

THE NEW WOODEND STAR



Circulation of 3500 throughout
Woodend postal district, Newham, Hesket, Ashbourne,
North Woodend, Hanging Rock, Carlsruhe, Cobaw.

HAPPY
EASTER

AN INITIATIVE OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF WOODEND

April 2014

A Monthly Community Periodical

First Published 1997

Volume Eighteen No 3



Woodend Primary School

Go solar

Woodend Primary School's (WPS) annual electricity bill is around \$25,000. Imagine what else the school could do with that money, every year, if WPS generated its own electricity from solar panels . . . and how this would reduce greenhouse gas emissions too.

After three unsuccessful applications for a government grant, WPS intends to raise funds through other means to install solar panels on the school's roof. Our initial target is \$25,000 in 2014 - enough for an impressive 15kW solar system, meeting at least 25% of the school's energy needs.

WPS will host a Solstice Party for Solar Panels on Saturday 21 June. Enjoy a lavish supper with a complimentary glass of wine

or beer (BYO drinks), plus entertainment including live music and a disco with a sun-themed playlist. An optional costume competition (theme: Solar Power) is part of the fun, so start designing your outfit now.

Tickets (\$50 per person, adults only) are available from the WPS office - drop in or telephone 5427 2455.

Other fundraising activities planned for the first half of 2014 include a Supernova raffle (exciting prizes TBA) and a sausage sizzle at the Woodend Community Farmers' Market on May 3.

How you can help WPS go solar:

- support our fundraising activities;
- purchase GreenPower and carbon offsets for your home or business at www.climatechest.org.au/host/mrsg and 10% will go to the Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group, who have pledged financial support to the WPS solar campaign; or
- make a tax-deductible donation at the school office anytime.

To learn more about this project, or to assist the fundraising campaign, contact Bec Colless on 0412 219 093, Al Reid on 0434 498 800 or Principal Andy Kozak via the school office on 5427 2455.

Submitted by B. Colless



Everyone loves the barn!

very special Kids.

Glen Osmond Farm

Since the two cottages at Glen Osmond Farm opened last year, it has been gratifying to see them occupied by Very Special Kids families every weekend and often during the week. But what has spending time at the farm meant to families who have stayed here? Here are some of the entries from the Visitor's books.

"Very Special Kids offered us a very special time this weekend at Glen Osmond Farm. Breathtaking views, amazing cosy cottages, kangaroos joining us for breakfast, original barn - we enjoyed every single minute of our stay."

"The get-away was so luxurious and perfect timing for us. No real distractions, time for family to relax and play together in a good 'old fashioned' way. Outdoors. Fresh air. Beautiful sights - what more creates good health."

"To everyone who made this beautiful Utopia at Glen Osmond Farm possible, thank you! Our entire family feels so blessed to be here, to escape to this serenity and have such a wonderful and easy place to enjoy time as a family, the most precious gift of all."

"What a perfect stay in such an idyllic location. The accommodation was superb with the barn and all its treasures being an endless source of entertainment for us all. We were blessed with beautiful sunny weather, the most incredible sunsets and great neighbours. We feel very privileged to have been able to enjoy such a wonderful break."

continued on page 2

**The New Woodend Star website
has been re-launched:
www.newwoodendstar.org.au**

Check it out -you'll find current and back issues available to download as well as all the information on submitting an article, booking advertising space or paying your account.

Share our website with your friends and family, former residents or those considering moving here, it is a great way to connect with the community.

The New Woodend Star

An initiative of the Rotary Club of Woodend Inc.
The Bank, 75 High Street, Woodend, Vic. 3442
ABN 32 685 225 161 No.A0021518E

Disclaimer: Articles and comments published in this newspaper are the result of contributions from local groups and relevant news articles pertinent to the Woodend district. Neither the Rotary Club of Woodend Inc., The New Woodend Star nor the editorial team are liable for any mistakes, omissions, or misprints. It prints and makes no representation as to the truth or accuracy of any description, and accepts no liability for any loss suffered by any person who relies on any statement contained herein. Persons or organisations submitting material for publication in the New Woodend Star do so on the condition that the New Woodend Star has the right to reproduce this material in electronic format, which the public may access on The New Woodend Star web page. The opinions expressed are not necessarily those of the editorial team. The committee reserves the right to omit, reject, cut, alter or otherwise re-work submitted articles to make them suitable.

Committee: Barry Naphine, Ivor Johnson, Claudia Green, Brendan Watters, Alexia Downie, Sue Macklin & Jane Watters

Layout & printing by Collier Office & Business Assist

Information for Advertisers

Prices for advertising 2014 only. Rates are not subject to GST.

Size	Dimensions height x width	Cost
Business card	(55mm x 90mm)	\$56
Trade page	(40mm x 60mm)	\$40
Quarter page	(134mm x 90mm)	\$112
Half page	(277mm x 90mm) vertical	\$210
Half page	(134mm x 190mm) horizontal	\$210
Full page	(277mm x 190mm)	\$350
Insert	(of your printed brochure)	\$260

Advertisers: please note – it is in your interest to book and pay for a year in advance, as a 10% discount applies to any full year pre-paid booking. Any existing pre-paid ads will revert to the new rate on completion of the pre-paid period.

Further information and booking forms available on The New Wooded Star website, go to: www.newwoodendstar.org.au. Send completed forms to Alexia Downie via content@newwoodendstar.org.au or fax to 5427 3209. For enquiries about advertising & content call Alexia on 5427 3092. Accounts queries to Sue via nws@johnsonwoodend.com.au or on 5427 4089. Mail should be directed to: New Woodend Star, C/- The Bank, 75 High Street, Woodend 3442.

All bookings, artwork & content must be received by the 15th of the month prior to publication.

The New Woodend Star 2014 publication dates

April	March 31	August	July 28
May	May 5	September	September 1
June	June 2	October	September 29
July	June 30	November	October 27
		December	December 1

Changes to advertisements, new advertisements or cancellations must all be made by email or in writing. All advertisements will be placed and charged for until notified otherwise.

Circulation: 3500 copies throughout Woodend & district

Subscribe to the New Woodend Star

Do you live outside the New Woodend Star distribution area? Be sure to receive your copy every month by subscribing. A yearly subscription of 11 issues is just \$36.00 Post to New Woodend Star, C/- The Bank, 75 High Street, Woodend 3442.

