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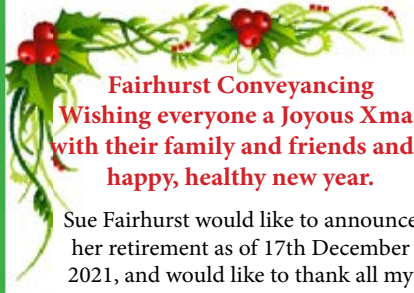


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Every day is a good day at Il Caffè



Currently holding the record of the oldest café with the same owners in Woodend, brothers John and Joe Tullio at Il Caffè have transformed the southern end of High St into a popular hub for locals to buy their morning coffee. Moving to their hometown of Woodend from their first café in Kyneton, Piece de Resistance, they took over the former café, Pink String in 2013, undertook a full reno, and reopened as Il Caffè.

The Il Caffè team are brothers Joe, a qualified pastry chef, formerly of French Lettuce in Carlton and John, who worked in manufacturing and retrained as a barista; Anne Marie, also a pastry chef and former food tech teacher, and Dad, Michael Tullio, who helps keep the business running, notably arriving at 4.30 am each day to turn on the ovens and coffee machine to get ready for a 7am

opening, Monday to Friday.

John and Joe were always keen to have their own business and with lots of encouragement from Michael, (“he forced us!”), they

opened their first café in Kyneton in 2011. They say that coming to Woodend was the best thing they have done, despite many saying it was a bad location for a café.

What’s it like for these two brothers working five days a week in a confined space? “We have our moments,” notes John, “but we get on well; we’re also neighbours.” Clear roles also help. Joe is “front of house” and croissant maker, with John behind the La Marzocco machine, pumping out 300 to 400 coffees in a normal day’s trading.

What’s their secret for longevity? Covid has forced changes to many small businesses and rather than going online and digitising their offering, Il Caffè say they have stuck with what they do well: good coffee, homemade croissants (rated delicious from my taste test), pastries, focaccias and toasties, recently adding a fresh fruit juice bar. Opening up a window on the side wall facing Brooke St meant regulars could still get their morning coffee fix while social distancing; the window has now expanded to a much bigger one, with a new mural of the Tuscan countryside along the wall, in readiness for visitors to come back to regional Victoria. “They’ll come over the bridge, see the mural and do a quick u-turn and come to Il Caffè,” says John.

SUBMITTED BY ROSEMARY GUYATT



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— DECEMBER —

- 1.....AGM Woodend & District Heritage Society
- 1.....Summer Orienteering first session
- 4.....Woodend Farmers' Market
- 7.....MRSC Webinar Central Vic Climate
- 10.....Human Rights Day
- 10.....Woodend Library: Heather Morris author talk
- 12.....Lancefield Dreaming on SBS
- 27.....Public Holiday for Christmas Day
- 28.....Public Holiday for Boxing Day

— JANUARY —

- 3.....Public Holiday for New Year's Day
- 8-30.....Summertime Fling Festival
- 26.....Australia Day

— MARCH —

- 14.....Labour Day (Vic) Public Holiday

— APRIL —

- 4-30.....Portraits on the Mount Exhibition
- 15.....Good Friday
- 18.....Easter Monday

ALWAYS CHECK WITH ORGANISERS ABOUT ANY EVENTS LISTED HERE

Woodend's Rain report

We received 102 mm during October, which is nearly double the long-term average. We have also now reached the long-term average annual rainfall figure of 800.2 mm, with two months still to go, so it is continuing to be a very wet year.

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	83.0	86.2
June	10.6	78.2	168.2	80.1	183.6	104.2
July	60.0	73.3	63.2	49.3	115.6	72.3
August	119.6	91.3	78.1	93.0	56.0	87.6
September	55.2	26.2	38.3	56.3	72.8	49.8
October	45.8	69.0	29.4	99.5	102.0	69.1
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	800.2	



Rotary Woodend and The New Woodend Star Management Committee would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a very happy New Year. Thank you for supporting the business that make our community newspaper possible. Without the support of over 90 local business owners that choose to advertise in The New Woodend Star this much loved newspaper would not continue.

The next edition of The New Woodend Star is in February 2022



Rotary Woodend News

Meet our newest members

We are delighted to welcome Dr Elaine Saunders as a member of the Rotary Club of Woodend. Elaine's background is in science, health, engineering, and business, with a goal of making hearing more accessible to more people. She is on the Board of the Hearing RAG and now helps other entrepreneurs especially in health and technology, young women in STEM and overseas postgrad students. Elaine is currently a member of Ashbourne Landcare, Wombat Forest Care Group and the Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group.



Elaine is an experienced Rotarian, being a previous member of the Rotary Club of Melbourne and is a great asset to our club.

We also give a big welcome to Max Pietruschka

Max is also an experienced Rotarian, a previous member of the Rotary Club of Horsham and the Rotary Club of Ballarat East. He recently moved to Woodend to be closer to his family. Max introduced himself to the club members in a session we call 'member in conversation', when he told us about his work in Japan as an electronic engineer and the development of a radio wave communication system. He spoke about his family and their extraordinary life and his love for singing. Classically trained, Max enjoys any and every occasion to sing a tune. He co-founded the Choir of Hard Knocks with Jonathon Welch, and while living in Horsham, Max started the Voices of Wimmera Choir. Max sings with the Men in Suits, a Melbourne-based choir and now sings with the Woodend Warblers.



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Interview with a local author

A. D. T. McLellan is a Macedon local and author of 'The Horn-Horn Series': a Young Adult comedy fantasy set in a small town. The blurb reads, "When teen loner Cassie Gellar moves to the coastal town of Horn-Horn, she gets lost in the local woods and stumbles across a little boy named Zag, who is shackled to a strange, clay head. Cassie sneaks Zag home and learns that he is no ordinary boy — he is a 'Child of Crux': a magical orphan with the ability to grant unlimited wishes."

The series, which has outstanding reviews on Goodreads, is an unusual blend of pop-culture references, quirky small-town comedy, science-fiction, fantasy and mystery. It will appeal to young and old readers who are tired of the way many YA books seem to follow the same cookie cutter plot-lines.

The series features Horn-Horn, and its sequel Horn-Horn, Cracked. A third in the series: Stars Above Horn-Horn will be released on November 30, 2021.

When asked what inspired him to write the series, A. D. T. McLellan said: "I originally started writing it when I was sixteen and was at a place where I couldn't find anything good to read. So I sat down and wrote what I wanted in a story. I ended up falling in love with the characters. Over the many years, they have evolved and developed into these epic comedy/fantasy novels, which I adore creating."

When not writing, A. D. T. McLellan can be found performing music under his stage name Tommy Lellan.

You can read more on the Horn-Horn series at: www.adtmclellan.com or purchase the series exclusively on Amazon.

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Soft plastics are plastics that can be scrunched in your hand and bounce back to their original shape, or flexible films such as bubble wrap or cling wrap.

These plastics cannot be recycled through the commingled kerbside recycling bin, as they get stuck in the trucks and sorting machinery, and can cause costly damage.

Up to 70 per cent of the contents in household general waste bins is made up of soft plastics, and the more resources we can keep out of landfill, the better for our environment.

What can be recycled as part of the soft plastics recycling trial:

- Plastic bags including reusable shopping bags (polypropylene), bulk bags, for example rice bags, dry pet food and stock feed bags and bulk bags.
- Plastic films including bubble wrap, cling wrap and plastic film from grocery items, pallet wrap and shrink wrap.
- Other plastic items including bread bag tags (collected separately in a clear plastic bag) and plastic bottle caps (collected separately in a clear plastic bag).

Plastics must be completely dry and free of food and other products.

There are some common household items, such as silver lined snack wrappers and bread bags, which are not yet able to be accepted in the soft plastic trial. Council is committed to finding solutions for these items and hopes to add to the list of accepted items as the trial progresses.

Visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/soft-plastics for a comprehensive list of what can and cannot be recycled as part of the soft plastics recycling trial.

Items that cannot be recycled through this service may be recycled through the RedCycle supermarket drop-off program or placed in the general waste bin.

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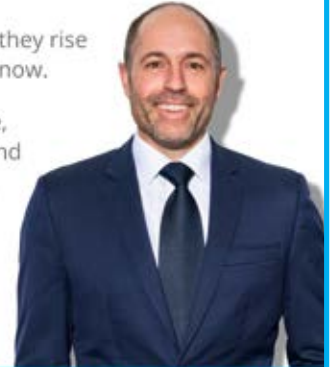
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The new cremation area has gorgeous boulders and canisters on offer, set in a beautiful natural environment, with views to Mt Macedon, and beautiful specimen trees, wildflowers, and native eucalypts.

