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Carlsruhe Country Fair

***Spring is in the air! so there is no better time to hold
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The Carlsruhe Country fair is an event run by Woodend Primary School to highlight our historical campus and to raise much needed funds for the school. The Carlsruhe campus is set on a half-hectare, tree lined property about 8km north of Woodend, and includes the significant original red brick classroom.

The 2017 Carlsruhe Country Fair, to be held at the historic Carlsruhe school house on November 26, is sure to be the perfect occasion to enjoy the country charm. The

day offers activities from old fashioned games, to lollies in the haystack, a vegie man competition, silent auction, and new to this year's fair, 'The Zone' inflatable world, complete with laser tag.

Other highlights include fresh baked goods & preserves, plant stall, market stalls, food, and musical entertainment from a-capella singers Miranda's Picnic, and our very own Woodend Primary School entertainment led by Joseph Bromley, and much more.

Do not miss this magical day, Carlsruhe Country Fair, Sunday 26 November 10am - 4pm, Nicholson Street Carlsruhe.

BY BELINDA WITKOWSKI - WOODEND PRIMARY SCHOOL PFA

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"Inclusiveness: what does it mean to you?" was the topical theme up for discussion at a forum hosted by not-for-profit organisation, Openhouse Macedon Ranges last month.

While the community has come a long way in its acceptance and inclusivity of LGBTQI people, a lot needs to be done before all people are fully respected and treated equally, Openhouse founder Jenny Lonergan said.

Lonergan – who started the organisation out of desperation following her own experiences of feeling isolated and alone – said the Federal Government's \$122 million postal vote on marriage equality has had a significant impact on many LGBTQI people. "This vote shouldn't be happening – marriage equality is about human and civil rights and a vote is not needed to determine that. It's that simple.

"It's about inclusion and I am determined for us to live in a diverse and supportive community," she said. Lonergan emphasised that inclusion is a hollow concept unless action is taken by the community and individuals. Support is often centered around youth, which is important, however the needs of older LGBTQI people are often dismissed and overlooked, she said.

Moderated by facilitator, Ross Colliver, speakers at the forum – which was held at the Norma Richardson Hall in Woodend – included Greens Senator Janet Rice, Mary-Anne Thomas MP, Jenny Lonergan, Reverend Neil Fitzgerald (Daylesford

Anglican) and young local transgendered and bi-sexual man, Fin Latcham. Also in attendance were Cr Jennifer Anderson, Janet Pearce and Bill West. During the forum attendees were encouraged to workshop ideas and discuss their thoughts on the topic.

Senator Rice said inclusion remains a huge issue for the LGBTQI community. Rice – whose wife of 31 years, Penny Whetton, is transsexual – said while the marriage equality debate has brought out the "very worst and best in people", she was confident the "yes" vote will prevail.

"As a bi-sexual woman... lots of people don't accept me. I recently heard by a man that I've done work with for years describe me as 'fat, sweaty lesbian on a bike,'" she said. "We don't always feel included in broader society...and we need to change the culture so we aren't subjected to grotesque insults like that."

Young local transgendered bisexual man, Fin Latcham, said he felt somewhat isolated living in the Macedon Ranges. He says he contacted Openhouse with the hope of finding like-minded individuals after failing to find any meaningful connection through other local services.

While there remains room for improvement, the Macedon Ranges is excelling in some areas of LGBTQI inclusion. Reverend Fitzgerald – who has worked throughout the region and now leads Daylesford Anglican Church – started "Gay and Pray", to ensure all people feel welcome at church.

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Woodend's Rain report

A drier than average month. We received just 55.2mm in September.

Month	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	av 5yr
January	31	3.9	19.2	61.4	35.3	27.8	2976
February	133	97.4	11.2	41.6	14.3	26.5	62.56
March	84	53	49	26	47	23.7	47.11
April	35.5	20.5	84.1	39.4	36.2	165	63.45
May	54.4	47.2	46	68.7	101.2	38.6	59.35
June	126.8	147.8	122.3	39.5	98.8	10.6	90.96
July	102	101.8	79.3	95.3	186.6	60	113
August	113.7	116.4	32.7	50.7	107	119.6	84.1
September	54.6	85	55.9	44	163.6	55.2	80.62
October	39	75.6	49.6	12.9	91.8		53.78
November	31.4	67.2	53	41.3	63.2		53.7
December	21.4	35.2	36.6	41.7	92.8		46.5
Total mm	826.8	851	627.7	479.5	1037.8	527.6	

"Through talking to Cobaw...and looking at the suicide rates of older gay people, we had a lightbulb moment," he said. "As Christians we are sometimes tarred with the same brush... we are not all like that [non-inclusive]. We say we open our door to everyone. This (inclusiveness) is the tenet of Christianity."

Mary-Anne Thomas MP said the Macedon Ranges was a community that has the "best intentions" when it comes to inclusivity, however it had never been "tested that hard". "No one is born discriminating against others, it is a learned behavior," she said. "Inclusivity is about action...let's take our ideas and put them into action."

Cobaw is running support sessions for the LGBTQI+ community during the marriage equality debate.

Openhouse holds regular dinners and events for LGBTQI+ people and their supporters and held a rainbow family fun day on October 28 in a bid to bring the community together. For more information "like" Openhouse Macedon Ranges on Facebook or email mropenhouse@gmail.com.

BY JANE LINDHE

St Mary's Church: Secure for the next 150 years

St Mary's Church closed on May 8 to undergo major restoration works. With the help of the Woodend community we have managed to raise enough funds to ensure that our beautiful church will be open for another 150 years.

On November 12 at 11am our Bishop will re-open the church and will lead us in a service of re-hallowing (re-blessing) the space. At this service, we will give thanks for the incredible support that we have received from individuals and businesses in Woodend that has enabled us to get to this great moment.

Everyone is invited to this historic event and to a light lunch in the hall afterwards. If you would like any information about the process and progress so far, or about the service, please contact Rev. Mel on 0411 722 718.

BY REV. MEL

Spring into Summer

'Spring into Summer Fest' this month at the Macedon Primary School Fete on Saturday November 25

Enjoy a true country fair with loads of great rides and live entertainment including local bands. There will be a large selection of delicious food stalls along with craft, book, plant and produce stalls.

Journey through the Animal Adventure Land at the school's Middle Gully Reserve with Pony Rides and a great interactive Animal Farm and see two fantastic informative performances from Wild Action Zoo.

There will also be plenty of great rides with the all thrilling 'Cha Cha' ride, the Giant Fibreglass Slide, Chair O Plane, Jumping Castle and the 'Teacher Dunk Tank' along with a fun Games Alley.

Try your luck at the Silent Auction and Major Raffle or relax at the Devonshire Tea and Cakes hall.

This year's Fete will be bigger and better than ever with all proceeds going towards resurfacing of the school's basketball court.

The Macedon Primary School Fete is on Saturday 25 November from 10am - 3pm, Smith Street, Macedon.

BY SHARON COLlicoAT





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The Inaugural Community Ball

The Inaugural Community Ball, presented by Sacred Heart College, will be held at the Kyneton Mechanics Institute on Saturday December 2 from 7pm - 11pm.

This is a fundraising event, with profits from the evening to be donated to the local CFA (Kyneton Group) and the Community Kitchen.

The Community Ball will provide an opportunity to dance to the strains of an 18-piece Big Band playing Swing, Rock and Latin while mixing with friends and fans of good music.

Tickets are just \$20 per person, with tables of 8 and 12 available. Seats are limited, so book your table early to avoid disappointment.

All drinks must be purchased on site and will be available at bar prices. Bring your own food to share, Tickets via Trybooking - www.trybooking.com/RYJJ.

