MACEDON RANGES WINE BUYERS GUIDE

Patrick Eckle's

# Wine review

The reviews for this month steer away from the traditional stablemates of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay and showcase the exceptional quality of Cabernet that can be found in the region as well as a very good example sparkling produced from Romsey.

## 2011 Midhill Macedon Chardonnay Pinot Noir Brut

This wine has the luxury of being aged on lees in bottle for four years prior to being disgorged. At \$35 it's an absolute bargain given the care, time and technique that has gone into it.

A golden yellow in colour, the nose has clotted cream with white peach and brioche notes that are backed by citrus fruits.

A full and complex sparkling that highlights the natural acidity of Macedon Ranges that was enhanced by the coolness of the 2011 vintage. Even though acidity is there it is met in equal measure by a richness of stone fruits that are integrated with a leesy creaminess and subtle funk that only comes from time in bottle. Acidity is precise and keeps the wines richer notes in check to finish.

Rating: 93 | Price: \$35 | When to Drink: 2018 - 2026

## 2016 Domain Epis The Williams Vineyard Cabernet

The wine is a blend of Cabernet (80%) and Merlot (20%) and was produced from the Williams vineyard in Kyneton that was originally planted by Laurie William, the founding father of viticulture in the Macedon Ranges.

The wine gives a glossy red hue in the glass with a heady mix of blackberry and plum that's overlaid by mint chocolate and beautifully aromatic french oak spice.

An iron fist in a velvet glove; there is an elegance of structure, yet concentration of fruit and integration of oak that comes from a Cabernet of the highest order. Attractive French oak with vanilla richness and baking spice defines the wine at this point with precise blackberry and plum that will evolve over time. The tannins are fine yet supportive and build subtly over time, milk chocolate and understated mint dominate the finish.

This is just a baby and will reward decades.

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BY PATRICK ECKEL

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**CLUB HIGHLIGHTS**

by Mike Hamer

## Member in Profile

The Rotary Club of Woodend aims to be an inclusive club, welcoming everyone. We encourage diversity, which is demonstrated in the broad range of different backgrounds and profiles of our members. This month, we profile Annie Hamer, who has been a Rotary member for 18 months.

### Annie Hamer

I first went to a meeting at Rotary based on one of these articles in the Star. My husband and I turned up one evening and were made very welcome. Woodend is not such a big place and we knew a couple of the members and a couple of others by sight. We were looking for a regular social activity in which we could both take part, and Rotary has given us this.

Through our conferences and guest speakers I've become aware of the range of work Rotary does around the world. The Woodend club plays its part in that by raising money every week for cleft-palate operations in Bangladesh. I've also met our local members who are involved in overseas work and their stories are inspiring.

I particularly enjoy the local activities. I've helped organise our regional conference, cooked sausages at Bunnings, marshalled car parking at events, assisted with the production of the Woodend Star and helped at a number of local events. There's a great team spirit in our activities and we share a lot of laughs together. There's a wide range of people in the club who I wouldn't normally get to meet, but through Rotary we have some great shared experiences.

My image of Rotary was 'old, male and stale' - in our club that couldn't be further from the truth.



Local member Annie Hamer on Rotary trip to the MCG and sports museum.



Jason Azzopardi with Rotary President Peter Willmott and Directors of the KidzFlip Charity

## KidzFlip - inspiring our local youth and quite a few older ones!

During April, the Rotary Club of Woodend was pleased to welcome Jason Azzopardi as a guest speaker at one of our regular dinner meetings. Jason is a local police officer who saw the need for our community to be doing more to help our local young people so he started his own charity called KidzFlip.

KidzFlip advocates on behalf of all our young people and particularly those who come from disadvantaged backgrounds. The charity aims to empower young people to become global citizens, focusing on their strengths to build skills and behaviours that will serve them in the future, both in their engagement with our local community and in the wider world. Jason ("Azza" to his friends!) has assembled a broad team of local professionals and community members to assist in developing camps and activities that bring young people together in a fun, healthy way, building confidence and autonomy, and enhancing personal identity.

"It was a great privilege to hear from Jason," said Peter Willmott, president of Woodend Rotary. "We can all be inspired by the work he and the KidzFlip team are doing in the Macedon Ranges. Much of what Jason is looking to accomplish aligns with our values as an organisation."