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____ Enclosed: Cheque/Money Order for \$36.00

Glen Osmond Farm: continued: These are just a few of the comments from some really amazing people, all coping with extremely demanding circumstances with remarkable fortitude. For many, their time here has provided a break from the stress and uncertainty of having a child whose future is uncertain and whose day to day needs are so demanding. Sadly for others, it has been an opportunity to grieve in peaceful surroundings and come together as a family.

Whereas some have written that they just loved staying quietly 'at home' on the farm, flying kites, watching the kangaroos and playing in the barn, others have enjoyed exploring the town and making trips to Hanging Rock and further afield. What ever they have chosen to do, and whatever their circumstances, all have responded to the serenity of the surroundings and have expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to have time away together.

Many people in this district have supported this project from its inception and have helped to bring it to fruition. We know you will be just as pleased as we are that all our hopes and dreams for its success are being fulfilled.

Submitted by Janet and Bernie Hawkins.



**When you shop with a
local business
YOU GET BETTER SERVICE**



**Custom picture, artwork, tapestry
and memorabilia framing,
professionally and economically
performed in-house**

*A comprehensive range of Art supplies
at very competitive prices*

- Pencil & paint by numbers sets for youngsters
- Artist's quality brush and paint sets for the more experienced
- Matt boards and mounts for artwork presentation
- Books & magazines for the art enthusiast, or those just wanting a good read

43 Anslow Street, Woodend – 5427 4455
Next to the post boxes
feelingframed@bigpond.com

Tylden Fair and Tractor Pull

On the 10th of May 2014 Tylden Primary School will again host Tylden's annual fair and vintage tractor pull.

The event continues to grow with a strong emphasis on fresh produce and handicrafts which are great for last minute Mothers Day gifts.

Other highlights are camel rides, lots of kids rides, homemade curries, cakes and jams, classic car displays and of course the excitement of the competitive tractor pull events.

"With the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program into its second year there will be a great selection of home grown produce from our own and local family gardens. There will also be pies and preserves produced from our apples, tomatoes and herbs.

"The kids really love the garden and cooking program and it has spread across the Tylden community with many families contributing home grown produce of excellent quality," School Principal Lee Macdonald said.

So if you'd like to watch a vintage tractor pull complete with entertaining and informative commentary, and would like to come and sample the great produce, sip a coffee or relax while the kids do the rides and activities, then come along to Tylden primary School on 10 May from 10am – 3pm.

Contact the school on 5424 8244 for more details.

Submitted by A. Tanner



THE GREAT TRENTHAM SPUDFEST

3 MAY 2014

**Spudtastic fun, food, free music,
children's games and activities, displays,
entertainment, history, spuds for sale
and much much more!**

 Find us on Facebook
 www.trenthamspudfest.org.au

Woodend Rainfall Report 2014

Each month we add the rainfall details and the year to date total. Our rainfall report shows 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 comparisons. Please note that your own rainfall readings may not exactly match these.

Month	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	
January	0.08	54.0	227.5	31.0	3.9	19.2	Jan
February	2.5	71.5	115.0	133.0	97.4	11.2	Feb
March	42.5	121.0	35.0	84.0	53.0		Mar
April	51.0	45.0	63.5	35.5	20.5		April
May	30.5	39.0	73.5	54.4	47.2		May
June	66.5	98.5	69.0	126.8	147.8		June
July	76.5	87.5	82.5	102.0	101.8		July
August	107.5	148.5	56.0	113.7	116.4		Aug
September	88.5	97.0	98.5	54.6	85.0		Sept
October	46.0	154.5	86.0	39.0	75.6		Oct
November	99.0	193.0	82.0	31.4	67.2		Nov
December	60.0	93.0	120.0	21.4	35.2		Dec
YTD:	670.5	1202.5	1108.5	826.8	851	30.4	mm

Total rainfall in 2013 = 851 mm. Total for year to date: 30.4mm

1 inch = 25.4 mm therefore the total in year to date is 1.12"

Total rainfall for summer was just 65.6mm, the driest season for over a decade. The average rainfall over summer is 191mm. Last year we had 171.9mm.

Fev becomes a Hawk

Brendan Fevola, AFL Star, Blues Champion and supporter of great causes, is set to become a Hawk for Woodend/Hesket's clash against Romsey on the 4th of May at Gilbert Gordon Oval.

Along with Fev, the Woodend Hesket Netball Club is hoping to raise much needed funds and increase the profile for both their club and the Nick's Wish Foundation.

Nick's Wish was formed after Sunbury resident 23-year-old Nick Boyd lost his 12-month battle with medulloblastoma, a rare tumor of the central nervous system, normally a disease that affects children. Money raised for the foundation goes directly to helping families of children in the oncology ward at The Royal Children's Hospital.

The event is also a major fundraiser for WHFNC. In an era of changing landscapes in local football and netball clubs we are striving to build a more competitive, successful and enjoyable team for our locals to be a part of.

With Fev flying high alongside his Hawk team mates, the day promises to be an exciting community event and is set to attract people from far and wide.

Fabulous footy, raffles, special competitions, great food and kids attractions will add to a fun day out for all ages. So mark it in your calendars, invite friends and family and join us at Gilbert Gordon on May 4 or be quick and book a marquee (contact Dale- 0402 054 175)

Gates open approximately 8.30am.

Thanks also go to Romsey Football Netball Club who have been most cooperative in supporting this event.

Submitted by Dale Stacey

WHFNC IS EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THAT BRENDAN

FEVOLA WILL BE A HAWK!



SAVE
THE
DATE
SUNDAY
MAY
4/2014

GILBERT
GORDON
OVAL
WOODEND

**FOR ONE SPECIAL SUNDAY MATCH
ON 4 MAY 2014, THE FEV WILL
BE DONNING THE BROWN & GOLD
TO PLAY ALONGSIDE THE HAWKS!!!**

**THIS IS SET TO BE A HUGE DAY, SO COME ON
DOWN AND SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL CLUB.
THERE WILL BE PLENTY OF ENTERTAINMENT ON &
OFF THE FIELD, WITH SOME PROCEEDS BEING
DONATED TO THE NICK'S WISH FOUNDATION.**

STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION!

VISIT OUR WEBSITE OR LIKE US ON FACEBOOK:
www.woodendhesketfnc.org/
www.facebook.com/WoodendHesketFootballNetballClub
 Or visit the App Store to Get our Free WHFNC Phone App!



