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Mt Macedon ANZAC Day Dawn Service 2018

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

Chair of the Mt Macedon ANZAC Day Dawn Service Committee, Mr Bruce Mildenhall, said that the Committee had worked hard to ensure that the content and quality of this year's service would continue the strong tradition of services past to commemorate significant events in Australia's service.

"The focus of this year's service is the centenary of the famous Battle of Villers Bretonneux, fought on ANZAC Day 1918, and the enduring links forged between that French community and the Australians.

This year we also commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the Battles of Coral & Balmoral, two Australian fire support bases (FSBs) that endured and repelled repeated and sustained enemy attacks during the 1968 'Tet Offensive' in the Vietnam War. Then we will recall Australia's peace-keeping deployment to Somalia 25 years ago.

The 2018 ANZAC service will also hear 'Voices from the Front' - extracts from writings penned by Australian service personnel from the earliest to recent conflicts, and reflections on the aftermath of conflict.

As access roads to Mt Macedon will be closed, anyone wanting to attend the service is invited to catch a free bus from Gisborne, Woodend, Macedon, Romsey, Lancefield, Riddells Creek and Sunbury, or the shuttle bus from the Tony Clarke Reserve in Macedon. See bus times and locations on page 4.

Bookings are essential: www.organscoaches.com.au. For more information, visit the Mt Macedon ANZAC Day Dawn Service Facebook page or www.mtmacedondawnservice.org

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— April —

- 1 Easter Sunday
- 1 Harvest Festival at Bupa Aged Care
- 7 Destash, Newham Hall
- 9 SPAG Meeting
- 12 Diary of Samuel Pippy
- 14 Chamber Poet- RSL
- 15 Rock and Roll - RSL
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- 20 & 27 Mental Health First Aid
- 25 ANZAC Day
- 26 Calling all Intrepid Women
- 28 Pop up market
- 28 Tylden Primary School Fair

— May —

- 5 Spudfest, Trentham
- 13 Mothers Day

— June —

- 8-11 Woodend Winter Arts Festival



Joseph Tawadros will be performing in a special solo concert in this year's Woodend Winter Arts Festival



Rotarians at Work, preparing the New Woodend Star for delivery into your letter box.

Join Cobaw in getting active this April

Cobaw Community Health is encouraging schools within the Macedon Ranges Shire to join them in signing up to the Premier's Active April this year. Premier's Active April encourages all Victorians to do 30 minutes of physical activity a day during April. It's free, fun and part of the Victorian Government's commitment to get more people active and healthy.

Engaging in regular physical activity has important benefits for both mental and physical health. Physical activity reduces the risk of many health problems, such as cardiovascular disease, type 2 diabetes, anxiety, depression, musculoskeletal problems, some cancers and unhealthy weight gain.

"Supporting schools within the Shire to sign up and participate in Premier's Active April is one strategy we are implementing to help improve the health and well-being of our local community. Cobaw participated as a workplace last year and are signed up again, encouraging our own staff to take the time to be active," said Margaret McDonald, Cobaw CEO.

For further information, please contact Bec Huddy, Health Promotion Coordinator on 1300 0 26229 or admin@cobaw.org.au

SUBMITTED BY AMITY BRADFORD CORPORATE SERVICES & COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER

Woodend's Rain report

Heading into April ... noticeably drier March than usual ... hoping for Autumn rains!

Month	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	av 5yr
January	3.9	19.2	61.4	35.3	27.8	80	37.93
February	97.4	11.2	41.6	14.3	26.5	3.8	19.48
March	53	49	26	47	23.7		33.74
April	20.5	84.1	39.4	36.2	165		69.04
May	47.2	46	68.7	101.2	38.6		60.34
June	147.8	122.3	39.5	98.8	10.6		83.80
July	101.8	79.3	95.3	186.6	60		104.6
August	116.4	32.7	50.7	107	119.6		85.28
September	85	55.9	44	163.6	55.2		80.74
October	75.6	49.6	12.9	91.8	45.8		55.14
November	67.2	53	41.3	63.2	77.4		65.20
December	35.2	36.6	41.7	92.8	77.2		60.45
Total mm	851	627.7	479.5	1037.8	728	83.8	634

Trentham's 11th annual Spudfest

The Spudfest, which attracts around 6000 visitors, was created to celebrate the town's potato heritage, and promote Trentham potato growers, is being staged as an all-village festival on Saturday May 5th.

Trentham potato farming goes back to the 1860s when settlers discover the area's fertile, rich volcanic soil, and although spud growing is not as expansive as it once was due to major food suppliers turning to imported products, there are still more than 20 Trentham varieties grown by local farmers. Some cultivating specialist sales via farm gate, farmers markets and direct restaurants.

Spudfest has expanded from its original Quarry Street Reserve base to the town centre. This was partly to help accommodate the growing number of visitors and partly in response to visitor feedback that they would like to see more of historic Trentham's village charms during their Spudfest visit.



Spudtastic fun, food, free music, displays, children's games & activities, entertainment, history, spuds for sale, tractor pull, classic car display, spud hut tours, cooking demos, artisan crafts, photography competition & much more!

www.trenthamspudfest.org.au

Some of the attractions around town are live music, cooking demonstrations and horse-drawn-wagon rides. A rail station tractor-pull will complement the buzz of "Spud Central" traditional Spudfest lakeside attractions at Quarry Street Park Reserve.

SUBMITTED – PETER J YOUNG

Tylden Primary School Country Fair

Save the date!

The annual Tylden Primary School Country Fair is on again, Saturday 28th April 2018, 10am to 3pm. We have something for everyone: arts and crafts, gourmet preserves, local produce and music, a variety of delicious food stalls and great entertainment!

For the kids the amusement is endless. New rides and old favourites will entertain the troops all day. With the purchase of a ride wristband the kids will be able to enjoy the Giant Slide, Aerial Bungee, Trackless Train, Rock Climbing, Camel Rides and more, as many times as they like throughout the event.

While the kids are happily playing in the games zone on the oval, enjoy the splendour of delicious home baked goods or Devonshire tea, as well as other delectable delights including sour dough donuts, curries and

sausage sizzle. Grab some plants for the garden, or that special gift for mum at the craft stall, or view the classic car display on the oval. There is also a fantastic range of goods up for bid in the Silent Auction with many items including kids' clothing, homewares, hampers, vouchers and wine.

This is the premier event on the Tylden calendar and we invite you to come along for a fantastic family day out to support our local school that has been educating kids for 150 years. The money raised from the fair is used for a wide variety of programs, such as an intensive school swimming program, grounds development and ongoing costs of the renowned Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program. It is the fantastic effort of the whole community that makes the event successful each year.

