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COMMUNITY HUB EDGES CLOSER



A project to transform the centre of Woodend into a regional arts and community precinct has edged closer to realisation with Macedon Ranges Shire Council putting forward a draft masterplan for public comment

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— MARCH —	
6	Woodend Farmers' Market
6-8	Woodend Lions Club Art Show
7	Clean Up Australia Day
8	Labour Day
9-12	International Women's Day
12	Hanging Rock Night Walks
13	Whole Town Garage Sale
13	Macedon Ranges Music Festival
15 ...	Closing date Community Hub consultation process
21	Discovery Day, Woodend Racecourse
28	Woodend Landcare working bee
— APRIL —	
2	Good Friday
3	Woodend Farmers' Market
4	Easter Monday
21	Centenary Anniversary of Rotary in Australia
25	ANZAC Day
— MAY —	
1	Woodend Farmers' Market
9	Mothers' Day
14-30	Mount Players season opening
— JUNE —	
5	Woodend Farmers' Market
10-14	Woodend Winter Arts Festival
13	A Taste of Ireland, Kyneton Town Hall
14	Queen's Birthday Holiday

Woodend's Rain report

We ended up with a wetter than average start to the year thanks to a big event late in January.

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		
March	23.7	31.7	12.2	79.6		
April	165.0	31.0	7.6	139.8		
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		
Total mm	727.4	746.6	608.4	914.8		

Woodend Arts and Community Hub

The plan includes space for outdoor gatherings and farmers' market, as well as an indoor performing arts space, library and café.

The draft plan comes after years of work by the Woodend Community & Cultural Centre Group (previously Geburrh Centre) – comprising local volunteers experienced in town planning, architecture and the arts – who pushed for the current site of the library and community centre to be redeveloped.

After receiving the group's proposal for the site in 2016 – including a covered market, modern library and multi-purpose arts space – Council have, with the support of the State Government, engaged a Melbourne consultant to also come up with a plan.

As they release the new plan for public consultation, Council says feedback and findings from this round of community consultation, along with best practice technical advice, will inform the final business case and masterplan.

"Council would like to acknowledge and thank the individuals and groups from the Woodend community who have contributed to the development of the draft plan so far," said Angela Hughes, Director Planning and Environment.

"Now more than ever, we need to know what the community needs and wants from upgraded facilities at the Woodend Community Centre."

People can view and provide feedback on the draft master plan online at mrsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay or in person at Council's customer service offices or the Woodend Library. A community drop in session will be held on Saturday 6 March 2021 from 8am-1pm, at the Woodend Farmers' Market. Feedback submissions are open until Monday 15 March.

The previous masterplan developed by the Woodend Community & Cultural Centre Group in 2016 – and information about their vision, process and feedback – can be found on their website: www.woodendccc.com

Timeline of events

2015 – Woodend Community & Cultural Centre Group (previously Geburrh Centre) formed. The not-for-profit group's vision is "to unite the people of Woodend in a community project to create a revitalised centre with quality facilities and services. The focus will be on sustainability, enduring architectural design, and meeting any existing and future needs and expectations of all residents."

2016 to 2019 – Woodend Community & Cultural Centre Group releases its draft masterplan for community feedback. A survey receives more than 400 responses. The group also consults with various users and community groups, including local schools and sporting clubs, Woodend Library, Woodend Neighbourhood House, Woodend RSL and Council. Woodend Community & Cultural Centre Group's draft masterplan, and the feedback it received, is available on their website: www.woodendccc.com

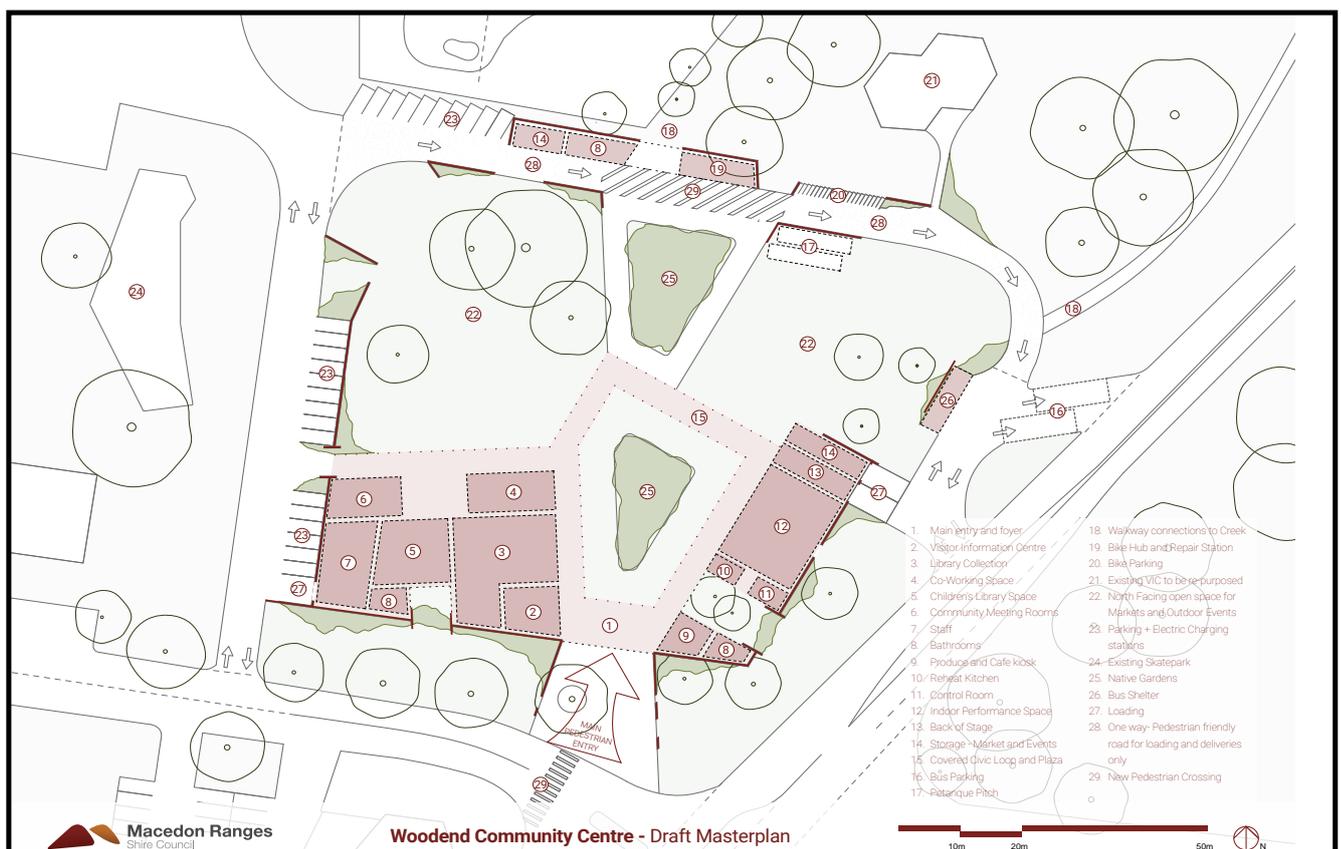
2019 to 2020 – Macedon Ranges Shire Council and Regional Development Victoria commit \$100,000 towards the development of a business case and masterplan.