WOODEND HESKET
FOOTBALL NETBALL

**For more information or
to register interest in a
marquee for the day call:
DALE - 0402 054 175**

MT MACEDON ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE

FRIDAY 25TH APRIL 2014 AT 6AM

CHANGED ACCESS, NO PARKING AT THE CROSS

FREE BUSES OPERATING FROM:

Gisborne to Dawn Service

DEPART:	LOCATION:	ARRIVE:
4:15AM	Gisborne Train Station	4:40AM
5:15AM	Gisborne Train Station	5:40AM

Riddells Creek to Dawn Service via Romsey

DEPART:	LOCATION:	ARRIVE:
4:15AM	Riddells Creek Primary	5:00AM
4:30AM	Romsey-Community Hub	5:00AM

Woodend to Dawn Service

DEPART:	LOCATION:	ARRIVE:
4:30AM	Woodend Train Station	4:50AM
5:15AM	Woodend Train Station	5:35AM

Lancefield to Dawn Service via Romsey

DEPART:	LOCATION:	ARRIVE:
4:45AM	Lancefield-Mechanics Hall	5:30AM
5:00AM	Romsey-Community Hub	5:30AM

Tony Clarke Recreation Reserve-Waterfalls Rd, Macedon

Buses from Tony Clarke Recreation Reserve in Macedon will operate as a continual shuttle service with **the first bus departing at 4:15AM** and the **last bus departing at 5:20AM**. No booking required for this service.

BOOKINGS FOR ALL BUS SERVICES ESSENTIAL

TO BOOK VISIT: WWW.ORGANSCOACHES.COM.AU OR PHONE 5422 1788

GOLD COIN DONATION APPRECIATED

NO PARKING AT THE CROSS – CAMERON DRIVE CLOSED
TAKE THE FREE BUS

For further information, including disabled access visit: www.mtmacedonanzacdawnservice.com

Free buses To Mt Macedon Anzac Day Dawn Service

It will be easier, safer and more comfortable getting to the 2014 Mt Macedon ANZAC Day Dawn Service thanks to free bus services that will operate from each major township across the Macedon Ranges.

The Mt Macedon ANZAC Day Dawn Service Committee will this year provide free bus services to the Service from Gisborne, Woodend, Macedon, Romsey, Lancefield and Riddells Creek in an effort to reduce traffic congestion on Cameron Drive, Mt Macedon.

Chair of the Mt Macedon ANZAC Day Dawn Service Committee, Mr Bruce Mildenhall, said that after a significant increase in attendance at the 2013 Dawn Service, the Committee needed to develop a solution that would take traffic off Cameron Drive, the only entry and exit to the Service.

"We are proud that over recent years, the Mt Macedon ANZAC Day Dawn Service has grown in size and become one of the largest attended Dawn Services in regional Victoria," Mr Mildenhall said.

"However, Cameron Drive and the existing car parking infrastructure at The Cross can no longer cope with the number of people who wish to attend the Dawn Service each year and from this year, anyone wishing to attend the Service will need to catch one of the free bus services."

Buses will depart Gisborne Train Station at 4:15am and 5:15am, Woodend Train Station at 4:30am and 5:15am, Romsey Community Hub at 4:30am and 5:00am,

Lancefield Mechanics Hall at 4:45am and Riddells Creek Primary School at 4:15am.

A continual shuttle bus service will operate from Tony Clarke Recreation Reserve, Waterfalls Road, Macedon with the first bus departing at 4:15am and the last bus departing at 5:20am.

Mount Macedon Road will be closed to Dawn Service traffic from the corner of Mount Macedon Road and Honour Avenue, and Mount Macedon Road and Straws Lane from 3:00am on ANZAC Day. All private cars will be directed to Tony Clarke Recreation Reserve.

Bookings for each bus service is essential and can be made by calling 5422 1788 or online from Tuesday April 1 by visiting www.organscoaches.com.au.

Go to www.mtmacedonanzacdawnservice.com for more information.

Submitted by Jamie Byron

Avenue of Honour

Commemorate ANZAC Day

Come to the Woodend RSL Sub-branch this ANZAC Day, Friday 25 April, to find out more about the town's iconic Avenue of Honour.

In addition to the RSL's traditional commemoration activities, the National Trust and Woodend & District Heritage Society will host a community display from 12.30pm with stories and photographs of local soldiers, original copper plaques that once marked the trees, and work contributed by students from Woodend, Newham and Heskett primary schools.

For enquiries, please call Felicity Watson, National Trust of Australia (Vic), on 9659 9818.

Submitted by Felicity Watson, Community Advocate, National Trust of Australia (Victoria)

WOODEND HEARING CENTRE



Did you know 1 out of 6 Australians suffer from hearing loss?

- Are you having problems understanding what people say?
- Do you have problems hearing in background noise?
- Have you worked in a noisy environment?

If you answered yes to any of the above, you may have a hearing loss.

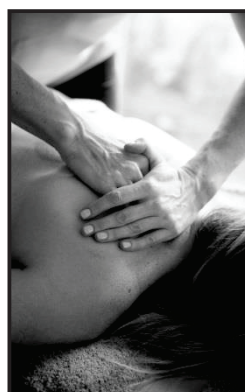


Woodend Hearing Centre

Located in the Brooke Street Medical Centre
Cnr Brooke St & Templeton St, Woodend

P: 5427 1002 M: 0425 238 109

Government and worksafe accredited practice. Latest digital technology available. Hearing aids fitted free to pensioners*
(*Conditions apply)



Mount View Massage

Remedial Sports Cupping Reiki
Health Fund Rebates

0487 200 091

Justine L. Press

Dip. Rem. Mass.

21 Parkers Lane Woodend

First Birthday Celebration

Procare Support Services, your local mobile healthcare assistance company is celebrating their first year in the Macedon Ranges. "We have had a fantastic response from the community for our services." states Managing Director Donna Fabris.

Our clients appreciate the flexibility of our quality nursing team. For those not familiar with Procare Support Services, the company specialises in homecare, assisted transport, personal care and nursing services. We come to the rescue when expert care is needed, and there is no family or friends to assist. We differ from other agencies by offering truly personalised quality nursing care including our specialised assisted transport service to remove the stress during times of need.

