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Fine weather ensures large turnout for ANZAC Day March in Woodend

After two years of interruptions due to Covid-19, the Macedon Ranges community turned out for the Dawn Service at the Memorial Cross, and the High Street March and service at the Woodend RSL.
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Holgate Brewery Launched

O ver 200 people joined the Holgate Brewery grand opening on May 20th to celebrate the grand opening of the new brewery in the historic Keatings Hotel. The crowd of many Macedon Ranges residents and businesses gathered behind big glass brewing vats. Holgate Brewery's premium beers & ciders from the region flowed all night. Local band Impression from the region flowed all night with the brewery mezzanine floor decked out especially the mini beef & ale pies and duck spring rolls. The Hogtates were joined on the night by State MP Jo...

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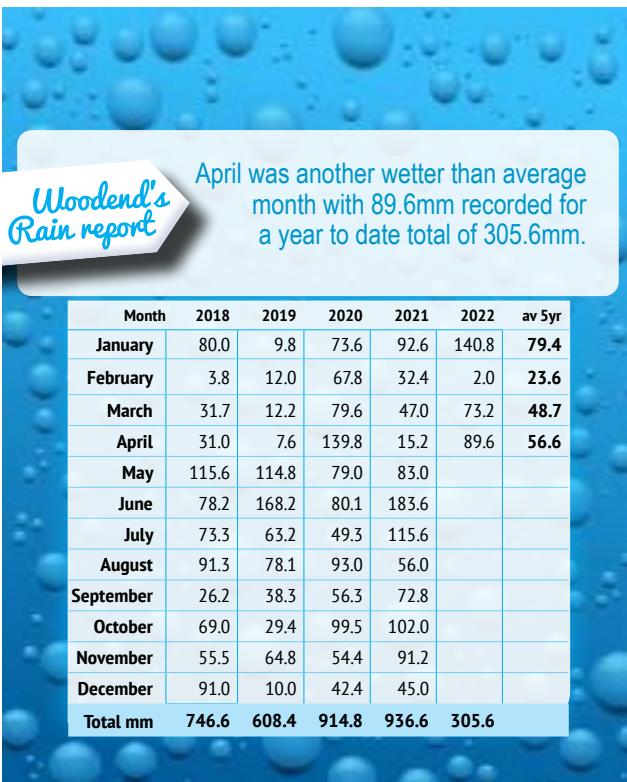
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The café will be running on Sunday 12 and Monday 13 June.

Log Cabin Café: 41 Forest Street Woodend, 11am to 4.00pm.

SUBMITTED BY MATTHEW FARRELL



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.

Buffalo Sports Stadium Woodend celebrates 25 years!

This year marks the 25th anniversary celebrations of the Buffalo Sports Stadium in Woodend. Officially opened on 6 December 1997 by the then-Minister for Sport, the Honourable Tom Reynolds, at a cost of \$1 million, the stadium has provided the Woodend community and surrounds with a quality facility for local sports, activities and events.

More than two decades ago, the Woodend community and various groups played a pivotal role in raising the funds required for the initial construction of the stadium. The Buffalo Sports Stadium Woodend Inc. Fund Raising Committee and the Rotary Club of Woodend, in association with the Johnson family, made significant contributions to the fundraising efforts, with financial support provided by the Macedon Ranges Shire Council and the Commonwealth Government.

Fast forward 25 years, and the Buffalo Sports Stadium has become a central hub for the Woodend and surrounding community to participate in sports and recreational activities or come together for events, to build connections and enjoy each other's company.



The stadium currently hosts a variety of sporting and leisure activities, including basketball, netball, volleyball, dance classes, and various other health and fitness programs for all ages. It also has rooms available for community members to hire for events or activities, and changerooms supporting sports activities on the oval, making it a facility for the whole community to enjoy.

"The Buffalo Sports Stadium is ideal for hosting our Council and community sports and recreational activities. Twenty-five years on, it is

still a state-of-the-art facility and plays an integral part in bringing together the Woodend and surrounding communities," said Shane Walden, Council's Director, Assets and Operations.

For information about activities currently being held at Buffalo Sports Stadium Woodend or to enquire about hiring any of the facilities, visit mrc.vic.gov.au/Buffalo-Sports-Stadium or call 5427 3411.

SUBMITTED BY CATHERINE CHAPMAN.
Photo by KGMG Creative

Woodend CFA celebrates 126 years

The Woodend CFA recently celebrated its annual dinner and award presentations, with MC Rob Marsh.

Captain Mike Dornau opened the formal proceedings with a look back over the previous year, which has been a very busy one. He thanked the volunteers for their excellent work in both training and attendance, and also thanked families and partners for their understanding of the 24/7 demands placed on CFA volunteers.

He was then joined by District 2 commander, Darren Eenjes, to present a range of service medals: 5 years – Ian Gostelow, Jo Hambling, Gary Hobbs, Rob Marsh and Laura Schmid; 10 years – Chris Byrne and Paul Newman; 15 years – Simon Bailey, Troy Bowen, Mitch Hobbs and Pete Manser; 20 years – George Keyes; and 40 years – Ray Colban.

The Member of the Year awards were presented by Group Officer Ian Hay AFSM and went to Mike Selby, who was voted ahead of Ben Richardson, Tim Duff, Patrick Bradfield-Smith and Kate Daniel.

The Captains Award went to Mitch Hobbs, with honourable mentions to the captain and first lieutenant.

Special thanks to the Woodend RSL for hosting the event; to Siggy and his team for preparing a restaurant-quality meal; and to Woodend CFA member David Laity from Goodwill Wine for donating wine for the evening.

A huge thanks also to the organising team headed by Rob Marsh, Annette van Huffel and Keith Mason for a great event.

For further information, contact the Woodend CFA on 5427 2356, or visit the station in Urquhart Street. Email office@woodendcfa.org, follow us on Facebook, or you can visit our website: www.woodendcfa.org.

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Nominations open for the 2022 Youth Awards

Do you know a young person aged 12–25 years doing amazing things in our community?

Tell us about the inspiring young people in your life by nominating them for Macedon Ranges Shire Council's annual Youth Awards, which celebrate and recognise the incredible achievements of young people in the shire.

Nominations open Monday 6 June and can be for any young person, or group of young people, aged 12–25 years who lives, works or attends school in the Macedon Ranges.

Award categories:

- Will power: young people who show real character and perseverance, especially in the face of adversity
- Good deeds: young people who give their time and energy to activities that support the wellbeing of another individual, group or community.
- Pure imagination: young people pursuing their passion for creativity through the arts.
- Nicely played: young people kicking recreational and physical activity goals.
- Skilling it: young people excelling in a mentorship program, workplace or business.
- Well aware: young people who shine a light on important issues/social causes and raise awareness in the community.

Submit a nomination online at mrsc.vic.gov.au/youthawards or email youth@mrsc.vic.gov.au.



Nominations close 11.59pm, Sunday 31 July.

Winners will be announced and celebrated on Thursday 6 October, at Kyneton Town Hall.

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Community Funding Scheme – grant applications open for 2022-23

Council's annual grants program, the Community Funding Scheme, is open for applications from 23 May until 27 June.

The Community Funding Scheme provides funds to not-for-profit community groups for programs and initiatives that benefit the shire and meet local needs in line with Council goals.

Grant applications will be accepted online via the grants administration system SmartyGrants. Council's Community Development Team is providing support to help individuals learn how to use the SmartyGrants platform.

Local community groups and not-for-profit organisations are encouraged to discuss their project ideas with a Council Officer as soon as possible.

For more information, call 5422 0333, email grants@mrsc.vic.gov.au or visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/grants

Call out for Netball Registrations

Ladies' netball competition is played Tuesday nights from 7.15pm. You can enter the competition as an individual or a team. The new season starts July 2022.

For more information, including fees to play, see mrsc.vic.gov.au/buffalo-sports-stadium

SUBMITTED BY CATHERINE CHAPMAN

Council lights up Kyneton Town Hall as show of support for Ukraine



Macedon Ranges Shire Council lit up Kyneton Town Hall in the Ukrainian colours every evening from 6–12 May as a sign of solidarity and support for the people of Ukraine.

This was part of a motion that was unanimously passed by Councillors at May's Council meeting to show that Council:

- Stands with Ukraine and its innocent, courageous citizens enduring the ravages of an unprovoked war
- Provides supportive assistance to Ukrainian refugees who are seeking shelter in the Macedon Ranges shire
- Expresses our gratitude and thanks to members of our community, not-for-profit organisations, government agencies, telecommunications companies and our Council

staff who are providing aid to Ukrainian refugees arriving with limited resources.

Macedon Ranges resident Victor Zablockyj, who has family and friends in Ukraine, said this is a huge heart-felt show of support from our Macedon Ranges community for the Ukrainian people.

"The four notices of motion passed unanimously by Council was done in a true Australian spirit," he said.

SUBMITTED BY CATHERINE CHAPMAN

Bringing the colour and fun back into the community

For a group of locals, it was time to bring some fun back into the community with a night of entertainment at the Mount Macedon Hotel.

Satin and Lace was the theme for the evening, with people swapping the casual look of the last two years for high heels, jewellery, and fur and feathers for the ladies, while the men brightened the night with colourful shirts.

The idea of local resident Annie Mann, who also owns the Ann Maurie Salon in Gisborne, the evening also raised funds for Victoria Police Blue Ribbon Foundation.

"Our night of fun was a feel-good night for the community. Locals getting together, supporting a local business, and most importantly putting some fun back into our lives," Annie said.

Leading Melbourne DJ Darren Watson kept the guests entertained and prizes were presented to those judged to have gone to the most effort to get into the spirit of the evening. The prizes, donated by Paper World and Victoria Police Blue Ribbon Foundation, were presented by David Mann, Chairman of the Victoria Police Blue Ribbon Foundation.

"We are proud to be part of this very special community, it is such a beautiful place to live," added Annie.



Pictured left to right: David and Annie Mann, Aaron and Stephanie Wood
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Mount Macedon announced finalist in the 2022 Victorian Top Tourism Town Awards

Mount Macedon has been announced a finalist in the prestigious 2022 Victorian Top Tourism Town Awards and needs your vote to win the crown!

Eighteen towns were chosen as finalists from thirty nominated destinations, with Mount Macedon named in the Top Tiny Tourism Town category, in recognition of the fantastic nature-based experiences Macedon Regional Park and nearby Hanging Rock provide visitors year-round.

