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**Recent rain impacts open
space mowing**

Macedon Ranges Shire Council wishes to advise residents that the recent excessive rainfall has impacted seasonal mowing activities that are due to occur in the shire’s public open space areas and on Council-owned and managed land.

The Macedon Ranges has experienced higher-than-average rainfall recently, which has contributed significantly to longer grass and muddy areas in public open space areas.

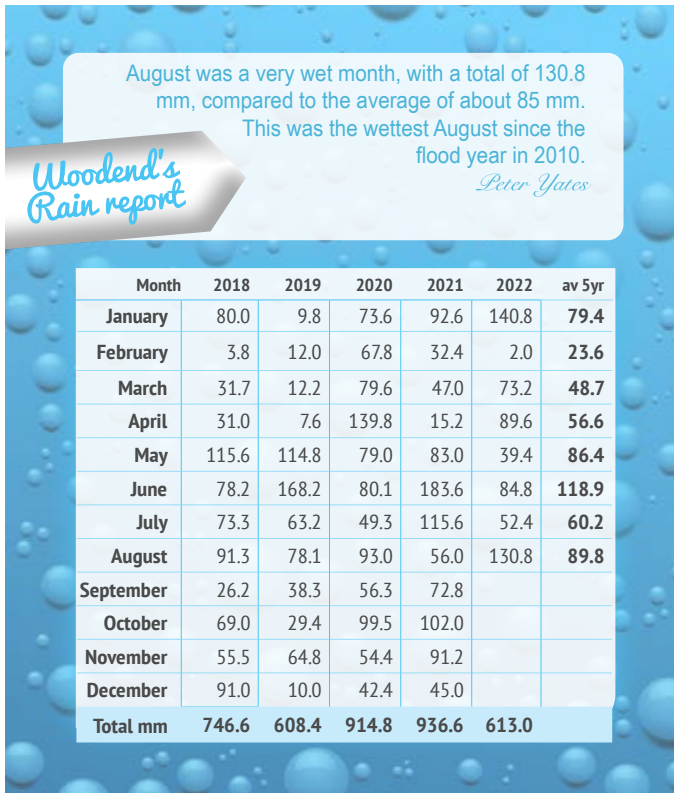
The wet conditions have affected Council’s mowing and maintenance; areas will need to dry sufficiently for mowing to occur, as the saturated ground conditions have the potential for machinery to get bogged, causing damage to both the ground and machinery, and reducing the effectiveness of the service.

Staff anticipate further maintenance delays with more rain forecast for the coming weeks.

Council apologises for any inconvenience this may cause. We continue to work to ensure our open spaces are well maintained and meet the needs and expectations of our community.

For more information, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/Grass-Mowing or contact Council on 5422 0333.

SUBMITTED BY CATHERINE CHAPMAN



**Vote for your favourite finalist
in the Business Awards!**

A reminder that voting is open for the People’s Choice Award until Monday 14 November. To vote or book your tickets for the gala awards event being held at Lancemore Macedon Ranges on Friday 18 November visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/business-awards



The New Woodend Star and the Rotary Club of Woodend acknowledge the Dja Dja Wurrung, Taungurung and Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Peoples and their Ancestors as the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the lands of the Macedon Ranges on which we meet, work and live. We recognise their living culture and continuous connection to the land and waters in our area and pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.



A new vintage for Woodend Wine Store

Congratulations Caz and Simon Bailey of Woodend Wine Store, who recently confirmed that their business of eleven years has been sold.

Over the past decade, Woodend Wine Store has become a one-stop trove of local and international wines, beers and spirits. Caz's knowledge and know-how meant that rare and exclusive wines became available locally. Suddenly, obtaining that great bottle of wine or special French cheese for a platter was achievable any night of the week!

In 2014, the first bar was opened within the existing store; the locals loved it so much an expansion was needed, and in 2017, The Cravat Club opened. This was a space that gave locals and visitors somewhere to enjoy a drink after work while catching up with friends. COVID-19 may have changed the dynamics somewhat but locals have continued to support Woodend Wine Store and will no doubt look forward to meeting the new owners in late November.

Caz would like to wholeheartedly thank dedicated customers, businesses, local winemakers, tourism organisations and the community for their support.

When asked what's next, Caz replied: "A bit of long-service leave!"

Caz has a few new adventures planned! Feel free to follow her on instagram @cazwine to see what she gets up to next.

Make sure you pop in before the changeover and wish her the best!

SUBMITTED BY IRENE O'DUFFY

Get on the 2023 Autumn Festival program!

Businesses, creatives and community are invited to submit an event or activity to be listed on the 2023 Autumn Festival program.

This could be an experience of food, drink, music, nature or workshops, or a collaboration with multiple businesses that encourages visitors to explore the Macedon Ranges during autumn. To be included on the program, your event or activity will need to appeal to a visitor audience and meet set criteria. Organisers are encouraged to schedule their events and activities from 7-23 April when locals and visitors have more time to explore during the school holidays.

All events will need to be self-funded, as the State Government Outdoor Activation Fund that supported COVID recovery in 2022 no longer exists.

A specific opportunity also exists for hospitality businesses, with submissions now open to participate in the Autumn Pie and Tart Trail. Bakeries, cafes, pubs and restaurants are encouraged to feature a flavoursome pie or tart on the trail.

To get the most out of the promotional period, submit your event or pie by the end of November. Find out more about how to get involved in the Pie & Tart Trail at mrsc.vic.gov.au/autumn-fest.

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FOR ENQUIRIES

Chamber Poets #83: Worldly poet comes to Woodend

Chamber Poets continued to delight visitors from near and far at the Woodend RSL on Saturday 8 October and featured Castlemaine poet Ross Donlon. Since the previous month's invitation to songwriters, the October event enticed more musicians back amongst the poets in the Open Section.

Ross Donlon's reputation as a consummate performer was enhanced with his smooth delivery, his conversational tone in his reading, and his selection of subject matter, whether light or heavy. He moved the audience to laughter and to introspection.

The afternoon was book-ended with the quirky and entertaining music of the resident band, Black Forest Smoke, who played a few more of their 'almost love' songs.

Kat Buttigieg says, "Spending the afternoon at Chamber Poets is both engaging and relaxing. I enjoy meeting other like-minded creatives and learning more about different types of poetry. If you are a writer or lover of words, it is a must see."

For the upcoming event on 12 November, Melbourne-based poet Peter Bakowski will feature. An avid traveller and self-confessed lover of the world map, it is not surprising that Bakowski has crossed the globe and been writer-in-residence in Rome; Paris; Macau; Suzhou (China); Battery Point, Tasmania; Greenmount, Western Australia; and at the Broken Hill Writers Festival.

Bakowski has devoted his life to being a poet and has earned a living from it for decades. He even does house visits, where he goes to people's homes and reads to a small group of people for around an hour.

Bakowski says, "My aim as a poet is to write clear and accessible poems, to use ordinary words to say extraordinary things. No matter how many books I write in my lifetime, they will all be about what it's like to be a human being."

His poems continue to appear in literary magazines worldwide and have been translated into Arabic, Bahasa-Indonesian, Bengali, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Mandarin and Polish. Bakowski's latest work, and his eighth full length poetry collection, was published this year by Recent Work Press and is entitled "Our Ways on Earth".

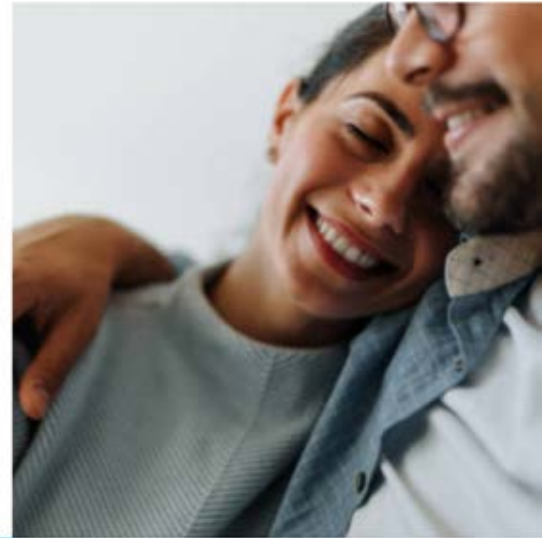
Poets and musicians are warmly invited to the November event on Saturday the 12th from 1pm at the Woodend RSL. Entry is a \$5 or \$10 donation at the discretion of the attendee.

SUBMITTED BY KATRINA BUTTIGIEG



Photo: Peter Bakowski

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Mary and her self portrait
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Local artist semi-finalist in Moran Portrait Prize

Moran Arts Foundation has announced 214 semi-finalists in the 2022 Doug Moran National

Portrait Prize (DMNPP), Australia's richest portrait prize. Portraits of Australians, both well known and unknown, are among the semi-finalists' artworks depicting actors, activists, politicians, artists, doctors, sports stars and many self-portraits, in a selection from almost every corner of the country.

Woodend's Mary Larnach-Jones is delighted to have received the news that her self-portrait, entitled "Latest self-portrait, possibly my last having reached 80 years" is one of the 214 semi-finalists.

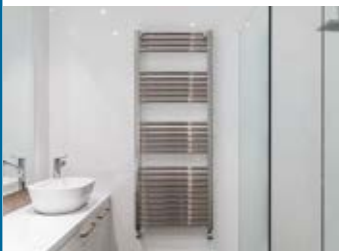
Mary feels that reaching this achievement feels almost like a vindication for continuing to paint.

The DMNPP finalists will be announced on Thursday 3 November and the winner on Wednesday 30 November, followed by an online exhibition.

You can see more of Mary's work on Instagram www.instagram.com/mljaok

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BRAEMAR AND THE BLOCKHEADS

With the current season of Channel 9's *The Block* being filmed and produced in Gisborne South this year, Braemar College were thrilled to have the historic, iconic main building of its Mount Macedon campus, Braemar House, feature as the façade for 'Block HQ'. The College also enthusiastically accepted an opportunity to have some students feature on the show, serving a meal for the group of contestants.

Each season, the show uses a different iconic landmark to represent 'Block HQ', the location where each Sunday night on the show, contestants gather to receive their feedback from the judges. The show's executive

producer and team visited Braemar College in July to capture a range of footage of the exterior of Braemar House. The different clips and drone footage captured featuring the team cars out front can be seen each week during the reveal episodes. In typical Macedon Ranges form, the crew were able to capture what seemed like four seasons of weather in a short morning block, with fog, mist, rain, cloud, and sunshine all making an appearance.

