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The Combined Churches of the Macedon Ranges is collecting Christmas gifts until December 17 for less fortunate children and families in the Macedon Ranges.

For families who are facing challenging times, Christmas can become an incredibly stressful, lonely and sad season.

“Look at your kids, look at your grandchildren, and imagine you

don't have anything to give them for Christmas. A simple \$10 or \$20 gift will make all the difference,” said Georgina Harvey, co-ordinator said.

Ms Harvey said the toy shop gave struggling families the opportunity to enjoy what others may take for granted - to choose something special for their child and be able to give it to them on Christmas morning.

The Toy Shop relies completely on the generosity of our community, to donate gifts to stock the shop. Families are referred to us by local support and welfare agencies and are given a personal invite to attend the shop and pick out toys for their children. We also offer gift wrapping and a café style space to enjoy free tea and coffee and home baked goodies.

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For our community, the Toy Shop is a fantastic opportunity for local people to embrace the true Christmas spirit, and reach out in generosity and love to those in their own community who are facing a tough time. Whether you are an individual or a business, you can get into the Christmas spirit and give some joy to local people who really need it.

The toy shop relies 100% on the goodwill and generosity of our community. We need your donations to make this important initiative possible. We require donations of toys for boys and girls aged 0-18. Gifts need to be new and valued around \$20. We also welcome donations of books, plush toys and smaller items that would be suitable as stocking fillers. We particularly fall short in gifts, books and stocking fillers for older children each year.

**How to Donate**

Donations can be dropped into the offices of Cobaw Community Health in Kyneton and Woodend. Contact Georgina Harvey (0404442891) directly to arrange pick up of donations. Donations of both gifts and money will be gratefully received. All financial donations will only be used to purchase toys to stock the shop. Gifts need to be received by Wednesday December 13 to allow time for sorting and setting up of the toy shop.

**All Enquiries: Georgina Harvey 0404 444 2891**



**Time stops for Woodend clock works**

Macedon Ranged Shire Council will be undertaking works to the Woodend Memorial Clock Tower later this month.

The works will include installation of new safety access ladders and upgrades to the electrical cabling. While the works are being completed, the clocks will be stopped for approximately one week.

Designed by architect Harold Trigg and built by Chadwick Peeler, the clock tower was constructed in 1927 as a memorial to the local men and women who served in World War I, and is used in Anzac and Remembrance days' ceremonies.

For more information about the works, contact Sheena Withers, Building Projects Officer on 5421 9653.



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We welcome stories of all types about the local Woodend area, so long as it's positive and informative. Contributions are welcomed from individuals and community groups.

Simply send an email with all content & specific details (times, dates, contact person and details) to content@newwoodendstar.org.au.

**Woodend's Rain report**

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

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



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On November 12, amidst joyful cheers, St Mary's Anglican Church was re-opened after six months of restoration works, 153 years and 4 days after it was originally opened on November 8, 1864.

The Bishop of Bendigo, The Right Reverend Andrew Curnow AO, blessed the new floor, new altar frontal pieces, and unveiled a commemorative plaque. Bishop Andrew reflected on the historic architecture of the building, and spoke about the importance of having a place where the community could come together both in celebration, and in difficult times.

At the same service Reverend Mel was given a new licence and made Priest in Charge of the Parish. Rev'd Mel has, for the past two years, been in the role of Assistant Curate in the Parish. This new licence means that she will be able to remain in Woodend for the foreseeable future.

The people of St Mary's wish to acknowledge and thank the team at Callaway Constructions for their professionalism and outstanding workmanship; along with every single member of the community who contributed and offered support during the restoration works.

St Mary's is, once again, open every day of the year for prayer or quiet reflection.

*Everyone is welcome at St Mary's.*

## Christmas at St Mary's

Join us for Christmas Carols in the garden on December 22, 7pm.

Black Cat Coffee will be in attendance and there will be a sausage sizzle available.

Christmas Eve Family Service on December 24 6pm

Christmas Eve Traditional Service on December 24th, 10pm

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## Playgroup wins the Minister's Award

Woodend Playgroup received the award from the Minister for Early Childhood Education Jenny Mikakos at a ceremony held on Friday 17 November at the Melbourne Aquarium.

Woodend Playgroup was commended for their commitment to helping families connect with each other, first-time parents and the natural environment.

"Although nominated we attended the event purely to

join in the festivities, meet other committees and see the incredible work taking place at Playgroups across Victoria," said Kim Turner, President of Woodend Playgroup. "We couldn't have been more surprised and delighted to receive such an honour".

"Playgroup Victoria is delighted that Woodend Playgroup has been recognised for their Innovation and Excellence with

the Ministers Award at the 2017 Playgroup Awards," said Danny Schwarz, CEO of Playgroup Victoria.

"Woodend Playgroup is a bustling, vibrant and eco-friendly centre creating a welcoming environment for their diverse and community spirited members."

Woodend Playgroup offers a safe and friendly environment for pre-school aged children to play, learn and make new friends. Woodend Playgroup is located at 45 Forest Street in



a vibrant space with age appropriate toys, play equipment and arts and crafts. Families with children aged 0-5 years interested in joining Woodend Playgroup should contact Woodend Playgroup's Enrolments Officer on 0467 093 878 or woodendplaygroup@gmail.com.

By H. Edwards

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# Councillor Jennifer Anderson re-elected as Mayor

West Ward Councillor Jennifer Anderson has been re-elected as Mayor of Macedon Ranges Shire Council at a Special Council Meeting in Gisborne last night.

Councillors decided not to appoint a deputy mayor.

Mayor, Cr Jennifer Anderson, said she was honoured to be re-elected, and thanked her fellow Councillors for their support.

“This is a great Council, with Councillors who are committed to working together as a team.