Macedon Ranges Accommodation Association (MRAA) president Andrew Towner said he is very excited that the Macedon Ranges has been recognised in the Victorian Top Tourism Town Awards.

Macedon Ranges Shire Council Mayor Cr Jennifer Anderson said the nomination was fantastic news, as tourism businesses are only just starting to recover from a tough two years, and awards such as these create a natural flow-on effect of visitation to the region.

"An increase in visitors would be a welcome boost to our local economy, with both day trippers and those taking extended stays eating, drinking and shopping, while exploring Mount Macedon and surrounding villages," she said.

While the public vote, which constituted 25 per cent of the overall score, closed in May, readers may be interested in seeing the two-day itinerary and promotional video of the town and its surrounds that were submitted as part of the award process and that can be viewed at www.visitmacedonranges.com/itineraries/mount-macedon-nature-escape/

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Bradley's—first months and years

They say the first twelve months in business is the hardest. If you can last that long, you're likely to survive and thrive into the future.

In 1973, business was booming for Bradley's and they were working hard. They were still operating the general draper at their North Melbourne premises, which Jim's mother ran. Until their lease expired a year later, Jim did two trips a day into North Melbourne taking his mum to work and bringing her home. In between drives he'd return to Woodend to make and install curtain tracks and help run the shop. He

didn't mind. He says back then the drive was consistently one hour each way with no traffic surprises to delay commuters.

It was a real team effort. Rhonda served in the shop all day, then began sewing when the shop shut, while Jim went home to cook tea and care for their young kids. Rhonda often sewed until about 8pm. Jim installed on Saturdays when the shop was closed. They stored all the raw fabric and finished window furnishings at home.

Closing the North Melbourne store freed them up to dedicate time to

Bradley's, Woodend. Within eighteen months of opening, they'd bought two sewing machines and an iron press, and installed these in the back room. Rhonda shifted from serving customers all day to sewing full time and employed another local woman to sew as well, while Rhonda's mum took over serving customers out the front.

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Woodend is fortunate to have a small group of talented and hardworking cafe owners, and this month The New Woodend Star met up with Thierry, of Café Paysanne fame. Thierry was born in the town of Gland, pronounced glä, which means acorn, and is also the home of Michael Schumacher, for the Formula 1 followers.

Thierry grew up around good food and home cooking and, encouraged by his family, embarked on an apprenticeship in Montreux as a chef at the young age of 15 ½, at a top-ranked hospitality management school. His arrival on 16 August 1977 was met with tears from his future classmates, not because Thierry was joining the class, but the world had just learned that Elvis had died.

For the next four years, Thierry and his 30 classmates studied hard under the strict direction of highly respected teaching chefs, whose average age was over 70! Teaching methods have changed somewhat since that time, but the discipline and professionalism established many successful careers in hospitality.

After finishing his apprenticeship, six months of national military service in the Swiss Army followed, where he trained as a heavy load lorry driver. The next ten years he spent alternating between working the ski resorts in winter at luxury hotels and summers in Monaco and across Europe on private yachts. This good life led him to meet his wife and business partner, Sue, in a pub in Gstaad. After a holiday in Australia (to check out his future home), Thierry

proposed, Sue accepted, and they moved to Australia in 1989, ready for new adventures and a change from the pressured life of Swiss restaurant kitchens.

Thierry quickly found work as a chef on the Mornington Peninsula, working for the famed chef and his fellow countryman, the late Hermann Schneider at Delgany country house in Portsea; then as a head chef at Portsea Village Resort.

Thierry was keen to move to a cooler climate, and an opportunity came up as head chef at The Bentinck in Woodend, then a popular conference centre; a quick decision was required, and Thierry, Sue and their young family packed up and moved to Woodend in 1994. They haven't looked back.

What was Woodend like in 1994? "A dead end!" remarks Thierry; one café and two pubs and nothing open on weekends. But the Bentinck was a popular spot for weekend travellers, who sought out the 5-course degustation dinner on Friday and Saturday nights. In the midst of a hectic Saturday night service, there were regular visits by comedian Mark Mitchell, (aka Con the Fruiterer) who would join Thierry in the kitchen and whip up some chaos and banging of pans, to the great amusement of their patrons.

After the Bentinck, Thierry's cooking was enjoyed by diners at Glen Erin, Maloa House, Mt Macedon Hotel, the Romsey and Cope Williams Winery, until one Saturday in February 2016, Sue noticed

a For Lease sign in a Woodend High St window. It was Thierry's day off, and Sue announced, "This is for us!" By 2pm that same day, they were in Keatings real estate agents, signing a lease. They both kept their day jobs and refurbished the café in the evenings, until opening day on April 16, 2016.

What's it like to run Café Paysanne? Trading four days a week means you are working six days a week – in the shop at 4am baking croissants, cakes, quiches, gluten-free pies, and then after closing, cleaning, baking, doing the books. "It's like being a farmer," says Thierry, "you can't switch off. You can't stop milking the cow." And so it is with running a café. Even after several health scares in 2019, Thierry is showing no sign of slowing down. Every August, they do escape to Victorian snowfields for some well-deserved R&R, and, when pandemics allow, Thierry returns to Switzerland for an extended family reunion (300 at last count on his mother's side!)

The key, he notes, is having a successful partnership. Having a great partner, where you have clear boundaries and the ability to quickly resolve arguments, kiss, hug and makeup.

But at 5pm on this Friday afternoon, it was time to wrap up. The grocery order was ready for collection, and the Swiss cow bell, previously owned by Thierry's grandfather, now in its prominent spot above the kitchen door, was about to ring! Closing time!

SUBMITTED BY ROSEMARY GUYATT
Photo by KGMG Creative

Vale Gordon Whyte

It's with great sadness that we say goodbye to past president Gordon. He died recently after dealing with a blood cancer, something he spent much of his extraordinary life treating, as a professor of haematology.

Born in India, Gordon grew up outside Calcutta in the hill country, with two brothers.

His parents were both missionaries, and by the time he left on his own to take on the world at sixteen, he had collected the tools he would need to contribute.

His work in the medical field was full of high-level achievement. Always learning, he spent much of his retired years studying medical practice in medieval times, and how Middle Eastern medicine has informed our current thinking.

A great walker, explorer, and first-class optimist, we miss him.

Our condolences go to Gordon's wife Kerrie and all the family.



SUBMITTED BY IAN SCOTT, RCW

Rotary centenary project is taking shape

Walkers along the Five Mile Creek have been watching as the Rotary Woodend Centenary Project takes shape.

The project is to commemorate 100 years of Rotary in Australia, creating a special place where passers-by can pause for quiet reflection as they enjoy the environment and watch the creek flow by.

Following the very wet spring and early summer, in February, we were finally able to remove an old and decayed willow tree from nearby.

In April, an impressively large excavator came in, built the base for the rocks, before moving four large rocks into their final positions.

Native plants will be planted around the rocks to complete the project.

Rotary is proud to have been working with Woodend Landcare on this project in this iconic Woodend location. We also appreciate the support that we have received from the Macedon Ranges Shire Council and The Rotary Foundation.

If you would like to know more about this project, call Josephine on 0407 271 628, or if you would like to know more about Woodend Rotary Club and how to join or volunteer, please contact Tony on 0418 528 509.



SUBMITTED BY ROTARY WOODEND CENTENARY PROJECT COMMITTEE

Vale Norma Proctor

Sad news over recent weeks of losing friends connected with Woodend Rotary.

Norma, whose husband Alan Proctor was a charter member of club, was a regular visitor, attending many changeovers, special events and projects over many years.

Norma was also a stalwart of the Woodend Red Cross team being both a branch member and an Response team member. Norma joined the Red Cross in 1944 (aged 17) and remained a branch member for an amazing 78 years.



Photo: Melissa Hocking attended Government House when Norma received recognition for 70 years of service to the Red Cross from the Governor of Victoria.

Norman and Allen Proctor's support of Rotary still exists today with the Proctor trust that was set up after Allan passed away decades ago. The interest from this investment continues to help fund Youth projects for Woodend Rotary.

SUBMITTED BY GRANT HOCKING

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"THE BYPASS IS COMING"

In August 1987 a paper was handed to Council outlining initiatives to counter the effects of the Woodend bypass. In January 1990, a "Joint Confirmation Submission" ("Preparing Woodend prior to and following construction of the bypass") was compiled by the relevant Businesses and "Visual Association" and forwarded to Mount Macedon Council for presentation to council. This submission was to remind and emphasize the importance of bypassing Woodend for the bypass.

It is our belief that if a project well planned and sustainable strategy is put in place, our community will be severely impacted by the negatives that can result from the bypass of a town or from the movement of traffic off the bypass.

There are items examples of towns feeling the impact of such an economic downturn:

- a. Chipping Norton became a ghost town until with a local initiative and Council support, the town was transformed by major changes in the streetscape.
- b. Chipping Norton, just behind us, the major reason for travellers not staying there is local and Council support, however reported tourist statistics were contradicted. Most tourists who visit there leave to use the new facilities and then purchase food and other goods, returning the economic development of the district and enabling school leavers to stay and work within the community.
- c. Mount Alexander Shire identified a significant restraint to economic development in Castlemaine was in part the lack of adequate toilet facilities in the CBD. It was even identified the bus companies bypassed or travelled elsewhere from their itinerary. Today a new facility is available to the travelling public and the local community.

Woodend is currently the largest town remaining on the Calder Highway between Melbourne and Bendigo. Woodend in the future will need a good reason for travellers to come off the bypass. Last year we saw the launch of the Art Collection at the "1st" Plaza Shopping Centre and with the establishment of the Interpretive Centre they will provide a certain impetus that could assist in making Woodend a "place to stop" prior to the completion of the bypass.

It is the belief of the Association that the experience and benefit gained by other municipalities in the effects of bypass influences such as a bypass could well be lessons that, if implemented in Woodend could be the catalyst required to secure Woodend's future.

The Association has requested council to consider the following. Woodend, unlike most town towns, has "open space" within the town boundaries. It is situated about an hour out of Melbourne and Bendigo, and our Road Safety experts recommend stopping at such intervals. It is about to be bypassed and the impact on a community that has an indigenous culture is very problematic.

