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— JUNE —

- 4UNDONE Kyneton Museum
- 5 Woodend Farmers' Market
- 12-14 Woodend Winter Arts Festival
- 13 A Taste of Ireland, Kyneton Town Hall
- 14 Queen's Birthday Holiday
- 16 St Mary's Knit and Natter
- 20 Lions Sunday Market

— JULY —

- 3 Woodend Farmers' Market
- 6 Creative Writing Workshop with Dee White, Library
- 11 Woodend Winter Arts Festival Event Day
- 21 St Mary's Knit and Natter

— AUGUST —

- 7 Woodend Farmers' Market
- 8 Woodend Winter Arts Festival Event Day
- 18 St Mary's Knit and Natter

— SEPTEMBER —

- 4 Woodend Farmers' Market
- 10-12 Wine Retreat at Lancelmore
- 15 St Mary's Knit and Natter

— OCTOBER —

- 2 Sustainable Living Festival

Woodend's Rain report

April was very dry, just 15.2mm compared to the average of about 52mm. Over the last 20 years we have only had one drier April and that was in 2019 when we received just 8mm. On the other hand in 2017 we received 166mm!

Month	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	av 5yr
January	27.8	80.0	9.8	73.6	92.6	56.8
February	26.5	3.8	12.0	67.8	32.4	28.5
March	23.7	31.7	12.2	79.6	47.0	38.8
April	165.0	31.0	7.6	139.8	15.2	71.7
May	38.6	115.6	114.8	79.0		
June	10.6	78.2	168.2	80.1		
July	60.0	73.3	63.2	49.3		
August	119.6	91.3	78.1	93.0		
September	55.2	26.2	38.3	56.3		
October	45.8	69.0	29.4	99.5		
November	77.4	55.5	64.8	54.4		
December	77.2	91.0	10.0	42.4		
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Our Covid-safe festival has:

- more space between events
- spaced over additional months
- regular venue cleaning
- ticketed events
- reduction of large crowds

Festival timetable

SATURDAY 12 JUNE

- 10am **Macedon Ranges Potters** Exhibition
10am **Gallery Artists** Exhibition
10am **Crescendo**, Macedon Ranges Art Trail
10am **Barry Jones** at St Ambrose Hall
12pm **Lost Lovelies Foundation** at St Ambrose Hall
2.30pm **Ensemble Gombert** at St Ambrose Church
4pm **A Little Bit Mongolian**, Norma Richardson Hall

SUNDAY 13 JUNE

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10am **Gallery Artists** Exhibition
10am **Crescendo**, Macedon Ranges Art Trail
12.30pm **Backstage with Max**, St Ambrose Hall
2pm **Ensemble Gombert** at St Ambrose Church

MONDAY 14 JUNE

- 10am **Macedon Ranges Potters** Exhibition
10am **Gallery Artists** Exhibition
10am **Crescendo**, Macedon Ranges Art Trail
10am **Lecture on Art of Fugue**, St Ambrose Church
12pm **Art of Fugue**, concert in St Ambrose Church
2.30pm **A modo italiano**, St Ambrose Church

SUNDAY 11 JULY

- 3pm **Rameau Pieces de Clavecin**, St Ambrose Church
7pm Special European performance broadcast from **Davide Monti & Maria Cleary**

SUNDAY 8 AUGUST

- 1pm **Passing the Torch**, St Ambrose Hall
2.30pm **Afternoon Jazz**, St Ambrose Church

At time of printing, 'A Little Bit Mongolian' has sold out – check website to see if additional tickets available.



FOR COVID-COMPLIANCE, PLEASE BOOK ALL TICKETS BEFORE THE FESTIVAL

Memorial Lecture an addition to this year's Woodend Winter Arts Festival

Barry Jones will present the Inaugural Sheila Drummond Memorial Lecture

Sheila and Don Drummond have been the curators of the literary program of WWAF since its inception. More recently they had turned their efforts to a *Words and Ideas* format.



From its inception, the *Words and Ideas* part of the Woodend Winter Arts Festival was designed to bring to the wider community the opportunity to hear prominent keynote speakers and discuss issues important to our country and its region. It has proved to be a popular forum, proof of a wide general community interest in matters of general political, social and economic concern.

As a result, some of Australia's best minds on the subject have come to the Macedon Ranges to speak, and now we welcome Australia's most loved and well-known public intellectual, Barry Jones.

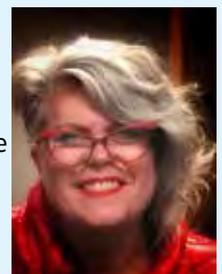
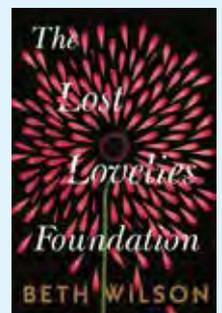
This special event will be held in the St Ambrose Hall on **Saturday 12 June at 10am**.

Lost Lovelies Foundation

You have definitely heard both of these amazing women on the radio before!

Where is the line between revenge and justice? Dr Sally Cockburn and Beth Wilson take a deep dive into the many medico-legal issues explored in Beth's debut novel, *The Lost Lovelies Foundation*, to examine whether some victims' desire for revenge is incompatible with healing, locking them into perpetual victimhood. The influence of single issue charities can strongly influence government policies on criminal justice and sentencing, and can limit judicial discretion. Don't be put off by the seriousness of these issues. Sally and Beth are both funny and intelligent women who are not afraid to tackle difficult and sensitive topics including how to safely fictionalise these dilemmas.

Beth is a former Health Services Commissioner who often co-hosted the conversation hour with Jon Faine on ABC Melbourne. Sally is a General Practitioner and media health advocate with over 30 years' experience (AKA as Dr Feelgood on radio). She also has a Masters in Health and Medical law. **Saturday 12 June at 12 noon**.



MACEDON RANGES POTTERS EXHIBITION

QUEENS BIRTHDAY WEEKEND

JUNE 12TH 13TH & 14TH

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Macedon Ranges Potters Exhibition

The creative members of Macedon Ranges Potters are busy in their studios, finalising and choosing their best work for their annual exhibition, once again part of Woodend Winter Arts Festival June 12–14, 2021.



The thirteen members of this well-known local art group enjoy the process of turning clay into works of art and will exhibit a wide range of functional and sculptural pieces.

Many different styles of ceramic art will be on display as each member has developed their own way of expressing themselves in clay over many years exhibiting together.

Open each day over the Queen's Birthday long weekend, 10am – 4pm at **Woodend Community Hub**, Forest St Woodend.

Some of the potters will be at the exhibition each day, happy to have a chat about their work and share some of their creative processes. You may even find a special piece for yourself and meet the maker!

SUBMITTED BY DEIDRE CHESTNEY

Crescendo

A symphony of visual art is promised at Macedon Ranges Art Trail's 10th exhibition being held as part of the Woodend Winter Art Festival's main weekend of events.



More than 40 regional participants including accomplished artists such as Helen Cottle, Lesley Rosochodski, William Ritchie, Shay Downer, Kathy Medbury, Deborah Mullins and Michelle Thompson will exhibit new work for sale.

The exhibition will showcase paintings and drawings in all mediums, fine art photography, ceramics, textiles, basketry and jewellery.

CRESCENDO will be at the **Woodend Tennis Club** from Saturday, June 12 to Monday, June 14. Open 10am to 4pm daily with entry by donation.

SUBMITTED BY NADINE HARTNETT

The Gallery artists of Mt Macedon

This exhibition will once again be held at the Woodend Neighbourhood House, and will provide many opportunities for children and adults to have a go at creating their own piece of art.

Join the daily free workshop, learn how to make simple stamps and use them in the community mural, in the 'Make your Mark' free workshop. All material is supplied but children must be accompanied by an adult.

If you're looking to explore some more detailed artistic mediums, you can book into one of the allocated workshops with a practicing artist. A fee applies to these workshops.

- **Origami** – Saturday 10.30 to 12.00 noon
- **Paper Spheres** – Saturday 1.30 – 3.00pm
- **Patchwork Placemat** – Sunday 10.30 – 12.00 noon
- **Slow Stitching Textures** – Sunday 1.30 – 3.00pm
- **Silk Baskets** – Monday 10.30 – 12.00 noon

All materials supplied with workshop costs. All ages welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult (no extra fee for non-participating adult supervising).

Bookings and payments for the workshops are essential BEFORE the festival weekend. You can book directly with the gallery here: info@thegallerymtmacedon.com.au or call 0419 009 030 or 0408 506 283.

Visit **The Gallery at Mt Macedon Artists** at the **Woodend Neighbourhood House**, Forest Street, Woodend from Saturday June 12 – Monday June 14.

SUBMITTED BY COLLEEN WESTE

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12–14 June

All exhibitions are within a short distance from each other. While you're walking from one to the other, drop into the Scout Hall nearby and enjoy a morning tea or lunch!





World Première for Woodend

This year's reimagined festival showcases a very special event for lovers of Bach, as John O'Donnell gives the first performance of his edition of the original version of Bach's *Art of Fugue*. Published in December 2020 by the new European imprint Lyrebird Music, this is the first-ever publication of the first version of this work, of which Bach made a fair copy in 1742. At this stage it was a complete work in twelve movements, lasting a little under an hour. This will be the world première of the original *Die Kunst der Fuga*.

Prior to his première performance of the original version of *The Art of Fugue*, John O'Donnell will present a free lecture on the work.

This will be not only a demonstration of the working methods of a musical sleuth but an insight into Bach's compositional processes as revealed in the fair copy of this work and its subsequent revisions.