The cemetery contains some beautiful grave sites and headstones and historically valuable monuments, including the tomb of Lord Richard Casey, Governor-General of Australia, and the resting place of Ellis Rowan, flower hunter, artist and botanical illustrator. For more information visit www.macedoncemetery.com

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Lancefield Dreaming: The making of a modern songline

Lancefield Dreaming, a documentary produced by Paul Carter considers how the populace of a modern small rural town can learn from the first peoples about nurturing and preserving community values.

The film features Lancefield, a small rural town about an hour north of Melbourne where the filmmaker says he was privileged to be the GP for over thirty years. Made together with Harry Nanos, Jon Nanos and Mike Jones, the film is about the 'inspiring' community that the people of Lancefield have created.

The filmmaker believes the town has a friendliness and immediately welcomes people from the moment they arrive in Lancefield, and that there are no lines drawn between long term residents and newer arrivals. Established families embrace newcomers as an opportunity to enhance the community rather than resent them, he says. "Lancefield is not an especially wealthy place, in a monetary sense, but it is rich beyond measure in its populace. It is a place where people measure their value by what they can give rather than by what they can take away."

Through interviews with local people, including schoolchildren, this documentary explores what had led to Lancefield's 'special quality'. It also explores how best to nurture and preserve those attributes in a world that seems ever more rushing and less caring, says Paul. It is suggested in the film that the present population of Lancefield has much to learn from the first peoples who inhabited this area, for, despite all the abuses and devastating cruelty, their culture has survived. And this survival, at least in part, he says, has been due to the creation of songlines, down which knowledge is passed from generation to generation.

The film concludes that the creation of modern songlines is central to safeguarding the specialness of small communities such as Lancefield.

Paul submitted the finished documentary to SBS, and it has been selected to be televised on Sunday 12 December at 5pm on SBS.

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While we write our last story of the year, the wind is raging as forecast in a little synoptic knot over the Macedon Ranges. Fortunately, there's been rain, but not too much.

It is, after all, November. We're supposed to have had several barbeques and worn our shorts at least ten times by now. But we haven't even had one day worthy of complaining about the heat or getting up early to water the veggie seedlings or worrying about the prospect of bushfires.

The new normal, both in terms of covid and climate is always shifting around, keeping us on our toes. We're required to be more flexible and resilient than before, while at the same time drawing on our forebears' robust and can-do ways. Let's pat ourselves on the back for surviving—even thriving—through this 'unprecedented' pandemic and 'pivoting' ourselves silly through lockdowns, home

Photo caption: Great day for installing all-seasons blinds at the pub!



schooling, dearly missing friends and family, job-loss, illness—both covid and other—and this current round of test, trace and isolate surging through our region.

It hasn't been easy for individuals, organisations, businesses or governments. Worry's been the order of the day, and many nights. But we're hopeful that 2022 will be a breath of fresh air—literally—as we stop breathing our own breath behind facemasks and come out to smile again.

Thanks, Macedon Ranges, for being you. For supporting Bradley's and other local business in the neighbourhood. Bradley's is celebrating 50 years of business in 2022. Hooray, we made it!

All the best to you and your family for a safe, healthy and happy Christmas and New Year.

At the end of this year, Woodend Library will say goodbye to one of our longest-serving staff members. Glenda, our much-loved Children's Librarian will be retiring. Glenda has been working at Woodend Library for almost eight years and in that time has shared her gift for storytelling with hundreds of lucky children in the library, and at local schools and Early Learning Centres in Woodend. Glenda's love of stories, singing, making kids smile and her ability to remember everyone's name has made her very popular! Library staff and patrons will have many fond memories of Glenda in all sorts of dress-ups, fancy hats and colourful outfits to suit any theme.

While the last couple of years have been difficult with lockdowns, Glenda has kept the children's area welcoming and fun, with all of her display ideas and ability to create a warm, friendly atmosphere. We wish Glenda all the best for her retirement, she will be missed by all of her Storytime regulars and colleagues at Goldfields Libraries. We would also like to announce that Emma Keenan is the new Woodend Library Manager, taking over from Lulu Cockram, who retired earlier in the year. Congratulations Emma!

Thanks to Emma and Adrian, who took on the joint manager role and have both done a wonderful job keeping the library running smoothly over the transition period.



Re-scheduled Author Talk with Heather Morris – Tattooist of Auschwitz Series

December 10, 2021, 10.30-11.30am

Heather Morris, author of the hugely popular 2018 novel *The Tattooist of Auschwitz* will be joining us to celebrate the release of the third and final book in the *Tattooist* trilogy, *Three Sisters*. Come along and hear Heather talk about her journey in uncovering the remarkable people and life stories her novels are based on, and the incredible interest and success which has followed. Signed copies available for purchase. For bookings, please head to goldfieldslibraries.com/woodend-events/ or phone us on 5427 2074

Christmas Closure

Woodend Library will be closed from 3pm, Friday 24th December, re-opening on Tuesday, January 4th at 9.30am. The returns chute will remain open so you can still return any items.

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Library Displays

There are always some great displays to see at the library. Some of our permanent book displays include First Nations authors, sustainability, new books and suggested reads. We also have a great partnership with Nature Connections, who work with the Macedon Ranges Shire Council and many groups across the Macedon Ranges to promote sustainability and care for our native flora and fauna. We have lots of newsletters and brochures here available for you to read, so please drop in and have a look!

Thank you

Woodend Library would like to thank all of our lovely patrons who come in and make us smile and who have been so patient over the past year. Also, to our volunteers and casual staff who have supported us – your contribution to keeping the library running smoothly are always appreciated!

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Jodie Alcaraz 0448 852 803 | Matthew Bourke 0448 271 880

SOLD



47 Royle Court, Woodend

This much-loved property is offered for sale for the first time in 39 years. Purchased as a bare block - today the property is an absolute picture of beauty. The family home is designed to take in the northern aspect taking full advantage of the views over the magnificent garden setting. A well-considered floor plan features good separation of space with two bedrooms with built in robes and large family bathroom including an oversized bath at one end of the home and the master bedroom with generous ensuite and built-in robes at the other end. A delightful kitchen offers plenty of bench space and storage and featuring Westinghouse Appliances. The adjacent family space has a wood heater making this area very cosy in the winter months. "Roylend" is located minutes to the town centre and railway station, nearby bus pickup to local schools and quick access to the freeway.

Beverly Higgs 0448 271 222 | Paul Bohan 0439 132 102

SOLD



24 Magnet Lane, New Gisborne

Nestled into the rocky escarpment, this charming family residence on 2.5 acres (approx.) of elevated terraced gardens, will delight buyers with its prized panorama of stunning million-dollar views. The floorplan includes 2 living/ dining spaces, kitchen/meals area, kitchenette, 4 bedrooms, 2 luxury bathrooms, 2 powder rooms. Other enhancements include electric car charger, zoned underfloor hydronic heating, split systems, and integrated ducted air conditioning flow-through system, 10,000 gallon water tank, bore, town water, 3-phase power. A mesmerizing lifestyle property to surely please the most savvy buyer.

Josie Borg 0448 271 878 | Ray Cashmore 0448 271 688

SOLD



11 Tunnel Creek Road, Cherokee

An iconic property with a 4 bedroom homestead designed by Jamie Learmonth. The garden blends intimate garden rooms, open parklands featuring Liquid Amber, Silver Birch, Maples, Ash, Magnolia and mass seasonal bulbs, azalea, hydrangeas and camellias and inground pool. The home offers flexible accommodation of 4 bedrooms, study and a self-contained studio. The centre of the home is the large living room with open fireplace, additional heating provided by hydronic heating. The main bedroom is linked to the house via a conservatory. Approximately 10 acres of cleared land surround the home with a balance of 56 acres being native habitat with winter creek. Fantastic infrastructure includes a machinery shed and the original 1930's timber cutters cottage. Ample water supply with productive bore and four 50,000 litre tanks.

