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— August —

- 1 ..... Seniors social media, Library
- 1 ..... Rotary Dinner Meeting
- 3 ..... Woodend Farmers' Market
- 3 ..... My Brilliant Divorce, KTH
- 3 .... Woodend Playgroup Bush Dance
- 4 ... Indigenous Hip Hop Projects. KMI
- 8 ..... Rotary Dinner Meeting
- 8 ..... Remembering Old School Days
- 9 ..... Rock of Ages, Mount Players
- 9 ..... Safe Talk Cobaw Com Health
- 13 .. Science Week Storytelling Library
- 14 .Film Society 'Oranges & Sunshine
- 15 ..... Rotary Dinner Meeting
- 15 ADFAS, Secrets at Ottoman Court
- 16 ..... Newham & Distric AGM plus
- 16 ..... Aji Barker, Comedian, KTH
- 18 ..... Vietnam Veterans Day
- 20 ..... Youth Awards Presentation
- 22 ..... Rotary Dinner Meeting
- 24 ..... Henschke Wine Tasting , WWS
- 25 ..... Film Society 'Babette's Feast'
- 25 .. Woodend Landcare Working Bee
- 26 ..... MR running club begins
- 29 ..... Rotary Dinner Meeting
- 30 ..... Kyneton Antique Fair

— September —

- 1 ..... Father's Day Lunch at RSL
- 5 ..... Rotary Dinner Meeting
- 3 ..... Mental Health First Aid
- 7 ..... Woodend Farmers' Market
- 8 ...MRSPAG walk to prevent suicide.
- 10 ..... Mental Health First Aid
- 12 .....RUOK lunch , WCS
- 15 .....Lion's Sunday Market
- 17 ..... Mental Health First Aid
- 21 ..... Yea Garden Expo
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# The New WoodendStar

## Opportunity to join committee

We are looking for someone from the community to come onto the management committee to assist with advertising sales and promotion. This will include liaising with our current advertisers, looking to develop new advertisers and working with the committee as to the best ways to promote the Star in the local area.

The New Woodend Star is a key part of the Woodend Community and this is a great opportunity to make a real difference. The position is a volunteer one and may suit someone with previous advertising sales experience or someone who is looking to develop a career in sales and would like to gain experience.

Please contact Mike Hamer on 0411 549432 if you are interested and would like to chat more.

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*Woodend's Rain report*

We just had the wettest June for at least 20 years in Woodend and after the driest first four months of the year on record, we are now almost exactly on the long term average of 323mm

Month	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	av 5yr
January	61.4	35.3	27.8	80.0	9.8	42.9
February	41.6	14.3	26.5	3.8	12.0	19.6
March	26.0	47.0	23.7	31.7	12.2	28.1
April	39.4	36.2	165.0	31.0	7.6	55.8
May	68.7	101.2	38.6	115.6	114.8	87.8
June	39.5	98.8	10.6	78.2	168.2	79.6
July	95.3	186.6	60.0	73.3		98.9
August	50.7	107.0	119.6	91.3		80.3
September	44.0	163.6	55.2	26.2		69.0
October	12.9	91.8	45.8	69.0		53.8
November	41.3	63.2	77.4	55.5		58.1
December	41.7	92.8	77.2	91.0		67.9
<b>Total mm</b>	<b>479.5</b>	<b>1037.8</b>	<b>727.4</b>	<b>746.6</b>	<b>324.6</b>	<b>741.8</b>

SUBMITTED BY PETER AND ANNE YATES

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They were assisted by ammunition resupply by RAAF helicopters, close fire support from Australian artillery, and the arrival of reinforcements in APCs as night fell. When the Viet Cong withdrew, they left behind 245 dead, but carried away many more casualties. Seventeen Australians were killed and 25 wounded, with one dying of wounds several days later.

We also remember the battles of Coral and Balmoral that commenced on the 13th May 1968. A 1RAR mortar platoon position was over-run, along with one of 102 Field Battery's six 105 mm M2A2 howitzers in the base. The attack was beaten off, and the captured gun-pit was retaken. Eleven Australians were killed and 28 wounded, while the attackers lost more than the 52 bodies they left behind.

Coral again came under attack, this time from a North Vietnamese Army (NVA) force estimated at three battalions strong. A Squadron, 3rd Cavalry Regiment, and 1RAR's rifle companies were heavily engaged. The attack was repelled after four hours of fighting, with the Australians having suffered five men killed and 19 wounded.

RSL is committed to supporting the Central Highlands Vietnam Veterans and their families. Almost 60,000 Australians, including ground troops and air force and navy personnel, served in Vietnam; 521 died and over 3,000 were wounded.

SUBMITTED BY PETER WHITELAW, PRESIDENT - WOODEND RSL

## New Woodend Star profits distributed to community groups.

At the Rotary club changeover lunch on the 6th July, Community Services Chair, Rotary Club of Woodend, Josephine Falzarano handed over cheques to four local community groups. The cheques are from the profits gained from advertising support in the New WoodendStar over the last financial year. 'It's always a great time of year when we can give back to the community' said Josephine. "The money is distributed to local groups. It enables us to support our local community with cash donations as well as providing funds for other community events, such as the Community Halloween Party".

Beneficiaries this year include the CFA, SES, Woodend Landcare, and the Woodend Lifestyle Carers Group.

SUBMITTED BY MIKE HAMER



Photo: Josephine Falzarano presents a cheque to Sue and Gary Hobbs from the Woodend CFA.



## Woodend Community Cultural Centre Project moves forward...

The move to reimagine the precinct that includes the existing Woodend Community Centre and Library took a positive step forward this month, with a formal twelve-month process by Council to undertake a new Masterplan, Feasibility Study and Business Case now underway. An Advisory Group of community members who have worked on this project for four years, handed over to Council a compilation of stakeholder ideas and requirements for this site.

Our mission for this project is to deliver an environment that will encourage people to interact and establish social support networks,

creating a stronger community. We hope for an upgrade of the civic services of meeting space, an information learning centre, and performance and covered market space for the town. We hope to see an environment that attracts visitors, which in turn enhances local businesses. We would like to see the new complement the existing infrastructure in the centre of town and allow it to promote Woodend as a welcoming place to visit in the Macedon Ranges. We imagine infrastructure that links recreational activities with walking tracks and bike trails, and an upgrade of the open space area, streetscape and focal town centre of

Woodend.

Thank you everyone for your energy, enthusiasm and contribution to date, to bring this project to this exciting stage of consultation and consolidation. It hopefully paves a new era for this beautiful site. Please stay tuned for further news over the coming months. Council has promised that the community will be kept informed, and to provide for community consultation during the next stage of planning. We will also keep you updated via our website at [www.woodendccc.com](http://www.woodendccc.com)

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## August events at the Kyneton Town Hall



### My Brilliant Divorce

Presented by Hit Productions  
 Saturday, 3 August 2019 | 8pm to 9pm

We've learnt to look at the lighter side of menopause, motherhood and now marriage...when it goes wrong!