For more information about the fair or to purchase ride wristbands contact the school on 5424 8244 or follow us on Facebook. facebook.com/tyldensps



MT MACEDON ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE

WEDNESDAY 25TH APRIL 2018 AT 6AM

BUSES OPERATING FROM:

Gisborne to Dawn Service

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

Woodend to Dawn Service

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

Sunbury to Dawn Service

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

Kyneton to Dawn Service

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

Riddells Creek to Dawn Service

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

Lancefield and Romsey

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

Tony Clarke Recreation Reserve-Waterfalls Rd, Macedon

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

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Woodend RSL moves in to a new era

New committees were elected in March for the RSL Sub-Branch and the Women's Auxiliary. We now have 100 RSL members plus 30 members of the Women's Auxiliary. Plans are already underway to increase the number of social activities and events at the RSL hall.

ANZAC Day will be a major event of the year, commencing with the Dawn Service at the Mt Macedon Memorial Cross at 5.45am. See <http://www.mtmacedondawnservice.org>.

A Gunfire Breakfast will be available at Woodend RSL (gold coin donation).

Woodend's service will consist of a march commencing at 11.30am of servicemen and women supported by Braemar Cadets. It starts at the High Street east service road (near Brooke St), travels past the Clock Tower and then down Anslow Street to the RSL for the ANZAC Day Commemorative Service. Refreshments will be available afterwards in the RSL hall. Everyone is invited to attend.

APRIL Program:

Saturday 14th 2pm Chamber Poets

Sunday 15th 2pm Rock & Roll Band

Friday 20th 12noon Woodend Neighbourhood House Community Lunch

Wednesday 25th 11.30am ANZAC Day March and Commemorative Service

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Red Cross Calling

Thank you to the people of Woodend who donated generously this March for the RED CROSS CALLING month, raising money to help the work of the Australian Red Cross. As always, we are amazed at the results achieved in a small community.

March this year was also my Dad's 99th birthday. He had served in Syria and New Guinea, as a Second Lieutenant and when he was 96 he was reunited with the rest of his regiment. He was the last of the 2/11th-Field Artillery: all those comrades of his youth had gone and with that all who knew that part of his life.

When asked about his time in service he told us silly and funny stories, like the day he 'lost' the war when given wrong coordinates and led his men up the wrong hill, hauling those massive guns - then the swearing and sweating when they had to turn around on a very narrow track in the Bougainville jungle and come down again - to go up the NEXT hill. Or the time when his greatcoat was left hanging on his tent pole overnight in the camp in Syria and he found it frozen solid in the morning.

Just like all those dads who never told us the horror stories of battle, he didn't want to upset us, or himself, with the truth of 1939-1945. Much better to make us gasp and hoot with laughter at the naughty Australian soldiers who, when visited by a group of extremely pompous English officers, peed in the tea urn. Not MY Dad, of course!

No father today can protect his children from seeing and hearing about the atrocities of war as waged in Syria - very different from the times when Dad alternately sweated and froze in the desert.

We all know about Mosul and Aleppo and how even those clearly identified as volunteer aid associations are treated as targets. We all know the dangers and horrors, yet those volunteers keep doing their best to help those who need them, without distinguishing between one side or another, soldier or civilian. So thank you to those nurses who looked after my Dad (he said malaria, we now know he was wounded)! and those who continue to answer the call today.

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Understanding the real work of forensic anthropology

Many of us enjoy nothing better than sitting down to watch TV procedural dramas or immersing ourselves in the books of authors like Kathy Reichs. We are fascinated by the ingenuity of the detailed forensic work that takes place.

At a recent talk, Rotary Woodend welcomed Dr Soren Blau, senior forensic anthropologist at the Victorian Institute for Forensic Medicine. She highlighted the valuable work that she and her colleagues conduct in identifying human remains and the sensitive handling of crime and accident scenes. It is painstaking work that involves some of the most sophisticated of scientific techniques. The work provides great

comfort to families whose loved ones may have died in terrible circumstances. Equally the work provides valuable insight to crime and accident scene investigators as they look to piece together the real story of what has taken place.

Soren shared numerous insights into her day-to-day work. Far from the glitz of TV dramas, her work is extremely detailed, time consuming and always conducted with the utmost respect for the deceased people in her care.



Peter Wilmott with Dr Soren Blau.

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A 'happily ever after' story

Played out against the famous backdrop of Hanging Rock recently when Colin Campbell, a retired horse breeder and trainer from Dunedin in the South Island of New Zealand, and his wife Shirley were reunited with their horse 'Chester' whom until recently they believed was dead.

It is a beautiful autumn day when Colin and Shirley arrive at the property in Newham where Chester has lived for the last four years with his new carer and his paddock mate, Rollo.

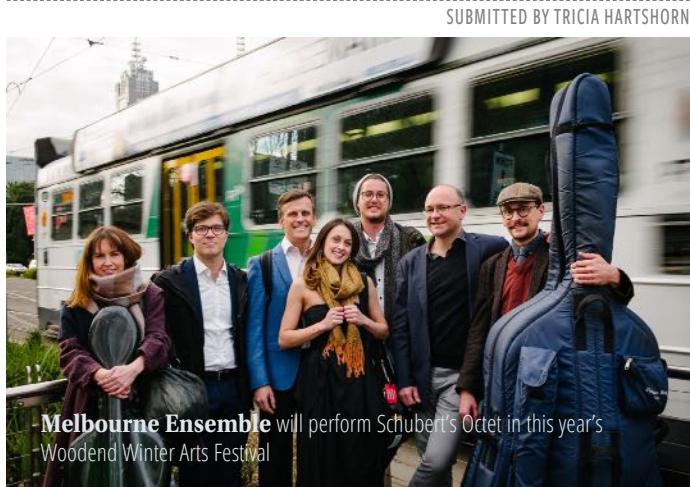
How did this well-bred, successful harness racer end up in a paddock malnourished and surrounded by rubbish where he was rescued by Project Hope Horse Welfare (a not-for-profit organisation committed to providing help for Victorian equines through education, rehabilitation and advocacy)?

Colin is visibly upset as he recounts the little he knows of Chester's life once he left NZ having been sold to a trainer in Victoria to further his racing career. One thing is for certain: the family would never have let Chester go if they had any inkling of the fate that awaited him. Colin speculates that an injury in a float may have ended Chester's racing career. What happened in the interim is a mystery.