Dress to impress - all are welcome to attend.

For further details contact: Doreen Pentecost at Sacred Heart College: 5421 1200 or email dpentecost@shckyneton.catholic.edu.au.

By J Baldwin for Sacred Heart College



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Major Art Exhibition Cup Weekend

Woodend Art Group

The Annual Exhibition by members of the Woodend Art Group is upon us again. How time rolls around! Please make a note in your diary to attend this vibrant and exciting event - always diverse in subject matter and medium. The exhibition will be judged by well-known local artist, Mary Larnach-Jones, with substantial prizes awarded. Gordon Cope-Williams of Cope-Williams Winery is a keen supporter of the art group and will officially open the exhibition at 2pm on Saturday, 4th November. There will be a gold coin entry, refreshments and daily door prizes. This is a wonderful opportunity to buy quality art work, sculptures, glassware, cards and more.

For further information on all our classes and events please ring Di Fitt on 0488 627 448 or email president@woodendartgroup.org.au.

By Di Fitt



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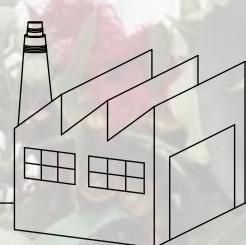
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Christmas Stall

Saturday November 25

Most important things first, Happy 90th birthday greetings to Norma Proctor in October. Norma has been a respected and highly active member since 15 March 1944, and we are proud to claim her as ours at Woodend.

We were delighted with the response to our stall for October Cake Bake, the produce was a hit and donations generous. It hardly seems possible, but here we are announcing our wonderful Christmas offerings for 2017. Our stall will be on Saturday, November 25 outside the Newsagents from 9am to 1pm. As always, our emphasis is on yummy food, but we have all sorts of seasonal surprises on offer. A raffle or two, with Christmas goodies galore.

Recently we have welcomed a new member, Sally, and she has already proved to be invaluable, producing Trauma Teddies and laughing at our jokes. Gotta love that! Stick with us Sally, and we'll prove worthy of you. We are always delighted to have new faces at our meetings, they bring fresh ideas and perspectives, please join us at the Woodend Golf Club at 1.30pm, first Thursday each month, have a cuppa and check us out.

The Trauma Teddy trickle has had a brief period as a tsunami! We are so thrilled to find such a generous response to our requests for knitters, one ted is lovely, but a continuing commitment is really luvverley and much appreciated. Date yet to be announced, but the Neighbourhood House has offered space for us to have a session of introductions to knitting, assembling and generally teddying about. Or a cuppa and a chat! We will have some kits for novices, they are quite simple, so I encourage anyone to have a go and discover a new talent! The details will be told here and at Neighbourhood House.

Great to have volunteers uniting to help others, and Woodend is a very generous and giving community – well done all!

By Robyn Grant, Woodend Red Cross 0407 049 190

Birds of a feather

A captivating display of birds will be perched in the Macedon Ranges this month and visitors are invited to take them home.

More than 30 of the region's most talented artists will present a range of work as part of 'FLOCK', a bird themed exhibition organised by the Macedon Ranges Art Trail.

It is on at The Old Auction House, 52-56 Mollison Street, Kyneton from November 2 to 27. Many of the artists will be at the gallery on Sunday, November 12 from 12pm to 4pm to meet visitors and discuss their art. The exhibition is open daily.

By Nadine Hartnett

It takes a Community

Newham Primary School's Kitchen Garden program increases its gardening capacity.

Thanks to the generosity of Bunnings, Woodend Men's Shed, Richgro and Coolaroo Newham Primary School has added two new wicking beds to its Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program. The beds were filled ready for planting by volunteer parents and the two senior classes as part of the kitchen garden program.

This latest addition follows the newly established orchard of 23 fruit trees; the outcome of a \$1000 VSGA grant secured in 2016, parent volunteers and community contributions.

The Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program was introduced to the school at the end of 2013 when the number of enrolled students was just 89. Since then the school has grown to 135 students with the two senior classes taking part in the program.



Newham Primary School students Charlie, Kasey and Robert with Kevin, John, Paul, Brian, Barry and Bob from the Woodend Men's Shed.

The local community has played an integral role in the establishment and ongoing development of the program with the Newham Landcare Group and the Newham Garden Club regularly providing funding for projects and specialist sessions, community members contributing their expertise, and parents volunteering on projects and in kitchen garden classes.

Newham Primary School's Kitchen Garden Specialist, Carol Tillyer, hopes the community will continue to support the program as plans are made to build an outdoor shelter and water tank to harvest rain water for the orchard and wicking beds.

Words + photo By Carol Tillyer, Newham Primary School Kitchen Garden Specialist

CK Start Up:

Dance and Drama Program at Windarring

A dynamic group of talented people from Castlemaine and Kyneton Windarring Centres meet each Friday in Kyneton to explore creative movement, dance and drama. The group formed at the start of 2017 as a breakaway group that was growing too large at Gisborne's Windarring Centre. The have named themselves 'CK Start Up'.

Supported by two artistic facilitators and support workers, the group have explored improvised movement and dance, stylised dances, mime, drama games, creative exploration of props/costumes and sound/voice work. They have put on a small but wonderful performance for family and friends midway through the year and are busily and excitedly preparing for their first public performance to be held at Kyneton Baptist Church on Friday 8 December: 6pm, so save the date! We warmly welcome you all to our waking dream, co-created by group members featuring singing, dance, drama and shadow puppetry. More details coming soon.

If you can help, we would love donations of Superman costume items, as well dog, cat, frog and fox costume items such as masks, capes and headbands in varying sizes: Please contact Marita 0404 008 432.

By Marita Jacobsson

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The ATO also advised Martin that if the superannuation is not paid by the company he could be liable personally as a director of the company and face further penalties.

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MRSG Screening of

'Tomorrow':

a positive vision for a sustainable future

The November screening of Movies that Matter will take place on Tuesday 14 November, 7.30pm, upstairs at the Vic Hotel in Woodend. Our film this month is a documentary called 'Tomorrow'. This film sets out to showcase alternative and creative ways of viewing agriculture, economics, energy and education. It offers constructive solutions to act on a local level to make a difference on a global level. It is optimistic and positive! Come along and be inspired...

Movies that Matter is a program of films hosted by the Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group [MRSG]. Films are selected to achieve a mix of enlightening, thought-provoking, educating, motivating and inspiring stories about our planet, the threats it faces and the people working to implement sustainable solutions. Films screen on the second Tuesday of the month, 7.30pm, upstairs at the Vic Hotel. Patrons are encouraged to have a meal at the Vic before the film and can take a drink upstairs to enjoy while watching. MRSG are very grateful for the ongoing support of the Vic Hotel.

By Anita Foerster, MRSG

2018 Australia Day grants open

Macedon Ranges Shire Council is seeking nominations for the 2018 Australia Day Awards, and grant applications from community groups planning to hold free Australia Day community events.

If you know an individual or group in your community achieving excellent things in their field and are community role models, nominate them today.

The awards give the opportunity for Council and our community to recognise and celebrate inspirational people who make ongoing contributions to the shire.

Nominations are open in the following categories:

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Community Achievement
- Community Event
- Arts Ambassador

Entry is open to all people who live, work or study in the Macedon Ranges Shire at the time of nomination.

If you are involved with a community group that's planning to hold a free Australia Day event, you can apply for an Australia Day celebration grant up to \$500.

Both award nominations and grant applications close on Wednesday 8 November 2017. For more information about the award categories, nominations forms and grant applications, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/australiaday or pick up a form from one of Council's customer service centres.