2020 – Council consults key stakeholders and user groups, and surveys Woodend residents, as part of the formation of the draft masterplan.

2021 – Council's draft masterplan released for public consultation. Feedback submissions are open until Monday 15 March: mrsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay

SUBMITTED BY KATE O'CONNOR

DRAFT MASTERPLAN



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LULU IS LEAVING WOODEND LIBRARY

We are sad to say Lulu Cockram has resigned as manager of Woodend Library. Lulu joined the Goldfields Libraries in 2008, working in a casual role at the Kyneton branch before taking on the manager's role at Woodend Library.

Lulu has been a champion for the Woodend Library and community and will leave a big gap in our GLC family upon leaving.

In an email to the staff team, Goldfields CEO Mark said, "As an organisation, GLC has been fortunate to have Lulu lead her team over the last 10 years and help shape Woodend Library as a safe, dynamic and community connected space within Woodend and Macedon Ranges Shire. Who can forget the awesome Halloween dress-ups, Picnic at Hanging Rock Guinness Book of Records participation (#toomanymirandas) or the awesome kids activities set up each school holidays!

"During her time with Goldfields, Lulu has been a veritable tidal wave of goodwill in her community through the partnerships she has built with Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group, Woodend Neighbourhood House, Woodend RSL, Woodend Winter Arts Festival, Woodend Rotary, many other organisations and local businesses, and countless staff members across the Macedon Ranges Shire Council to name a few.



Photo of Lulu Cockram by Kim Selby

"We are sorry to see Lulu step away from her role as Woodend Library Manager, but we just know that boundless energy will now be directed toward other amazing activities - perhaps a few massive hikes Lulu?"

All the best for your transition to semi-retirement Lulu.

Come in and say farewell when we are open in Lulu's final week at Woodend March 22nd – Friday March 26th.

SUBMITTED BY MANDY MCFARLANE



Woodend Library opening hours. Call us if you are unsure of our opening times. Check our website, Facebook page and Google entry too, for the latest information.

Please ask us to 'check your card'. With the on-and-off closures last year, there are many members with outstanding items, fines, and other blocks on their cards. We are currently waiving all fines.

Storytimes

We are pleased to bring back Rhyme Time, Toddler Time and Storytime. These will be presented

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Message from your councillor



The beginning of 2021 is proving to be a very busy time for the Macedon Ranges Shire Council, with a variety of important items that have direct impact for the towns and communities in the West Ward. Key items of interest include:

Woodend Community Centre. The draft masterplan for the new Woodend Community Centre has been approved

by Council and we are now seeking community feedback. The masterplan is available on the shire website and will also be on display at an upcoming Woodend Farmer's market.

Recruitment of our new CEO – the council is currently undertaking the process of finding and appointing a new CEO for the MRSC. We are being assisted in this process by Omera Partners who specialise in senior recruitment for local government. The position has been advertised and the process of short listing candidates has begun.

Community Engagement Policy – Council recently approved our new community engagement policy. Many thanks go to residents and ratepayers who contributed to the development of the policy, a key aspect of which is the inclusion of a deliberative engagement process, which will be used to help ensure community participation in the development of our upcoming council plan and as part of our budget process over the next few months.

There are a number of significant planning proposals coming up for consideration in the next few months that will potentially have significant impact on our towns. We encourage all members of our communities to keep an eye on these proposals and submit your thoughts and ideas to both the shire, via the online feedback portal, and to us, your local councillors, by phone or email.

We also would like to remind everyone that Council will be considering whether to declare a climate emergency at our March meeting, and we are keen to hear back from our community for your ideas and opinions on this important issue. Our contact details are available from the council website and we welcome your feedback on this or any other issue.

SUBMITTED BY MARK RIDGEWAY, COUNCILLOR MRSC



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Woodend Winter Arts Festival Reimagined

Designing an event, let alone a festival with multiple overlapping events, in these ‘COVID-slightly-normal’ times is fraught for organisers. The Woodend Winter Arts Festival committee has been working on the 2021 festival for many months and believe that they have come up with the best solution to balance risk while still providing arts experiences for patrons. “It’s been one of our biggest challenges,” explains Dr Jacky Ogeil, Artistic Director. “We need to combine some flexibility, a cancellation process, potential rescheduling and adding in new events if possible, so we’ve really had to reimagine the festival from the ground up. And we want to honour our promises where possible, to the Victorian artists we booked for the 2020 Festival.”

Festival 2021 will be ‘WWAF Re-imagined’ and will be spread over several winter months from May to August in Salon style to allow for sudden lockdowns and rescheduling, reduced audience numbers that can be expanded if allowed, and even repeated or additional events depending on the prevailing advice from local and state governments. “We have to ensure the safety of patrons and performers and minimise the risk of a complete festival cancellation if a third wave hits Victoria in winter.”

Festival events are planned for 2nd Sunday in May, July and August in addition to the festival weekend of 11, 12, 13 June. Daytime events are planned and will comply with all necessary COVID-safe restrictions. All events will be ticketed and require patrons to list the names and contact details of all ticket holders. Subscribe to the Festival newsletter for updates on events and any changes.

The festival program will be available on 29/3/21.

SUBMITTED BY IRENE O'DUFFY, WWAF COMMITTEE



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"It's time we made everybody aware of what really happens in this wonderful place," says John Pizzey, a relatively new resident in Woodend, who lives in GemLife's Over 50's Resort, and is a spokesman for the Petanque Club.

"The Woodend Discovery Day is the result of much planning by the Petanque and Pony Clubs, who share joint occupancy at the old Woodend Racecourse in Forest St, where the event is being held. The clubs' aim is to showcase the wide range of lesser-known benefits and products available to the village residents and surrounding areas in the Macedon Ranges.

Sports like football, cricket and basketball are of course well known in the area and are well represented in Woodend, with some outstanding clubs. But little is known about the sport of Petanque, nor are the range of activities run by the Pony Club widely known. Similarly, many people have not discovered some of the wonderful smaller vineyards, boutique distilleries and cideries operating close to Woodend; even the local craft brewery is relatively undiscovered by many other than those souls who desperately seek real ale.