Monday 14 June, lecture from from **10 to 11am**, concert from **12 to 1pm**. Please note that though the lecture is free, booking is essential. Bookings for the lecture can be made at the same time. Tickets available from www.woodendwinterartsfestival.org.au



À modo italiano, Ensemble 642

The enchanting plucked strings of Ensemble 642 bring to life one of the most groundbreaking periods of musical creation, the seventeenth century in Italy, known as the 'Seicento', a truly modern moment in musical history. With the birth of new genres such as the earliest operas and virtuosic instrumental music came new instruments, the *arpa doppia* (Italian baroque triple harp) and the *tiorba* or *chitarrone* (theorbo). Performed only in the exclusive circles of the Italian courts by virtuoso composer/performers such as Castaldi, Kapsberger and Frescobaldi, hear this music, which aims to bewitch the senses and move the soul, in its most intimate duo setting.

Monday 14 June at 2.30pm in St Ambrose Church.



Backstage with Max Max Gillies and Jacqueline Ogeil Sunday 13 June



Ensemble Gombert perform Anniversaries, two a cappella concerts on 12 & 13 June at St Ambrose church.

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More events in July & August – stay up-to-date at www.woodendwinterartsfestival.org.au

Rotary Trivia Quiz raises over \$3500 for Emergency Homeless Fund

A Covid-safe full house was in attendance at the Woodend RSL on the evening of 12 May for the Rotary Club of Woodend's trivia evening.

Profits raised from the event are being donated to Sunbury Cobaw Community Health (SCCH) to support emergency housing relief. "We're delighted to help SCCH with these funds," said Mick Deviny, president of Woodend Rotary. "We hope that the monies raised will provide some relief to those in our community who need emergency assistance."

A great night was had by all, with four rounds of trivia run by quizmaster King Maxwell, a couple of fun games and a silent auction and raffle.

The winning table – the CWA, proved themselves to be the trivia winners on the night, but scoring was tight right to the finish.

A very big thank you to our sponsors and donors who helped make the night such a success: Heskett Estate Wines, Hanging Rock Winery, Full Moon Saloon, Holgates, Woodend Nursery, Mort and Pestle, Alejo Woman's Clothing Giftware, Big Tree Distillery, BiolQ, Carlsruhe BP Service Station, Paul Fox and Caroliza Job. An especially big thank you to local Rotarian Trish Hartshorn and artist Marcia Priestly for donating some beautiful artworks. You can check out Marcia's work at her website at <https://bibianaandco.com/>. Finally, a big thank you to all the Rotary volunteers for their help in planning the night and to the Woodend RSL club, who provided the room and the bar.



The Woodend CWA were the winners on the night



Trivia host King Maxwell with Woodend Rotary's Grant Hocking with Ngaira Scholtz from the CWA.

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Woodend Lifestyle Carers' Group celebrates inaugural Foundation Members event

The Woodend Lifestyle Carers' Group (WLCG) charity hosted its first Foundation Members event on Friday 14 May, to officially launch a new fundraising campaign to support its plans for a respite centre for those diagnosed with dementia in the Macedon Ranges and surrounding districts.

Established in 2012, the WLCG has acquired 'MacGregor's Farm' on Old Lancefield Road in Woodend, which it plans to develop into a fully supervised day care farm cottage for people living at home with early-stage dementia, offering short-term respite for carers.

A 2017 report from the National Centre for Social & Economic Modelling (NATSEM) estimated that the Macedon Ranges will experience a 662% increase in the number of residents living with dementia by 2050. There are over 120,000 Victorians currently living with dementia.

"Dementia is indiscriminate – it can affect anyone and, by default, their nearest and dearest, who often transition into full-time care roles," said WLCG committee president, Neil Pomroy.

"All of our committee members have been carers at some point in time, and we are therefore committed to ensuring other carers in our community never feel isolated and alone.

"We understand the trials and tribulations of those dedicated caring roles and want to help support carers as best



Athol Guy AO and Neil Pomroy from WLCG.

we can through this marvellous initiative, to offer respite for people living at home with early-onset dementia," he added.

MacGregor's Farm will provide much-needed support to community members caring for family or friends with dementia, while providing a non-clinical, home-like environment, allowing their loved ones the opportunity to enjoy a rural ambience.

Tax deductible donations to support this work can be made through the WLCG website: www.woodendlifestylecarersgroup.org.au/

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Young Voices sing at St Ambrose, Woodend

Members of Young Voices of Macedon attended Mass at St Ambrose on Sunday 18 April, the last day of their holidays, to lead the service in singing. As well as the congregational hymns, the Vivo group sang the song If I were a butterfly during Communion, and the Cantabiles performed a very uplifting 3-part setting of Exultate jubilate. After the service, the children enjoyed lunch and games at the Children's Park.

A past Young Voices chorister who subsequently attended the VCA Secondary School majoring in Voice has achieved the highest grade in the state for VCE music and composition in 2020. The former chorister, Lily Flynn, now studies opera at the Melbourne Conservatorium of Music and is a scholarship holder at Trinity College, where she sings in the chapel choir. Lily told Young Voices Macedon conductor/teacher Jessica Demare that she had very fond memories of her time with Young Voices of Macedon, claiming that the choir gave her a love of classical music and a firm grounding in all aspects of singing, and that she looks forward to visiting a rehearsal and meeting and singing with current choristers.

Young Voices welcomes new members. Visit yvmaedon.org.au

SUBMITTED BY JESSICA DEMARE

Stories of Life in Lockdown

In 2020, author of the Stone Keepers trilogy for pre-teens, Karlana Kasarik, invited school students to write a short story or poem inspired by the extraordinary situation they found themselves in during the pandemic. They could choose to write fiction or non-fiction and the only guideline was that their writing had to make some reference to COVID-19 and/or lockdown.

The result is a book, *2020 Life & Lockdown – Stories From Kids*, with 130 stories covering a wide range of ideas and emotions and some surprising literary talent!

“The wonderful thing about kids is that they are honest in their writing. Through their stories and recounts, it is fascinating to see how they interpreted both the news reports and conversations with the adults around them. Their writing is a wonderful insight into what younger people made of the crisis and how they coped. It is truly a record of 2020 in the moment,” said the author.

Ms Kasarik recently met with one of the authors, Woodend local Matilda BC, (who wrote a story, *The Summoner of Death*) and another local talent, Dara Hunt, who donated her time to create the cover.

The book is available from New Leaves book store, as are the Stone Keepers novels.

Profits from the sale of *2020 Life & Lockdown – Stories From Kids* will be donated to the Australian Literacy and Numeracy Foundation, a charity that helps Australian children from all walks of life in their language, literacy and numeracy learning.

SUBMITTED BY KARLANA KASARIK



Photo L-R: Dara Hunt, Matilda BC, Karlana Kasarik, Woody from New Leaves Bookshop





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Kyneton Museum – **UNDONE**

UNDONE is a playful encounter with the Kyneton Museum collection, engaging with history and its gaps, as part performance, part exhibition. Created by cross disciplinary local artists and Metanoia Theatre, the work is an immersive choose-your-own journey through collective possibilities for an imagined future.

Performers (including Alexandra Harrison, Janette Hoe, Israel Aloni, Greg Ulfan, Görkem Acaroğlu, Yogashree Thirunavukarasu, Sermsah bin Saad) perform across the Kyneton Museum, in both indoor and outdoor locations. Audiences are free to roam during the 90 minute performance, led only by their curiosity.

Internationally acclaimed local visual artist, Desmond Lazaro re-curates the existing collection to immerse audiences in an exploration of our past, present and future. Taungurung artist Maddi Moser creates projections to cover the walls and ceilings both inside and outside the building, and local sound artist Kirri Buchler creates soundscapes to enhance the experience. Taungurung man Dennis Batty provides cultural consultation to project.

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- Friday and Saturday 7pm, Sunday 5pm throughout June 2021
- Kyneton Museum, 67 Piper Street, Kyneton
- Bookings: 1300 888 802 or online: mrsc.vic.gov.au/arts-events

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Cold war submariners helping community museum

The role of Australian submarine AE2 in the World War I Gallipoli campaign was highlighted in a book titled *Silent ANZAC Expeditions*, written by Woodend resident Dr Roger Neill, chief scientist on two of the expeditions. The book tells of the significant role that the AE2 played in the WWI Gallipoli campaign, being the first submarine to enter the Sea of Marmara, where it was sunk without loss of life. The vessel, known as the *Silent Anzac*, became something of an enigma. Finding the AE2 was in itself a difficult task, let alone diving on and surveying the empty wreck, some 70 metres down.

In a remarkable feat of endurance, patience, and innovation in the face of adversity, the teams of specialists managed to not only find and survey AE2, but also developed methods to preserve it, uncovering unusual facts about it.

According to Dr Neill, the book has many unique photos of the submarine taken during the many dives to and into the deserted vessel. Proceeds from the sale of the book will go to funding the further development of the Holbrook Submarine Museum.

The book is an initiative of the newly formed Friends of Holbrook Submarine Museum (FHSM), which came into being in support of the museum and its curator.



The Covid pandemic has seen a decline in visitors, as have available funds to undertake projects at the Holbrook Submarine Museum in the rural town of Holbrook, in southern NSW. FHSM members from all over Australia have reached out to help with various projects that reflect Australia's proud submarine heritage.



Another project undertaken by the Friends was to create an audio re-enactment of life on a submarine, made to feature in an exhibit of the submarine control room at the museum. Scripted by FHSM, this 'sound bite' was professionally audio produced by Alex Kewley of Altitude Music Studio, and features actor Beau Jones, recently seen in the Australian war movie *Danger Close*.

Through the sound bite, visitors can get an idea of the sounds of the submarine diving and carrying out an attack.

For further information on how you can join The Friends of Holbrook Submarine Museum (FHSM) and help its work contact: The FHSM Secretary, Thor Lund, tlund@bigpond.net.au. Or website www.holbrooksubmarinemuseum.com.au

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Macedon Ranges Sustainable Living Festival 2021

“A Celebration of Sustainability” Saturday 2nd October 2021 Woodend Community Centre, Forest Street, Woodend

It has been shown that even small changes in the way we live can make a big difference in the sustainability of our planet. The Sustainable Living Festival, held in Woodend is a showcase of ideas and actions that we can all take to make not only our planet but also our home and local environment better places to live.