If you want to know more about the Kidz Flip charity, check out their facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/kidzflip/>

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## End Polio Now: update on Rotary's global initiative

Perhaps the most well-known Rotary global initiative is the commitment to eradicate polio around the world. The global initiative, started in Australia thirty years ago, is close to achieving its objective. According to the World Health Organisation, there are currently fewer than ten cases of polio around the world.

When the initiative started, that figure was 350,000 cases - and many older members of our community will be all too aware of the risk of polio when they were young and the devastating impact it had. Yet children can be protected by use of a simple oral vaccine, costing less than three dollars. Thankfully, polio is not an issue in Australia, but it continues to be a risk in many developing and under- resourced areas.

Spurred on by global support from many partners, the eradication program got a massive boost when in 2007 Bill Gates, the founder of Microsoft, through the Gates foundation pledged two dollars to every dollar Rotary could raise. Since the program started some thirty years ago, Rotary has raised US \$ 1.6 billion. Over 2.5 billion children have been vaccinated around the world.



**Microsoft founder,** Bill Gates has been a huge benefactor in recent years in the drive to end polio.



**Photo by** Grant Hocking: Woodend Golf course looking back over Woodend to Mt Macedon.



### Community Lunch three years on

On May 18th we will be celebrating three years of Community Lunches in Woodend. Since the lunches started in 2015, our team of volunteers have served over 1,300 delicious meals to members of the Woodend and wider Macedon Ranges community as well as visitors to town.

Community lunch is all about connecting people, building support networks and making new friendships. We serve lunch and dessert followed by tea and coffee for \$5 per person. Children are free.

In September 2017 we moved Community Lunch from the Neighbourhood House over to the Woodend RSL Sub branch in Anslow Street. This has given us much more room for more guests and, the luxury of a commercial kitchen and dishwasher. Community lunch is entirely volunteer run. So, if you would like to help in the kitchen or with setting-up or lend a hand serving and clearing on the day please get in touch. If you've not been before come along and see for yourself what it all about, call us on 5427 1845 to book your seat(s) or email [reception@woodendnh.org.au](mailto:reception@woodendnh.org.au)

### Computer Bank - a new initiative

Do you have unwanted computer bits and pieces needing to be recycled? If you do, we'd love to hear from you. Patrick Hocking is launching an initiative to repurpose and rebuild computers for people who don't have access to a computer of their own. He's also offering one-on-one computer lessons on a Monday - please call 5427 1845 to book a session.

### We love new ideas from the community

and are frequently surprised by the vast array of talented local people we have.

Planning for next term. The July school holidays will soon start, and we're getting ready to prepare our Term Three brochure, so if you've got a burning desire to learn something new or you have the skills to teach something we don't already run, please get in touch by 21 May.

SUBMITTED BY ANGELA VAN DAM, COORDINATOR WOODEND NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE



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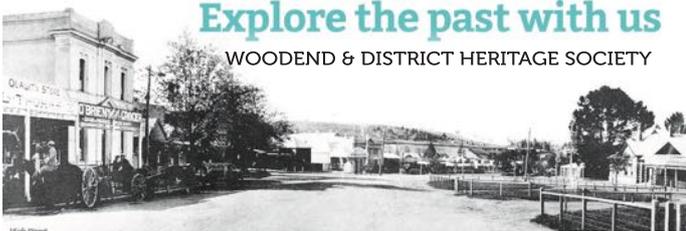


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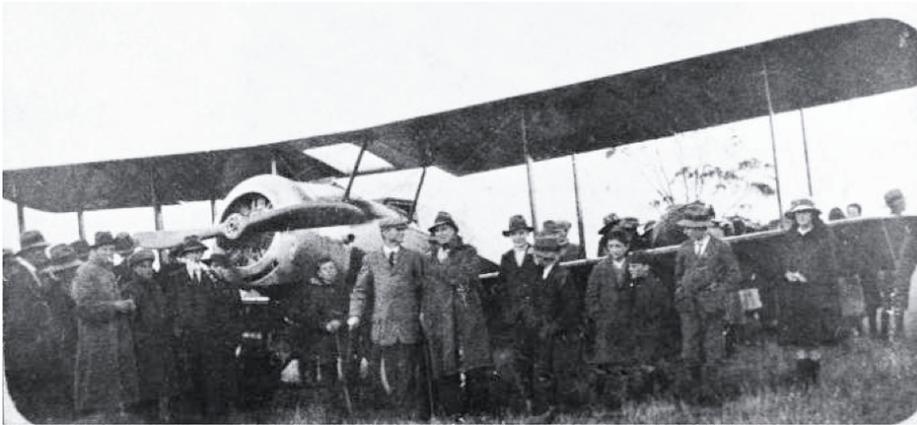


Photo 19. The first plane, a Sopwith Gnu, to land at Woodend. It was chartered by some local businessmen to enable people to see an aeroplane. The pilot was Captain Roy King, and Mr Craig and Mr Slack accompanied him as passengers. It landed in the vicinity of "Red Hill" in the Davies brothers' paddock on Saturday 1 May 1920.

