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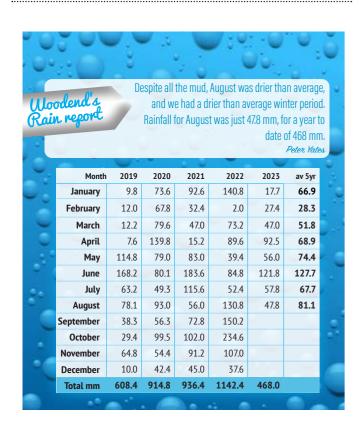
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Get involved in the 2024 **Autumn Festival!**

Businesses, community members and creatives interested in participating in the 2024 Macedon Ranges Autumn Festival are being invited to submit their ideas for consideration.

This lively festival, with its diverse offerings and events celebrates our stunning region for visitors and locals alike.

You can get involved in:

- Pie & Tart Trail: If you're a local eatery or restaurant with delicious pies and tarts to showcase, this is your chance to tantalise taste buds.
- Tipple Trail: Wineries and breweries are encouraged to
- Edgy Veg Trail: The perfect platform to showcase your plant-based meals.
- Festival Events: Live music, nature-based experiences, an autumn-themed workshop, and more!

Community members and businesses interested in contributing to the festival as sponsors and volunteers to help spread the word are also warmly welcomed.

For information and to submit your expression of interest at mrsc.vic.gov.au/Autumn-Festival

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

Woodend Rotary is unable to host the Halloween Community Party 2023

We are sad to inform you that the annual Woodend Rotary Club Halloween Party, traditionally held in the Woodend Children's Park, will not be taking place this year. We understand that this event has been a cherished and fun tradition in our community, and we deeply regret having to make this decision.

The Woodend Rotary Club has always been committed to providing a safe and enjoyable Halloween celebration for everyone in our community. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen administrative requirements, we are unable to proceed with the event as planned. After much consideration, these matters have made it impossible for us to host such a gathering

We want to assure you that this cancellation is in no way a reflection of our dedication to this event or to our community. We are already working diligently to resolve the issues and are committed to bringing the Halloween

Party back in 2024, better than ever.

In the meantime, we encourage you to continue enjoying the Halloween season in your own special way.

Thank you for being a part of our vibrant Woodend community and thank you for your understanding

Deidre Willmott, President 2023-24, Rotary Club of Woodend

Can you help with a major local event?



The Mount Macedon Anzac Dawn Service, one of the largest in regional Victoria, is seeking assistance from up to three skilled volunteers with experience in media/ communications, or community liaison, or content production. Students undertaking studies in these areas would also be welcome.

Working within a small committee of ex-service and community representatives, you will help stage an iconic Dawn Service. This annual event both honours the service of our current and former military personnel, and examines the impact of war on individuals, families, and the community.

Specifically, the media lead will prepare content for social media, media releases, liaise with local newspapers, submit advertisements for publication and coordinate media attendance on Anzac Day. The community liaison person works with local schools, service participants (excluding military) and catering support (Scouts, coffee van). The content production person will assist in preparing content for the service and the Order

Volunteers are required to attend a monthly meeting from October until the April Dawn Service and some 'out of meeting' liaison and document preparation will be required.

Expressions of interest from members of the community interested in supporting the committee in other areas are also encouraged.

Inquiries: Leona Latcham via mtmacedondawnservice@gmail.com

SUBMITTED BY BRUCE MILDENHALL

Eyes on the prize students to share in **Anzac spirit**

Secondary school students in Macedon and across Victoria will be given an opportunity to develop a deep understanding of the Anzac legacy and Australia's connection to Türkiye with the 2023 Premier's Spirit of Anzac Prize competition.

Minister for Veterans Natalie Suleyman announced the opening of the prize an annual award program for Victorian students in Years 9 to 12.

This year's Prize is a celebration of Türkiye's Centenary of Independence and the significant ties between Australia and Türkiye.

Ten students will be selected to embark on an unforgettable journey to battlefields and commemorative sites in Türkiye, retracing the experience of Australian men and women at war on the Gallipoli peninsula and surrounds and learning about the making of the Anzac legend.

The Spirit of Anzac Prize also offers students the opportunity to participate in a unique educational program that fosters understanding and appreciation for our nation's Anzac spirit.

Mary-Anne Thomas, Member for Macedon said, "We're giving local

students from Macedon a special opportunity to embark on a trip of a lifetime – to learn about the Anzac spirit and the legacy of our veterans."

By entering the competition, students can convey their interpretation of the Anzac spirit via written, creative, or digital formats.

Students from the region are encouraged to seize this opportunity to explore the Anzac legacy and strengthen their connections to Australia's veteran community. To apply or find out more about the prize, visit vic.gov.au/SOAP

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Macedon Ranges for Yes volunteers at Woodend Farmers Market

'Macedon Ranges for Yes' is a group of people who live and work in the Macedon Ranges and who are supporting a Yes vote in the upcoming constitutional referendum.

Arising from the Uluru Statement from the Heart, which calls for the establishment of a First Nations Voice enshrined in Australia's constitution, the idea came directly from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people and has the support of over 80 per cent of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people, according to the group.

The Voice will offer advice to government on issues affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, such as how to address the inequalities Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people experience in areas such as health and housing, says the group. It won't have any veto powers and it won't run

Later this month Australians will be asked if they support this

Macedon Ranges for Yes volunteers were at last month's Woodend Farmers' Market and have been active around Woodend and across the Macedon Ranges, having dozens of conversations about the Voice.

The group will be at the Woodend Farmers' Market on 7 October. The Woodend community is invited to visit the Macedon Ranges for Yes stall at the market to ask questions and have a conversation.

People wanting to show their support for a Yes vote can also collect posters, stickers and badges at the stall.

To learn more, visit https://yes23.com.au/, or come and talk to Macedon Ranges for Yes volunteers next time you see them in Woodend.

SUBMITTED BY MICHAEL LANGLEY, MACEDON RANGES FOR YES







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Other features include detached double garage and storeroom, 3 large sheds including one with 2 stables, horse wash and tack room. There are multiple grazing paddocks with good fencing, shelters, 4 dams and a 60 m x 25 m equestrian arena. Views to Melbourne CBD from high point on the property complete this magnificent package.

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As you approach "The Lake" via a short distance of no through road country lane you glimpse the charming homestead sitting peacefully within established gardens and extensive lawns beyond the sparkling waters of the 2 Ha (5 acre) lake.

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Accommodation of approximately 265 m² (28.5 sqs) includes entrance, formal lounge, separate dining room, large open plan kitchen/meals area/family room, reading room, 3 good sized bedrooms, study (or 4th bedroom), 2 bathrooms, laundry and rear entrance.

There is a detached brick double garage and farming structural improvements include a good sized machinery shed/workshop, a second storage shed and there is a gazebo to enjoy relaxing in and the

Farming features include excellent grey loam soils with improved pastures, 13 main paddocks including 5 river front paddocks alongside the 1 km of frontage to the Little Coliban River, steel cattle yards, and excellent cypress and native tree shelter plantations. There is also a small orchard with pears, apples, nashi, quince, and hazelnuts and an excellent vegetable garden.

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Polio fundraising continues as new cases fall

Woodend Rotary was joined recently by Jane Pennington of District 9800's Polio Plus Society and her new fundraising assistant, Sabin, a 160cm bear.

Jane briefed members on progress being made to end transmission of polio.

The Global Polio Eradication Initiative, of which Rotary International is a member, currently has two goals:

Goal One: To permanently interrupt the transmission of all polio viruses in Afghanistan and Pakistan by end of 2023 and for those countries to be certified polio free by the end of

Goal Two: To stop transmission of circulating vaccinederived poliovirus type 2 by the end of 2023 and to prevent outbreaks in polio-free regions.

With declining cases of wild polio virus in the two endemic countries and the introduction of the new oral polio vaccine (nOPV2) to combat vaccine derived polio, it is possible that these goals may still be achieved.

However, maintaining vaccination rates is key and over the next few years this will cost an estimated \$4.6 billion dollars.

Every dollar raised by Rotary will be matched 2 for 1 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation up to a total of \$150m.

End Polio Walk 2023

We invite you to donate if you can during October by sponsoring Grant Hocking's Rotary Walk With Us to End Polio.

He has already increased his fundraising target to \$1500 and his walking target to 150km.

Simply visit the link below https://www.rotarywalkwithus. org/fundraisers/granthocking to make a donation.

Thank you so much for your support – it is truly appreciated.

SUBMITTED BY DEIDRE WILLMOTT, PRESIDENT ROTARY WOODEND

Thank you to local businesses for your support.

The Rotary Club of Woodend is pleased to announce that it has recently made donations to the following local community organisations to support their work in our community. The donations are made possible from the surplus advertising income of The New Woodend Star.

They are: Woodend CFA, Woodend SES, Macedon Ranges Rural Australians for Refugees, Woodend Primary School, Polio Network Victoria, Woodend Lifestyle Carers Group, Woodend Landcare, Woodend 1st Scout Group, Macedon Ranges Basketball Club, Woodend Junior Football/Netball Club,

Photo: Refugee families from Springvale who came as guests of Macedon Ranges Rural Australians for Refugees to the Kyneton Daffodil and Arts Festival. This was made possible through community donations.





Rochford Supply Co. brings rural outfitting to the Macedon Ranges.

New kid on the block, Rochford Supply Co., is fast becoming the go-to destination for rural outfitting in the Macedon

Owned by local husband and wife team Nathan and Fiona Robinson, Rochford Supply Co. provides authentic, down-toearth wardrobe essentials that can take you from the paddock to the pub, including iconic Aussie brands such as RB Sellars, Driza-Bone and Rossi Boots

Having lived in the Macedon Ranges for six years, Nathan and Fiona noticed that access to good-quality clothing was limited. "We wanted to create a destination where locals can outfit the whole family in well-crafted wardrobe essentials that are practical, hard-wearing and well-priced," said Fiona. Since opening in mid-August, the iconic RB Sellars work shirt has already become a firm favourite with Woodend locals and visitors alike, as well as the Rossi "Booma" boot. Miley, the shop's own kelpie, is also growing a large fan base.