The focus of the 2021 event is “A Celebration of Sustainability” and aims to engage a wider audience with activities and events that will attract people that may not otherwise consider sustainable living to be within their reach or capabilities.

With the rise in awareness about climate change comes a responsibility for us all to do what we can to reduce the impacts and to ensure that as consumers we send clear messages to manufacturers and suppliers of household goods, by choosing more sustainable options. The 2021 SLF exhibitors have been chosen as great examples of future-thinking and will show us how to make those changes in our daily lives.

The Macedon Ranges Sustainable Living Festival aims to be a family-friendly day out, in an inclusive and engaging community-based environment and will be held alongside the ever-popular Woodend Community Farmers’ Market.

The festival is now in its 12th year, and showcases ideas, products and practical solutions to inspire and inform visitors so they can enjoy living more sustainably.

This is a free event, and entry is open to all members of the community and will feature a line-up of 70 exhibitors, including community groups, free workshops, guest speakers and kid’s activities.

The 2021 SLF will again be hosted by the Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group (MRSNG), a not-for-profit, member-based organisation focussing on projects, events, and practical activities that promote sustainable living in local communities. MRSNG is home to a number of community action groups made up of dedicated individuals working together to make the Macedon Ranges a more sustainable place to live.

More information about the 2021 SLF can be found at www.mrsg.org.au/sustainability

SUBMITTED BY NIKKI BARKER

Towards zero waste at events and festivals in the Macedon Ranges

A joint project between Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group, Macedon Ranges Shire Council and local businesses, including the Woodend Woodsman, during COVID lockdowns last year has resulted in a Wash Against Waste trailer, which will go a long way in reducing disposable plastic waste at future events and festivals in the Macedon Ranges. The heart of this trailer is an industrial quality, energy-efficient dishwasher that washes crockery, cutlery and glass at high temperatures, ensuring compliance with strict hygiene standards. During the winter months, you will see this trailer in action next to Rafael’s Coffee at the Woodend Community Farmers’ Market. After the next Macedon Ranges Sustainable Living Festival on October 2, the Wash Against Waste trailer will be available for hire for other community groups and organisations in the Macedon Ranges. Bookings will be soon be available via the MRSNG website at mrsg.org.au

A big thank you to Lisa Richards and Peter Lane from MRSNG for driving this project and researching the design, Chris Matheson for constructing the trailer, and the Macedon Ranges Shire Council for the funding and other support.

If you are buying a coffee from Rafael at the next Woodend Community Farmers’ Market, make sure that you ask for it in a ceramic cup!

SUBMITTED BY DAVID GORMLEY-O’BRIEN (MRSNG PRESIDENT)

Is your home winter-ready?

We've all heard the saying, "It's easier to put on clothes to get warm than it is to dress down to cool down," but despite this, we still end up spending significant amounts on energy bills to keep our homes warm in winter.

A combination of rising energy prices and more time spent inside during cold days and nights often means that keeping your home warm can lead to huge electricity bills. That's why heating your home efficiently is so important.

Now is the time to prepare your home for the upcoming winter months, for the comfort of both you and your family. This is especially important now that more people have a flexible working or studying arrangement and spend more time at home.

To maximise the heating properties of your home, you can prepare by first checking your building fabric, by:

- Sealing all the draughty gaps around your home, to stop cold air leaking in and warm air leaking out
- Ensuring windows have coverings, such as curtains and pelmets, to stop the glass radiating cold into the home
- Having your ceiling insulation checked for gaps and correct thickness.



Mayor Cr Jennifer Anderson (far left) and Chris from the Woodend Woodsman (front, second from the left) join with the MRSG Farmers' Market volunteers at the April Woodend Community Farmers' Market on April 3rd, 2021.

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And to prepare for those extra cold days when you may need to actively heat your home:

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- Make sure you are heating to 18-20 degrees for a comfortable temperature that won't require as much energy to maintain. Each degree higher corresponds to about a 10% increase in running cost!

For personalised advice on preparing your home for the winter months, contact the energy advisors at Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group's free community energy advice service. Delivered through the Australian Energy Foundation, they can identify warming solutions for your home and, if requested, can also arrange an obligation-free quote for draught-proofing, window films, insulation and reverse cycle air-conditioners.

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SUBMITTED BY NIKKI BARKER

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Sometimes labels are super useful, particularly when you're washing your favourite jumper. But at other times, labels can halt your growth and suppress your very existence. Jude reminds us when to be aware of these labels, and when the labels are totally useless – and most importantly, that we are not alone.

She'll talk about some tough stuff, make you laugh and make you feel truly human.

Friday 18 June, 8pm.
Kyneton Town Hall: 129
Mollison Street, Kyneton.
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The refurbishment of the lower section of the Woodend clocktower is one of the local Rotary projects completed in recent years.

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Woodend Rotary Community Projects

To acknowledge the Rotary Centenary in Australia, the Rotary Club of Woodend is showcasing a few of the local community projects that the club has installed, maintained or refurbished in the town since its Charter in 1987.

We have included photos of the projects around Woodend, taken by Woodend Rotarian Brendan Watters and not photographed is the Rotary Room and pavers at Buffalo Stadium, solar panels on Woodend Playgroup and the Butts in the Bins that are placed around town.



Developed new garden and refurbished fencing on Woodend railway bridge.



Constructed (with Woodend RSL) war memorial on Avenue of Honour. Rotary rebuilt and painted the boundary fence, funded and installed the picnic table.



Major sponsor for Woodend Primary School solar power project



Established community walking track, complete with exercise equipment on old Woodend racecourse.



Re-sited and constructed Bills trough area in High Street.

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your place

Five tips before you build

As the last tradies working on your new home, we have some tips for you... Preplanning means your window furnishings will fit.

Tip #1: Curtains or blinds

For curtains, make sure you have wall space on either side of the window for the stack. For blinds, decide if they sit inside the window-frame recess or cover the frame itself. Do you need room for window winders or door handles?

Tip #2: Flyscreens

Will they sit inside or outside your windows? Do you want them to catch some of the dust on the outside? Or would you prefer the ease of taking them down from the inside?

Tip #3: Bulkheads, pelmets, recessed curtain tracks

The decision about whether to expose or hide the top of your curtains or blinds should be made early. If you decide to go with recessing, it's an essential part of the house design.

Tip #4: Motorisation

If you're considering motorisation of blinds or curtains, add this to the plans for the electrician. Wiring these into wall cavities with everything else costs a lot less overall and makes for a neater job.

Tip #5: The lust file!

Last, but not least, make sure you have a scrapbook (hardcopy, digital or both) to draw from when it comes to choosing your window furnishings and upholstery. It will have colours, designs and textures that are IN and those that are definitely OUT. These come from websites, magazines and cuttings.

Following these simple tips will make the last weeks of your new build much more pleasant, and exciting!

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With revamped classics like 'Danny Boy' and 'Tell Me Ma', the show's live, energetic blend of well-known tunes, jaw-dropping tap battles, world-class dancing, melodic folk music and craic galore, transports you through the story of Ireland's tumultuous history. Complimented by stunning production and lighting. Starring dancers from the West End's Lord of the Dance, Riverdance, and Gaelforce Dance alongside a treasure trove of Irish Dancing World Champions, A Taste of Ireland delivers the very best talent in the nation.

Hot off its premiere New York City run in 2020 and with over 120 shows in 2019 across Australia and New Zealand, A Taste of Ireland—The Irish Music & Dance Sensation finally returns down under.

Sunday, 13 June 2021, 07:30 PM to 09:10 PM. Kyneton Town Hall: 129 Mollison Street, Kyneton. Bookings: 1300 888 802 or online: mrsc.vic.gov.au/arts-events

SUBMITTED BY MONICA HILL

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Farewell Western Water; Welcome Greater Western Water

Western Water reminds customers that from 1 July, they will be joining with City West Water to form a new water corporation – Greater Western Water.

Maree Lang was appointed as the inaugural Managing Director of the new water corporation following a robust process by the Western Water and City West Water boards, overseen by the Greater Western Water Joint Transition Committee.

Ms Lang, currently the Managing Director of City West Water, brings more than 23 years' experience to the role, having previously held executive positions with Melbourne Water and Chemistry Australia (PACIA), and senior consulting roles.

Western Water's Chief Operating Officer Graham Holt said existing customers should expect an easy transition to Greater Western Water.

"Though our name will change from 1 July, our focus on delivering the best customer experiences and high quality, affordable services to our customers will remain," Mr Holt said.

"Customers will be able to pay their bills in all the same ways as they do now, and customers with concession cards will still receive discounted rates. Customers only need to note that future bills will be issued with the new GWW branding."

If customers want to find out more about their new water corporation before the integration, they can visit westernwater.com.au/GWW.

From 1 July, our new website will be up and running at gww.com.au.

Western Water is also reminding customers to prevent a frozen meter this winter by covering their meters with a bucket, blanket or container. This helps prevent burst pipes or meters due to frost. Find out more at www.westernwater.com.au/frost.

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Woodend Warblers Flying High

Did you know that singing may improve snoring?

People love to sing, and whilst curing snoring may not have been scientifically proven, plenty of other benefits have been; improved breathing, posture and muscle tension as well as exercising the brain.

The Woodend Warblers are a local community choir under the direction of musician Andrew Price, and they know how amazing singing is for the soul.

The choir recently celebrated its third birthday with a large gathering of old and new members at the Victoria Hotel. It was described by an attendee as "a fabulous night of great camaraderie and singing". According to owner of the Vic, Emily Blades, "When the room filled with song, it warmed my heart!"

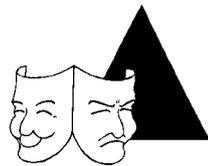
Woodend Warblers have an eclectic repertoire ranging from choral music to spirituals, pop music to sea shanties. The choir had an 'Elton John Moment' recently, having been invited to sing at a fundraising event at Hanging Rock. We were excited to be performing again after the long break due to COVID. Unfortunately, the resident kangaroos weren't too impressed, but the humans seemed to like us!