Discovery Day will show everybody just how wonderful these features and many more are. There will be a Petanque tournament to showcase the game,



offering visitors 'To Give it a Toss' and try out the game for themselves, aided by the Club's skilled players.

The Rootes Group Car Club will be exhibiting a collection of their beautiful vintage cars.

The Pony Club will put on a good show suitable for all ages, and for the children, there are pony rides, a mobile animal farm and a jumping castle.

You can also discover fantastic wines from some of the area's best small vineyards, some unusual and really exciting products from the local boutique gin distiller, craft beer and ciders from local producers, and of course, some wonderful food to go with it. We've even secured the best coffee van in the state!

Our main aim of the day is for people to have fun whilst discovering a little more about wonderful Woodend. So get along to the Old Racecourse on Sunday 21st March and be part of the fun. It's not expensive at only \$5 per person or \$10 for families, and there's plenty of parking -- you'll have a great day discovering some fantastic and lesser known aspects of Woodend!

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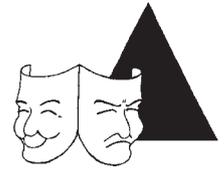
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This is a COVID-safe event. All ticket holders reserve the right to a 100% refund in the case of cancellation.

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First show set to open in May



We are in the middle of a five-day lockdown as I type this article ... **The Mount Players** so who knows where we will be by the time it's published... very surreal! However, I continue on a positive, hopeful note by way of telling you about our first production which will open in May.

Too Many Crooks was a 1959 British comedy movie starring among others, Terry Thomas, Sydney James and George Cole. Director, John Rowlands has adapted the script for the stage in the form of a BBC radio play.

The plot concerns a bunch of inept crooks led by an incompetent boss, who continue to botch straightforward robberies. When their plans turn to kidnapping, matters become overly complicated.

John brought his radio play, *The Wrong Box* to the Mountview Theatre in 2018, and it was a real hit.

Too Many Crooks promises our audience lots of laughs, with great characters, and of course, live sound effects... just like it used to be! The season will run from 14 – 30 May.

Rest assured our theatre has a thorough COVID plan already in place to look after our patrons.

For more details on the show and to book tickets, go to our website www.themountplayers.com or call 5426 1892 for enquiries.

See you all in May ... fingers crossed.

SUBMITTED BY KAREN HUNT



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Electric gates could slow the CFA down

We have noticed that electric front gates are being installed at more and more properties in the Woodend area and the Macedon Ranges. Whilst electric gates make opening and closing gates on rural properties much easier, they can also present a barrier to CFA fire fighters if we are called to an emergency on a property. Under law, the CFA can force our way in if necessary, and any damage is covered by special insurance.

However, there are also some properties where ‘serious’ electric gates that are both very large and very strong have been installed, and breaking in would be virtually impossible. In such cases, we would look at cutting through fences, or some other means, to gain access to the property.

One way of giving us access if residents aren’t at home without causing damage or breaching security

would be to leave a contact phone number clearly visible close to the electronic access point for the gates. We could then make a quick phone call to gain access. This would also assist deliveries and trades people visiting a property.



Is there room for a fire truck at your house?

Another way a truck can be delayed in getting to a fire is if a gate or driveway is too narrow or overgrown.

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The Woodend CFA is a 100% volunteer emergency service, committed to Creating a Safer Community. If you are interested in joining the other great CFA volunteers in the Woodend community, please get in touch.

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MACEDON RANGES WINE BUYERS GUIDE
 Patrick Eckle's
Wine review

Introduction

You may have noticed the nets are out across the vineyards in the region, which is a sign that harvest for 2021 is nearing. To date, it has been a challenging year, with moderate temperatures when compared to the last few vintages, and heavy rain events a constant. The grapes will be picked from late March through early May in some cases, so fingers crossed for a good end to the growing season.

The reviews this month come from a couple of the most exciting producers in the region, Josh Cooper (Josh Cooper Wines) and Etienne Mangier (North Wines)

2014 North Wine Contrefort Cuvee Louis Cremant

The first sparkling produced by Etienne Manger, which is a blend of Chardonnay and Pinot Noir that was aged on lees for 7 years prior to release. The extended time on lees has slowly worked away at a textural and pure expression of cool climate fruit from the Macedon Ranges. Chiseling lines of richness and bready complexity are balanced by taut stone fruits with citrus zest and a marzipan edge. The acidity and mouthfeel to bring things home is world class, with textural grip and driving length. A wonderful wine available in minute quantities.

Rating: 96 | Price: \$50 | When to Drink: 2021 - 2029

2019 Josh Cooper Doug's Vineyard Pinot Noir

A medium red in colour, the nose has floral red cherry with spice and sweet earth, and is about as Burgundian as you can get. The palate builds in structure and interest as any great example of the variety does. Damp earth works with dark cherry interjected with beautifully integrated spice; acid gives structure and dimension, but in no way dominates. A truly exceptional wine.

Rating: 97 | Price: \$60 | When to Drink: 2021 - 2031

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Notice of our AGM

Wednesday 10th March 2021

Arrival at 11.15am for 11.30am start

Address: ATERICS, Market St, Trentham

Councillor Brian Hood will be our guest speaker, followed by a pre-ordered lunch.

The meeting will be held in a COVID-safe manner. For more details on the AGM or on the Club in general, please contact President Di Clausen, 0425 008 763, or Secretary Gaye Lovelock, 0411 150 114 / gaye.lovelock@gmail.com

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As we return to play, actions small and large can support climate action awareness and momentum.

The Victorian Government has partnered with Sports Environment Alliance – Australia's peak body for supporting the environment through sport – to develop a sport and climate change resource, "Future Proofing Community Sport and Recreation Facilities". visit www.noplanetnoplay.org for more information on this initiative.

Cool Changes, the MRSC program for facilitating the development of local climate action plans includes Green Sports action. Visit www.mrsc.vic.gov.au to view the complete Cool Changes Woodend Region Climate Action Plan.

Start with the #emubob as an environment action. In warm up or cool down, move, find rubbish, bend down, pick it up, bin it. Consider what type and how much rubbish is collected. Is it a high carbon product? Where did it come from? How could it be reduced? Who could help?

If you are keen on podcasts about new topics start out with Emergency on Planet Sport.

Into tweeting? Follow @SEA_theChange.

Need help with ideas big or small or just want to find out more about the impact climate change is having on sport? Contact me at annabel.greensports@gmail.com or @a_bella_life.

Remember we might not barrack for the same team, however we all play on this one planet.

SUBMITTED BY ANNABEL SIDES

A Connected Woodend Australia Day Event of the Year Award

The Summer Living in Woodend event held in February 2020 was awarded Event of the Year at the Australia Day awards. An initiative of a group of local residents working in emergency management roles, the event brought together a community conversation space focusing on living in Woodend in summer. Research shows that communities that are connected are more resilient and recover better after disasters. Local groups and organisations like the library, Neighbourhood House, CWA, Rotary, churches, shire council, Red Cross, CFA and SES were also engaged, with a focus on what would happen in Woodend if we were affected by an emergency event.