My Brilliant Divorce, written by Geraldine Aron, and produced by multi-award winner Denny Lawrence, is the radiantly witty and warm personal account of Angela. Dumped by her husband for a younger model, we follow her achingly funny story as she fumbles through the days and the dating scene, rediscovering herself and hoping to find the love of her life!

A smash hit for Dawn French on the West End, Mandi Lodge will star in HIT's 2019 Australian production of this irresistibly funny "stand up tragedy". Mandi, a much loved and acclaimed actress/singer, has performed nationally and internationally in LA, and in the UK and has recently toured the one woman play Shirley Valentine by Willy Russell.

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SUBMITTED BY LEANNE MANTON

### Arj Barker - We Need To Talk

Friday, 16 August 2019 | 8pm to 9.30pm

Hey, you got an hour? Look, I've been thinking about...us, and where we're headed. This isn't easy, but I need to be 100% honest with you, even if what I say makes you laugh, very, very hard.

You had better sit down for this.... Australia's adopted son of comedy returns with his brand new show We Need To Talk. You can expect some of Arj's all-time classic jokes, as well as some sweet new freshies in his hilarious show.

Arj will have you in stitches the moment he unleashes his unique, intelligent, world-class stand-up comedy.

Booking through Box Office  
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Photo: Arj Varler



## Farm fashion comes to the Macedon Ranges

Fancy an outfit made from baling twine or sheep ear tags?

An exhibition of imaginative garments created from farming materials repurposed into fashionable and unique clothing is on show in Kyneton.

Direct from the catwalks of the Elmore Field Days, the wildly unique dresses, hats and other wearable objects are created as part of the event's Wearable Agricultural Art competition.

The challenge for the participating young designers in the Wearable Agricultural Art Competition is to create wearable art made from materials found on farms or farming related industries and transform them into wearable objects. Designers can use anything from baling twine to sheep ear tags to create garments that are judged on their creativity and individuality.

The 2017/18 entries from the Wearable Agricultural Art Competition are on show at Kyneton Museum until 8 September. The Ag Art exhibition is full of colour and various textures and will showcase interesting ways to repurpose agricultural materials.

For more information on the Ag Art exhibition, visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/museum](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/museum) or call 1300 888 802.

The museum is open on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 11am to 4pm only, or by special appointment.

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## Message from your Councillor

It's a busy period, with many AGM's and Award dinners for many community groups in our Shire.

Thank you for your invitations, and I would like to acknowledge and recognise the many hours that people contribute volunteering in our community. We are very fortunate.



Last month the CEO, Ms Margot Stork, and I attended a four-day Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) Conference in Canberra with over 800 Councillors, Mayors and CEO's from around Australia in attendance. There are 537 Local Governments in Australia.

The first day was a Regional Co-operation and Development Forum, with presentations on national economics, news and local journalism, innovation, affordable housing, tourism, technology and 5G.

We were addressed by the federal Minister for Regional Services, Decentralisation and Local Government, the Hon Mark Coulton MP, who, 15 years ago was the Mayor of a Rural Council. We heard from the Deputy Prime Minister, the Hon Michael McCormack MP, and the federal Shadow Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government, Jason Clare MP.

Presentations included post-election review and opportunities, crowd-powered communities, Indigenous languages, infrastructure and population, national media, the environment, reducing community harm, and leadership and communications during natural disasters.

Successful projects and programs from around Australia were highlighted. The inspiring end-conference address was from Paralympic Champion Kurt Fearnley.

Motions from Councils were put before the forum for voting to direct ALGA on the issues and concerns of local governments to address and advocate on our behalf at a federal level. Macedon Ranges submitted two Notices of Motion regarding a national solution and action for current issues and the crisis around waste and resource recovery and telecommunications. Other councils also raised similar motions and working together motions about these issues were carried. These motions will now be voted on by the ALGA board and presented to the federal government for consideration.

Attending the conference is a powerful and valuable opportunity to learn from other councils and get our voice heard on the national stage.

We will soon be announcing the successful Community Funding Scheme recipients; a big thank you to all those that applied.

SUBMITTED BY CR JANET PEARCE, MAYOR MRSC

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Incorporating these principles when designing or renovating ensures a resource-efficient home that is cheaper to run and more comfortable to live in.

Council is offering a free advisory service, where feedback from a qualified sustainable building design officer is offered to home-owners.

The service is free, and can include recommendations on:

- site analysis and pre-planning
- siting and layout to optimise performance
- cross-flow ventilation and access to natural light
- renewable energy generation
- environmentally friendly products
- energy and water efficient appliances
- reducing potable water use

To book an appointment, contact Felicity Houghton by emailing [fthoughton@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:fthoughton@mrsc.vic.gov.au) or call 5421 0829.

For more information on sustainable design, visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/sustainable-design](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/sustainable-design)

SUBMITTED BY LEANNE MANTON





**Woodend Nursery**

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**New local owner**

I am pleased to let the community know that the Woodend Nursery, established 32 years ago, has remained in local hands and is under new management.

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So what to do this season? Save money by buying your trees or roses bare rooted!

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Check out Woodend Nursery on Facebook or Instagram for regular updates and promotions.

For enquiries and orders telephone 0400 939 656

SUBMITTED BY CASSIUS ARMITAGE

**Council Decisions**

Minutes for the meeting and a recording of the lives-tream are available within five working days and available to download from [mrsc.vic.gov.au/meetings](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/meetings)



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**Indigenous Hip Hop Projects**  
Sunday, 4 August 2019 | 1pm to 2pm

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This free family-friendly performance workshop is open to everyone in the community, of all ages and abilities.

Places are limited, so please RSVP by emailing [shiley@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:shiley@mrsc.vic.gov.au)

SUBMITTED BY LEANNE MANTON

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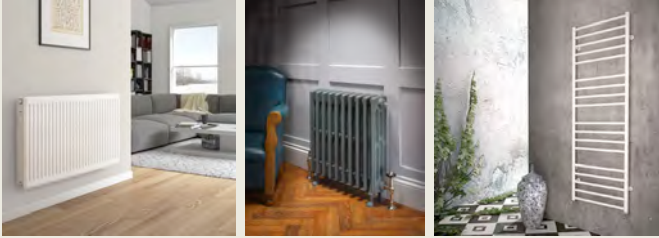
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# Making Social Connections



Cobaw Community Health held a morning tea for all of the participants of Cobaw's Social Support program. The program which runs every week-day, Monday to Friday, comprises day trips out to various locations in the region for activities such as the movies, lunch, a walk or shopping. The activities are designed weeks in advance and participants can select which activities they prefer to attend to give as much choice as possible. Cobaw staff collect the small group of participants from their home in the morning and drop them back mid-afternoon.

"We're over half-way through the year and we wanted to get some honest feedback from those that have been going out on the bus trips and find out which activities people liked the most," said Carly Visscher, Community Connections Manager. "We are also keen to get some ideas on what we can do for future outings to make sure that people get out into the community."