On a separate occasion, a small group of Braemar students and staff were invited to prepare and serve a team of staff who, working collaboratively with the producers, created a formal



dining experience and three-course meal, presented in the freshly finished dining room, for the contestants and the show hosts, Scott Cam and Shelley Craft. This was an amazing opportunity for our VCE VET Hospitality students; for personal growth, confidence, and insight into where the industry can take you.

The team celebrated the successful meal, by sharing local pizza afterwards.

Both of these experiences with *The Block* provided invaluable opportunities for Braemar students – students from VCE Media classes were able to join the technical and camera crews as they captured Braemar House, witnessing their preparation and process, as well as learning the roles of the team; and senior Hospitality classes gained incredible experience, serving and hosting in an unfamiliar setting with different clients, practising their front-and-back-of-house techniques, while dealing with the unique environment of a television show set (both exciting and nerve-wracking!).

The episode featuring Braemar students was aired on Thursday 22 September, and is available to watch on 9 Now (<https://www.9now.com.au/the-block/season-18>).

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Think twice before removing native plants

Victorians are being reminded to seek advice before removing native plants from private or public land, to conserve the environment, protect cultural heritage, and avoid facing significant penalties.

Less than 50 per cent of Victoria's original native vegetation – trees, shrubs and grasses – remains, and it plays an important role for our ecosystems, including acting as vital habitat for native wildlife.

Native plants can be challenging to identify, so landowners should get advice from their local council or the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP). Unless a valid exemption applies, a permit is required in Victoria to remove, destroy or lop any native vegetation, including paddock trees, grasslands, wetlands, riparian areas and any native plants in state forests, national parks and reserves. This includes trees along fence lines between private and public land.

Removal of native vegetation affecting mature trees and/or their limbs also has potential to harm Aboriginal scar trees.

These activities may trigger requirements under the Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006 before any works can be undertaken, so it is important to understand your obligations to ensure compliance.

In Victoria, all Aboriginal places, objects and Ancestral remains are protected. It is against the law to disturb or destroy an Aboriginal place without the appropriate authorisation. If you think you have found Aboriginal cultural heritage or to discuss your proposed works, contact your relevant Registered Aboriginal Party. In Woodend the Registered Aboriginal Party is Djaara <https://djadjawurrung.com.au/> or First Peoples-State Relations on 1800 762 003.

To avoid a penalty, apply for a permit to remove native plants, or report suspected illegal removal. Contact local council regarding issues on private property or DELWP for public land issues on 136 186.

To learn more, visit: <https://www.environment.vic.gov.au/native-vegetation/native-vegetation-values>

SUBMITTED BY ALICE R POHLNER (DELWP)

Macedon Ranges Shire Council Annual Roadside Weed Treatment Program Underway

Council's annual roadside weed treatment program is now underway. The annual program targets noxious weeds such as Cape Broom, Gorse, Blackberry and Sweet Briar Rose. Over the coming months, you may see Council's environmental contractors treating woody weeds across the shire including around Gisborne, Woodend, Malmsbury, Lancefield and Darraweit Guim.

Treatment of roadsides for the annual weed program takes a strategic approach to make best use of resources. Priorities for weed control include fire hazard reduction, protecting conservation values, and Council's legal obligations as a land manager under the Catchment and Land

Protection Act.

This year's program will also treat environmental weeds such as Pine saplings, Bluebell Creeper and Wild Watsonia in select high conservation value areas and invasive Nassella species such as Chilean Needle Grass and Serrated Tussock where known infestations occur.

Noxious weeds are treated at different times of the year depending on the species. For example, Blackberry will be treated later in the season during its growth phase.

This year, Council expects to treat over 150 roadsides and road reserves, depending on the season and weather conditions. Roadside weed audits are conducted at the end of each season to monitor and evaluate roadsides to inform the following year's treatment program.

For information visit mrc.vic.gov.au/weeds

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Environment and Healthy Landscapes events in November

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Selecting and sourcing plants for your property webinar

Tuesday 8 November, 7.30pm, online

Thinking of planting native paddock trees or planning a revegetation project on your property? This webinar will help you get started. Tanya Loos, Council's Biodiversity Projects Officer, will guide you through determining the local bioregion and Ecological Vegetation Classes of your land. This will assist with selecting the right native species that will thrive in your landscape and soil type. Tanya will also outline how to source plants and a timeline for planning, ordering and planting to ensure the best success for your revegetation project.

Integrated weed management on rural properties webinar

Tuesday 15 November, 7.30pm, online

As a rural land manager it is important that you get to know local weed species and understand various control techniques and strategic practices. In this webinar with Council's environment officers, you will learn that the target of any weed management is to use the right control technique at the right time with the appropriate follow up to limit spread and importantly limit re-infestation.

Nassella identification and control workshop

Saturday 26 November 2022, 10.00 am to 12:00 noon, Gisborne

Would you like to learn more about how to identify and control invasive Nassella grasses on your property? Join Roadside Conservation Officer, Josh Gomez, to learn more about these grass species, which include Serrated Tussock, Chilean Needle Grass and Texan Needle Grass.

Sustainable Grazing for Horses Field Day

4 December 2022, 10.00am - 12 noon, Drummond

Join Jason McAinch from our Healthy Landscapes program to discover how to graze your horse in a sustainable way. By being on-farm and in a group setting, you will learn from each other and have the opportunity to discuss the current situation on your own property.

Grass Identification Field Day

Sunday 11 December 2022 at 10.00am - 12 noon, Malmsbury Common

Learn some of the fundamentals of identifying introduced and native grass regularly seen in paddocks. Martin Roberts, Council's Bushland Reserves Officer, will join us on a walk through Malmsbury Common. Martin will give a practical demonstration and discuss the key characteristics in identifying the grasses you have on your property and in your paddocks.

To register for all events visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/environment-events. Once registered, the webinar or event address will be sent to you prior to the event.

Healthy Landscapes - Small Property Grazing course

Starting Friday 24 February 2023 at 2.00pm

Council's Healthy Landscapes program offers a small property grazing course to local landholders. The course has been designed to assist land managers to improve their skills and knowledge about grazing livestock, resulting in an increase in soil health and perennial pasture species, including native species. It is structured for small landholders (2-20Ha) with grazing livestock (including horses, sheep, cattle, alpacas etc.).

For information and to register visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/healthy-landscapes

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Young, mobile voters urged to check their enrolment details

Many Victorians may be unaware that they have been directly enrolled to vote in the upcoming November state election.

Direct enrolment occurs when the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) uses information provided by other government bodies such as the Department of Transport or the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority to add people to the electoral roll.

Deputy Electoral Commissioner, Dana Fleming, says that although the VEC writes to everyone who the VEC proposes to directly enrol, research indicated that people were often not aware they had been directly enrolled.

"The process is that we write to people and advise that unless they are not eligible and tell us within 21 days, we will automatically update their enrolment with the address details we have been provided," Ms Fleming says.

"At the last State election, voter turnout for directly-enrolled voters was close to 78% compared to the overall voter turnout rate of 90%, accounting for a significant proportion of the drop in voter turnout at the 2018 election," Ms Fleming adds.

Data shows that this group of voters tends to be younger, more likely to have moved since the last election and less likely to vote. Accordingly, the VEC will use mobile phone numbers and email addresses (where provided) to send VoterAlert messaging to directly-enrolled voters ahead of the election, reminding them to check their enrolment details.

Ms Fleming recommends all young people who are eligible to vote in the upcoming election go to the VEC's website before 8.00 pm on Tuesday 8 November to confirm that they are on the electoral roll and update their address details.

"If you've recently moved home, you may not be aware that you've been directly enrolled to vote. As everyone on the electoral roll must vote, I certainly don't want a situation where a person first realises that they should have voted when they receive our 'please explain' letter after the election," Ms Fleming says.

Further details on updating your enrolment details can be found on the website at vec.vic.gov.au/enrolment/update-my-enrolment

SUBMITTED BY ELECTORAL COMMISSIONER, WARWICK GATELY AM

Dominic Bonanno - Liberal



I'm Dominic Bonanno, the Liberal candidate for the electorate of Macedon at the upcoming Victorian election.

I was born and raised in the north-western suburbs of Melbourne to Italian migrant parents. They taught me the value of education, respect, compassion, hard work, and food!

I completed a Bachelor of Applied Science (majoring in Mathematics and Computer Science) at Swinburne University and a Post Graduate Diploma in Applied Finance and Investment at Securities Institute of Australia.

I have worked in the Technology industry for over 25 years across different sectors and am currently the Head of Operations at a leading Technology provider solving problems for clients across different industries.

I love the Macedon Ranges and surrounds; that's why my wife and I made the decision to move here 16 years ago. Now, with my son at primary school and my two daughters as teenagers, I have a genuine understanding around the issues that young people face in our community. I'm committed to ensuring our children have a safe and better future.

I am passionate about our communities, environment, and our people. So much so that I joined the SES 10 years ago to help our community and continue today to be an active volunteer. I am also honoured to represent the people of the South Ward of the Macedon Ranges Shire as their local councillor commencing 2020.

Thus far, I have found my time as a councillor on the Macedon Ranges Shire Council very rewarding and challenging at times. Contributions that I'm most proud of are:

- advocating for better technology availability in the Macedon Ranges,
- advocating for an upgrade to the Gisborne Skate Park,
- advocating for \$15 million to further upgrade the Macedon Ranges Sports Precinct as part of stage 2.

I hope to bring my strong values of transparency and honesty that I've also brought in my role as councillor whilst encouraging a sense of togetherness and community.

For a fresh face who will represent our community with rigour and not be afraid to challenge the status quo, I seek your vote.

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Marley McRae McLeod - The Greens



Hi, I'm Marley McRae McLeod. I'm proud to be standing as a candidate in the state election for The Greens. I'm currently a student of Psychology and Gender Studies at The University of Melbourne who is ready to have a positive impact in Woodend. I've taken the leap to stand for the seat of Macedon as I believe it is time for a young voice to be a key part in local debate. At 16, I volunteered at Senator Sarah Hanson-Young's offices and I am particularly passionate about youth mental health. With a lived experience of mental illness, I met with a former Prime Minister to share my perspective on the importance of strong mental health infrastructure; as my firsthand experience has shown me, our mental health infrastructure needs a drastic boost in investment. I also want mental illness de-stigmatised as I believe this is the first step towards recovery, and when we do this on a societal level the effects will be colossal.