Woodend must provide an environment to the travelling public that induces them to continue to Melbourne or further in this immediate future prior to the bypass and to give them the option to turn off the bypass when the same is constructed.

This area is destined for developing the area near the Community Centre/Parkrunn/ArtCollection Centre:

- a. Providing a first class comfort station, the "Cocino Changeover Station".
- b. The establishment of a bus terminal park up/drop off facility.
- c. The development of appropriate picnic facilities.
- d. The development of an overnight parking area for Roadtrippers, travellers including a "dump point" for waste discharge.
- e. General upgrade of this important area.

The Association believes Woodend is in a unique situation. As the next major town on the Calder Highway to be bypassed, we are aware of the potential impact on the town, hence a solution that has worked elsewhere, and have the location to put the outcome into effect.

We request Council consider the proposal and hopefully agree to the thrust of the submission whilst taking into account the suggestion that Woodend, absent the proposed development, might close.

Submitted by Mr Thompson

Glenmore Park Facilities Committee

Woodend Business and Trade Association



The New Woodend Star June 1997 issue - a snapshot!

Message from Rotary and Shire on first edition • Events calendar • Harvey's Recipe of the Month • Buffalo Stadium fundraising • 19th Hole Centre Art Collection unveiled • Woodend Rotary 10th Anniversary • Crop-A-Cop! • New equipment for SES • New Macedon Ranges website and other community information

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Bank; Woodend Phones and Excel Floors.

A few things have happened since the first issue in 1997!

Do you remember what Woodend looked like before these changes to the town? The Highway bypass construction in 2001 – the removal of trucks resulted in a more pleasant High St, beautified with street plantings; 19th Hole Shopping Centre precinct construction; Target coming to town and then leaving, being replaced by KHub; the installation of street lighting throughout

the town; new 'VLocity' trains; new buildings at Woodend Primary School; the Buffalo Sports Stadium opening; the new CFA and SES station buildings; the Woodend Children's Park and the skatepark; flood prevention works and an extension to the Visitor Information Centre, the Rotary Exercise Track and beautification of the Five Mile Creek — and much more! So many new people and businesses have come to town. The High Street is a wonderful place to shop and socialise now, with many cafes and outdoor sitting areas.

From humble beginnings

"For the community" has been the mantra that has determined many of the Club's activities and that includes The New Woodend Star, which commenced publication in June 1997. From humble beginnings, it has become a substantial publication promoting community activities, news and local businesses.

Today, The New Woodend Star is a much-loved community publication for local people, by local people, with a circulation of 4,100 copies per issue, delivered free of charge to every home, business and post office box throughout 3442 postal district.

The New Woodend Star is managed by a committee consisting of Rotarians and community members. Woodend Rotarians, partners, and friends meet each month to fold the printed editions ready for delivery to the post office.

"For the Community"

During its 25 years in production, The New Woodend Star has generated net profits that The Rotary Club of Woodend has been able to return to the community in a variety of ways, either via donations to local causes or by establishing permanent features in Woodend.

From the continued support The New Woodend Star receives from advertisers in local business, trades and services, we have been able to provide donations to help establish the Woodend Men's Shed, Woodend Children's Park, Woodend Winter Arts Festival, the Woodend Buffalo Sports Stadium, the Macedon Ranges Art Trail, and Woodend Community Bags; and to help fund a community bus, and a new CFA fire engine.

The New Woodend Star project has enabled Rotary Woodend to donate over \$200,000 to support the community. Many local groups have benefited, including some, like the CFA and the SES that receive donations on an ongoing annual basis; Woodend's scout groups, Woodend Pony Club, Landcare, Woodend Men's Shed, Woodend Toy Library, Woodend Carers Group, Very Special Kids at Glen Osmond Farm, the primary school graduating students who have received recognition awards, the Community Chest - food voucher support during COVID, and more.

Once more, thank you to the advertisers and community groups whose contribution and support has enabled us to continue and thrive.

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In 1994, the Shire of Woodend and Woodend allied the Woodend and District Heritage Society to take over the management of the Visitor Information Centre.

In tandem with the many changes that have taken place in Woodend since that time, visitor numbers at the Centre have increased. During our first year of operation, 11,000 people visited the Centre. The figure for the last twelve months was 16,029. As often only one or two people from each carload of visitors enter the Centre, the number of individuals actually visiting the town is much higher.

Tourism Victoria, through the Country Victoria Tourism Council, has recently implemented a statewide system of Visitor Information Centres (VIC) nationwide, and it is important for our Centre to achieve top rating. This will only be possible if the Centre is operated by paid Management staff, in addition to the important contribution of Volunteers. In the view of this, the Heritage Society will be refurbishing its Management role 2002 as this accomplishment is planned by the end of the year.

The Society, and all its' Volunteers, is proud of the improvements at the Centre. We are confident that our aspiration for providing friendly service, based on local knowledge and experience, that is relevant, up to date and historically accurate, will be maintained, even though the formal links between the Shire and the Heritage Society will be severed.

The Centre is for all the community as well as visitors. Please call in or open every day except Christmas Day, from 9:00am - 5:00pm.

Janet Hartley
Chairwoman, Woodend & District Heritage Society.

Woodend Visitor Information Centre – Visitor Numbers

Month	1994/95	1995/96	1996/97
July	~800	~900	~1000
Sept	~700	~800	~900
Nov	~800	~900	~1000
Jan	~1200	~1300	~1400
Mar	~1300	~1400	~1500
May	~1000	~1100	~1200

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ROTARY INVOLVEMENT IN BUFFALO SPORTS STADIUM

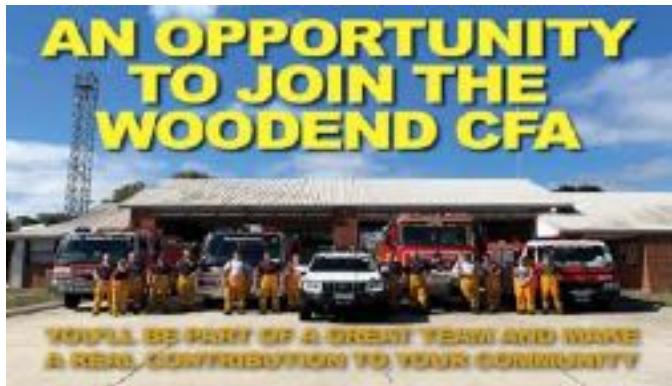
On Saturday December 1997 (1997), the Mayor of Sport - Hon. Tom Reynolds, officially opened the Buffalo Sports Stadium Woodend. The total cost for the stadium was \$1,000,000.00. Brian 'Bobby' Chapman, Chairman of the Fund Raising Committee, was thanked and he thanked the various organisations and people for their generous giving to make this project a reality.

Woodend for Rotary was presented a combined cheque from the Rotary Club of Woodend and the Johnson Family for \$15,000.00 to the stadium, one cent is designated "The Rotary Room" which features a multipurpose room available on a hire basis.

An impressive donation by the Rotary Club of Woodend is the Life Card Emergency Life Support, and First Aid Emergency. Rotarian John Connor stressed the importance of the first few minutes in an emergency situation and ordered the Stadium with cards of large - 7 small to be displayed in prominent positions.

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We are also looking for people with a medical background to join our new rehab unit.

To find out more about being a CFA volunteer drop by the station any Sunday between 9.00am and 11.00am for a chat or Contact Woodend Captain Mike Dornau - mike@dornau.com.au, call the station on 5427 2356 or email: office@woodendcfa.org

SUBMITTED BY MIKE DORNAU, CAPTAIN WOODEND CFA



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New Woodend CFA Management Team

We recently held our biennial elections for the various management positions in the brigade.

Mike Dornau stepped down as captain after serving in that role for the last five years and also 17 years as an officer.

Steve Ritchie was elected captain, Malcolm Judd as first lieutenant, Sue Hobbs as second lieutenant, Rob March as third lieutenant and Ben Richardson is newly elected as fourth lieutenant. Long-term treasurer Steve Ritchie has stepped down, and Rob Marsh will take that important role, along with long-standing secretary, Annette van Huffel and communications officer, Keith Mason.

Other key positions were community safety officer, Sue Hobbs; training officer, Ben Richardson; equipment officer, Malcolm Judd; FEM (fire equipment maintenance) manager, Kate Daniel; OH&S manager, Gary Hobbs; member support, Stewart McKinnon; junior leader, Laura Schmid, and media and promotions manager, Mike Dornau.

Keith Mason was also elected as group delegate, along with Steve Ritchie, with VFBV delegates being Brad Dean and Gary Hobbs. Other key positions included training assistant, Kylie Fisher; equipment assistant, Gary Hobbs; communications assistant, Renato Wolf; community safety assistant, Laura Schmid; FEM assistant, Patrick Bradfield-Smith; OH&S assistant, Malcolm Judd; and member support assistant, Laura Schmid.

“It is great to see such a diversity of members taking up key roles in the brigade, especially some of our younger members,” said Captain Mike Dornau.

“I think it is important that we spread the load as much as possible, and give younger members the possibility to broaden their experience base to help the transition into senior roles in the future.”

SUBMITTED BY MIKE DORNAU, CAPTAIN WOODEND CFA



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An amazing outcome from a telephone enquiry to Melbourne Airport Air Traffic Control Tower *



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"Arundel Farm" featured an 80 square two storey bluestone home on 292 acres only 1.2 kms from the southern end of the north-south runway at Melbourne Airport.

In planning for the auction, we made a telephone enquiry to Melbourne Airport Air Traffic Control to find out if there was a day and time when there would be the least numbers of aircraft movements.

As a consequence of the enquiry we were able to arrange a 'deal' that, provided wind speeds on the day of the auction were less than 15 knots so air safety would not be compromised, all flights would use only the east-west runway for one hour before the auction and half an hour after the auction to shield the auction venue from being drowned out by the noise of jumbo jets and other planes taking off and landing on the north-south runway.

On the afternoon of the auction wind speeds were less than 15 knots and all planes used only the east-west runway and could not be heard at the property.

The reserve price for the property was \$1.2m and it sold for \$1.33m - a big price at the time.