One of the most popular visits was to the Dingo Discovery Sanctuary in Toolern Vale, where the group got to feed and hold the dingo puppies, "There were smiles all round from the group, who fell completely in love with the adorable animals," said Carly. The participants also spoke about how much they enjoyed the drive through the ever changing countryside.

The program is ideally suited for those wanting to meet people, connect with their community and get out and about, but who face mobility or transport barriers. The social connections program is funded mostly by aged care funding, so if you or anyone you know is interested, call us to check on eligibility and we can advise you on the fee level.

There is availability on each of the days the program runs, so if you're interested call Cobaw on 5421 1666.

SUBMITTED BY SARAH TURNER

Photo: Alvina Foster shares her thoughts on what activities she enjoyed.



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“prevention is better than cure” when it comes to frozen meters.

When meters and pipes are exposed to very cold temperatures, the water inside them can freeze, resulting in a property having no water.

“Placing a cover over the meter and pipes is the best way to prevent the water inside them freezing,” said Graham Holt, General Manager of Customer, Community Relations and Operations.

Very cold weather can also cause unprotected pipes and meters to be damaged. “When water freezes, it expands, and this can cause the meter to burst and/or pipes to split,” said Mr Holt.

“In the unfortunate event of a frozen meter, you should

wait for it to thaw naturally. Never pour boiling or hot water over a meter to defrost it, as this can cause it to split”.

While Western Water maintains and manages the main pipelines and meters, property owners are reminded they are responsible for damage that occurs to pipes on their side of the property.

Western Water suggests a variety of options for covering water meters, including a large bucket, cardboard or plastic box, half a tyre, a hessian bag or an old blanket.

Regardless of the item the customer uses to cover their meter, they need to ensure it can be easily removed for meter reading and maintenance.

To find out more, please visit [westernwater.com.au/frost](http://westernwater.com.au/frost)

SUBMITTED BY JESSICA JORQUERA

## Avoid a frozen meter this winter



COVER  
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When meters and pipes are exposed to very cold temperatures, the water inside them can freeze. This can result in your property having no water.

If frost is forecast, protect your meters and pipes by covering them with a container or blanket.

Find out more at  
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Never use boiling  
or hot water to  
defrost your pipes  
as this can cause  
them to split.



## Tune your wood heater for more heat and less smoke

Environment Protection Authority Victoria (EPA) is encouraging everyone who owns a wood heater to tune it to produce less smoke and more heat this winter.

Wood smoke and calm weather conditions contribute to reduced air quality across parts of Melbourne and regional Victoria every winter. EPA Chief Environmental Scientist Andrea Hinwood says there are simple ways to make your wood heater safer, cleaner and cheaper to run.

“However, wood heaters that are not maintained or operated correctly can produce a lot of smoke, and one of the best things you can do is have your flue or chimney professionally checked and cleaned,” she said.

“That can help to prevent flue fires and ensure the heater produces more heat and less smoke.

“Checking the wood heater’s operating manual can help you to get the best out of it, and give you the

knowhow to choose the right fuel.”

Dr Hinwood said the best fuel is dry, seasoned, untreated hardwood, which burns longer and produces more heat and less smoke.

“Even slightly damp wood stops your wood heater from doing its best. You wind up paying for heat that is lost in drying out the timber before it can burn, and you get less efficient combustion that creates more smoke,” she said.

Dr Hinwood added that reducing wood fire smoke also helped to minimise any health impacts.

“Wood smoke contains very small particles and gases that contribute to air pollution. This can cause problems for anyone with cardiovascular, breathing difficulties and respiratory conditions, resulting in symptoms for some people.”

Hinwood encouraged people to reduce their use of wood heaters and fireplaces on still days, and to go outside occasionally to check their chimney for smoke.

Dr Hinwood said other tips for reducing smoke pollution include: Get

a hot fire going quickly with plenty of paper and small kindling;

- Keep the air controls set high enough to keep the fire burning brightly;
- Never overload a wood heater with too much wood; and
- Make sure you never leave the wood heater to smoulder overnight, as this starves the fire of oxygen, producing more smoke.

EPA also advises that you should never burn household rubbish, driftwood, treated wood such as pine, or old painted wood in your wood heater.

Dr Hinwood encouraged people considering a new heater to think about all the choices available to them, including other heating options that may produce less smoke than wood heaters.

For more information on wood burning and the environment, please visit <http://www.epa.vic.gov.au/your-environment/air/wood-burning-and-air-quality>.

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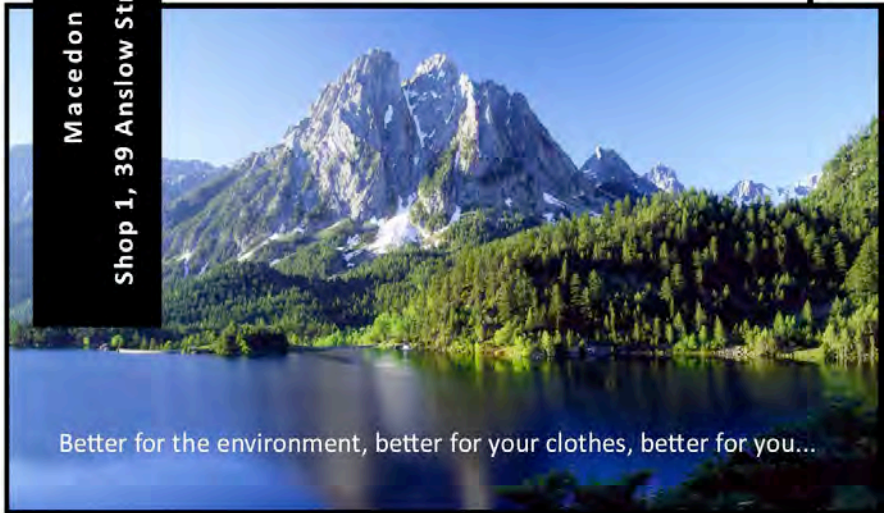
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## Share your feedback on the Rural Conservation Zone

Residents can now have their say on issues and opportunities for the Rural Conservation Zone areas of the shire.

The Rural Conservation Zone covers a large proportion of the shire, and contributes a significant amount to the character of the Macedon Ranges. The zone includes bushland, farms and tourist attractions and features highly valued landscapes.

We'd like to know what residents value about the Rural Conservation Zone, and what opportunities there might be to preserve and enhance it into the future.

The community survey is the next stage in consultation for the Rural Land Use Strategy, which will provide guidance on the future use, development and protection of land in our important farming and conservation areas.

The survey follows on from consultation on issues in the Farming Zone carried out in 2017, and a survey of landowners in the Rural Conservation Zone carried out earlier in the year.

The landowner survey received more than 700 responses and will provide valuable input into the development of the draft Rural Land Use Strategy, which will be released for broad community consultation in late 2019.

The new community survey provides an opportunity for anyone interested in these areas to have their say

in the Rural Land Use Strategy project. If you've already filled in the landowner survey, thank you for your input – there is no need to also fill out the community survey.

The community survey will be available online at [mrsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay) from Monday 22 July until Monday 12 August 2019. Printed copies will also be available at Council's service centres.