I am committed to uplifting and standing beside marginalised communities such as our LGBTQIA+ folk who find themselves continually discriminated against, or those who seek a safe, secure, and affordable home to live, or those disenfranchised by the lack of integrity in our politicians, and to those who are disillusioned by the climate wars and inaction on climate change policy. The neglect of the environment perpetrated by governments, past and present, must come to an end. I don't want to see any more unnecessary species extinctions due to climate inaction. Enough is enough! It is heart-breaking to see the logging of our beautiful Wombat State Forest. I have hiked through there and feel deeply that the planet must be protected. In the end, the people are the ones who will achieve this. A people-powered movement is what is needed.

Contact Marley at marley.mcraemcleod@vic.greens.org.au

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*TNWS invited the sitting Member for Macedon Mary-Anne Thomas and other candidates already campaigning to provide us short statements introducing themselves to our readers. **Candidate statements are in alphabetical order of surname.***

Mary-Anne Thomas MP - Labor



I'm seeking your support to continue as the member for Macedon to maintain my focus on what matters for the people of Woodend.

We live in such a beautiful part of the world, and I'm proud Labor has delivered unprecedented planning protection for Woodend and the Macedon Ranges – including a protected settlement boundary for Woodend to safeguard our rural landscapes and natural environment.

I want our kids to have the best start in life. That's why I've made sure our government has delivered major upgrades to Woodend Kinder, both of Woodend's primary schools, Gisborne SC and Kyneton High. If re-elected, I'll continue to deliver on the Andrews Labor Government's rollout of free kinder. This once-in-a-generation reform will save families up to \$2,500 per child, every year.

It's been great to work with our local sports clubs to deliver the infrastructure our community needs. This includes \$14.8 million to get the Macedon Ranges Regional Sports Precinct done, and we have more exciting plans for Woodend's clubs to come.

I'm also committed to advocating for the transport solutions our community needs. I've delivered 195 extra car-parking spaces at Woodend Station, more train services and the Woodend FlexiRide. I've got work underway to fix the notorious Urquhart and High Street intersection and will make sure this gets done in my next term if re-elected.

Of course, in my role as Health Minister, there's so much important work to be done, including the rollout of 17,000 nursing scholarships. Only Labor is implementing a \$12 billion pandemic repair plan to ensure all Victorians can access the health care they need and deserve.

So much more has been done, but there's always more to do. I look forward to continuing to work hard every day to what matters for the people of Woodend and the Macedon Ranges. Thank you. Mary-Anne Thomas MP.

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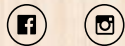
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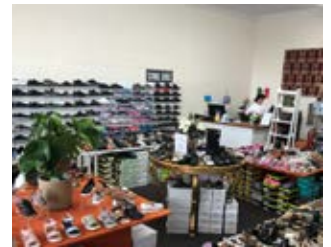


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Geraldine and Andrew both have extensive backgrounds in retail business operations and management – nearly 50 years between them – but this is the first store-front business they have owned and operated.

Geraldine will also continue to run her own small business, Three Little Rams, and you can find a range of stunning Three Little Rams creations in-store at Kyneton Shoes.

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Meet our new Rotarians

Heather Lloyd

Heather recently retired from full-time primary teaching and relocated to Woodend in 2020. Heather has always been interested and active in her community; she received a 15-year service medal from the CFA, is an active member of both VIEW (Voices, interests and Education of Women), an arm of the Smith Family, as well as an Affiliate and Committee Member of the Doreen RSL. "I believe in supporting activities and projects that have an impact on improving outcomes for

communities as a whole, to support those individuals who are marginalised to have a greater access to tools they need to succeed," said Heather.



Photo: Heather Lloyd and President Charles Bender

Jennifer Anderson

Woodend Rotary members welcomes Jennifer Anderson as an Honorary member of our Club. The Honorary Rotarian membership is offered to a person considered a friend of Rotary, demonstrated by their permanent support of Rotary's projects and ideals.

"I am honoured to have been invited as an Honorary member of the Rotary Club of Woodend. Rotary is a wonderful organisation; everywhere you look in Woodend, Rotary is there,

lending a hand, creating community places and making a difference," said Jennifer.



Photo: Jennifer Anderson and President Charles Bender

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By then Michael really knew the trade. He'd started making curtain tracks when he was ten years old and had handed his father more screwdrivers than he cared

to remember. During his teenage years, he'd helped in the shop and installed onsite. When it was time to leave school, which really wasn't his thing, he began a traineeship in the soft-furnishing industry at Holmesglen College.

The traineeship required a commitment of one week every month. A bit like an apprenticeship, it was designed to fit in around working in the trade. Michael remembers the traineeship being a good experience. He met some nice people and had fun, though he was surprised at how his fellow students knew nothing about the industry. Hadn't everyone grown up surrounded by curtains and blinds, fabric and tracks? Michael even found himself teaching his teacher how to make tracks!

All good preparation for when he eventually bought Jim and Rhonda's share of the business. In the space of a couple of years, Kate came on board, the showroom expanded, manufacturing shifted to completely off site. A new era had begun, standing on the shoulders of generations past.

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Rotary Rocks celebrate 100 Years of Rotary in Australia

On a glorious spring day on Saturday 1 October 2022, Woodend Rotarians were joined by Mayor Jennifer Anderson, East Ward Councillors Janet Pearce and Mark Ridgeway, Rotary District Governor Amanda Wendt, Woodend Landcare, community groups, Rotarians from around the state and many friends to celebrate the opening of the Rotary Rocks on Five Mile Creek.

Immediate Past President Josephine Falzarano welcomed everyone to the event.

Dja Dja Wurrung Traditional Owner Jason Kerr gave a moving and uplifting Welcome to Country, in which he reflected on the differences in the lives of his Elders past, present and emerging and looked to a bright future for the young people. He invited everyone present to take part in the traditional Smoking Ceremony while he played the didgeridoo.

Rotarian Howard Burvill recounted how the project to celebrate 100 years of Rotary in Australia had come about.

"In July 2020, our then club president, Mick Deviny, asked for ideas to mark the occasion of the centenary. I proposed that we 'memorialise' the event by providing a natural area where community members could meet or spend time alone to reflect on caring for others by providing service above self to the community through Rotary or other community groups.

"This reflection process would also benefit the individuals in reaching a healthy space by developing self-help strategies by using and getting involved in community groups," he said.

Rotarian Ian Scott explained the design principles for the site.

"I want to ask you all to cast your minds forward many years and imagine a secluded small grove surrounded by tall poa grasses and native shrubs, amongst a tight group of tall Blackwoods that are providing shade.

"Passers-by on the footpath here may be almost unaware of the rocks, except for this front marker stone that draws

their attention and invites their curiosity. Children can't resist the invitation and pull their parents through and into the company of the two main standing stones beyond," he said, transporting us to the future.

Rotary District Governor Amanda Wendt spoke about 100 years of service and volunteering by Rotarians in Australia. She said the Rotary Foundation had been proud to be able to support this and other projects around Australia marking the milestone.

In officially declaring the Rotary Rocks open, Mayor Jennifer Anderson paid tribute to the many volunteers who had worked on the project and thanked Council staff for their work behind the scenes in ensuring its success. She also recorded her appreciation for the contribution that Rotary and other services clubs make to life in Woodend.

Woodend Rotarians will work with Woodend Landcare to maintain the site (including after recent record flooding events) and ensure that the native plants can get established and realise the design principles.

SUBMITTED BY ROTARY CLUB OF WOODEND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Photo: KGMG Creative - Dja Dja Wurrung man, Jason Kerr, during the welcome to country and smoking Ceremony





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Carlsruhe CFA 2023 Fundraising Calendar



CFA in Paint is the 14-month calendar featuring CFA-themed paintings by local artist Brett Lefebvre. Produced by the Carlsruhe CFA, the calendar comes in two formats, a local version with CFA vehicles badged 'Carlsruhe' and a general CFA version, where all vehicles have no brigade name (apart from the calendar cover image).

This calendar was developed after Brett, a local artist and past CFA member, was inspired to paint a series of CFA themed paintings showcasing the Carlsruhe Brigade and its local area. Digital photography of the completed artworks was donated by Bruce Hedge Photography, with printing by Windarring Copy Centre, Kyneton.

All profits raised from this fundraising event will benefit the Carlsruhe Brigade, assisting with operational costs, as well as the purchase of equipment.

The calendar was launched at the brigade Dinner and Awards night held at the Shamrock Hotel on 15 October. Calendars are available for order online now, with orders to be mailed, or available for local collection from the Carlsruhe CFA.

Calendars can be ordered via trybooking: www.trybooking.com/CBNWV or by scanning the QR code, and would make a fantastic Christmas gift.



SUBMITTED BY PETER BALDWIN - CAPTAIN,
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The best day of family country fun you'll have in 2022.

Round up the family on November 26 and head to Woodend Primary School's Carlsruhe Country Fair. The kids can romp around the oval, slide with glee down the 30-metre slide or take a train ride as they burn off the delicious cupcakes from the cake stall.

Meanwhile, you can wander the kitchen garden, load up a basket with plants or flowers, buy fresh bread and pastries, purchase homemade goodies from the market stalls or just sit and enjoy a cup of tea and a homemade scone.

When the kids charge back with cries of, "Muuuuuumm and / or Daaaaaaddddd, I'm huuuuuuungggrryyyyy" you can fuel them up again with woodfired pizza made in the onsite school pizza ovens, a snag off the BBQ, or many other morsels of homemade deliciousness.

Then, with energy spent and bellies filled, you can all check out the chooks, guinea pigs and rabbits, explore the historic school room or purchase something from the Silent Auction.

This year's Carlsruhe Country Fair will remind you of all the wonderful reasons you love living in the country. Carlsruhe Fair. See you there.