New members welcome - rehearsal 7.00 p.m. Wednesday at the Norma Richardson Hall or contact Andrew Price on 0419 604 444.

SUBMITTED BY TRICIA HARTSHORN

The Mount Players say a big 'Thank You' to Bendigo Bank!

The Mount Players are delighted to have received \$4,400 from the Autumn round of grants from The Bendigo Bank, Gisborne. This money will go towards upgrading the front steps. A huge thank you from the committee and membership to the team at Bendigo Bank, who have already committed so much to the theatre and continue to support it.



The Mount Players

The theatre finally opened its doors again on 14 May and welcomed in a full house of patrons for the opening of Too Many Crooks! The radio play/comedy enjoyed a wonderful season and provided the perfect escape for everyone to step back in time and enjoy a laugh. Just what we all needed after the year we've had.

Our next show Love Song is now in rehearsal and will open in August.

SUBMITTED BY KAREN HUNT



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Mort & Pestle ... moving!

Did you know that Mort&Pestle (formerly Blue Orange Concepts) has been a part of the Woodend Community for almost 20 Years! It started in February 2002 when Mort Tobias couldn't find anywhere in town to buy a cake tin, so she decided to start up her own business.

After moving back to Australia and settling in Woodend in 2014, I needed to find a job. After some false starts I decided to take a risk and do something entirely different. So, in 2015 I bought a kitchen shop! Now it has been 6.5 years and hasn't time flown!

Thanks to a wonderfully supportive community and the fact that we all really do LOVE to cook, we've outgrown our current shopfront and it's time to move.

June 12th, Queens Birthday long weekend, we are re-opening in our BRAND-NEW space – just next door! Formerly Woodend Pizza and Pasta, when you see it again you will not recognize it. We've completely transformed the building and it is now light and spacious.

It may be a new space, but we will still have a thorough range of quality cookware and kitchen utensils, featuring the same trusted brands and a few new ones I'm sure you'll love. You'll see the same friendly faces that can help you find the perfect pan for your favourite dish, and because it's June we will still have our June EOFY Sale – with a few little tweaks to accommodate the move.

Oh, and I almost forgot to mention, we still have the best carpark in town!

SUBMITTED BY CATHERINE BARLETT

Congratulations Catherine! I am so proud of you.

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Message from your councillors

West Ward councillors warmly welcomed our new CEO, Mr Bernie



O'Sullivan, to the Macedon Ranges Shire recently. Bernie is a Macedon Ranges local, being born and raised in Pastoria and is very familiar with our local towns and countryside. He has a strong and extensive history of working in state and local government, most recently with the City of Greater Bendigo Council. We look forward to working with Bernie and are pleased to see that he is comfortably adjusting to his new role very quickly.

Council is currently finalising the budget. We thank all those people who have taken the opportunity to look at the budget draft during the public consultation phase and have given us some feedback and ideas to go forward with. Our next major piece of work is the four-year council plan that we need to finalise later in the year. The Deliberative Engagement process that was recently undertaken with a Community Assembly of people representing all parts of the shire gave us a great range of concrete ideas and suggestions that we can use to help frame the council plan. Later in the year, we will be taking the draft plan back to the community for further consultation and feedback and we look forward to your contributions.

The Council recently declared a climate emergency, in line with the action taken by a number of our neighbouring councils. The declaration enables us to place our wide range of existing environmental and climate initiatives under the one policy umbrella and gives a strong focus as we move forward in this very important area.

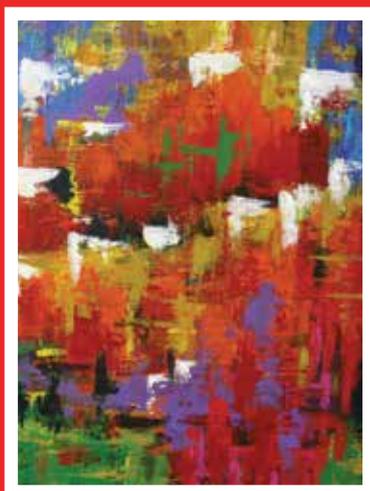
With the recent release of the federal and state budgets, councillors are taking a very close look at what opportunities there are for us to obtain key funding to support our infrastructure and programs. The state budget has some significant projects identified for the Macedon Ranges including money for upgrades to the Black Forest Drive and Gisborne Secondary College.

Your councillors have also been very active in opening a range of new facilities and attending key events recently, including the installation of new lights at Barkly Square in Kyneton and Tony Clarke Reserve in Macedon that will enable night-time sports practice and games.

Once again, we encourage everyone to contact us with ideas, suggestions and concerns that you may have that will help us do our job in maintaining and improving our council services and our wonderful local areas and amenities.

SUBMITTED BY WEST WARD COUNCILLORS: MARK RIDGEWAY, JANET PEARCE AND JENNIFER ANDERSON

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June ART SHOW

10am - 4pm

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An Interview with Kirri Büchler

Composer, sound designer, musician, and Woodender Kirri Büchler spoke to us at *The New Woodend Star* about living in Woodend, and what it's like being an artist in the region.

What made you move to Woodend?

Our decision was ... we could either move into a shoebox in the suburbs of Melbourne, or we could opt for a tree change with more space and quiet. After some deliberation, we decided to make the leap, and we have not regretted it, especially in light of the global pandemic, which brought our appreciation and gratitude of nature into sharp relief.

How have you found the change from the city? Any big discoveries?

I moved to Woodend in late 2015 and have been enjoying the space, quiet and wildlife with my family, although I still have to commute to the big smoke for gigs frequently. I love the local markets and am a coffee addict from way back (one of the few drinkers of double espressos round these parts!) and am quite friendly so feel free to say hi!

I have traditionally found winter profoundly miserable. I still struggle with it – but less so since moving to the country, as it is so stunningly beautiful. The other huge thing for me has been the lack of noise pollution. I love going to the city but I find myself unable to sleep there, spoilt now by the sounds of frogs and owls and insects rather than the constant background wail of traffic. Actually being in a place where you can hear distant small sounds is incredible. I spend more time just listening these days.

Can you tell us a bit about your work?

As sound designer, I compose and record sound and music for performers to perform to, and I use my skills as a sound artist as well as an instrumentalist. Sound art is music that isn't music. It can be tonal, but is more often textural and purely atmospheric, rather than musical. I enjoy a mixture of both music and non-music in my listening diet, and this might be apparent in my work.



During lockdown I applied to Regional Arts Victoria for a grant to help sustain me as a practicing (if not performing!) artist, and thanks to my backlog of random historic sound files from various arts projects that I had mined from the internet and some guidance from friends who speak "Arts Grant", I was successful, and I was furnished with enough cash to set me up with all the software and hardware that I needed to make a home studio. As much as I enjoy performing live music it is truly wonderful to have an independent creative practice.

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How did you become involved in Museum UNDONE and Metanoia Theatre?

I'm not sure at exactly what stage I got involved with Museum UNDONE, but I suspect it was before its conception. Görkem Acaroğlu [creative director at Metanoia Theatre] and I have become good friends over the past four years and we've been keen to do a project together for most of our friendship, even though we've never really experienced each other's work. I unsurprisingly love this concept, and I love what all the artists have brought to it and I feel honoured and humbled to be a part of it.

About Kirri

Kirri Büchler studied sound art and sound design at RMIT and Jazz and Popular Music at NMIT and has created sound designs for various theatre performances and art installation. She is a multi-instrumentalist (predominantly violin and double bass, occasional piano and since lockdown accordion and synthesiser!), exploring the musical realms of classical, modern classical, jazz, Eastern European and free improvisation. She currently plays double bass in the Vardos Trio and double bass and synth in Thundergrass Trio, and her sound compositions can be heard at Kyneton Museum for Museum UNDONE during June (see page 11 for performance dates).

WRITTEN BY KELLIE FLANAGAN

The results are in!

Our last article mentioned that we were participating in the CWA Central Highlands Group Creative Arts Exhibition and we did you proud, Woodend! CWA Woodend Eves members won firsts, seconds and thirds across various crafts including baking, knitting, preserving and photography. Congratulations to everyone who was involved in making our first year a very successful one.



In other news, the Autumn Festival scone competition hosted jointly with Mort & Pestle was won by Irene Brooks. After tasting lots of scones the judges declared her cherry, almond and cacao creation the scone of the competition. Irene also won the plain scone section. The other winners were junior scone – Lacey Schroeder, pumpkin scone – Ginny Tulloch (with her Nanna Jean's recipe) and last, but not least, creative scone – Andrea Matthews with her gin & tonic combo. A huge thank you to the judges; Erica from Life & Fork Cooking School, Adam from Bourkies Bakehouse and our very own Mel, president of the Woodend Eves, and of course, Catherine at Mort & Pestle for donating the wonderful prizes!

The winter months will see us take a break from our monthly stall/sausage sizzle at the Lions Markets (we'll miss you!) but it will give us time to get on top of all of the other little projects we've got planned, more details on those to follow, so stay tuned!

As always, keep in touch by following us on Facebook and Instagram, sending us an email at cwawoodendeves@gmail.com or just come along to one of our meetings. We'd love to meet you. Third Tuesday of the Month, 7pm, Neighbourhood House. Until next time...

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Welcome back everyone to St. Mary's Anglican Guild

We have much to be grateful for, living here in Woodend and the Macedon Ranges: the stunning autumn colours and fresh, clean air!

Our Knit and Natter monthly get together recommenced on Wednesday 19 May and will continue until the end of September.

These informal and friendly gatherings are for anyone who would like to join in knitting or other craft or just sit and chat. We make knitted squares, which are later made up into blankets and these are distributed via The Salvation Army to those in need. Wool and needles can be supplied.

We meet in the Norma Richardson Hall, 15 Buckland St. Woodend at 11 am. We share a cup of tea or coffee and BYO light lunch, and sometimes we have soup and bread rolls available for purchase.

There is no cost to join and we always have a raffle and lots of conversation and laughs!

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2021 Dates: June 16, July 21, August 18, September 15.