In response to this forum, Woodend Neighbourhood House now facilitates a quarterly conversation- A Connected Woodend, where community groups and



community organisations in Woodend are encouraged and given the opportunity to connect and network. This network is looking to develop a localised Emergency Management Plan. Our next meeting will be held in mid-March and we invite all community groups that service Woodend to join us.

For more details or to get involved contact manager@woodendnh.org.au

SUBMITTED BY MELISSA BAKER



Woodend Neighbourhood House update

Woodend Neighbourhood House has had a great start to the year, and preparations are underway for the Whole Town Garage Sale, to be held on Saturday March 13, subject to COVID-19 restrictions.

As part of the House's Strategic Plan, team members have been asking community members to complete a questionnaire or join a conversation about the needs of the community and the role Woodend Neighbourhood House plays. If you haven't been able to contribute yet, there is still time. Please contact the House for the link or come and have a chat.

Volunteering with the House

The House is in the process of recruiting new volunteers and support to undertake certain tasks and activities.

Enthusiastic volunteers who would like to contribute to the House and the Woodend community are sought to provide support in basic reception and administration tasks, as well as someone with social media and marketing skills. People with events, maintenance and gardening skills are also needed.

If you have any skills in these areas or are keen to be involved with the House in any way, please contact – manager@woodendnh.org.au

2021 Memberships are now open

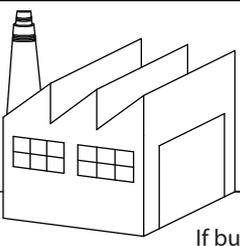
Woodend Neighbourhood House memberships are now open for 2021.

By becoming a member, you will be able to support Woodend Neighbourhood House in supporting the Woodend community as an important meeting place for locals to make connections.

By becoming a member, you can have your say in the direction of the House and have the opportunity to join our active Committee of Governance.

You can sign up to be a member via our website: www.woodendnh.org.au/courses/membership-2021

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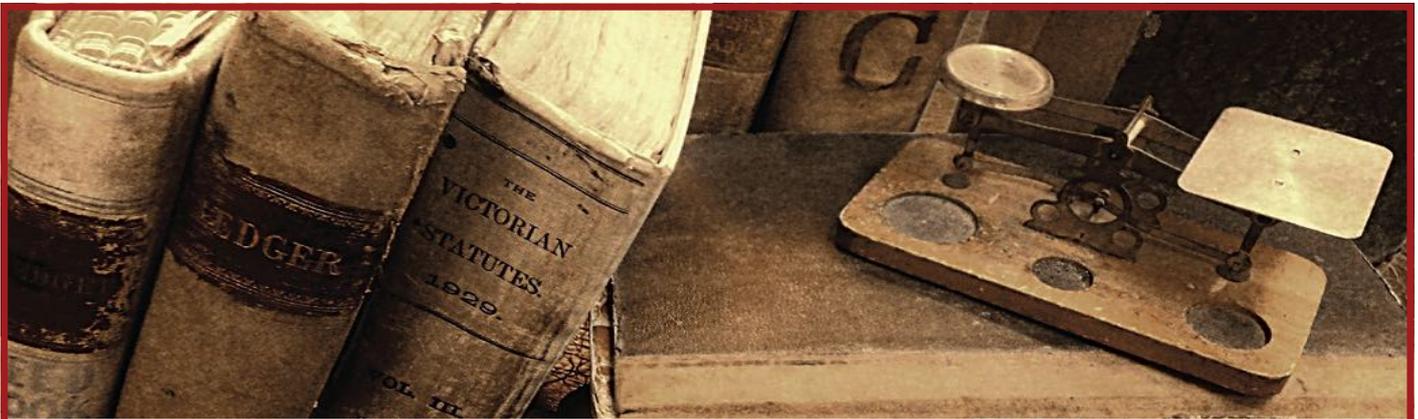
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We have had extremely informative Friday afternoon guest speakers, table tennis balls have been flying across the table, and our cyclists are pumping those legs.

Our speaker on February 12 was Mr Keith Hallett, who spoke on the Kokoda Trail. Keith will also be presenting a short course in Australian History, beginning in April.

The Red Brick Hall in Kyneton is the home of U3A Kyneton, where many of the activities are held. Others are in local coffee shops, in the gardens, on the road and in private homes.

We are still looking for a facilitator for Italian and singing. Your commitment can be either short or long



term. Our presenters come from all walks of life and are such an asset to our programs.

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

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What about wool? Hasn't wool come along? It's become so wearable, we do so directly on our skin. But the feeling of it on your windows, couches and cushions is equally divine. (Like last month's article on the kiwis outdoing themselves on sun umbrellas, they've also done pretty well on the merino front!)

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'Learning from local experiences during the COVID-19 pandemic'

Local residents' experiences during COVID-19 are being harnessed to understand the impact of the many and varied support systems that arose out of the pandemic, and use this to inform future responses.

To learn from the community's experiences during this time and to understand more about how support systems are perceived by the broader community, local organisations have contributed to the development of a 'Community experiences during Covid-19' survey ('the survey').

Local community groups and organisations worked hard to connect and protect the community during the COVID-19 pandemic. Some of these initiatives include developing a food pantry system, targeted distribution of mental health resource packs and increasing digital connection of older residents. Additionally, there are many informal or very local support systems that have popped up in communities, focused primarily on increasing community connection and supporting food security and other material aid.

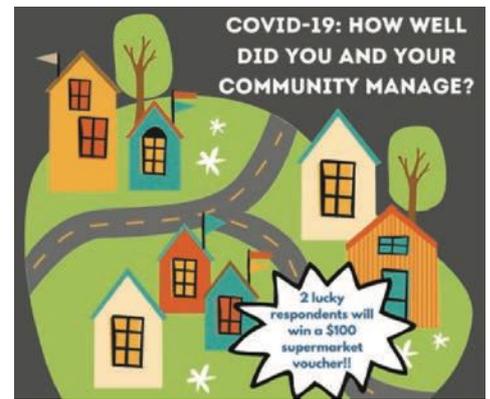
The survey is looking to engage the whole of the community and will be available online and via hardcopy upon request. We want to ensure that

isolated community members and those that are not digitally connected are able to engage, so encourage organisations, community groups,

friends and neighbours to support those around them to access the survey. This survey is one way to engage with community members across the lifespan and to utilise lived experiences to inform future emergency responses.