* A memorable experience from our archives

Paysanne Café wins Edgy Veg Awards

As the last autumn leaves cling on to the branches, the Autumn Festival has wrapped up, and with it, the inaugural Edgy Veg Awards. It was an exciting month for the cafes involved and for hungry customers who hit the trail to sample some, or all, of the 19 plant-based dishes entered in the competition. Just short of 500 votes were submitted, and most dishes scored well, but the one that emerged as firm favourite was... drum roll... Paysanne's Sautéed Cauliflower!

The dish received an average 4.89 stars (out of 5), from happy customers, with comments such as:

"Love love love this dish! So delicious and incredibly tasty!"

"First vegan dish experience for me... Far surpassed my expectations of how delicious a vegan dish could be..."

It was a very close competition and special mentions also go to Corner Café, whose dish "Mudjarra" received an average 4.81 stars and Home Grown on Piper, whose "Greens Galore" dish received an average 4.74 stars.

Mayor Jennifer Anderson helped announce the winner and noted "Macedon Ranges has such amazing produce and amazing cafes that magically turn that produce into something that looks beautiful and tastes delicious ..." The Mayor noted that the competition gives people an opportunity to try vegan where they may not have before."

Paysanne owners Sue and Thierry were thrilled to have won the \$1,000 prize money, and have announced they want to donate the winnings to the Woodend Community Chest, run

by "run by a committee comprising several community leaders."

Congratulations Paysanne on winning the Edgy Veg Award 2022 for Macedon Ranges Best Plant Based Dish.

"The Edgy Veg Awards were funded by Macedon Ranges Shire Council, and organised by Veg Action, an Action Group of the Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group."

SUBMITTED BY ANNELIES NORLAND

Photo: (left to right) Sue Bertalmio, Thierry Bertalmio (owners of Paysanne) Cr Jennifer Anderson (MRSC Mayor) and Annelies Norland.



Jocks Gully Biolink Project

Community Planting Days - success

Ashbourne Landcare Group is thrilled with the wonderful response from local community and landcare members who contributed to the successful planting of 3000 tubestock along the Jocks Gully Restoration biolink.

The 2km Biolink "looks like a turquoise 'river' of tree guards... visually stunning, an environmental art installation. To quote a member, "all who use the Ashbourne Road regularly will watch this biolink evolve and enhance the area. The dedication and hard work by you all is now clearly visible as you drive along Ashbourne Road, crossing Jocks Gully.

I'm sure all volunteers, land holders and students have gained so much from participating".

The plantings run through 3 properties. The landowners are applauded for enabling the native planting within this now stock proof fenced off biolink corridor - grasses, shrubs, trees - carefully selected to re-establish lost local habitat.

The three planting days involved the wider community, Ashbourne Landcare members, local schools – Woodend Primary School grade 4 students, Melbourne Grammar Camp students and staff, giving each day special atmosphere. A spirit of common endeavour for the long term benefit of the landscape, inspiring MRSC environmental speakers, a

Traditional Owner's smoking ceremony, sausage sizzles, enthusiasm and laughter describes the planting days.

DELWP's grant seeking to engage and educate local communities about biodiversity, sustainability, protection of wildlife, flora and fungi, habitat and many beneficial flow-ons has been fulfilled by 110%!

SUBMITTED BY LIBBY PECK, ASHBOURNE LANDCARE GROUP



Storm Recovery Updates

Register for free native trees



To assist environmental recovery from the June 2021 storm, free local forest tree tubestock species are available to residents.

To go in the draw to receive tubestock, register your details at mrsc.vic.gov.au/habitat-kits

Thanks to DELWP for funding this great initiative to assist in the replanting of large forest trees and provide habitat for local fauna.

Event: Where are We Now? A Storm Recovery Conversation with David Younger, Clinical Psychologist

The past twelve months have been a very challenging period for many people. The storm that swept through the Macedon Ranges on 9 June 2021 was for some a stressful experience, whilst for others it was frightening. It also left a widespread trail of destruction. In combination with COVID-19 and lockdowns, it started to feel like sometimes life just keeps throwing curve balls.

'Where are We Now? A Storm Recovery Conversation' is a community information evening focussed on the needs of storm-affected residents of the Macedon Ranges. Disruption, stress, delays, tiredness, fatigue, uncertainty about the future, and a realisation that there is still a lot of work to do, are all experiences that ring true for some residents.

This session will be facilitated by David Younger, clinical psychologist and consultant, and an expert in the area of natural disasters and emergencies. David has worked with many communities and individuals throughout Victoria and Australia after severe weather events and disasters. During 2021, he supported communities in the Yarra Ranges affected by the severe storm.

David brings a commitment and a sensitivity to the experiences and needs of those that join the sessions. Everyone is welcome and privacy will be respected.

Wednesday 15 June, at Woodend Community Centre. Tea, coffee and snacks from 5.30pm, for a 6pm start.

RSVPs are required. Register at mrsc.vic.gov.au/storm-support.

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As Victoria enters the chillier months, it's a good time to protect our water meters and pipes for winter.

Greater Western Water (GWW) has some simple tips to reduce the risk of your water meter freezing, so you can avoid short-term inconvenience and potential damage.

GWW's General Manager, Operations & Delivery Solutions Louise Meadows says, "On cold nights, cover your water meter to trap the air around it. A bucket, cardboard box, hessian bag or old tyre do the job well".

To avoid exposed pipes from freezing, you can protect them with insulation found at hardware stores.

In the event your pipes or meter freeze, it's best to allow them to thaw naturally. If you can't wait, pour lukewarm water over the frozen meter or pipe. Never use boiling water as this increases the chance of pipes splitting.

If your water meter breaks, contact Greater Western Water on 13 44 99 to arrange for a replacement. Visit gww.com.au to find out more.

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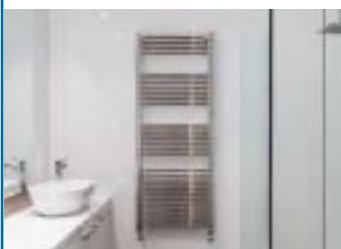
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Building connections with new men's sheds grants

The state government is supporting wellbeing in communities across the state with further funding to establish, expand or improve men's sheds.

Member for Macedon, Mary-Anne Thomas announced applications have opened for grants through the \$1 million Men's Shed Funding Program.

"These grants will help men's sheds grow and welcome new members, providing a place for people across our community to connect and supporting their wellbeing," Ms Thomas said.

Men's sheds provide a place for people to get together, work on common projects and contribute to their community.

In the 2022-23 grant round, men's shed groups can again apply for a grant of up to \$80,000 for the construction of a new shed or the extension or refurbishment of an existing shed.

There are currently more than 360 communities with men's sheds throughout Victoria.

For information about the 2022-23 Men's Shed Funding Program and how to apply, visit providers.dffh.vic.gov.au/mens-shed-program

SUBMITTED BY KATE LEE: OFFICE MARY-ANNE THOMAS MP

Improving transport accessibility for Woodend

Train stations, bus stops and tram stops across Victoria will be upgraded through a \$157.8 million package of works included in the Victorian Budget 2022/23 to improve accessibility, safety and comfort across the transport network.

Member for Macedon, Mary-Anne Thomas was with the Minister for Public Transport, Ben Carroll MP in Woodend last month to announce that the station will receive a share of this funding for upgrades. Comfort and accessibility at Woodend station will be improved through upgraded CCTV, toilets, a PA system and other safety and accessibility improvements.

"We have listened to the community and are thrilled to be delivering a more accessible and comfortable station in Woodend for locals and visitors to enjoy for years to come," said Ms Thomas.

Since 2014, significant accessibility improvements have been made to Victoria's public transport network through the construction of 44 new or upgraded train stations, 41 level access tram stops, and hundreds of new and accessible trains, trams and buses.

SUBMITTED BY KATE LEE: OFFICE MARY-ANNE THOMAS MP



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Reconciliation Week

Macedon Ranges Shire Council will be holding two interactive events as part of National Reconciliation Week 2022, which runs from 27 May until 3 June.

National Reconciliation Week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. This year's theme is "Be Brave. Make Change."

Truth-telling and reconciliation will be held at Kyneton Town Hall on Tuesday 31 May at 7pm. This community talk will feature guests Brent Ryan, Assistant Director Education at Yoorrook Justice Commission, and Nicole Findlay, CEO Reconciliation Victoria.

Brent will share the work of the Yoorrook Justice Commission, who have recently begun the first formal truth-telling process into historical and ongoing injustices experienced by First Peoples in Victoria. Nicole will speak of Reconciliation Victoria, Council's recent Reconciliation Action Plan and ignite our thinking around the ongoing work of reconciliation in our community. A Q&A session and light refreshments will follow the talk.

Reconciliation Action in our Community is a community round-table event that will be held on Tuesday 7 June from 7–9pm at Woodend Community Centre.

This event will involve an interactive discussion with community members who have expressed an interest in being involved in local reconciliation action. The evening will include a Dja Dja Wurrung Welcome to Country and Cultural Education talk, as well as guest speakers including Macedon Ranges Shire Mayor, Cr Jennifer Anderson, Vic Say from Castlemaine Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation, and Dennis Batty, a local Taungurung man and member of Council's Reconciliation Action Plan Implementation Committee.

Round table conversations will follow the presentations to address the issues raised and to share ideas. Interested community members can nominate themselves to continue this work and consider how these ideas can be put into action in the mid-to-long term.

Both events are free, however bookings are essential. For more information, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/RW2022 or call 03 5422 0333.

Active Kids Sports Program

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

For more information, including costs, email buffalo@mrsc.vic.gov.au

Calling out to Gisborne dancers for Tuesdays!