Finding the right location for Rochford Supply Co. was critical. "We wanted an iconic location in town and we were lucky to find the old State Savings Bank on High Street in Woodend. It has been beautifully refurbished to retain some of its original features such as the ornate ceiling; we have also kept some of the exposed original brickwork to retain the building's character," said Nathan.

Rochford Supply Co. is located at 82 High Street, Woodend (next to Woodend General). The store is open seven days a week. Follow Rochford Supply Co. on Instagram @rochfordsupplyco.





Flint Hill open garden to support Woodend CFA – Saturday 7 October

Whether you're an avid gardener seeking inspiration or a lover of landscapes, this garden promises a captivating botanical experience. This rare opportunity takes place on Saturday 7 October from 10am to 3.30pm.

This is a one-off chance to visit one of the finest gardens in the state, which includes mature trees and plantings that are listed on the National Trust tree register.

A grand vision, which began in the 1930s, has matured into one of the great woodland gardens of Australia. The 9 acre garden is surrounded by an impressive eucalypt parkland with views to Mount Macedon and Hanging Rock.

Magnificent specimen trees form a canopy over sweeping lawns bordered by hundreds of majestic rhododendrons. The unique and rare display of trees include a Lucombe oak on the main lawn north-east of the house, a Caucasian fir south-east of the house and a bishop pine near the spectacular mature rhododendrons. Other major trees include many gums, large oaks, a large peppermint and three very large sequoias. Winding walks also lead to formal ponds and a lake.

Numbers are capped so we suggest you book your tickets



now to secure your place.

All proceeds will support the purchase of much-needed equipment for the Woodend CFA, which is a 100% volunteer

For more information, including ticket prices, visit www. woodendcfa.org/flint-hill/

SUBMITTED BY MIKE DORNAU



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Spring has sprung

Blooms are all around, the birds and bees are getting to it and we're getting some warmer days! But for some of us, spring means hay fever—'tis the season for sneezin'! Some days, it may be worth considering putting flora and fauna on your windows or walls instead of going outside, so you can enjoy spring's natural beauty all year round—without the side effects!

We have a range from the intense DG collection Brocart Moss and soft natural designs from Ink and Spindle with natives—and a few in between!

Please book an appointment in our showroom or make a time for us to visit you and help spruce up your space.

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Recycle your textiles, polystyrene and soft plastics for free

Council is now accepting textiles and clean polystyrene at resource recovery facilities (formerly transfer stations), in addition to soft plastics.

Council has partnered with Upcycle4Better to offer residents a sustainable recycling solution for their damaged clothes, shoes, linen and more. This free service is only for damaged or well-used textiles. Items that are in good condition should still be donated to your nearest op shop.

You can also recycle clean, white expanded polystyrene for free as part of a new trial, with the recycled product turned into items such as picture frames, skirting boards, decking and other household products. To be recycled, the polystyrene must be clean and free from dirt, tape, labels and

Don't forget, you can also take your soft plastics for free too. A recent audit of kerbside general waste bins showed up to 70% of the bin was taken up by soft plastics.

For information visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/RRF or call 5422 0333.



Free self-load mulch

Time to get your hands dirty! Spring is a great time to get out into the garden. Visit your local resource recovery facility (formerly known as a transfer station) for some free self-load mulch. For information visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/mulch or call 5422 0333.



BRAEMAR

Braemar plants for a purpose

Written by Samantha Lisle and Lucy Sykes, Year 8 Braemar

Term 3 has been busy for a group of Year 8s at Braemar, who worked in partnership with Newham Landcare to plant 180 indigenous plants at the Woodend Campus. This project was a part of a community service initiative to replenish an area of the Cobaw Biolink and to promote the cause in the local area.

Students were extremely lucky to work with Newham Landcare volunteers Jim Sansom and Penny Roberts, who provided practical help and expertise and donated plants to

The Cobaw Biolink is a vital way of linking the Macedon Ranges to the Cobaw Ranges and is maintained by local landowners and Landcare groups. It provides a network of wildlife habitats to encourage migration of native animals, birds and insects. Braemar's boundary encompasses a section of the Cobaw Biolink where the planting was introduced 14 years ago. By planting these trees and shrubs, students were contributing to developing different layers of the forest to provide habitat for a wider range of native species.

Although the Biolink is designed to regreen farmland, individuals living in towns can still contribute to the wellbeing of native species. Educating and planting your garden with consideration to the native wildlife are important steps to take to maintain urban and suburban biodiversity. As a cat owner herself, Braemar Environment Captain Ella also urges pet owners to be responsible. "Cats kill, on average, 110 native animals a year. Keeping your pets safely inside can be one of the biggest steps you can take to maintaining a healthy backyard ecosystem."

It is the College's hope that this will be the start of an ongoing relationship between Braemar and Landcare, and that young people in the future will be empowered to consider the environment in their own community and households.

SUBMITTED BY LOUISE POPE





What's on your roadside?

25 October, 10 to 11am, Lancefield

Roadsides play a significant role in providing habitat and shelter and supporting biodiversity for many native plants and animals. Join Josh Gomez, Council's Roadside Conservation Officer as he takes a walk down a roadside reserve in Lancefield. Learn about the different types of flora and fauna we might find along the way and what we can do to protect them.

Grazing and Farming discussion group

27 October, 7 to 8.30pm, Kyneton

Join Jason McAinch, Council's Private Land Conservation Officer to discuss grazing and farming on a property in the Kyneton area. The property is less than twenty hectares, where they rotationally graze sheep and a milking cow. The property was once dominated by bent grass, so find out if their grazing management impacted it.

Horses – Graze them in a sustainable way

5 November, 10 to 11.30am, Carlsruhe

Join the property owners and Jason McAinch to discuss and learn how to graze your horse in a sustainable way. The location of the field day is on a property near Carlsruhe.

To register for these events or to sign up to Council's monthly environment eNews, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/ environment-events

Cultural awareness for farmers and land managers

18 October, 10am to 2.30pm, Leonards Hill (Daylesford)

Farmers and private land managers are invited to a special session on country with Traditional Owners. The session will begin with sharing knowledge from members of Dja Dja Wurrung, fol-lowed by a visit to locally significant sites.

SUBMITTED BY CATHERINE CHAPMAN, MRSC COMMUNICATIONS UNIT

October is Bird Month in the Macedon Ranges!

Now in its fifth year, the Macedon Ranges Bird Blitz is back! The theme for this year is Birding for Beginners. Council is proud to be partnering with BirdLife Australia's Aussie Bird Count-a fantastic way to get started in birdwatching! The Aussie Bird Count takes place in Bird Week from 16-25 October.

Join us for the launch of the Aussie Bird Count at a Birding for Beginners workshop on Sunday 15 October in Malmsbury. If you can't make it, you can always attend one of Council's monthly birdwatching walks at Jacksons Creek in Gisborne.

Also happening during Bird Month-the Bird Survey Blitz! This annual bird monitoring program involves 80 bird monitoring sites across reserves and roadsides in the shire. These surveys help us assess the health of our local environment. Birding volunteers are welcome to register now and attend a citizen science co-design workshop on Sunday 22 October.

For information on the Aussie Bird Count and Council's bird activities, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/Birds

Birding for beginners

15 October, 2 to 5pm, Malmsbury

Join Council's Biodiversity Projects Officer and bird enthusiast Tanya Loos for an afternoon with the birds. This workshop introduces the beginner birdwatcher to this fun and satisfying hobby. After a presentation, the group will head out and practice birdwatching skills together in the beautiful Malmsbury Botanic Gardens.

Bird walk for beginners: an hour with the birds

19 October, 9 to 10am, lacksons Creek, Gisborne

Join bird enthusiast and Council's Biodiversity Projects Officer, Tanya Loos along Jacksons Creek for an hour with the birds.



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The Importance of Pollinator **Corridors**

Woodend Landcare was lucky enough to have John Walter, president of the Upper Campaspe Landcare Network as a guest speaker at its recent AGM. John is currently the driving force behind a major project studying insect pollination patterns in our area and developing "pollinator corridors" to provide improved food and habitat for the many insects and other animals that perform this vital role.

The project looks at not just bushland, but also private gardens and farmland. Woodend Landcare is helping by planting 750 more native plants as understorey in some of our older plantings.

John explained that we need not only native plants, but also other garden plants to provide food at times when most native plants are not flowering, as long as they are not weedy varieties that might invade local bushland. So he was not promoting gazanias!

John was also keen to point out the effect the warming climate is having on pollinator species and the need to adjust our plantings to cope with this.

John's presentation included many stunning images, most of which he took himself of tiny pollinators, some as small as three millimetres long.

The AGM also saw the addition of two new members to the Woodend Landcare committee. Welcome to Anthea Ryall and Mark Horner! Many hands make light work, so it is great to have two more extremely passionate and hard-working volunteers on our committee.

Planting Days

In October, both the Thursday Crew and Sunday working bees will include site maintenance and planting work. You don't need to be a member or have any bush care skills to join our working bees. All you need is a desire to help our natural environment and a willingness to pitch in. We hope to see you

8 October - Five Mile Creek, south side between Bowen and Wood Streets.

29 October - Five Mile Creek, north side near Thomas Court access track.

SUBMITTED BY PETER YATES

Photo: John Walter presenting AGM





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The U3A Kyneton Photography Group is a small band of novices whose aim is to share ideas to improve and enjoy taking photos. All you need is a camera and a love of photography to join the U3A Kyneton group. The sessions are monthly. If the weather isn't good, then an indoor meeting is held at the Red Brick Hall to discuss techniques and to practise indoors. Favourite photos are shared, and the feedback is always positive and constructive. Outdoor excursions usually take 2-3 hours and are mostly held locally.

Non-members and friends are always welcome to attend the regular weekly "Friday@U3A" sessions to hear guest speakers on a variety of topics or to watch an enlightening video, followed by afternoon tea and time for an informal chat.

Friday@U3A is at 2pm on Fridays at the Red Brick Hall, 23 Yaldwyn Street West, Kyneton.