All survey participants can go into the draw to win one of two \$100 supermarket vouchers

The survey is now open and can be accessed at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/communitycovidsurvey>. For further information or for a hardcopy to be sent to you, please contact Rhani Dean-Talbett on 5472 5333 or projects@centralvicpcp.com.au.



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Sex Smart Youth

Highlighting the importance of youth sexual and reproductive health in the Macedon Ranges

The Sex Smart Youth survey is going live this March to find out the ins and outs of young people's sexual and reproductive health knowledge and their access to safe and inclusive information and services.

Sex Smart Youth aims to bring together young people and services working with young people to improve access to relevant, legitimate, inclusive and safe sexual and reproductive health education and resources for young people in the Macedon Ranges. A working group made up of youth participants and local community, health and education organisations has created the Sex Smart Youth survey to gather and collate localised data regarding the sexual and reproductive health of young people. The information gathered from the survey will be used for:

- the planning and delivery of sexual and reproductive health projects in the Macedon Ranges
- funding applications for increased service provision in the area related to sexual and reproductive health
- supporting young people to develop their skills and capacity in projects related to sexual and reproductive health.

The organisations participating in Sex Smart Youth are: Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health, Macedon Ranges Shire Council, Woodend Neighbourhood House, Kyneton Community House, Macedon Ranges Health, Thorne Harbour Country, Women's Health Loddon Mallee and local schools. In addition, the group benefits from the active participation and experience of two paid young people.

The online survey will be available through social media and the participating organisations' websites, and the aim is get as many young people as possible who either live, work, study or play in the Macedon Ranges to participate. Rhani Dean-Talbett, Working Group Chair and WayOut Worker at Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health says, "We want to hear directly from young people on what they know, don't know, wish they knew earlier, or want to know more about when it comes to sexual and reproductive health. We're really excited to hear from a diverse range of young people, as we know they hold the expertise of their experiences"

Kate McIntosh, one of the young people on the working group and a local person passionate about all things related to improving the health of young people in the Macedon Ranges says, "I can't wait to see what the survey tells us and to use the data to inform the next actions of the working group!"

The Sex Smart Youth survey will be open from 1 to 31 March. Follow this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/sexsmartyouth>.

All survey participants will have the option of going into a draw to win a prize.

For more details, contact Rhani on 5421 1666 or email rhani.dean-talbett@scchc.org.au.

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Although most LGBTIQ+ Australians live healthy and happy lives, the National LGBTIQ+ Health Alliance reminds us that current research demonstrates that a disproportionate number experience poorer mental health outcomes and have higher risk of suicidal behaviours than their heterosexual peers.

Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health's WayOut and CLIP programs have collaborated to organise

a series of training workshops focused on LGBTIQ+ affirmative healthcare. The workshops, which will take place in March and April, are designed to encourage GPs and health and aged care professionals to build their capacity to provide inclusive care. Building workforce capacity will create a space in which LGBTIQ+ people across the lifespan can grow, champion LGBTIQ+ visibility and inclusion, and celebrate pride in who they are.

The newly merged Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health CEO, Phillip Ripper, encourages all health professionals to register for the training series. "Together we will be contributing to better health and wellbeing outcomes for LGBTIQ+ people and a happier and healthier regional community."

The training series will be delivered online to ensure they are COVID-safe and to allow a greater number of professionals to attend. The training series has engaged specialist services to deliver the three topic areas and use their

expertise to highlight the specific healthcare needs of subgroups within the LGBTIQ+ community. The three areas that will be covered are: LGBTI aging and healthcare, intersex-informed healthcare and trans and gender diverse healthcare. The sessions will be delivered in conjunction with Val's Ageing and Aged Care, Intersex Peer Support Australia and Thorne Harbour Health with special guest Dr Holly Lewis from Springs Medical Gender Clinic in Daylesford.

"With limited LGBTIQ+ specialist services in regional areas, it is the responsibility of mainstream health services to build their capacity to work with LGBTIQ+ community members." says Senior WayOut Worker, Mez Lanigan.

The training series was made possible with funding from North Western Melbourne Primary Health Network. To register call 5421 1666 or email healthpromotion@scchc.org.au.

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Young Voices of Macedon is proud to announce the appointment of Juliarna Clark to the teaching staff in charge of the 9+ year group.

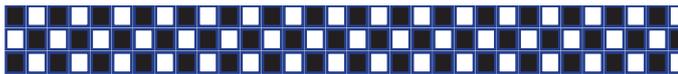
Juliarna is a professional musician with a passion for both performing and directing choirs. Her experience in directing ensembles includes ten years as a conductor with The Australian Girls Choir, two years directing a small a cappella ensemble in Oxfordshire, UK, as well as various choral ensembles at Yarra Valley Grammar School and Eltham College of Education. Her knowledge of choral repertoire is thorough, having performed as a young girl in The Australian Girls Choir (she was the recipient of the June Bronhill Scholarship Award), as well as many adult choirs over the years: St Michael's, Northgate, Oxford, (chorister and cantor); Royal Melbourne Philharmonic Chorus; Choral Institute of Melbourne, (soloist for a tour of Italy); Excelsis (a Catholic choir in Melbourne); St Patrick's Cathedral Singers, (chorister and cantor); St Francis' Cathedral, Adelaide (cantor); St Kevin's Parish (cantor); and Bristol Cathedral Choir (chorister and soloist).

Juliarna has had a lifelong interest in voice, and several years after completing her Bachelor of Music, she undertook further study and is now also a qualified Speech Pathologist. Her working life is a balance of jazz performing (locally and internationally), classical choral singing, conducting and individual voice lessons.

With Juliarna and other staff members Jess Demare and accompanist Cathy Hutchinson, the choir can be assured of a wonderful year of singing.

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Your local police news



Well! What a turbulent few weeks/months we've had, and I'm already starting to wonder where the year has gone. I'm already in the process of planning for events around Easter, ANZAC day and talking to Council about how we can better support our youth. Reflecting from a Woodend policing point of view, Katie and I have been here a year now, with all the original crew who reopened the station some 19 months ago having moved on to other things. Looking forward



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I'm hoping that we become a more consistent and recognisable work team for the Woodend community.

Recently, we have seen an increase in community concern and anxiety around the current health situation, and I would urge anyone with concerns for themselves, a friend, relative, or loved one to seek professional medical treatment/counselling where possible.

Thankfully this summer has not been too dry, such that my own water tanks and dam are still full and my grass still green (which is unheard of for this time of year). With the threat of bushfire feeling like it is fading fast, we need to remember that we are not out of the woods as of yet, (so to speak) and that fire restrictions are still in place across the shire, so there can be no burning off – unless you'd like a visit from someone from Woodend Police Station.