We take every measure to hire only the most appropriate people to keep our clients safe and well. Our staff are hand-picked and offer around the clock assistance seven days a week. All our staff have the expertise in understanding physical needs, communication and negotiate effectively, along with clear police checks. Procare Support Services has established relationships with local Doctors, hospitals, aged care facilities and allied health professionals.

One of our most popular services is our assisted transport service. We know that attending appointments can be stressful and getting there is only half the battle. Increasingly the demands of transport, medical appointments, hospital admissions and discharges become impossible for families to meet.

Many people like to be independent using trusted support only when needed. Procare Support Services can assist when no family or friends are available and you need someone you can rely on. We provide confidence and peace of mind for single or ongoing transport appointments using our reliable company cars.

Whether you are an independent person needing assistance, a family member/carer, a hospital/facility or medical/allied health professional, Procare Support Services is available now to assist. Call our friendly staff now for a complimentary customised consultation.

Please refer to www.procaresupport.com.au or phone 1300 783 765 for a full description of our highly competitive services.

Submitted by D. Fabris



COMPUTER SERVICE

Sales - Service - Training & Help

THE BANK - 75 HIGH ST WOODEND
JASON JOHNSON - 0400528129
pcs@live.com.au

Our local business offers personalised private mobile healthcare support to assist our clients in maintaining their independence in their own home and community. We are there when family and friends can't be.

For more information about the services we offer, please call or visit our website.



BRIDGING THE GAP IN HEALTHCARE

procaresupport.com.au
1300 783 765

We're turning... 1





Easter Saturday
April 19

SIDE WALK SALE

sausage sizzle & raffle to support Michael Blyth

Shop 2 | 130 High Street, Woodend
03 5427 4500 OPEN 7 days

Mother's Day
Sunday May 11

Trees for Mum 

Come along and plant a tree for your mum in Woodend on Mother's Day.

Trees for Mum is a part of a national series of Mother's Day memorial tree-planting events, originally created for members of the community whose mothers had passed away. The events have since evolved into celebratory tree planting events for all mothers on Mother's Day.

Now in its third year in Woodend, the Landcare team will once again be hosting this FREE community event from 9.30am to midday on Mother's Day at the Rotary exercise track near Buffalo Stadium.

To register your interest and reserve your tree please email treesformumwoodend@gmail.com or call Angela on 0409 373 010, or find us on Facebook: Trees for Mum Woodend. More information will be published in the May edition of *The New Woodend Star*.


Submitted by Angela Van Dam




Plant Nursery
Function Hire
Talks & Tours
Exhibitions
Events

www.budacastlemaine.org
Tel: 03) 5472-1032

ADVERTISEMENT

Amanda Millar MP
MEMBER FOR NORTHERN VICTORIA REGION 

*Your Local voice
in the Macedon Ranges*





For any assistance with State Government matters affecting you and our community, please contact my office here in Woodend.

Amanda

Amanda Millar MP
Member for Northern Victoria Region

Tenancy 3, 80 High Street
Woodend 3442
Tel: (03) 5427 2444
amanda.millar@parliament.vic.gov.au

  @AmandaMillarMP

Authorised by A Millar, Tenancy 3, 80 High Street, Woodend

**Massage
Pilates
Remedial
Rehabilitation**
with Pamela Kell

By appointment
22 Goode Street
Gisborne
5428 1000
0408 093 098

Assisting in the repair and maintenance
of your body

WARNER'S JEWELLERS
EST. 1912 ~ 4th Generation Jewellers

**Manufacturing Jewellers
Jewellery Repairs
Watch & Clock Repairs
Valuations & Rethreading**

97 High Street, Woodend 5427 1573

Woodend RSL

The Woodend RSL will NOT be organising the buses for the Dawn Service at the Mount Macedon Memorial Cross this year. They will be managed by the Mount Macedon Dawn Service Committee and, locally, will leave from the Woodend Train Station at respective allocated times. (see pg 4)

The Woodend RSL ANZAC Day March (25th April) will commence in the service road of High Street and proceed to the Woodend RSL Sub Branch for a Commemorative Service. Those participating in the March are to be formed up by 11.15am, ready to step off at 11.30am and will pause to lay wreaths at the Vietnam Wall and Clocktower respectively, arriving at the Sub Branch at 11.45, where the Service will be held. Refreshments will be available in the Sub Branch following the Service.

ANZAC Badge Week will commence on the 19th and badges/tokens will be available from our volunteers at Coles Supermarket, all primary schools and selected businesses around town.

Our next Dinner Night will be held on Saturday 12th April, due to the closeness of Easter and ANZAC Day. Entertainment will be by "The Decades".

Submitted by Barry Meldrum, President



Contact The New Woodend Star via
content@newwoodendstar.org.au

il Caffé
W o o d e n d

Coffee	Cold Drinks	Gelati
Focaccias	Pastries & Pies	Muffins
Quiches	Cakes & Biscuits	Antipasto
All made fresh		

Not Just Fudge

Not Just Fudge is back in town! — Now available at il Caffé

Check out the Creme Brulee, Mars Sensation,
Lavender and other great flavours!

New hours from April 7:

Weekdays 7am-4pm, Saturday 8am -12 noon

5427 4336 | 66 High Street Cnr Brooke Street

Preserving, seed saving and wicking beds

Did you know the juice of a lemon and a green apple or two gives jam substance and helps it set? That fruit can be preserved in a microwave in a matter of minutes? Or that tomato seeds can be saved and then later planted out on strips of newspaper? These great little preserving and seed saving ideas were just the tip of the iceberg of knowledge that was shared with over forty participants at the Autumn Sessions in the Woodend Community Permaculture Garden.

We were lucky to have Bess Schulburt sharing her years of experience in preserving and jam making. Many of Bess's great recipes can be found on her Farmers Market Recipes Blog at www.achookie.blogspot.com.au. The knowledgeable Rodney Green gave us some excellent ideas for successful seed saving and growing. Rodney is a permaculture garden volunteer and can also be found selling his seedlings at the Woodend Farmers Market. A sincere thanks to both of our fantastic presenters.

The Home Produce Exchange and morning tea that followed the talks was lively and inspiring. The tables were laden with goods to be shared, from cucumbers and plums to pikelets and worm juice! Thanks to everyone who brought along produce and the tasty cakes.