New members are always welcome and can join online via https://u3akyneton.org.au/memberships/. Some courses incur a small extra fee and others are free. The full range of courses can be viewed via the U3A Kyneton website, https:// u3akyneton.org.au/courses/. Further information is available by emailing u3ak.membership@gmail.com. If you need any assistance to help you become one of our valued members, please call 0439 360 763.

SUBMITTED BY RONI TAUBMAN

Woodend Senior Citizens

Woodend Senior Citizens' Annual General Meeting was conducted on Tuesday 5 September, with all positions being filled - thank you members.

The September bus trip to Whittlesea Bowling Club was most enjoyable with Morning Melodies and Brendan Scott in fine voice.

Our October trip is on Thursday 12 October to Mont de Lancey Historic Homestead in Wandin North. When last there, we were impressed by how beautiful the chapel and other buildings were presented.

Don't forget to check out Button Bingo on Tuesdays (1pm to 3pm) and Cards on Fridays (1pm to 4pm) at the Woodend Community Centre, corner of High Street and For-est Street.

New members welcome. If you are interested in joining, please call Margaret (0458 272 767), Irene (0417 676 843) or Alma (0400 134 478).

SUBMITTED BY MELISSA BAKER



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Woodend Library News - What's on?

Preemie Scent Hearts – Wednesday 11 October & 8 November 2 to 4pm

Join us to stitch scent hearts for premature and very sick babies to assist with mother and baby bonding. All materials are provided.

Have other craft to do? Bring it along and join in!

The Memory Place – Beauty and Style. Thursday, 12 October 10 to 11am

Join us for memories, conversation and fun as we share our beautiful, themed memory kits. Enjoy reflecting on or learning about the past and the stories that objects can tell.

Refreshments included.

Charlotte Wood: Stone Yard Devotional - Saturday 14 October 11 to 11.45am

Join Charlotte Wood, author of 10 books, winner of the John Stella Prize and Prime Minister's Award and Kristin Gill (Northern Books) as they discuss Stone Yard Devotional. Charlotte's deeply moving new novel is in the form of a diary of a woman who has left her life in Sydney burnt out from being an environmental activist, and returned to the place of her childhood. She takes refuge in a small monastic community of Catholic nuns, but disquiet soon arrives with three separate, disturbing visitations prompting deep questions. Can a person be truly good? What is forgiveness? What's the cost of resisting social order? Is loss of hope a moral failure? And can the business of grief ever be really finished?

Book sales and signings.



Teddy Bear Sleepover: Drop off: Fri, 20 October 9.30am to 4pm. Pick up: Sat 21 October 10am to 12.30pm

We're celebrating Children's Week with another teddy bear sleepover at the library! Drop your favourite teddy or soft toy off for a night of stories and fun inside the library. We'd love to see some of the same teddies who stayed with us

We wonder what those teddies will get up to overnight this time ...?

All participants will receive a certificate and photos of their toys' adventures.



See you in the library!

Woodend Library 5427 2074

SUBMITTED BY EMMA KEENAN, WOODEND LIBRARY



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Showcasing Inclusion photo competition

Don't forget to submit your photos for Council's "Showcasing Inclusion" photo competition, in recognition of International Day of People with Disability (IDPwD) 2023.

Competition categories focus on inclusion in different aspects of life, such as education and employment, the arts, sport and recreation. Prizes will be awarded for each category and for the photo selected by judges as the most outstanding illustration of 'This is what inclusion means to me'.

The competition closes on 29 October, with a presentation event on 29 November, leading in to IDPwD, celebrated on 3 December. A travelling exhibition will follow for the community to view entries, which will also be displayed

For information, and to submit your photos, visit mrsc.vic.gov. au/IDPWD

Exciting upgrades and upcoming workshops at **Woodend Playgroup**

Woodend Playgroup (WPG) has undergone some exciting transformations in the past 12 months, with further upgrades currently in the works. With the support of Macedon Ranges Shire Council, the outdoor undercover area was significantly renovated earlier this year-with a new awning covering the back entrance and sand pit.

Since then, the WPG committee have been successful in securing an additional grant through MRSC's community funding scheme. This money is being put towards a garden and a colourful mural to further brighten the outdoor area.

WPG have engaged local artist Natalie Davis, known as Chalky, to create a mural that features local flora and fauna. She will work closely with the children who attend WPG to inspire the end design. Chalky will be holding three free art workshops with WPG members over the coming months. The first workshop will be an interactive session, designed to provide inspiration for what the overall mural will look like.

A second workshop will celebrate the completion of the mural and will also coincide with WPG's end of year event. A third workshop will then take place in the new year. At these workshops, children will explore themes of recycling and waste repurposing, transforming discarded items into something beautiful and useful. In turn, teaching young children about the importance of the environment and how re-using is a wonderful way to instil eco-friendly habits and a sense of responsibility towards the environment.

The art works created at these workshops will be used within the new garden installation, which will also include native plants. The plants and colours within the installation will be designed to mirror those within the mural.

Woodend Playgroup (WPG) is a not-for-profit community organisation run by volunteers. Our purpose is to support pre-school aged children in their early years' development through the power of play and friendship, while encouraging community connection, participation and inclusion for their families.

Now is your chance to join Woodend Playgroup, to become both a part of this wonderful community and to contribute to this exciting art installation - which will be enjoyed by families for years to come.

We are also always on the hunt for new committee members. If you want to do something rewarding and fulfilling for the community, then join the WPG committee. A very small and dedicated group of parents run the WPG and we need more members to keep this 40+ year old organisation thriving.

Website: https://www.woodendplay.org.au/

Email: woodendplaygroup@gmail.com

Address: 45 Forest Street Woodend Victoria 3442

SUBMITTED BY FELICITY BRENNAN









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Message from your local police sergeant

After recent events I thought I might lighten the mood a little and talk about some of the positive interactions the members of the Woodend Police Station have been undertaking within the local area.

I recently had two groups of loey Scouts (Macedon and Woodend) come through the station. Many interesting questions were asked, as you can imagine. Strangely, there were many similar questions between the two separate groups. Many of the young scouts experienced wearing the police vest, hats and equipment belt. All wanted to see the cells and were a little disappointed that I didn't have anyone locked up at the time (the cell and interview rooms were de-commissioned at Woodend some time ago). I think the highlight for many was seeing the flashing lights of the police car, prompting a bit of a dance-off by one of the groups. But both groups were disappointed with me for not allowing the siren to be activated, out of respect for my neighbours. I was hoping for some photos to share, but alas there appears to be none which doesn't have an identifiable child.

Two of my team visited the Early Learning Centre and talked about safety with the even younger children. Both of these police officers are just beginning their marriage journeys. I imagine this interaction with so many young people was a bit of an eye opener for them both and what might lay ahead in their futures.

Finally, I will say that we will continue to be out and about, reinforcing the safety message at all times of the day and night. Please stay safe, look after yourselves and while the Woodend Police Station front door may not always be open, rest assured that we are out in the community, or our colleagues from the surrounding stations shouldn't be far away.

SUBMITTED BY SERGEANT DAVID ARNOLD





Change your clock, change your smoke alarm battery

Daylight Saving Time begins at 2am (AEST) on Sunday 1 October.

When you change your clocks, you should also change your smoke alarm battery. The CFA recommends that all Victorians should replace their smoke alarm batteries around the time that they turn back their clocks for the end of daylight saving - which is now.

The message is quite simple: only working smoke alarms save lives. If there's no sound from your smoke alarm, there's no warning.

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

Special smoke alarms are also available for people who are deaf or hard of hearing. For further details visit the VicDeaf website.

Here are some interesting home fire facts

A recent survey conducted with input from more than 2,500 Victorians aged 18-64 revealed:

- One in five Australians have experienced a fire in their home
- About 64% of house fires were unintentionally lit
- Around 56% of these started in the kitchen during cooking and a further 15% were the result of electrical faults
- Data collected over the past 10 years has revealed that most fatalities and injuries caused by residential fires are from blazes which have started in sleeping areas
- One in five (22%) people only have one smoke alarm in their home and 31% of those were not functioning, with the batteries flat or even removed
- Less than one in five (only 16%) of Victorians have a smoke alarm in their bedroom
- Only one fifth (20%) of people tested their smoke alarms monthly
- Less than a third (30%) of people did not believe they need to clean their smoke alarms with vacuums yearly, while less than half (46%) of people actually did so
- Research has shown that the absence of a smoke alarm can increase the possibility of a fatality by 60%

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.
- Dust the alarm with a vacuum cleaner brush.
- Change the battery at least once a year.

For further information, contact the Woodend CFA on 5427 2356 or email at woodendcfa@gmail.com. Follow us on Facebook, or you can visit our website: www.woodendcfa. org

SUBMITTED BY MIKE DORNAU, FORMER CAPTAIN WOODEND CFA



Term 4 at the Woodend Neighbourhood House

We're looking forward to another exciting term at the Woodend Neighbourhood House, with lots of new and returning classes on offer.

Our Term 4 brochure has everything you need to know about the upcoming term, including our regular series of yoga classes, art courses, workplace training, and children and youth programs. It also includes all the latest updates on our regular community connection programs including cycling, walking, craft, community lunch, board game gathering, mahjong, scrabble and the chatty café.

New this term:

- Learn Cantonese (Thursdays 1.30pm to 2.30pm) suitable for beginners and those with prior knowledge
- Human Skills (Thursdays 7pm to 9pm) improve how you work with others, from difficult conversations to challenges at work
- Mindfulness (Saturday 28 October) learn simple mindfulness skills during this three-hour workshop
- Yoga for Tweens, Teens and Parents (Wednesdays 6pm to 7pm) – develop a growing understanding of mind, body and breath connection

Our brochure can by picked up from the House on a Monday to Friday between 9am and 3pm – or you can download a copy from our website.

October Community Lunch

Join us for the October Community Lunch at the Woodend RSL on Tuesday 10 October at 12 noon. There's always lots of laughter and good conversation as we share a two-course meal with friends, old and new. Bookings are needed to help with catering and a donation on the day is most welcome, but not essential.