For further information on the Rural Land Use Strategy and to register for updates, email [strategicplanning@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:strategicplanning@mrsc.vic.gov.au) or call (03) 5422 0333

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## Apply now to join the Macedon Ranges Shire Health and Wellbeing Advisory Committee

Council is calling for expressions of interest from people interested in making a difference in their community to join the Macedon Ranges Shire Health and Wellbeing Advisory Committee.

The committee was established in 2014 and provides strategic input and advice on a wide range of Council programs and services.

Chief Executive Officer, Margot Stork said this was a great opportunity for proactive residents to positively contribute to Council's decision-making.

"Due to recent vacancies we are looking for two new members to join the committee, which includes a diverse group of people from a broad range of age groups and includes two youth ambassadors," she said.

The committee is made up of 14 community representatives and three Councillors, with eligible nominees required to live or work in the Macedon Ranges Shire, be actively involved in the community and have a good understanding of local and regional issues.

Ms Stork said that Council is particularly interested in hearing from people with a tertiary qualification in natural resource management, ecology, environmental management, sustainability policy, regenerative agriculture or a like discipline, or the equivalent work experience in one or more of these fields.

The committee meets quarterly, and the newly appointed community members will serve for a four-year term unless resolved otherwise by Council.

Upon appointment, the successful candidate will be provided with an overview of the committee's role and an opportunity to ask questions.

"If you want to positively contribute to the health and wellbeing of people who live and work in our shire, and you are active in your community,

consider putting yourself forward," she said.

"Council recognises that the majority, if not all, of our activities impact on the health and wellbeing of residents, so it's really important that we hear from the community directly."

To submit an expression of interest, visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/health-wellbeing-committee](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/health-wellbeing-committee) or pick up an information sheet from a Council service centre in Gisborne, Kyneton, Romsey or Woodend, and submit your application before 5pm on 9 August 2019. For information or assistance, visit <http://www.mrsc.vic.gov.au/health-wellbeing-committee> or call 5422 0333.

## Nominations extended for 2019 Youth Awards

It's not too late to nominate a young person between 12–25 years, who is doing amazing things in our community, for the 2019 Youth Awards.

Nominations have been extended for one week to Sunday 28 July. You can nominate anyone aged 12–25 years who lives, works or attends school in the Macedon Ranges.

Council's annual Youth Awards celebrate and recognise the incredible achievements of young people in the shire.

Young people can be nominated in one of the following categories:

- Arts: for excelling in the arts
- Academic: for giving their all to their education
- Business: for an exceptional employee or apprentice
- Sport: for excelling in a sporting endeavour
- Mental Health promotion: for flying the flag for youth mental health and wellbeing
- Community Participation: for contributing to our community in other ways.

Submit a nomination online at [mrsc.vic.gov.au/youthawards](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/youthawards), or pick up a nomination form from a Council service centre in Gisborne, Romsey, Woodend or Kyneton.

The winners will be announced at the 2019 Youth Awards presentation night on Tuesday 20 August, in Kyneton Town Hall.

For more information, contact Sarah Day on 5422 0256 or email [sday@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:sday@mrsc.vic.gov.au)

## Help shape new Reconciliation Action Plan

Would you like to help develop Council's first Reconciliation Action Plan? Take part by filling in our online survey, or by coming along to our special consultation events next month.

The Reconciliation Action Plan will guide Council to support improved outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples in Macedon Ranges. Council wants to hear from Macedon Ranges residents in order to understand what actions it can take to advance reconciliation.

To help shape the Reconciliation Action Plan, fill in the online survey at [mrsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay) between Monday 15 July to Monday 19 August.

SUBMITTED BY LEANNE MANTON



Photos: the Woodend Rotary Walking group enjoying a walk on the Domino rail trail, Trentham to Lyonville and back. Go to the Woodend Rotary Walking group facebook page to check out the weekend walks and join in.







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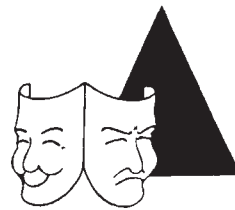
In this lecture she will explore the fascinating world of the Ottoman court within the palaces of Istanbul: the Topkapı Palace with its oriental courts, pavilions, gardens and fountains, the Dolmabahce Palace, a 19C extravaganza, and other, smaller palaces along the shores of the Bosphorus. We will have a glimpse of court life and ceremony both through the eyes of European writers and artists and as recorded by the Ottomans themselves; then study the fine costumes, jewels, ceramics and other treasures of the sultans and enter the harem, a palace within a palace, guarded by the black eunuchs, where the Sultan's concubines were secluded from the world outside and where the Queen Mother reigned supreme.

Archaeologist, interpreter and lecturer, Sue Rollin studied at London University and at Heidelberg University and her linguistic repertoire includes three ancient Near-Eastern languages and several modern European ones.

Entry fee includes refreshments (7.30-8.30pm).

For more information and registration of interest please call Nicky on 0400 958 449.

SUBMITTED BY NICKY PETERS



## Rock of Ages Explodes on Stage

Rock of Ages .... Set in 1987, a Hollywood dream that's big, brash and an energetic tribute to the classic '80's rock and the gritty glamour of the Sunset Strip.

It does contain coarse language, suggestive dancing, and sexual references, so is not suitable for children.

Alice Bottomley, in her debut directing role says, "We live in such a politically correct time where people can be offended by the smallest thing. This musical, while pushing the boundaries will hopefully allow the audience two hours to relax, let it go, laugh and enjoy the over-the-top setting, costuming and fabulous 80's hits"

Music Director, Tim Francis, has played in punk rock bands as a guitarist and singer since he was 15, and was drawn to do this show because it was a great avenue to have his love of music theatre and loud, aggressive rock combined.

Both Alice and Tim starred in the Mount Players' 2018 hit musical, *Les Miserables*. This production portrays their true diversity as performers!

The show runs from 9 August – 1 September.

Book your tickets on line at [www.themountplayers.com](http://www.themountplayers.com).

BY KAREN HUNT

Photo: A light hearted moment in rehearsal of Rock of Ages





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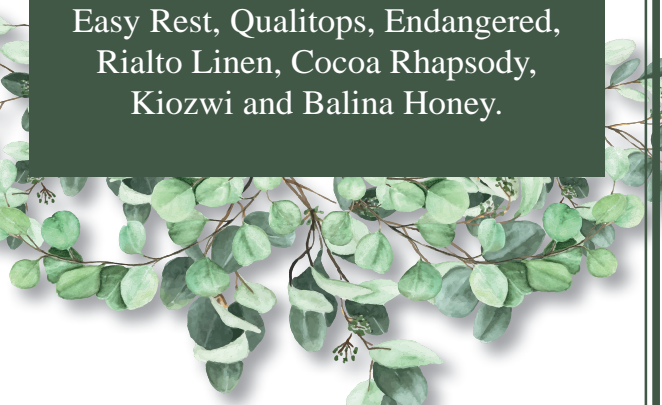
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Our first working bee after the winter recess will be on Sunday 25 August, at the Quarry

Rd Rail Reserve, near Washington La, where we'll be targeting broom, gorse and blackberry, but also planting a few bird-attracting native trees and shrubs in their place. The reserve has several areas of significant native groundflora – including five species of orchids and a host of lilies, daisies, peas and grasses – and is a lovely place for a walk in spring, with a keen eye and a camera.