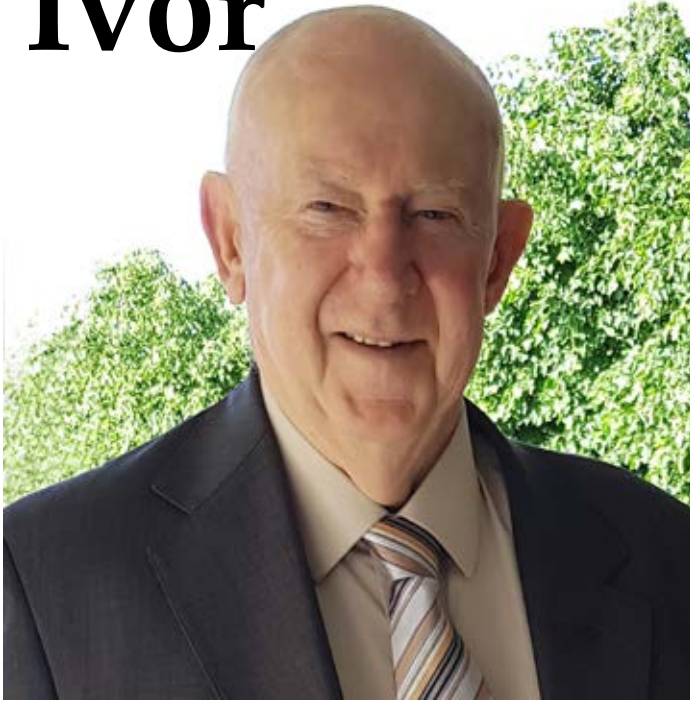
Saturday November 26, 10am to 4pm, Carlsruhe Annexe of Woodend Primary School, Nicholson St, Carlsruhe.

SUBMITTED BY EMILY ELLIOT

Photos courtesy of Kim Selby Photography.



Ivor



It snowed in Woodend during the first week of October 1968; the grand opening of the new Woodend Licensed Supermarket. It was just another thing to deal with in a long list of things to deal with. Snow in October wasn't unheard of, but for the young man who'd grown up in Mildura, it seemed a bit of a stretch. Ivor wondered if he should have installed the heaters, rather than hang off until autumn? But the snow was unexpected, as was the new supermarket.

Ivor Johnson was born in Warrnambool in 1943 and completed Year 8 at Mildura. After school, he worked as a grape picker and then in a grocery store. By 22, his determination and business mind saw him standing before Jack and Vera Keating in Woodend, in receipt of a contract for the purchase of their grocery store. During the handover, he accompanied Vera and her mother to the Coburg warehouse to pack the station wagon with stock for the shop. There, Ivor met their daughter, a trainee nurse, who was coming home for the weekend. It made sense for Pauline to catch a lift back to Woodend with Ivor, but her mother thought better of it and after three blocks intercepted the journey to swap places so she could talk

business on the trip home. Pauline's grandmother joked that Ivor was a nice young man with a wife and kids in Geelong! Pauline grew suspicious though when he never returned to Geelong! As Ivor settled into his new role as one of the town's three grocers, he also settled into a relationship with Pauline that lasted 56 years. There was nobody in Geelong.

Though the new store was humble, it was a start, and Ivor soon bought out one of his opposition from across the road, moved all the stock over to his first shop and demolished the second. Then came the phone call. Well after midnight on the long weekend in March, the fire alarm sounded. In an attempt to settle into his new town, Ivor had joined the footy club and the fire brigade and later became a councillor for the local shire. On this weekend, he and one other reservist were the only members on duty as the rest were away at a fire brigade event. At 1am, he and his colleague stood before the grocery shop, helplessly watching his new venture burn to the ground. He now had one shop demolished and one burnt down with all the stock. Insurance covered some of it and was paid out weekly – hardly ideal to rebuild a business – but many of the locals helped and were also paid weekly. The burnt block was sold and is now the Woodend Pharmacy. The business was reopened in the old picture theatre, which became stage one of the building that is now the new IGA. They said it wouldn't survive, that he was at the wrong end of town, too far from the other businesses. If nothing else, he was close to home, as what is now the carpark was once a pony paddock, with a small house for the growing family.

The snow problem was solved with a gas heater inside the front door and, 20 years later, the last stage of development included the car park, a realignment of the entry and a shop that had it all, including the new fangled barcode scanning technology. The store had taken on a few incarnations and at times was painted in colours that both startled and appalled his teenage kids.

Over that time, as children arrived and business took more time, Pauline transitioned from nurse to 'Manager of the House and Family', and manager of HR as well as very actively involved in the deli and the liquor sections of the supermarket. With a united front, they created a

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family atmosphere, which indulged the quietly spoken Ivor's sense of theatre and community involvement. A box of family photos shows staff dressed in outfits for Easter, Christmas and Melbourne Cup; any excuse to inject some fun into their corner of the world. The store flourished with personal service, happy staff, team-work and friendly customers whose birthdays were regularly announced on the PA. But there was never so much fun as Caulfield Cup Day 1992, when the one-in-100-year flood put the town under water, and Ivor and Pauline were at the races. Those left back in charge frantically had Ivor paged at the track. And while he blithely chose to enjoy his day off surrounded by food, wine and general merriment, in Woodend the food and wine were floating down the aisles, as Karen, Jason and Telia learnt some fast lessons in crisis management. Incredibly, the store reopened again after only two days and business resumed for almost a year until the next one-in-100-year flood.

Jason had his indoctrination at the supermarket, which by then was trading every day from early until 10pm. Working alongside Ivor, Jason saw his father's dedication to presentation, and incredible work ethic as he stayed behind every night to close up.

Ivor served on the Board of Composite Buyers and was the President of Master Grocers Association of Victoria, both for many years. He was a founding member of the Woodend Rotary Club, with 100% attendance over his 20 years as a Rotarian. His generosity was far-reaching, and most community groups and projects in this town will have benefitted from his quiet support. There are about 40 groups that he funded at varying times, including the Epworth Hospital, the Woodend Children's Park, Buffalo Stadium and The New Woodend Star.

Jason says, "It is a huge compliment to be approached by a major chain to purchase your business", and in 1998, the business that had started with a staff of three was sold to Coles with a staff of 99. The only proviso imposed by Coles was that the liquor section could not be included in the sale. This was a pity, as the wine tastings had become quite popular.

Alongside the supermarket, Ivor planned to develop a shopping and retail precinct. He gradually acquired the

land and built the BP Service Station and the 19th Hole Shopping Centre, named after the old hotel that had stood in that place. Along with it, in 1998, came a new business in Johnson's Liquor. After 34 years in groceries, Ivor the master of groceries was surrounded by grog. When he was about to place his first order of two pallets of Ben Ean Moselle (because of a deal he thought too good to refuse, but thankfully, his wife knew her customers), Pauline quickly stepped in and ran the store for six years, while Ivor's attention turned to managing the Westpac in-store bank. Westpac closed the branch, complete with selling the building! In May 2000, Ivor bought and set up office in the Westpac Bank on High Street. Westpac continued to trade in Woodend as an instore bank until Westpac closed the doors on all their instore banking facilities after 15 years.

With Sue Macklin as his PA for 18-and-a-half years of running the office at the Westpac building, Ivor and Pauline began to take longer and more overseas holidays. Travel was an annual highly-anticipated feature of their life, but as Pauline explored every area of the cruise ships, Ivor enjoyed fine dining as well as full buffet breakfasts and was comfortable with his laptop for the rest of the day. Pauline announced her retirement after six hugely successful years and the liquor store was sold to Mark's.

Ivor Johnson's story is truly one of rags to riches. When he back-traded his first car for an older model, he used the cash to buy his first supermarket. Despite some large setbacks so early in life, his quiet determination and grit saw him succeed and contribute greatly to the town that became his home. Ivor was a strong supporter of the business community, as well as many community groups and did so quietly and enthusiastically.

To the end, he continued to go to the office and maintain his involvement with all that was important to him. He walked and kept his regular lunch appointments as often as possible. He never lost his competitive edge while continuing to challenge Pauline to Chinese checkers. And he continued to plan some outstanding holidays.

Ivor leaves behind his wife Pauline; three children, Karen (and Vlad), Jason and Telia. As well as six grandchildren Zoe and Charli, Allan and Juliette, and Baylee and Tyler.

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Macedon Ranges' Budburst Wine Festival returns this spring with expanded program – and a new bus route

Discover the cool wines and warm hearts of Macedon Ranges winemakers at their annual wine festival, Budburst, this spring: Friday 18 to Sunday 20 November 2022.

Returning for the first time since 2019, Budburst is a once-a-year opportunity to come behind the vines and meet the family-owned and small batch makers that shape mainland Australia's coolest wine region.

Across the weekend, more than 25 Macedon Ranges winemakers will open their wineries and cellar doors to wine enthusiasts between 10am and 5pm for wine tasting, along with curated food menus championing local produce, art shows, sculptor walks and live music.

For the first time, Budburst will roll out over three days with an expanded program kicking off on Friday 18 November with the inaugural Budburst Blooms. Between 5.30pm and 7.30pm, celebrate the festival opening as Budburst Blooms brings pop-up cellar doors from wineries off the beaten path to three hubs across the region.

Budburst Blooms offers wine lovers the chance to speak directly with some of the Macedon Ranges' more artisanal winemakers while sipping on local top drops and grazing on a selection of small bites.

The three Budburst Blooms hubs are:

- Lancefield Lodge in Lancefield
- Victoria Hotel in Woodend
- Piper Street Wine Co. in Kyneton

Come the weekend, festival-goers can choose to travel independently around Macedon Ranges' winding country roads and picturesque mountain ranges, or board a Budburst Hoppa bus and visit up to five wineries on two dedicated hop-on/hop-off routes.

New for Budburst 2022 is the Daylesford to Kyneton Drive. This Hoppa bus route shuttles wine lovers between Cliffy's Emporium in Daylesford and The Kyneton Hotel in Kyneton, visiting event hubs in Trentham and Kyneton as well as Hunter Gatherer Winery. The other Hoppa route is the Lancefield Loop – a Budburst cornerstone that departs Woodend Railway Station before weaving its way around wineries in Romsey, Heskett, Newham and Lancefield.

Across the weekend, two festival hubs will be set up at The Cosmopolitan Hotel in Trentham and The Kyneton Hotel in Kyneton featuring a line-up of wineries who don't have physical cellar doors. Explore nearby villages as they too come alive with vibrant activities featuring the region's finest food, wines and warm local hospitality.

Budburst festival tickets start from \$30 (Budburst Blooms only) with packages for across the weekend:

Budburst Sampler: \$59 (1-day festival ticket, plus complimentary access to Budburst Blooms)

Budburst Weekend Wanderer: \$95 (2-day festival ticket, plus complimentary access to Budburst Blooms)

Each ticket includes a tasting glass to keep, festival passport and \$20 voucher to be spent at participating cellar doors and a Budburst food and wine deal that can be redeemed



at participating venues throughout the region. A Hoppa bus ticket is \$50 per person per day and is only available to purchase online prior to the festival.

Festival tickets are available now with Hoppa bus tickets on sale from 1 October.

For more information and to book tickets, visit budburst.com.