Our Winter Session, on Saturday June 7, will be a little more "hands-on" as we demonstrate the creation of a wicking bed. Wicking Beds are self-contained raised beds with built-in reservoirs that supply water from the bottom up – making them self-watering and incredibly efficient. To register or find out more, contact Krista on 0408 204 449 or kristafish@hotmail.com.

Submitted by Krista Fish

Nat McGrath
M: 0422594998
E: mobilitypt.nat@gmail.com

Mobility

PERSONAL TRAINING

Mobile Personal Training
@ Home, Gym or Outdoors.

- Individualised training
- Get Fit together — Small Group training
- Woodend and surrounding areas
- Packages to suit you!

No matter what your current fitness level or age, take control of your health and mobility. Call or email today for a free consultation.

CASTLEMAINE—GISBORNE CLEANING SERVICE

CHRISTINE ADAMS, P.O. Box 240 CASTLEMAINE 3450

Carpet Cleaning Specialists

Duct Cleaning, Window Cleaning, etc.

For all your cleaning requirements

- no job too big or too small -
obligation-free quotes

christineadams9@bigpond.com

Mobile: 0419 006 591

Hot X Buns

organic... handmade... wood fired
Fruity... spicy... hot-buttered bliss



Available until Easter
at farmers' markets
and from
RedBeard Historic Bakery
in Trentham

Open 8am to 5pm daily
T.03 5424 1002
redbeardbakery.com.au



Business for sale



10th Anniversary program launched

The 10th Anniversary Woodend Winter Arts Festival program was launched on 22 March and ticket sales for all events are now open.

"We are excited to present the first extant opera of 1600 by Jacobo Peri, *Euridice*. With a new edition by John O'Donnell created especially for the Festival, it is conducted by him and is under the brilliant theatrical direction of Rodney Hall," said festival Artistic Director Dr Jacky Ogeil.

"The musical program features international performers exclusive to the Festival. From Brazil, the Quaternaglia Guitar Quartet visit Australia for the first time. The Koehne String Quartet fly in from Vienna, virtuoso cellist Li-Wei Quin from Singapore and baroque harpist Maria-Christina Cleary from France. Our festival favourite, Italian violinist, Davide Monte, also returns."

The popular literary program includes the erudite and outspoken David Marr from Sydney in discussion with Margaret Simons on high profile biographies, and the best selling Graeme Simsion (*The Rosie Project*) on achieving fame and a Hollywood contract.

"We examine the future of journalism with Rachel Buchanan, Tim Dunlop and Sally Warhaft, and the role of romance fiction in our daily lives in a panel which includes four romance writers," Dr Ogeil said.

The visual arts program features acclaimed local artist Mary Larnach-Jones, John York and the Macedon Ranges Art Group, Jill River's Daylesford and Macedon Ranges Open Studios and the return of the Macedon Ranges Potters.

"The cultural program from our local children and young people is very important to us," said Dr Ogeil. "We work hard behind the scenes to bring our special guests in contact with school kids of all ages outside the Festival weekend. We have the SR Stoneman Young Writers Competition this year (see next page), plus school incursions programs, and the Koehne Quartet will provide masterclasses for local string students.

"We encourage locals to buy tickets early as most shows and events sell out," she concluded.

Go to www.woodendwinterartsfestival.org.au to view the full program and book your tickets.

More over page



LEADING HAND CARPENTRY
COMPLETE BUILDING SOLUTIONS



REGISTERED
Building Practitioner

We pride ourselves on getting the best results for our clients. Call now to discuss your new home, renovation or extension.

M 0439 360 896

www.leadinghandcarpentry.com.au

Young writers' award

Discovering new talent in Macedon Ranges

The Woodend Winter Arts Festival and the SR Stoneman Foundation have teamed up to celebrate the Festivals' 10th Anniversary year with a search for young writing talent.

Entries have opened for the 2014 Young Writers' Award which is open to year 7 and 8 students who are residents, or at a school in the Macedon Ranges. The judging panel will include Mike Shuttleworth (Melbourne Writers' Festival, Schools' Program) and George Milford (S. R. Stoneman Foundation Trustee).

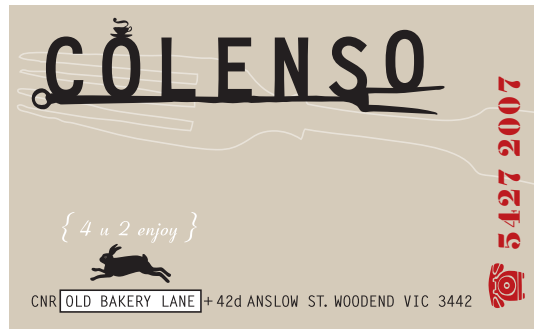
To kick-start the imagination, the theme for the competition is 'Happenings at Hanging Rock' – but that's the only idea linking what promises to be a wide variety of approaches and styles that the judges hope to see in entries.

Entries can be fiction or non-fiction, with a maximum word count of 500 words for year 7 students, and 750 for year 8 students.

Entries close on April 7, winners announced on April 29. Prizes: 1st prize \$100 voucher, 2nd \$50, 3rd \$25 – plus certificates. Winning entries will be published on the Woodend Winter Arts Festival website and promoted through Festival social media channels.

For conditions and requirements of entry, including how to present and submit your entry, contact Gemma – woodendwinterarts2014@gmail.com.

Submitted by Woodend Winter Arts Festival publicist, Alicia Patterson



SICILY

Saturday, April 5

Sardine fillets with tomato, capers and oregano

Quail with couscous and onions
agrodolce

Zabaglione with figs, almond biscotti

CRETE

Saturday, April 12

Olives

Stuffed vine leaves

Sophia's cheese fritters

Pork with quince

Walnut cake with yogurt and orange blossom sauce

12 PM, APRIL 13,

FOR OUR SUNDAY ROAST
reservation only

CORSICA

Saturday, April 19

Mussel and fennel soup
Braised lamb shoulder with rosemary,
garlic and polenta

Fleur de Maquis, roast pears and
walnut bread

CYPRUS

Saturday, April 26

Haloumi with green olives, potatoes and
chicory

Chicken with yogurt sauce, silverbeet and
pinenuts

Rice pudding with our preserved plums

FOR RESERVATIONS OR ENQUIRIES
PLEASE CALL 54272007

Truck & Bobcat Hire



- Paving Turfing Rockeries
- Paling & Colourbond Fencing
- Watering Systems
- Retaining Walls
- All of your garden and driveway construction catered for