Located on the Melbourne side of the Macedon Ranges.
Beverly Higgs 0448 271 222 | Paul Bohan 0439 132 102

SOLD



25 Lowden Close, Lancefield

Delightful 2-storey rural home with polished concrete floors, open plan north-facing kitchen/living/dining, Cheminees Philippe fireplace, double glazed windows & high ceilings. Rustic stone walls in established gardens & breathtaking views to Mt William across 16 acres to explore and fall in love with. Plus, large outdoor workshop, 80 mature olive trees & an abundance of nature's beautiful wildlife to observe. Situated only 10 mins to the charming township of Lancefield, immersed in the Macedon Ranges' beauty & attractions, while only an hour away from Melbourne for when the city calls.

Helen Milner 0428 582 415 | Rick Lander 0408 571 485

SOLD



39 Yaldwyn Street East, Kyneton

Gorgeous 3BR Victorian cottage circa 1880 on large corner allotment in the heart of historic Kyneton where remnants of old cobblestone gutters line the wide street. Walk to sporting & education hub, health precinct, boutique shops, wineries & award-winning eateries. High timber ceilings, open fireplace, original timber doors, period wood-fired oven, large separate lounge & huge parents' retreat with robe, ensuite & casual sitting/home office. French doors lead to stone paved alfresco & extends to relaxed stone landscaped rear yard with water fountain & mature fruit trees.

Rick Lander 0408 571 485 | Jodie Alcaraz 0448 852 803

SOLD



2 Eaton Court, Gisborne

Set on 1,786 sq m approx., this American-influenced double-storey 4 bedroom plus study/5th bedroom family residence features panoramic views to the Macedon Ranges from both ground floor and upper storey. Downstairs features include mud room, huge integrated garage, laundry, large guest bedroom and bathroom, private sitting room, light-filled family room adjoining the excellent kitchen/meals area with its alfresco decking and its expansive garden close by. Upstairs, a kids retreat with balcony and wonderful views adjoins two other bedrooms with their own bathroom and an impressive main bedroom with ensuite, 2 WIR's and views. This unique property in a premier court location also features double glazing, side access for a caravan or boat, a fully-lined studio, veggie gardens, 18,000 litre water tanks and fruit trees. This is a stylish property.

Ray Cashmore 0448 271 688 | Josie Borg 0448 271 878

SOLD



63 Palmer Crescent, Newham

Elevated yet privately set 1 acre property (approx.) this home has a country charm and welcoming warmth with generous sized rooms. Solid fuel freestanding wood burner and split system add to the comfort, while large windows will spoil you with delighting outlooks from the 2 living areas and bedrooms. A truly individual home, featuring bespoke kitchen with vintage cabinets and stunning timber. A large slow combustion wood stove or electric oven give plenty of choice when it comes to cooking, the walk-in pantry, dishwasher and bench space all add to functionality. The floor plan with central kitchen connecting effortlessly to the formal dining and the family living rooms, also has 3 bedrooms at one end and a 4th at the other, the large master with valley views and WIR.

Jodie Alcaraz 0448 852 803 | Beverly Higgs 0448 271 222

SOLD



8 Adam Close, Woodend

An impressive sense of style and sophistication is evident from the moment you arrive at this beautifully designed home sited on a fantastic large block of 1074m². A paved driveway with mature Manchurian pear trees and English box borders set the scene. Inviting double doors welcome you into a large entrance foyer, accessing a lounge/sitting room or office space and opposite is the master bedroom. The northern orientation, large glass windows and sliding doors provide a seamless transition to the outside. The home is designed to entertain all year round with a stylish decked undercover entertaining area, vine covered pergola and sheltered fire pit. An absolute gem of a property and an inspection is highly recommended. Minutes to the town centre and train station.

Beverly Higgs 0448 271 222 | Jodie Alcaraz 0448 852 803

Newham Landcare wins a major award

Newham & District Landcare Group has won the Victorian Landcare ACM Community Group Award, as “an outstanding community group that is improving sustainable land use through on-ground action to protect, enhance or restore the natural values of an area on behalf of the wider community.” Winners of all awards were announced at an online ceremony on Friday 26 November. You can see our short acceptance video at <https://vimeo.com/649399615> with more information at <https://newhamlandcare.info/uncategorized/newham-landcare-wins-at-the-2021-victorian-landcare-awards/>”

We are thrilled that our work has been recognised. Starting with 40 members in 2004, we now have 120 member households. Since 2006, our major project has been, and remains, the Cobaw Biolink. This encompasses pest plant and animal control, revegetation, rehabilitation of waterways, and roadside activities to provide habitat connectivity for native species on public and private land between Mount Macedon and the Cobaw State Forest, which was declared a Conservation Park in 2021. Protecting existing high quality native vegetation and creating connectivity in the biolink will help native plants and animals adapt to climate change. Well over \$1 million in funding and matching contributions has supported on-ground works in the Newham, Cobaw, Heskett and Rochford areas. We run educational and social events,

and partner with the Shire’s Environment department on projects such as weed control, fauna monitoring, and currently snow gum health. Our many activities can be viewed at our website <https://newhamlandcare.info>



The photograph shows the southern part of the Cobaw Biolink with Mt Macedon in the background, with some present and past committee members of NDLG. L-R Alice Aird, Hilary Roberts, Karl Kny, Penny Roberts, Helen Scott with award, Howard Stirling, Sue Massie, Natasha Gayfer, Rob Lawrence, Upper Deep Creek Landcare Network facilitator Clare Watson.

SUBMITTED BY HELEN SCOTT



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A thanks and a health tip from Woodend Landcare

Woodend Landcare thanks everyone in the community who responded to their survey about Five Mile Creek. The response was tremendous, and they are now collating the information to pass onto the landscape designers who will begin working on the master plan in the new year. The draft will be available for comment when it is ready.

Plogging for health

What was learnt from the community survey is that the biggest use of the Five Mile Creek corridor is for exercise, and one of the biggest concerns about the creek is rubbish. Let us introduce you to something new and exciting taking Europe by storm – plogging!

Plogging is the combination of two words – ‘jogging’ and the Swedish phrase for pick up, ‘plocka upp’ – and it means picking up litter while you get fitter. You get your exercise and make a difference for the environment.

Plogging can be as simple as heading out on your normal exercise route, collecting rubbish as you go, to sort and dispose of at home. Or it might be a springboard for you to plan and involve friends or family, your business, or sporting club. Clean Up Australia has a great guide to safe plogging if you'd like to learn more: <https://www.cleanup.org.au/plogging-guide>. Everyone's contribution adds up. We would love to hear about your plogging efforts. Email us at or share your photos on our Facebook page.

A Box of Habitat grows

Orders are now closed for next year's Box of Habitat program. The take-up has been fantastic: 40 residents have ordered 78 boxes of habitat. Importantly, many of the orders are going to storm affected sites. It is really inspiring to see the effort people are putting in to restoring habitat on their properties.

Remember that different species of wildlife need different habitats – so a property with a greater variety of habitat features is likely to support more native animal species. Characteristics of a healthy habitat include:

- a diversity of native overstorey, understorey and groundcover plants, reflective of the original vegetation type
- old, large trees (dead or alive) with hollows
- regenerating native trees, shrubs and groundcovers
- a ground layer dominated by native perennial plants
- fallen timber/debris and leaf litter
- areas that are largely free of weeds and introduced grasses

Working bees resume in February 2022

After a pretty quiet couple of years, we are looking forward to resuming our working bees in February 2022. In the meantime, the Thursday Crew continue their impressive work around town. Check our website (woodendlandcare.org) or email us (woodendlandcare@gmail.com) for more information or to find out how to get involved. More hands are always welcome.



Caption: This summer, think about how you can improve the wet areas on your property. Image courtesy of the Threatened Species Conservancy.

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Woodend Farmers Market

The Woodend Community Farmers' Market celebrated a milestone 10th birthday last month. The market, started by the Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group with a small group of key producers, has grown to now host over 90 artisan farmers and producers making it one of the largest farmers' markets in the region.

With sustainability at its heart, the Victorian Farmers Market Association-accredited market is administered by an action group of the MRSQ, who believe that supporting small farmers to sell their produce locally encourages a more sustainable approach to food consumption while supporting small, family-owned businesses.

The market is well-supported by locals and visitors to the region, with an estimated 2-3,000 people attending monthly, enhancing the vibrancy of the town on Saturday market day, contributing to the local visitor economy and adding a great experience for locals and tourists.

The market's birthday celebrations last month were highlighted by the introduction of the Woodend Farmers' Market Town Crier in the personage of Barry McDonald, who was received with delight by the visitors to the market. Barry's announcements to all about the happenings and events in Woodend, accompanied by his joyful bell created a celebratory air.