“I’m thankful they trust me to be the Mayor again for another year.

“It’s been a very busy first term as Mayor, with the new Council getting out into the community and talking to residents, consulting on the Council Plan and implementing our first budget.

“I’m proud of what we’ve achieved in the last twelve months and we’re looking forward to building upon that, and continuing to work closely with the community”, she said.

This is Cr Anderson’s third term as Mayor. She previously served as Mayor of the shire in 2014/15 and 2016/17.

For more information about Mayor, Cr Anderson, see [mrsc.vic.gov.au/councillors](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/councillors).

By E, McCormick M.R.S.C

# Thresholds and Ranges - New Creative Arts Therapy Practice

Would you like to consider an alternative or a complement to the ‘talking therapies’, in supporting you (or a loved one) through life transitions, stress, illness, disability, grief or mental health concerns?

Marita Jacobsson has established a new Wellbeing Practice: ‘Thresholds and Ranges’ in the Macedon Ranges drawing on her 10 years as a former Registered Nurse, caring for people experiencing acute, chronic and terminal illnesses, as well as mental health concerns. Her Arts Therapy work and research with individuals and groups in Melbourne and overseas, informs this new practice.

Arts Therapy is a form of counselling that explores and gives expression to thoughts and feelings in non-verbal and symbolic forms, using creative processes such as making art (using various mediums), writing, movement and photography, combined with mind-body connections ~ to enhance wellbeing.

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Call me for a free consultation to discover how I can support you. Marita Jacobsson (BNursing (Hons), MA Experiential & Creative Arts Therapy)

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## Poetry On Trial

In search of a new home, Woodend's popular Chamber Poets will this month trial a session at the Woodend Neighbourhood House. The event starts at 2.30 pm on Saturday 9 December and will be hosted by our town's own beloved poet, Myron Lysenko. Please join us and support home-grown arts and culture in your town! Entry by donation.



Myron and other members of Black Forest Smoke

We are after more local poets to contribute to this event. Are you a complete beginner? Are you six years old, or over ninety? Not a problem! We welcome everyone to the microphone - and for those too shy to read their work, we have professional readers on hand to present your work for you. You are guaranteed a warm and enthusiastic reception.

Tea and coffee making facilities are available - or bring along your own superior coffee from one of our town's many outlets. Musical interludes will be provided by Woodend band Black Forest Smoke.

By Jenny Zimmerman 0438 498 869

## Hanging Rock wildlife walks

Let the scent of eucalypt and the calls of native wildlife captivate you on a night time walk at Hanging Rock.

To catch up with a glider, koala, owl or wallaby over summer, join a guided night tour of Hanging Rock with an experienced park ranger from December 2017 through to March 2018.

The walks are suitable for all ages and are a rare opportunity to experience Hanging Rock and its native inhabitants after dark, so book early as spaces are limited.

Guided night walks start at 7pm, on:

- Friday 8 December 2017
- Friday 12 January 2018
- Friday 16 February 2018
- Friday 16 March 2018

The cost is \$56.50 per family (two adults and two children), \$23 per adult and \$11.50 per child. Bookings are essential.

For more information or to book your space, contact 5421 1468.

To keep up-to-date with what else is happening at Hanging Rock during summer, visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/hanging-rock](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/hanging-rock) or like the Macedon Ranges Naturally Cool Facebook page.

By E. McCormick for M.R.S.C.

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- 2:30 pm Children's Fairy Show
- 4:30 pm Christmas Carols in the Garden



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The children's Fairy Show in the Garden is designed for little children aged 1 to 6. Dress up in your favourite fairy or magical costume and let your imaginations run wild as you hunt for magical fairy dust in a show which children participate in. The Fairy Show is performed by entertainers with a wide range of experience including circus performance and acrobatics. The backdrop of the garden creates a simply magical experience where children are free to join in. Parents can enjoy watching on with a lovely picnic under a shady tree.

Later in the afternoon Ensemble Gombert will perform a beautiful concert of Christmas music designed to delight and transport you to a different time and place. Imagine multi-part harmonies of traditional carols mixed with international favourites while you enjoy a picnic on the lawn - a delightful uplifting mix and a beautiful way to spend an afternoon in the busy pre-Christmas period.

Tickets for both events are available online [www.duneira.com.au](http://www.duneira.com.au). If you wish to attend both events, call Duneira during office hours to receive a \$10 discount on the combined family ticket price on 5426 1490 Monday to Thursday, 9 till 3pm.

By I. O'Duffy for Duneira



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2017 sees the close of a remarkable year for 2nd Woodend Scouts. Our youth members have skied at Mt Hotham, cycled the majestic Murray to Mountains Rail Trail through Rutherglen and Bright, and hiked the 120km Great Ocean Road with the food and beds on their back. Our Venturers are fundraising now for the five day hike over Cradle Mountain, and testing themselves this summer with a ten day hike on the Wilderness Gippsland Coast Walk.

Our little Cubs meanwhile are dressing up in medieval



for their stay at Kryal Castle, a nice change from the mud they wore at Cuboree. Canoeing at the local lake, navigating their way on the city trams, cycling the Wombat Forest and camping out - it is a vibrant program.

We would like to thank Phil Seeber for taking on the role of Group Leader this year, and to community members who stepped forward as Leaders for our kids. In 2018 we are looking for more Cub Leaders, so if you feel this is an activity you would like to become a part of, please let us know. If your child is interested in learning more about Scouting, we offer a three week trial you are most welcome to see if they enjoy it.

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# Woodend Playgroup hosts

## Christmas Bake Stall

Woodend Playgroup is planning another yummy scrummy bake stall and this time it will be full of Christmas goodies!