Woodend Food Bank

The Woodend Community Food Bank is open on Mondays and Thursdays between 12.30pm and 2.30pm in the Undercroft of the Woodend Neighbourhood House. Access to the Undercroft is via the gates by the Skate Park, off Margery Crescent. Donations are also very welcome via the collection bins in Coles and IGA in Woodend, and cash donations can be made in person or via bank transfer. Contact the Woodend Neighbourhood House between 9am and 3pm Monday to Friday to donate.

For more information about any upcoming activities at the House, workshops, courses, or events, drop by, visit our website www.woodendnh.org.au or call 5427 1845.

SUBMITTED BY MELISSA BAKER

Woodend Lifestyle Carers Group

Woodend Lifestyle Carers Group is a not-for-profit volunteer organisation that aims to support those that care for loved ones living with dementia.

We meet twice per month, on the second and fourth Thursday of the month, from 1pm to 3.30pm at the Woodend RSL, 32 Anslow St. Woodend 3442.

We support carers from across the Macedon Ranges.

New members are always welcome.

To find out more about us, please check out our website at www.wlcg.org.au, email to info@wlcg.org.au or contact us on 0476 373 483.

Our next meeting is Thursday 12 October, Woodend RSL 1.00pm to 3.30pm

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Relative – art exhibition

Sophie Newman Byass and Ella Byass are holding a mother and daughter joint art exhibition at The Gallery, Mt Macedon in October. The exhibition, titled 'Relative', encompasses their relationship and their art. The exhibition showcases their very individual styles as they encourage each other through the

Sophie's background as a graphic designer shows in her bold and graphic paintings. Art nouveau curves, balustrades, jewellery and plants are some of her inspirations. She is revisiting painting on canvas.

Ella was a finalist in the Young Archie Competition when she was just fourteen years old, and her painting hung in the NSW Art Gallery alongside the Archibald Exhibition. Now 21, Ella is finding her own preferred style, exaggerating the interesting points of her subject. She has a loose, relaxed, Impressionist style, as opposed to the restrictions of hyperrealism.

Ella's preferred mediums are oil paint or charcoal, with the majority of her subjects being portraits, landscapes and animals.

Meet Sophie and Ella at the exhibition opening on Saturday October 7 at 2pm. Everyone is welcome.

The artworks will be hanging in the gallery from October 2 through to November 5.

Local Artists: We have space in our Focus Room available in 2024. Contact Jo 0418 488 582.

The Gallery is located at 684 Mt Macedon Road, Mt Macedon next to Dicksonia Rare Plants nursery and behind the Trading

Open Friday to Tuesday, 10-4pm. Closed Wednesdays and

SUBMITTED BY SUE ANSON

Free Community Film Screening - 'The Fort'

7pm Thursday 26th October - Bluestone **Theatre Kyneton**

The Zonta Club of Kyneton, in partnership with the Macedon Ranges Shire Council, are pleased to host a special free screening of film The Fort at the historic Bluestone Theatre in Kyneton. Sadly with the Victorian statistics of domestic violence increasing each year, Zonta hopes that the screening of this film will help raise community awareness and highlight local agencies that can assist families. Please join us for this special event, where we will view this eye-opening Australian film.

Film outline - Faced with the harrowing reality of family violence, a mother and her young son discover that the fantasy world that provides them with sanctuary can't protect them forever.

The evening will also include a discussion of the important themes explored in the film (particularly domestic violence) and highlight local support services. Light refreshments will conclude the evening.

The Fort was filmed in Kyneton and was directed by locals less and Carly Anne Kenneally. Executive producer was Shaynna

If you are concerned about the increasing incidence of domestic violence in our society, this film is for you.

Free bookings can be made via https://events. humanitix.com/zckfortfilm

All enquiries – Zonta Club of Kyneton, secretary@ zontakyneton.org.au

SUBMITTED BY DONNA FABRIS



Macedon Ranges

Children in the 'Koala' group at Woodend Kindergarten have been exploring the skills they will need to independently navigate their social world. How to listen to and confidently share their ideas with their peers, to form friendships, and to understand what it means to have a sense of belonging at kindergarten and within their local community.

This began with a simple group game and has progressed to the children working together to plan and build the main street in Woodend using recycled materials. The children had extensive knowledge of local landmarks including the clock tower and the train station. They were able to list favourite cafes

and facilities they had visited with their family and friends such as McQueen's

Pizza, Woodend Ice Cream shop and

the library.

Kindergarten children build 'their' Woodend

The children collaborated on the project over several months, discussing how it feels to be part of the Woodend community and local events they have participated in where the town came together such as the Winter Arts Festival. The children also shared what fun it is to meet friends at the Woodend Children's Park and bumping into their teachers at the supermarket or Woodend Farmers Market.

They are incredibly proud of their efforts and ability to work together, taking turns, sharing and helping each other along the way. They decided to complete the project they needed to add themselves to the town, so several sessions were spent at kindergarten drawing and making clothes for their characters.

Woodend Kindergarten will continue to support the children's understanding of what it means to be part of a community where kindness and respect are valued.

For information about Council's Kindergartens visit, mrsc.vic.gov.au/ kindergartens

SUBMITTED BY CATHERINE CHAPMAN, MRSC



Always check with organisers about any events listed. To have your event listed on our calendar just send the details to: content@newwoodendstar.org.au

- OCTOBER -

1-7	Be Kind to Animals Week
4	Author Talk - Richard King Here be Monsters
7	Woodend Farmers' Market
7	Open Garden Flint Hill, Woodend CFA
8	Savoy Opera, Lancefield Mechanics Institute
	Woodend Landcare Working Bee
10	
12	Woodend Lifestyle Carers Group, RSL
14	A Evening with Jonathan Welch, KTH
15	Birding for beginners MRSC
16-25	Bird Blitz MRSC
15	
18	Knit, Chat and Cuppa, Norma Richardson Hall
18	
19	Bird walk for beginners, Jackson Creek, Gisborne
26	Woodend Lifestyle Carers Group, RSL
26	The Fort, free screening - Bluestone Theatre
27	The Best of Arj Barker, KTH
29	
29	Gisborne Singers, Church of Resurrection, Macedon

- NOVEMBER -

3-26 Peter Pa	an - The Mount Theatre
4Woo	dend Farmers' Market
7Melbou	rne Cup Public Holiday
8	Kyneton Cup
11Sacred Harp Singing, Kynet	on Mechanics Institute
15Knit, Chat and Cuppa, I	Norma Richardson Hall
17-19	Budburst
19	Noodend Lions Market
20 The Umbilical Brothers	s - The Distraction, KTH
24	Polio Day
31	Halloween

December

— December —	
2	Woodend Farmers' Market
17	
25	
26	Boxing Day

Knit, chat and cuppa

Knit, Chat and Cuppa is held every third Wednesday of the month at the Norma Richardson Hall, 15 Buckland Street Woodend from 11am. No charge.

Bring your own craft or knit squares for the St Mary's Guild's long running blanket drive (and other knitted items) which are donated to various charities. We have yarn or you can bring and donate your own.

The guild's current focus is on Aboriginal communities in central and remote Australia.

Come and join in with the friendly and casual atmosphere. For more info: contact Sylvia on 0488 776 645.



Macedon Ranges Childe Chundl Kyneton Town Hall Events

To purchase tickets to Kyneton Town Hall events, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/buytickets or call 1300 888 802 (10am-4pm, weekdays).

The Umbilical Brothers - The Distraction

8pm, Friday 20 October

The Umbilical Brothers take the energy of live performance and the spectacle of



cinema and smash them together in a new show performed simultaneously on stage and on the big screen. It's like nothing you've ever seen, and nothing they've ever done, and it will blow your mind way more literally than you are expecting. The Distraction: enabling your screen addiction. Winner – Best comedy at the Adelaide Fringe Festival.

The Best of Arj Barker, **Power Hour**

8pm, Friday 27 October.

What do you get when you take your very best jokes from over the last 30 years, lovingly restore, refine, and remaster each one, jam them all into a single hour, and finally, sprinkle in some brand-new



For lovers of classical music

The Gisborne Singers are presenting Brahms Liebeslieder Waltzes, a collection of love songs in Ländler style for voices and accompanied by one piano, four hands. Talented choir accompanist Anna Clarke Zuidland will be joined by guest pianist Elyane Laussade.

Sunday 29 October at 2pm, Church of the Resurrection, Macedon.

Further information available at www.gisborne.harmonysite. com or www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1069750









The Mount Players (Macedon) and the Boilerhouse Theatre Company (Sunbury) are proud to announce a musical, swashbuckling, singing and dancing collaboration, bringing the Macedon Ranges the much-loved family show

Peter Pan - A Musical Adventure

Friday November 3rd - Sunday November 26th at the Mountview Theatre, 56 Smith St. Macedon

16 performances: 8 @ 8.00pm and 8 @ 2.00pm Children's tickets available



To book you seats: scan the QR code or visit www.themountplayers.com or call 5426 1892

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Third Kyneton All-Day Sacred Harp Singing

All are warmly invited to attend the third Kyneton All Day Sacred Harp Singing.

Sacred Harp is a tradition of community singing that originated in colonial New England. We sing from a tune book first published in 1844 that is printed in shape notes. It is a rich collection of songs from various sources, from the 1770s to the present day.

This music is loud, participatory, acapella, folk hymn singing sung in four-part harmony. There are no rehearsals or performances. We gather to sing in friendship for the joy of the music. All are welcome and no musical experience is

This free singing will be attended by experienced singers from Kyneton, Melbourne and Sydney. We will commence with an introductory workshop, and song books will be available to loan or purchase. Lunch ("Dinner on the Grounds") will be provided.