Barry and his unmistakably larger-than-life style, perfectly enhanced by his costume, handmade by Pene Rice of Poppy Hill, will be a permanent fixture at each market and is sure to become a crowd favourite.



SUBMITTED BY NIKKI BARKER

Grants for great outdoors and environmental volunteers

The state government has delivered a boost to the Macedon environment and economy, with grants to Landcare Groups and for upgrades to caravan parks and campgrounds.

Member for Macedon, Mary-Anne Thomas congratulated local recipients of the 2021 Victorian Landcare Grants, including:

- Ashbourne Landcare Group
- Newham & District Landcare Group
- Tylden Landcare Group
- Woodend Landcare

"This latest round of \$4.09 million in Victorian Landcare grants continues our support for vital work by volunteers across our local community, protecting our natural environment and improving habitats for native plants and animals," said Ms Thomas.

More than 450 groups and community organisations across Victoria benefitted from \$4.09 million in this latest round of Landcare grants, supporting vital on-ground environmental works and community projects, including weed control, pest animal control, protection of habitat, revegetation, and community education.

SUBMITTED BY KATE LEE

New draft plan for managing pets in the Macedon Ranges

Development of our new draft four-year Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021–2025 is underway. The four-year pet plan will outline our priorities and services to promote responsible pet ownership in the shire.

Thank you to everyone who shared their ideas in the initial consultation stage earlier this year. Your input will be valuable in helping shape the draft plan, which we will be inviting further feedback on.

To have your say and find out more, visit mrsq.vic.gov.au/DAMP or call 5422 0333.

SUBMITTED BY NOEL MCMAHON

An opportunity for Macedon Ranges to lead on climate change

I'm excited about the new, carbon neutral, Clarkefield Village project. It seriously lifts the bar on settlement planning in regional Victoria and is in lockstep with Council's recent Climate Emergency declaration.

The project looks to push the boundaries of design, energy efficiency, affordability and community connectedness in a brand new settlement, centered on its very own, existing train station.

The demand for different is all around. And yet we continue to tolerate standard, suburban style housing development at the edges of our villages and towns. Our council is forced to make each new subdivision a battleground against an industry unwilling to move from the humdrum suburbia that's been its bread and butter for too long. In doing so we are missing a whole new market for something completely different.

Clarkefield can meet demand for different and lead the way, via a contemporary village, similar in scale to Woodend that's also connected from the start to jobs and opportunity by an existing train station.

The Clarkefield project is to include a solar farm, use recycled water and kick off with a village density, not suburban density, heart. It will offer parks, open space, and cycle corridors. It will provide a mandated proportion of perpetually affordable housing, supporting diversity and social inclusion. There will be commercial premises, co-working spaces, community facilities and a community farm. All without loss of high-quality habitat or prime agricultural land. Very millennial and almost too good to be true.

So, what's stopping us from having a model, zero carbon, contemporary village on our doorstep? And more importantly, what can we be doing to let it see the light of day?

Clarkefield needs champions. Champions in the community, in council and state government. That's why, as a community member, I'm declaring myself a fan. Only by being engaged and on board can we make a difference.

We need to support our council to become a leader in the paradigm shift to more sustainable development. A leader in giving effect to its recent Climate Emergency Declaration, where 86% of respondents in the community agreed, 'we need to act urgently'.

With the new found spirit to build back better post-pandemic and with the call to arms of the Council's emergency declaration, it's no time to be sticking to the knitting of current development models. Join me and others in our community to strive for difference, and let's make Clarkefield happen, together.

SUBMITTED BY JANE MONK, FELLOW OF THE PLANNING INSTITUTE OF AUSTRALIA

Community Battery Update (MR-BIG)

The Macedon Ranges Battery Initiative Groundwork project (MR-BIG) is being undertaken by the Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group (MRSRG) with funding from the State Government. It seeks to gauge community interest in different models of community battery ownership and explore how these batteries could upgrade the capacity of the electricity grid to provide clean, renewable energy.

Community batteries can deliver a variety of benefits to the community, depending on where and how they are configured and operated, as well as who owns them, including:

- Reducing network congestion caused by a high level of Solar PV installed in neighbourhoods. This excess energy that is exported during the day, when the sun is out, can be absorbed and stored for use later in the evening when it is needed most. Having a community battery in a neighbourhood can potentially reduce the need for export limiting, allowing more households to gain benefits from their solar installations.
- Reducing energy inequality by allowing more households to make use of locally-generated renewable energy, even though they may not have solar PV systems or batteries of their own, whether that be due to shaded locations, rental properties or lack of roof space.
- Increasing the affordability of renewable energy by reducing the losses, costs and charges associated with transmitting electricity across long distances from generators with solar farms or coal fired power stations. This can help keep downward pressure on energy prices and reduce our dependence on fossil fuels.
- Batteries are not yet affordable for a majority of individual households. Deploying community batteries as a shared resource across a neighbourhood can provide a more cost-effective means of giving all those households access to battery storage.
- Increasing resilience in the presence of bushfire or extreme weather events. It is possible to incorporate batteries into microgrids to provide resilience to the electricity supply when adverse events such as the storms we have seen over the past few months. However, this will often only be possible for microgrids and isolated areas with commensurate increases in complexity and especially cost.

The benefits that a community battery can deliver will depend on a large number of different and sometimes competing factors. The project will be looking at finding the best combination of uses and configurations including its location, identifying how it will be used and what is the best ownership model for any potential battery installation. This will take into account how the community wants to make use of these batteries.

Over the next few months we will be seeking to engage with people to help you understand how a community battery could be used, and what benefits people and households would like to get from them. If you are interested, we encourage you to fill out the short survey on <https://mrsg.org.au/nbi>. If you have any questions or would like to be involved, contact us on battery-info@mrsg.org.au

SUBMITTED BY PETER MCTAGGART

From your West Ward

Councillors

We have had a very busy month within the Macedon Ranges Shire, with lots happening and lots more to come. Recently, Remembrance Day ceremonies were being held across the Shire commemorating those who have served in the armed services and fought in conflicts across the globe. We always find that reading the familiar family names on our war memorials is a poignant reminder of the sacrifices made by so many of our local people in the service of Australia over the years – ‘Lest we forget’.

Congratulations to all our community members who are now double vaccinated. Macedon Ranges was one of the first municipalities to achieve 95% double vaccination status in Victoria, placing us as one of the highest vaccinated jurisdictions in the world. It is fair to say that we are all feeling a huge sense of relief as restrictions are lifted and life is slowly returning to normal.

Storm clean-up continues. Fortunately, damage from the October storms was not as severe as earlier in the year, however there is still much to be done from both episodes, and crews have been working continuously to clear fallen trees and to make damaged trees safe. Free firewood and mulch are still available if you contact council for details.

Council has recently approved and passed several significant policies and documents including the Council Plan, the Annual Report, the Environment Strategy, and the Economic Development Strategy, amongst others. These documents will help determine council strategy and direction over the next few years and are available on the council website. Of particular interest to Woodend residents, the Woodend Integrated Transport Plan and the Woodend Five Mile Creek Masterplan finished their consultation periods on 30 November and we look forward to considering the community input. Thank you to all those who have contributed to these plans.

Congratulations to all the nominees and winners of the recent Macedon Ranges Youth Awards. The list of awardees is on our website and represents a wonderful cross section of our young people across the shire.



Applications for the Australia Day Awards 2022 closed on 28 November. This year, we created new categories, including Connecting Communities Award, Healthy People and Environment Award and the Business and Tourism Award, along with the traditional Citizen of the Year Award. Thank you to those who have submitted nominations; we encourage all members of our community to consider nominating worthy recipients for these awards in the future.

The category winners of the Josh’s Rainbow Eggs Macedon Ranges Business Excellence Awards were announced on Friday 26 November. Congratulations to the many Woodend businesses who were nominated for these awards. Many thanks to all those Woodend traders and volunteers who contributed to the Woodend Twilight Festival on Saturday November 27, and please be aware that the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence began on November 25.

Lastly, congratulations to the organisers and contributors to the Woodend Farmer’s Market on ten years of operation. The market celebrated recently with a mini-sustainability festival. We look forward to many more years of the market being an integral part of our community.

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2021 Youth Awards Winners announced

Congratulations to the 2021 Youth Award winners

The ceremony was presented online on 28 October.