During the first week of September we'll have a stall at the Woodend Farmers Market and a display at the library as part of Landcare week. Find out about native species, revegetation projects and habitat creation in your own garden. Our working bee on 22 September will be based at Campaspe Park, giving some much needed attention to plantings opposite and around the children's park. There are a lot of emerging oaks to remove: extra hands would be most welcome for that low-intensity job.

Woodend is lucky to have Five Mile Creek running through it, then flowing northbound to the Campaspe and Murray. September and October working bees will both be on the creek, at the Wood St paddock and Ruby Mackenzie Park respectively, managing weeds and tidying up guards.

All our working bees are open to non-members and we welcome any extra help we can get, no particular skills or expertise necessary. Fortifying morning tea provided. Check out our event calendar at Coles or <https://woodend-landcare.org/>

SUBMITTED BY KATE DANIEL



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Every September we invite the Woodend Community to come together and ask “Are you OK?” Join us for a special lunch to celebrate friendship, community and social connection.

This year, the date is 12 September, and it will be held at the Woodend Community Centre.

For more information, or to book in for a course or event go to [www.woodendnh.org.au](http://www.woodendnh.org.au).

SUBMITTED BY WNH COMMITTEE

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This informal lunch session will be facilitated by Bonnie Chew, a Wadawurrung woman from Ballarat. Come along and have a yarn with Council on any relevant ideas or issues. The lunch is free and the session will be open to any Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander peoples and their families. For catering purposes, bookings would be appreciated to Stephen Hiley on 5422 0333 or [shiley@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:shiley@mrsc.vic.gov.au)

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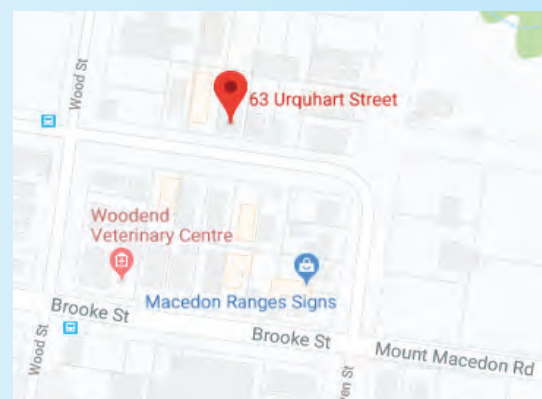
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**Introduction**

The Macedon Ranges is a diverse region that stretches from Gisborne through to the Cobaw Ranges, with a raft of microclimates that give a greater affinity of certain varieties to a particular part of the region. The two wines for this month represent wines that speak of their specific location in the Macedon Ranges and have both over time shown their pedigree and class. The first is from Granite Hills in Baynton and the second is from Curly Flat in Lancefield.

**2018 Granite Hills Riesling**

Granite Hills are one of the pioneering producers in the Macedon Ranges, with the vineyard nearing 50 years in age. The wines are very good across the board, but they really shine with aromatic whites.

The 2018 is a very good follow up to 2017 and showcases vintage variation, with the 2018 coming in at 13% alcohol when compared to 12% in 2017. This has resulted in a wine that has depth and mouthfeel, but still holds the exacting lines of acidity that Granite Hills are known for.

The nose has characteristics of chalk and lime, with some more exotic jasmine and fennel if you look hard. The backbone of the wine is a finely held scaffold of acidity that provides structure for the citrus-dominant palate; there is a touch of green apple that melds with lime fruits before the long, mouth filling finish. One for the cellar.

Rating: 93 | Price: \$24 | When to Drink: 2019 - 2030

**2017 Curly Flat Chardonnay**

This is an epic Curly Flat release and will have the longevity afforded by the 2017 vintage. A light yellow in the glass, white peach and just-ripe fig dominate the nose, with a subtle build of flint and mealy richness that is backed by oak-induced spice.

The backbone is equal part citrus acidity and gentle vanillin spice. There are waves of peach and nectarine that are finely structured and beautifully integrated with the wine's richer notes. The finish is long, and shows impeccable balance. Irresistible now but will cellar.

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SUBMITTED BY LULU COCKRAM

## Update on dogs and cats in public places

Funding in the 2019/20 budget will see Council move a step closer to implementing the recommendations contained in Paws for Thought, the dog on-and-off leash and cat curfew review, which was endorsed by Council in March 2019.

These recommendations include introducing an order that requires dogs to be under effective control of their owner in public places, dogs to be leashed in all public places except in designated off-leash areas, and dogs to be prohibited from some public places for environmental reasons.

It also recommends an order for the introduction of a sunset-to-sunrise cat curfew, and for cats to be prohibited from some public places for environmental reasons.

Funding for an additional Local Laws Officer (Ranger) will help ensure that officers are able to get out and about in the community to help to educate residents about the new controls. The new dog control orders will become effective from 1 January 2020 and the new cat controls after 1 July 2020.

For more information visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/Paws-for-Thought](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/Paws-for-Thought)

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The Rotary Club of Yea will host its fourth annual Garden Expo from September 21 – 22, 9am – 3pm daily, at The Yea Saleyards, just a few kilometres south of Yea township on the Melbourne side of town.

More than 60 vendors exhibiting at the Expo will allow visitors to discover a variety of new ideas and products. On display will be motorised wheelbarrows, mulching equipment, vegetable bins, composters, a variety of plants, seedlings and bulbs, garden tools, books, garden art and more.

With a variety of food options (much of it homemade), some entertainment, guest speakers and a dog friendly site, why not make a day of it? The Yea township, just a few kilometres away has many cafes and an Award winning Tourism centre at the Yea Wetlands, so there is much to do to round out the day, or weekend if you wish to linger longer.

The Garden Expo is a fundraising event that complements the club's Open Garden weekend, held on the weekend after the Melbourne Cup, with up to 10 rural and town gardens available for viewing.

For more details go to the website [www.yeagardenexpo.com.au](http://www.yeagardenexpo.com.au) or follow on Facebook.

SUBMITTED BY GLENYS OSBORNE, ROTARY CLUB OF YEA



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**RED CROSS**

This beautiful photograph (on the left) was taken recently in Africa, in vivid contrast to the pictures we have seen of the destruction of conflict and resulting refugee camps in the North. More recently the weather has played its part, with Mozambique torn apart and many more homeless.

Our travels were as tourists, but even in cities like Nairobi and Johannesburg the poverty and hopelessness of many is impossible to avoid. Our group commented on the number of Red Cross vehicles we saw, wreathed in the choking pollution of tangled traffic. The firsthand view of need made me proud that Woodend Red Cross has been allocating our contributions to the problems facing Africa today.