Colin and Shirley gently rub the big bay's muzzle, not quite believing they have finally made the trip they have been planning since 2016 after discovering Chester was alive and well. As Colin says, "We are living the dream" - a dream that would not have been realised if not for the forensic skills of a Project Hope member. She was able to identify Chester's brand and trace him back to New Zealand and Colin. Emotional emails went back and forth across the Tasman and a reunion was planned.

Chester is now 14 and the picture of health. After a bumpy start in his new home attributed to his having lost faith in the human race, he is now a lovely horse with a bit of attitude but happy to let you pat him for a carrot or two!

So does Chester remember Colin and Shirley? No one had any carrots at the reunion but Chester wasn't going anywhere!



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129 Mollison Street



Image: Rick Smolan

For more information or to book, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/intrepid or call 5422 0333.

Council is hosting a unique evening of story, song and scrumptious food at Kyneton Town Hall that celebrates courageous and adventurous women.

The free Intrepid Women's event will be held on Thursday 26 April and will feature acclaimed author Robyn Davidson, who is well-known for her book – and now film – Tracks, which chronicles her epic 2,835 km camel trek across the Australian desert in the 1970s.

The event will also feature a performance from singer-songwriter and ARIA award-winner Kavisha Mazzella and a community groups' expo highlighting leadership opportunities for women in the Macedon Ranges.

Free child-minding is available and car-pooling is available through the six neighbourhood houses across the shire. Community buses from a number of locations may also be available. To book tickets or for more information, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/intrepid or call 5422 0333.

SUBMITTED BY ANNE-MARIE MIDDLEMAST COMMUNICATIONS / PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER

100 Reasons to Celebrate at Cobaw

Cobaw Community Health (Cobaw) started with three staff in 1986, and last month Cobaw celebrated the addition of their 100th staff member..

Andrew Kozak joined the team at Cobaw in a receptionist/administration officer role and is thrilled to be a part of this milestone.

"It's quite exciting to be honest! Not only is it an amazing indication of growth of the organisation to celebrate, it's also something I'm proud to be part of. Helping the wonderful Cobaw Community Health Service grow in size, and expand into new communities, really gives you a sense of being part of the future," said Andrew.

"A major appeal of working at Cobaw was the opportunity to work with an organisation that is genuinely caring and strives to make a real difference within local communities. Having lived and worked in some remote areas of Western Australia in 2017, I have seen first hand the welcome support that organisations such as Cobaw provide. I also look forward to putting into practice the theory and

skills I learnt at university and doing what I can to support the community I live in."

In the last three years, Cobaw's staff numbers have grown from 65 to 100, a reflection of the organisation's strong commitment to delivering services in response to community demand.

"The population growth in many communities across central Victoria is driving an expansion of Cobaw's support services for everyone in our diverse communities, including a demand on Children's, Aged Care and NDIS services," said Margaret McDonald, Cobaw CEO.



Photo is of Andrew Kozak

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Pop Up Market

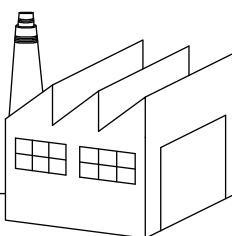
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Sunshine on tap

Holgate Brewhouse in Woodend will run a community-financed solar system to generate clean electricity for its expanded brewing operation. The huge 68-kilowatt solar array will be installed on the roof of Holgate's new brewing discovery centre and showroom. 100% of the electricity generated will be used on site, with savings on power bills used to pay back a community-financed loan.

Macedon Ranges residents and businesses will be invited to buy shares in a new community cooperative, Macedon Ranges Community Energy, which will finance Holgate's system and other renewable energy projects in the municipality.

'The project is a win for business, community investors and the environment' says Ralf Thesing, the project's coordinator and local resident.

'Ultimately we aim to generate enough renewable energy through local projects to meet the electricity needs of the entire shire.'

The Holgate project was officially announced at the Macedon Ranges Sustainable Living Festival held in Woodend on Saturday 3 March. Prospective local investors can submit an expression of interest here at <http://energy.mrsg.org.au/solar-powered-beer>.

Contact: Ralf Thesing, Project Coordinator

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RENEWABLE ENERGY ACTION GROUP MACEDON RANGES SUSTAINABILITY GROUP



Photo: L-R Ralf Thesing, Project Coordinator, Paul Holgate CEO/Founder at Holgate Brewhouse & Mary-Anne Thomas MP Member for Macedon.

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The organising committee of the Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay For Life 2018 would like to thank the New Woodend Star for providing us with an opportunity to report and advertise our event during the lead-up to the Relay in March. This year we raised over \$84,000 and had 349 participants in 18 teams.

Relay For Life is an overnight team event, which brings the community together to provide support and hope for those touched by cancer. Loved ones are remembered, cancer survivors and carers are celebrated and all participants take steps to fight back against cancer.

Since beginning in Tecoma USA in 1985, Relay For Life has raised over \$4 billion globally for the fight against cancer. Relayers in Lancefield/Macedon Ranges have raised over \$1,400,000 since 2003.

With your support, Cancer Council Victoria can continue its work to provide support to those suffering with cancer and their families through research, prevention and support services.

It was a wonderful weekend celebrating survivors, remembering loved ones and continuing the fight against cancer.

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Daylight saving end is a perfect time to change your smoke alarm batteries when you change your clock

Woodend Officer in Charge Mike Dornau said "house fires occur more frequently in the cooler months. so it makes good sense to check your smoke alarm battery at the same time you".

"All smoke alarms, whether hard-wired or wireless, require a battery" added Mr Dornau. "Hard-wired alarms use a battery as a back-up and the battery needs to be changed as well."

Smoke alarms usually have a lifespan of about ten years and should be replaced if you have had them for 10 year or longer or by the use-by date printed on the unit. If an alarm is still 'beeping' after its battery has been changed, it should be replaced.

To ensure you have a working smoke alarm follow these three basic rules:

1. Test it weekly by pushing the test button with a broom handle to make sure it beeps.
2. Dust the alarm with a vacuum cleaner brush.
3. Change the battery at least once a year.

For further information contact the Woodend CFA on 5427 2356 or visit www.woodendcfa.org. You can also follow us on Facebook.

SUBMITTED BY MIKE DORNAU, OFFICER IN CHARGE WOODEND CFA

Woodend 'Boomerang' Bags

When Woodend Community Bags (WCB) began making shopping bags in March 2017 we didn't imagine that in twelve months we would achieve a total of 3,111 bags made and distributed in our community!

It takes 300 years for a single-use plastic bag to crumble into beads that never break down. The beads end up in our drinking water and inland waterways, creeks, streams and rivers. By making the bags free, and "yours to keep", we have created an awareness of the environmental issue of plastic shopping bags - WCB is grateful find that so many local businesses want to participate.