This year received a total of 33 nominations across six award categories.

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

The 2021 Macedon Ranges Youth Award winners are:

- Willpower – Lara Vicente
- Nicely played – Hugo Lobb
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- Skilling it – Gisborne Family Dental Trainee Dental Nurses: Melanie Horvath, Lorissa Koleceg and Abbey Raynor
- Well aware – Molly Consiglio
- Pure imagination – Mount Players Youth Theatre Leadership Group

Macedon Ranges Shire Council Mayor, Cr Jennifer Anderson congratulated all the nominees and winners in the award categories.

The award ceremony is available to watch on Macedon Ranges Youth Facebook and Council's website, mrsc.vic.gov.au/youth

SUBMITTED BY NOEL MCMAHON



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The pig is back in Newham

Chin-Chin, the little bronze porker version 2 is back on a reinforced wall outside the Newham General Store. The committee that was convened to raise funds to replace the bronze sculpture of the pig stolen from the wall, reports the fundraising was a success.

Replacing Chin-Chin has required strengthening the top of the wall to stop the sculpture being stolen again -- as well as making the wall safer and more robust for the kids to play on.

Thanks to everyone who donated to this cause. We invite you to join us on Sunday, December 19 for a fun procession of the Big Pigs (made for the Pig Festival 2014). They will be taken by wheelbarrow from the Newham Hall to the Newham Store to welcome back Cin-Chin. The Big Pigs will be on display at the Hall from 2.30pm, and procession at 3pm.

SUBMITTED BY FRAN SPAIN



Woodend CWA Christmas Events

I'm hoping on the back of our last article that you've all been out in the garage or up in the attic getting those Christmas lights and decorations ready for the Woodend CWA Christmas Lights competition! There's nothing like a town filled with glittering lights to make everyone feel festive!

We've got some wonderful prizes on offer again, and our heartfelt thanks go to the following businesses for their generous donations: Black Forest Tyres and Auto (\$150 voucher), Woodend Produce Store (\$100 voucher) and the Newham General Store (\$50 voucher).

The rules are the same as last year, but as a reminder: bring cash for the small entry fee; the Woodend Lions will be judging and the winners will be announced on 19 December. Categories for this year are: Best House, Best Mailbox and Judges' Favourite.

In addition to the Lights competition, we are joining together with the other Central Highlands Branches to host a Christmas Pop-up Stall at the CWA Hall, 662 Mount Macedon Rd, Mount Macedon. The Pop-up stall will run from 10am till 3pm on Saturday 4 December. There will be an opportunity to pre-order cakes and puddings for collection on the day, and each branch will host their own stall offering delicious treats and Christmas craft for sale. Last year was a huge hit, so swing by and grab yourselves some beautiful homemade Christmas gifts whilst supporting your local CWA!

Further details for both events can be found on our social media, so if you're not already following us on Facebook or Instagram, please do!

Wishing you all a wonderful festive season.

SUBMITTED BY SUSIE WYATT

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Latest News from U3A Kyneton

After a long period of restrictions, U3A Kyneton finally got the opportunity to celebrate a very belated Christmas in July. It was held at the RSL in Kyneton, with twenty-four of our members partaking in a very nice luncheon.

Courses are currently being developed for 2022, and enrolment day is 14th January 2022, at the Red Brick Hall, Kyneton. On-line enrolments are open from 10th January 2022. Our final function this year will be held at Malmsbury Reservoir, where sausages and cake will be provided for our members. Members should bring any other requirements, such as eating utensils or drinks. Malmsbury Reservoir offers a lovely environment for such an occasion.

We would like to thank all our tutors for their wonderful and dedicated work during such a difficult year.

For further information, visit our website www.u3akyneton.org.au, or email info@u3akyneton.org.au. Alternatively, have a friendly chat with our secretary, Ronni, on 5422 2552, or Peter, 0439 360 763.

SUBMITTED BY JAN MCCOLL



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New financial counselling support for storm-affected residents

Macedon Ranges Shire Council has welcomed the announcement from Bushfire Recovery Victoria of a Storm and Flood Financial Counselling Program.



The Storm and Flood Financial Counselling Program is open to Victorians affected by the June 2021 storms and floods.

The program can connect you to a financial counsellor to help you to:

- access relief for utility bills and other payments
- understand your government income and other entitlements
- negotiate with your bank on debt issues
- identify if your insurance outcome is fair and appropriate
- explore your options and advocate on your behalf.

Speaking to a financial counsellor early can help stabilise your finances, reduce stress and allow you to focus on other areas.

Council has welcomed the additional support for residents and encouraged people impacted by the 9 June storm to reach out via the hotline.

The Storm and Flood Financial Counselling Program is available on the Storm and Flood Recovery Hotline, a single state-wide number (1800 560 760).

The Storm and Flood Recovery Hotline is open from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays).

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What to do this season in the garden? Get your umbrella, so it seems, and watch things grow! If you're looking for some inspiration in your garden, you know where we are.

If you're struggling to decide what gift to buy a loved one this Christmas, then you know where we are also!

Buy them a garden consult! The consult is \$100, is one hour long, and includes garden advice, plant identification, soil analysis, tips, advice and ideas for their future garden. The \$100 consult voucher is also fully redeemable as a gift voucher at the nursery, so you will be giving your loved one not only the garden consult, \$100 worth of plants are included!

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Charity run supports local healthcare

New Gisborne's Wooling Hill Memorial Estate is all set for this year's Mount Macedon Realty-Wooling Hill Run, with proceeds going to Kyneton Health's palliative care program.

Locals and tourists will be able to visit the beautiful grounds of the Wooling Hill Memorial Estate and run 7.2kms (6 laps) or walk 3.6km (3 laps) between 8am Friday 12 November until 6pm on Sunday 12 December.

Members of Central Highlands Rural Health's executive and board met with Troy and Liddy Upfield, owners of Wooling Hill Memorial Estate, to walk the course and formally launch the event.

Troy and Liddy's first fundraising target is to raise enough money to cover the cost of a cuddle bed; a specially designed bed that allows family and friends to provide physical comfort to a loved one during end-of-life care as physical closeness can deepen connections and improve quality of life. The cuddle bed offers an opportunity for loved ones to lay together and provide compassionate care as people near the end of their life.

The Wooling Hill Memorial Estate owners would like to raise enough funds to not only purchase a cuddle bed, but to also update the palliative care suite with new furnishings, artwork, paint, carpet and a fold-out sofa bed, to create a comfortable and relaxing space for patients and their visitors.

"We are passionate about supporting local healthcare and believe that with the support of our local community, we can give a gift that will make a real difference to Kyneton Health's patients and their families. We're looking forward to welcoming lots of people to our all-ability Mount Macedon Realty-Wooling Hill Run and most importantly, raising lots of money for a great cause," said Troy.

"Troy and Liddy's generosity and commitment to the wellbeing of others is extraordinary. Palliative care helps end-of-life patients manage symptoms and improve their quality of life. Our nurses focus on the needs of the individual and their family," said Central Highlands Rural Health CEO Maree Cuddihy. "Through a combination of medical, emotional, psychological, and spiritual support, we enable a person to live with dignity, peace and comfort for the duration of their illness. All money raised through the Mount Macedon Realty-Wooling Hill Run will directly impact our palliative care patients and their families, and we couldn't be more grateful."

Funds will be raised via corporate sponsorship, participant fees and general donations.

The event will follow current COVID-19 restrictions and is not a mass participation event.

For more information, please visit:
woolinghillestate.com.au/charity-run



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Peter Matthews, Susan Jennings, Maree Cuddihy, Kate Redwood, Liddy Upfield and Troy Upfield



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The Woodend Golf Course sits amongst beautiful parklands with views of the Macedon Ranges and surrounding countryside. The course grounds are open to the local community for recreational use.

Woodend Golf Course Committee Member James O'Brien says, "It's great to have kicked off a partnership with the bank, and we would see this as the start of a longer-term relationship as we continue to improve our facilities."

"There is a lot of work to commence in upgrading the clubhouse, grounds, and walking paths. The club is developing a Master Plan to protect environmental features and guide the club's management and operations. This project aims to benefit the club, golfers and the broader community.

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Trentham and Districts Life Activities Club inc

We are fast approaching the end of another year!

Trentham and District Life Activities Club has been able to run its regular activities in a 'COVID-safe' way, with a few interruptions due to lockdowns.