Stop by the Woodend Newsagency (101 High Street, Woodend) between 8.30am and 2pm on Saturday 2nd December and grab yourself a delicious treat. All of the items on offer will be baked or supplied by Woodend Playgroup parents. Expect to find lots of delicious cakes, slices, muffins, shortbread, cookies as well as home grown herbs, veggies and eggs.

Funds raised will go towards will go towards building a new, safe and compliant sensory decking area for the outside play space at Woodend Playgroup's Forest Street facility.

For more information about Woodend Playgroup, visit [www.woodendplay.org.au](http://www.woodendplay.org.au). Families with children aged 0-5 years interested in joining Woodend Playgroup should contact our Enrolments Officer on 0467 093 878 or [woodendplaygroup@gmail.com](mailto:woodendplaygroup@gmail.com).

By H. Edwards

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## Great success at WAG


The Woodend Art Group (WAG) celebrated its 40th Annual Exhibition and was a resounding success with sales of members' works a record \$5,000. It was held over the Melbourne Cup Weekend in the WAG studios at Woodend railway station.

The exhibition was formally opened by Gordon Cope-Williams and Mary Larnach-Jones (local award-winning artist) presented the awards. The many members and guests present were most interested to hear what it was about the winning paintings that caused her to select these from the very many paintings on display. Mary praised the great diversity of styles and the very high quality of work exhibited.

Woodend Art Group is very grateful to the many sponsors that contributed to the awards and in particular to Newham Garden Club who donated \$200 to provide Encouragement Awards for six young (under 18) artists who attend classes with the WAG Folio Club. The winners of these awards were selected by their tutors for their determination, focus and application during their classes.

WAG has exciting workshops lined up for January for members and non-members. Check the web site; www.woodendartgroup.org.au or contact the president on president@woodendartgroup.org.au.

**By Di Fitt, Woodend Art Group**



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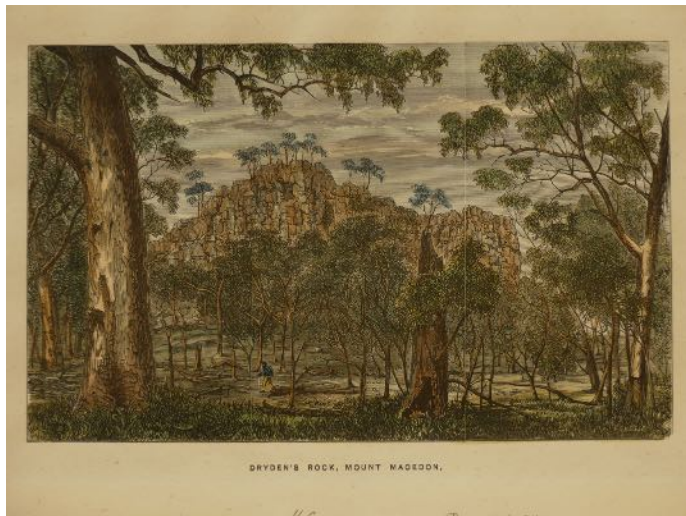
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**The first comprehensive chronicle of Hanging Rock will shortly be released in a forthcoming book, "Hanging Rock - A History".**

Written by noted historian Dr Chris McConville and published by the Friends of Hanging Rock, this unprecedented book provides answers to many long-standing questions about the iconic landmark. Is its geology unique? Who were the traditional custodians? Was Joan Lindsay's story fact or fiction?



The Friends of Hanging Rock committee worked with McConville to draw together information collated over more than three years of research. Sifting through records in historical societies, archives, museums and libraries across the world, members discovered previously unknown material and records, including the earliest known painting of Hanging Rock from 1858, a watercolour by artist W.H.Burkitt.

Friends of Hanging Rock President Luke Spielvogel said, "Hanging Rock has had a profound impact on Australian cultural identity. This is the story of its shared social landscape which we think needed to be told".

"There is a conversation currently that seeks to find



a balance between commercial development and environmental value", Spielvogel added. "This book demonstrates that this friction has long existed here and of course far beyond the Rock. This place remains special for visitors who come for a picnic while also being an icon of global popular culture. Better understanding that diversity of experience remains our great opportunity to ensure Hanging Rock retains its unique place in the Australian imagination."

Legendary Australian broadcaster, writer and filmmaker Phillip Adams, and supporter of the Friends group, has written the book's foreword, and describes it as "a fine book that documents its geological rarity and its cultural significance to indigenous, white and other hued Australians".

*The book will be officially launched at the Newham Mechanics Institute in Newham, Victoria at 7.30 pm on Friday 8 December and will be available for sale online and in bookstores. More information can be found at [hangingrock.net.au](http://hangingrock.net.au).*

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The New Woodend Star's work is supported in many ways. Some people volunteer their time and expertise; some make material donations. Individuals, groups, and organisations interested in being part of The New Woodend Star and helping out in some way are invited to email or telephone Alexia on 03 5427 1287.