Inspired by "Boomerang Bags", a movement started in NSW in 2013, there are now 555 Boomerang Bag communities underway worldwide. We have a space at the Woodend Neighbourhood house where we meet every Thursday 9 am - 2 pm. Together we sort, cut, iron, print and sew bags. You don't have to have sewing skills to participate - there are jobs for all!

The bags are made from donated recycled fabric. Sally Scanlan leads our team of volunteers. Sally has always believed that we should be doing our best to keep the sustainability of our local environment intact! She feels that Woodend Community Bags are an important step in creating a sustainable future - one needle and thread at a time! Sally has worked in early childhood education, incorporating environmental issues by teaching kindergarten children the importance of composting and worm farms. She also conducts waste audits on kindergartens in the western suburbs.

We would like people to communicate with us on the Woodend Community Bags Facebook page @woodend-communitybags or contact Sally ph: 0419 108 526.

SUBMITTED BY SALLY SCANLAN.



Woodend Bowling Club - not just bowls!

We recently did a some stats to show how often our club is used during a 12 month period, and by how many people.. We were astounded with the results.

The Woodend Bowling Club was used for more than 580 different events, with 20% of those for a community use. The Club was used by more than 2,640 people, with more than 78% of those for community use. The Clubhouse was used for nearly 470 different events, with more than 9,000 visits, over 40% for community use.

Expanding our community use

We have developed several initiatives that have increased the community use of the Club. Our Schools program has really taken off with several successful sessions completed by St Ambrose Primary School and Braemar College. Play Bowls Month held on a Friday night was another huge success, culminating in the keenly fought Battle of the Sports Clubs.

The Clubhouse is also used on a regular basis for a number of different meetings, events and functions. Information on how to hire the venue please visit www.woodendbowlsclub.weebly.com.

Well done to the two Johns

John Brama and John Fisher were winners of the annual Frank O'Brien Pairs Tournament.

They finished with 47 points. Anne Dornau and Bill O'Connell scored 34, Frank Thompson and Trevor Sturt scored 32 and Clarrie Brett and Phil Nathan scored 29. It was John Fisher's 4th victory in the event to equal the record of Laurie O'Brien (son of the tournament's namesake) and Frank Thompson who has 3 Frank O'Brien victories.

Well done to all who enjoyed a very pleasant day, and especially to Joy Thompson for providing a sensational afternoon tea.

Everlyn Connor winners

This event was held on March 8, in honour of Woodend Bowling Club member Evelyn Connor.

It was open to WBC members over 60 years of age, run with two bowl fours over two ten game ends. A highlight of the day was having Evelyn's son Mark there to present the shield. Check out our website and Facebook page. For more information call 0448 769 366, or visit our website at www.woodendbowlsclub.weebly.com.

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2018 Festival Wrap-Up

The 2018 Macedon Ranges Music Festival was met with blue skies and a wonderful turnout from music-lovers from the Ranges and beyond. The Gisborne Steam Park was filled with two music stages, food & drink stalls, kids' activities and people of all ages eager to witness some of the music industry's best.

The line-up featured something for everyone, from the story-telling prowess of Mick Thomas to the toe-tappin' Jazz & Blues of the Naturally Cool Big Band. Fan favourites of the day included recently-reformed local outfit Paper Jane and Geelong rockers MDRN Love.

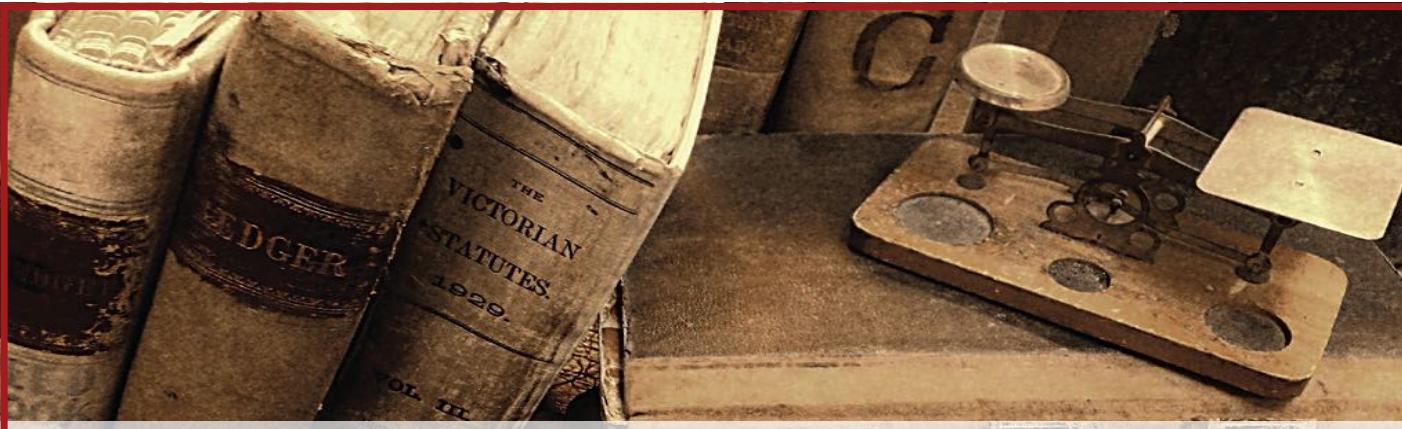
But it was not all about the music! The festival proudly donates 100% of ticket sales and bar takings to the Woodend-based Cambodian Kids Foundation. \$16,000 was raised for the Foundation in the happiest way possible, with families and friends coming together to enjoy a great day of music, dancing and local food and drinks for a wonderful cause.

Other highlights of the day included the Youth Stage Competition, with singer-songwriter Aaron Mahoney taking out the Grand Prize. Aaron wins a slot on the 2019 Main Stage, a recording session and \$150!

Thanks to our major sponsors Gisborne & District Community Bank and Macedon Ranges Shire Council for their continued support in making this event possible.

See you in 2019!

SUBMITTED BY JIMMY O'HARE, MR FESTIVAL DIRECTOR



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Classes take place every day except Thursday. On Friday night at 6.30pm there is a FREE community class at The Bentinck in Woodend. From there you can think about joining Restorative Yoga, and then general yoga class.

Mostly I have learned to trust life, and I hope that I have passed some of this to my students. As the Buddha said "When the student is ready the teacher will come". The responsibility is yours, so is the opportunity.

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A fully qualified and experienced instructor from Lilac Moon Tai Chi will help you learn some basic movements and explain the philosophy behind this ancient practice for mind, body and spirit.