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Energy abounds in U3A Kyneton

U3A Kyneton members have returned to term two with great gusto. A short course in Acrylic Painting of five consecutive Fridays has been a wonderful introduction to this skill and our first canvases have begun to take shape. Something to leave to the grandchildren!

Poetry has recommenced and enjoyed a chilly morning reading and analysing a range of works, coupled with a good cup of coffee.

Three Tuesday mornings in the field allowed our members the privilege to investigate not only the history of First Australians in the area, but to see at first hand some very significant evidence of their life in this area.

U3A Kyneton offers so many diverse activities and welcomes new members at any stage of the year.

Our thanks must go to our many tutors who give so freely of their time and expertise.

U3A Kyneton welcomes anybody in the community who may have a skill or area of knowledge to impart to our members. It could be a presentation on a Friday afternoon or a short or long course in our timetable.

For further information about courses and activities available take a look at the U3A Kyneton website: <https://u3akyneton.org.au/>, email: info@u3akyneton.org.au or call the Secretary, Roni on 5422 2552, President Peter on 0439 360 763 or view our Facebook page www.facebook.com/u3akyneton.

Unfortunately, due to the volatile nature of the pandemic, some information may be subject to change.

SUBMITTED BY JAN MCCOLL



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Woodend Men's Shed

The Woodend Men's Shed conducted a sausage sizzle at Bunnings Sunbury in April, where a group of ten members in two shifts cooked a total of over 700 sausages, with 40 loaves of bread and 15kg of cooked onions being consumed by hungry customers.

This very worthwhile fundraising effort contributed just over \$1,200 to Men's Shed funds, which will be used to pay rent on our premises to enable the shed to continue to support the men of Woodend and surrounds.

The Men's Shed wishes to thank Bunnings Sunbury for the opportunity and their support and to also thank Hardwicks Butchers of Kyneton and Coles Woodend for their generous assistance with purchases. The Woodend Men's Shed meets at the site of the old Black Forest Mill on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9am until 12 noon. Contact Kevin 0491 141 084 for more information.

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Image caption: Steve Pascoe talking to the group of around 20 Woodend residents.

A Connected Woodend

Last month, Woodend RSL and the Woodend Neighbourhood House invited speaker Steve Pascoe to share stories with more than twenty residents from Woodend and surrounds, about his experience of the Strathewen 2009 and Mallacoota 2019/20 bushfire recovery processes.



Steve's talk highlighted the importance of a recovery effort that is led by the community. He emphasised how each person's recovery timeframes are different, and yet how important it is to reconnect socially, and re-establish physical connections such as hugs.

He also discussed more practical matters, such as dealing with financial and physical donations, different approaches to community planning, and the importance of gaining the authority to speak on behalf of the community. Steve spoke of the importance of engaging community and helping organisations in planning, to collaborate towards recovery. To help in planning, he noted that it's important to identify needs rather than wants, and make sure the range of community health and wellbeing needs are covered: the 'four environments': social, economic, natural and built. Have a leadership group made up of recognised and respected community leaders, he said, and suggested that communities should put arrangements and structures in place, and revisit them every year, using scenarios and discussion exercises to test them.

A further meeting is planned for next month, and anyone wishing to be involved in 'A Connected Woodend' will be welcome.

Further updates on what is happening at the House can be found on our website www.woodendnh.org.au. As always, if you are in need or have a great community idea, please call out, Ph. 5427 1845.

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Have your say

Council invites residents to have their say on the Draft Annual Budget 2021/22, and Revenue and Rating Plan



At the Unscheduled Council Meeting on Tuesday 11 May, Councillors endorsed two key strategic Council documents to go out to the community for public consultation – the Draft Annual Budget 2021/22, and Revenue and Rating Plan 2021–2025.

The Draft Annual Budget 2021/22 describes the proposed revenue, expenditure and resources required to maintain and deliver a range of Macedon Ranges Shire Council services, facilities and projects to the community for the coming financial year. The Revenue and Rating Plan outlines how Council will raise revenue.

There are a number of ways you can submit your feedback to Council:

- Online, via the Have your say section on Council's website
- Via mail, addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, Macedon Ranges Shire Council, PO Box 151, Kyneton VIC 3444;
- Via email to mrsc@mrsc.vic.gov.au.

Mayor Cr Jennifer Anderson encouraged residents to have their say on these important documents that reflect the focus for Council.

“We’ve worked hard to prioritise initiatives that support current and future community needs in an environmentally and economically sustainable way, and we want your comments, ideas and suggestions before finalising the plan,” she said.

Some of the initiatives include:

- building works to the value of \$4.965 million, including \$348,000 for roof works at Kyneton Museum and \$123,320 towards council building energy and water efficiency upgrades
- roads infrastructure worth \$7.068 million
- footpaths and cycleways worth \$1.389 million
- \$6.7 million on recreation, leisure and community facilities, including \$5.2 million for the Macedon Ranges Regional Sports Precinct
- \$957,000 on parks, open spaces and streetscapes, including \$98,000 for new entrance landscaping for Gisborne Botanic Gardens and \$70,000 towards the final stages of the Romsey Ecotherapy Park.

A rate rise of 1.5 per cent is proposed, in line with the Victorian Government’s rate cap. This will support efforts to maintain critical community infrastructure, while continuing to provide quality services.

The Draft Annual Budget 2021/22 and Draft Revenue and Rating Plan 2021–2025 are available for inspection at Council’s customer service centres in Gisborne, Kyneton, Romsey and Woodend. You can also view these documents online at mrsc.vic.gov.au/youysay

“Councillors and Council Officers have spent many hours developing a budget that both continues to provide

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the additional support needed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, but also looks for new opportunities to support the whole community in both the coming and future years. I invite you to submit your feedback, in support or to suggest other changes. We look forward to hearing from you,” Cr Anderson said.

Submissions are due to Council by 5pm on Tuesday 8 June 2021.

Residents who submit feedback are invited to register to present at a Submitters Committee Meeting at 7pm Wednesday 16 June 2021.

Council will consider the budget for adoption at the Special Council Meeting scheduled for 11am on Tuesday 29 June 2021 at the Gisborne Administration Centre, 40 Robertson Street, Gisborne.

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Introduction

The wines this month come from two relatively new producers in the region: Lyons Will Estate, who have taken great strides in recent years in establishing their brand, as well as expanding their Lancefield vineyard; and Dilworth & Allain, who source grapes from some exceptional vineyards in the region and who are making their mark for the quality of their limited production releases.



2019 Dilworth & Allain Doug's Vineyard Pinot Noir

Doug's Vineyard is the site from which a couple of the most compelling recent Pinot Noir releases from the Macedon Ranges have been sourced. A wonderful balance has been struck between generosity of dark cherry fruit and the savoury and spiced impact of oak. Everything is underpinned by fine and focused lines of acidity and tannin that give structure and texture. This is a wine that evolves in the glass, with fruit and savoury impact taking turns to make their mark.

Rating: 95 | Price: \$50
When to Drink: 2021-2030

2019 Lyons Will Estate Gamay

This is the third vintage of Gamay produced by Lyons Will Estate, with the fermentation being 100% whole bunch, with 65% of the grapes undergoing carbonic maceration. The resulting wine has crunch, spice and verve and is an excellent representation of the vibrant, yet textural wines that can be made from Gamay. The palate focuses on cherry and strawberry, with an understated herbaceous thread that when combined with gentle whole bunch spice gives a wonderful texture to the wine. The length shows punchy red berry fruit with a savoury twist and very good length.

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Presenters Caz Bailey & Kim Pearce have created guided tastings and notes, wine games and discussions, regional menus, and time to relax in a luxe setting to immerse their guests within the Macedon Ranges.

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- Lively wine panel discussion with special guest winemakers,
- 5-course tasting menu dinner with local winemakers and importer, and
- Barrel tasting at a local, new wave winery.

Feat. Macedon Ranges top wines – Bindi Winegrowers, Curly Flat, Granite Hills, Wilimee, Shadowfax, Mt Towrong, Mitchell Harris, Macedon Ridge, and Lyons Will – compared to 'Old World' European Domaine Leroy, Bernhard Huber, Taupenot-Merme, Heymann-Löwenstein, Jacques Prieur, Champagne Lacourte-Godbillon, Bollinger, and more TBC.

Special guests incl. Michael Dhillon (Bindi Winegrowers), Ben Rankin (Wilimee & Mount Monument), Patrick Walsh (Cellarhand), and Renata Morello (Lyons Will).

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More information and book [woodendwinestore.com.au/wine-retreat](https://www.woodendwinestore.com.au/wine-retreat)



Woodend Library News

Celebrating National Volunteer Week had extra meaning for us this year as we welcomed our Volunteers back into the Woodend Library after more than a year without them! It has been a lovely step back to pre-covid normal. We have missed the wonderful people who generously volunteer their time to help us with the many tasks that keep our Library running smoothly. A huge thank you to all of those who volunteer in our community, your hard work is appreciated!



Wonderful library volunteers

Creative Writing Workshop for Middle Years with Dee White Tuesday July 6

Every great storyteller starts out as someone who just loves a great story.

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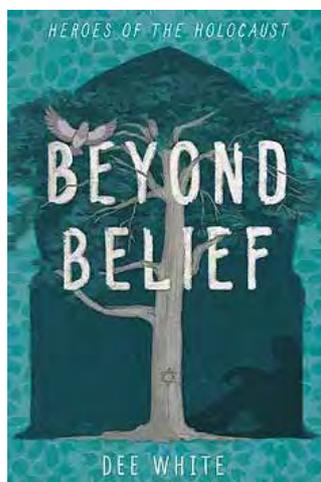
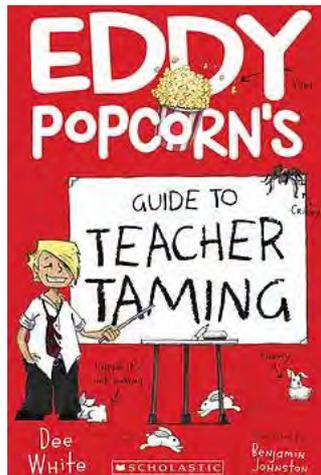


- Discover how to craft stories based on your own personal experiences and identity.
- Learn how literary devices add emphasis and layers of meaning to characters and story.
- Write about your own life or let your imagination run wild!