An enjoyable year just the same, and we are all looking forward to recommencing in 2022.

So keep the group in mind, and if you're not already a member, consider getting involved.

There is an activity group to suit everyone, as well as additional workshops, BBQ's/picnics, lunch and dinner gatherings organised when possible.

For more information, contact the President and Activity Co-ordinator Di Clausen on 0429 008 763, or Secretary Gaye Lovelock on 0411 150 114.

Alternatively, visit the web site, life.org.au and click on Trentham in the list of clubs.

The weeks ahead will allow us all to catch up with family and friends, especially over the Christmas/New Year period.

Trentham and Districts Life Activities Club wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas, and a happy, healthy and safe New Year.

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By Patrick Eckel

Introduction

As someone who spends a lot of time growing, making and reviewing wine I probably think about a year or 'vintage' more than most. In the world of wine, it is the weather and how it has impacted the grapes, that in the end dictates the quality of wines that often will be consumed many years later. Wine, when made well, is a reflection of a year, a place and a producer. We are very fortunate in the Macedon Ranges to have some wonderful vineyard sites and producers, so I hope you can take some time over the break to enjoy some of the fruits of their labour! I trust the reviews provided this year have been at a minimum entertaining, and hopefully useful, and I look forward to sharing more of our wonderful region in the new year.

2020 Wilimee Pinot Noir

Wilimee is one of the older vineyards in the Macedon Ranges and has been rejuvenated by Ben and Sally Ranken. There is unrelenting focus in the vineyard, and Ben is also a talented winemaker who has produced wines locally and internationally, to much acclaim.

2020 wasn't an easy year for grape growing; however, Wilimee have produced a wine worthy of great contemplation. It is etched with savoury and mineral notes; bright red cherry fruit takes on a more earthen disposition with a fine yet textural backdrop of tannin that is lifted by oak-induced spice.

Stylistically more than a nod to Burgundy, at a much better price point.

Rating: 96 | Price: \$60 | When to Drink: 2021—2032

2021 Granite Hills Riesling

A vineyard that has just hit its 50th birthday, making Granite Hills one of the Macedon Ranges' treasures, not just for the vine age, but the metronome-like consistency of their Riesling in particular.

The wine has achieved 13% alcohol, which means it has concentration and depth of fruit, but this has not been at the expense of a mineral backdrop of acidity and flowing citrus fruits; a unique attribute of truly cool climate viticulture. The palate combines fresh lime with jasmine and lemon pith. There is great mouth feel and excellent length to finish, and you can be assured it will reward many years in the cellar.

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Summer evening orienteering in Woodend

Woodend will host the first event of the Central Highlands Summer Orienteering Series, at 7 pm on Wednesday 1 December at the Information Centre in High Street. The event will be conducted in accordance with Victorian Government Covid protocols for community sport.

Groups and individuals are welcome to walk or run a course of their choice, from about 3km to about 9 km. The series is set in town parks and streets, to avoid risks associated with bush orienteering in summer. Participants can start at any time between 6.30 and 7pm, and must report back to the finish by 8pm. Instruction is available at the start, and newcomers are welcome. No special equipment is required.

This year's series will feature a special 3 km course for senior primary school aged kids or older to do on their own (or accompanied), with no need to cross High Street or Forest Street.

Timing will be via a mobile phone app, which will beep when participants reach each control point. The app also provides access to previous courses, so that locals can search "events near me", print out a map and do a course anytime that suits them.

Further details are available at centralhighlands@weebly.com.

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Portraits on the Mount portrait prize

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The invitation is open to all Macedon Ranges shire residents, using any 2D medium, with a maximum size not exceeding A3 dimensions, and featuring a person known to the artist, or a self-portrait.

The categories are: Major Prize \$1000, People's Choice \$500, Youth 12-16 \$100, Child 8-11 \$50.

Judging will be conducted independently. For further details and entry form, contact Jo Hoyne 0418 488 582, email: mtmacedonportraitprize@gmail.com

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Join the Summertime Fling Festival at Macedon Ranges Cellar Doors

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The Macedon Ranges Vignerons' Association is running the event to encourage lovers of wine and food to take a well-earned break from another dreary year, and to enjoy the fun of summer by sharing with family and friends in the fresh air and scenic wide-open spaces of the Macedon Ranges and its wineries.

This is a great opportunity to reconnect with people you may not have seen for a long time in an easily accessible, central location that also happens to be stunningly picturesque.

Visit macedonrangeswine.com.au for tickets and more information.



SUBMITTED BY KYLIE MCDONALD

Bushfires and your mains water supply



As we approach fire season, Greater Western Water is reminding customers in the Macedon Ranges that they should not rely on their mains water supply if there is a bushfire in the region.

During or after a bushfire, customers may experience issues with their water pressure or water quality. In extreme circumstances, the water supply may be cut.

In the lead up to the bushfire season, Greater Western Water prepares the network and water storages in high-risk areas. They also have emergency plans ready to support the CFA.

Despite these preparations, water supply issues can still be caused by power outages, damaged equipment, or extreme demand for water during firefighting.

It's important to remember this summer that bushfires can impact the mains water supply. The CFA advises the safest option is to leave early.

SUBMITTED BY JESSICA JORQUERA

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While we are most certainly preaching to the choir in suggesting a #supportlocal approach to the New Woodend Star readers... we can't help but think it would be worth roping our Regional neighbours and Melbourne friends into a hot lap of the High Street (and surrounds) to do the same! Xmas shopping list in hand, we have no doubt they could tick off all gifts and groceries in an arvo, supporting our wonderful local traders each step of the way!

If you're not sure about the pitch, consider this approach when trying to sell the idea to your mates from Melbs.

- ✓ The drive up the Calder is far more pleasant (and likely quicker still) than getting in and out of the Chadstone/High Point carpark or CBD gridlock.
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- ✓ When it's time to refuel you're spoiled for choice in the hospitality dept. - restaurants, café's, breweries, wineries, distilleries - all within stone's throw of the town centre!

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Mental health strategies for the holiday season

For those caring for loved one with a mental illness, the Christmas and holiday season can be especially testing. “Although we have finally emerged from lockdown, this time of year can be a time of great stress for some families,” said Tamara Wilson, president of PS My Family Matters. “It can be especially tough on young people in our region, who have been isolated from their day-to-day friends for most of the year and now may lose contact with their school community.” “Now’s a good time to review your mental health care plan, or if you’ve not got one, to put one into place,” said



Tamara. “Just as we have fire plans, a mental health care plan is a guide to what actions to take in the event of an emergency.”

PS My Family Matters offers peer support to those caring for loved ones with a mental health issue. There is a template for a care plan on our website, www.psmfm.org.au, or if you need to chat with someone about putting one together, please call 0475 269 965.

PS My Family Matters will also be running its regular Coffee for Carers get-together throughout December—please call us to check.

If you need immediate support or assistance, contact: Lifeline on 131 411.

SUBMITTED BY MIKE HAMER

Youth Theatre awarded for 'Pure Imagination'

Congratulations to our wonderful Mount Players Youth Theatre Leaders, who were presented with the Macedon Ranges 2021 award for Pure Imagination (young people pursuing their passion for creativity through the arts). These young adult volunteers have given tirelessly of their time, some of them for several years, to run our weekly Youth Theatre classes and to direct and produce full-length productions at the end of each year. It's been a difficult time, and 2021 has seen them running rehearsals via Zoom to ensure this December's production is on schedule. Thank you from all of us at The Mount Players, and thank you also to all the other Youth Leaders who have gone before them.

The theatre will wind up the year in December with its annual Christmas picnic for members and then look forward to opening night for Love Song on 18 February.

There is lots planned for 2022 so please keep in touch via our website for everything theatre at www.themountplayers.com or call 5426 1892.

From everyone at The Mount Players, we wish you all a peaceful, happy Christmas season with friends and family and look forward to bringing you a theatre-packed year in 2022!

See you at the theatre!