SUBMITTED BY ROBYN GRANT



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July's winners was Robert & Vicki Waters for the 1st Woodend Scouts Group. The money raised will go towards giving two scouts the opportunity to attend the New Zealand jamboree in December of this year.

*\*Did you know that the Community bbqs have provided close to \$20,000 so far this year to local community groups for their fundraising projects*

## MACEDON RANGES running club

### SRG Training Program

This program will provide training to a non-runner with basic fitness to run 5km in 8 weeks!

The MRRC club is a fun and vital community outdoor running group with all ages, women and men, and varying levels of running ability, experience and confidence

Spring program starts in the week commencing Monday 26th August, across multiple towns in the Macedon Ranges.

More information? email [macedonrangesrc@gmail.com](mailto:macedonrangesrc@gmail.com) or join online at <https://www.macedonrangesrunningclub.com>.

**Woodend RSL** is open for drinks on Friday evenings and Poppies Bistro will re-open with a Father's Day luncheon on Sunday 1st September - all welcome. For bookings phone 5427 4447.

## Woodend Art Group

### Woodend Art Group's Term 3

- 27 July - Richard Chamerski oil
- 24 August - Margaret Morgan watercolour techniques
- 7 September - Daniel Butterworth acrylic
- 15 September - Jesse Candusio Using Instagram
- 28 September - Maria Dee in mixed media

## Macedon Ranges Focus Group Seeking new members

Our focus is on Friendship.....

Our purpose is to provide companionship, support and great conversation, around the interests of women.

We meet on the second Friday of the Month at 11.30am for a 12pm lunch at the Gisborne Golf Club.

We also have interesting speakers and other activities throughout the year.

Our charity is CIKA- at The Royal Children's Hospital for research into childhood cancers.

Further details -please contact Judy on 0418 388575

## Red Cross

Red Cross Woodend meets at Woodend Bowls Club on the first Thursday each month at 1.30pm.

## SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING

Classes are every Thursday 1-3pm at Buffalo Stadium, Forest Road, Woodend, So, what do you need to get started? Just a comfortable pair of flat shoes that you can dance in and wear comfortable clothing.

Beginners and experienced dancers are always welcome to join us. For more details contact Linda 0408 476317 or Meg 5427 1100

## Netball players wanted for Woodend competition

Council is encouraging netball players of all levels and experience to express their interest in joining a Monday morning netball competition at Buffalo Sports Stadium in Woodend.

Existing teams are urgently seeking extra players, with a focus on a family-friendly competition; children are welcome to attend.

To register your interest, email [buffalo@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:buffalo@mrsc.vic.gov.au) or call (03) 5427 3411.



## Rotary holds community launch of Vanuatu project



The new Rotary year is well underway and the club kicked it off with a community launch of the club's Vanuatu school project. The project is the single largest ever undertaken by the Woodend club, and active fundraising is progressing. A number of donations and pledges of practical support have already come from our local community. The launch event was well attended at the Vic Hotel on 18 July. The evening was supported by the generosity of Emily and the team at The Victoria Hotel, who served a range of delicious savouries. Alex and Elizabeth Hudspeth Stephenson from Hesket Estate kindly supplied the wines for the evening, and donated a lovely bottle of bubbly as a door prize.

"We welcome input and assistance from all members of the Woodend community," said Allan Cann, Director International for Woodend Rotary. "This project will provide much-needed relief to children who are currently experiencing severe overcrowding."

## Help young people by skilling up on youth mental health

Register your interest in attending Council's award-winning Youth Mental Health First Aid training course, being held in September over four consecutive Tuesday evenings.

The course will be held at Kyneton Town Hall on Tuesday 3, 10, 17 and 24 September.

The 14-hour program for parents, guardians, teachers, sports coaches and others in the community who have a connection with young people

in the Macedon Ranges, covers topics such as anxiety, depression, psychosis, alcohol abuse and other drug issues and eating disorders.

This fully-accredited course focuses on how to give initial help to young people who are in a mental health crisis situation, in the early stages of a mental illness, or experiencing the worsening of an existing problem.

A refresher course for people who need to reaccredit their First

The project involves the construction of a two-room classroom building with a small office in the village of Mwast on the island of Espiritu Santo. "If we can raise enough funds, not only will we build the classrooms, we will look to supply other essential items, such as solar panels," said Allan. "We are in contact with the school principal and he is putting together a list of school equipment that will enhance the learning experience for the children," said Allan.

Please contact Allan on 0409 411 169 if you would like to get involved.

The Rotary Club of Woodend meets at 6.45pm every Thursday at the Victoria Hotel in Woodend. If you are interested in coming along and seeing if Rotary is for you, please just turn up, or contact membership director Annie Hamer on 0411 549 562. We're light on formality and big on making a difference and enjoying our time together.

SUBMITTED BY MIKE HAMER

Photo: Elizabeth Hudspeth Stephenson draws the lucky door prize with Rotarian Annie Hamer.



Aid qualification is being held on Saturday 31 August from 9am-1pm at the Gisborne Council offices at 40 Robertson Street.

To find out more information or book your place for either of these courses, visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/ymh-fa](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/ymh-fa), phone Loren Polzot on 5422 0275 or email [lpolzot@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:lpolzot@mrsc.vic.gov.au)

SUBMITTED BY LEANNE MANTON



## Our Newham & District Landcare Group has had a busy and productive year.

We received financial funding for further development of the Cobaw Biolink, which has been our focus for the past twelve years. The Cobaw Biolink contains areas of high quality remnant vegetation on both public and private land, and provides habitat connectivity for native species between Mount Macedon and the Cobaw State Forest. The latest grant focuses particularly on Monument Creek and eastern riverine systems. Landowners receive funding support for revegetation and fencing to exclude stock from these areas; control of gorse is underway at Twin Bridges Bushland Reserve (on Monument Creek); and the group has purchased more nesting boxes for brush-tailed phascogales, a pole camera for monitoring nest boxes and a motion-sensor camera for use by members wishing to record wildlife on their property.

The Propogating Group continues to grow indigenous native plants to order for Melbourne Water and funded Landcare projects, with the surplus sold cheaply to members. Some of the funds raised support science programs and landscaping projects at Newham Primary School.

We made submissions to the Macedon Ranges Draft Biodiversity Strategy, which was adopted by Council in December 2018, and to the Victorian Environmental Assessment Council Central West Investigation Draft Proposals paper.

We starred in the Victorian Landcare Magazine summer issue, featuring Women in Landcare. We held many successful educational and social events, such as:

- the science and practice of landscape connectivity
- bringing back the broлга: swamp restoration in the southern Grampians
- exploring what changes can unfold when predators are excluded from our ecosystems
- rivers of gold; understanding how gold mining has shaped Victoria's rivers
- tools to assess and improve properties for habitat value to wildlife
- a make-your-own nesting box workshop
- hands-on sessions planting and weeding at Hanging Rock Reserve twice a year
- annual Christmas BBQ party

The "Weedies", also known as the Roadside Management Group, continue their sessions on weed management on some of our more precious roadsides, with the assistance of a Council grant for equipment and herbicides, and much volunteer labour. The very invasive Chilean Needle Grass was also a focus of attack.