SUBMITTED BY JARRYD PENTONY

OPEN STUDIOS IN MACEDON November 26-27

Art lovers and those interested in finding out more about art can look forward to another round of Open Studios in Macedon. This will be the final event for 2022, our second year of the program, where we open our studios to interested members of the public. Our current group of nine diverse artists is linked by our Macedon location, which means that movement between our studios is not only convenient but also allows enjoyment of our lovely surroundings as you move easily from one location to another.

Each artist has their own unique approach within their field of work, and the media represented by the group includes ceramics, printmaking, textiles, drawing, painting and photography. The artists welcome you to view their work and their working environment, where you can share and discuss their individual practice. Art work will also be available to purchase.

We have found that many of our visitors like to take time out with their friends or family to appreciate the leisure and informality of the studio visits, as well as to enjoy the various cafes and attractive surroundings that the Macedon area has to offer.

For more information, there are brochures available at The Gallery Mount Macedon, as well as at local information centres and other outlets. You can also go to [openstudiosmacedon](https://www.instagram.com/openstudiosmacedon) on Instagram or to the Macedon Ranges Shire website.

SUBMITTED BY MARIAN ALEXOPOULOS



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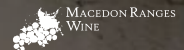
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50th Anniversary, Book Launch and Final Show for 2022



On 15 October, The Mount Players celebrated their 50th anniversary at the Gisborne Golf Club, and what a night it was! A packed house of 140 past and present members gathered for one heck of a reunion, enjoying lots of reminiscing, guest speakers including Patron of the theatre Athol Guy, and representatives from the Victorian Drama League and, of course, lots of in-house presentations.

The evening also celebrated the launch of the Players' magnificent book "Box Office to Back Stage - 50 Years of Community Theatre", a culmination of three years' hard work by their history group.

The final production for 2022, *Madagascar* by JT Rogers, is a must-see drama for theatre lovers – a haunting story of a mysterious disappearance that changes three lives forever.

At three different periods in time, three people find themselves alone in the same hotel room overlooking the Spanish Steps in Rome.

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The show opens 4 November and runs till 20 November.
Tickets via www.themountplayers.com

SUBMITTED BY KAREN HUNT

Your community diary

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

— NOVEMBER —

- 1 Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday
- 4-20 Madagascar, Mount Players
- 4-27 We will Rock You, Bluestone Theatre Kyneton
- 5 Woodend Farmers' Market
- 10-20 LAP it UP for Live4Life
- 11 Remembrance Day
- 12 Chambers Poets, RSL
- 12-13 Central Victorian Clay Trail
- 13 Farewell Picnic for Rev Melissa Clark, St Mary's
- 18-20 Budburst Festival
- 20 Lions Sunday Market
- 25 Queers on the Catwalk, Mountview Theatre
- 26-27 Open Studios in Macedon

— DECEMBER

- 3 Woodend Farmers' Market
- 3&4 The Phoenix MR Art & Craft exhibition
- 10 Hanging Rock Market
- 15 MRSC 2023 Events & Culture Launch
- 18 Lions Sunday Market
- 24 Xmas Eve
- 25 Christmas Day (Sunday)
- 25 Carers Event, Dromkeen Gallery
- 26 Boxing Day (Public Holiday)
- 27 Public Holiday in lieu of Christmas Day

Kyneton Town Hall events Arts & Culture 2023 Events Program Launch

5.30pm, Thursday 15 December 2022, Kyneton Town Hall

Council's Arts & Culture team is holding a free end-of-year celebration for the local arts community.

There will be a sneak peek at shows coming to Kyneton Town Hall and Kyneton Museum in the first half of 2023. Pre-sale tickets for events will be available on the night, making a great Christmas present idea for friends and family.

Featured performances on the night include:

- Lucy Wise—Malmsbury singer-songwriter whose songs carry a powerful sense of connection with the stories and places that make us who we are.
- The Mods—Macedon Ranges-based band, who play rock, pop music from the 60s to the 80s, and some groovy originals as well.
- Babaganoush—Gisborne-based band combining the best Gypsy/Romani, Balkan and Greek music from Eastern Europe. Hypnotic & sensuous, their intoxicating melodies, hot rhythms and fiery vocals are sure to get you dancing.

Entry is free and finger food will be available. For information and to book your free ticket visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/launch-party or contact the Box Office on 1300 888 802 (Monday to Friday 8.30am-4pm)

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The smash hit musical comes to Kyneton!

Kyneton Theatre Company presents *We Will Rock You* by Queen and Ben Elton

After a near sell-out season of *Mamma Mia*, back in March, the Kyneton Theatre Company is back in rehearsals for a big November production of the Queen and Ben Elton classic musical *We Will Rock You*. Showcasing the talent of our region, the production features actors, singers, dancers, choreographers and musicians from Kyneton, the Ranges and beyond.

This hilarious show, with book written by Ben Elton (*Blackadder*, *The Young Ones*), tells the story of a group of Bohemians struggling to restore the free exchange of thought and fashion – all to the soundtrack of the one-and-only Queen.

Grab your ticket to rock out to classic Queen hits (*Under Pressure*, *We Are the Champions*, *Bohemian Rhapsody*, *Somebody to Love*, *Crazy Little Thing Called Love*, *Killer Queen* and lots more). It's sure to be one hell of a show!

The production runs every weekend in November (Friday night, Saturday matinee, Saturday night, Sunday matinee) at the beautiful Bluestone Theatre in Kyneton.

To book tickets, go to trybooking.com/CCBAU or Google 'We Will Rock You Kyneton'.

And remember, if you book now, you can take advantage of the Victorian Government entertainment rebate program and claim back a rebate when you spend \$40 or more.

Here are the essential details:

4 - 27 November Bluestone Theatre Hutton Street, Kyneton Victoria 3444

SUBMITTED BY LUCY WATSON

Central Victorian Clay Trail

12 and 13 November 2022 - 10am-4pm

Connect with regional ceramicists in their studios on the Central Victorian Clay Trail.

This year on the Central Victorian Clay Trail, 18 ceramics studios will open to the public over the weekend of 12 and 13 November, 10am to 4pm, offering a glimpse into the working life of a potter. The event is part of The Australian Ceramics Association's annual open studio program, and makers from around the country are participating.

Artists from Mount Alexander, Hepburn, Golden Plains and Macedon Ranges shires will welcome visitors and be on hand to explain the individual processes they use to take clay through to its final state. There will be a huge range of styles, from sculptural work to tableware and everything in between, and techniques, including hand-building, wheel-throwing and mould-making, on show.

Central Victoria is celebrated for its wonderful food and accommodation, but the arts community is the beating heart of the area. All of the studios are those of professional artisans and the high quality of the work speaks for itself. Make a day of it, or better still, a weekend, and avail yourself of all that the region has to offer.

Download the map from the website centralvictorianpotters.org and follow us on Instagram @central_victorian_potters. Brochures are available from visitor information centres in the area and many other locations.







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10.30am - 2.30pm, 25 November, Dromkeen Gallery, 1012 Kilmore Rd, Riddells Creek.

Registrations are essential for this free event. To register call Abbey on 5422 0262 or email villageconnect@mrc.vic.gov.au.

SUBMITTED BY CATHERINE CHAPMAN



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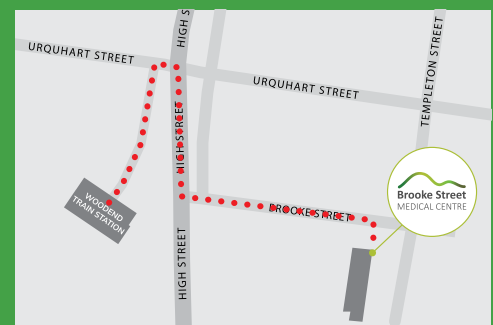
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How many laps can you swim in 11 days?

LAP it UP is a fitness fundraising challenge to swim laps for youth mental health awareness and suicide prevention in rural and regional communities.



In 2018, father and daughter team Sean and Kirsten McKinney hosted an event at their local Gisborne pool with the aim to run a continual relay, and swim 2,866 laps (2,866 being the number of Australians that suicided in 2016). Over 5,500 laps were swum on the day. After two years of COVID-19 lockdowns, Woodend-based health promotion charity Youth Live4Life is passionate about continuing the McKinneys' wonderful legacy with our annual event, LAP it UP.

LAP it UP encourages camaraderie and is designed to raise awareness of youth mental health and suicide prevention. It embodies Youth4Life's goal in empowering young people to speak up and seek help when needed.

LAP it UP runs from Thursday 10 November – Sunday 20 November 2022.

All funds raised go towards Youth Live4Life's award-winning,

evidence-based, youth mental health and suicide prevention initiative, Live4Life, to help reach more young people living in rural and regional communities.

We encourage swimmers around Australia to register now – to help celebrate the event finale, we have partnered with two community pools in Macedon Ranges: the Kyneton Toyota Sports & Aquatic Centre and the Gisborne Aquatic Centre (where LAP it UP began). Please feel free to visit these pools on Sunday 20 November to help celebrate our LAP it UP swimming and fundraising milestones together, on the last day of the event.

Make your laps as long or short as you like – swim in the ocean, in a 50-metre Olympic-style pool or even a wading pool in your backyard! As long as you're moving, making a splash and counting your laps – you're in! #LapitUp

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SUBMITTED BY KIRSTEN KRAUTH



Photo : Kirsten and Sean McKinney



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Zonta says NO to violence

Wednesday November 25 is the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, and December 10 is Human Rights Day.

The 16 days that begin and end on these dates are recognised internationally as the '16 Days of Activism' to prevent violence against women.

In Australia, on average, one woman a week is murdered by her current or a former partner, and intimate partner violence is the leading cause of death,

disability and illness in Australian women aged 18-44 years.

Statistics prepared by Women's Health Victoria show that of the reported sexual offences against women in Macedon Ranges during 2020, the offender was known to the victim in 77% of cases.

This year, the Zonta Club of Kyneton continues working with several other community organisations, through Macedon Ranges 16 Days of Activism Working Group, to raise awareness of gender-based violence, challenge discriminatory attitudes and encourage community-based support for those living with violence.

For the 16 days of activism, the Zonta Club is planning a display in the community window in Mollison Street, Kyneton, highlighting the impact of violence, and public libraries across the Macedon Ranges will partner with the Zonta Club of Kyneton to present displays that focus on prevention of violence against women.

Come along and learn more about 16 Days with Kyneton Zonta at the Social Foundry on December 3 at 10.30am.

Zonta members wore orange to mark 16 Days of Action in 2021

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Introduction

The wines reviewed this month have both had the involvement of the same winemaker, Ben Kimmorley. Ben has been the assistant winemaker at Curly Flat for a number of years, and this year launched his own label white feather.