For more information: visit www.sacredharpaustralia.com/ kyneton or email Lauren at kynetonsacredharp@gmail.com

When: Saturday 11 November 2023, 10am to 4pm (registration at 9.30am)

Where: Kyneton Mechanics Institute

SUBMITTED BY LAUREN READER



Peter Pan – a musical adventure

The legend of Peter Pan has been delighting children for over 100 years and The Mount Players (TMP), in conjunction with Sunbury-based Boilerhouse Theatre Company (BTC), are excited to present sixteen performances of Peter Pan - A Musical Adventure. TMP President Craig Lenaine-Smith says, "It's wonderful that we have been able to join forces to work on this production together and to see the large number of young people getting a chance to perform on our stage. This is the first time in a few years that we have had a true family show."

Co-Directors Ryan Stormland and Jess Ryan (who is also the BTC President) each have a love of the story and are excited to be working with two casts of 25 adults and children. Ryan admires the musical score but also that "the characters are legendary in all the right ways, with a nuanced chemistry between Hook, Peter, and Wendy. Peter and Hook see life in a similar way, as a game, an adventure to win. Wendy changes the way Peter thinks, to see people as people, not 'props' on his stage."

less is huge fan of classical literature and jumped at the opportunity to bring a modern take on this story to a new audience. As a choreographer, Jess is enjoying working with the Pirates and Lost Boys and says, "the opportunity to work with kids is challenging but also ridiculously fun!"

Running from Nov 3–26, this is a show for all the family. To book tickets, go to www.themountplayers.com or call 54261892.

SUBMITTED BY BY KARLANA SANTAMARIA



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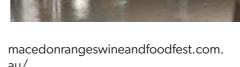
Budburst is a once-a-year opportunity to step behind the vines and meet the family-owned and small-batch makers who shape mainland Australia's coolest wine region.

The Friday evening will see local venues showcase Macedon Ranges wine along side other great produce of the region, bringing together what they believe to be the best of the Macedon Ranges.

Across the weekend, more than 25 Macedon Ranges winemakers across 18 bud-burst sites will be offering wine tasting from 10am to 5pm on Saturday and Sunday, along with curated food menus championing local produce, art shows, sculpture walks and live music.

Explore at your own pace or jump on one of the Budburst bus routes. This year Budburst will run smaller buses to more wineries, delivering participants directly to cellar doors around the Macedon Ranges. Additional details will be released soon.

Festival and bus tickets are on sale nosw. For more information and to book tickets, visit https://www.



Don't want to have to worry about driving this Budburst? Budburst buses are the easiest way to journey around the region come festival weekend. This year we will be running smaller buses to more wineries, delivering you directly to cellar doors around the Macedon

This year we have four Budburst bus routes on offer! The Lancefield Loop, Daylesford Drive; Kyneton Cruise; Woodend Wander.

Buses will be moving wine lovers between Budburst festival sites on both Saturday and Sunday. The bus offers a programmed series of winery visits

rather than "hop on, hop off" transport. At 4pm you will be returned to your point of departure.

Once you have your Budburst ticket, tickets to board one of the Budburst buses are only \$40 per day.

Budburst Festival has also partnered with some of the leading wine tour companies in Victoria to offer bespoke tours. Head over to our Budburst buses page, https://www. macedonrangeswineandfoodfest.com. au/budburst-buses for more information about the Buses loops for 2023.

SUBMITTED BY GEORGIA VEITENHEIMER-

'The Wiz' **Kyneton Theatre** Company

Are you ready to go over the rainbow? Kyneton Theatre Company's production of The Wiz is running every weekend until Sunday 22 October at the Bluestone Theatre in Kyneton.

Based on 'The Wonderful Wizard of Oz' by L. Frank Baum, this beloved Broadway musical sets Dorothy's adventures in the Land of Oz to a dazzling, lively mixture of rock, gospel, and soul music.

Winner of seven Tony Awards, this classic 70s musical has been reimagined for a modern audience, and the fantastic music will have you dancing all night long.

The live band from Mamma Mia! and We Will Rock You are back, but this time they've brought a bunch of brass with them, to help bring the music to life.

Directed by Don White, with musical direction by Catherine Ridgeway and choreography by Melanya Burlak, the production stars plenty of familiar faces from previous KTC shows, plus a bunch of fantastic new faces - including a few parents performing alongside their kids for the first time.

Bright, colourful and full of brilliant soul-inspired musical numbers, this production is fun for the whole family and kids are very welcome in the audience.



Shows run on Fridays from 7.30pm, Saturdays from 1.30pm and 7.30pm, and Sundays from 1.30pm.

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Afternoon ballroom dancing

Bolinda Primary School will be running a second fundraising Sunday Afternoon Ballroom Dance on Sunday 29 October 2023 at the Mechanics Institute Hall in Romsey from 1.30 to 5pm to raise much-needed funds for the school. There will be raffles and prizes.

Bolinda Primary School dates back to the 1800s and has long been an important educational institution in our local community. Currently the school has just over 40 students, where every child is celebrated and empowered to thrive in a safe and engaging environment.

The first dance in June this year was a great success, and we would like to extend the invitation to our surrounding communities to join us. This fundraising opportunity will help the school to provide new resources for both the teachers and the students. The school is currently working hard in their vegetable garden, enhancing the outdoor space with native plants and natural play spaces.

The afternoon will provide our community with a great afternoon of dancing, good food and fun. The dance will be run by Corrie and Keith Woods from Spring Gully Dance in Bendigo, and they will provide CD music and a wellknown program (New Vogue and Old Time Ballroom). For all enquiries, please contact Keith or Corrie on 5444 2953. Please remember to bring a plate of afternoon tea to share and your own water bottle. Tea and coffee provided.

SUBMITTED BY KYLIE O'HAGAN



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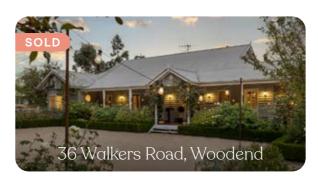
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Kyneton & District Poultry Club - Helmsman Auction

Have you ever thought about keeping a few hens? Maybe just as pets that will also give you fresh healthy eggs?

The Kyneton & District Poultry Club is holding another of their popular Helmsman-style tyle auctions on 15 October 2023 at the Poultry Pavilion in the Kyneton Agricultural Showgrounds, Mollison Street, Kyneton.



There will be up to 400 pens of poultry for sale, including everything from young pullets and cockerels to mature hens and roosters in many colours and in many of the popular

Come along and discover what a Helmsman auction is all about. Members of the public can register from 10am for a small fee. Each pen of poultry has a bidder card attached that gives the seller's reserve price.

Between 10am and 1pm, prospective buyers may peruse the shed and write their bid on the bidder card. Bids may be made up until 1pm, when the highest bids are declared by the stewards and the winners of bids pay the sellers directly,



before taking home their new family members.

There will be a raffle on the day and a sausage sizzle will run all morning, all by volunteer club members who give of their time, expertise and energy to assist members of the public who need advice on what may suit their particular lifestyle or

Kyneton & District Poultry Club Helmsman auction

October 15, 10am to 1pm, Poultry Pavilion Kyneton Showgrounds Mollison Street, Kyneton

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SUBMITTED BY PAM LEAVER



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From Singapore to Woodend: Bluegum's Solar Insights

Recently, our Bluegum team took a little adventure to Singapore. It wasn't for the street food (although we indulged!) or the shimmering skyline views from Marina Bay Sands. We ventured to the heart of the bustling citystate to get an up-close look at where our solar panels come from—the REC Solar Factory.

So, you might wonder, "Why the trek all the way to Singapore?" Well, we're a curious bunch. We believe in suggesting only what we trust. We wanted to see firsthand how the panels, the very ones we have on our home and installed on many Woodend

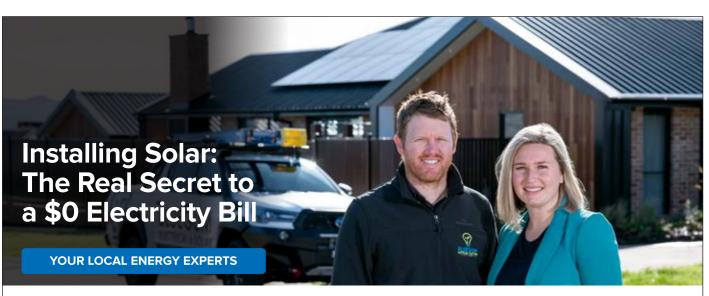
homes, are manufactured. And wow, it was a sight to behold. The dedication, the quality, and the sheer innovation were genuinely special.

But here's the deal. With our electricity bills sky-rocketing recently, there's been a surge of interest in solar. And why wouldn't there be? It's a smart move. But here's where things get a bit dicey: We've noticed families making 5 avoidable solar mistakes. Mistakes that aren't just minor hiccups. They can end up draining your wallet in the long run.

So, what if you could sidestep those pitfalls? What if you had the insider info to make sure you get the RIGHT solar that worked brilliantly for you? That's where we come in.

We're hosting a free info session, and we'd love for you to join. It's called "The Real Secret to a \$0 Electricity Bill". Interested? Simply scan the QR code below. No frills, no strings attached, just genuine insights to help you harness the sun's potential.

Catch you there. Let's shine a light on a brighter, greener, and smarter future together.



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New Community Local Law 2023

Council has adopted a new Community Local Law 2023 – replacing the General Purposes and Amenity Local Law No. 10 of 2013 – which will come into effect from 25 September

The new Local Law was designed for the community to protect safety and amenity throughout the Macedon Ranges

Some of the key changes include:

- burning in the open air is now prohibited on land less than 2,000 square metres
- accountability is broadened to include landowners not just perpetrators
- gambling advertisements are now prohibited on Council land or on a road
- a new clause has been added to allow fireworks (conducted by a pyrotechnician) on private land, under strict conditions
- heavy vehicle parking is now prohibited on land 2,000 square meters or less
- events, filming and busking now has its own clause
- smoke-free zones have been added to the Local Law, allowing Council to prescribe and declare smoke-free (including e-cigarette-free) zones
- collection of wood from Council land or a road is now
- There are now stricter regulations around:
 - unsightly and dangerous land and buildings
 - scare guns
 - building sites
 - shopping trolleys

Thank you to everyone who provided feedback earlier this year, which helped shape and enhance the new Local Law.