We have availability for new students wanting to join fun Tuesday dance classes at Gisborne Community Centre in the following:

- 4–5pm: Studio2MIX 5–6 year olds
- 5–6pm: Studio2MIX 6–7 year olds
- 6–7pm: Studio2MIX 8–12 year olds

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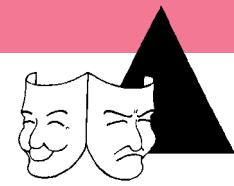
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Your community diary



The Mount Players

— JUNE —

- 4..... Woodend Farmers' Market

6..... Nominations open for 2022 Youth Awards

7..... Reconciliation round table discussion WCC

10..... WWAFF Fireworks, Forest Street

10..... MR Film Society, Norma Richardson Hall

10-13..... Woodend Winter Arts Festival

11..... Chamber poets - RSL

11..... Tex Perkins & Matt Walker - KTH

12..... MRRAR-Photographic Exhibition by Mark Chew

13..... Queen's Birthday

13..... Launch Cut the Silence

16..... Storytime aboriginal culture - Library

18..... MRRAR - Talk by Sister Brigid Arthur

19..... Rotary Club of Woodend Changeover

22-23..... Mental Health First Aid course -session 1

24..... MRRAR - Film Scattered People

24..... Peaceful Piano - KTH

28..... Community Lunch - RSL

31..... Nomination close for 2022 Youth Awards

-JULY-

- 2..... Woodend Farmers' Market
7..... Community immunisation session WCC
8..... Close self-nomination Business Excellence Awards
13-14..... Mental Health First Aid course -session 2
16-17..... Mount Players One Act Play Festival

— AUGUST —

- 4 Community immunisation session WCC
6 Woodend Farmers' Market

1—SEPTEMBER—

- 1 Community immunisation session WCC
3 Woodend Farmers' Market
4 Fathers Day
14-15 Mental Health First Aid course -session 2
24 AFL Grand Final

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

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The Mount Players gearing up for One Act Play Festival and more.

Hard to believe we're in June

already! The theatre is now gearing up for its 17th Annual One Act Play Festival. On the weekend of 16 and 17 July, theatre companies from Melbourne and regional Victoria get together for a weekend of one-act plays. Plays are adjudicated and awards presented at the conclusion on Sunday afternoon. Patrons are invited to come for a session (three short plays) or to nestle in for the weekend and enjoy all performances. Food and bar facilities are available. Tickets are available at the door. For session times, go to www.themountplayers.com or call 5426 1892.

Our third production has been cast and is now in rehearsal. The Tarantino thriller Reservoir Dogs has been adapted for the stage with a full female cast. Creative director, Craig Lenaine-Smith will put his own special touch on this classic, with live music on stage and special effects. Warning – it's not for the faint-hearted, as it contains violence, coarse language and sexual references throughout the show. Definitely one for mature audiences who enjoy a contemporary performance. The show opens on 21 August.

Auditions for our fourth production, When the Rain Stops Falling is an Australian drama by Andrew Bovell. The story spans four generations of dysfunction in one family's lineage of secrets, abandonment and search for answers. An epic work of drama. Auditions will be held on 23 and 24 July. For a script and full details on the play, contact director, Vicki Smith, at stagestruck58@me.com.

See you at the Mountview Theatre.

SUBMITTED BY KAREN HUNT

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Refugee Week – Putting you in the picture

With Refugee Week fast approaching, volunteers at Macedon Ranges Rural Australians for Refugees are gearing up for a busy schedule of events at Norma Richardson Hall, Woodend. The group's program begins on Sunday 12 June at 2pm, with an exhibition by acclaimed photographer Mark Chew. Mark has worked throughout Asia, the Pacific and Africa, documenting the lives of ordinary people in extraordinary circumstances. He will display some of his work and speak about his time at Kakuma refugee camp in northern Kenya. One lucky patron will win a 1000mmx450mm print signed by Mark, of his 'Football under the Acacia Tree', taken at Kakuma.

Saturday, 18 June, at 2.00pm sees an appearance by Sister Brigid Arthur. Featured in a recent edition of ABC TV's Compass program, Sister Brigid is co-founder of the Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project and, for more than twenty years, has been one of Australia's leading refugee advocates. She has initiated

support for refugees through the provision of housing and employment, served on the board of the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre, advocated for the release of detainees in Melbourne's Park Hotel and provided assistance for young people arguing against the federal government's stance on climate change. Sister Brigid is renowned as an engaging and passionate speaker. Her appearance should prove both informative and entertaining to all those interested in issues of social justice.

Friday 24 June at 6.45pm features a screening of the film Scattered People, which tells the story of two musicians, Mas and Saha, devotees of Western music, who fled persecution in Iran and sought asylum in Australia. In Brisbane, they found kindred spirits and formed a band called Scattered People. The film follows their story through the writing and recording of their music, through their rehearsals and public performances. We hear their stories of resilience and courage as they create their latest album, Sugarmill Road. The film contains interviews with icons of the Australian music scene including Missy Higgins, John Butler, Archie Roach and Baker Boy.

Norma Richardson Hall, the venue for all three events, is located at 15 Buckland Street Woodend and entry for each is by donation only.

Patrons are reminded that proof of COVID vaccination may be required and bookings are essential through the TryBooking website. Booking codes are listed below:

Mark Chew: <https://www.trybooking.com/BZPHP>

Sister Brigid Arthur: <https://www.trybooking.com/BZPHS>

Film Night: <https://www.trybooking.com/BZNJU>

SUBMITTED BY ANDREW GRIMES

Photo: Mark Chew with 'Football under the Acacia Tree'.



WWAF's kicks off with the popular fireworks at Buffalo Stadium

The Woodend Winter Arts Festival (WWAF) returns this June, with a scaled-back version of this much-loved event taking place over the Queen's Birthday long weekend (10-13 June).

The 2022 event will kick off with WWAF's popular fireworks display on Friday 10 June (for the first time since 2019). This free community event will take place at Buffalo Stadium, with live performances from the acclaimed a cappella vocal ensemble the Melbourne Octet and the Japanese drummers Wadaiko Kindo. Food vans will also be onsite for everyone to enjoy beforehand.

Other highlights of the reduced 2022 program, including concerts from two world-class ensembles, the Australian Romantic Classic Orchestra (Saturday 11 June) and Ensemble Gombert (Sunday 12 June) The Australian Romantic and Classic Orchestra will also visit Braemar College as part of WWAF's reignited school incursion program.

WWAF's words and ideas program, established by Sheila and Don Drummond, will also continue this year, with best-selling author Sarah Krasnostein leading a fascinating discussion about the mental health crisis in Australia, titled Not waving, drowning (Sunday 12 June).

On the final day of the event, award winning documentary film maker Michael Dillon will present his film "A little bit Mongolian" followed by a throat singing lesson with Dean

Frenkel. A lively political dissection of the federal election will also take place on this day with brilliant political commentator Sean Kelly and Sally Warhaft, in memory of Sheila Drummond (Monday 13 June).

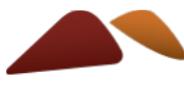
The decision to run the 2022 event at a reduced capacity was made in light of the ongoing Covid situation, along with the fact that one of the Festival's main hubs – Woodend's St Ambrose Hall – is currently unavailable due to renovation works. The festival committee look forward to WWAF coming back in full capacity in 2023.

Tickets are on sale via the Woodend Winter Arts Festival website woodendwinterartsfestival.org.au

SUBMITTED BY DR JACQUELINE OGEIL, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR AND FOUNDER, WWAF



Upcoming events and dates to remember



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Kyneton Town Hall – June performances

Kyneton Town Hall presents two stunning performances in June.

Kicking off is live music duo Tex Perkins & Matt Walker on Saturday 11 June at 8pm.

Oozing magnetism from every pore, rock royalty will grace our town hall for one night only! The set is a mix of new songs and old favourites, including tracks spanning Perkins' career and discography. To the joy of fans, Perkins and Walker play a mix of hits: The Honeymoon is Over, a crowd favourite delivered as artfully and with as much intensity as its release in 1993,



while the The Cruel Sea This is not the Way Home takes the audience on a nostalgic journey, and Dark Horses gets a nod with a spine-tingling rendition of Please Break Me Gently.

If classical music is your choice, then Peaceful Piano is a double-bill tour featuring Australia's foremost neoclassical pianist/composers Nat Bartsch & Luke Howard. Scheduled for Friday 24 June at 7.30pm, this is a performance not to be missed.

To purchase tickets, call 1300 888 802 or visit www.mrsc.vic.gov.au/buytickets.



Autumn Leaves Management Plan

Have your say on Council's Autumn Leaves Management Plan for 2023

The Autumn Leaves Management Plan aims to manage the environmental and social impact caused by high visitation to the Macedon and Mount Macedon townships during autumn.

To have your say on the plan, complete the resident and business survey open from Tuesday 7 June until Sunday 26 June or attend one of two community drop-in sessions.

You can find a registration link for the community drop-in sessions and the resident and business survey on Council's website mrsc.vic.gov.au/autumn-leaves

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community round-up

Another great 'Good Friday' collection.

Once again, the Woodend, Newham and Hesketh-Kerrie CFA Brigades conducted the annual Good Friday Collection for the Royal Children's Hospital Appeal. It was great to be able to get back on the road, after

Recent issues with Covid and very big thank you to all of the CFA volunteers, family members and friends who volunteered to door knock and collect.

A special thanks to all residents and visitors who donated so generously, raising a near record total of \$14,725, including \$11,633 for Woodend, \$1,679 for Hesketh-Kerrie and \$1,413 for Newham.

A huge thank you to the organising team, the highly-skilled money counting team and the Catering crew of the Woodend CFA, who ensured that all were well fed and watered on the day.

Unfortunately, we were not able to cover every home, so if we missed your house, you can still donate online through the Virtual Tin Shake – simply go to <https://www.virtualtinshake.com.au/fundraisers/Woodend>. It's so easy to do, and your donation will add directly to the Woodend total.

A big thank you also to the team at the Commonwealth Bank



in Woodend for the final money count.

Woodend CFA families add to Good Friday collection

A special mention to the increasing numbers of families who were involved. It is great to see family and friends joining Woodend CFA volunteers for the collection. The McKinnon clan, which included 12 young people, collected a total of \$4,912, while the family of Woodend CFA volunteer Paddy Callaghan collected \$904; the individual record of more than \$560 goes to Eleanor Middleton, closely followed by Alice McKinnon with \$560. The youngest collectors were 4-year-old Leo and 2-year-old Hudson Kyretses, who collected an amazing \$592, with the help of Mum and Dad.

A great effort by everyone involved.

SUBMITTED BY MIKE DORNAU, CAPTAIN WOODEND CFA

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The library will be open at the following times:

Monday to Friday 9.30am–5pm

Saturday 9.30am–12.30pm

Evening Storytime Event celebrating Aboriginal culture

Thursday 16 June, 6-7pm

Woodend Library staff are incredibly excited to welcome 'Kinja' – duo Ron Murray and Sarah James, for a beautiful evening Storytime event, celebrating Aboriginal culture.