2021 White Feather Chardonnay

Ben Kimmorley has been the assistant winemaker at Curly Flat for many years; this wine is the first he has released under his own label, which in fact is not really his, but one that is dedicated to his late wife Lisa who passed in 2020. Lisa was the viticulturist at Curly Flat; her favourite wine was Chardonnay and she was also a gifted photographer, so it is fitting the wine is made from Chardonnay and adorned with one of her photos, 'White Feather'.

The grapes were sourced from Parkside Estate and the wine was made in a Chablis style that saw large format neutral French oak and natural ferment. The aromatics are piercingly pure with a citrus edge to understated stone fruits and a mineral crushed rock aspect that has such precision. The palate has energy and verve; citrus and stone fruits are ripe and full initially, but are then tapered and textured by finely filamented lines of acidity and texture that have the faintest almond meal and grapefruit influence. The finish sees just ripe peach and Meyer lemon meet in equal measure and a saline edge. Such interest in its youth, but also will evolve with time in the cellar.

Rating: 94 | Price: \$32 | When to Drink: 2022 - 2032

2021 Curly Flat Estate Chardonnay

2021 has produced some incredible cool climate wines with this release from Curly Flat having tension, poise and balance. This is the most Chablis in style Curly Flat I can remember with intensity of nectarine that has a citrus and brine edge, whilst also being supported by mealy spices on the nose.

The palate has impressive energy with taut stone fruits elevated by citrus-laced acidity and a subtle influence of creamier, spiced inputs. There is a richness that builds across the palate with the wine showing riper stone fruits and some textural grip. Wonderful length with lovely integration of oak and fruit to finish.

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Operation Night Owl

Recently the Macedon-Woodend Scout Group participated in Operation Night Owl at Rowallan Scout Camp in Riddells Creek. Night Owl is an activity-based hike, in the dark, with Scouts going out in patrols of 4-8. The patrols hike over an eight-kilometre course with a map and compass and attend five activity points. At the activity points, they complete a task and score points based on teamwork, leadership and time. This year, 18 patrols participated. In 2019, the last time the event happened, we won the event, but this year, the event



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was won by 2nd Strathmore. Though we didn't win this time, our patrol had a great time. They worked as a team, didn't get lost and were proud to come in first at one of the activity points. If you are interested in hearing more about Macedon-Woodend Scouts, contact Mark Baeten 0429678670

Scouts L-R Isaak Richards, Peter Dean, Oscar Peart, Lennox O'Bree, Brynn Graham, Oliver Telford.

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What's on at your RSL in November



November is, of course, Remembrance month, and all members of the community are invited to join RSL members in commemorating Remembrance Day on 11 November, commencing at 10.30am at the Anslow St premises. As usual, local school students and members of Woodend's youth groups will play a key role in this service.

Our guest speaker this year will be Lieutenant Colonel Derek Sonogan, Commanding Officer of the 8th/7th Battalion, Royal Victorian Regiment, based at Ballarat.

SUBMITTED BY JOHN MCCAUSLAND

Don't stop us now

This is going to sound like a travel blog, but for those readers who have not yet visited the Murtoa Stick Shed, make sure it is on your 'to do list'. You will thank me for it!

Almost four years to the day since our first public performance, the Woodend Warblers had the opportunity to return to Murtoa, a quaint lakeside town in the Wimmera, having been invited to join in the town's 150th birthday celebrations. In 2018, just twelve members of the fledgling choir took part in the Murtoa Big Sing. This year, 36 Warblers, under the Direction of Andrew Price, headed up the highway for a day of singing and camaraderie. Sadly, the concert was not held in the Stick Shed as originally planned, but the Warblers managed to have an impromptu sing-along in this soaring edifice between rehearsals. Several other choirs were also invited to the celebrations, and we came together for a goose-bump rendition of Amazing Grace, accompanied by bagpipes.

The Warblers entertained a packed Mechanic's Hall with a range of numbers to highlight our repertoire; Siyahamba, And I Love Her, Don't Stop Me Now, In This Heart and the rousing One Day Like This.

An After Party was held at the Marma Gully Hotel, metres from the venue. The hotel was built in 1913 but had fallen into disrepair and is being lovingly restored to its former glory by our hosts Geoff and Thelma. For me the highlight of the evening was being 'piped' back to the hotel to the tune of 'A Scottish Soldier'.

The Warblers have a very busy end of year approaching, with three performances in November: on the 13th, Reverend Mel's farewell party; the 19th, the Kyneton Show and on the 26th, Lancefield Farmer's Market. December will also be busy with Christmas Carols at St Mary's and The Vic Hotel.

SUBMITTED BY PATRICIA HARTSHORN



International Games Week—Monday 7—Saturday 12 November

Get your game face on and celebrate International Games Week with some friendly Wii U Gaming on our big screen at the library. The Wii will be here every day for anyone to use – come and give it a try! No bookings required.

Introduction to Bellydance —Friday 18 November, 6pm

Come on a Middle Eastern journey and lose yourself in the music while learning some Egyptian-style Raqs Sharqi. Bellydance brings the joy of dance to everyone – all ages, cultures, shapes and sizes – while building your fitness in a fun and easy way.

Bring a friend or come alone – everyone is welcome to join this fun and inclusive session!

Bookings required <https://goldfieldslibraries.com/woodend-events/> or call 5427 2074

The Memory Place: Kitchens and Cooking in Days of Old—Thursday 24 November, 10am

Join us for memories, conversation and fun as we share our beautiful, themed memory kits. Enjoy reflecting on, or learning about, the past and the stories that objects can tell.

Do you remember eating bread and dripping, or cooking on a wood stove? Was it better or worse back then? Refreshments included.

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Confused about waste and recycling? Let's help you sort it out! Saturday 12 November 10.30am

Come along to the 'What Goes Where?' information session, hosted by the Macedon Ranges Shire Council and the Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group.

There are lots of common products that can be recycled, even though they may not be accepted through kerbside recycling. Batteries, phones, razors and toothpaste tubes are just some of the items that you can drop into the Teracycle recycling tubs just opposite the Council Customer Service desk within the library building. The program is managed by the Council and the MRSG Waste Action Group and the tubs are accessible for dropping off items whenever the library is open.

Book here for the information session: <https://mrsg.org.au/events-calendar/2022/10/12/what-goes-where-information-session> or with the QR code above.

See you at the library!

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SUBMITTED BY EMMA KEENAN

Staying Strong circuit classes for over 50's

Council runs group circuit classes for men and women 50+ years of age, on Tuesday and Friday mornings from 9.00am-10.00am at Buffalo Sports Stadium in Woodend.

The class is based on weight related exercises, balance, low cardio and coordination. Instructors can amend exercises to cater for individual needs.

Cost: 10 pass cards \$77.30, 20 pass cards \$137.00

For information visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/staying-strong or call 5427 3411

Free access to Teen Gym in Kyneton and Gisborne

During November, Council is supporting teenagers completing school exams with free access to our Teen Gym program.

While students are completing exams, stress and anxiety levels may increase, which can sometimes be detrimental to their mental health and well-being. The Teen Gym program can offer a release of these exam pressures while students

enjoy the benefit of physical exercise.

Teen gym can be accessed at Kyneton Toyota Sports & Aquatic Centre on weekdays from 4pm-5pm and Saturdays 9am-12pm, or at Gisborne Fitness Centre Monday–Thursday from 4pm-5pm.

Our fitness instructors can create a personalised program with attendees. Bookings are essential for this. Call Kyneton on 5421 1477 or Gisborne on 5428 3318.

Students aged under 16 years must have parent/guardian written approval on our required paperwork prior to beginning the program.

Les Mills Virtual group fitness

Is it difficult to fit group fitness classes into your day? Does the timetabling not fit around your schedule? Would you like to timetable your own group fitness classes with friends?

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Woodend outdoor pool set to open for summer

Preparations are underway for the opening of the Woodend outdoor pool on Saturday 3 December. Opening hours will be based on Council's Outdoor Pool Temperature Guidelines.

The pools are solar heated and have plenty of shade. There are two great pools for children and a 25-metre pool with lap lane. For information regarding opening hours and season passes visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/outdoor-pools.

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A message from your West Ward Councillors



October has been a month full of extremes. From celebrating Council and community achievements, to having to face more damage across the Shire due to rain and flood waters.

The costs are high, and we are grateful for the State Government announcement of \$500,000 to Macedon Ranges to assist with initial cleanup from the recent floods. As we look to having ongoing rain, please remember to download the VicEmergency app that provides warnings of all kinds, and not to attempt to cross water over a road, even if you think it may be shallow. Many of the callouts in the recent flood were to rescue people trapped in their vehicle whilst trying to cross water.

Our website will provide details on who to contact for information on various matters or to log requests for non-urgent assistance. Thank you to the SES, fire brigades, all other volunteers and especially council staff for all their efforts to prevent damage from the floods and to support the community afterwards to recover.

Ironically, Woodend RSL hosted a "Regenerating the Ranges" event in tribute to International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction on 16 October. Over 200 people participated, organised by Kylie Swain of Macedon Ranges Seed Savers, supported by Woodend Neighbourhood House, Victorian Council of Churches Emergencies Ministry, Council's Recovery Team and with funding from the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing. It was a great success, sharing ideas of how to regenerate our physical and mental health through regenerating our gardens and landscapes.

Other celebrations throughout October around Woodend included:

- A visit from MP Harriet Shing, minister for Regional Development, to the Woodend library to view the master plan for stage one of the Woodend Community Centre
- Official opening of the 'Rotary Rocks'

- Calder Fly Fishing Association Expo at Buffalo Stadium
- Macedon Ranges Youth Awards
- Chicks in the Sticks
- Citizenship ceremony
- Macedon Ranges Children's Festival (scheduled 29 October)
- November scheduled events include:
- Macedon Ranges Vignerons Association (MRVA) wine exhibition (9 November)
- Remembrance Day services
- Events and festivals/ community funding scheme grants ceremony
- Macedon Ranges Business Excellence Awards Gala event
- Malmsbury Fayre
- Concerts at Hanging Rock

Keep a look out on our webpages and social media for more information.

Council is a finalist in the "Outstanding Waste and Resource Recovery Project: Regional" of the Waste Innovation & Recycling Awards for our 4-bin system. By the time of publication, we will know the result. Thanks everyone for trying to do the right thing through 'Refuse, Reduce, Reuse Recycle' as much as possible.