This is a great opportunity for budding authors to sharpen their skills and give voice to their own creativity.

Dee White is the author of many children's titles including the *Eddy Popcorn* series. Her recent novel *Beyond Belief* is a Children's Book Council of Australia Notable Book for 2021.

We expect places for this free session to be in high demand, so to avoid disappointment, parents should register interest now by phoning the Woodend Library on 5427 2074.



Storytimes back on track in 2021!

2021 has seen the successful return of our popular weekly story sessions:

- Baby Rhyme Times for ages 0-1 at 11.30 on Tuesdays
- Toddler Times for ages 1-3 at 10.00am on Fridays
- Storytimes for ages 3-5 at 10.00am on Tuesdays

These sessions are 100% free, and newcomers are always welcome. For more information, see www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au/storytimes

Book Clubs

Since the start of this year, the Woodend Library has seen a surge in book club activity, with many groups resuming regular meetings.

We have also had several people coming to us for help finding a local book club to join. We're always happy to help in this situation and will gladly forward contact details to clubs we know who may be taking new members.

The most important way the Library supports book clubs is our collection of over 300 different club sets. Each set includes 10 copies, and the loan period is long enough for the books to be given out at one monthly meeting, then handed back at the next.

Recent additions include *The White Girl* by Tony Birch, and Kitty Flanagan's *488 Rules for Life*. Or maybe you'd like to revisit old favourites like *The Great Gatsby* or *My Brilliant Career*?

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Helping carers get to a 'Good Space'

Local charity **PS My Family Matters**, who offer support to families caring for loved ones with mental illness, launched its complimentary support program 'Good Space', in the middle of 2020. The aim of the program is to provide practical and emotional support to local families. "We are aware that the last year has placed great strain on the mental wellbeing of many in our community," said Tamara Wilson, president of PS My Family Matters. "Our Good Space package is designed to help our carers focus on their personal, mental and emotional well-being."



The Good Space program has been made possible due to the generous support of the Bendigo Bank, Tobin Brothers and the Victorian State Government.

The program features a range of emotional and practical support elements, including complimentary respite items to support carers and make their lives a little easier. 'We wanted to ensure that families in the Ranges who are impacted by mental illness know that we're there for them' said Tamara. 'We're grateful to the Bendigo Bank, Tobin Brothers and the State Government, whose funding enables us to make this happen.'

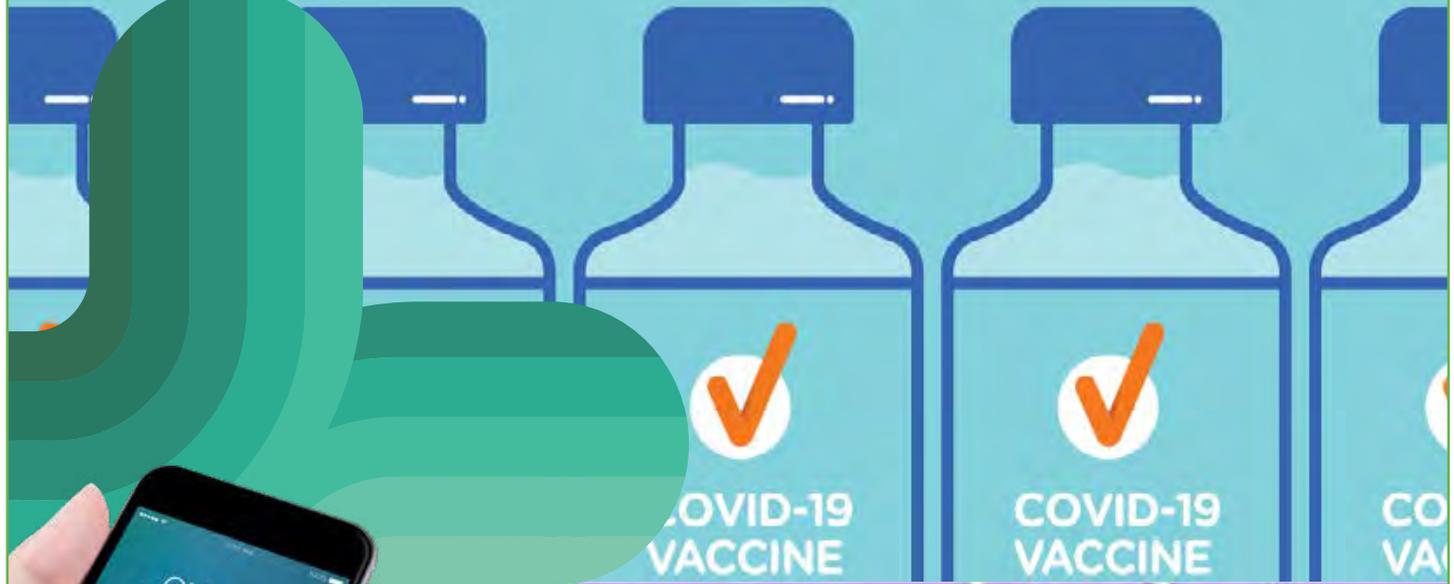
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Trentham and Districts Life Activities Club Inc.

It's been a busy time for The Trentham and Districts Life Activities Club since the last newsletter.

The club held a very successful community afternoon tea, with demonstrations and displays showcasing everything that the Life Activities Club has to offer.

A very delicious afternoon tea of sandwiches and scones, jam and cream, along with tea or coffee was also served.

There is a new brochure very close to being distributed, and a new poster in the final stages of completion, to advertise the club.

The Foodies Group has been to the Glenlyon General Store for lunch, and the Garden Group has visited another local garden.

All other activities are also up and running.

So, if you're new to the area, or have a little spare time on your hands and would like to become involved, please contact the President Di Clausen on 0425 008 763, or Secretary Gaye Lovelock on 0411 150 114. Alternatively, visit the Life Activities Clubs Victoria website www.life.org.au, and click on Trentham in the list of clubs.

Joining the Trentham and Districts Life Activities Club is a great way to become involved in the community, by broadening your social circle, learning new skills, and keeping your mind and body active.

SUBMITTED BY WENDY REDMAN

Winter blanket drive

Woodend Rotary is once again collecting blankets, coats and swags for the Homeless.



You would have noticed it's getting a little colder over the last few weeks. Many of you may have had your wood fires burning or your heating systems cranked up so your family stayed nice and warm.

Have you thought about those that are doing it a little harder over the winter months?

Over the last few years, Woodend Rotary has coordinated a blanket drive and had great support from you, the Woodend Community. We know first-hand the real difference your donations make to Victorians doing it tough.

Your support is needed as Woodend Rotary is coordinates the collection of blankets, coats and swags again this year. Items such as scarves, gloves and hats are also gratefully accepted. Items must be clean and in good order.

Thanks to Mort & Pestle for once again being a drop off point. Collection will continue until the end of June. Items will then be transported to those in need and make a real and immediate impact to for so many people.

This is a smile generating project. Ours, yours and especially those receiving the items.

I know the Woodend community will again get behind this project and look forward to being overwhelmed by the generosity of spirit shown by so many in our community.

SUBMITTED BY GRANT HOCKING

Green Sport: Kicking goals to reduce plastic

Plastics are a novel impactor on the environment; around half of all plastics ever manufactured have been made in the last 15 years. Production increased exponentially from 2.3 million tons in 1950 to 448 million tons in 2015. Production is expected to double by 2050 if steps are not taken to reduce plastic consumption. Every year, about 8 million tons of plastic waste escapes into the oceans. That's the equivalent of setting five garbage bags full of rubbish on every foot of coastline around the world.

Production and disposal of plastic produces chemical and carbon emissions. Plastic waste in the environment is particularly harmful to aquatic ecosystems, and sea life becomes entangled in and ingests plastics. Micro plastics are entering the food web, and it is estimated that humans are now on average consuming a credit card's worth of plastic each week. The future health impacts of this are unknown.

Sport can kick goals to reduce plastic.

- Pledge to ban single use plastic bottles at your club's canteen and bar by a certain date. Use only suppliers that provide drinks in glass or aluminium.
- Encourage all participants to bring their own water bottles. Promote tap water as the drink of choice, particularly to children.
- Pledge to reduce single use plastics in your canteen service. How do you serve food? Are there reusable or compostable options?
- Find a fun way to promote reducing plastics at your club through social media, a plastic free champion or even a league-wide competition in the race to go plastic-free.
- Recycle plastics appropriately, through regular recycling bins or REDcycle
- #emubob your place of play to pick up plastics left behind

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Need more ideas or help making your club more environmentally sustainable and reducing your plastic use? Contact annabel.greensports@gmail.com.

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Your chance to join the Woodend CFA

We are now in a position to recruit some new Fire Fighters, although positions are limited. As a priority, we are looking for men and women who are available daytime during the week. If you are interested, or would like more information, please call the fire station or email Woodend Captain on mike@dornau.com.au

Woodend CFA celebrates 125 years

The Woodend CFA recently celebrated its annual dinner and award presentations, under MC and new 4th Lieutenant Rob Marsh.

Captain Mike Dornau opened the formal proceedings with a thoughtful speech that covered the fact there was no annual dinner last year, due to the Covid pandemic, and congratulated Brigade members on their dedication through some very difficult times.

In fact, the Brigade had not been able to gather to recognise the brilliant efforts by Woodend volunteers during the 2019–20 Black Summer fires in NSW and Victoria, where 24 individual Woodend CFA volunteers were involved in Strike Team duties at many fire fronts, some going several times – that’s an amazing 75% of the Brigade’s operational members at the time.