Pictured in the photo are Youth Leaders:
L-R back row: Jack Smith, Max Pickin, Chris Santamaria, Dara Hunt, Sian Wilson.
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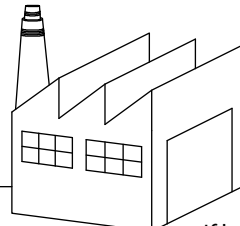


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Rain clouds with a silver lining

A wet weekend did not dampen the spirits of the volunteers at Macedon Ranges Rural Australians for Refugees. Their fundraising plant stall and raffle on November 13th was a great success, in spite of the weather. Macedon Ranges Shire Councillor Janet Pearce attended and assisted with the drawing of the raffle. The winners were:

1st: Anna Hall from Melbourne

2nd: Ann Bull from Melbourne

3rd: Ann Peterson from Woodend

4th: Odette Spruyt from Woodend

Prizes were donated by All Seasons Resort Hotel, Bendigo, as well as both Woodend and Gisborne Golf Clubs. Hyde's Quality Dry Cleaners of Gisborne gifted a voucher, and a wine pack was provided by four local wineries: Domaine Epis, Mount Macedon, Gisborne Peak and Granite Hills.

Chairman of the MRRAR, Bill Hebb, was delighted with the day's result. "We thought the weather might spoil our plans," he said, "but Woodenders came out in droves, and we couldn't have been more pleased. We were also very grateful for the generous support of our sponsors. These have been tough times for everyone, with periods of lockdown and isolation, but many of our refugees have been in lockdown and isolation for years. Some are forbidden to work or study. They are powerless. Without us, they have no voice and little financial support."

MRRAR holds fundraisers and provides information sessions to highlight the plight of refugees. All profits from



the plant stall and raffle were donated for the support of refugees in Australia. Anyone seeking more information on Macedon Ranges Rural Australians for Refugees, can email Bill at bill.hebb@bigpond.com

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The fire danger period is not far away!

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Any burn offs will require a council permit

The Fire Danger Period will soon come into force. We will post the information on our Facebook page and website when the dates are announced.

Once the restrictions are in place, you will be forbidden to conduct a burn-off in any form, unless you have an official permit from the Macedon Ranges Shire Council.

The Shire has introduced specific laws as to which properties are able to burn off, and how large your fire can be. Please check the Macedon Ranges Shire Council website before you burn.

If the CFA is called to an illegal burn off during the Fire Danger Period we must call the Police to the scene, and serious charges and penalties may be incurred. In fact, lighting a fire in the open without a permit is an offence and can bring a heavy fine or 12 months' imprisonment.

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

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

There are actually laws in place during the Fire Danger Period, when using such machinery – ride-on mowers, chainsaws, lawn mowers, grass trimmers and other equipment.

The operator of the machine must carry the following fire suppression equipment: a knapsack spray pump or water fire extinguisher, in working order, fully charged with water, with a capacity of not less than 9 litres.

To find out more please visit the CFA website and download a copy of the 'Can I, Can't I' brochure. Or pick one up from your local CFA Brigade.

See you at the Woodend Farmer's Market

Hopefully, we will be able to start our annual summer Community Safety Information Sessions, beginning with our presence at the Woodend Farmer's Market in the New Year. A huge thank you to the Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group for giving us this opportunity.

For further information, contact the Woodend CFA on 5427 2356 or visit our website: www.woodendcfa.org.

SUBMITTED BY MIKE DORNAU, CAPTAIN WOODEND CFA



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An update from the RSL

Your Woodend RSL Sub-Branch thanks the Woodend Community for its support during the tough year where we have not been able to come together as often as we wished to support each other.



We must also acknowledge the end of Australia's involvement in the Afghanistan conflict, after 20 years of involvement. We have many members in our community, and we also have friends and family from other communities, who served in this conflict. We are proud of their service, regardless of the political outcome. Even with the end of Australia's involvement in Afghanistan, Defence personnel will still be serving in various part of the world away from their families this Christmas. We wish them a safe return to Australia after their job is done.

Remembrance Day was acknowledged in the community, with many proudly wearing poppies and attending ceremonies. The Covid restrictions limited the way we gathered for the event, but at 11am on the 11th of November, a crowd assembled in the garden at the back of the RSL for a service, with high involvement from the local schools and local community leaders and members. The readings by local students highlighted that we are well placed with growing leadership and talent amongst our young people.

Gemlife residents also gathered for an excellent service on the day and raised money from poppy sales for veteran support.

We must thank the community for their support in buying poppies from our volunteers at Coles and from other

locations in Woodend. Money raised goes to support veterans and their families that need our help.

The indoor and outdoor area at the RSL is available for community hire and use. Fifty people inside and three hundred people outside can be accommodated. Some groups have hired the facilities for end of year gatherings. We can offer a bar service for your event. Contact us to check availability for your work or family gatherings for the festive season.

We are open for drinks and companionship on Thursdays and Fridays from 5pm until 7pm. We are planning catering options for summer but have not confirmed arrangements yet. We remind people that, in the interim, if they come in for a drink you are welcome to bring takeaway food from other businesses. Our focus is to provide a place for community contact and conversation in a relaxed safe environment. As the weather improves, we will also put up the jumping castle.

Remember the COVID rules for hospitality businesses apply at the RSL.

Please contact us if you are aware of any veterans or veteran families who may need help or assistance; they may need our support and mateship to help them through tough times.

We are 100% volunteer operated. If you would like to join us as a volunteer or just as a social member please drop in on a Thursday or Friday night and have a chat or send us an email. admin@woodendrsl.org

SUBMITTED BY HOWARD BURVILL, SECRETARY, WOODEND RSL SUB-BRANCH



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Zonta says NO to violence against women

The '16 Days of Activism' is an annual international awareness and call to action campaign supporting the elimination of violence against women. Why 16 days? Because the campaign runs from 25 November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women to Human Rights Day on 10 December.

In Australia, one in three women has experienced physical violence since the age of 15, and intimate partner violence is the leading contributor to death, disability and illness in women aged 18-44. But violence against women is preventable.

The Zonta Club of Kyneton is working with other community organisations, through Macedon Ranges 16 Days of Activism Working Group, to raise awareness of gender-based violence and to encourage community support for those living with violence.

Orange is the globally recognised colour to symbolise the 16 Days. We invite you to join us in supporting this worldwide initiative by wearing something orange during the 16 days. You might like to organise a group to meet for morning or afternoon tea at a café near you and encourage everyone to wear a touch of orange: earrings, shoes, socks, scarf, hair or hat. It's up to you.

On Wednesday 25 November, and through the 16 Days of Activism, wear orange and say NO to violence against women.

If this information raises issues for you, please contact:

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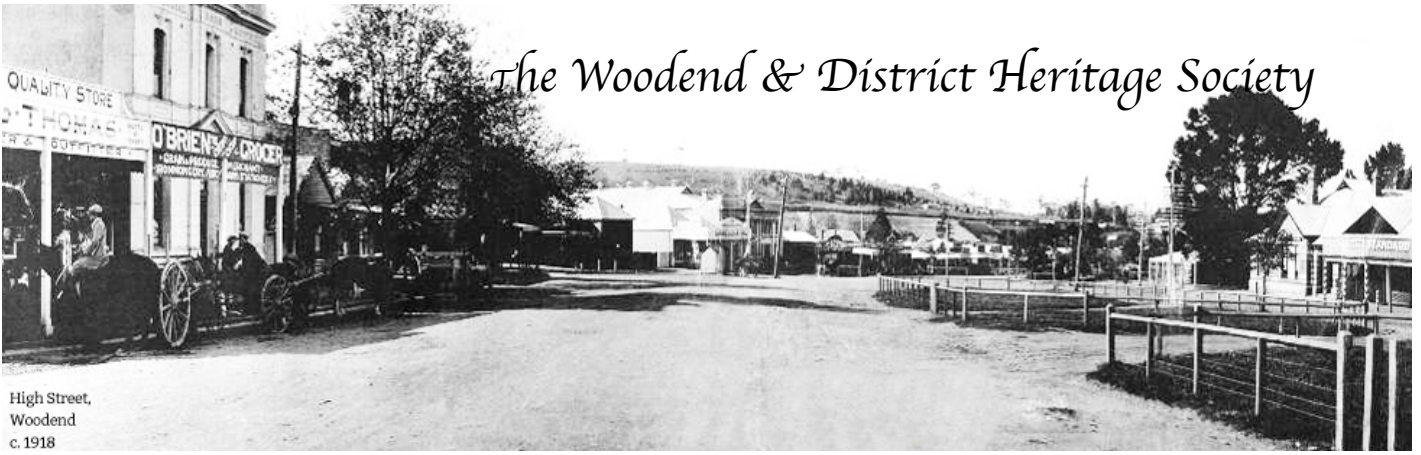
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Bridge over the Five Mile Creek

In the 1840s, a bridge was needed over the Five Mile Creek instead of a ford. In 1849, tenders were called for a timber bridge, which was constructed in time to carry the increasing number of goldseekers heading to the goldfields. The small settlement had been laid out and named Woodend in the early 1850s, and by 1861, busy traffic demanded a sturdier bridge, and the current bluestone bridge was constructed in 1862.