The Shire President, Cr Thorburn, welcomed the party and entertained them at the Victoria Hotel with local businessmen. The small boy in front of the photo is Gerald Keating and the man with the cigarette in the foreground second from the left is John Joseph Keating, his father. The man wearing the cap next to Gerald is Percy Morris. Beside him is F Kierce (a policeman), J E Keating (a Draper), Mr Bowen, Gerry Keating, Walter Koolhoo, George Davies and Mary Bartlett.



Newhampic 85. A plane which landed c 1929 on the corner of Three Chain Rd & Mowbray's Rd at Carlsruhe. Matt Vallance (second from the left) pictured had just had his first air flight. Part of the entertainment was a parachutist jumping from the plane. He was sadly killed parachuting at the next venue.



Photo taken by Belinda Witkowski. A pair of Gang Gang Cockatoos spotted one Saturday morning while out with the Woodend Rotary Walking Group.

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## SPORTS NEWS

### Exciting year ahead for the Woodend Heskett Football Netball Club.

With the lighting project finalised, the Hawks look forward to playing their first-ever night game at the Gilbert Gordon Oval. Both the football and netball clubs have continued to invest in local youth after the disappointment of the U/19 netball and U/18 football teams losing in preliminary finals last year

Our netballers have attracted Tara Burnip across from the Macedon Cats A-grade side. Tara is a young shooter and adds some very welcomed height into the ring for both our A Grade and 19/u sides.

Our young stars Brittany Bowen and Sarah Duff in the centre court and Tailah Brown-Kerr in defence will also return to our A-grade team and will join our returning senior players led by newly-appointed captain Maddy Staresina. Maddy took out our B&F last season and looks to be in great form ahead of the season start.

The club is looking forward to all grades competing and representing the club proudly and delivering more wins in 2018



**Mackenzie Brown** U17 interleague, Maddy Staresina A Grade Captain, Sarah Duff U17 Interleague, Taylah Ranieri U 19 League Best and Fairest

From a football side, Tom Carland was appointed as senior coach. Tom and Andy Wilson have enthused our playing list and have the guys as fit as they have been which showed out in an impressive performance against Birchip Watchem.

Tom has been able to attract quality footballers to top up the strong list of local Woodend players. Tom Gawthrop, Daniel and Ben Toman and Tom O'Loughlin are all primed to have big seasons, as are veterans Jesse Sheppard, Jimmy Hepburn and Jess Waters. Great to see a real buzz around the senior club which has flowed onto the rest of the football teams. Former president and U18s coach Stuart Braddy has taken on the role of reserves coach, and Steve Chapman again will coach the U19 team.



**Picture Football** Photo 2019 Football leadership

**From Left:** Steve Chapman 19.5's coach, Tom Carland Senior Coach, Dennis Barker Football Manager, Tom O'Loughlin Captain Stuart Braddy Reserves Coach, Tom Gawthrop Vice Captain

As always the club thanks its major sponsors who continue to support the club: Barkers Trailers, L&L Smash Repairs, Mitre 10, Buffalo Sport, Woodend Dental, and Bourkies Bakehouse. The club welcomes everyone in the community. If you are new to Woodend and want to play footy or netball or just come down and enjoy the social atmosphere, you're welcome. Training is every Tuesday and Thursday night at the Gilbert Gordon oval - the bar and meals are open from 6 pm on a Thursday.

SUBMITTED BY PAUL POBBURY

### Three years young and full of older men...

but the Woodend-Heskett Masters Football Club has raised \$15,000 to contribute the recent Gilbert Gordon Oval lighting upgrade.

The Masters, which is football for men aged 35 and older, held fundraising events, including a successful comedy night, to raise the funds for the much-needed upgrade.