The one-hour class costs \$15 and includes entry to the museum's latest exhibition Chinese Fortunes, which explores personal stories of the first Chinese Australians in Victoria. Classes will be held on Saturday 14 April from 3pm-4pm and Sunday 15 April from 2pm-3pm.

Paper cutting

You can also try the ancient art of paper cutting at the museum on Saturday 14 April from 10am-11am.

Join Anita Jack from the Golden Dragon Museum Bendigo to create your own Chinese paper decoration. Cost of \$12 includes Chinese Fortunes exhibition entry.

Calligraphy

Chinese calligraphy is a highly valued visual art form which occupies a prominent position in Chinese art and culture. Anita Jack from the Golden Dragon Museum Bendigo will provide an overview of the techniques, styles, rules and artistic characters of Chinese calligraphy in this one-hour workshop, and assist you in creating your own piece of calligraphy art.

Suitable for teenagers and adults, the workshop will be held on Saturday 14 April. Cost \$15, includes exhibition entry.

For more information, see mrsc.vic.gov.au/museum

Kyneton Museum is at 67 Piper Street and is open Friday to Sunday from 11am to 4pm. Entry fees apply.

SUBMITTED BY ELON MCCORMICK, COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR, MRSC



April 2018

Flu immunisation

Flu season is expected to range from June to September this year. We have been advised that the flu vaccine is most effective for about four months, so we will commence immunisation clinics from late April / May. International travelers may be vaccinated earlier.

More than 90% of the 1,100 people who died in Australia from flu related causes last year were aged over 65 years of age. In response, the Commonwealth Government is providing two new flu vaccines aimed at addressing the reduced levels of immunity experienced by the aged. The vaccines will be free of charge for those aged 65 and over.

Others vulnerable to the flu - pregnant women, those with chronic conditions, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and children aged 6 months – 5 years will also receive free vaccines this year.



For your vaccination, book into one of our **flu clinics** – call reception on 5427 1002 or book yourself online www.bsmc.net.au

Flu clinic consultations are solely for giving flu vaccinations and they are bulk billed. The cost of the vaccine is \$20 for those not exempted above.

Public Holiday Closure

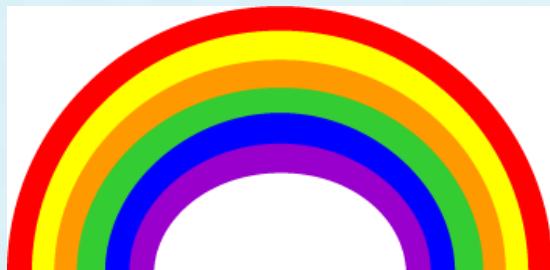
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LGBTIQ & Health Services



We were privileged recently to host the launch of “Healthcare under the rainbow” - a video created and produced by young LGBTIQ+ community members.

Cobaw Community Health Service supports same sex attracted and gender diverse young people through its Way Out program and nurtured this project to completion.

Cobaw’s Mez Lanigan said the young people completed every aspect of the video’s production: direction, sound, cinematography and editing as well as being filmed. Lakshal (Lucky) Perera mentored the project.

Those who are Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex or Questioning (LGBTIQ) often experience difficulties when using health services. “Healthcare under the rainbow” aims to help us understand the needs and experiences of this group.

Assumptions made in health services can have significant effects on people. For instance, asking a male patient whether they have a girlfriend implies they should be heterosexual. It can also be understood then that to be gay is not ok.

Referring to a patient as “she” or “he” may not match the person’s identified gender – this can significantly affect well-being. Instead of “she” / “her” and “he” / “his” the use of neutral words such as “they”, “them”, “their” is preferred.

A key message from the video is that a welcoming, inclusive environment helps people connect with and use health services.

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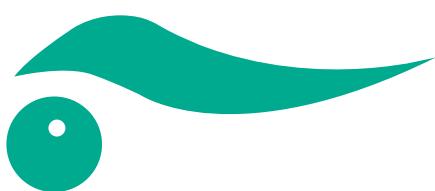
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Supporting those bereaved by suicide

On 9 April 2018 an open community meeting from 7.00 - 8.30pm will be held. Community members will share their experiences of suicide bereavement, how they were supported during their acute and ongoing grief and how they care for themselves.

All community members who wish to be better informed about the impact of suicide are welcome to attend, including those who have lost a loved one to suicide and anyone affected by suicide grief. You are welcome to attend if you are supporting those currently grieving, as this issue will be part of the discussion.

This event is organised by Support After Suicide Macedon Ranges (SAS MR), a group providing opportunities for people who are suicide bereaved to come together and access helpful information, build a sense of community and gain support with their grief journey.

The Support After Suicide group meets at the Newham Mechanics Institute on the second Monday of each month (1292 Rochford Road, Newham) 7.00 - 8.30pm.

It is led by trained peer support workers from the Macedon Ranges who have lost a loved one to suicide. Our peer workers are supported by the Jesuit Social Services Support After Suicide Program to ensure we are bringing the best possible service to the Macedon Ranges.

We know that the grief experienced after suicide is unique and complex, requiring a specific response. This is why this peer support group was formed.

The community meeting will be held at Newham Mechanics Institute. Nibbles and hot drinks will be provided.

Please contact macedonrangesspag@gmail.com with any queries.

SUBMITTED BY NOELENE WARD MACEDON RANGES SPAG

Bridging the Age Gap for fun and education

SPICE Intergenerational playgroup is a monthly playtime held at Bupa Aged Care Services. SPICE: 'Songs & Play for Intergenerational Community Engagement' was designed to create an interactive play space for community connections between young families and the elderly of the community.

Already a hit with the residents of Bupa and young families, SPICE is a time of free play, live music, craft, games and good times. SPICE is not only a time of play for our young families but it teaches our young ones to interact with the elderly community, to value them and encourage community interaction. It is the perfect space for people who don't have family and grandparents in the community. SPICE also engages the elderly community who love the opportunity to play with kids, to chat with parents and engage with the wider community.



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Seeing the engagement between young and old is truly a blessing and something to behold. All community members are invited to attend SPICE, kids and adults of any age. No cost, just turn up ready to play.

SPICE runs on the last Friday of every month from 10.00am at Bupa, 2 Edgecombe Street, Kyneton.

Facebook: SPICE: Intergenerational playgroup
Contact Katy: 0418604745

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Capital Works project at Woodend Primary School

In 2016 the Victorian State Government allocated \$2 million dollars towards long-overdue improvements at Woodend Primary School. After a year of planning, we recently had the official 'sod turning' ceremony with local MP Mary-Anne Thomas and other special guests, to formally open the project. At this event, our school captains demonstrated outstanding leadership skill as they confidently communicated with the guests.