Ron is a much-loved Victorian Indigenous educator, storyteller and musician, with an international reputation as a didgeridoo soloist. His partner Sarah is of Scottish ancestry, with a haunting ability on the violin. Together, they combine two musical cultures, inspiring us to think about what it is to be Australian and about belonging in this country.

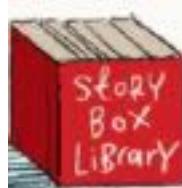
It will be a very special event of music

and storytelling aimed at young families, but all are welcome. The event is supported by funding from the Macedon Ranges Shire Council.

Bookings are preferred - <https://goldfieldslibraries.com> or 5427 2074

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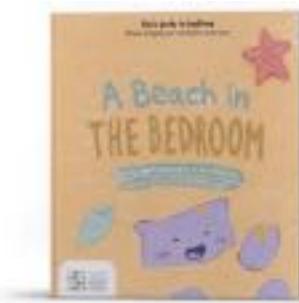
Did you know your library membership gives you full access to Storybox library? With over 400 books and more than 195 storytellers, there is a something for everyone.



A recommendation - "Sleep with Kip"

I love Kip, 'A Beach in the Bedroom' is my favourite, and my other favourite is 'Has Dad Joined the Circus?' They are funny and help me sleep. - Sasha

The app can be downloaded in the App Store or Google Play. You can even log in through a web browser; just use your library barcode and password to sign in.



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We understand that books can be misplaced or forgotten, especially children's books. Goldfields Libraries do not charge overdue fines on children's books. If you have overdue books, please drop them in, no matter how late they are. Our returns chute is open 24hrs.

On the prowl - Kyneton Museum Display

On the prowl is a travelling display of items that featured in the Kyneton Museum's 'Biodiversity in Crisis' exhibition. You can find these displays at the Woodend Library, Kyneton Visitor Information Centre, Romsey Hub and the Gisborne Library, until the first week of September.

Keep an eye out for our latest program – there will be loads of events to choose from! Brochures will be available in our library and all of our events can be booked online through our website <https://goldfieldslibraries.com> or by calling 5427 2074.

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U3A Kyneton and "The Dark Art of Propaganda"

U3A Kyneton offers continuing learning, physical activity, and social and community interaction for members in the third age of life. The forthcoming course, "The Dark Art of Propaganda" will commence on Friday 27 May at 10am and be held weekly until Friday 24 June. The course will be conducted by tutor Stephen Carisbrooke.

It is generally recognised that the term "propaganda" was first used by the Catholic Church in 1622 under Pope Gregory XV. The Catholic Church used the term derived from the Latin, to propagate, in the sense of planting seeds, to spread the word.

There are examples of propaganda since recorded history began. Winners of battles get to write the history.

The course will be covering different forms of historical propaganda: propaganda in advertising, propaganda for and against religion and, of course, political propaganda. Propaganda in wartime is particularly interesting, because it entails keeping up morale on the home front and undermining morale on the enemy front, as well as influencing neutral countries. It will cover how well the Germans handled the flight of Hess to England and how each country magnified its achievements and minimised its losses. Did you know that Darwin was bombed 64 times by the Japanese? The course



will also look at the magnificent "black" propaganda run from England by Sefton Delmer, who had access to the strongest transmitter in Europe and used native German speakers on a station which pretended to be operating from Germany. There are plenty of newsreels, some from private archives, which make interesting viewing, especially when the host country is not doing so well.

Further information about U3A Kyneton and "The Dark Art of Propaganda" can be found via the website <https://u3akyneton.org.au/>, by email at info@u3akyneton.org.au or call John/Roni on 0439 360 763.

SUBMITTED BY RONI TAUBMAN



'New' Children's Craft Program

We're really excited to launch "Bee Creative", an after-school club for creative minds! Children aged 8 – 12 can come along and get stuck into a range of craft activities – from cookie decorating, to paper and fabric-based crafts. During our launch period, bookings will be taken for each individual session. Sessions run between 4.15pm and 5.15pm on a Wednesday afternoon in the Rodney Snell Function Room at the Woodend Neighbourhood House. Places are limited to 10 participants per class, with bookings essential.

Food Relief at the Woodend Neighbourhood House

A huge thank you to the donors, who responded to our appeal in the last edition of The New Woodend Star; we've received donations of both money and food to help keep our

food pantry stocked. As the winter months draw in, we continue to call for donations – large or small – to help support those in need in our community. Our food pantry is in our garden, to the side of the house. Donations can be dropped off at any time – and everyone is welcome to come along and take what they need.

Activities in June

Check out our new and ongoing activities this June, including:

- Spanner in the Works - a brand-new youth space for young people aged 12-17 years. Drop into the Undercroft (access via the skate park) between 4pm – 5.30pm every other Wednesday. Upcoming dates are 1st, 15th and 29th June (Free)
- Woodend Community Lunch - Our regular community lunches are a wonderful opportunity to meet other people whilst enjoying a delicious meal. Tuesday 31 May and Tuesday 28 June at the Woodend RSL – bookings are required to help with catering numbers.
- Woodend Repair Café - Enjoy a

cuppa whilst our fantastic fix-it volunteers mend your household items. The Woodend Repair Café is open on the first Saturday of every month, coinciding with the Woodend Farmer's Market. Next Repair Café is 4 June in the Undercroft (Free)

- Chatty Café - Pop in and enjoy a cuppa and good conversation at our regular get together with friends, old and new. The Chatty Café is a great way to meet new people whilst enjoying a nice morning tea. No bookings required, just stop by! Next Chatty Café is 14 June (Free)

Upcoming courses include First aid / CPR, Learn to Meditate and Introduction to Acrylics; refer to the House for more information.

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

SUBMITTED BY MELISSA BAKER

Scout Hike 2022

1st Woodend Scout Unit participated in Scout Hike 2022, an annual hiking event for around 1,200 scouts, drawn from all corners of the State.



This year, Tallarook State Forest was the place where five of our Scouts, plus a Mentor/Leader entered as a Learner Patrol. We unplugged for the weekend, braved the elements and took up the challenge of bush walking, camping and navigation. This was a grand adventure for Scouts with no prior hiking experience.

We had rain, and no-one hung back when we arrived at our start point on Friday evening. The Patrol quickly walked a short distance to find a suitable site to pitch tents so they could be warm and dry and get some rest. All this was completed in the dark, using mere head torches for light.

Next morning, the wet weather continued, and it was absolutely brilliant to see a Scout step forward to plan the hike course for the day. Everyone had the opportunity to lead the patrol, an additional responsibility on top of the motivation needed to cover ground carrying shelter, food and water. We hiked about 20km over two days, which is a great effort on little legs.

The patrol navigated to activities which were hidden in the forest at designated grid locations. We managed to find eight activities, which were theme based and cleverly designed to practice new things in a fun way.

Back on the trail, an error became a key learning opportunity. It was a simple matter of turning left instead of right and it proved the value of our navigational controls. One Scout noticed that we had walked too far ... they were measuring distance using a pace counter. Another noticed that we had walked for too long ... they knew we should have reached our destination within 30 minutes. The final indicator was when our track crossed a deep creek ... there was no intention to cross any creek! At that point, the Patrol leader realised that they hadn't confirmed direction using the compass. After a

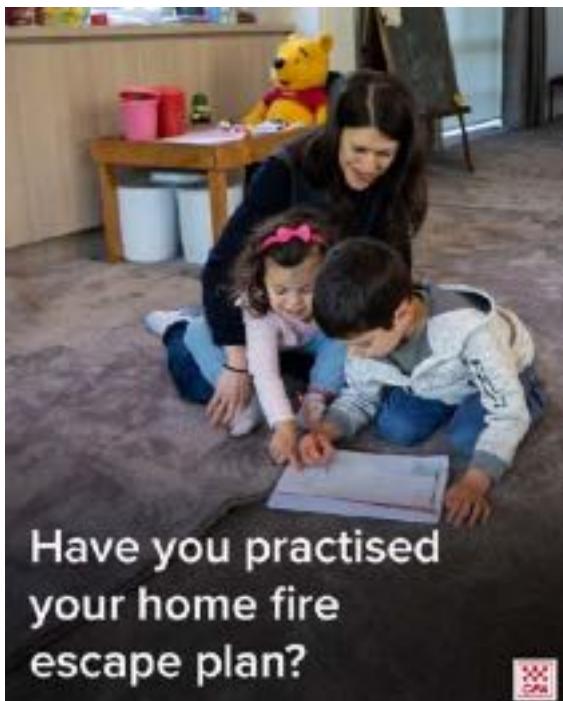
moment of embarrassment, the Patrol leader suggested we stop, find our true location, consider our options and set a revised course.

Overcoming this stumble built noticeable confidence in Patrol members and despite the rain, there was plenty of fun and laughter to be heard and many stories to be told for weeks to come. As the weather cleared and we noticed how the forest came alive with birdlife and the smell of wet earth and eucalyptus. What a great way to spend a weekend.

1st Woodend Scout Group offers Scouting for youth between 5 and 25 years of age. The Joey Scout section (5-8 years) currently has a waitlist, however there are vacancies at all other age groups (Cub Scouts 8-11 years, Scouts 11-14 years, Venturers 14-18 years, Rovers 18-25 years).

Adults interested in getting involved in Scouting are always welcome – we have vacancies for volunteer leaders to work with all age groups, as well as positions on our support committee. No previous Scouting experience is required – just a passion for fun and an interest in helping youth develop. For more information, visit scoutsvictoria.com.au/location/1ST-WOODEND/ or email gl.woodend1st@gmail.com.

SUBMITTED BY MATTHEW FARRELL



Do you have a fire escape plan?

Many of us do not have a fire escape plan and those that do may not have practiced it in some time.

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SUBMITTED BY KIMMLY JOHNSTON NW REGION OFFICER



A message from your West Ward Councillors



The autumn leaves are behind us, but we hope you all managed to attend and enjoy some of the many events and activities over the festival period. As you are aware, it was only the second year Council has held a shire-wide Autumn Festival program. We wanted to entice and encourage visitors to explore all the beauty the entire shire has to offer, attract new visitors to support local business and provide lots of experiences for residents to enjoy as well. Our Council staff worked hard for many months planning, preparing and working together with organisations and community members, and we appreciate those of you that have provided feedback, so we can review and improve this each year.