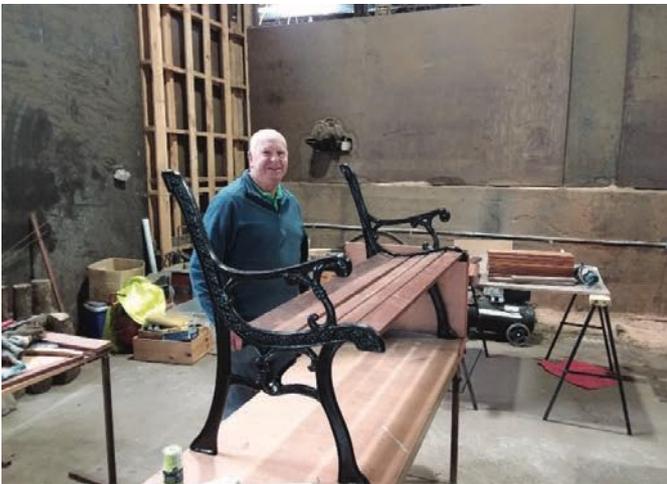
On to more positive news, some of you would have heard via Facebook that an expensive bike had been stolen recently from the Woodend Pool. I'm pleased to say that the bike has been returned to its rightful owner, albeit with a colour change, but none the less returned in a relatively short period of time. Two local youths are assisting Woodend Police with our enquiries and the appropriate proceedings will take place. One of the lessons to take from this is that whilst we do live in a relatively safe community, we can make it safer by ensuring we take steps to safeguard our property. Thefts tend to be opportunity based rather than planned, so a simple lock can cause someone to re-consider their actions and move on.

I do monitor the Woodend Social media regularly and see most things posted, but you will very rarely see me comment on anything.

Finally, I've been asked to remind everyone that the Op Shops are run by charities/volunteers to help those in need. The cost to charities and the valuable time of the volunteer staff can sometimes be better utilised than managing goods left hidden in the dark after hours at the back of the shop. Whilst the charities value your goods that you no longer want, it's worth remembering that it should be an item you would have confidence to hand in person to the charity during open hours. If you don't feel comfortable in handing it to a staff member, then maybe you might want to re-consider whether it is suitable for the charity, or more suited for another way of disposal, such as Facebook Marketplace or one of the online freecycle groups.

Stay safe

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Woodend Men's Shed in new location for 2021!

The Woodend Mens Shed is back up and running after a disrupted year in 2020 due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Now operating out of their new premises at 988 Black Forest Drive (the former site of the Black Forest sawmill) the Shed members are looking forward to an enjoyable and productive 2021.

After commencing a move from their previous location at Bupa Woodend in March 2020, the members found themselves unable to access their new premises due to lockdown, but by November, small numbers were able to meet to start the process of getting things in place and working in time for the new year.

Much effort has gone into making sure the shed is a COVID-safe space, and there is ample room for both activities and social interaction.

The Woodend Mens Shed prides itself on being a place where men of all ages can meet for a cuppa and a yarn with other men from a variety of backgrounds.

There is opportunity to learn new skills, pass on old skills to others and contribute to community endeavours at the same time as enjoying the company of other men.

The Shed is open each Monday and Wednesday from 9 until 12 and welcomes inquiries from prospective new members.

Plenty of opportunity exists to open the Shed at other times if sufficient interest is found, to cater for men unable to attend at the scheduled times.

Check out our web page at www.woodendmensshed.org or drop in for a look around during open hours.

Contact Kevin on 0491 141 084 to arrange a chat and an inspection.

We look forward to seeing you!

SUBMITTED BY KEVIN DAVIS



Western Water asks customers to adopt a hydrant

Western Water's 'adopt a hydrant' program is encouraging customers in the Macedon Ranges to look out for damaged or obscured hydrants.

Western Water's Chief Operating Officer, Graham Holt, says customers taking part in the program can play an important role in keeping the community safe.

"By keeping an eye on the hydrants in their neighbourhood and reporting any problems back to us, our customers can help us to identify and fix any issues early. Fire hydrants need to be clear of any debris or overgrown vegetation. They need to be clearly marked, with no faded paint. If you can't see it clearly, then it's likely the CFA won't be able to," he said.

The program provides support to the CFA by ensuring they can easily identify and access hydrants in an emergency.

While this summer season has seen more rainfall than usual, the risk of fire in the region is likely to be high well into autumn.

Western Water also reminds customers that they should not rely on the mains water supply in a bushfire emergency.

"The potential for power outages, high demand for water, or damage to our infrastructure in an emergency means we can't guarantee water pressure or water supply in the event of a bushfire," said Mr Holt.

If you've spotted a problem with a fire hydrant, please call Western Water on 1300 650 422.

SUBMITTED BY JESSICA JORQUERA

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Ashbourne Landcare

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Ashbourne Landcare Group (ALG) look after the banks of this important river. We work with local landholders to help them look after the banks and their adjoining land, and we look after two reserves on the banks of the Campaspe River.

Ashbourne Landcare is a terrific initiative to get involved in and fun too. We have talks, social events and special interest groups, including a focus on wildlife corridors, and on how to control weeds.

At this time of the year, many landholders have the task of controlling blackberry, gorse and other weeds. The Ashbourne Landcare Group (ALG) have two trailer-mounted tanks with high pressure pumps and hose reels that make weed control a relatively easy task, and we hire this out to members at a very low cost. We also have a group that is interested in learning more about creating native gardens to attract bird life.

We are always looking for new members, especially people who really want to get involved. If you are interested, call Michael Peck - 0428 172 993 or go to ashbournelandcare.com or find us on Facebook at Ashbourne Landcare.

SUBMITTED BY ELAINE SAUNDERS, SECRETARY



2010 – the land was power raked



2011 – tree planting began



2017 – grasses added



2021 – The project complete

A brief history of “the paddocks”

We had an excellent turn-out to our February working bee at the site affectionately known as “The Paddocks”. This refers to the area on the south side of Five Mile Creek between Bowen St. and Pyke St – not far along from the Children’s Park.

The Paddocks were once covered with a dense poplar thicket, and an old landfill, probably dating back to the 19th century, was discovered north of the levee bank near Pyke St. In 2007, Woodend Landcare received a grant to clear the site of poplars and revegetate it with native species. The chipped poplars made quite a mess. To enable planting and future mowing, the entire area had to be ‘power raked’.

2,690 locally native trees, shrubs and grasses were planted in spring 2007 along the creek. Because of drought conditions at the time, these plantings were regularly watered over the following summer. A second planting of 350 plants was undertaken in early April 2008 by a GreenCorps team – these are the larger ‘patches’ of trees you can now see along the path.

In autumn 2011, Woodend Landcare planted 21 non-native trees in The Paddocks to provide a visual contrast with the native plantings and also as future shade trees. This was part-funded by Council with many of the trees privately donated or bought by Landcare. The trees have been regularly tended and watered by Landcare volunteers.