The first stage of the project is to refurbish and extend our Multi-purpose Hall and build a new Performing Arts room. In the last week the construction has begun with the first bricks being laid, and in the second half of the year stage 2 of the project will be completed, which will see a large section of the front of the school being landscaped. We are really pleased to announce that local company Raysett have been awarded the contract.

We will continue to update the community on progress

SUBMITTED BY DIANA ELLIS, PRINCIPAL WOODEND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Works begin to give more Woodend passengers more car parks

Works are underway to upgrade the Woodend Station car park, with passengers set to receive an extra 200, new car spaces to make it easier to get to work or school in the morning.

Member for Macedon Mary-Anne Thomas was at the station to announce the start of the works, as part of the Andrews Labor Government's \$22.5 million Road and Rail Minor Works Program.

Along with the extra spaces, the new car parking areas will have new lighting, CCTV, footpaths and drainage to make the station safer and easy to use.

A new footpath with accessible ramp and stairs will link to Corinella Road, the existing pedestrian railway crossing and the Woodend Station precinct.

Works will be staged to minimise impacts on commuters with the project to be completed by mid-2018.

A full list of works and more details about the program are available at victrack.com.au/roadandrail.

"Public Transport is of incredible importance to the people of Woodend and these upgrades will make this busy station more accessible and safer than ever." said Member for Macedon Mary-Anne Thomas

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a message from Cr Jennifer Anderson, Mayor

Hi All

Since my last article, Councillors have been looking at the submissions to the Localised Planning Statement, with its proposed changes to the Settlement Boundary of Woodend. Following this, we will work with our planning staff, planning experts and the State Government planning team to determine the best way to respond to the issues you have raised.

Councillors and staff are also planning the upcoming year's budget, and we aim to endorse a draft budget at the Council meeting on Wednesday 18 April.

I encourage you, once again, to look at new initiatives, capital works lists, proposed footpaths and roads, and let us know if you think we are spending money wisely, or that there are different projects you would prefer. If you cannot see an item you are interested in, please call or email Council staff to determine if it is in the operational budget or not, as many smaller ongoing expenditures are not individually listed.

Thank you once again to everyone for inviting me, and fellow West Ward councillors, to attend all the events around town and further afield. Although we cannot always attend, we appreciate your efforts in making Woodend such a great community, where there is something for everyone to do and to feel like they belong.

Don't be an April fool-renew your pet's registration today

Jokes aside, we're not fooling around when it comes to the importance of renewing your pet's registration. By doing so, you ensure that Council officers can quickly return your loyal pooch or frisky feline should they become lost.

Pet registrations expire on 10 April every year, so make sure to renew your pet's rego with Council before then.

There are a number of ways you can renew your pet's registration, even without a notice. These include online (mrsc.vic.gov.au/payment), BPAY, mail or in person at a Council service centre.

If you have moved, changed phone number or don't have your pet any more, please make sure to send back your renewal form with updated details. This helps keep Council's records up to date and helps you avoid lost renewal notices or unnecessary visits from a ranger.

Your pet's registration fees help keep our pets and community safer by allowing us to deliver programs and services that encourage responsible pet ownership and good animal welfare.

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New community bike shed starts to flourish at Local Nursery

Following the planting of the seed of an idea with a local nursery a couple of years ago, Wilkinson's wheels had overwhelming community support in 2017 (now dubbed "year of the bike collection"). The social enterprise now has a permanent home in a former machine shed at Macedon Nursery and Garden Supplies.

Co-founder Phil Wilkinson says "2018 is the year of the thriving bike workshop." Over 40 volunteers of all ages have been involved in scavenging parts from old bikes, improving the shed, catering, grounds maintenance and fixing bikes up for the Macedon CFA flea market.

Wilkinson says "We want to create a place that people are drawn to and enjoy being at. A place where all ages and abilities are welcome. We are very grateful to Scott and Kate O'Brien for hosting us at the Nursery."

This week saw another part of the vision beginning to sprout: Gisborne Secondary College teacher and keen cyclist David Butler brought a group of his VCAL students to visit the workshop to learn new skills from lead bike mechanic and co-founder Mark Horner.

If you are interested in being part of this exciting new enterprise contact Phil to discuss getting the "weekday warriors" off the ground.

For more information, join the Wilkinson's Wheels Facebook page or contact Phil on 5426 2281

SUBMITTED BY PHIL WILKINSON (AIRAH)

The Diary of Samuel Pepys and Restoration London:

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Why was it so compelling to read, and what dramatic turn of events brought it to an end?

Presented by Susannah Fullerton OAM

The diary of Samuel Pepys has long been considered the greatest diary in the English language. Historians have found it invaluable due to his detailed observations of events in 17th century England, especially the Plague and the Great Fire of London. It is also a superb work of literature and the record of an extraordinary man. Susannah's talk on Pepys shares insights into his personal life, including revelations of infidelity and his successful career as a naval administrator and Member of Parliament.

Susannah loves to share her enthusiasm for this most human and delightful of diarists. She has been passionate about literature for as long as she can remember. In 2017 Susannah was awarded an Order of Australia Medal for Services to Literature.

Entry is \$30 cash or cheque payable on the evening and this includes refreshments (served from 6.30-7.30pm), in addition to the lecture (7.30-8.30pm).

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

SUBMITTED BY NICKY PETERS, ADFAS- CV



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Cobaw celebrates World Down Syndrome Awareness Week

Cobaw Community Health celebrated World Down syndrome Awareness by hosting a morning tea at the My Time Playgroup in Woodend.

World Down Syndrome Awareness Week celebrates the lives and achievements of people with Down syndrome, with this year's theme focusing on the different ways people with Down Syndrome make a difference to their communities.

Down Syndrome is caused by the presence of an extra chromosome, chromosome 21. People with Down Syndrome have 47 chromosomes in their cells instead of 46, which results in a range of physical characteristics, health and development indications. Down Syndrome affects, but does not determine, development or achievements. People with Down Syndrome are unique, with their own talents, abilities, thoughts and interests.

Cobaw provides a range of services and supports to individuals with Down Syndrome and their families. "What happens after birth is by far the most important thing in shaping the outlook for every individual with Down Syndrome. This is why early childhood intervention services, that support the individual and their family to develop skills in their own home, everyday routines and community are so critical," said Margaret McDonald, Cobaw CEO.