## Support after suicide: Creative Arts Therapy Session

You are warmly invited to attend the Peer Support Group meeting on Monday, 11th of December, from 7 - 8.30pm: Hosted by the Macedon Ranges Suicide Prevention Action Group, who meet to provide peer support to people who have lost someone they love to suicide. Creative Arts Therapist, Marita Jacobsson and Counsellor, Denise Howes will be offering a Creative Arts Therapy session to this group, who welcomes others who are grieving. Arts Therapy is a form of counselling using the arts in their varying forms to create and make meaning and it can be especially helpful when words are hard to find and express. No prior art experience is required, as the emphasis is on the process of creating, rather than a final product. We will share a simple, yet meaningful introduction to arts therapy, with a creative experience for you and other attendees, to honour your loved ones. It will be themed on trees and our nurturing connections with them, we will use collage materials and together create a group art piece. Please RSVP by Wednesday, December 6: via email: [macedonrangesspag@gmail.com](mailto:macedonrangesspag@gmail.com)

Peer Support Group meetings are held at Newham Mechanics Institute, every 2nd Monday, 7-8.30pm: 1292 Rochford Rd, Newham - for more information: [www.macedonrangesspag.com.au](http://www.macedonrangesspag.com.au)

Submitted by Marita Jacobsson

## Woodend Uniting Church

**Did you know.....? This beautiful old church in Forest St is open to the community for prayers and quiet reflection all day every Monday. A simple prayer service is held at 11.00am and this is open to absolutely anyone from the community. A light lunch follows at 12.00 and all of you are invited to join in this just to pass the time of day and share good company.**

Did you also know.....? The Uniting Church in Woodend is seeking input to find alternative ways to connect with and serve the local community, and to develop local partnerships. Our goal, as you can read on our front wall, is to 'Do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with God'. A period of building maintenance and refurbishment is underway to improve our facilities. However, we are open right now and you and your local group are warmly invited to ask how you can use our spaces to hold a special event, or to meet somewhere comfortable on a regular basis. We are a very inclusive place and all members of the community are welcome just as they are.

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## Disco Fever hits Woodend to raise funds for Woodend Kindergarten.

On the 21st of October one hundred guests pulled on flares, jumpsuits, wigs and fake body hair to support Woodend Kindergarten Committee's Disco Bingo fundraiser.

Thanks to the generous support of local businesses and members of the extended Kindergarten community the committee raised \$8500 profit.

"We'd like to thank everyone who got into the disco spirit and supported us," said Danielle Galle, co-president of the Woodend Kindergarten Committee.

"Whether you purchased a ticket and dressed up, donated goods or services, sponsored a table or bid on an auction item, your contribution is greatly appreciated and we thank you," said Danielle.

The Committee will be launching its Master Plan for the Kindergarten's new outdoor learning and play space in December. The funds raised at the Disco Bingo event will go towards this much-needed redevelopment of the Kinder yard.

Posters thanking all contributors to the event will be on display on the Coles Woodend noticeboard. "Please get behind the local businesses who support community groups like ours. We thank them all for helping make a difference for the children in our area," said Danielle.

By Tracey Strong



**Rotary**  
Club of Woodend



CLUB HIGHLIGHTS

+ NEWS  
by Mike Harmer

## Rotary in Action

This month we look back to a terrific initiative featuring our younger community members and we look forward to 2018.

### St Ambrose students raise over \$4,000 for Wheelchairs for Kids

On a rainy spring Monday, St Ambrose School students participated in a Rotary project called "Wheelchair for Kids". Undeterred by the weather, the students raised over \$4,000 by doing sponsored laps of the sports hall, taking turns to push each other in wheelchairs. This is enough money to fund the manufacture of 20 wheelchairs- a fabulous effort by all concerned. The Rotary Club of Woodend put on a sausage sizzle lunch and the total money generated from the sausage sizzle also went towards the fund-raising effort.

School children from over 300 schools support this Rotary project by raising money to manufacture wheelchairs for disadvantaged children who are born with a disability caused by birth, disease or land mines. Most of these children have no option but to sit or lie in the dirt all day. Rotary has produced and distributed 34,000 wheelchairs to these children to make their life just a little easier and safer. If you want to know more about the project visit [www.wheelchairsforkids.org](http://www.wheelchairsforkids.org)

Also a big thank you to St Mary's Guild who made and donated 35 'knee rugs' to go with the wheelchairs and to Hardwicks for donating the sausages for the sizzle.

Finally, on the subject of sausages, Rotary Woodend would like to express our thanks to Black Forest Meats who supplied over 1000 sausages for the Halloween event in the Children's Park. Without the generosity of local companies such as Black Forest Meats these events may never happen.

### 2018- A year of opportunity ahead.

As we finish 2017, the Woodend Rotary Club is going from strength to strength. Membership is up over 20% and the club continues to attract a diverse range of people, bonded together by nothing more than a desire to make a contribution to our Community, support some great international initiatives and have a bit of fun whilst doing it. The

Wheelchairs for Kids is a good example of what we do.

'In 2018 we will look to continue with our community support and service programs in the Woodend area,' said President Peter Wilmott. 'However, we feel there is much more that we could be doing. So we're taking this opportunity to ask people to get in touch with us and make suggestions as to how we can support and enable the Woodend community in 2018. We are keen to hear from people who have a service idea or initiative they would like to get off the ground but lack the finances and resources to make it happen.'

'If you have a project or initiative that would benefit the Woodend community please let us know. And we will work with you to try to bring it to life,' said Peter. 'In the first instance, if you have an idea you wish to discuss please contact our community services chair, Josephine Falzarano on 0407 271628. Josephine will direct you to the appropriate people in our team who support our key service areas.'

*If you are interested in getting more information about Rotary Woodend, or would like to come to a couple of club meetings to see if it's for you, then please contact Membership co-coordinator, Mike Hamer on 0411549432. Weekly meetings take place every Thursday, 645pm at the Vic hotel in Woodend, but over the holiday season this may be subject to change, so please call Mike first.*

### What's on in December?

On December 7 our guest speaker will be Vicci Funnell from Operation Cleft. Operation Cleft is a unique Rotary project that provides free cleft repair surgery for underprivileged children in Bangladesh. At present, thousands of children grow to adulthood with this condition untreated. Woodend Rotary raises money every week through its egg auction, a fun event where people bid for a dozen eggs. Last year we raised enough money from this to fund 10 operations. Everyone is welcome to attend this event and find out more about Vicci's work. The meeting will be at 645 at the Victoria Hotel.