Finally, in 2017, 120 grasses were added to the revegetation sites to create more habitat diversity.

Countless volunteer hours have gone into planting and maintaining The Paddocks over the years. Woodend Landcare would like to thank everyone who has played a valuable part in restoring the site. Today, it’s a lovely part of the Five Mile Creek Reserve which will only get better as the trees mature.

March Working Bee – 9 am, Sunday 28th of March

Our March working bee will be held around the Heron St levee bank. The focus will be on woody weed removal and we are particularly keen to tackle the Hawthorn that is growing on the steep banks. There will be plenty of work for everyone of all ages – especially enthusiastic volunteers who like to see an impact in a matter of hours.

The best place to park is along Campaspe Drive to the east of Heron St. Due to COVID restrictions we require participants to bring their own secateurs, sturdy gardening gloves and protective eye wear. Disposable waterproof gloves will be provided but need to be taken home for personal disposal. As with every Landcare working bee, dress appropriately in old, full length clothing and sturdy footwear. Gumboots may be useful at this working bee, so bring some along if you have a pair.

The Landcare tool trailer will be onsite for more specialist equipment but be mindful we are trying to limit sharing of tools. If further restrictions require a cap on numbers, any changes will be notified beforehand. For this reason, and to help with catering our tasty morning teas, it is important to register your attendance. Please email woodendlandcare@gmail.com if you can attend. The working bee will be cancelled if a total fire ban is declared in the Central district.



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Very Special Kids Glen Osmond Farm



2020 was not a good year for the Farm! The year had begun with both cottages fully booked and the visitor books were already filling up with enthusiastic messages. On March 27, 2020 a family wrote: "Thank you for this beautiful place. We love it here! The kangaroos, birds, fresh air and the peace and quiet. Our boys love the barn! We love the fireplace! It is a wonderful way for us to remember our 'special kid' Isla." Little did we realize that this was to be the last entry for just on 9 months! As the COVID-19 situation deteriorated, and the necessary restrictions were implemented, both cottages had to close.

For the families who had been looking forward to their stay, it must have been a sad blow. Caring for a child with demanding and complicated needs 24/7, and living with the knowledge that they have a limited lifespan, is enormously stressful and can be life-changing for all members of a family without the addition of a pandemic. It must have been particularly sad for those families who were grieving the loss of a child and had looked forward to some family time together with the hope of finding some peace in a serene environment. COVID-19 made life complicated and stressful for many, but for the families of 'very special kids' it was a double whammy.

Our good news is that just before Christmas, the cottages were able to open again, and, with fingers crossed, we are hopeful that overall, this will be a better year. So far, the variable weather has thrown in some beautiful days, and even the kangaroos seem to be glad to have their admirers back, and the Edgar's Mission sheep are once again enjoying the added attention and hand feeding. From our house we can see children and adults riding the bikes, flying kites and playing cricket and other games, and the barn lights are often on well into the evening as families gather for activities and

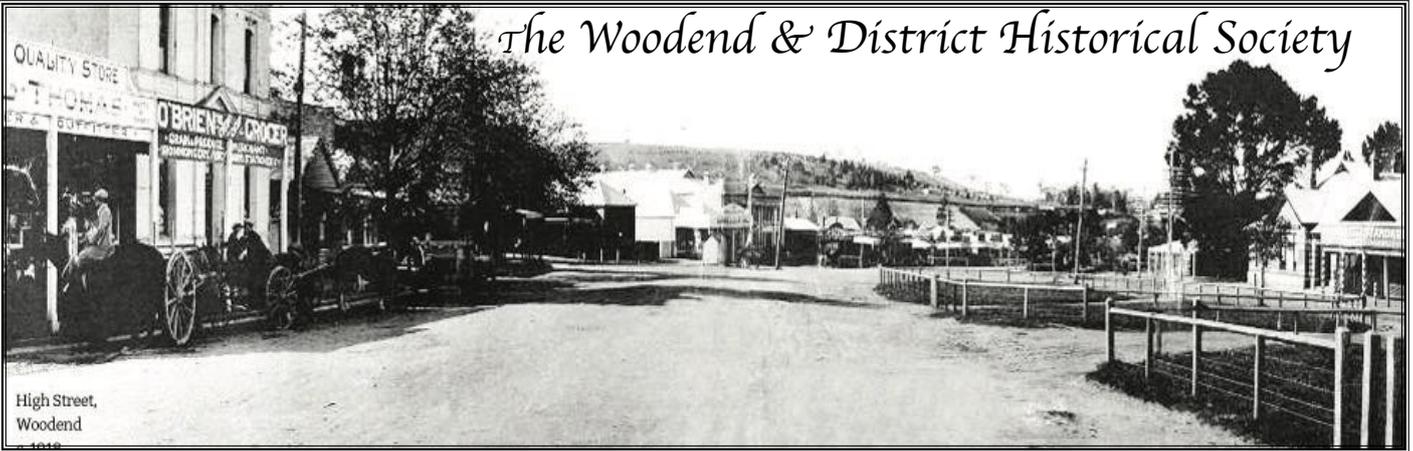
company. Like everyone, we are just hoping that all this will last.

If you would like to support the work of the farm, and happen to have had a COVID- inspired clean up, any of the following are always needed. Balls of all shapes and sizes, bats for cricket, croquet, shuttlecock and rounders, billiard cues, quoits and skittle sets, kites, and nets for table tennis and volley balls. Please ring 0427 527 585 for more information and to arrange collection if you can help.

SUBMITTED BY JANET HAWKINS



The Woodend & District Historical Society



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Vale Stewart Olney



Shortly before Christmas 2020, the Woodend & District Heritage Society members were greatly saddened by the death of Stewart Olney. Stewart was a long-serving and valued volunteer, along with his beloved and capable wife, Beverley. He served on the Executive Committee for many years and as President officiated at various events, including our Heritage Walk ceremonies.

Here is Stewart presiding at the dedication of the Heritage Walk Plaques on 4th April 2010.

Stewart was our go-to man when computers played up, and he worked in our video/audio section copying, indexing and digitising our large collection of photos, as well as dealing with research enquiries and helping out in any capacity. He and Bev organised displays and managed the Heritage Society's window at the old Coles building.

Stewart's unfailing good humour and warmth, and the twinkle in his eye were legendary and immediately put others at ease. Everyone brightened up when Stewart entered the room, and his laugh and joy in life were infectious; and his care and concern for other people and the environment shone through. Our sympathy goes out to his much-loved family. We miss you Stewart.

A plaque for Stewart will be placed in our Heritage Walk in March 2022.

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EXCITING NEW PARTNERSHIP TO TACKLE MENTAL HEALTH IN SPORTS CLUBS

Sports Focus is excited to announce that it has partnered with Tackle Your Feelings to help upskill local level coaches' understanding of mental health.