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Patrick Eckle's Wine review

As this edition goes to print most of the producers in the Macedon Ranges will have just wrapped up the 2018 vintage. In general it has been one of excellent quality and yields and I'm expecting some pretty special results in a couple of years when the wines are released.

2016 Granite Hills Pinot Blanc

Only 50 dozen were produced, with this expression of Pinot Blanc another example of the skill of Llew Knight in crafting aromatic white varieties.

A light yellow in the glass with traces of musk, jasmine and nashi pear. The palate has good depth of fruit with a continuation of pear fruits from the nose that are interjected by lime and a suggestion of grapefruit that gives texture and drive to finish.

The wine will continue to evolve over the short to medium term. Great value for money.

Rating: 93

Price: \$28

When to Drink: 2018 - 2026

2016 Domaine Epis Pinot Noir

Domaine Epis is a closely kept secret of the Macedon Ranges, no cellar door with word of mouth the only sales technique. Alec Epis just ticked past his 80th birthday, but you wouldn't think it when you look at his meticulous vineyard in Woodend or marvel at the layered and complex expressions of Pinot Noir he produces year in year out.

2016, even though a warmer year has produced some exceptional Pinot Noir's in the true cool climate regions in Australia, of which Macedon Ranges is one.

A pretty light red in the glass the nose gives red cherry fruit and a gentle layer of baking spice, earth and crushed herbs that is characteristic of Epis Pinot Noir, with a subtle evolution over time in the glass.

The longevity of Epis Pinot is Burgundian like, with a number of wines I've tried that are nearing or past their 18th birthday still fresh and vibrant, with the 2016 built in the same mould. There is a mineral line of acidity and taut baseline of fine tannin that give structure and contrast to finely filamented red berry fruits, with a savoury streak that is lifted by oak induced spice. The finish is long and gives a touch of blood orange to lingering dark cherry fruit. A tremendous expression of Pinot Noir

Rating: 97

Price: \$75

When to Drink: 2018 - 2030

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CLUB HIGHLIGHTS
by Mike Harmer

Challenging some outdated myths

A popular misconception is that Rotary is for ‘business people and I wouldn’t fit in’.

Whilst there was once some truth to this, the modern face of Rotary is anything but that. The Woodend Rotary Club is a good example of Rotary today. We have over 30 members, drawn from all aspects of our Community, with a good mix of men and women. We get together in a spirit of friendship, bound by a desire to make a difference in our local and global community. We are actively engaged in a variety of fund-raising and community projects in which our members participate. We welcome people from all parts of our community. This month, two local members share their stories of what Rotary means to them. For more information ring Mike Hamer on 0411 549 432. We meet for a dinner meeting on Thursday nights 6.45 at the Vic Hotel. All Welcome.

Jenny Zimmerman

I've worked in a variety of jobs over my life – office admin, cleaning, retail and aged care – and have been a volunteer in a variety of peace and environmental organisations, as well as a very keen soccer mum!

I was inspired to join Rotary when I saw how much good they were doing in the community: Rotarians accomplish big international projects focussing on clean water, safe childbirth and emergency assistance in countries less wealthy than our own, but they also work locally on such events as improving parkland and hosting community picnics and events.

Woodend Rotary has members from every walk of life, and the genuine friendships and support is wonderful. Everyone in the club gives as much or as little as they can, depending on their talents, their free time and their interests. I have focussed on Youth Services, including the local Life4Life program, the annual National Youth Science Forum and the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards.

I would very much encourage old and new locals to come along to one of our weekly meetings; my own feeling is that Woodend Rotary is possibly the best Rotary Club in Australia, especially in terms of warmth, enthusiasm and diversity!

Peter Wilmott

I have had a long association with Rotary, firstly with Rotaract where I met my wife Anneliese and made many wonderful friends who are still my friends today. After Anneliese and I were married, we lost touch with Rotary until I was invited to a Rotary Club of Woodend regular dinner meeting.

I already knew a little about what Rotary did, but after joining I was amazed with the social reach Rotary has, and the amount of good it does in the world and in their local community. The other thing that I was impressed

with was the good reputation Rotary has with government, business and social relief organisations. Rotary is an organisation you can trust when you donate money;

Since becoming a member I have had many roles, and now as the current President of Rotary Woodend I can say that we have an amazing group of members who make community service a fun thing to do.

Our focus as a club is to help improve the lives of others. Rotary Woodend has been there for so many who are less fortunate. To me that's a great feeling and one I know I share with all our club members.

SUBMITTED BY MIKE HAMER



Woodend Rotarians - Peter Willmott and Jenny Zimmerman

Rotary at a Glance

Rotarians : 1,239,068 in 45,660 clubs in 540 districts in 220 countries/geographic areas. **Rotaractors**: 236,532 in 10,284 clubs in 532 districts in 184 countries/geographic areas. **Interactors**: 501,170 in 21,790 clubs in 498 districts in 161 countries/geographic areas. **Rotary Community Corporate members**: 204,194 in 8878 clubs in 236 districts in 90 countries/geographic areas.

Down under there are 29,326 Rotarians in 1107 clubs in 21 Districts in Australia and 8471 Rotarians in 267 clubs in six districts in New Zealand and the Pacific. Australian and New Zealand districts include Nauru, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia, Kiribati, New Caledonia, Norfolk Island, Samoa, Tonga and Vanuatu, where there are 734 Rotarians in 44 Clubs.



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U3A - April Program

Our Second Term of the First Semester is a short one, with only three Mondays involved.

April 16th, guest speaker is one of our favourite people, Janet Wood, who as usual will make us think. She will speak about "The Theory of Everything", and tell us about a certain Titus Lucretius Carus who lived in the 1st Century BCE. He came up with the idea long before Stephen Hawking did!

April 23rd there will be some discussion about the ideas raised by Janet's talk, which should lead to some interesting debates.

April 30th Steph Van de Wildekamp will enlighten us about his time as an engineer on the big passenger liners travelling between the UK, South Africa, and Australia.

U3A meets at 10.30am every Monday in school term time, at the former Senior Citizens' Rooms in Hamilton St Gisborne, next to the Library.

Bring your own lunch, tea and coffee provided, and stay on for the informal chat in the afternoon – usually finished by 2.00 p.m.

For more details, contact Jo Clancy, President, on 5427 1909

SUBMITTED BY JO CLANCY

Summer Season Break-up

The Kyneton Badminton Association Summer Season break-up night and awards presentation was held in late March. Woodend's Margaret Bush was the D Grade in her first season with the Association.

Competition is held on Monday nights from 7:00pm at the Kyneton Toyota Sports and Aquatic Centre. The Winter Season starts on 16th April and new players of all ages and abilities are welcome to play.