Captain Dornau concluded by reminding members to never underestimate the value and importance of what we do for our community, our state and even the nation, with the brilliant work that we do. The CFA’s goal is to help save lives and property – and that is exactly what we do.

Awards

During the evening, a range of awards were presented to members covering the two-year period.

National Medals were presented by CFA Board Member Peter Shaw to Captain Dornau, 1st Lieutenant Steve Ritchie, 2nd Lieutenant Malcolm Judd and veteran fire fighter Richard Price.

The National Medal is awarded for diligent service to the community over a long period of time, in hazardous circumstances, including in times of emergency and national disaster, in direct protection of life and property.

Service Medals

Service medals recognise how long a member has been with the CFA and were presented by Mt Macedon Group Officer Ian Hay: 5 years – Brad Newell; 10 years – Kate Daniel, Andrew Price, Patrick Callaghan, Sue Hobbs and Jack McKinnon; 15 years – Aaron Dodd, Annette van Huffel and Geoff Wells; 20 years – Alma Warnock; 40 years – Dave Muir; 50 years – John Keating; and 60 years – Norm Bickerdyke.

Members of the year

The Member of the Year award is voted every year by members of the Brigade Management Team, who give three votes every month to the member or members who are giving above and beyond the call of duty. Member of the Year awards were presented by new 1st Lieutenant Steve Ritchie.



The Award for 2019–20 went to Ben Richardson, who was voted ahead of Tim Duff, Geoff Wells, Troy Bowen, Mike Selby and Gary Hobbs.

The Award for 2020–21 went to Tim Duff, ahead of Rob Marsh (winner 2018–19), Mike Selby (his 5th time in the Top 5), Ben Richardson (winner the previous year), Patrick Bradfield-Smith and Brad Dean.

The Captain’s award

This is often presented to the biggest stuff-up of the year, but this year, the Captain decided to take a slightly different approach. He also had two years of events to work with, and there was one that stood out – having taken place back in late 2019 and that has managed to outshine all others since then. It went to a group of members who took the Brigade to a sort of Superhero status.

At 6pm on Sunday November 10, 2019, Woodend’s new Tanker 1 left as part of a Strike team deployment to the NSW bush fires, with a crew of four.

Following a quick meal at Hungry Jacks, en route from Singleton to Glen Innes, the Woodend Tanker somehow came under the spell of the Power Puff Girls. And a mysterious transformation of both the vehicle and crew took place. Suddenly a Power Puff model was placed on the dash of the tanker ... and is still there.

This led to the creation of Malcolm ‘Buttercup’ Judd, Ben ‘Bubbles’ Botwood, Ben ‘Blossom’ Richardson and finally Steve ‘Professor Utonium’ Rumble.

Special thanks to the Woodend RSL for hosting the event and 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, Kate Daniel and Annette van Huffel for a great event.

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

SUBMITTED BY MIKE DORNAU, CAPTAIN WOODEND CFA

Kyneton Theatre Company

Over a year after having to cancel their production of Disney's Beauty and the Beast four weeks out from opening night, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Kyneton Theatre Company is preparing to reopen its doors. "Like everyone on the planet, we were hit hard by COVID-19. This was a big disappointment for the cast who had worked for months learning their parts, dance moves and songs," says Caroline Schimdt, committee member and musical director in the company. The company's new production, Mamma Mia! will transport audiences to the Greek isles (for a little while). Auditions for Mamma Mia! are being held on 5 and 6 June, and Kyneton Theatre Company is looking for cast, crew and band members to join the show. If you want to be part of this great production and community, email kynetontheatre@gmail.com.

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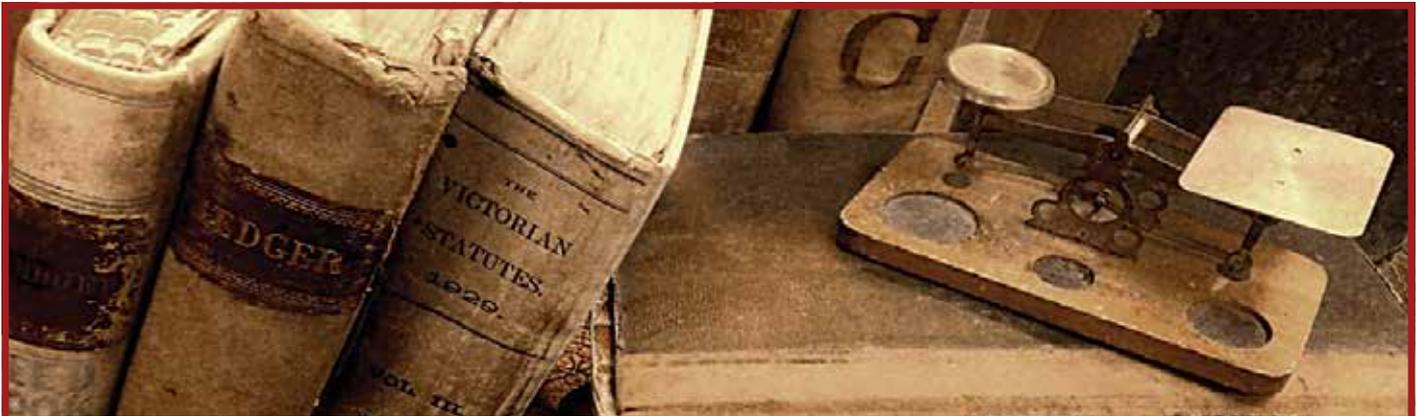
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Bourkies Bakehouse “Rises to the occasion” to support school children in Vanuatu

Adam Bourke and his obliging staff have consistently risen to the occasion over the last year or so to support the Rotary Club of Woodend School building project in Vanuatu. Their support has been demonstrated by the display of a donation tin at their counter. This has resulted in a progressive total so far of \$964.20. This will go a long way towards improving the education facilities for the children in the remote village of Mwast. Well done, Bourkies.



Autumn in Woodend, photo: Hubert Weisrock

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A family affair

Central Highlands Rural Health has released a short video to promote the wide range of services on offer from the regional health service in the Macedon Ranges and Hepburn Shire.



The video focuses on services at all five campuses – Clunes, Creswick, Daylesford, Kyneton and Trentham – as well as community-based programs delivered by the Community Health and Community Nursing teams.

From services for newborns in Maternal and Child Health, right through to Aged Care, the video showcases Central Highlands Rural Health's integrated approach to localised healthcare, providing every person with the best possible care, close to home.

The video features a touching moment between aged care resident Gloria McCarthy and her daughter Vicki Gunnsner, who is a Hotel Services Supervisor at Daylesford Aged Care.

"It was a bit of fun being filmed for the video. Our family have lived locally all our lives and I'm really proud that mum and I could be a part of the video that celebrates the great work we do here at Central Highlands Rural Health," Ms Gunnsner said.

The video includes footage of the newly renovated Dementia Friendly Aged Care Unit in Creswick, Acute and Surgical Services in Kyneton and Daylesford, Aged Care



in Daylesford and Trentham, Community Health Services across the Hepburn Shire, and Community Nursing and Home Care Packages across the region.

Central Highlands Rural Health CEO Maree Cuddihy said:

"We're really pleased to launch this video which marks the beginning of a new chapter in the history of local health services in our region.

"Central Highlands Rural Health formed just before COVID hit, so we were a bit preoccupied for a while there, but it's fantastic that we can now finally share this video with our community to showcase the high-quality care we provide our clients, patients, residents and their families," Ms Cuddihy said.

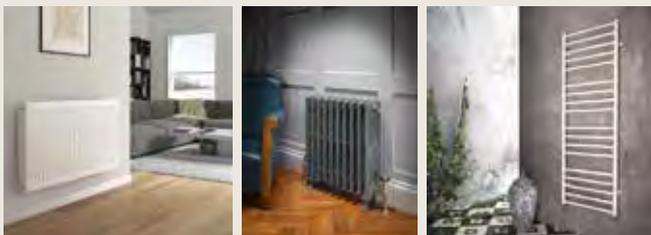
The video runs for four minutes and can be viewed online at Central Highlands Rural Health's website, as well via their social media channels.

"Hopefully the video gives everyone a taste of the kind of services we offer. There is so much more we could have covered so we hope that once people have watched it, they'll take the time to have a look around our website to learn more about our services," Ms Cuddihy said.

To view the video, visit: <https://www.chrh.org.au/articles/CHRH-promo-video/>

The video was produced by KOMS Communications <https://www.koms.com.au/>

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A fair go for Australia

Chesters demands answers on Uni and TAFE Federal budget cuts

Federal Member for Bendigo, Lisa Chesters has written to the Prime Minister demanding answers on University and TAFE funding cuts hidden in last week's Federal Budget.

"I've written to the Prime Minister demanding to know what impact his higher education funding cuts will have on our local LaTrobe University Bendigo campus and Bendigo TAFE."

"I'm calling on the government to guarantee that cuts to higher education in this year's budget will not result in further job losses or course cuts at our local higher education institutions."

Last week's Federal Budget was a double blow to the higher education sector.

The Budget shows cuts to university funding by 10 per cent over the coming years, with a cut of around \$430 million in the next two years.

This Budget also makes cuts to the total funding for vocational education of 10.8 per cent next year and another 24.2 per cent between 2021-22 and 2024-25.

More than 17,000 university workers have lost jobs since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, and universities lost an estimated \$1.8 billion in revenue compared to 2019.

"The first round of volunteer redundancies in 2020 saw 239 La Trobe staff lose their jobs, including 25 from Bendigo. Since then, we have lost more jobs and courses. Additionally, more degrees and courses have been moved to an online-only delivery model," Ms Chesters said.

"That's why I have written to the Prime Minister, urging him to guarantee that there will be no further job losses or course cuts at LaTrobe University Bendigo Campus or Bendigo TAFE brought on as a result of the 2021 Federal Budget."