CD & MC Muir Pty Ltd
craig@bobcatcraig.com
0417 331 085 5427 3095



When you shop with a
local business

YOU SUPPORT LOCAL JOBS

SELL YOUR CAR TODAY

Prestige ~ Family ~ Sports ~ 4X4

car connect direct

0418 183 360

Cash ~ Bank Chq ~ Finance Paid Out
Email: ccdirect@bigpond.net.au

LMCT - 10132



Holistic Funeral Directors

Natural choices in after death and funeral care

5427 3112

info@naturalgrace.com.au

www.naturalgrace.com.au



SOVEREIGN financial

Sovereign Financial is a family business built on the values of Trust, Insight, Expertise and Relationships. We are an independently owned financial advisory firm that specialise in a range of services including:

- Retirement Planning
- Wealth Creation
- Investment and Portfolio Management
- Taxation Advice
- Estate Planning
- Centrelink Advice
- Personal Protection Insurance

Please contact Jerome Smith or Sarah Connolly on 03 9629 9223 to arrange a time to speak to one of our experienced advisers.

Office Locations:

Ballarat Office

88 Mair Street East
Bakery Hill
03 5333 7088

Melbourne Office

Suite 1 Level 6
470 Collins St
Melbourne
03 9629 9223

Kew Office

5 Wellington St
Kew
03 9855 0578

Sovereign Financial Group Pty Ltd AFSL 383416



Wow, this first term has flown by! I can't believe that as I write this update, it will be going into the April edition, and we will all be headed into school holidays.

We will be having some school holiday activities so keep a lookout on our website and Facebook page, the Coles board, our noticeboard and other spaces about town for information.

New programs coming up in Term Two include Sewing for Beginners; we have had many people ask for a beginners sewing course and now we have one just for you. Sue Hill, an experienced seamstress and tutor, will take you from the very basics and onto sewing your own clothes (or kids clothes) in no time – well, over 10 weeks at least – using easy and affordable patterns and materials.

Nolan Tyrrell is offering up his skills in Performance Poetry and Public Speaking – not sure that Toast Masters is for you – then join Nolan and learn about how to deliver stirring speeches, written by your own hand, to bring people to your cause, or come along to learn about recitation and performance poetry, a great complement to the Creative Writing course that is continuing with Myron Lysenko.

There's always our favourites too – French, Painting with John York, Pastels, Illustration for Kids, Yoga, Tai Chi and much, much more.

Contact the house (5427 1845) to ask about any of our courses advertised in this month's Woodend Star and to offer your talents to run a course, start an interest group or support group, build an action group or volunteer at the House.

Woodend Workshop Working Group

We are getting closer to finding funding to help set up the Woodend Workshop – a Community Shed that could be used to conduct courses, have informal workshop space and encourage participation of young people, women and people with disabilities to try new things and develop skills. If you have ideas or would like to join the Working Group then please give me a call on 5427 1845. I'm also looking for volunteers to help get some activities happening in the space once we have some tools and equipment to work with, all kinds of hand craft and work considered.

Submitted by Jill Scanlon – Coordinator

lawyers &
business
consultants

noy

l e g a l
s e r v i c e s

lawyers

- business sales + leases
- conveyancing
- wills + estates
- commercial agreements

5426 3500 • justine@noy.com.au

macedon ranges & melbourne

News from Newham

On the 15th of February the Newham Mechanics Institute rocked to the sound of laughter as The Divine Miss O, Comedienne Fiona O'Loughlin entertained 94 patrons with stories of her life and the journey of being a parent. A great night was had by all, complemented by some refreshing beverages and delicious food provided by the very talented Julia Niall of the Newham General Store.

The O Pig Sculptural Arts Project has been a lot of fun, with 11 life-sized decorated pigs on show at various points around the village, following involvement by local artists, community groups, the local Primary Schools and talented residents, which culminated on Festival Day Saturday 22nd March, including a prestigious art and sculpture exhibition held in the Hall.

Monster Garage Sale

Coming up in April is the monster Newham Mechanics Institute Garage Sale. This is the biggest fund raiser of the year for the Hall, profits of which go to funding the yearly insurance of the Hall which exceeds \$3000 per annum. Sale day is Saturday 12th April, from 9.00am to 3.30pm and drop off day for donations of items is on Saturday 5th April from 9.00am to 12.00noon at the Hall.

So search out all those items you have been thinking of removing from your home or shed as a means of giving you more living space and room to move and please donate them for the Sale. How many fry pans, foot baths, sets of glasses and china do you really need? All gratefully received.

The Mechanics Institute is available for hire. Please contact the booking officer on 5427 0065.

Submitted by Sue Massie

Woodend community transport

Macedon Ranges Shire Council is researching the need for community transport in Woodend. This work builds on a residents petition which was well supported by the local community and identified a demand for more local transport options.

Council's research will explore the community need for a transport service, who will use it, where should it go, and with what frequency. To understand the community's needs, Council will consult with residents through a community survey and listening post.

The community survey is available in hard copy with reply paid envelopes at the Woodend Neighbourhood House, Cobaw Community Health, Brooke St Medical clinic, Community Aged Care Centre, Library, and RSL. The survey can also be completed on Council's website at mrsc.vic.gov.au/woodend-transport-survey. Surveys responses close on Friday 18 April.

The community listening post will be held on Thursday 10 April outside the Coles supermarket from 9am-1pm. Please come and talk to us to let us know about your transport needs.

There will be further targeted consultation with community groups and organisations, who will be contacted by Council directly. If you would like more information about the project, contact Stephen Hiley, Community Partnerships Officer, on 03 5422 0286 or by email at shiley@mrsc.vic.gov.au

Submitted by G Gamble, MRSC



Celebrating
Ramai's
achievements

Samantha Moore 0438 062 143

Monday - Friday 9am till 9.30pm Saturday 9am till 7pm

www.facebook.com/RamaiSkinBodyCare



2013 Winner - Young Business Person of the Year

2012 Finalist - Young Business Person of the Year

We're passing the excitement onto you with the following promotions . . .