Award winners will be announced at the Australia Day

By Anne-Marie Middlemast For M.R.S.C

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CLUB HIGHLIGHTS
+ NEWS
by Mike Hamer

Rotary in Action

This month we look back on an eventful BBQ in Sunbury, and look forward to a couple of great events

in November, to which everyone is welcome.

Rotary BBQ 'takes off' at Bunnings Sunbury.

On a blustery Sunday in Sunbury, Woodend Rotarians proved that the art of extreme barbequing is alive and well. Anyone who has been hardware shopping at the weekend knows that the Bunnings BBQ is an iconic fund raiser for local service clubs.

'The Bunnings BBQ is an essential part of the Club's fund raising activities' said Josephine Falzarano, director of community service for Woodend Rotary. 'A team of 8 intrepid Rotarians, braved the wind to cook snags and onions on the Bunnings forecourt. There were a few scary moments when we thought the canopy would take off and we lost a few paper napkins, flying off into the car park, but overall it was a great day.'

In total, Woodend Rotary sold nearly \$1500 of snags and drinks on the day. 'The funds raised will be used to support our local community programs such as the Halloween Children's Party and our recent support of the Macedon Ranges Suicide Prevention Action Group' said Josephine. 'As Woodend Rotary continues to grow, we hope we will be able to expand our local programs to support more worthy causes in the area.'



Extreme barbequers Malcolm Duffield and Annie Hamer defying the wind.

What's on at Rotary in November.

The regular Rotary Club meeting takes places at the Victoria Hotel, Woodend every Thursday at 6.45pm. This month we have a couple of guest speakers who may be of interest to others in our community. Macedon artist Kate Nolan will be speaking on 9 November about her work. Specialising in botanical illustration, Kate is a freelance natural history illustrator whose work is scientifically accurate as well as beautiful. She also paints insects, crustaceans, molluscs – and wedding bouquets! Kate's paintings have won awards and she is in demand as a guest speaker and teacher.

On 16 November, Brian Purcell of Woodend Health and Fitness will give a talk on fitness and ageing. Please note this session will take place at 7pm at Woodend Health and Fitness, Wood St. Brian will give tips on how to maintain health and muscle mass as we age and will give a demonstration of some exercises that can be used at home as well as in the gym. Refreshments and supper will be served.

"It's our aim to cover a wide range of topics that are relevant to community life" said Peter Wilmott, president of Woodend Rotary. "This year we have had speakers from international Agencies, local community groups, a talk on life in Afghanistan and even a presentation on the implementation of the NBN in Woodend- a topic that sparked a lot of debate! Anyone is welcome to come along to our Thursday sessions. We're light on formality and big on social interaction and making a difference in the Woodend community."

If you would like more details about our upcoming events or would just like to come to a meeting and see if it's for you, please contact Membership co-ordinator Mike Hamer on 0411 549 432- or just turn up at The Vic any Thursday- you'll be made very welcome.

By Mike Hamer

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a message from
Cr. Jenn Anderson

Unbelievably, it has now been one year since the election of the new Council.

It has been a busy and productive time and I have fully appreciated the support that my fellow councillors, staff and the community have given me over this last year as your mayor.

So, what's new in the world of Council?

In November, we say farewell to outgoing CEO, Mr Peter Johnston. I thank him for his commitment to Council over the past almost 10 years.

Our new CEO will be commencing on Monday 13th November. Please make Margot Stork feel welcome as she settles in. For more details have a look at our website.

Council will have recorded and live streamed our Ordinary Council Meeting in October for the first time. Hopefully we will look like old professionals by the November meeting. This means if it is not convenient to go to a meeting, or you want to see what happened on a particular topic, you can go to our website and watch us debate issues in the comfort of your own home. Feedback about the process is welcome.

Also continue to get people around you on board with your ideas as this helps us to know what is important for Woodend and what we should fund in the budget and advocate for on your behalf.

Take care, and I am sure to see you out and about as the days get warmer and longer.

Jennifer



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Woodend Library held birthday celebrations over the school holidays!

The Cat in the Hat turned 60 this year and Woodend library teamed up with the New Leaves bookshop to create a scavenger hunt. Woodend children (and many visitors) had fun searching for the Cat with a French twist in the Woodend shops.

Thanks to New Leaves and all the Woodend businesses who 'hosted a cat' we appreciate your support.

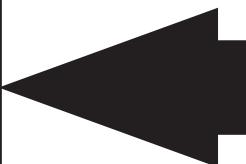


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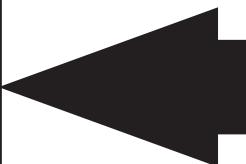
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By L. Richardson For Woodend Library

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More space means more people to feed so more tables to set and more food to prep. If you would like to volunteer one or two days a month to help prepare our community lunch and be part of our team for 2018 please get in touch. Better still, come along for lunch on Friday 17 November at midday and see for yourself what it is all about - call and let us know you are coming - 5427 1845.

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By Angela Van Dam, for Woodend Neighbourhood House

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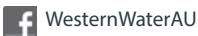


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Don't rely on mains water supply this fire season

Western Water is warning Woodend residents it cannot guarantee people's usual water supply or pressure during a bushfire.

Although it is well-prepared for the fire season, Western Water's networks can be affected by fire too.

In the event of a fire, if electricity is cut or water infrastructure is affected, pumps and other equipment may fail, cutting the mains water supply.

If there is extremely high demand for water from customers and the CFA during a fire, water pressure may drop. Western Water also recommends keeping 10-15 litres of drinking water stored during summer in case water quality is affected by bushfire.

Residents should consult their local CFA about their options for protecting their family and property during a fire.

Western Water's preparations include having backup generators ready, water storage tanks at high capacity, and staff on call during the fire danger period. Residents can also help the community to be prepared for fire season by 'adopting' a fire hydrant near their home, to keep it free of debris and vegetation.

If you think a hydrant needs maintenance, report it by calling Western Water on 1300 650 422, filling in a form at WesternWater.com.au or sending a message via Facebook.

By K. Smith for Western Water

Ranges Seniors Festivity

Macedon Seniors and Kyneton Seniors celebrated Seniors Week with Woodend Seniors in their clubroom at Woodend Community Centre on Friday 13th October.

There were 72 members in attendance for the Lunch and Cameron Mason provided the enjoyable entertainment.

First Prize in the raffle went to Gloria S, 2nd prize Barbara Gardener, 3rd prize Julie Hoskens, 4th prize Barbara Gardener.

If you would like to know more about Woodend Seniors please phone Alma on 54271644 or 0400 134478.



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Relay for Life is holding its 16th Relay at Lancefield in 2018 at Lancefield Park. Over that time, we have raised over \$1.4 million dollars for Cancer Council Victoria's cancer research, prevention and support programs

Relay for Life is an inspirational, empowering and emotional community led experience, where locals form teams and walk overnight to support those with cancer, while fundraising for Cancer Council Victoria.

Touching ceremonies include an Opening Lap dedicated to cancer Survivors and their Carers, an evening Candlelight Ceremony to honour those lost to cancer and personal pledges to cut the risk of cancer. Relayers often arrive as complete strangers – and leave as friends united by their cancer experience.

Each year, Relay for Life is held in 20 countries worldwide and 200 communities around Australia and every Relay is organised by a local volunteer committee.

If you are interested in registering a team, joining a team or helping with the planning or on the day please contact us via email lancefieldrfl@cancervic.org.au or call 1300 65 65 85 or visit our web and Facebook pages (just look up Lancefield Relay For Life).

By getting involved with Relay for Life, you can create a community experience to support locals touched by cancer – and help Hope Live in the Macedon Ranges.