Council strongly encourages all members of the community to familiarise themselves with the new Community Local Law 2023, available online at mrsc.vic.gov.au/local-laws and at Council offices.

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There is some relief that the winter months are behind us Of course, this means that while we enjoy the spring bulbs, Council is also looking to prepare for the summer season, and fire prevention work is a top priority.

Members of the Municipal Fire Management Planning Committee (MFMPC) and the Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee (MEMPC), together with a wide range of other organisations, including CFA groups, Parks Victoria, Emergency Management Victoria, Victorian Police, Victorian Department of Health, Victorian Churches support group and others, recently gathered together. We had an interesting presentation on computer modelling, reflecting on the changes that have developed over time, and learnings. We also had some discussions on evacuation traffic modelling, community engagement and support, preparation and communications. The big take-home message is that everyone needs to have a Fire Plan and be prepared to leave in a safe way.

A temporary burn-off exemption will be introduced throughout October to help land-owners prepare their properties ahead of the upcoming fire season. After consulting with the CFA brigades, Council will allow registered open-air burns on land 4,000 square metres or less without a permit for the month of October, prior to the official Fire Danger Period commencing. It's a good reminder that preparing your property involves many aspects, such as mowing, controlling weeds, cleaning gutters and clearing rubbish.

On the note of warmer weather, it is wonderful to see the community gathering to start planning for Christmas in Woodend. We know December will be upon us quickly and providing some Christmas cheer and festive spirit is important, so thank you to all those volunteering to help organise this.

We know many people from all over the Shire visited events held as part of the Kyneton Daffodil and Arts Festival, which again was a huge success. Congratulations to everyone involved over the many months spent preparing for this event.

Works on Brooke Street have commenced and are anticipated to be completed by 21 October. This will address the safety issues for people crossing under the railway line to connect to town, especially for our young people attending schools and

We have had some queries about the Coles intersection. The plans with Regional Roads are progressing and we understand that people are keen to have more information on the timeline. Council officers meet regularly with the Department of Transport, and we will let you know when we have any news.

Council has patched over 1,000 potholes since July. This work is ongoing, and our crews are looking forward to the warmer weather so they can prioritise longer-term re-pairs for many of these patched areas. Further details of these will be available soon on our website at mrsc.vic.gov.au/works

Please report any road issues to mrsc.vic.gov.au/roads or call 5422 0333.



The Macedon Ranges Shared Trails project connecting Woodend to Riddells Creek is also progressing. This has required significant planning work, reports and permits from various authorities, and we look forward to this being completed in 2024.

The Community Local Law 2023 has been finalised, which is a legislated requirement to be reviewed every ten years. It is a long process, and we had many submissions, so thank you to everyone for contributing your thoughts. We always try to balance and address the feedback received.

Seniors Festival 2023 will be celebrated at an event on Friday 20 October, with the theme "Learn, Love, Live". We will be presenting celebration boxes to 25 residents who have been nominated for their contributions to the community. Again, thank you to everyone who took the time to nominate someone. We know there are so many wonderful seniors supporting many in our community.

Speaking of which, we will soon be asking for nominations for community awards which you may be aware will now be celebrated on the evening of Thursday 25 January 2024. The name of the awards and the citizenship ceremony have been changed to this date in recognition of the concerns raised by our Traditional Owners as well as many Macedon Ranges residents over the date. Please start considering who you would like to nominate, and we will advertise the timelines

Australia Day Community Grants have been doubled to \$1,000 per application and will be celebrated on 26 January or on another day a week either side. Guidelines for applying for both will be published soon.

As mentioned previously, the next listening post for West Ward Councillors will be held in Kyneton on 4 October, and everyone is welcome. We are pleased that we will soon be organising a community session with all Councillors present at the end of October. Keep a look out for further details as we would love you to attend.

Best wishes, Councillors lanet, Mark and Jennifer.





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Local fishing clubs reel in new grants

The state government has officially announced the opening of the Stronger Fishing Clubs Grant Program, welcoming angling clubs and associations in the district to apply for grants of up to \$10,000.

Member for Macedon, Mary-Anne Thomas said the grants are available under the \$1.2 million program to help strengthen and increase club membership, and to promote participation in recreational fishing. Applications for round one of the program close on 6 December 2023.

This program's objective is to help fishing clubs attract new members and to encourage more families to take up fishing, and is part of a \$96 million program to improve fishing, boating, piers and aquaculture.

Projects eligible for funding include events that provide recreational fishing tuition for women, multicultural groups, First Nations peoples and all-abilities, alongside open days, training and events, and guest speaker nights.

Projects involving IT upgrades, website development, clubroom improvements, and equipment that will benefit all members are also eligible for funding.

Minister for Outdoor Recreation, Sonya Kilkenny said,

"Our Stronger Fishing Clubs Grant Program will ensure clubs can attract local members and support them to enjoy all the benefits that come with spending time on the water with family and friends."

To apply online or learn more visit vfa.vic.gov.au/ strongerfishingclubs

SUBMITTED BY KATE LEE, OFFICE OF MARY-ANNE THOMAS, MEMBER FOR

Local lakes topped up with trout

More than 35,000 catchable rainbow trout will be stocked into lakes across Victoria in time for the school holidays.

Rainbow trout will be stocked for everyone at the following locations:

- Glenlyon Dam in Glenlyon with 200 stocked
- Hanging Rock Lake in Woodend with 350 stocked
- Jubilee Lake in Daylesford with 200 stocked
- Walter | Smith Reserve in Riddells Creek with 200 stocked

The school holiday stocking program forms part of a program funded by the government's \$96 million package to improve fishing, boating, piers and aquaculture - supported by recreational fishing licence fees.

Member for Macedon Mary-Anne Thomas said fish stocked into our local lakes would encourage families to make lasting memories in the great outdoors and get kids hooked on a

SUBMITTED BY KATE LEE, OFFICE OF MARY-ANNE THOMAS, MEMBER FOR MACEDON Photos: Hubert Weisrock, Suicide Prevention Walk Sunday September 10th.







Mary-Anne Thomas MP LABOR MEMBER FOR MACEDON

As your local Member of Parliament I am keen to hear from the community and assist with any State Government matter.

Mary-Anne Thomas



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SICK PAY GUARANTEED FOR **THOUSANDS MORE CASUAL WORKERS**

More casual and contract workers will be able to access sick and carer's pay, under the pilot Victorian Sick Pay Guarantee program. A wider range of jobs will also be covered, and the pilot will be extended until March 2025.

With more than 400 new jobs now eligible for the Sick Pay Guarantee -thousands more workers in casual and contract jobs will have the opportunity to access up to 38 hours a year of sick and carer's pay.

Casual, contract and self-employed workers including community support workers, taxi and rideshare drivers, arts workers, childcare and early childhood workers, fitness instructors, tourism and outdoor recreation workers, factory workers, fruit pickers and hairdressers can check their eligibility and sign up to the scheme today.

Member for Macedon, Mary-Anne Thomas encouraged local workers to apply for the scheme.

Workers who are newly eligible can apply for sick and carer's pay from the day they sign up, and workers who were eligible in the first phase of the pilot will benefit from an additional year of the pilot.

The initiative, an Australian first, aims to reduce workplace illnesses and injuries and keep businesses safer.

"Insecure work has terrible consequences, and we know how important it is for people to have the support and certainly they need to stay home and recover if they are sick or caring for a loved one," said Ms Thomas of the initiative.

Since the pilot launched in March 2022, more than 76,000 casual and contract workers have signed up. In that time, the Sick Pay Guarantee has covered more than 1.8 million hours of sick and carer's pay, giving workers the financial security to stay home when they're sick or need to care for loved ones. Workers can check their eligibility and sign up online at vic. gov.au/sickpayguarantee or in the Service Vitoria app.

Neighbourhood Houses, including Woodend Neighbourhood House, can help people to sign up to and access the scheme.

Information is available in 19 languages on the Sick Pay Guarantee website. To speak to an interpreter, call the Translating and Interpreting Service on 131 450 and ask for the Victorian Sick Pay Guarantee hotline.

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Aged Care Volunteer Visitor Scheme now recruiting volunteers

Council is looking for volunteers to join its recently launched Aged Care Volunteer Visitor Scheme (ACVVS).

The program supports people living in aged care residential facilities or receiving home care packages who may be feeling socially isolated. Volunteers are matched with individuals with similar interests for regular weekly or fortnightly social visits or outings.

Ideas for visits can include reading or going out for a cuppa together; or bringing your furry friend with you, if you both share a love of animals. Whatever your skills or interests we would love to chat with you.

With aged care participants living all over the Macedon Ranges, there are opportunities wherever you might live within the shire.

To register your interest as a volunteer, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/ ACVVS or call 5422 0333.

If you or someone you know might like a visitor, and they live in a residential facility or receive a Home Care Package, the ACVVS team would love to hear from you.

Carers Week workshop

10.30am to 12.30pm, Wednesday 11 October, Dromkeen Gallery, 1012 Kilmore Road, Riddells Creek

Council is inviting families and carers to join guest speaker Sally Camilleri from Carers Victoria in a special workshop where we will explore why caring for ourselves is so important, what stops us caring for ourselves, and how to make a self-care commitment.

Morning tea provided. To register call 5422 0333 or email hshort@mrsc.vic.gov.au









What's the most sophisticated piece of audio equipment vou own?

Your ears! They are "on", day and night, and they rarely get a break, unlike your eyes do at night, so naturally, they show signs of wear and tear as we age. But did you know that a hearing loss is linked with important health issues? Not only does a hearing loss make it tiring to follow conversations, but increases the risk of falls, depression and social isolation, cardiovascular disease, and the big one that is on everyone's lips right now, cognitive decline.

You can get on the front foot, starting with a simple hearing test. You can reduce a decline, sharpen your hearing in background noise, improve memory and alertness, improve mobility and balance, sleep better and gain confidence socialising, just for starters.