This will be our last formal session for the year. However, there are a number of social gatherings over the Holiday period. If you'd like to come along and meet some of the Club members, please contact us and we'll be happy to let you know what's happening.

Submitted by Mike Hamer

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The reality may be very different.

Family tensions often play out year after year. Instead of worrying about what's happened in the past or imagining what will happen next time, learn how to be "mindful". Mindfulness is a practice of being present (focusing on what's happening right now – moment by moment). It's also about learning not to imagine what might happen in the future, dwelling on the past or reacting thoughtlessly. Mindfulness also includes learning not to judge or criticise yourself - it's about self-compassion. This practice can reduce stress considerably (so use it all year round). To learn more, go to reputable sources such as [www.monash.edu/health/mindfulness](http://www.monash.edu/health/mindfulness) or [www.blackdoginstitute.org.au](http://www.blackdoginstitute.org.au).

Christmas can also be a sad and difficult time for those who are bereaved or disconnected from loved ones. Offer support at this time when grief and loss can be felt acutely.

For those who may be alone at Christmas – joining community activities, church groups etc. may bring valuable connection. Volunteering can bring connection and meaningful contact too.

Financial stress results when we over spend the budget. Consider inexpensive gifts, homemade gifts or the promise of assistance using your skills like helping around the home, child minding etc. The amount you spend does not indicate how much you love.

Be grateful for what you have. Gratitude can be a gift in itself – taking us from the negative thoughts of what we don't have and focusing on what we do have. What we think affects how we feel.

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Wednesday 27 Dec	8.00am – 5.30pm
Thursday 28 Dec	8.30am – 5.30pm
Friday 29 Dec	9.00am – 5.30pm
Saturday 30 Dec	9.00am – 12.45pm
Sunday 31 Jan	10.00am-12.00pm
Monday 1 Jan	<b>closed</b>
Tuesday 2 Jan	8.00am – 5.30pm
Wednesday 3 Jan	8.00am – 5.30pm
Thursday 4 Jan	8.30am – 5.30pm
Friday 5 Jan	9.00am – 5.30pm

**After this, normal business hours resume.**

*We wish you & your family a safe and happy Christmas & New Year.*



## Barb Morrow is back

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Council recently agreed to remove the limit on the amount of green waste that residents or ratepayers can take to councils transfer stations for recycling without charge. Proof of residency is required and commercial contractors will continue to be charged in line with the approved fees.

Thanks to our CFA volunteers who work many hours assisting residents and ensuring our Shire is as fire-ready as possible.

Also a thank you to those who made submissions to the draft Leisure Strategy and the Visitor Economy Future Directions Paper that will guide Council over the next ten years. These are very important topics. We realise people have busy lives and we appreciate the time spent providing input and feedback.

Our new website has been up and running for a few months now. The

latest data and statistics from the ABS have been uploaded along with other interesting information about events, strategies, services and council meetings just to name a few.

In the new year Council will be working with a community reference group, council staff, Councillors and a consultant to review the Macedon Ranges Planning Scheme and look at the Shire's Strategic Planning direction over the coming years.

Best wishes for a happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

*Best wishes for a happy and safe Christmas*



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## Macedon Ranges:

## Hope Lives in Relay For Life and you!

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Macedon Ranges residents are encouraged to stand together and help hope live by participating in the Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay For Life event.

A fun and moving overnight experience, the Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay For Life supports the Cancer Council to fund research, deliver prevention campaigns and provide services to cancer patients and carers.

The annual, and popular event, provides community members with the opportunity to recognise and celebrate local cancer survivors, patients and carers. While the moving candle ceremony and balloon release also offers participants the chance to honour and remember loved ones lost to cancer.

Now is the time to register for the 2018 Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay For Life with early bird registrations costing only \$20.

The Cancer Council has reviewed its pricing for the Relay and as of January 15, 2018 there will be a price increase with registrations costing \$35 for adults and \$25 for youth participants.

Making it more affordable for residents to participate, the Cancer Council has also introduced family registrations (\$80 for two adults and two children, and \$10 for each extra child). Further information regarding the new pricing structure can be found on the Lancefield (Macedon Ranges) Relay For Life Facebook page, or by contacting lancefieldrfl@cancervic.org.au.

Sponsored by the Lancefield and Romsey Community Branches of Bendigo Bank and Romsey SUPA IGA, the 2018 Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay for Life will be held from Saturday, March 3 to Sunday, March 4 at Lancefield Park.

If you're interested in registering a team, joining a team or volunteering please email lancefieldrfl@cancervic.org.au, call 1300 656 585 or visit the Facebook page. By getting involved with Relay For Life, you can create a community experience to support locals touched by cancer - and help Hope Live in the Macedon Ranges. The Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay For Life Committee wish all a lovely festive season and look forward to seeing you at the Relay.



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# Can you knit?

Knit & Natter takes place on the third Wednesday of every month at the Norma Richardson hall at St Mary's church.

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# WWAF recipients of Plus1 fundraising plan

The Woodend Winter Arts Festival Committee is delighted to announce the receipt of a special funding program to provide ongoing assistance for the festival. This fundraising campaign, "The Festival Comes of Age" is supported by Creative Partnerships Australia through Plus1.

The Plus1 grant from Creative Partnerships Australia provides a mechanism where the Festival can raise money during a specific timeframe and receive a matching dollar-for-dollar contribution. This means that any contributions will have twice the value to the Festival, so there has never been a better time to make a tax-deductible contribution to the Festival for its 2018 season.

As part of this fundraising program, two very special events will be held on the 17 February and 24 March, with funds going towards the Festival costs.

Many festival patrons may not realise that planning and hosting the festival each year costs far more than revenue raised from ticket sales. This is absolutely typical in the arts sector, and is the reason that all arts organisations endeavour to raise funds to offset the behind-the-scenes costs that are needed in order to operate successfully.