Luxury treatments – prices reduced

Eyelash Tint	\$10	SAVE \$10
60min Organicspa Facial	\$35	SAVE \$35
Pedicure with Polish	\$25	SAVE \$30
Spray Tan	\$15	SAVE \$15

Waxing – half price

1/2 leg	\$10	Chin or Lip	\$5
Underarm	\$7	Standard Bikini	\$10

Treatments conducted by Sarah of Tiffany. Valid April and May 2014 only

AVAILABLE FOR LEASE IN WOODEND

SHOP SPACE



AVAILABLE IN 19TH HOLE SHOPPING CENTRE

- SHOP 8 217 sq m
- SHOP 19 97 sq m

Suit a variety of uses in this busy shopping precinct situated in the heart of Woodend.

CONTACT IVOR JOHNSON
Phone 5427 4089 or 0407 273 961
75 HIGH ST WOODEND

NURSERY ROAD

GARDEN SUPPLIES

Sand | Soil | Mulch | Pots | Plants

Water features | Fire wood

Hire Equipment | Synthetic turf

Sleepers | Wine barrels | Pavers

42 Nursery Road Macedon 3440 Victoria | Email hello@nrgsupplies.com.au
Telephone 03 5426 2400 | Facsimile 03 5426 4972
General open hours Monday–Friday 7:30–5pm, Saturday–Sunday 9–5pm
Arrangements outside these hours can be made.

Working with your council

Council meeting procedure: Public involvement

Council meetings can be hard to follow, so here are some basics:

- Meetings are conducted according to the Local Government Act 1989 and our Local Law No. 9.
- The public can only speak if they have made a submission on something being debated, and by prior arrangement. This usually occurs at the start of the meeting, so may not be at the time when the topic is being discussed.
- The public can ask up to two questions in a council meeting, submitted in writing at the beginning of the meeting. The CEO will answer these questions during the meeting if the submitter is still present. The submitter is not allowed to speak about the question.
- All parts of a meeting are open to the public unless certain issues, which are determined by the Local Government Act, are being discussed.
- A motion before council may be a Council officer recommendation for action, seen on the agenda notice paper, or one put forward by a Councillor, which might not have been seen by other Councillors prior to the meeting.
- The motion allows the topic to be debated, and a decision to be made.
- The order of the agenda items may be altered if a majority of Councillors agrees to this.

I know that it can sometimes be frustrating not being able to make comments, but by attending and following up on questions afterwards, even if you cannot have your say in the meeting, you will assist us to make better decisions.

I hope I haven't put you off, and encourage you to look at the meeting agenda on the website the last Monday of each month, then come along and see what it is all about.

Kind regards,

Cr. Jennifer Anderson, Macedon Ranges Shire Councillor

0408 273 670



Macedon Ranges
Shire Council

Proudly supporting *The New Woodend Star*

Quality Blinds at factory direct prices

- Sunscreen/Blockout Blind
- Latest Styles/Fabrics/Colours
- Automated Blinds
- Roller/Roman Blinds/Venetians
- Exterior Awnings
- Professional Installation Team

Ring Now for a **Free** In House Consultation/Quotation

Mark 0437 759013

Simon 0458 338995

Contemporary Blinds
Where Style is Affordable

Eating out, in & Around Woodend

Holgate Brewhouse – Bar & Restaurant



79 High St Woodend
Ph 54272510

www.holgatebrewhouse.com

Microbrewery Hotel with cosy fires, stained glass windows and friendly atmosphere.

Award winning local beer made on site. Delicious house made bread, pies and desserts.

Function rooms & stylish accommodation in the heart of Woodend.

Open 7 days lunch & dinner.



Watch this space

Expanding Soon!

Shop 1 & 2, 115 High St, Woodend

Open daily from 7am

54272486

www.bourkies.com.au

BE LOCAL - EAT LOCAL

SUPPORT THE LOCAL BUSINESSES WHO SUPPORT THE AREA WHERE YOU LIVE, WORK AND PLAY

Spoil yourself and your friends with

High Tea

in genteel style and luxury at



Saturday and Sunday from 12pm

from \$40.00 per guest - reservations are essential

GOLDIES LANE WOODEND 03 5427 2273
www.campaspehouse.com.au



BAR & BISTRO
THE VICTORIA HOTEL WOODEND

WEDDINGS
PARTIES
GATHERINGS
PRESENTATIONS
MEETINGS

www.vicwoodend.com.au

email: info@vicwoodend.com.au

03 5427 2721



Bar • Bistro • Accommodation

Function Room available for 21sts, Birthdays, Weddings, Conferences
Come along and enjoy great food and open fire

STRAIGHT SHOOTERS

8.30pm April 19

FREE ENTRY

Seeking Part-time cook up to 30 hours per week
Must have pan, flat grill and fryer experience
Contact Barb Hughes 5426 3233

BOOK NOW FOR MOTHER'S DAY
lunch and dinner - Wednesday to Sunday

a: 33 Smith Street Macedon 3440

p: 5426 3233 w: macedonrailwayhotel.com.au

facebook: Macedon Railway Hotel

Woodend Grassland Reserve

Many of you in the Woodend community may already be acquainted with the Woodend Grassland Reserve, which forms part of the old racecourse located near Buffalo Stadium. Some of you may have utilised the recently constructed exercise path which encircles the reserve, and some of you may have had a much deeper look inside the grassland itself. However, few may know that this reserve supports remnants of a very rare ecological community in the local area: Plains Grassland, preserved over the years by its previous use as a racecourse. Less than 1% of the original cover of lowland grasslands within south-eastern Australia remains today; due predominantly to the value pastoralists placed on the fertile, nutrient-rich plains for agriculture.

The Woodend Grassland Reserve supports a high quality remnant of this ecological community, a rarity within the Woodend district but once common across the volcanic plains of western Victoria.

The grassland is dominated by native Kangaroo Grass with an unusually high diversity of grassland herbs, lilies and orchids. One nationally significant species has recently been identified here, the Matted Flax-lily, as well as many other rare and restricted species.

In spring, a sea of magnificent yellow carpets the reserve as the native Buttercup comes into full flower. Other colourful displays ensue during spring, the best time of year to view the reserve in all its rarity and beauty.

Why not go and have a look at your local native grassland?

Submitted by Bianca Aquilina



"for all your water needs"

The Water Bloke Specialises in

- Rainwater Tank Installations
- Tank To Toilet connections
- Grey Water Recycling

We're based in Woodend, so call us for a free consultation and Water Audit of your home.