In following years, complaints were aired in the Woodend Star and accidents reported.

In 1889, 'a ratepayer' wrote to the *Star*, saying that when walking over the bridge 'I ... nearly became insensible owing to the effluvia as I drew near. I don't know why we should pay an Inspector of Nuisances when he won't attend to his business, and if the Inspector don't clear away dead dogs, why don't the police?'



Photo 186: Five Mile Creek used to be good for fishing with 3 or 4 pound trout quite common.

A spectacular incident occurred when the timber Presbyterian Church, being moved on a dray with horses to a new site, got temporarily stuck on the bridge. Yet in 1918, the Automobile Club thought that the 'danger notices on the bridge were considered hardly necessary'. Problems continued, and in 1925, the *Star* reported that a beacon had been requested to help people crossing the bridge. In 1927, S. Allan Johnson complained to the *Star* that 'The Woodend Bridge is considered too narrow for two motors and a horse vehicle ... and unnecessary height above the creek makes it difficult to see oncoming traffic.' In 1928, the *Star* stated that the approaches were 'considered a death trap'. Finally, in 1958, the bridge was widened.

The bridge is now considered a notable building and features in artworks such as a leadlight by local artist Ettore di Pilla.

SUBMITTED BY JANE HOLTH



Photo 90: In 1958 the Woodend Bridge was widened by the Country Roads Board.

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Sport at COP26: Ambition, Action, Acceleration

It is hard to believe that as sport meets the challenge to 'build back better' post pandemic, that it is not the pandemic that will be the biggest challenge sport will face this decade. The biggest challenge will be climate change and the associated complexity of disruptions within our natural, social, and economic ecosystems.

Hotter days, more of them, increased frequency and severity of storms, droughts and floods are already here. If we sneak past the 1.5 degrees threshold by 2030, the ability to deliver community sport with regularity will be severely impacted, particularly for children, older people and those who already experience disadvantage.

The Assembly at the UN's climate change conference COP26 was vast and diverse, and sport was well represented.

Why? Sport and fashion are the two sectors identified by the United Nations as having an ability to accelerate ambitious global goals towards climate action.

How? By influencing mass behaviour change and policy, as we race to keep global warming within 1.5 degrees Celsius. Sport has been coined as Scope X. From the youth of athletes, to broadcasters and global brands like Formula One and the Olympic Movement the message is:

Do something, start today. Your action does not have to be perfect, but you do need to act.

Macedon Ranges Clubs can start today, try:

1. Switch your power to 100% renewables
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3. As president of your club, write and ask your sport to have a check box opt-in for promotional materials when a new family registers for a junior program (like Mini-Roos, Aussie Hoops or AusKick) so that parents and their children can decide if they need it or not.
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SUBMITTED BY: ANNABEL SIDES



Macedon Woodend Scout Group

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Scouts back at the Hall

Macedon-Woodend Scout Group returned to the hall in Macedon in mid-October for our first meeting in months. The Scouts had a great time together after a long break in lockdown.

They started the night playing games on the footy oval, enjoying a fine night and daylight saving time. Then we returned to the hall to learn a bit about how to use tools safely and how appliances work by dismantling a few.

We started with a dryer, a dishwasher and a washing machine and we ended up with a trailer full of parts. For many of the Scouts it was the first time they had used most of the tools. Of course, the favourite tool was the hammer, which they got to use near the end of the night when we had mostly taken the machines apart. There weren't enough hammers to go around at that point.

We are planning some hikes and at least one camp before the end of the year.

For more information on Macedon-Woodend Scout Group or to join, visit <https://macedonwoodendscouts.com>

SUBMITTED BY MARK BAETEN, SCOUT LEADER





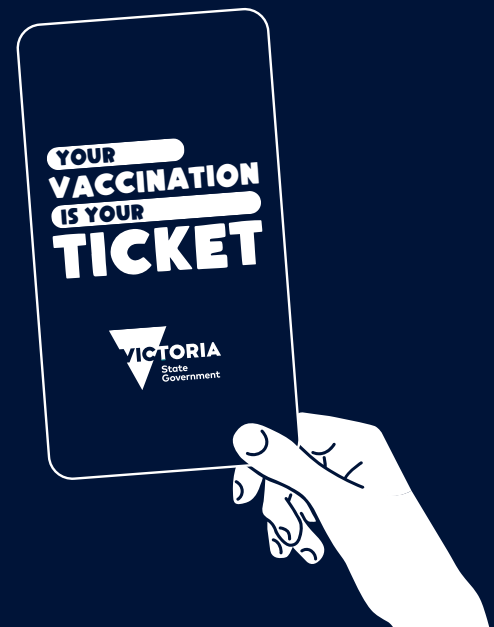
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Woodend Bowling Club

We had a bowl and a ball on season opening day

On Saturday October 30, around 25 members gathered to mark the opening of the 2020-21 season for the Woodend Bowling Club.

President Mike Dornau addressed those present and gave an update on major Club news, while Ladies Club champion Lois Scott sent down the first jack and Men's Club champion Norm Bickerdyke delivered the first bowl of the season. Members then enjoyed a pleasant game of bowls before adjourning for refreshments.

Hopefully the new season will be as pleasant and successful as the day.

A fine start to the new pennant season

The start of the new Pennant season began on Saturday, November 6 and Tuesday, November 9, with Woodend teams competing in the new Ballarat Highlands Bowls Region (BHBR) in both Divisions 2 and 3 in the Saturday competition and Divisions 1 and 3 in the Midweek Competition on Tuesdays.

This year, the delayed season will run from early November to late December, and then continues from early-January to March. Last year we made the finals in both Division 3s, but did not enjoy Grand Final glory. Fingers crossed we can do better this year.

A huge thanks to our sponsors

Woodend Bowling Club would like to thank all sponsors for their generous support over the years. The Club encourages all bowlers and residents to support them in return, as they support local clubs and organisations like ourselves.



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2021 Junior School Showcase – Sacred Heart

Showcasing student achievement

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In Year 7, students present a project which looks at experiences from their first year of secondary school, focusing on their own personal learning journey, with a particular emphasis on wellbeing.

In Year 8, students complete their ‘Making a Difference’ (MAD) project, where they are able to pick from a variety of global issues. Past issues have included topics such as social injustice, discrimination, mental health awareness and climate change. The MAD project is an action-research task with an ‘action’ being a required outcome.

Finally, in Year 9, students complete their EXPO learning task. This is an opportunity for students to identify something they are really interested in and develop a project around this, resulting in action or a physical outcome, which they are able to display with pride in a public exhibition.

Once again, our Showcase event has been affected by Covid, but thanks to our flexible teaching staff and the technical expertise of two Year 10 students, Nic Hanna and William Shaddock, we have managed to showcase all Year 8 and 9 students’ work on a specially built website. The Showcase was launched via livestream on 11 November, including interviews and culminating with the unveiling of the website.

Year 7 students will present their work slightly differently, taking home a self and parent evaluation to be completed at the conclusion of their project.

Sacred Heart values the importance of these types of learning tasks, and the growth of students’ confidence and skills is an invaluable outcome clearly displayed by all involved. The junior school students are to be congratulated on their wonderful work.

SUBMITTED BY MS JODIE WATTIE, HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL (YR 7 – YR 9)



Cooper B - Mountain Bike Jump

I chose this idea as it’s something I’ll be able to enjoy using with my mates and I’ve wanted to build one for a while.



Bridie S - Surf Wax

I completed a number of product trials and a product test before refining my final product. I then designed a logo and name.



Akira P - Candle Making

I plan to donate any profit I make from selling my home-made candles to the WWF Australian Foundation who help animals and the environment.

2021 Junior School Showcase



Lachlan S - Refurbishing Cricket Bats

Cricket is something I am hugely passionate about and refurbishing old bats was something I thought I could do really well. Learning how to sand was one of the many new skills I learnt during this project



Visit the Showcase Website

Use this QR code to visit the Junior School Showcase to enjoy these fantastic projects.



Kiera C - Inspirational Blocks

This project has taught me perseverance and patience and has allowed me to use my creativity



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