WWAF is always grateful for all contributions (large and small) that come from businesses, organisations, governments and individuals towards the festival. These contributions help to keep ticket prices at an affordable price for patrons.

How can you be involved? Keep a spot in your diaries for Saturday 17 February and Saturday 24 March for two fantastic music/food events. Consider a donation to the festival in this fundraising period - you will receive a tax-deductible receipt and the festival will get the benefit of matched funding as part of this program.

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## Woodend Rotary Community Halloween event 2017

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saying thanks to the community for supporting our events throughout the year.

This is a fantastic community event is also supported by local business including major sponsor Fairhurst

Conveyancing who have sponsored the event for the past few years. Blackbird cakes once again provide a delicious and spooky cake for everyone to enjoy.

Partnership with other community

groups has led to more activities each year to keep the ever increasing crowd entertained. Cobaw Health sponsored Red the Clown for a second year, and Woodend scouts assisted again with

meetings and preparation events to ensure the games were a success.

Woodend Rotary led the planning and provided the sausages, popcorn and fairy floss as well as lollies for the children. As in recent years crowd numbers were around 1000 with many in costumes and everyone enjoying the fun, food, music and activities for the children in a safe and festive environment.

Woodend Rotary would like to thank the sponsors, partners and the community for their



the BBQ. A new addition this year was the games and activities which were sponsored by Woodend Library whose team got into the spirit of the event with costumes. Library manager Lulu Cockram attended planning

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## Red cross

This month we are very proud to announce to you the election of our member, Beth Eggleston, to the Victorian Divisional Advisory Board of Red Cross Australia. Beth is an ideal member for this board, for a myriad of reasons. Her humanitarian work in Australia and overseas is extensive, and makes very interesting reading, but recent events in Rakhine State have taken on an urgency which means I will have to defer telling you how excited we are about this new step for Beth, and instead share the facts of the terrible situation facing the people of Myanmar and Bangladesh.

The Australian Red Cross has united with seven other humanitarian organisations, the Federal Government and the A.B.C. to launch a major joint effort to aid people who have survived violence in Myanmar. The numbers of those affected are staggering. NEARLY FOUR TIMES THE POPULATION OF HOBART has fled to seek safety in Bangladesh, where almost everything necessary to support human life is desperately needed.

Red Cross teams are on both sides of the border, providing emergency aid including food, shelter and hygiene kits, to TENS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE.

There is some good news. The Federal Government will match every dollar donated to the Red Cross until 9 December 2017 up to \$2.5 million. Please donate what you can at [redcross.org.au/myanmar](http://redcross.org.au/myanmar)

This is the world's fastest growing humanitarian crisis. Please help as much as you are able, and you will be literally aiding in life-saving actions by our volunteers in the field.

Submitted by Robyn Grant (0407049190)

Red Cross Australia, Woodend Branch

## Christmas is coming! and so is the Newham Craft De-Stash event on April 7, 2018.

The list of goods for sale is getting longer for the de-stash event at the Newham Mechanics Institute hall. You can de-stash, re-cycle, and re-vamp your art and craft supplies that have been gathering in your drawers or garages! Book a table to sell your wares! Or just turn up to buy.

List so far: Craft magazines and books, pin doll kits and patterns, cloth doll patterns, American cross stitch patterns, finished and unfinished cross stitch works, card and card making materials, stencil brushes and paints, fabric & silk paints, pottery glazes, bottles Parker Quink, cheese making moulds and instruction/recipe book, picture mount boards and picture framing tools, papermaking books/presses, macramé books, raffia, easel, beads and findings, knitting wool & needles/crochet hooks, material lengths, embossing folders, washi tape, sewing machine, embroidery threads, spools of cotton, pencils, mosaic supplies(tiles) and Woodend Boomerang bags. And that's only the tip of the craft iceberg!

Craft demonstrations & children's activities on the day. Free entry. Café on site for cuppa & cake. Newham General Store across the road for more substantial fare.

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## Patrick Eckle's Wine review

Since the last article, the Budburst festival has come and gone, with a number of great local wineries on show. This month's wines come from Botanica Estate who are relative new comers to Macedon Ranges, with their inaugural releases set to impress. There are two vineyard blocks on the property, the Tullus Block which was planted in 2004 and the Wagyu Hill that was planted in 2014.

### 2015 Botanica Estate Tullus Pinot Noir

A light red in the glass that is true to the variety and region. The nose enjoys red cherry with background notes of rhubarb, earth and baking spice.

The palate has a softness of red berry fruits initially, with an enjoyable backbone of drying tannin and understated savoury notes that provides beautiful contrast with the more supple starting point of the wine. The savoury nuance is short lived with a lithe line of acidity and generosity of spice that provides another layer of texture. The finish is long and lingers with dark cherry.

Rated: 94 | Drink: 2017 - 2024 | Price: \$36

### 2015 Botanica Estate Tullus Chardonnay

A light yellow the nose flows with pristine stone fruits, flashes of nougat, fig and wood smoke.

An elegant, yet impactful palate that grows in complexity and concentration. There is a weave of citrus acidity to white peach and almond meal with a fullness of texture on the mid palate. The finish enjoys the trappings of time in oak and on lees with a touch of flint to worked stone fruits.

Rated: 94 | Drink: 2017 - 2023 | Price: \$28

By Patrick Eckel

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**Wow - what another incredible year we've enjoyed at Woodend Neighbourhood House!**

A huge thanks to the team of twenty volunteers and eight committee members who give their time to support the activities of the House within our wonderful community.