By K Lakey

Premier inspects plans for Woodend station carpark

Premier Daniel Andrews joined Member for Macedon Mary-Anne Thomas and Member for Northern Victoria Mark Gepp in Woodend to view plans for the car park expansion.

The expansion of more than 200 extra car parks at Woodend Station will make it quicker and easier for locals to park and catch the train.

As part of these works, new line markings and lighting will be installed to improve safety, with the Parkiteer bike cage also being upgraded to improve facilities for cyclists.

Plans are afoot to upgrade other station car parks across the Macedon Ranges, with 40 spaces recently upgraded at Gisborne Station, 100 new spaces to open in Kyneton, 50 spaces set for Clarkefield and 110 spaces coming to Macedon.

Car park works at Woodend and Macedon Station will be complete next year and are part of the Government's Road and Rail Minor Works Program. Ms Thomas said "we're continuing to fix and improve local services and have added 38 new V/Line services on the Bendigo line this year. New trains, more services and better stations is what locals want."

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By T Tyler Office of Mary-Anne Thomas
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— October —

**31 Woodend Halloween Party -
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— November —

- 3 MRSC Planning scheme review - expressions of interest
- 2 - 27 'Flocks' Art exhibition-The Old Auction House, Kyneton
- 4-7 Woodend Art Group exhibition
- 4-5 Art show - M. R. Ranges Art Group
- 4, 6 & 20 Community volunteering information session - Woodend Library
- 8 Australia Day grants close
- 9 Rotary guest speaker-Kate Nolan,
- 11 MRSC Chilean Needle Grass workshop
- 12 St Marys re-hallowing service
- 14 Movies that matter 'Tomorrow'
- 16 Rotary guest speaker-Brian Purcell Woodend Health & Fitness
- 17 Community Lunch - RSL
- 17-3/12 Mt Players 'Present Laughter'
- 18-19 Budburst, food & wine festival
- 19+26 The Gisborne Singers concert
- 24 Australian Air Force Cadets information evening
- 25 Macedon Primary School Fete
- 25 Red Cross Woodend Christmas Stall
- 26 Carlsruhe Country Fair

— December —

- 2 Inaugural Community Ball, presented by Sacred Heart College
- 2-10 'Geomorphic Moods of the Macedon & Cobaw Ranges' Exhibition
- 8 Windarrings 'CK Start Up' Perform
- 15 Christmas Community Lunch - RSL

— March 2018 —

- 24 Whole Town Garage Sale

Lights, camera, action at Council meetings

Macedon Ranges residents and ratepayers can witness democracy in action from the comfort of their own computer or mobile device, with the commencement of live video streaming of Council meetings from Wednesday 25 October.

The recordings will be undertaken in the Council Chamber at the Gisborne Administration Centre, where all Ordinary and Special Council meetings are held, allowing people to view the 'live' meeting via the internet or access the recording at a later date.

Within 48 hours of each meeting, the recording will be uploaded to Council's website with bookmarks for each agenda item so that people can choose the issues that interest them. Archived recordings will remain on the website for up to 12 months.

A protocol governs the livestreaming and recording of Council meetings, and can be found at mrsc.vic.gov.au/livestream. This policy addresses privacy, defamation, copyright and other legal considerations associated with public recordings of this nature.

The visual recording area has been set up to, as much as possible, exclude members of the public gallery, however there may be instances where this is unavoidable. In addition, even if a member of the public's face is not in view, their voice will be recorded if they speak or ask a question.

Mayor, Cr Jennifer Anderson said live streaming of Council meetings was an excellent way to increase transparency around Council decision-making.

"It gives anyone with an internet-enabled device access to the way we debate issues and make decisions. By watching it in real-time, you can feel part of the action—or if you missed the meeting, you can go back and watch it at a time and place that suits you.

"This convenience and flexibility is important, particularly when work and family commitments make it hard for residents to attend meetings. It's also a great way for ratepayers living outside the shire to stay up-to-date with local issues," she said.

To access the live streaming function or view a past recording, go to mrsc.vic.gov.au/livestream.

By Anne-Marie Middlemast For M.R.S.C.

Born Local?

Kyneton Hospital is now rolling out its KDH 100 Faces campaign to boost local births. The Facebook page is [@proudlybornkyneton](#).

Many Woodend residents were born local. The community is invited to join in this celebratory count of past, present and future babies. If you or someone in your family is a KDH born kid, you are invited to tag the campaign page in a visitor post. You can include:

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**By N. Dowling For
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Your patience is appreciated. We don't want you to wait, but sometimes it is unavoidable.

Bow-ties for men's health



We're encouraging the community to get behind Mo-vember again this year to raise awareness about men's health. Some staff will be wearing bow-ties (instead of moustaches) to raise awareness and funds.

Please visit the Movember Foundation website
<https://au.movember.com/>

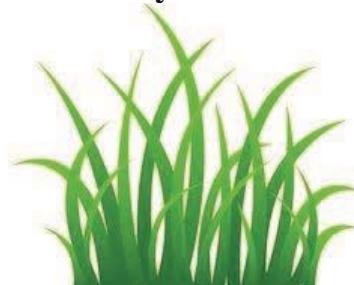
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Hay fever



Hay fever is the common term for allergic rhinitis (an allergy that affects the nose). It applies to an allergic reaction to things in the environment such as animal hair, dust mites or pollens. Some occur all year round and others, such as pollens are seasonal.

Symptoms can include a runny nose, sneezing, itching nose, eyes, throat and even ears.

Speak with your doctor about management. As discussed in our October news page, those with allergy to grass pollens are vulnerable to Thunderstorm Asthma – a possibly fatal occurrence. Your doctor can help you plan for this so make an appointment. For further details and links, go to www.bsme.net.au

Don't wait until Friday afternoon

Some patients who have felt quite ill during the week wait until Friday afternoon to seek an appointment. This may put the patient at risk – especially where symptoms such as chest pain are ignored.

When you're unwell and need assessment and / or treatment, please don't leave it until the last minute to seek assistance.

Flu

The Department of Health has reported a considerable rise in the number of people with confirmed influenza this year.

At the time of writing, flu is still affecting high numbers in our community. For this reason, you are still advised to consider immunisation. We have vaccines in stock and patients can book into the treatment room or with their regular doctor for immunisation.

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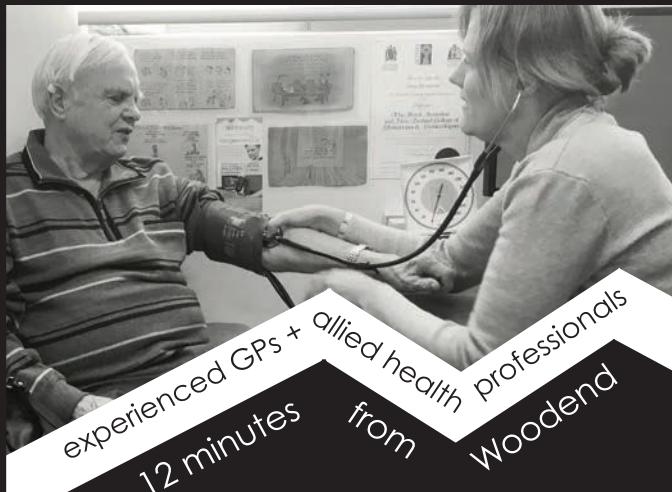
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Is hearing a health matter?

Deteriorating hearing makes it increasingly difficult for us to converse with other people. We may mishear things with greater frequency and find ourselves keep asking people to repeat themselves. Outsiders can often react with incomprehension.

All these eats away at our self-confidence and can have a negative impact on our general well-being and our quality of life as a whole. But can hearing loss also increase our chances of developing dementia?