### It is renewal time for annual membership:

There is a form on the website, where all our information, including events, quarterly newsletters and a photo gallery, is available. The site has been totally revamped this year, at <https://newhamlandcare.info>.

### Come and join us ...

at our AGM on Friday, August 16, at the Newham Hall. After a brief meeting, guest speaker Ian Temby, a local ecologist, will talk about how to deal with conflict at the human-wildlife interface, covering a range of native and some exotic species and the dilemmas we face in dealing and living with them.

Food & nibblies 7pm, AGM 7.30, presentation at 7.45pm, supper to follow.

RSVP and queries to Helen Scott, NDLG Secretary - [orseda@bigpond.com](mailto:orseda@bigpond.com) or tel. 0412 582 526

SUBMITTED BY HELEN SCOTT

## How to live with them?

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**Newham & District Landcare Group AGM**

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## Ministerial meeting on Kyneton waste water release

Council representatives expressed the community's concerns over Coliban Water's releases of low quality waste water into the Campaspe River at a meeting at the Minister's office in Melbourne.

Last week the Mayor, Cr Janet Pearce and Chief Executive Officer, Margot Stork met with representatives from the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) and ministerial staff at the offices of the Minister for Water, Lisa Neville.

The Mayor and CEO expressed concerns over Coliban Water's emergency discharge of Class C recycled waste water from its Kyneton Waste Water Treatment Plant into the Campaspe River. As a result, the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) issued health warnings for residents and started an investigation into the releases.

While Council is pleased the health warnings have since been lifted by the EPA, it continues to advocate for a long-term solution to the problem with full transparency with the community.

The meeting follows a Notice of Motion at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 26 June, where Council decided to write to the EPA expressing concern over the water discharges and the lack of consultation with Council and the community. Council urged the EPA to expedite the investigation with full transparency to the community, and made a request for a ministerial meeting.

Mayor, Cr Janet Pearce said discussions with DELWP and the Minister's office over releases of low quality water (Class C water) into the Campaspe River by Coliban Water had been fruitful.

"We wish to ensure the local community are kept well informed as the investigation by the EPA into the releases continues," Cr Pearce said. "Council wants to ensure this investigation is a priority for the EPA and there is a commitment that the community will be consulted regarding longer-term solutions to the problem.

"We were pleased to hear that Coliban Water has committed to ongoing communication and consultation with the community, including establishment of a reference group.

"We are now looking forward to working with the new General Manager at Coliban Water and advocating for improvements to service delivery.

On 31 May, the EPA approved an emergency discharge for Coliban Water to release Class B recycled waste water in the hope that it would delay or avoid the need to discharge Class C water. However, Class C recycled water (industrial waste water) was mixed with Class B recycled water and released into the Campaspe River. The releases affected landowners along the river who used river water for stock and domestic purposes, downstream from the Kyneton plant.

SUBMITTED BY LEANNE MANTON



## Walking Together to Prevent Suicide

Every year, on the Sunday before World Suicide Prevention Day, the Macedon Ranges Suicide Prevention Action Group (MRSPAG) extends an invitation to the local and surrounding community to come together and share time, reflect, remember and walk... united in our efforts to continue to work together to prevent suicide.

In walking together, on Sunday 8th September, we remember those lost to suicide and acknowledge the deep pain of those left behind.

By walking together, we can better understand the important role we all can play to both decrease stigma and raise awareness of mental health issues.

By walking together and working harder as a community we can both provide and build better supports for those who live with mental health issues in our community.

Over 8,000 young people and adults have participated in Mental Health/Suicide Prevention Education in Macedon Ranges - come along and find out how you can do the same.

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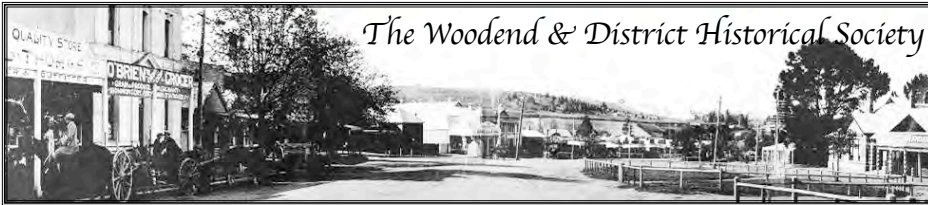
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### A Tale of the Mount... part 2

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About ten days after the disappearance of Rose Adams, Edward Robb was sent to the Camels Hump, east of the surveyor's camp on the mount. Although it was only a couple of miles away he related that it took three hours to get through the

vegetation. The sun was setting by the time he started back to camp, but as darkness fell he became confused and was lost in the bush.

After floundering around in the dark with the sounds of the night unnerving him for at least a couple of hours he noticed a light flicker due north of him. He made his way through the undergrowth to the light and finally to his relief he found a hut with a glimmer of light coming through a crack in the door.

He looked through the crack and could see a rough table in the centre of the room where a tallow candle burned, and to one side a fire lit up the room. Robb was amazed to see a middle-aged woman crooning a little girl to sleep on her lap. ...to be continued

SUBMITTED BY JANNYSE WILLIAMS

Photo: A team of horses used to drag large logs in the forest. Sometimes a team of bullocks was used.




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Let's Go Back 130 Years

As the Woodend Bowling Club approaches its 130th year, we thought it would be interesting to go back to where it all began, in 1890.

*June 1: At a well-attended meeting of the ratepayers, it was decided to establish a Bowls and Lawn Tennis Club in Woodend.*

*A Committee was appointed to select the most suitable ground and was authorized by the meeting to make application to the Council. Its selection was situated on the south side of the Five Mile Creek, and was unanimously approved by the meeting consequently held. (This is exactly the same site that the Club still occupies 130 years later).*

*It was suggested the erection of a 4 feet 6 inch picket fence, at a cost of which would not exceed 50 Pounds.*

*Councillor Christian donated 15 Pounds to the Council for fencing of the same land. As soon as the fence was erected, the Club would spend at least a further 50 Pounds in forming the new bowling green*

*July 22: The Secretary read over the Rules of the Kyneton Bowling Club, and it was resolved that a sub-committee should draw up a code and submit same for approval at the next meeting.*

*December 25: Woodend chose Christmas Day to open their green. The opening match was played between Messrs McKenzie, Tassell, Johnson and R&M Froomes. Mr Tassell was elected the foundation President of the Club and D. W. Birrell the Secretary.*

We will visit some more interesting history of our club in future issues of the New Woodend Star.

Looking for new members for the coming season

The new Pennant Seasons (Midweek and Saturday) are not far away. If you are a player with some experience, the Woodend Bowling Club is looking for some new players. If you believe you have what it takes to be a competitive bowler or a keen social bowler, please give us a call.

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If you have wondered what playing lawn bowls is like, why not come down to the Club for and have a go?

We can provide everything you need, the bowls and important guidance from one of our experienced players. And it's free!

Lawn bowls is now played by people of all ages. In fact, most of the players in the Australian Team are in their twenties and thirties, and some are still in their teens.