For more information contact Kevin Roberts 5422 3057.

SUBMITTED BY GRAHAM SMITH



Grade winners - Geoff Manning A Grade, Judy Aldred B Grade, Adele Peeler C Grade and Margaret Bush D G

What's on for term two at the House:

Hot off the press and enclosed in this edition of the New Woodend Star is our term two brochure. We've added a few new courses and workshops, there are lots of free activities and you'll find dates for the next few community lunches.

Chitra's new yoga classes are proving very popular, so we've added an evening class to the mix. Carolyn is offering English as another language on a Monday morning and Fran White's Feldenkrais – changing the way you move - is also new.

First Aid, Responsible Service of Alcohol, and Food Handling courses run each term and are a great way to get work-ready skills.

Patrick is offering his super technical skills on a Monday. If you have a technical query and need some help, give him a call at the House and book in – he's had rave reviews from his 'students' and loves to help.

Talking of skills, we're now planning the July school holidays activities and we're on the hunt for people to teach coding, photography composition and stop-motion movies. If you've got these skills or have a bright idea to engage young people during the winter holidays we'd love to hear from you.

You'll find all our courses on www.woodendnh.org.au where you can enrol and pay online, or if you prefer drop in to the House Monday to Friday 9am to 3pm or call us on 5427 1845.

In other news, we recently held our AGM and were very pleased to have three new Committee Members join us. We said farewell to Fran Spain and thanked her for her time on the Committee. Our annual report is online – you'll find it at www.woodendnh.org.au/AGM.

See you at the House soon!

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Woodend Library News

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News from Reading Victoria

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Michelle Scott-Tucker - Elizabeth Macarthur - A Life at the Edge of the World

We invite you to join author Michelle Scott-Tucker on Wednesday April 18th at 5pm at Woodend Library. Book sales and signings. Bookings www.goldfieldslibraries.com

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Thank you Woodend Men's Shed

Thanks to the Woodend Men's Shed for their assistance in redesigning some of the display panels on the shelves and for installing them back in the Library – we really appreciated your help!

A Life at the Edge of the World

Important New Biography by Woodend Local

April sees the release of a significant new biography called Elizabeth Macarthur: A Life at the Edge of the World, by Woodend writer Michelle Scott Tucker.

In 1788 a young gentlewoman raised in the vicarage of an English village married a handsome, haughty and penniless army officer. In any Austen novel that would be the end of the story, but for the real-life woman who became an Australian farming entrepreneur, it was just the beginning.

John Macarthur took credit for establishing the Australian wool industry and would feature on the two-dollar note, but it was practical, hard-working Elizabeth who managed their holdings— while dealing with the results of John's manias: duels, quarrels, court cases, a military coup, long absences overseas, grandiose construction projects and, finally, his descent into certified insanity.

In a book that took over a decade to write, Michelle Scott Tucker shines a light on an often-overlooked aspect of Australia's history in this fascinating – and eminently readable – story of a remarkable woman.

Michelle will be giving free talks about the book, including at Romsey Library (2pm, Wed 18 April); Woodend Library (5pm, Wed 18 April); and Castlemaine Library (5:30pm, Thur 19 April). On Saturday 28 April, she will be signing books at the Red Door Bookshop in Lancefield, from 11am to 1pm.

For further details about talks, or to request Michelle as a speaker, please contact Alice Lewinsky at Text Publishing, alice.lewinsky@textpublishing.com.au. More information about Elizabeth Macarthur: A Life at the Edge of the World at www.MichelleScottTucker.com.

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The Mount Players Happenings - April

It's hard to believe it's April already! Our first production, The Offshore Island, enjoyed a successful season. Congratulations to director Cherry Servis and her cast for putting on such a thought-provoking drama.

Love Letters

Our second production, Love Letters, is now well into rehearsals. Opening on 11 May, it tells the story of a couple who have been friends since childhood. Their lives follow completely different paths but through it all they exchange letters and after many years realise that while physically apart, they have been spiritually as close as only true lovers can be. Director Frank Harvey is passionate about this play and promises that his talented cast of Darren Gregor and Jackie Harvey will take you on an emotional journey not to be missed.

Less Miserables

Our musical for 2018, Les Miserables, saw 110 actors being auditioned over four weekends! The company has gathered together a talented cast, orchestra and crew to bring this incredible show to our stage in August. Tickets are already selling so don't miss out!

To book your tickets for these two shows go to www.themountplayers.com or call 5426 1892.
 See you at the theatre!

SUBMITTED BY KAREN HUNT

Macedon Ranges Film Society

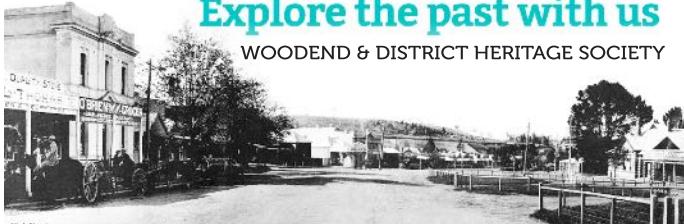
April 's program Hunt for the Wilderpeople

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Sunday School Picnics at the Rock

With the new series of "Picnic at Hanging Rock" about to be released next month, it is timely to remember what a popular place for picnics Hanging Rock has been since European settlement. The photos below show that though styles of clothing changed through the years, the appeal of the setting remains.

Photo 224. Probably taken during a picnic at Hanging Rock. Had the men been scything and when the photographer appeared, the girls took over? This photograph has been carefully posed and the delightful composition is a credit to the photographer. Clothing styles suggest Circa 1893.



Photo 728. Mr & Mrs Nicholas Jongebloed and family at Hanging Rock. Mrs Jongebloed was Lizzie Washington before her marriage and her husband was a Confectioner and Baker in Anslow Street behind Keatings (now Holgate's) Hotel. Circa 1911



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Photo 874. A group of people at Hanging Rock Races. Mary Keating, (sister of J.J.Keating) left hand side in white hat. Peg Devereux, (sister of J.J.Keating) front right hand side. Date. Circa 1930. Can anyone name others in the photo?

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The Words and Ideas program includes stalwarts of politics, publishing and media, opening up and interacting with audiences in ways only possible in the welcoming and warm environment of the Macedon Ranges. One of our nation's most colourful and creative slam poets will feature – including presenting a packed schools incursion program. And don't forget the opening night fireworks!

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Woodend Winter Arts Festival 8–11 June. For full program and tickets go to www.woodendwinterartsfestival.org.au. Early bookings are recommended for ticketed events.

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