No two days are ever the same at the Neighbourhood House, yet each day shares the same goals: to aid community development, foster networks of support, create new opportunities, and reach those in need. If this is something that strikes a chord with you we'd love you to nominate for our Committee of Governance which helps steer the strategic direction of the House. We're looking to expand our team and reach a broader cross-section of Woodend's growing population.

2017 has been the year that community lunch grew and grew until it simply outgrew its space at the House and moved across to the RSL. Come and join us on Friday, 15 December at midday for our Christmas community lunch. We can cater for 100 and we're hoping it will be a full house. Call us on 5427 1845 to book your seat, it's \$5 and always fun and delicious.

2017 was also the year we welcomed the Woodend Community Bag team on Thursdays and transformed the undercroft from a drab shed to fab studio with thanks to a MRSC grant for bifold windows. And it was the year in which we welcomed over 13,000 people from all walks of life through the front door to; connect, contribute, and learn in Woodend. If you haven't been in before, come for a visit or check out our 2018 brochure included in this edition of the Star. We've got something for everyone and are always on the lookout for new and exciting ideas - so get in touch if you have something to offer!

We'll be taking a break over summer and reception will be closed from 20 December until 22 January. You can still enroll and pay for classes during this time. Hop online and visit our website at [www.woodend-nh.org.au](http://www.woodend-nh.org.au) for full class details and payments.

On behalf of the whole team at the House I would like to wish you a very happy Christmas and a safe and healthy New Year. See you at the House in 2018!

Submitted by **Angela Van Dam, Coordinator Woodend Neighbourhood House**

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## Woodend Library

### Remembrance Day

The Woodend Emu guides visited the library in early November to talk about Remembrance Day and what it means in the community. They also 'planted' poppies at the front of the library to commemorate the day with the wonderful poppies, knitted in Woodend as part of the 5000 poppy community project.

Christmas Collection at Woodend. Come and borrow from our display of Christmas books and magazines, there are many recipes and ideas for the festive season. Books for children are available too.

### Children's Programs

The last Children's Programs will be held during the week of Tuesday 12th and Friday 15th of December. Come along dressed in your most festive gear on Tuesday 12th December at 10 am to celebrate Christmas with stories, songs and dance with the Christmas Ballerina.

### Summer Programs

Collect our summer brochure from the Library or go to our website [www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au/seasonalprogram](http://www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au/seasonalprogram) and book into summer programs soon.

During January Woodend Library will host a holiday program for families. Supercharge your summer with the Summer Reading Club - GAME ON! A celebration of sports, games, technology and game spirit. For more details [www.goldfieldslibraries.com](http://www.goldfieldslibraries.com)

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### Thanks from Woodend Library!

During 2017 we have been able to work with many groups and organisations within the Woodend community. We would like to thank community members, the Woodend Library volunteers, local organisations, the Macedon Ranges Shire, Woodend businesses and Library members for their support during 2017. Volunteers contribute in a huge range of ways at Woodend including assisting each week with managing the collection at Woodend - lots of shelving, checking for items patrons have reserved and contributing to a range of projects!

*Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all at Woodend Library! We look forward to another busy year in 2018.*

By Lulu Cockram



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Submitted by Hannah Basetti, Macedon Ranges Shire Council

## Coffee club for carers

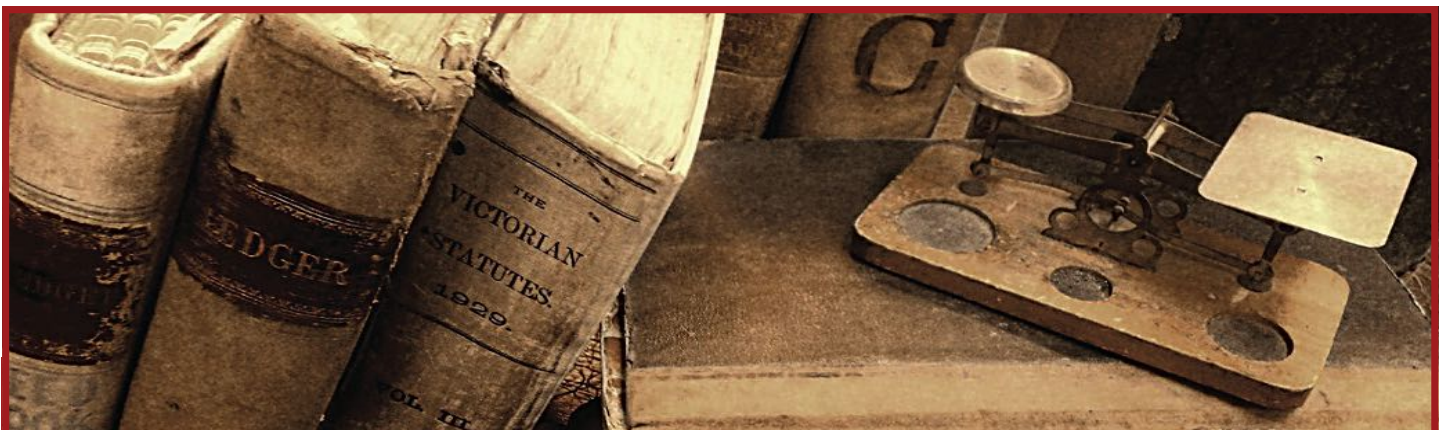
Don't let dementia stop you from living an active and social life either as a carer or care recipient. From 15th November come along to Table 2 at The Village Larder in Woodend each Wednesday and make new friends who understand how difficult life can be not only for those living with dementia, but also those walking beside them. This new coffee club hosted by Woodend Lifestyle Carers Group, will be from 10.00 am - 11.30 am each Wednesday. Come along to relax and enjoy a coffee for an hour or so and find out how much you have in common with others in our community.