It's hard to believe that it's June already, but the good news is, that means the Woodend Winter Arts Festival (WWAF) is back. Many are looking forward to the family fireworks, and we hope that it is more successful than ever. In May, we celebrated National Volunteer Week and we know that festivals like this require months of preparation and the help of many volunteers, so thank you for all your efforts.

You may be aware that work on the Kyneton Town Hall (KTH) now allows for colourful lighting in the evenings. For a week last month, the KTH was lit in Ukrainian colours as a sign of our continued solidarity and support for the people of Ukraine. Council continues to connect with community groups, organisations, not-for-profit groups and agencies in our shire who are providing support and aid to Ukrainian refugees, and we are grateful for their work.

Last month, we held our second Community Assembly and deliberative engagement with randomly selected community representatives to provide recommendations to guide the development of Council's Open Space Strategy. Sometimes we don't realise the large scope included in some of our strategies. Open Space includes planning, management and delivery of many areas, including public spaces, conservation uses, parks, bushland reserves, walking tracks, recreation, sporting and environmental areas. It touches everyone in our community.

Councillors had the opportunity to meet those involved, to show our appreciation for their contribution. We hope to have more opportunities for community assemblies.

By the time this edition is distributed, we have hopefully adopted the updated Community Engagement Policy at the May Scheduled Council Meeting (SCM) and it should be on our website.

Daylesford Macedon Tourism (DMT) recently held the first in-person conference for a few years. It was great to see many enthusiastic business owners from our shire getting together and feeling positive about the future, after the challenging past few years.

The Josh's Rainbow Eggs Macedon Ranges Business Excellence Awards are back for 2022 as well. They recognise and acknowledge deserving businesses for their outstanding service, innovation, adaptability, products and

professionalism. We hope to see many self-nominations, which can be made through our website until 8 July, 2022.

Last month, we launched the Arts and Culture Event Program for the rest of the year, and it is great to be back out, celebrating and attending events in person.

We welcome the announcement by the state government of funding to address the challenges and safety concerns at the High St and Urquhart St intersection (i.e. the Coles intersection) and developing plans for a solution. We know this has been a big concern and frustration to just about everyone in Woodend for many years. Council is progressing with the Woodend Integrated Transport Study as well, and we will ensure more information is provided as this progresses.

Over the last months, we are very pleased to have welcomed three new Directors - Director Community Marie Weiss, Director Corporate Adele Drago-Stevens, and Director Planning and Environment Rebecca Stockfield. We have a strong Executive team who we know are keen to get to know our community.

A year ago at this time, we were experiencing severe storms that affected so many in our shire and other parts of Victoria. We have seen the recent floods in Queensland, and this is a reminder that we must remain aware of the risks and be prepared for adverse weather and climate events. Council continues to work on strengthening our internal municipal emergency management committee and connections to community and emergency groups in the shire and region.

We look forward to hearing from people wishing to present via Zoom to Council at a meeting regarding the 2022/23 Budget and Council Plan (Year 2) as this will be endorsed at the Scheduled Council Meeting at the end of this month. Many other Councils are often surprised to hear how many submissions our Council receives each year, and we are very pleased that we have so many in our community taking such an active interest.

As we mentioned in our last article, the monthly regular Scheduled Council Meeting (SCM) has been back in person and open to the public for a few months. We have had one person attend in person (at the time this was submitted) so a reminder that everyone is welcome, although with live streaming and recordings, we understand that watching from the comfort of your home, especially leading in to winter is very tempting.

Stay warm and safe. Best wishes,

Janet, Mark and Jennifer



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Views help set open space priorities

Community members who shared their views in a survey on future priorities and levels of service at parks and reserves are already shaping Council's new Open Space Strategy.

A total of 165 people responded to the survey, creating valuable data on how they currently use open spaces and their views on investment priorities across the shire.

Consultation activities held over February to April revealed a range of community preferences, perceptions and values related to how people use open space. Consultants and planning officers will soon present a summary of all feedback raised to Councillors in June.

Community engagement activities included drop-in sessions held at Gisborne, Romsey and Kyneton, markets at Lancefield, Woodend and Riddells Creek and online webinars.

A key objective of the strategy is to provide clear direction to Council on current and future open space requirements to service the shire's existing and growing community.

Members of the Open Space Community Assembly met on May 14 and 28 to deliberate on how Council should prioritise investment in open space and to make recommendations to help guide the development of the strategy.

If you would like to receive regular project updates, please register at mrsc.vic.gov.au/open-space or call the Strategic Planning team on 5422 0333.

Reminder – Pet Registrations

Pet Registration renewals were due on 10 April. If you have not renewed your pet's registration, be sure to do so right away. It is an offence in Victoria to not renew your pet's registration annually, and fines may apply. Council's Local Laws Officers will follow up with pet owners who are not complying.

If your pet's registration was current last year, you should have received a renewal notice in the post. If you didn't receive it, have lost it or have any questions regarding payment please contact our customer service team on 5422 0333.

Kindergarten registrations now open for 2023!

Online registrations for three and four-year-old kindergarten in 2023 are now open.

Give your child the best start to their learning journey at one of Council's eight kindergartens in the Macedon Ranges. Our kindergartens have highly qualified and experienced early childhood teachers and educators and, with their beautiful natural features and outdoor play areas, are rich in nature-based and creative learning experiences.

Register online by 30 June 2022 at mrsc.vic.gov.au/kinder-rego or call 5422 0239.

SUBMITTED BY CATHERINE CHAPMAN

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Wine Review

By Patrick Eckel

Introduction

It is now safe to say that vintage is over in the Macedon Ranges! It has been a long and cool growing season, however; having spoken

to a number of wine makers in the region I can say that the general quality looks good. It will be about six months until we start to see some of the 2022 aromatic whites and at least 12 months before Pinot Noir and Chardonnay will be released. The reviews this month both come from 2021, a year that generally delivered great quality across the region, but with limited quantity.

2021 Lane's End Cottage Chardonnay

A nose that is Chablis-like with a mineral aspect to nectarine, alongside citrus fruits and honeyed fig.

The palate has drive of citrus, with a lovely liteness of acidity that gives zest and verve. Fruit focuses on citrus and apple initially, before richer stone fruits take hold with the slightest mealy influence. To finish, there is a crushed rock-like minerality and a return of the honeyed characters seen on the nose.

Will grow and evolve with a few years in bottle.

Rating: 90 | Price: \$27 | When to Drink: 2022 - 2028

2021 Granite Hills Gruner Veltliner

A light yellow in the glass, with vibrant aromatics that move between citrus blossom, meyer lemon and new season pear.

The palate has breadth of floral-edged citrus, with top notes of mandarin; acidity gives texture and contrast. The finish has a grapefruit-like textural pull and generous length. An aromatic white with plenty to it.

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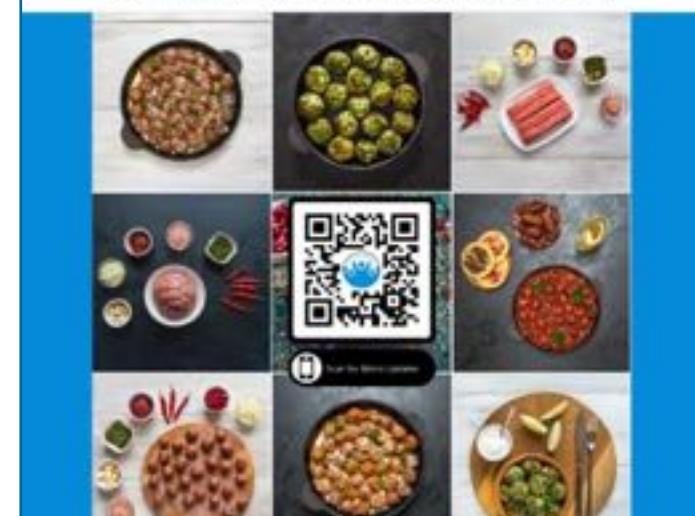
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Woodend Community Centre, Cnr High and Forest Streets, Woodend

Thursday 7 July 2022 | 2.30–3.30pm

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Our specialist immunisation nurses will discuss any possible reactions and address any concerns you have before you are administered any vaccines. Please note, Council does not administer COVID-19 vaccines. For information regarding these vaccines visit coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccine.

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Mental Health First Aid courses for volunteers

The Storm Recovery team has been successful in obtaining funding from DFFH for community volunteers to complete Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) training free of charge.

In the past twelve months we have seen a number of severe weather events across the Macedon Ranges, and it's not unusual for people affected by emergencies to experience distress, such as feelings of anxiety and sadness,

hopelessness, or difficulty sleeping, fatigue, irritability or anger and/or aches and pains).

Each year, one in five Australians will experience a mental illness. Many people are not knowledgeable or confident to offer assistance. Physical first aid is accepted and widespread in our community, however most do not cover mental health problems.

MHFA teaches people the skills to help someone whom they're concerned about.

Each two-day session, held at the Woodend Community Centre and Library, will train community volunteers

in the Macedon Ranges who work closely with the community. A therapy dog will be our special guest at each of the sessions, and lunch will be provided.

- Session 1: 22 and 23 June, 9am–4pm
- Session 2: 13 and 14 July, 9am–4pm
- Session 3: 14 and 15 September, 9am–4pm

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CUT THE SILENCE is a new local campaign to get men talking.

Scan the QR code to see actor Shane Jacobson chatting to some high profile Macedon Ranges men about looking after themselves or a mate who is struggling.

Five of our local barbers have participated in Conversations for Life training and have information to guide customers to help if they want it.

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Stars align for mental health conversations

Actor and Macedon Ranges resident Stephen Curry got his first job when he was 10 years old, sweeping the floor of his local barbershop. It was, he recalls, the first time he heard men opening up about their worries and concerns. Stephen makes this observation during a conversation in a barbershop with another local film and television identity, Shane Jacobson. The pair talk about mental health as part of a series of short videos promoting a new campaign in the Macedon Ranges, Cut the Silence.

The concept came from local resident and advertising creative Mat Garbutt and was backed by Macedon Ranges Suicide Prevention Action Group (MRSPAG), and funded by North Western Melbourne Primary Health Network.

Cut the Silence recognises that barbershops have traditionally been one of the few spaces in which men can talk about how they are feeling and identifies them as gateways to professional support services for men at risk of experiencing a mental health crisis.