Research by the John Hopkins School of Medicine showed a strong association between hearing loss and both the earlier onset and more serious degrees of dementia and Alzheimer's disease. Although the reason for the link between the two conditions is unknown, the investigators suggest that a common pathology may underlie both, or that the strain of decoding sounds over the years may overwhelm the brains of people with hearing loss, leaving them more vulnerable to dementia.

They also speculate hearing loss could lead to dementia by making individuals more socially isolated, a known risk factor for dementia and other cognitive disorders.

"These findings emphasise just how important it is to be proactive in addressing hearing loss and make hearing assessments a part of the general health check. A baseline hearing test should be done for anyone above 50 years of age," says Lilian Scherer, the director at Woodend Hearing Centre.

Don't wait to get your hearing checked - leaving hearing loss untreated could pose a serious risk.

Hearing loss can, of course, also be caused by medical, genetic or simply unknown factors. However, one thing is clear: hearing loss is one of the most common health conditions in Australia. Today, one in six people have some degree of hearing impairment and it is a silent health condition that can take up to 8 years to be noticed.

Could we do something to reduce the effects of hearing loss, cognitive decline and to improve general health? Absolutely! Get your hearing tested, get it managed, and enjoy a longer cognitively active life.

Call Woodend Hearing Centre on 0425 238 109 or 5427 1002 to have your hearing assessed today.

BY OLIVER RAETZ FOR WOODEND HEARING

Knit & Knatter

St Mary's Guild are meeting on Wednesday 18 November from 11am at the Norma Richardson Hall for its regular Knit and Natter.

We have an abundance of squares that need assembling into blankets by crocheting or sewing. So come along and be a part of a friendly group. Please bring your own lunch and enjoy a coffee or tea with us.

By Sylvia Mathews, St Mary's Guild Secretary

Council to close Occasional Care program

Macedon Ranges Shire Council adopted a recommendation at its Ordinary Council Meeting on Wednesday to close its Occasional Care program at the end of the year after a review confirmed a steady decline in use since 2014.

The service currently operates across two sites in Woodend including Buffalo Stadium two days per week and one day a week from the Cobaw Children's Hub.

The review identified that the program had experienced challenges in relation to staffing costs, declining participation and viability.

In recent months, due to very low enrolments, Council reduced the service to one day per week and maintained a wait list for the other days.

Mayor, Cr Jennifer Anderson said that Council's primary responsibility is to deliver quality, financially sustainable services that meet community needs. "Discontinuing a Council-run service is never an easy decision. "We know the program has been underutilised for some time now which suggests that it's not meeting the current needs of families in the area.

"Closing the program means that Council can allocate funds elsewhere, whilst continuing to monitor changes in our communities and their need for various child care services," she said.

A period of community consultation was undertaken in August this year inviting feedback from the community on Council's intention to close the service.

The service will close as of 20 December 2017. Children currently enrolled in the program will be able to continue using the service until then.



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Cobaw's Healthy Community Access Hub

In March 2017, Cobaw Community Health (Cobaw) was allocated \$9.77M from the Victorian Government's Regional Health Infrastructure Fund to build a new community health facility in Kyneton. This new facility will replace the almost 90 year old building that we currently operate from at 47 High St, Kyneton and will form the head office of Cobaw's growing sites including Woodend and the new Romsey site that will be completed mid-2018. Over the last six months the Healthy Community Access Hub project has progressed to investigating possible locations for the new building. Recently Cobaw shared with key stakeholders that the preferred location for the new building was a portion of the soon to be vacated Kyneton Primary School site.

The future use of the Kyneton Primary School site is currently being explored as part of a master plan being developed by Macedon Ranges Shire Council in conjunction with Regional Development Victoria.

Cobaw's funding agreement with the Department of Health and Human Services for the new building requires the organisation to adhere to strict timelines for the project's completion. Due to the indefinite timeline of the primary school site master planning process and the inability to align this with funding timelines, the opportunity for Cobaw to be a part of the future use of the Kyneton Primary School site cannot be realised. Cobaw will consider alternative site options for the purpose-built

building that will provide the best possible facilities for the community.

Cobaw will continue to engage in the shire's master planning process, recognising the importance and potential of this site to support community health and wellbeing.

Margaret McDonald, CEO, said, "Cobaw looks forward to continuing to work with community members, stakeholders and staff to design and build an amazing new facility in Kyneton which will deliver more services to meet the needs of local people for many years."

Cobaw welcomes community participation around the design scope and further information on these opportunities will be posted early next year on Cobaw's website www.cobaw.org.au

By Amity Bradford, Corporate Services & Communications Manager 5421 1650

Plantation Operation Notification



HVP Plantations will be commencing harvesting of the Mt Macedon pine plantations from this summer. Harvesting will be undertaken in stages over the next 2 years, mainly during the summer months. Once harvesting has been completed on these currently leased plantations, the area will transition to DELWP for revegetation and ongoing management.

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Wine review

This month the two wines reviewed are from a fairly new label that's produced by Brian Martin called Hunter-Gatherer Vinters. Brian knows the region very well having crafted a number of wines for others over the past thirteen years.

Brian sources fruit from a number of growers in Macedon Ranges and Heathcote, as well as his family's 70 acre property in Pipers Creek. The

property has 12 acres under vine and is being painstakingly brought back to full production, early results are the fruits of his labour are well worth it.

2016 Hunter-Gatherer Vinters Pinot Noir

This recently won the trophy for the best Pinot Noir at the 2017 Macedon Ranges wine show and you can see why.

The wine is a blend of fruit sourced from the Estate Pipers Creek vineyard and a vineyard in Romsey. The blending of the two sites has resulted in a wine that benefits from the structure and concentration that comes from Pipers

Creek and the more floral, rounded and spiced characters that are typically afforded to the wines of Romsey.

The nose opens up with dark cherry, rhubarb and sage, with oak adding some supportive spice that complements the fruit. This is a pinot that has fine bones, yet is deeply satisfying in terms of concentration and complexity.

There is a baseline of tightly coiled dark

berry fruits that are framed by fine but ever present tannin with a continued backdrop of spice and earth.

The length to finish is excellent, with the wine sure to continue to evolve over many years to come.

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years.

At the time of tasting the wine was not yet released but it will be just in time for the Macedon Ranges Budburst Festival (18 + 19 November).

Rated: 95 | Drink: 2017 – 2030 | Price: \$25

Patrick Eckel

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Newham Craft De-Stash

Save the date! Saturday 7 April 2018

Calling all crafters! Newham Craft Group will be conducting a new community event for the area at the Newham Mechanics Institute hall. You can de-stash, recycle, and re-vamp your art and craft supplies that have been gathering in your drawers or garages! Book a table to sell your wares!

Or come along to learn & buy supplies for a new hobby. Great bargains to be had. Craft demonstrations & children's activities on the day. Free entry. Café on site for cuppa & cake. Newham General Store across the road for more substantial fare. Tables, at a nominal charge, are limited. No large retail concerns.

All profits from the day will go to the maintenance of Newham Mechanics Institute hall. Book a table or save the date! (More information + bookings, contact Fran Spain 5427 0661.

By F. Spain

Drive in for movies in Lancefield

St. Mary's Primary School Lancefield is running it's Drive in Movie night for the 10th year in a row.

Over the years there have been several changes to the night, but the one thing that has remained a constant - even through rain, hail and thunderstorms - is a brilliant feel good, family night out.

2017 will see yet another change to the night with our Grade 5/6 students being responsible for running a carnival in conjunction with the Drive in Movie. The carnival will run from the gate open time of 6pm through until 8pm at which time everyone starts to move back to their cars to enjoy the screening of the Emoji Movie.