In a study that tracked 639 adults over 12 years, Johns Hopkins University experts showed using brain scans that hearing loss contributes to a faster rate of atrophy in the brain, forcing the brain to work harder, which comes at the expense of other thinking and memory systems. The good news is that using hearing technology can halve the rate of decline in thinking and memory over a three-year period. But hearing aids are

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Fighting Parkinson's

Parkinson's disease affects people in a range of different ways and symptoms vary widely between individuals. Because of the nature of Parkinson's and the difficulties individuals face when diagnosed, community support groups can play an

One group in the Macedon Ranges, based in Lancefield, has increased attendance at its monthly meeting over the past few months. The group has a general focus of helping people

with Parkinson's through education, support and advice form specialist services, and meets on the second Wednesday of the month at the Lancefield Bowling Club at 1.00pm.

Anyone can attend and family members of people with Parkinson's are very welcome.

Join us for tea or coffee (a gold coin donation is appreciated).

For more information about Parkinson's, call Fight Parkinson's Victoria on 1800 644 189

SUBMITTED BY TIM WEBBER



The Music Makers

Entitled The Music Makers, the concert presented by Young Voices of Macedon on Sunday 10 September at the Church of the Resurrection, Macedon was the first major event since 2019, on account of Covid, and since participation in a Kyneton Daffodil Festival concert in 2022.

It was therefore with great excitement that our singers shared their love of choral singing with an appreciative audience, commencing with a beautiful three-part setting of "We are the music makers" by Reginal Wright. Another challenging song performed by the older Cantabile group under the direction of less Demare was a three-part setting of "Sing Alleluia, Clap Your Hands", in which the only accompaniment was hand clapping. Our young Vivo group also had much to offer under the leadership of Peter Hagen, including songs by distinguished Melbourne music educator Lorraine Milne and several European folk songs. A further highlight of the concert was a selection of solos sung by guest artist, soprano Elspeth Bawden, including the celebrated Pie Jesu from the Fauré Requiem and a delightful setting of "Christopher Robin is saying his prayers". The concert reached a triumphant conclusion with a three-part and highly energetic Gospel-style "Amazing Grace", sung with great vigour by the Cantabile group and directed from the piano by Peter Hagen.

This performance represented a term of hard work by our choristers and inspired leadership from our teachers less Demare and Peter Hagen and accompanist Cathy Hutchison. The choir now invites children from the age of 9 to join us for the next adventure: a performance with the Bendigo Symphony Orchestra in late November. Younger children are invited to join our Vivo group for fun music learning.

Visit yvmacedon.org.au or phone 0437 941 690.

SUBMITTED BY DIANNE GOME



Make a splash at LAP it UP: 1 to 15 October 2023

How many laps can you swim in 15 days?

LAP it UP is a fitness and fundraising challenge to swim laps for youth mental health awareness and suicide prevention in rural and regional communities.

In 2018, father and daughter team Sean and Kirsten McKinney hosted an event at their local Gisborne pool with the aim to run a continual relay and swim 2866 laps (2866 being the number of Australians that suicided in 2016). Over 5500 laps were swum on the day.

After LAP it UP made a splash in 2022, Woodend-based health promotion charity Youth Live4Life is passionate about continuing the McKinney's wonderful legacy in 2023.

The annual LAP it UP event is designed to raise awareness of youth mental health and suicide prevention in rural and regional communities, and the many ways that swimming or water play can help support mental health and wellbeing.

Make your laps as long or short as you like – swim in the ocean, in a 50-metre Olympic-style pool or even in a wading pool in your backyard! Your dog can join in too! As long as you're moving, making a splash and counting your laps - you're in!

Woodend local Brendan O'Connor is a keen swimmer. "I swim in the morning, and it just feels like you're setting off into the world on the right foot," he says. "It's a good form of exercise for my ailing body and good thinking time without distraction."

He did LAP it UP last year as motivation to commit to regular exercise but also to get behind Live4Life. "It was a great opportunity to have conversations about mental health with work mates, friends and my teenage son who joined me in the pool from time to time."

If you love to swim and you'd like to take part this year, the Woodend Waders is a team that anyone in the local community can join! Head here to register:

www.lapitup.org.au/fundraisers/woodendwaders/ lapitup2023 (or attached QR CODE)

All funds raised go towards Youth Live4Life's award-winning, evidence-based, youth mental health and suicide prevention initiative, Live4Life, to help reach more young people living in rural and regional communities.

For the event finale, head along to the Kyneton Toyota Sports & Aquatic Centre on 15 October to celebrate with us!

lump in and make a splash for Youth Live4Life!

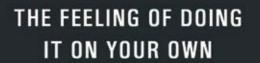
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Stepping out for **Scrumptious Spring Scones**

On a frosty spring morning in September while the daffodil bulbs bloom, the Woodend Eves were baking, making and packing. Hundreds of scones, lashings of luscious lemon butter and bounds of blackberry and perfect plum jam were lovingly made. (With a few of our partners and children we call auxiliary members). A Scone-A-Thon of epic proportions! \$1,200 was raised for our association day and local community. A huge team effort, from our members who 'womened' the stall, to those that made the hundreds of scones. It was a wonderful day in Woodend on market day! The town was buzzing.

When spring steps out, as does the will to come out of hibernation. So we did! We enjoyed an outing for Disco Bingo. Unfortunately, we have no photos to confirm the outing occurred. From those that went we were told, what happens at Disco Bingo, stays at Disco Bingo!

We have some amazing crafters in our group. One of our members we are super proud of as she is entering her amazing

highland cow creation in the Melbourne Show! It is remarkable what can be crocheted. Talking of Melbourne Show, some of our members are putting on their learner's aprons and heading to the show for the first time, to join the other branches for the penultimate event in the CWA calendar. Thousands of scones are to be made at the annual pavilion at the Royal Melbourne Show.

We also headed a bit closer to home to the Kyneton Museum for the A Stitch in Time showcase. It is heartwarming to see a resurgence in people turning back to hobbies around crafting. It was also wonderful to see a glimpse of history with a wide variety of folk art and craft materials on display.

This year, connection with the senior members of our community and assisting and understanding disaster relief have been a focus of ours. As such, we were fortunate to have Louise Mitchell, a recovery practitioner, come and discuss community-led disaster relief and recovery. It is fascinating to learn how we are all a cog in disaster relief. We cannot thank our local speaker for coming to speak to us.

While the CWA is synonymous with making and baking, some members join for connection and/or a cause. It is the coming together for a connection and a cause that makes this organisation a great one. Some of our members aren't always active as well, life happens and that is okay

Any woman is welcome in the CWA. For more information or to connect, Facebook @CWA Woodend Eves or via Instagram @cwa_woodend_eves. We meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 7pm at the Woodend Neighbourhood House. Please email cwawoodendeves@gmail.com for more information or visit our socials.

SUBMITTED BY ANITA LA FORGIA FOR THE CWA WOODEND EVES









Every year on the third weekend in August, a group of enthusiastic petanque players have travelled from near and far to gather and play for the Murray Maul trophy at the Port of Echuca.

And this year was no different. Fifty players from Woodend Hanging Rock Petanque Club, Mt Macedon Petanque Club, Bendigo and Ballarat Petanque Clubs and Nagambie Petanque Club all attended to battle for the trophy!

We all gathered on the Friday night at The Star Hotel on the Port of Echuca, for happy hour and pizza and to catch up with old friends, before we dispersed. Then, to gather again, bright and enthusiastic on the Saturday morning for our very serious petanque playing!

We played on the road of the port, in the drains, amongst the nasturtiums, under the carts and dodging the very tolerant horses and cart joyriders.

Even the most serious of players loosen up, all in the name of fun and fine banter. Then following the eight games, finishing up on the Sunday morning, The Star Hotel puts on a delicious roast lunch for us, and finally we wend our weary ways home across the state.

Another Murray Maul over!

Over that weekend we have another trophy to award, The Ken Helmore Award.

Ken was a well-known Woodend local who was known and loved by all and also the president of our petanque club for many years.

The award is given to a petangue player on the Murry Maul weekend who has shown good will, a sense of humour, and is an all-round fine person supporting the game of petangue and many clubs on their journey.

This year, the award went to Claire Sampson of the Nagambie Petanque Club.

Our Master of Ceremonies for the weekend was our well-loved Cath Cohen, who has taken up this gauntlet for many years and hopefully will do so for more to come.

Cath was also presented with a Lifelong Member Award of our Woodend Hanging Rock Petangue Club.

SUBMITTED BY ANNE BROWN



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Woodend-Hesket Football Netball Club win first A-Grade netball premiership

For the first time in the history of the Woodend-Hesket Football Netball Club the A-Grade netball team claimed the Riddell District Football Netball League premiership on Sunday 17 September.

Playing against the Riddell Bombers in glorious sunshine with a huge crowd watching, the team kept their nerve as Riddell pegged back the Hawks' lead towards the end of the last quarter and the game went into overtime. It was here that the team went from strength to strength - their fitness, skill and support for each other came to the fore, and 15 minutes later the club had secured their first premiership by nine goals. The final score was Hawks 46 – Bombers 37.

As the final siren sounded, the huge Hawks crowd erupted and the team and all of the supporters were overjoyed. The team's captain, Ty Coppinger was named best on court. Playing coach Meg Grbac was ecstatic with the win, especially after the club had endured an extremely difficult two weeks prior to the grand final with the sudden deaths of two much loved club and community members. Congratulations to Meg and all of the team on an outstanding season.

The club's senior football team also played in the grand final but unfortunately was not able to get the win against Diggers Rest. It had been 16 years since the senior side had been in a grand final, and the club was extremely proud of the team and how they performed across the finals series. Congratulations to playing coach Josh Pound and all of the team for their excellent season.

This year, six out of the club's eight teams played finals – the 19.5's, reserves, seniors and senior women's football teams and C-Grade and A-Grade netball teams. This was another first for the club. The club is extremely proud of all of the players, coaches, assistants, trainers and team managers who worked so hard to get our teams to the finals as well as getting the teams on the oval and court each week.

The club could not function without the tireless help of our volunteers. Whether it be on game day, Thursday nights or behind the scenes, we are extremely grateful for their contribution and commitment to the club. Special thanks to Darryl and Kath Bourke who have officially retired from their roles at the club after 16 years - they leave a lasting legacy, thank you.