By Cherry Servis, Woodend Lifestyle Carers Group

## Badminton Win

Woodend's Caitlin Francis took part in Badminton Victoria's Goldfield Cup in Bendigo in October. While there was not a large entry there were some A Grade players from Melbourne and some visiting international players. Caitlin partnered with fellow Kyneton Badminton Club player, Carmen Smith to finish second in the Ladies' Doubles.

By Graham Smith



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Barry plays cricket up to 40 days per year. ‘I wear sunscreen, a broad-brimmed hat and sunglasses, but in my youth I used no sun protection and I’ll probably pay for that.’

‘Sun exposure causes almost all skin cancers,’ says Dr Peter Dawkins, from Ranges Medical in New Gisborne, who holds a Diploma in Skin Cancer Medicine and is accredited by the Skin Cancer College of Australasia.

‘Skin cancer kills more Australians than the road toll, and two-thirds are men.

‘Sunburn can occur in just 15 minutes, causing permanent, irreversible skin damage and increasing the risk of skin cancer,’ Dr Dawkins says.

‘Use sun protection and get regular skin checks. Early detection and treatment of skin cancer increases your chance of survival and reduces pain and scarring.

‘Worryingly, a recent Cancer Council study showed that 35% of women and 40% of men had not had their skin examined in the past year.’

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By J. Spencer-Stewart for Ranges Medical

## Exchange Students

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*There is currently a male student from Norway looking for a Host Family in Woodend. This student is 17 years old and comes from a family with three siblings. He has a love for football, animals, piano, video games, hiking and reading. Would you be interested in hosting this Norwegian student? If so, please get in touch with Southern Cross Cultural Exchange on 1800 500 501 or email Cheryl at cheryl.p@scce.com.au*




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# Local Donation to Assist the Rainbow Community

Cobaw Community Health's WayOut program was thrilled this week to receive a \$900 donation from local business Proper Pilates. The donation will contribute directly towards supporting same-sex attracted and gender diverse young people across the Macedon Ranges.

Located in Kyneton, Proper Pilates is one of Australia's leading Classical Pilates training centres. Every month during the year the Proper Pilates team host a fundraising event with a commitment to donate proceeds from four events specifically to local causes. When it was time for the team to brainstorm the next local cause, the decision was an easy one.

"As local business owners and members of the LGBTIQ community, we want to play a positive role in helping young people in our local area better understand each other, feel safer, free to be who they want to be, and find their place within our region," said Wade Edwell, Proper Pilates owner.

"In selecting WayOut for our October fundraising event, we could both raise funds for the group, but also draw awareness of our clientele to their great work, and we're so happy that the result was so positive. We're incredibly grateful to our clients who turned out in such wonderful

numbers to support our efforts. It is wonderful to see that the community is so supportive of this worthy cause, and really do want to help LGBTIQ young people find a happier place in the world."

Participants of WayOut's social group House of Awesome were in attendance at the cheque presentation, as well as a number of Cobaw staff including Margaret McDonald, CEO.



"Donations such as these enable us to continue delivering local services to our community. We're extremely grateful to the Proper Pilates team and all their clients who attended in support of the WayOut program," said Margaret McDonald, Cobaw CEO.

For further information about WayOut visit [cobaw.org.au](http://cobaw.org.au)

*WayOut cheque presentation - Wade Edwell and Trevor Buckingham (Proper Pilates); Mez Lanigan and Jenny Cowan (Cobaw); with members of WayOut's House of Awesome group*

**By Amity Bradford, Corporate Services & Communications Manager 5421 1650**



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See you at the Woodend Farmer's Market

The Woodend CFA will be organising a special display at the Woodend Farmer's Market on Saturdays December 2, January 6 and February 3. Members of the Brigade will be there if you need information or have any questions, and we'll also have lots of free brochures and reference material ... as well as free give-aways for the kids. Please drop by and say hi, or you can drop into the Woodend CFA any Sunday morning.

## Fire Danger Period - any burn offs will require a Council Permit

The Fire Danger Period will soon come into force. Keep an eye on local newspapers for the official starting date.

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

If the CFA is called to an illegal burn off during the Fire Danger Period we must call the Police to the scene and

serious charges and penalties may be incurred. In fact, lighting a fire in the open without a permit is an offence and can bring a heavy fine or 12 months imprisonment.


## Your last chance to burn off!

- All burn-offs should be registered with the VicFire Burn-off notification line on 1800 668 511.
- The Can I or Can't I? brochure, available from the CFA website, features the differences between Fire Restrictions and Total Fire Ban days.
- CFA's On the Land: Agricultural Fire Management Guidelines provides practical fire management advice for people living and working on rural properties. To view and/or download the guidelines, go to [www.cfa.vic.gov.au](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au).

If you are unclear about your specific circumstances, you can check the local laws via the internet ([www.macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au](http://www.macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au)) or visit your nearest Macedon Ranges Shire information centre, where the application forms are available.

*For further information contact Captain Mick Christie on 0419 870 601 or 1st Lieutenant Mike Dornau on 0409 093 935. On Sundays call the Woodend CFA on 5427 2356 or visit the station in Urquhart Street. Or you can visit our website: [www.woodendcfa.org](http://www.woodendcfa.org). The Woodend CFA is a volunteer emergency service, committed to Creating a Safer Community.*

Submitted by 1st Lieutenant Mike Dornau, Woodend CFA

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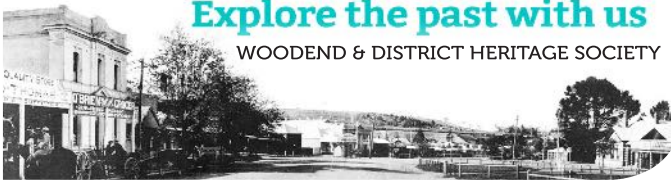
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