Tackle Your Feelings is a mental health training initiative designed for community football clubs that strives to improve the abilities and awareness of mental health by building skills to foster an environment where athletes are supported to effectively manage their emotions.



The initiative will result in community coaches from the Loddon Campaspe region participating in a mental health training session delivered by local psychologists, before undertaking further online learning.

Tackle Your Feelings ambassador and current AFL senior coach, Leon Cameron, who, along with the GWS Giants staff and players, has been through the program, said it's vital coaches at all levels have the basics to manage what is a complex issue facing many Australians.

"The program gives local footy coaches access to mental health support tools inspired by those used at the professional level," he said.

"The main thing is to be able to understand mental health because so many people go in and out of mental health issues.

"Coaches shouldn't be scared to ask someone how they're going. With the different age groups we all coach you might have to ask in a different way but don't be scared."

Sports Focus Project Coordinator, Lauren Fawcett said "During the height of the COVID-19 restrictions Sports Focus undertook over 250 conversations with clubs across our region. The number one concern for community sporting clubs was the mental well-being of their members and communities."

"The key for clubs in being able to provide a supportive environment though, is having the skills and confidence to identify when someone is not travelling so well, have a conversation with them and support them to get help if needed. Tackle Your Feelings is about upskilling our local community coaches and other key club personnel to do just that. We are really excited to be able to bring this program to regional Victoria."

Tackle Your Feelings is a joint venture between the AFL Coaches Association, AFL Players' Association and the Zurich Foundation, with the learning based on the mental health training program delivered by the AFLPA to players, coaches and staff in the AFL industry.

The program is a six-year project, which launched in 2019 with 238 coaches from five states across the country taking part, impacting more than 1800 local players.

AFLCA CEO Mark Brayshaw said it was important for coaches at



the grassroots level to understand mental health and become better equipped to support their playing group.

"From a mental health perspective, there is no difference between the player-coach relationships at the elite level than there is at grassroots level," he said.

"The Tackle Your Feelings program will help grassroots AFL coaches by equipping them with an understanding of mental health so they can look after their players if and when they need it."

If you're interested in finding out more please contact Lauren Fawcett at Sports Focus on 5442 3101 or email laurenf@sportsfocus.com.au.

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SUBMITTED BY LAUREN FAWCETT





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

SUBMITTED BY MIKE DORNAU, PRESIDENT WOODEND BOWLING CLUB INC.

Woodenders honoured by Croquet Club



Woodend residents John and Mary Teed were honoured by the Kyneton Croquet Club in December.

John turned 90 at the end of December and is still one of the Club's best players.

The Teeds moved to Woodend in 2002 and looked around for a sport they could enjoy together. An ad in the local paper took them to Kyneton to try their hands at croquet. John quickly took to the game, becoming C Grade champion in his first year of competition. Two years later, he was B Grade champion, and since then he's gone on to be Club Champion on five occasions, most recently in the 2018/19 season.

John is still playing pennant competition, and while the 2020 season had to be cancelled, he was a member of the Kyneton team that was runners-up in Division One of the 2019 Northern District Croquet Association competition, and he's looking forward to being able to play again this year.

In past years, when the Victorian Croquet Association held inter-region competitions, John represented Northern District in country versus city competition. John served on the committee of the Club for many years, including a long stint as Treasurer. In 2012, he was made a life member of the Club. Mary Teed also played up until last year, when she decided it was getting a bit much for her.

The Club will be having a new format for their singles competition this year, and in recognition of John's long service to the Club, all players, including John, will be competing for the John Teed Cup.

Kyneton Croquet Club's most senior member, Woodend resident John Teed, along with his wife Mary, was honoured by the Club in December

SUBMITTED BY GRAHAM SMITH

Class of 2020 – Results support students' career aspirations

The Sacred Heart College Class of 2020 achieved excellent results in both the VCE and VCAL certificates. These achievements are especially noteworthy, given the unparalleled disruptions to the school year; our students and staff adapted extraordinarily well to remote teaching and learning, displaying resilience, flexibility and high levels of independence. The joy and excitement evident when the year level was able to return to on site schooling in Term 4 highlighted both the sacrifice they had made and the friendships that had been sustained.

The College can boast 100% of satisfactory VCE completions, with students achieving 37 study scores of 40 or above (study scores are ranked out of 50). Five students achieved the VCE Bacalaureate, which requires the attainment of 30+ scores in a specific range of subjects, including English, Mathematics, Language and three other VCE subjects. All students studying the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) completed the VCAL units required of their VCAL certificate, with 42% achieving their Senior Level.

While the results themselves in such a challenging year are pleasing, the destination information is perhaps even more significant for this year group, with the attainment of the desired pathway toward career aspirations being the ultimate goal of most. Pleasingly, 95% of the Class of 2020 are proceeding down their chosen pathway,

whether this be tertiary studies, TAFE courses, apprenticeship/traineeship or employment, with 77% of these students successfully attaining entry to a higher education course.

Eighty percent of students were offered one of their top three higher education preferences, with the top five locations for higher education studies being Latrobe University, RMIT University, Australia Catholic University, Victoria University and Swinburne University of Technology (accounting for 75% of students).

We are thankful that restriction levels allowed us to congratulate our top achieving students from 2020 in person, at the College's recent Academic Awards Assembly. Our College Dux was Amber Jepsen and Dux Proximus Jack O'Leary. Amber will be attending the University of Melbourne to study Arts, and Jack will be attending Monash University to study Science/Arts.

All of our Year 12 students are to be congratulated on their results, achieved through hard work and commitment, and by building good relationships with their teachers, who supported them throughout Year 12. Students at Sacred Heart excel in many areas, including mathematics, sport, performing and visual arts and vocational pathways into industry. Our academic achievements add to the culture, diversity and rich courses we offer at the College to ensure our students flourish.

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Photo: Principal Dr Darren Egberts presents College's 2020 Dux to Amber Jepsen and Dux Proximus to Jack O'Leary at the recent Academic Awards Assembly.



Photo: VCE students with the Top Ten ATAR Scores from the Class of 2020 proudly display their medallions and certificates.



Photo: High achievers—students who achieved a 40+ VCE study score in 2020

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Limited places available for Years 7 - 12, 2021.

Onsite College Tours

We welcome the return of onsite tours, which will be limited in numbers and follow current safety guidelines.

The next tour is scheduled for:

Wednesday 10 March (Principal's Tour)

Tours commence at 9:15am - Bookings Essential

Virtual Conversations

Join the Principal, students & staff for a conversation with other prospective families via Zoom to learn more about life at Sacred Heart College. See website for scheduled dates.

Visit our website for bookings or contact our Registrar for enrolment enquiries:

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