There are 11 stalls for everyone to take part in and something for all ages and abilities. The stalls are based around craft, sports, fashion and food. The stalls will be \$2 each to take part or you can purchase a wrist band which will allow unlimited participation for \$15.

Hot food, BBQ and coffee van will be running as per previous years and the giant inflatable slide will be set up and free of charge to all children attending the show.

The entry price for the night is \$50 per car and all bookings, including wrist band purchase, can be made through Try Booking at <https://www.trybooking.com/SCWD>.

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The work will be performed in English and will be accompanied by a full orchestra with some of their favourite soloists; soprano, Cristina Russo, tenor, Christopher Roache and bass, Manfred Pohlenz.

The Gisborne Singers recommend you book early to secure your seats as recent concerts have been sold out. There will be two performances, November 19th at Our Lady of the Rosary, Kyneton and November 26 at Church of Christ, New Gisborne. For bookings visit the choir's website, gisbornesingers.org.au.

By Robert Blair

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Obituaries

Vale Joan Podrazil

26th June 1922 — 31st October 2017

It is with great sadness that Woodend Red Cross farewell one of our longest serving members. Joan joined Red Cross in 1983 after the Ash Wednesday fires, and only stopped attending meetings in recent years after moving into Aged Care.

Born in England in 1922, Joan became a radio operator during WW2. This would determine her life course, as she met her future husband over the air waves. Joan had an on-air incident with an Australian airman. According to Joan the Aussies were cheeky and could be ill-disciplined. The man in question was told by his commanding officer to meet with and apologise to her. They married soon after and their first son was born before the war ended.

At war's end, Joan travelled with her son on-board a ship full of war brides and children headed for Australia. She made life-long friendships during the journey, and eventually settled with her husband's family in the Western suburbs of Melbourne.

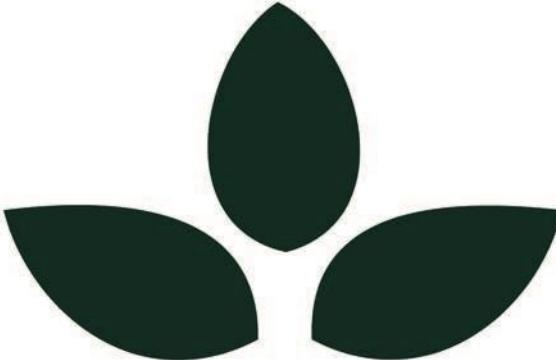


Joan Podrazil
26.06.1922—31.08.2017

Three more children would follow. Sadly, the marriage did not last and Joan became a working mother of four, who did her best to support her family. For twenty plus years she worked in a carpet factory in Tottenham; and it is here she met the great love of her life. Frank Podrazil was a Czechoslovakian refugee and he and Joan married and moved to a property near Hanging Rock. Her children spoke fondly of this time in her life; a time of great happiness and contentment. Tragically Frank died when only in his early 60s, and Joan moved into Woodend and busied herself with her four children, many grand-children and her work with the Red Cross. The ladies established the local Toy Library in response to the Ash Wednesday fires, and were famous for their catering and endless fundraising. Joan served as Branch Secretary for more than 10 years.

During her funeral service, there were two words used by her son Stephen to best describe Joan. Courageous and Authentic. All of us at Woodend Red Cross would heartily agree. Farewell Joan, and thank you for your friendship.

By Marion Coulson.



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Born at Christmas - a life of service

Beverley Jean Juriansz

25th December 1930 – 23rd September 2017

Much loved Woodend resident, Bev Juriansz passed away in her own home aged 86, surrounded by her family. She was active and independent until July when medical complications from a heart condition required intensive support and care, which she received from her family during the last eight weeks of her life.

Bev was a dedicated community worker and many around town would know her as one of the longest serving members of the Uniting Church Op Shop.

Born in Sri Lanka (then known as Ceylon - part of the British Empire) Bev's family were Burghers, a minority ethnicity with European heritage.

Bev was born into a family of nine, though three died as infants and later, she lost a teenage sister to diabetes. Her father was a schoolteacher and her mother kept the home. Her family lived a comfortable life in the small village in Panadura. She recalled a happy childhood full of family gatherings and simple delights – playing cricket, climbing trees and stealing mangos.

As a schoolgirl, Bev represented Ceylon in a match against the English Women's Cricket Team, taking a catch to dismiss the opposition captain, a tale she enjoyed surprising people with in her later years.

Bev left home at 18 to train as a Nurse in a Colombo Hospital. Whilst there, she met her future husband Lloyd whom she married in 1951 and very soon after, 5 children followed.

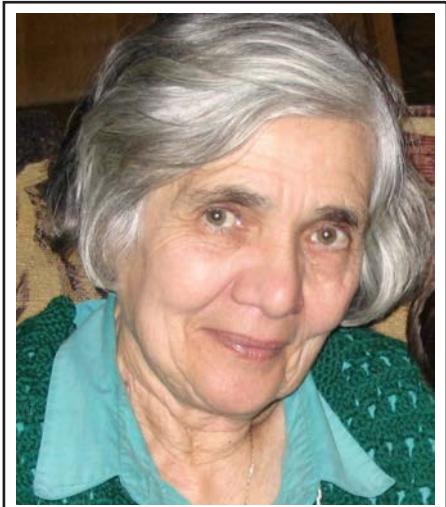
With civil strife following in the years after Sri Lanka gained independence from the British, the family decided to emigrate to Australia in 1962.

Two more children were born in Essendon where the family had chosen to settle. Lloyd retrained as a schoolteacher and Bev worked as a Nurse at the Sacred Heart (now John Fawkner Hospital).

In 1976, Lloyd and Bev and their two youngest children, David and Simone moved into their first home in Woodend. Lloyd taught at what is now Sunbury Secondary College. Bev juggled many jobs at once, nursing at Trentham Bush Hospital in addition to cleaning the Church and municipal offices. She only paused

"The loss to the town is profound and slower to reveal. We've lost a treasure, who preached love, acceptance and self-sacrifice. We would do well to emulate her."

Steve Scott, Woodend



for a couple of years in her early 60's while she battled and overcame cancer.

Bev's defining quality was her volunteer work. She had a wonderful way with children, teaching religious education in schools and at the kindergarten. Many in this shire will remember having been taught by her. She was also a volunteer at Devon Lodge, the local Aged Care home, neighbourhood house and was a well-known personality in the Op Shop right until her last days.

With her 'Tinkerbell' like creativity she spread magic to those in need and on Australia Day 1991, for her contribution to the community, Bev was named the Citizen of the Year for the Newham and Woodend Shire. Bev humbly accepted the award for service, which she saw as simply living according to her Christian values.

Bev never learnt to drive, and despite being progressive in her ideas she never embraced modern communication methods such as email or mobile phones. Because of this, many will remember Bev as a person who would stop and talk to you in the street, or tell you a funny story in the bank queue, or on the train.

To her family, Bev was mother to 7 children, 15 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. Each and every one of them unfailingly received cards and handmade gifts on their birthdays. She was a thoughtful, loving mother, selfless in her love and desire to help all around her.

Woodend has lost a friendly, caring soul who has given much to this community and who has touched the hearts of many with her kindness and humour.

Farewell Bev.



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Geomorphic Moods of the Macedon and Cobaw Ranges

An exhibition of paintings prints and photographs, December 2-10

Well-known local photographer, Bruce Hedge will join Woodend artist and print maker Robyn Leeder and Sydney artist Chrissie Lloyd to present an exhibition of images capturing the many moods and landscapes of the Ranges.