Masters club president Chris Forde recently handed over a cheque to Woodend-Heskett Football Netball Club president Mick Giddings with both clubs set to benefit from the improved facilities.

"Woodend-Heskett Masters is pleased to have been able to contribute to the funding of the lights. With these amazing lights and recently redeveloped ground at Gilbert Gordon Oval we now have a sporting facility that is as good as any in the area," Mr Forde said.

"This will help contribute to the long-term sustainability of football within our community. We are looking forward to playing games after senior matches where all clubs will benefit, and make our weekend football a real community event.

"Woodend-Heskett Masters is looking forward to other similar community initiatives over the coming years, ensuring that we are investing back into our community providing great facilities and a place for middle-aged men to socialise, keep fit and have a laugh."

The seniors club raised \$70,000 under the guidance of life member Eddie Tunn, who was instrumental in

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seeking community donations and led the campaign to upgrade the lights.

Mr Giddings said having a strong local football-netball club gives young people the opportunity to pursue a physical pursuit in their home town.

"The lighting provides a great opportunity early in the football season to showcase our local club to a broader range of the local community by playing night games. Making these games a 'local event' will enable the Woodend Heskett Football Netball Club to become more relevant in our local community," Mr Giddings said.

The later starting times allow more people to attend and people who are may otherwise be working on Saturday.

The new lights will result in the ability of the clubs to now host night games (Seniors v Melton Centrals on April 21 and (Masters v Maryborough on April 28).

The seniors club has enjoyed a strong start to the season under new coach Tom Carland, with a Round 1 win against Lancefield in both grades.

The first home game will be on Saturday April 21 against Melton Central with Under 19.5s commencing at 3 pm and the seniors kicking off under lights at 7 pm.

A full schedule of netball will also be held in the afternoon with Under 19s commencing at 3 pm and A Grade also playing under lights at 6.15 pm.



**Chris Forde** (Masters) and Mick Giddings with the giant cheque for \$15,000

## Woodend Bowling club

### Just what the doctor ordered.

The Woodend Bowling Club recently hosted the Brooke Street Medical Centre Tournament, and everyone had a bowl and ball! Teams from Macedon, Trentham and Woodend contested the event.

The winners were the Trentham team of Justice, Bruton and Capner ahead of Woodend's Graham Muir and Bev Muir with Arlene Johnstone and then Macedon team of Mike Keenan, Anne Ciesieliski and Ron Fitt. Best Last Game went to the Woodend team of Mike & Anne Dornau with Trevor Sturt.

We would like to sincerely thank the Brooke Street Medical Centre for sponsoring the tournament, and also the Woodend Dental Group, Woodend Pharmacy and Kosmac & Klemens Optometrists for their support.

### Club championship results update

More Club Championship events have now been completed, and it is great to see the titles shared amongst club members.

Arlene Johnstone and Norm Bickerdyke defeated Bev and Graham Muir in the final of the Mixed Pairs, with a score of 13-9. On the way to the final Arlene & Norm defeated Pat Morgan & Trevor Sturt and Bev & Graham defeated Irene Boldiston & Clarrie Brett.

Lois Scott and Rosalie Campbell have won the Ladies Pairs Championship in a closely fought final against Anne Dornau and Pat Morgan. The final score was 17-12.

Woodend legend Bill Till and burgeoning legend Mark Schafer are the new Mens Pairs Champions, defeating Clarrie Brett and Trevor Sturt in the final. With one end to play the scores were tied at 14-all, with Bill and Mark eventually winning 15-14. In the semis they defeated Tim Webber & John Shaw and Norm Bickerdyke & Mike Dornau respectively. It was Bill's 5th Mens Pairs Title and Mark's 3rd. Between them they also share 13 Club Mens Singles Championships, with Bill claiming 12 of those and Mark winning his first this year.

Congratulations to all players for reaching the final and well done to the winners. This leaves the 100 Up and 21 Up competitions to be completed.

### Congratulation to Kyneton Medley winners

Well done to the Woodend team of Anne Dornau, Henny Brama, Rosalie Campbell and Lois Scott as over-all winners of the recent Kyneton Medley Tournament. 16 teams entered the competition and it was great to see a Woodend team come out on top.

For more information call 0448 769 366 visit our website at [www.woodendbowlsclub.weebly.com](http://www.woodendbowlsclub.weebly.com). You can also follow us on Facebook.

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# Anzac Day in Woodend 2018

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