SUBMITTED BY JACOB KAYE

Murmuring Walk

Sandra Fiona Long, Ria Soemardjo and Charlotte Roberts are passionate about inviting audiences to reconnect deeply with natural environments, by creating a space of heightened listening and contemplation. Sandra and Ria are long term collaborators in creating immersive performances around Australia and Asia, and Charlotte is a Macedon Ranges musician and vocal artist. Together, they draw on expertise in writing, performance making, facilitation, vocal improvisation and sound design.

Murmuring Walk is a free, audio-guided, reflective walk at Sanatorium Lake, Mount Macedon that reflects the lake's environment, birdlife and natural rhythms. Participants will be invited to wear headphones connected to their personal device and enter a contemplative space at the lake, as they are led by a multilayered, poetic soundtrack.

Audio launch: May 31st

Free live installation/performance 3.45pm on 22 June and 1pm and 3.45pm on 27 June.

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Woodend Bowling Club



A boost for our umpiring

Umpiring numbers for the club were boosted recently, when Mike Dornau completed the Bowls Australia 'Markers, Measurers and National Umpires' course. Mike joins the club's other umpires Mark Schafer and Norm Bickerdyke.

Mark Schafer, an international umpire who has officiated at World Championship events, has also recently completed a Bowls Australia course, which has qualified him as an accredited instructor to undertake the training of markers, measurers and umpires in the future.

The club was also successful in gaining a State Government grant to purchase some much-needed umpiring equipment.

Braemar students have a bowl

During April and May, we hosted several sessions for students from Braemar College to introduce them to the sport. 25 students enjoyed some serious lessons and light-hearted competition, where they learnt the game was not as easy as they initially thought. One commented, "this is a cool sport ... so relaxing!" Thanks to Rob, Chris, Anne and Mike for their coaching.

Vale Stan Nicholls

It is with great sadness that we announce the loss of two great members of our club.

Stan Nicholls joined the Bowling Club in 1990, after being very active in local sports. He was an experienced footballer, playing more than 400 games for the Heskett and Woodend Football club, and was a Life Member of the Hanging Rock Tennis Club and Hanging Rock Racing Club.

Stan played a total of 349 games for the Woodend Bowling Club and would have played more if his health allowed. He played in several grand final and premierships teams and served as a selector and on the match committee and was also Vice-President in 2016.

In recent years, the sight of his pale blue bowls was great to see on our new carpet green and, as his health deteriorated, he managed the conversion to a bowling arm with ease.

Even with his health problems, he still put his hand up if he could to make up the numbers when needed. Stan succumbed to cancer in early April at the age of 84.

RIP Rod Legge

Rod passed away in late May at the age of 67.

He was an active club member, played 208 games for the Woodend Bowling Club, serving as Team Manager, Secretary 2009–11 and President 2013–14.

Rod was a Premiership player in 2011–2012 and won the Pairs Championship with Ian Howden 2006–07 and the Frank O'Brien Pairs with Dennis Barker in 2005–06.

Rod was diagnosed with a brain tumour some 15 months ago and underwent several serious surgeries. He was such a determined man that he managed to play every game of the recent Saturday Division 2 season, which finished a short time before he passed away.

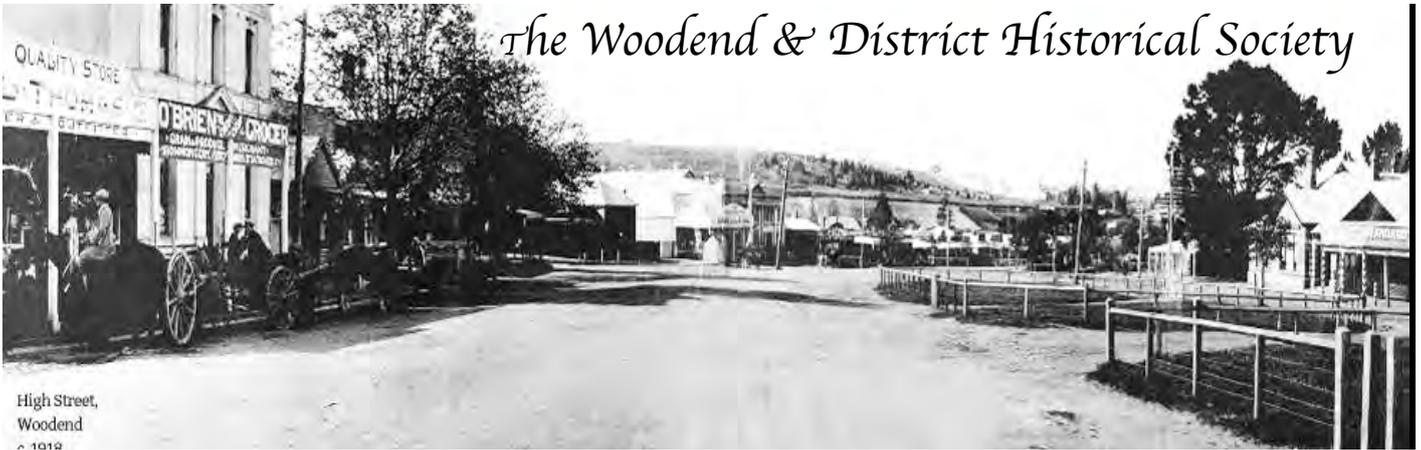
Both Stan and Rod will be greatly missed.

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

SUBMITTED BY MIKE DORNAU, PRESIDENT WOODEND BOWLS CLUB

Autumn in Woodend, photo: Hubert Weisrock





High Street,
Woodend
c. 1919

An Indian Affair

From the 1870s, a highly successful trade had developed in Australia – the sale of polo ponies and remounts, or regimental mounts, for India. James Johnston owned Johnston's Horse Emporium which consisted of large stables and yards in Collier Street. For over 30 years, Johnston's stock fetched the highest prices in Victoria, so that by the 1890s his name had become legendary. He sought horses from all around Australia with many from Woodend. In 1910, the *Woodend Star* reported that Mr Johnston bought 150 of the most expensive horses, including teams, pairs, cobs, ponies, racehorses, champion jumpers and ten stallions.

Long-time resident of Woodend, Gordon Cranny, remembered how his father, Thomas, would travel to New South Wales to buy horses for Mr Johnston and bring them to Woodend on the train. Sometimes up to 500 would be unloaded into yards near the station and then walked through the town to the Emporium. There they would be handled a little bit and children were encouraged to come and ride them to help break them in. Local blacksmiths had plenty of work in shoeing them.

When the horses needed exercise, anyone who wanted to ride somewhere was welcome to take one from Johnston's. Later the horses were sent by train, then walked to a farm in Werribee, with



Photo 206: Reception given to Major Jaswant Singh (ADC to the Maharajah of Patiala) at J Johnston's Horse Emporium in Collier Street, Woodend, 1914. Mr Johnston sold horses to the Indian Government as well as selling Polo Ponies and Hunters to the Maharajah, who presented him with a Silver Rolls Royce as well as having the Johnston family visit him in India several times.

one man in front and one behind, where they waited for a boat to be ready to take them to India. Mr Johnston was conspicuous around town, always dressed up and wearing a top hat. 'He was the man with the money', said Gordon Cranny.

In 1914 Prince Captain Jaswant Singh, ADC to the Maharaja of Patiala, India, arrived in Woodend

with Mr Johnston to visit the Emporium. In honour of his guest, Mr Johnston hosted a grand night of free entertainment for locals, providing musical entertainment and refreshments and having seven shots fired from the old cannon on Racecourse Hill. The *Woodend Star* stated that it was the grandest event that Woodend had ever experienced.

SUBMITTED BY JANE HOLTH

Additional photos from Sacred Heart article on page 44.



Special guest Peter Moser with College Captains Georgia Waddington & Lincoln Roberts



Lena Charles from Clothing the Gap addresses the College community



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Sacred Heart College Inaugural Makarrata Assembly

On a recent autumn morning, our college gathered to celebrate the inaugural Makarrata Assembly. This special event called us together as a Mercy community to confront the truths of our history with honesty, and to celebrate the remarkable work of contemporary First Nations Australians.

Makarrata is a Yolngu word that means “coming together after a struggle”. The call for a national Makarrata Commission is a central theme of the Uluru Statement from the Heart, and as a Mercy community, we join in this call for truth telling and healing.

By gathering in the spirit of Makarrata, we denounce the ongoing legacy of racism that is threaded throughout our nation’s history and stand in solidarity with our First Nations sisters and brothers and their calls for justice and true reconciliation.

In our assembly, we heard from some remarkable guest speakers, and listened to our own students perform both spoken word and musical pieces.

We had the special honour of having Peter Moser join us to offer a Welcome to Country and a smoking ceremony to begin our assembly. Peter is a proud Taungurung man, whose heritage on the landscape our

school is built upon spans countless generations.

Our keynote speaker for the occasion was Lena Charles from Clothing the Gaps - a Victorian Aboriginal owned and led foundation. Clothing the Gaps designs and produces fresh and dynamic fashion items that celebrate Aboriginal people and culture. Their products are used as a platform to campaign, educate and elevate Aboriginal peoples’ voices and causes, with all profits from their fashion label used to support important health initiatives.

Lena is a proud Yorta Yorta/Gunai Kurnai woman, and her presentation to us offered a powerful example of what can be achieved with creativity, imagination and a desire for justice. We take great heart in knowing that compassionate and courageous people are working for justice each day in our state.

Our assembly was also an occasion to highlight some of the key moments in time along Australia’s path to reconciliation. To this end, our own college voice choir performed spoken word arrangements of the recent Yoo-rrook Justice Statement and the 1992 Redfern Address. Although the words they presented to us are from two time periods separated by almost 30 years, both performances offered

the same calling towards truth-telling and healing. This was the central message at the core of our Makarrata Assembly. As people of Mercy, we are committed to walking the journey of truth, healing and justice, in solidarity with our First Nations sisters and brothers. As our assembly drew to a close, we encouraged all students to continue the conversation with their teachers, classmates, friends, family, teammates and all in their community.

SUBMITTED BY JENNIFER BALDWIN



Student leaders, staff and special guests at the conclusion of the assembly



Students participate in the smoking ceremony



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