Chrissie Lloyd is a successful Sydney based artist who is captivated by the bones of landscape - the rocks that hold and shape our world. A long-time president of Lane Cove Art Society and exhibiting member of the Royal Art Society, her work is widely shown and has won many awards. Chrissie's paintings draw the viewer into the landscape, delighting in detail to capture the mood of the moment.

Bruce Hedge is well known for his stunning images of Hanging Rock, the surrounding landscapes and their community. A professional photographer, he has been resident of Newham for over 30 years. Bruce is an amateur geologist, permaculture expert, official rain data collector, amateur astronomer and sustainability advocate. His deep connection with the landscapes of the Ranges shines through in his breath-taking photographs.

With a background in architectural design, Robyn Leeder's art career began with watercolour and pastel. In recent years, her focus has moved to printmaking.

A member of Lane Cove Art Society and Woodend Art Group, she exhibits in Sydney and the Macedon Ranges, receiving many commendations. Robyn's linocuts, dry-point etchings and collagraphs give a different perspective on the Ranges environment - its landscapes, birds and buildings.

The exhibition will open at 2.00pm on Saturday December 2 by Woodend filmmaker and adventurer, Michael Dillon AM who describes himself as 'the missing link' - the person responsible for this unique collaboration. Together the work of these three artists will open your eyes to the wonder, beauty and changing moods of the Macedon and Cobaw Ranges.

Official Opening: Saturday 2nd December at 2pm, special guest - Michael Dillon AM, RSVP - Opening only, robynleeder-sart@gmail.com. Norma Richardson Hall, 15 Buckland Street, Woodend 3442. Gallery Hours 2 – 10 December. Hours: Saturdays 10.30am – 4.00pm | Sundays 1.00pm – 4.00pm | Tuesday 10.30am – 4.00pm | Wednesday 10.30am – 4.00pm | Friday 10.30am – 4.00pm | Closed Monday & Thursday. Supporting the ongoing restoration of St Marys Historic Bluestone Church. -Devonshire teas/coffees available from Sunday December 3.

By A. May



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Strict Local Laws in the Macedon Ranges for Burning Off.

The Macedon Ranges Shire recently changed the Local Laws in regard to 'burning off' in the open air. In fact, some properties that used to be able to burn off are no longer able to, and penalties may apply.

For example: "A person MUST NOT, without a permit, light a fire in the open air on land, including in an

incinerator, where the land size is less than 4,000 square metres". That's 1 acre. So, please visit the MRSC website to make sure you are covered.

Where you can burn without a permit, prior to the start of the Fire Restriction period, you should be very careful. If a burn escapes due to carelessness and damages someone else's property, you will be held responsible. The most common causes of a burn getting out of control are strong winds and, more importantly, human error!

Always register your burn-off

Call 1800 668 511 before you start a burn. Too often our volunteers are called to fight a fire which turns out to be a private burn.

- Keep your burn safe and legal.
- Never leave it unattended.
- Monitor weather conditions. If it's too windy you should delay.
- Have enough equipment and water to stop a fire spreading

Check fire restrictions in your area.

The use of chainsaws, lawn mowers, ride-ons and grass trimmers during the fire danger period

In recent years, we have attended a number of fires that were started by machinery of some kind. Many of these were started by people using ride-on mowers in long or longish grass. Whilst a common cause of such a fire will be the blades of the mower hitting a rock and sparking, they can also be easily started with grass getting caught in the belts of the undercarriage and coming in touch with the hot engine or exhaust. In several cases, not only were many acres burnt, but mowers were completely destroyed.

There are actually laws in place during the Fire Danger Period, when using such machinery. The operator of the machine must carry the following fire suppression equipment: a knapsack spray pump or water fire extinguisher, in working order, fully-charged with water, with a capacity of not less than 9 litres.

To find out more please visit the CFA website and download a copy of the 'Can I, Can't I' brochure. Or pick one up from your local CFA Brigade. For further information contact Captain Mick Christie on 0419 870 601 or 1st Lieutenant Mike Dornau on 0409 093 935. On Sundays call the Woodend CFA on 5427 2356 or visit the station in Urquhart Street. Or you can visit our website: www.woodendcfa.org.

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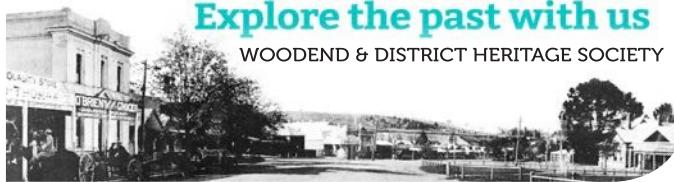
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Early Football in the Woodend District

Now that the Football Finals are over it is timely to look at a couple of early photos connected to the playing of football in this area. All the young men worked locally as the age of commuting to work lay in the distant future so every town and village had its own team. If there was no official area set apart for the game a local paddock was pressed into service.

Photo 40: (Top right) Woodend Football Team 1900-1901. Back Row: 3. George Donald, 5. Mark Gardiner, 7. Jack Wigham, 8. Harry Turner

Front Row, From Left: 2. Arthur Evans, 5. Eric Evans, 7. N Reynolds

Photo 51 (middle) The Woodend Football Club, 1904.

Photo 727 (bottom right) A Football match between Newham & Rochford in the 1920's. Newham team played their games in the paddock next to Bobby Adams house, across from the Newham School.

By J. Williams, Woodend & District Heritage Society



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Robert has performed in the Woodend Winter Arts Festival on numerous occasions, including as the lead role in Peri's Euridice, a very early opera that was premiered at WWAFA few years ago.

In this concert, Robert will explore the songs and music of W.F, C.P.E, J.C.F and J.C Bach – four of the musical offspring of one of history's great musical minds.

Woodend's John O'Donnell will accompany Robert on the Cristofori piano, a recent reproduction of the world's earliest piano and the only one in the Southern hemisphere. John and Robert have performed together on many occasions and this concert will be a marvellous experience of these two wonderful talents.

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"Present Laughter".... sure to raise a giggle

The Mount Players are well in to rehearsals for their next production "Present Laughter", a play by Noel Coward. Set in the 1930's, the play revolves around Garry Essendine (played by Michael Treloar), a stage actor approaching middle age. Garry is, and has been, somewhat "gallant" with the ladies during his lifetime and it is all coming home to roost as he prepares to depart for a performance tour of Africa. His secretary Monica Reed (Cherry Servis) does her best, with others, to keep him away from the romantic clutches of Joanna Lyppiatt (Justine Press), and the obsessive professional adoration of Roland Maule (Tim Allan). The play is light-hearted and entertaining and another excellent opportunity to enjoy a quality production by the The Mount Players.

Performances are between 17 November and 3rd December. Book on line through www.themountplayers.com.

By K. Hunt

Tennis Club makes final for Most Outstanding Venue

Woodend Tennis Club is excited to announce that it has made it to the final four for the Most Outstanding Venue in the 2017 Victorian Tennis Awards.

This title is awarded to the Club in Victoria that best demonstrates the following: a welcoming culture, accessibility to members and the local community, a great coaching program and strong links with local schools and other organisations, as well as outstanding facilities.

A film crew from Tennis Victoria visited the courts on Tuesday October 10 to capture what goes on at the club, with coaching, Fast4, ANZ Hot Shots and comp players all putting on a fantastic show in perfect weather. The two minute film will be aired at the Champions Awards Dinner on Monday 23 October. Fingers crossed we come home with a gong!

Woodend Tennis Club is incredibly proud to have made it through to the final four clubs in the state for this award. Big thanks to our fantastic volunteer committee, our sponsors and our wonderful members for making our club such a great place to be!