Five businesses have signed up to the campaign: Ace Barber in Lancefield, Joe's Barber Shop in Kyneton, Danny's and Nor'West Barbers in Gisborne, and JD Hair & Barber Studio in Romsey.

The barbers have received training on how to identify and talk to customers who appear to be struggling with their mental health. While they do not take the place of counsellors, they have information and resources to guide customers towards help if they want it.

Shane and Mat rallied some high-profile Macedon Ranges friends for the videos, including comedian Tom Gleeson, mental health advocate Jeremy Forbes, former AFL player Matt Dick, musician Pat Devlin, and international garden designer Paul Bangay.

All the interviewees emphasise the importance of checking in with friends. They want to normalise asking another man if he's okay and acknowledging their courage to answer that they are not.

The Cut the Silence videos can be found



at www.mrspag.com.au/cut-the-silence

A community event to launch Cut the Silence will be held on Monday 13 June, the beginning of Men's Health Week, from 1pm to 5pm at the Macedon Railway Hotel, including food and live entertainment. Tickets can be purchased here: <https://cut-the-silence.eventbrite.com.au>

If you are a barbershop or hair salon in the Macedon Ranges and want to find out how you can support the campaign or access training, please contact info@mrspag.com.

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SUBMITTED BY NADINE HARTNETT

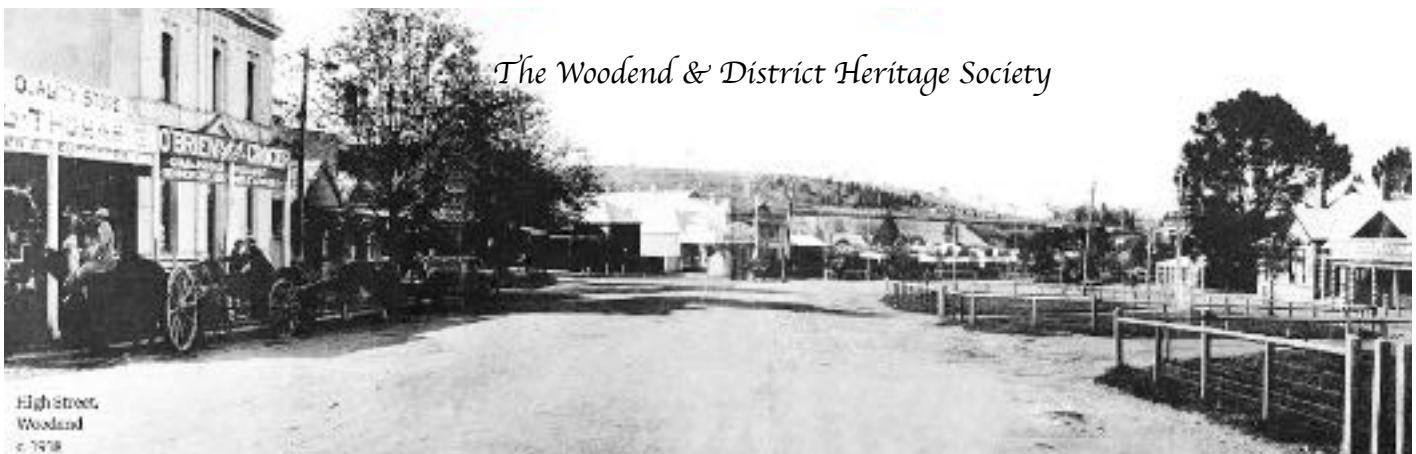
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Farewell Bernie Hawkins

It is with great sadness that we record the passing of John Anthony Hawkins (1935-2022), known as 'Bernie', husband of Janet and Life Member and long time supporter of the Woodend & District Heritage Society.

The Society formed in 1977, but by 1985 the establishment of a Local Family History Resource Centre became its main focus. Bernie joined Janet working towards this goal and his contribution was to become pivotal. The need for a system to underpin the collection and make it easily accessible, was essential, and although computers were becoming more commonplace, programmes like this simply did not exist.

Given that the centre would always rely on volunteers, and computing was quite new to everyone, it was a challenge. Bernie understood this and soon had a programme up and running which he called Heritage I. After mentioning it at a conference, a request from the State Library to purchase the programme for use with some of its own collections, provided the confidence to promote it to other organizations and, after hosting an information session, orders soon came in from all over the State.

Later other programmes became available but most were, and remain often too complex for easy data entry and easy record searching. Bernie's Heritage Programme remains the one that all volunteers can easily use and is a lasting memorial to Bernie's huge contribution to the Society, cementing its reputation.

Apart from this Bernie was always a very willing supporter, a kind and gentle man with a ready smile and a deep sense of community. He loved golf and his boat and was the main contributor with his wife, Janet, to our wonderful volunteers' room. Bernie and Janet also established Glen Osmond Farm for Very Special Kids to give a place of respite to families dealing with life-threatening conditions in their children. It is an amazing place with purpose-built houses, thoughtfully fitted out. A lasting testament to a loving and caring man.

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Heritage Society Newest Publication

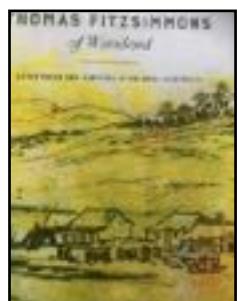
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This is the story of Thomas and Eliza, the family they raise and the enterprises they create to survive and prosper. He is a blacksmith, a publican, a timber miller and a farmer.

Above all, his hotel, the 'Sydney' and land investments are

the tangible realities that he holds onto and ultimately prove to be the salvation of his family.

The family grows to maturity in Woodend but the restless spirit in Thomas reaches out and explores possibilities in Kyneton, Mt. Macedon, Bendigo and Melbourne.



SUBMITTED BY JANNYSE WILLIAMS

History of Ashbourne Landcare Group

Ashbourne Landcare Group (ALG) was established in 1996 and, guided by inaugural president, Robin Stewart, soon became a strong membership of

dedicated Ashbourne landcarers. The initial focus was gorse control, with working bees their first endeavours.

ALG continues to be a strong community and has expanded with ongoing funding for projects such as:

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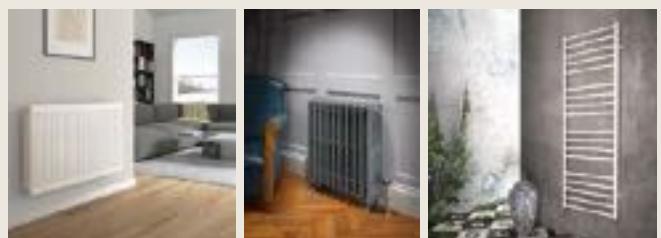
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Woodend 21 Up Champion

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Annual General Meeting Coming Up.

This year's Woodend Bowling Club Inc. AGM will be held in the clubrooms later in June, with the date to be finalised and sent to members in the near future. All bowling club members are requested to attend, as all Board and Match Committee positions will become vacant, and voting will be carried out to fill all of these positions for the next 12 months.

Bowling in Woodend all year round

Even though we are now into the winter months, you still have the opportunity to have a bowl at our club. Whilst our grass green becomes dormant during winter, we are very fortunate to also have a carpet green, which allows us to bowl all year round.

We have an organised Social Bowls every Wednesday, starting at 12.30pm. If you are a keen bowler, this is a great way to enjoy a friendly social game or two in great company. If you are keen to start playing bowls, this is the perfect way to do so and we can provide everything you need to get started.

We are always looking for new members, young and not-so-young. In fact, many of the leading lawn bowlers in Australia are now in their 20s and 30s. Simply get in touch with the club to find out more.

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Woodend Hanging Rock Pétanque Club

Well, even though our pétanque season finished at the end of March, we certainly have been busy since then.

In April a group of our players spent a successful day with the Maldon Pétanque Club, where Shirley Marshall won their raffle prize!

Also, in the name of pétanque we ran a fundraiser for Ukraine, one cold Thursday afternoon with twelve teams playing and \$300 going to UNICEF for their cause.

We then had five teams head off to the Grampians in April for a fun and successful weekend to play in the Northwest Cup.

On Sunday May 1, the Rootes car club from Melbourne came up to Hanging Rock to challenge for our Rootes and Rockers cup, with our Rod Gell winning it back for our club.

A delicious lunch of roast lamb with all the trimmings prepared by our committee finished off another fun day at the Rock.

The President's Cup was held on Thursday May 5, in honour of Marilyn Steel, Chinka Steel's wife, who was a treasured founding member of our club who helped and supported Chinka in the 20 years we have been prospering.

This night took on a Mexican theme, with thirty members doing their bit and dressing up!

May 15 took us for lunch and a few games of pétanque at Darraweit Guim Cidery, with Wayne Mee taking home the winning prize.

So, our pétanque season never really ends; there is always an event in the pipeline for our committed members to attend, either in the city or around our region, as two of our star members, Ruth Giddings and Rod Gell will tell you!

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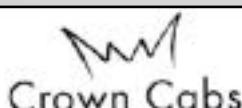


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At our recent Open Evening, prospective Sacred Heart students gained an insight into Languages studies through French and Japanese cultural activities. These included virtually 'riding' the Tour de France and trying their hand at Japanese calligraphy. Parents found out about the opportunities offered to Languages students at Sacred Heart, including overseas study tours, state-wide contests, online cultural exchange, excursions and in-house workshops.

Our recent Languages Week activities included workshops for all Year 7 classes. French students attended a performance by Global Grooves, where they were treated to traditional French music and mime, while Japanese students participated in a Taiko drumming

workshop by Ayako Tsunazawa.

SHC students also have the opportunity to participate in state-wide Languages contests to demonstrate the skills they learn at school. At the end of 2021, students in Years 7 and 9 entered the speech contest run by the Japanese Teacher's Association of Victoria. We were delighted to be informed that Sylvie Rigby (then Year 7) was awarded 3rd place in the individual category. Currently, French students are preparing to enter the Berthe Mouchette Competition run by the Alliance Francaise Melbourne, and we wish them all the best.

SUBMITTED BY LANGUAGES LEARNING AREA LEADER, MS KIM TWILLEY



Photos: Junior School students participating in the College's recent Languages Week activities.



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Prat, Chantel S., et al. "Relating Natural Language Aptitude to Individual Differences in Learning Programming Languages." *Scientific Reports* 10.1 (2020): 1-10.

SUBMITTED BY JENNIFER BALDWIN



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