Thank you to all of the club's sponsors but especially our major sponsors who through their financial support of the club we are able to provide the best possible experience for our players and supporters.

Finally, to all of our members and supporters right across the Woodend community and beyond, we thank you for your love and support and hope you enjoy the premiership success. Go Hawks!

> SUBMITTED BY ANNE-LOUISE LINDNER, CO-PRESIDENT WHFNC



Photo: Ty Coppinger won the best on court.



the team behind the win

Photo: Meg Grbac (coach), Kellie Duff (Netball

Coordinator) and Anne-Louise Lindner (Co-President)

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WOODENDBOWLING CLUB

New green up and running

The long awaited and delayed work to replace the flood destroyed carpet surface has finally been completed, with a brand new synthetic surface.

Members have begun playing and practising on the new green in preparation for the forthcoming pennant season (see below).

A huge thank you to the Macedon Ranges Shire Council and contractor Tiger Turf for getting the green completed in time for the new season.

If you're interested in trying our new state-of-the-art surface, please get in touch to organise a free trial.

Work continues on our grass green replacement

Work has also continued on our new grass green, with the installation of the new cement sheet plinths. The next stage will be the preparation of the surface for the planting of the new grass. It will be a long process through spring and summer, with the green planned to be ready-for-play next April.

When all of the works are completed, Woodend will then have two high quality bowling surfaces – grass and synthetic.

Season Open Day - Sunday October 8

The Woodend Bowling Club will officially open the new green and the new pennant season at the Club on Sunday October 8. All Club members are welcome to the annual Opening Day, and we also extend the invitation to all present and past members of the Woodend Bowling Club, who are most welcome to celebrate the start of the new season.

The new Pennant Season gets under way soon after with our Saturday Division 2 on October 7, Tuesday Division 3 team starting on October 10, followed by Tuesday Division 2 on October 17 and Saturday Division 3 on October 21.

Annual Gemlife match returns

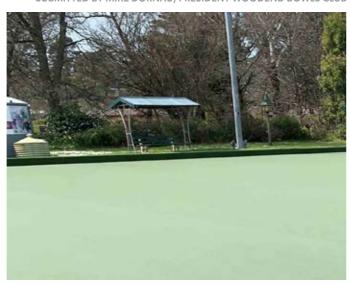
Several years ago, the bowlers at Gemlife invited the Woodend Bowling Club to a social competition at the new Gemlife bowling rink, to thank the Bowling Club for their help in getting started. The Gemlife team proved too good on the day and won the Perpetual Trophy. Last year, the Woodend Bowling Club issued a return invitation with the match won comfortably by the bowling club

The now annual match will take place again this year on the club's Opening Day (see above). With the score now at one-all it is sure to be a competitive event. We will publish the results in next month's *The New Woodend Star*.

Check out our website and Facebook page

For more information, please call 5407 9220, visit our website at www.woodendbowlsclub.weebly.com. You can also follow us on Facebook.

SUBMITTED BY MIKE DORNAU, PRESIDENT WOODEND BOWLS CLUB







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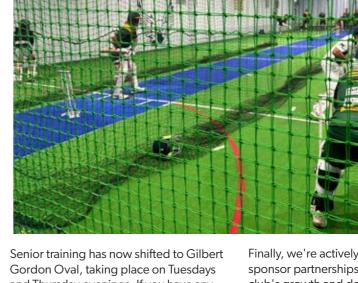


Woodend Cricket Club pre-season preparations

As we gear up for an exciting season of cricket, I'm delighted to report that there is an unmistakable buzz of excitement radiating from the heart of the Woodend Cricket Club. Our pre-season preparations have been nothing short of remarkable, setting the stage for a fantastic year ahead. There has been an incredible turnout of over 30 dedicated players at each of these sessions, all eager to sharpen their skills and be a part of the Woodend cricket family. It's a testament to the passion and commitment that defines our club.

We're thrilled to welcome a couple of new faces to our ranks. One of the most exciting aspects of this season is the opportunity for our young, developing stars to learn from the wealth of experience that these new players bring to the club. This mentorship and camaraderie between generations are essential to our club's growth and success. Equally exciting is the return of a few players who after a brief hiatus, are rejoining us with renewed enthusiasm. This is going to be an exciting year for the Woodend Cricket Club.

Looking ahead, the start of the season is just around the corner with our senior teams set to kick off on October 7. However, there's still room for more players to register, both in our junior and senior divisions. If you or someone you know has a passion for cricket, we'd love to have you on board. This season we're fielding an impressive lineup with 8 Junior teams (U11 Mixed, U13 Boys and U15 Boys), Cricket Blasters and 4 Senior teams (McIntyre 1sts, 2nds and two Club Grade teams). It's a testament to our commitment to nurturing talent at every level of the game. To find out more, you can email our secretary Steve Rollinson at woodendcricketclub@gmail.com or call him on 0459 665 490. For any interested juniors, please feel free to reach out to our Junior Coordinator Stewart Black on 0419 832 390. Alternatively, you can scan the QR code to be taken directly to our registration page.



Senior training has now shifted to Gilbert Gordon Oval, taking place on Tuesdays and Thursday evenings. If you have any questions about Senior training, please contact our Senior Coach Greg Matthews on 0407 914 418.

If you're keen on honing your coaching skills, our Level 1 Coaching course is scheduled for Sunday October 8. Contact Dale Ranson at dale_ranson@hotmail.com to reserve your spot.

Mark your calendars for our Season Launch on October 7, a great opportunity for both junior and senior families to get together. Don't miss our Hypnotist Night on October 28, it's our major fundraising



event of the year and it's set to be an unforgettable evening. To book our ticket go to www.trybooking.com/CLFKZ

Looking further ahead, we're busy planning for our Hall of Fame celebration on February 24, where we'll induct the legends who've shaped our club over the past decade. For more details, get in touch with Katherine Bailey at 0407 014 679 or woodendcricketclubevents@gmail.com

Finally, we're actively seeking local sponsor partnerships to support our club's growth and development. We have sponsorship packages starting at just \$250, and inkind sponsorships are warmly



welcomed. If you're interested or know of a business that might be, please don't hesitate to contact Daniel Heaney on 0400 600 186 or daniel@dh-steel.com.au

As we embrace the new season, it's clear that Woodend Cricket Club is a thriving hub of activity, and it's all thanks to the passion and dedication of our players, families, and supporters. Together, we're set to make this season one to remember.

SUBMITTED BY DANIEL HEANEY



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Woodend's early hospitals

Several small private hospitals in early Woodend were run by nursing sisters with visiting surgeons. One of the earliest was Beth Shan in High Street, north of the Five Mile Creek. It was registered as a private hospital by Nurse Hicks in 1919. It served the district for many years, mostly as a maternity hospital. Another was Hounslow in Forest Street.

Lynnburn in Noonan Grove was started by Lesley Newell and named after her grandmother's family property at Batesford. After World War II it concentrated on looking after war veterans. Sunnyside hospital opened in Forest Street and then moved to Jeffreys Street in the mid-1930s. Most were maternity patients but small operations were carried out, such as removal of tonsils, with Dr Lincoln being the main surgeon. Shirley Tyers remembered many of the nurses, in particular Sisters Kidman and Reeves.



Photo 513: Private hospital Beth Shan with, probably, Nurse Hicks wearing the veil

Shirley remembered how in about 1946, a baby was born with the cord around his neck. Initially he was thought to be stillborn. However, Sister Kidman worked on him, and he survived to be a healthy man. Another time she persisted with a baby who was haemorrhaging, insisting on two people donating blood for transfusions. He also survived. Sister Reeves was well known for her delicious meals and patients sometimes asked for the recipes but she would not share them. As Shirley said, Sisters Kidman and Reeves did everything, including some cooking. "I don't know how on earth they got through everything", said Shirley. In the 1950s, both Sisters returned to their homes in England.

In 1942, owing to the rise in the cost of living, fees at Sunnyside were increased by one shilling (10 cents) to 13 shillings (\$1.30) per day. In 1951, Sister Marjory Hale bought the hospital on the spur of the moment when she had come from Melbourne for a drive. At the time there were six or seven patients, and Sister Hale thought that the building was in fairly poor shape. After many years as a hospital it is now a private residence.

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In May, Drama students created and performed Chasing the Bluebird of Happiness. They have also been working since mid-year to devise a 7-minute 'solo' they will present as part of their assessment to an external panel in October. In September, the class staged The Real Inspector Hound, by Tom Stoppard. Having taken on most of the lead roles for production of The Dream last year, they were very keen to do something amazing in their final year of school.

Arts Captain and class member Grace Stewart maintains she's enjoyed every moment. "Drama has been such a rewarding experience for me, especially in Year 12. From writing scripts, working through the nerves to feeling 'magical' on stage, every experience has improved my skills. Performing Helena last year in The Dream was a daunting task but brought me a whole level of confidence that I didn't have before." Grace said.

"Creating a solo is a big task that everyone in our class has tackled headon. Scripting and performing something by yourself is difficult but has become less scary through our work on mini solos. Staging The Real Inspector Hound this year proved that, even if our nerves are telling us we aren't ready, my class will always perform brilliantly. I'm grateful for my classmates and teachers this year and Drama will always have a special place in my heart."

Class member Kyle Dingle maintains that "Drama has given me more confidence than I thought I could have".

Year 11 Theatre Studies students are currently applying their expertise to the play, Where in the World is Frank Sparrow? by Australian playwright, Angela Betzien. A uniquely modern legend, the play weaves a stark urban reality with a mythic underworld, where young hero, Frank, must enter the dangerous streets of Shadow City, overcome weakness, find love, and face death. The play will be staged at Sacred Heart College in the Mary Moloney Theatre on Thursday 19 and Friday 20 October at 7pm. Tickets will be available from 4 October - visit the news section of the College website www.shckyneton.catholic.edu.au

SUBMITTED BY JENNIFER BALDWIN

Photo: Left and middle - Year 12 Drama students in the recent production of The Real Inspector Hound Photo: right - Year 12 Drama students at their recent Solo Performance Concert









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