In other news, a new season of ANZ Hot Shots will be launching this spring. Commencing at the end of October, the club coaching team will be offering Blue Ball sessions for pre-schoolers and Red Ball for school age kids. ANZ Hot Shots is the perfect introduction to the lifelong sport of tennis and a great springboard to our other coaching programs. Modified balls, rackets and nets are used to make it easier to get the kids rallying right from the first lesson. All equipment is provided, kids just need to come down to the courts and get ready to have some fun. Full details to follow shortly via our Facebook page and website www.woodendtennis.org.au.

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Colour Run a Huge Success

The fourth Macedon Ranges Health Annual Colour Fun Run & Walk was an outstanding success this year with over 650 participants and 100 volunteers taking part in the event. The community have embraced this event and are such enthusiastic participants. MRH's Exercise Physiologist Jamie Hart spent some time stretching and warming the participants up and the weather gods were on our side again. The MRH Allied Health team also attended the event including the Mental Health support team, Physiotherapy team, Naturopath Leisa and of course we had one of our nurses Judith ensuring first aid was available.

Don Tidbury Macedon Ranges Health CEO said "For this to be our fourth year of the event and have such continued enthusiasm and support from the community is incredible. The Colour Run is Macedon Ranges Health's flagship health promotion event, and it provides a great day out for the family whilst encouraging healthy, active lifestyles and social inclusion".

All funds raised directly support Macedon Ranges Health, an independent not-for-profit provider of primary care, NDIS, welfare, home care and residential aged care.

This event could not happen without the financial support of sponsors and the amazing team of volunteers. Major sponsors this year were the Bendigo Bank and Neal Street Medical Clinic. Volunteer groups who ensure the event remains incident free but still fun included the Mens Shed, Live4Life Crew, Gisborne Scouts, Gisborne Thunder Swimming Club, Gisborne Church of Christ, Bendigo Bank, Rotary and the SES. We also had many individuals and MRH staff contribute to the success of the event.

By Kelly Milne for Macedon Ranges Health



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Play bowls month a great success

This year the Woodend Bowling Club took part in Bowls Victoria's 'Play Bowls Month' during October, which included a range of FREE events for our community.

Hundreds of people, of all ages, came to at least one of the many weekday, Saturday and Sunday Social Bowls, Friday Night under Lights and an Open Day. One of the most popular, and keenly contested, was the Battle of the Sports Clubs under lights which attracted teams from the Woodend Football & Netball Club, Woodend Masters Football Club, Woodend Cricket Club, Woodend Golf Club, Gisborne Soccer Club and Woodend Hanging Rock Petanque Club. At the time of writing, the final had not been played, so details next month.

If you were unable to attend during October, we are always keen and willing to give people a chance to experience the Woodend Bowling Club. You also don't need to play competition bowls to be a member. We offer a choice of Social Memberships that allow you to bowl socially at your leisure or to just enjoy the clubhouse and bar facilities.

Bowls is an easy game to pick-up if you have never played before, and perfect for players of all ages, genders and abilities. We will supply everything else ... the bowls, the greens and some members to help you get started.

Our Schools Program is growing.

The Woodend Bowling Club is keenly developing a program that involves our local schools in a Junior Jack Attack Program. Earlier this year, we had students from Braemar College come to the club for several sessions that involved both introductory lessons and some competitions.

Late in October we had around 130 students from St Ambrose Primary School, grades 3 to 6, come to the club to learn the basics of the game. They are coming back in early November, when we will make things a little more competitive.

We then have sessions planned with the Woodend Primary School, which will follow the same fun and introductory program.

The weather is warming up for Barefoot Bowls

Last year we had a very successful summer season of Barefoot Bowls. Several local clubs and businesses also incorporated this into their Christmas Parties. If you are planning a social event in our warmer weather, Barefoot Bowls at the Woodend Bowling Club is a fun and entertaining way to ensure a successful event.

For more information please call our NEW phone number 0448 769 366, visit our website at www.woodendbowlsclub.weebly.com. You can also follow us on Facebook.

By Mike Dornau, President Woodend Bowling Club Inc.

Woodend Hanging Rock Petanque Club

Smythsdale Triples

Five teams competed best result Bill and Darelle Salathiel, Chinka Steel equal third in Complimentaire. Club Member Shirley Marshall playing in a composite Team finished second in Principal

Mt Macedon Triples

Best result Chantal Moritz, Clive Potter, Chinka Steel with four team competing

Upcoming Events

- Avoca Triples on 18/19 November
- Petanque At The Rock Triples

Why not come and see your local players doing battle with teams from around Victoria.

We play every Thursday afternoon from 5.00pm. Come and try, we offer free tuition and boules are available.

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Ring Jill Shaw on 0409 959 499 Or Player Liaison Officer Chinka Steel 0427 272 826 for more information.



Woodend Hanging Rock Petanque Club members Marilyn Steel, Carol Richards, Helen Cottew, Jenny Large, Joan Gladman, Jill Shaw , Bill Salathiel

by C Steele

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Woodend Tennis Club makes final for Most Outstanding Venue in Victoria

Woodend Tennis Club is excited to announce that it has made it to the final four for the Most Outstanding Venue in the 2017 Victorian Tennis Awards.

This title is awarded to the Club in Victoria that best demonstrates the following: a welcoming culture, accessibility to members and the local community, a great coaching program and strong links with local schools and other organisations, as well as outstanding facilities.

A film crew from Tennis Victoria visited the courts on Tuesday 10th October to capture what goes on at the club, with coaching, Fast4, ANZ Hot Shots and comp players all putting on a fantastic show in perfect weather.

The two minute film will be aired at the Champions Awards Dinner on Monday 23 October. Fingers crossed we come home with a gong!

Woodend Tennis Club is incredibly proud to have made it through to the final four clubs in the state for this award. Big thanks to our fantastic volunteer committee, our sponsors and our wonderful members for making our club such a great place to be!

In other news, a new season of ANZ Hot Shots will be launching this spring. Commencing at the end of October, the club coaching team will be offering Blue Ball sessions for preschoolers and Red Ball for school age kids. ANZ Hot Shots is the perfect introduction to the lifelong sport of tennis and a great springboard to our other coaching programs. Modified balls, rackets and nets are used to make it easier to get the kids rallying right from the first lesson. All equipment is provided, kids just need to come down to the courts and get ready to have some fun. Full details to follow shortly via our Facebook page and website www.woodendtennis.org.au.

By Chloe Green

Woodend-Hesket Masters star in National AFL Masters Carnival

The Woodend-Hesket Masters were well represented in the Vic Country Masters team that played in the National AFL Masters Carnival held in Geelong last week, with Hawks star Nick Watkins being named in the All Australian side.

Competitions ranged from over 35s, over 40s, over 45s, over 50s, and over 60s showing Aussie Rules football is increasingly being played among men and women when hanging up the boots is expected.

The carnival also held the first Women's Masters competition, with representatives from the Kyneton Senior Women's team playing



for Vic Country.

Woodend's Gerome Raco, Anthony Woodcock, Rodney McDaniel, Ray Tadd, Leigh Barker and Nick Watkins all played exceptional games for Vic Country, and proving Woodend-Hesket's talent pool runs deep.

Anthony Woodcock was named captain of the Vic Country 45s Division 1 team, and polling 14 votes to finish fourth in the side's best-and-fairest award.

Rodney McDaniel polled well to finish with 12 votes in the 35d division.

But the weekend belonged to Hawks star Nick Watkins who played in an undefeated premiership team, and finished second in the over 50s best-and-fairest awards with 19 votes, and was named in the All Australian team. He also celebrated his 51st birthday on the weekend.

The Woodend-Hesket Masters have resumed training on Friday nights at 6.30pm at Buffalo Stadium in Woodend.

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