The team at our storm processing site won an award in the Australian Workplace Health & Safety Awards. We are proud of the innovative and excellent no-waste work they continue to undertake.

Thank you to all who submitted feedback on the Five Mile Creek and Woodend Community Centre master plans, both now complete. Please tell us your thoughts on the revised Gilbert Gordon Oval Master Plan by 14 November.

Please don't forget, whether it be a routine request or in a time of more urgency, the person you are asking for assistance from, whether it be a volunteer, member of council staff or a councillor, we are all people too. Be courteous, polite, and patient.

Stay safe and strong, and don't be afraid to ask for assistance if needed.

YOUR WEST WARD COUNCILLORS: JENNIFER, MARK AND JANET

Proposed planning amendment to simplify permit process for landowners and protect water catchment

Council, in partnership with Coliban Water, have prepared Amendment C145macr, which seeks to make changes to the existing Schedule 4 of the Environmental Significance Overlay (ESO4) in the Macedon Ranges Planning Scheme.

ESO4 aims to protect the Eppalock Special Water Supply Catchment (SWSC) from inappropriate development and the proposed

changes will not seek to alter the land affected by the ESO4 as it is considered necessary in maintaining the health of the catchment.

The purpose of Amendment C145 is to better balance the needs of the catchment with the needs of landowner and uses by:

- focusing on requiring planning permission for development that has the potential to impact the health of the

catchment, i.e. within 30 metres of the waterway, and

- increasing the number of matters that are exempt from requiring planning permission.

Landowners, residents and the community will be able to provide feedback and lodge a formal submission until 24 November. For information visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/your-say

Get Set Go to Kangaree!

Seven intrepid Joey Scouts, two Leaders and two Adult Helpers from 1st Woodend Scout Group joined more than 1600 other youth and 900 adults from across Victoria for Kangaree – a jamboree style Scout camp in Lardner Park (near Warragul) for children aged 5 – 8 years of age.

The weekend was filled with exciting activity bases, amazing evening entertainment and first-time camping experiences. Kangaree was a three-day, two-night camp in early October and a prime example of what the Scouting Program can provide. The Joey Scouts tried their hand at a huge number of experiences, including virtual reality, hatchet throwing, rope bridges, archery, bottle launchers, paddling, low targets and a rope jungle.

One of the highlights for the organisers was the record number of Joey Scouts camping in tents. This proves that even the youngest members can do 'Anything and Everything' at Scouts.

Back at the Scout Hall in Woodend, the Joey Scouts were asked to recall their favourite moment from Kangaree and the Cinderella pantomime and inflatables were a huge hit.

It's great to see 1st Woodend Joey Scouts taking part in major Scouting events. Scouts is for youth aged 5-25 years of age, as well as adults (of any age!) looking to join the fun. If you're interested in learning more about Scouting with 1st Woodend Scout Group, please contact our Acting Group Leader Chris Eagle on gl.woodend1st@gmail.com.

SUBMITTED BY HELEN EDWARDS

Photo: Helen Edwards



Supporting local families in need this Christmas through local businesses

Community organizations Kyneton Baptist, Sunbury Cobaw Community Health and the Macedon Ranges Shire Council are once more working in partnership to support local families in need at Christmas, having served the needs of families in the Macedon Ranges at Christmas time for 12 years.

As a continued response to the challenges of COVID-19, the Gift Card program will be run. By offering Gift Cards to local businesses right here in the Macedon Ranges not only local families in need, but also the local economy are supported at the same time. This model empowers local businesses to support local families. Financial donations are sought from the community to make this possible.

Families will receive Macedon Ranges Gift Shop Gift Cards, which is loaded with a set amount for each child. Gift Cards can be redeemed at participating local business partners. We hope to have as many businesses on board as possible, offering as many products and services as possible.

The number of gift cards and the assistance that can be provided per child will depend solely on the financial donations we are able to fundraise. For 2022, we have a target to raise \$15,000!

If you are a local Macedon Ranges business interested in partnering in the Gift Card system, we'd love to speak further and partner with you. Donations can be made by direct deposit, Cash, Cheque and online. Find us on Facebook for more details, or contact

Georgina Harvey, Macedon Ranges Gift Shop Coordinator on 0404 442 891.

SUBMITTED BY GEORGINA HARVEY

News from the WNH

With the year galloping to a close, we have some exciting workshops to help you get into the holiday spirit! From floristry and wreaths to pottery and macrame, there is sure to be something to get your creativity flowing.



Floristry Workshop

Spend an afternoon creating a beautiful small, boxed flower arrangement | Tuesday 8 November (12noon – 3pm)

Christmas Pottery Decorations

Get ready for the festive season and make decorations to hang on your tree or at home | Friday 25 November (10am – 12.30pm)

Macrame Christmas Ornament Workshop

Learn the basics and fundamentals of macrame and work on five different Christmas decorations | Sunday 27 November (10am – 1pm)

Christmas Wreath Making Workshops Make and decorate your very own festive wreath using natural vine and beautiful flowers, perfect for the holiday season | Friday 2 December (12.30pm - 2.30pm) and Saturday 10 December (1pm – 3pm)

Introduce Meditation into a Busy Routine

This November, we will be launching two new meditation programs, one for adults and the other for primary school children. 'Mindfulness & Meditation' is a three-week short course on a Tuesday morning for adults that will help you to learn simple mindfulness skills to help experience deep relaxation. 'Happy, Healthy Minds' is a four-week program for children aged 5-11 and their families that will explore meditation techniques to help develop attention whilst encouraging kindness, compassion and self-knowledge.

Get Ready for Work or Volunteering

The Woodend Neighbourhood House is proud to offer training for work or volunteering, including Food Handling, First Aid, CPR, Barista Skills and RSA. With courses running in November and December, now is the perfect time to brush up on your workplace skills.

Reverse Advent Calendars

Reverse Advent Calendars are a great way to help others at Christmas time. Unlike a regular Advent Calendar, where the focus is on receiving a treat every day, the Reverse Advent Calendar encourages you to place an item a day into the box in the lead up to Christmas (non-perishable food, toiletries, toys, books or a Christmas treat). After 20 days, the filled Reverse Advent Calendar can be dropped off to Woodend Neighbourhood House, where it will be shared with people in our community experiencing food insecurity and hardship.

Boxes will be available to collect from 14 November. Please stop by the House or give us a call on a Monday to Friday between 9am – 3pm to reserve a fillable box. This year more than ever we need to dig deep and give a little Christmas spirit to everyone.

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

SUBMITTED BY MELISSA BAKER



Time to start your pre-summer clean up!

Whilst the wet weather doesn't put fire preparation at the top of your agenda, and the Fire Danger period is likely to start later again this year, it is definitely time to start thinking about your pre-summer property clean up. It also means you will have longer to do so this year, especially burning off, as the weather does begin to warm up and conditions become a bit drier.

Why you should clean up

The ferocity of a fire depends on a number of factors, including the weather, ground slope and especially the amount of 'fuel' on and around your house or property.

Fuel is the only factor that you can alter before an unplanned fire starts. Fuel reduction is therefore one of the most important acts of prevention you can undertake, with the most effective methods including mowing, raking, slashing and burning.

It's simply a matter of reducing fuel!

In grasslands, the intensity of grassfires increases with the height and weight of the grass. Cut the long grass within 30 metres of the house, and then keep it under control. If grass cannot be kept short by grazing animals, it should be slashed well before the fire danger period so that cut grass has time to rot prior to summer.

A well-maintained garden will reduce the fire intensity around your house and make it safer for you to stay and defend your home, and put out spot fires started by embers from the main fire.

Make sure all vegetation around the house is pruned, especially any overhanging branches, clear ground around trees of dead undergrowth and fallen branches. If you live on a slope, greater ground clearance is desirable, especially under established trees.

Remove overhanging branches and clear leaves and twigs from roof gutters. Move wood piles and other flammable materials away from the house.

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

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Thank you to all residents and businesses using the free soft plastics recycling service at our transfer stations. Together we have saved over 40 tonnes of plastic from landfill!

Please remember that soft plastics must be bagged to avoid litter, and check the list of accepted items on our website as these may differ to what is accepted at your local supermarket drop off. For information visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/soft-plastics

No changes to Christmas bin collections

There are no changes to kerbside collection days over the Christmas and New Year period.

Kyneton, Romsey and Woodend Transfer Stations will be closed on Saturday 24 December, Christmas Day, New Year's Day and Total Fire Ban days.

For more information visit www.mrsc.vic.gov.au or call 5422 0333.

Free reusable nappy workshop and lucky draw

Are you curious to learn more about reusable cloth nappies? Council is offering a free workshop at 10.30am on 12 November at Lancefield neighbourhood house as part of our reusable nappy program. Attendees will go into a lucky prize draw to win a modern cloth nappy starter pack, valued at \$200.00

Seats are limited. Reserve your spot by visiting mrsc.vic.gov.au/nappies

Do you have a damaged bin?

If your bins are damaged, lost or stolen, Council will repair or replace them at no charge. Repairs and replacements are usually completed during your next two collection days. To report damaged or missing bins, call our customer service team on 5422 0333 or visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/bins



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To support this outreach, I teach yoga and I make and design my own dolls. Don't forget, if you want a bear for someone who needs to love a bear, or if you want to donate a bear, then you know I am here.

Maybe you could get a group together to help, or do the outreach yourself. We could always zoom your group to tell you how to proceed – it is not hard.

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Boosting mobile connectivity in Macedon

The delivery of improved mobile services is being fast-tracked to better connect Victorians living and working in Macedon.

Member for Macedon, Mary-Anne Thomas announced in October a partnership between the Victorian Government and three telecommunications providers to deliver 30 mobile infrastructure projects in the Hepburn and Macedon Ranges Shires.

Residents, businesses and visitors will have access to increased mobile coverage and improved services in many locations around the district, including: Heskett, Ashbourne, Cadello, Carlsruhe, Cobaw, Newham, Woodend and Woodend North.

Member for Macedon, Mary-Anne Thomas said, "Locals in Macedon deserve to have reliable mobile coverage – which the Victorian Government is delivering. It helps connect residents, support businesses and attract tourists, allowing local economies to thrive." She said, "This will be a game-changer for many people in Macedon, supporting the area's growth by ensuring everyone can access mobile connectivity that is on par with what's on offer in Melbourne's CBD."

Together with telecommunications partners Telstra, Optus and TPG Telecom, the Victorian Government will build six new mobile towers and upgrade 24 towers to 5G, all by 2026.