Check out our Website and Facebook page.  
[www.woodendbowlsclub.weebly.com](http://www.woodendbowlsclub.weebly.com).

For more information please call 5407 9220



The Woodend CFA Facebook page has been a great success, and now has nearly 5,000 followers. It is updated regularly with important and valuable information, including updates to recent incidents and callouts. Find us and 'like us'

#### Beware of the Hot Spots around your Home

The CFA and MFB have an informative interactive website to highlight the 'hot spots' that should be checked in all houses. To download the Winter Fire Safety Checklist, please visit: [www.cfa.vic.gov.au/firesafety/housefire/fire-safety-checklist.htm](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/firesafety/housefire/fire-safety-checklist.htm)

Here you will find lots of useful information about appliances and places that will be found in nearly every home, and the dangers that they can present in winter.

#### Dangers during winter

CFA statistics show that one-third of all house fires start in the kitchen, 20% were caused by heat from fuel fires and fuel-powered objects such as stoves and heaters, and another 20% from faulty or overloaded equipment. Here are just a few other examples: electric blankets, clothes dryers, open fire place, heaters, candles and power boards.

Never deadlock yourself in your home. Deadlocks should have keys in them when you are home. Develop and practice your escape plan – have two ways to escape from your home. And above all else, make sure your smoke alarm is working.

#### Beware of black ice

There are more dangers in winter than those in and around our homes. Winter brings its own specific dangers to our region due to our climate, and black ice on our roads is one of the most severe.

We are called to every major road accident, and during the many cold mornings that occur through the winter and spring months we should be very alert to the dangers of black ice on our roads.

Over the next few months, it is not uncommon for us to be called out early in the morning, in the dark, to a serious car accident on Blackforest Drive, or other major roads, where a car had hit some black ice and then skidded out of control to crash into gum trees.

People can be very seriously injured and it can take several hours to clear the scene, thanks to the combined efforts of the paramedics, SES, Police and CFA. The police helicopter is also often called to take an injured person to hospital.

It is clearly evident that we should all be extra careful when driving during cold and wet periods.

For further information contact Captain Mike Dornau on 0409 093 935. Follow us on Facebook, or you can visit our website: [www.woodendcfa.org](http://www.woodendcfa.org).

SUBMITTED BY MIKE DORNAU, PRESIDENT WBC

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## Rise and shine, it's time to bounce

Young basketball enthusiasts are hitting the court before sunrise, often in sub-zero temperatures, to sharpen their skills.

Since the Central Victoria Basketball Academy (CVBA) started in May, around 15 young players aged 9-11 have been under the coaching expertise of Simon Liebelt, Patrick Veitch and Mick Ryan two mornings a week at Buffalo Stadium.

The elite coaches started CVBA to develop young players' basketball and lifestyle skills like fitness, nutrition and leadership.

Woodend Hawks players Maeve Jackman, Lucy Killick and Luca Laird joined phase one of the CVBA program to prepare for last month's Jamboree skills day.

Phase two includes the formation of a CVBA U12, U14 and U16 boys and girls representative teams that will train one weekday morning and Sunday afternoons to prepare for tournaments.

Maeve and Lucy are strong contenders for a spot on the team when players try out at the end of August.

"I get excited by waking up early and warming up for the day," Maeve said.

"The coaching is really good, and tournaments will be fun."

Lucy started basketball last season and joined CVBA for extra skills development.

"I'm learning new skills and getting better all the time," she said.

Luca, who also plays for representative team Sunbury Jets, joined for additional training plus the discipline that comes with waking up at 6am.

"Early morning training helps me focus at school, and my games are improving. I am going to keep training one morning a week with CVBA to keep developing."

For more information about joining CVBA email [simon@cvba.net.au](mailto:simon@cvba.net.au) or join the Facebook group.

SUBMITTED BY CVBA FOUNDER AND COACH, SIMON LIEBELT

Photo: Back row (L-R) Simon Liebelt, Patrick Veitch and Mick Ryan. Front row (L-R) Maeve Jackman, Lucy Killick and Luca Laird



### Bastille Day Results:

First: Guillaume Catillon, Second: Chinka Steel;  
Third: Helen Greasby, Fourth: Wayne Mee,  
Fifth: Cass Norland.  
Congratulations...

It was great to see players from the district, including Lancefield, Romsey, Kyneton and Woodend on an extremely cool winter day enjoying Pétanque, convivial company and lunch.

### Want to know more about pétanque?

Ring or text Acting President Chinka Steel 0427 272 826 for a free brochure or email him on [chinkasteel2@gmail.com](mailto:chinkasteel2@gmail.com).

It is a simple game for family and friends. We will encourage you to come to play but also to help set up your own play in your town on another evening or day. Talk to Chinka or email him your ideas.

### Club Strategic Plan 2030

Our grant application was unsuccessful, however due to the generosity of our Lead Consultant Mike Rowland and hard working committee, this will proceed and be presented to the AGM in September.

### Season Opening

Thursday 3rd October is the day at Hanging Rock, 4:30pm. Come and try; no commitment. Mention your local community paper and look for Chinka...pretty easy to find, he is the fellow in shorts and an electric wheelchair.

If Thursday doesn't suit, we are negotiating for another venue in Woodend on Mondays. More next month.

### Murray Maul 24-5 August 2019

For those attending, aim to get to Echuca on Friday night when we meet at our base for the weekend, the Star Hotel on the Wharf area. There is Pentaque and lunch each day.

### First Ken Helmore Spirit Award at Murray Maul

A great venue, great fun, now enhanced with The Ken Helmore Spirit Award.. (Working title ... suggestions welcome!) Come and share the fun, remember Ken.

For all information about all things Pentanque, ring Chinka 0427 272 826.

SUBMITTED BY CHINKA STEEL

# A colourful end to Term 2

Sacred Heart College celebrated Mercy Day on the last day of Term 2. This was a day for all in the College community to have some fun while raising money for those in need. Mercy Day events included the College Cross Country Run/Walk, the Colour Run, lunch purchased from food stalls run by students, staff and parent volunteers and a broad range of hands-on activities for those wanting to try something different. The day culminated in House Competitions and the announcement of the Cross-Country winners.

All money raised on Mercy Day is donated to Mercy Works, the charity arm of the Mercy Sisters, who use this money to develop health, education and support services for the poorest of the poor.

Congratulations to Chisholm House on winning the Cross Country and thank you to all students, staff and parents who were involved in the running of this fantastic event.

SUBMITTED BY JENNIFER BALDWIN



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Sacred Heart College Kyneton is a Catholic Secondary School in the Mercy Tradition where students thrive in a vibrant learning and caring community.

**College Tours:**

**Wednesday 14 August**  
**Tuesday 10 September (Principal's Tour)**  
*Tours commence at 9:15am - bookings essential*

**Enrolments for Year 7, 2021 have now closed.** Enrolments for Year 7 2022 & 2023 are currently being accepted.

Visit the college website for tour bookings or contact our College Registrar for enrolment enquiries.

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