Through the Connecting Victoria program, the Victorian Government is delivering a total of 1,108 mobile infrastructure projects in outer suburban Melbourne and regional Victoria.

More than 700 of these projects will be delivered to better connect regional and rural locations. In total, more than 1,200 suburbs and towns across the state will benefit.

Mobile connectivity plays a critical role in the lives of Victorians, providing access to healthcare, education, flexible working and emergency information and services. The program addresses feedback provided by Victorians on the areas in the state where improvements are most needed.

SUBMITTED BY KATE LEE

Entries now open for 46th Annual Arts Prom Country, Art & Photography Show

Show will open on Saturday January 14 and end on Saturday February 4, 2023 at Leongatha Memorial Hall.

Entries for the 2023 show up will be accepted up until 14th December.

The show, a project of the Leongatha Rotary club, attracts over 550 entries from artists and photographers from across Gippsland, Melbourne, regional Victoria and interstate. New and established artists of all ages are welcome to enter and prizes totalling over \$6000 which include awards for various mediums, photography, 3D (e.g. sculpture), junior sections and All Abilities section.

You can enter on line and get more information by visiting the website www.leonartshow.com.au

This highly successful show is in its 46th year and is organized by the Rotary Club of Leongatha.

Artists, junior artists, all abilities artists, sculptors and photographers, get your entry in at www.leonartshow.com.au or enquire at rotaryleongatha.artshow@gmail.com

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KindaGym

Held in the stadium, this program is based on developing gross motor skills, confidence, balance and social skills. Kindagym is a structured class with free play options for children to explore the array of equipment on display.

Sessions are held on Fridays at Buffalo Sports Stadium, Woodend:

- 10am–10.45am for 1–3 year olds
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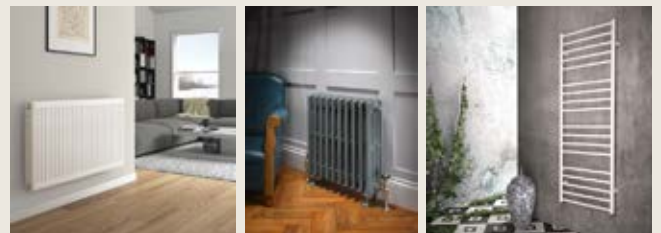
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Petanque news update

Re-elected Club President Chinka Steel welcomed Ruth Giddings to Committee and Anne Browne to Acting Secretary for year 2022-23

Chinka announced at AGM that he was in his final year and thanked all Committee for their efforts: Vice President Louise Potter, Treasurer Carol Richards, and Committee members Jill Shaw, Shirley Marshall and Rod Gell.

Summer Season has had a very wet start at Hanging Rock, but Thursday play 4.00pm for 4.30pm start has been organised and new players are welcome. Just arrive at 3.45, and you will be made welcome

Monday play at Racecourse Reserve, Forest St Woodend continues. New players very welcome. 2.00pm for a 2.30 pm start.

PFA head body for Petanque in Australia recognised coaches Shirley Marshall and Chinka Steel; we're only too willing to help so please make yourself known

Our Triples tournament has been moved to December 3 at Hanging Rock due to a scheduled Concert at the Rock

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We had a ball on season opening day

On Sunday October 2, around 20 club members gathered to mark the opening of the 2022-23 season. President Mike Dornau gave an update on major club news, including the proposed building upgrades and grass green progress.

Ladies' Club Champion Rosalie Campbell sent down the first jack and then joined Men's Club Champion Norm Bickerdyke to deliver the first bowls of the season.

The new Saturday Pennant Season started on Saturday October 1, and the Midweek Pennant on Tuesday October 11. Woodend will be competing in Divisions 2 and 3 on Saturday and Divisions 1 and 3 on Tuesday.

WBC gets revenge over Gemlife!

In March 2021, the bowlers at Gemlife invited the Woodend Bowling Club to a social competition at the new Gemlife bowling rink, to thank the Bowling Club for their help in getting the Gemlife bowling green started with some bowling sets for new players, score cards and other items. The Gemlife team proved too good on that day and won the Perpetual Trophy.

The Woodend Bowling Club returned the invitation, delayed due to Covid, to a match on the Opening Day on Sunday October 2. Ironically, a number of WBC members are now also residents at Gemlife and other Gemlife residents have also joined the Bowling Club, so teams had to be selected carefully.

A total of 42 players contested the match, with ten teams playing two games each. Woodend Bowling Club was able to get revenge and win the trophy by winning 9 of the 10 games played, with the other being a draw.

All players then adjourned to the clubhouse for afternoon tea and a very convivial gathering.

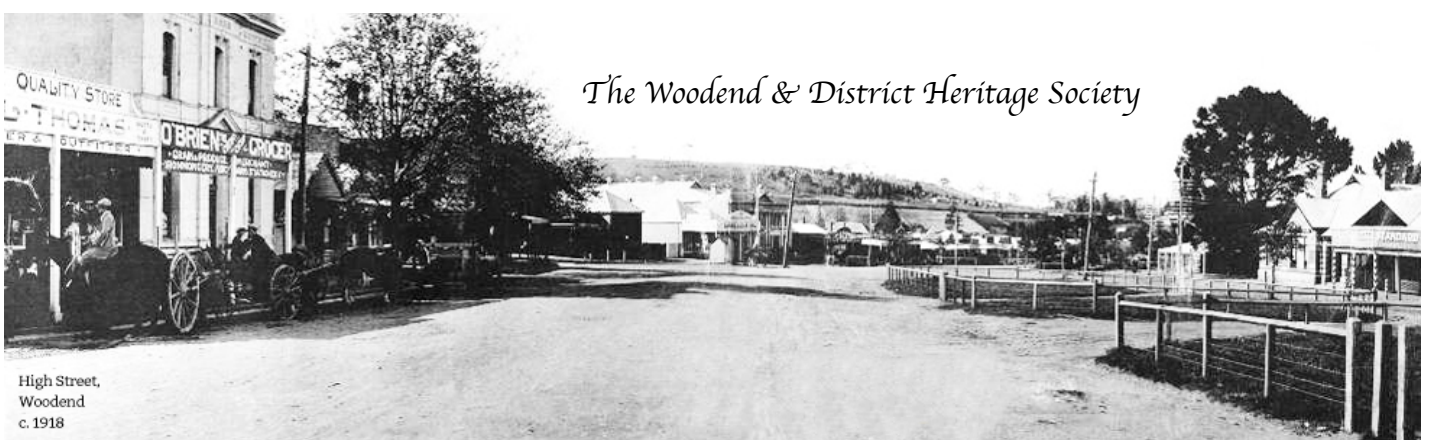
The day was such a success that it will be considered to hold the match on the club Opening Day in future years.

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

SUBMITTED BY MIKE DORNAU, PRESIDENT WOODEND BOWLS CLUB

Photo by Mike Dornau - Open day





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c. 1918

The Constables Earnshaw

Rounding up wandering stock, dealing with a family whose child failed to attend school, tackling the problem of juveniles damaging Shire property such as the Memorial Cross, and moving on unwelcome gypsies were all part of the policeman's lot for Mounted Constables Claude Earnshaw and his son Ernest.

Constable Claude was Officer in Charge of Woodend Police Station from 1926 to 1936 and Ernest held the position from 1939 until 1949. Their Police station was situated on the corner of High and Forest streets.

Both men loved horses. Claude was among the first contingent of the Victorian Mounted Rifles to fight in the Boer war in South Africa. On his return, he was selected to go to the coronation of King George VII in 1902. After a five-month holiday in Great Britain, he joined the Victorian Police Force and was posted to Bendigo two years later, and then to Woodend. His interest in horses led him to be involved in forming the Woodend Trotting and Racing club, of which he was chairman, and he became well-known for his training of trotters. Upon his retirement from the force, he ran a real estate agency for several years and was a keen bowler.

Ernest first served as a mounted policeman with a horse given to him by General Blamey, for whom he had previously been an Aide. Ernest was highly regarded by the community, receiving commendation for duty during the 1939 bushfires, a Red Cross certificate in grateful recognition for valuable services during the fires, and an award for bravery during a robbery. As an expert horseman, he trained two horses for Queen Elizabeth to ride on her holiday in Healesville in 1954. On his retirement from the force, he received several awards and a good conduct medal. Claude and Ernest are remembered in Lake Earnshaw and Earnshaw Street.

SUBMITTED BY JANE HOLT



Photo 1427: Constable Claude Earnshaw in uniform for the coronation of King George VII



Photo 2264: Constable Ernest Earnshaw with his dog Ranger

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Junior School Showcase – a celebration of student achievement

The Sacred Heart College community were thrilled to be able to welcome parents, friends and members of the local community back onsite for the 2022 Junior School Showcase on 20 October. This event is one of the highlights of the year for Junior School students (Years 7, 8 & 9) at the College, and provides an opportunity for them to share their completed project work.

Students are challenged to complete a major individual project in each of the three years of Junior School. These projects (listed below) aim to assist in the development of personal strengths, while also providing opportunities for students to challenge themselves.

Year 7 - 'My Learning Journey' Portfolios.

These portfolios include personal reflections on key experiences such as transition activities, their first day at their new school, Year 7 Camp, Reflection Day, the Mercy value of Respect as well as their learnings from class.



Year 8 - 'Making a Difference' (MAD) Research Work .

This project invites students in Year 8 to choose an environmental or social issue to investigate across a four month period. The project aims to encourage students to learn about an issue while also identifying ways

that they can each make a difference, whether this be through informing others about the issue at a local or community level, or making steps towards improvement or change. Ultimately it reminds us that there are many ways that individuals can Make a Difference.



Year 9 Major Projects.

The Year 9 Expo Project is a longstanding tradition at the College.

Each year, students pursue an area of their own passion and interest, producing project items that celebrate their unique gifts and talents. The project fosters skills in planning, time-management, and design. Quambi (the College sports centre) and the Atrium were filled with student creations, including: refurbished furniture, remodelled cars, upcycled fabrics, original photography and works of art, an array of handmade items and everything else in between.

Junior School Exhibition of Art & Design Work: Buckley, the College's Art Precinct was transformed into a wonderland of Junior School creativity which showcased a selection of works of Art and Design that had been prepared across the year in subjects including Art, Visual Communication & Design, Textiles and Media.

The event was a fantastic celebration of all that had been achieved by students at each year level and the excitement for its return onsite was clear. Congratulations to all students on their amazing work...and to the parents for their ongoing support as these evolved across the year.

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