Contact Craig on 0410 275 714
thewaterbloke@gmail.com



WALSH MOBBS

LAND SURVEYORS
Servicing Mount Alexander and
Macedon Ranges Shires and surrounds
E: rowan@walshmobbs.com.au

Planning Permits - Subdivisions - Title Surveys
Levels/Contours - Boundary Check Surveys
Feature Surveys - Building Set-outs - Adverse Possession

Licensed Surveyor: Rowan Mobbs - 0408 994 985



Here in Woodend we're testament to the fact that Landcare is not just about weed control, but revegetation, habitat renewal, pest animal control, rubbish removal and working with waterways.

We had a stall at February's very hot Sustainability Festival and there was constant interest in our native plant

lists, the Indian myna trapping program and tips on weed control. In March we hosted another Clean Up event near the creek, pleasingly collecting far fewer bags of rubbish than last year. A different site will be needed next year. Thanks very much to the members, locals and scouts who helped out.

Our next major planting will be held in May, but until then we'll be holding monthly working bees (fourth Sunday of the month), tidying up and possibly watering. Your own gardens will be suffering now after a shockingly dry couple of months, so do give your most prized exotic trees a deep drink every few weeks if you can, as their loss is most keenly felt in a garden, by you and the critters that rely on them for shade, food and shelter.

And speaking of critters, Central Victoria has many glorious native birds, all very grateful for a bathe and a drink when offered. Their usual haunts may have been affected by February fires, so you might notice new species around your garden. Keep a couple of birdbaths filled with clean, fresh water for them.

Submitted by Kate Daniel

Woodend Alpha course

The Alpha course has eight sessions and includes food, a short talk and discussion of various issues such as: What is the meaning of life? Why is there suffering in the world? Is forgiveness possible? Is there any real right or wrong?

It is an opportunity to discuss and explore Life in all its complexity and explore spirituality.

All welcome! (Age 18+ because of the issues being discussed.) Alpha starts Tuesday, 22nd April, 7.30pm—9pm at 14 Owen Street, Woodend.

Alpha Woodend will run every Tuesday night from Tuesday 22nd April and will conclude on 3rd June. There is no cost for the course, supper provided. For more details please contact Andrew Gall on 0427 177 769 or andrewdgall@hotmail.com.

Submitted by Rev. Andrew Gall on behalf of the Woodend Uniting Church.

ON TIME!!!

Tired of being late for your appointments?

SPECIALIZING IN AIRPORT & CITY TRANSFERS

Sun-Ranges Hire Cars

can look after all your travel needs, with Prompt & Personal door to door service for less than you think

Airport Transfers - Business & Corporate Travel - Weddings & Special Occasions
- Sporting Events & Theatre Nights - Medical Visits

Phone 0468 347742
www.sunrangeshirecars.com.au



Sports and activities

What's on at Buffalo Sports Stadium & Macedon Community Centre

Buffalo Sports Stadium in Woodend and Macedon Community Centre offers a range of sports, fitness classes and preschool programs for children and adults of all abilities. Both centres are managed and funded by Macedon Ranges Shire Council.

We are still looking for more teams to join our Mixed Volleyball Competition and Tuesday night ladies netball competition. For more information, phone 5427 3411 or buffalo@mrsc.vic.gov.au.

2014 Great Macedon Challenge Ride/Run

Rotary Club of Gisborne are hosting the 2014 Great Macedon Challenge Ride/Run. Ride: 70km and 116km; Run: 15km. Macedon Community Centre, Waterfalls Road, Macedon, Sunday May 4.

For more information please contact Barry 0408 284 510 or www.gisbornerotary.org.au.

MRBA Basketball

The Macedon Ranges Basketball Association capped off a terrific summer season with its Grand Final Day on Sunday 23 March at Buffalo Stadium. Registrations are now available online for the Winter Season which runs across Term 2 and Term 3. Visit macedonrangesbasketball.net.au for more information.

Strength for Health

Strength for Health is a progressive strength training program designed specifically for older adults.

Classes are held on Tuesdays from 1pm–2pm and Fridays

from 9.30am–10.30am. Fees are \$60 for a 10 pass card or \$118 for a 20 pass card. Please tell your friends to come along and enjoy the benefits of regular exercise with our experienced instructors who offer an individual exercise program.

Mini Maestros

Mini Maestros classes are now enrolling for Term 2. Sessions are available in Gisborne, Kyneton, Macedon and Woodend for children aged between six months and five years. Phone Jo on 0417 703 690 to enquire or learn more at www.minimaestros.com.au.

Mixed volleyball

Registrations are now being accepted for our Thursday evening mixed volleyball competition. Team or individual entries are accepted. Games are held from 7.30pm–9.30pm. Team fees: \$48 registration and \$15 per player. To register your interest, call 5427 3411 or email buffalo@mrsc.vic.gov.au

Kindergym

Our new Kindergym teacher, Mrs Anna Shelper will help to develop your child's gross motor skills, coordination, balance, confidence and social skills through active play and organised activities. Program times: 1–3 years, Fridays from 10am–10.50am; 3–5 years, Fridays from 11am–12 noon.

Fees: \$9.20 casual visit or 10 pass card \$85 (valid for six months). Tell your friends about this fantastic program.

Facility Hire

We have rooms available for hire at both Buffalo Sports Stadium and Macedon Community Centre for your next business or sporting needs. For more detail phone 5427 3411 or email buffalo@mrsc.vic.gov.au.

Submitted by Gemma Gamble, MRSC

5 Insider Secrets to a Warm Woodend Winter

"We're getting on now, and we don't want to end up having to pay an absolute fortune on energy bills, so we're looking at ways to reduce those costs as simply and easily as we can."

Chris, 2013



Visit www.keepmewarm.com.au to watch the video that will keep you warm this winter!

Access Your FREE Video!
www.keepmewarm.com.au



Learn the 5 Things That You Can Do to
Make Your Home...



more comfortable



cheaper to keep warm



better for the environment



www.ecoMaster.com.au • 1300 326 627



PROGRAM of EVENTS
MARCH to MAY 2014

- | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| On-The-Couch | Concerts |
| Lectures | Exhibitions |
| Health & Wellbeing | House & Garden Tours |
| Children's Circus Show | Bush Walks |

Program details in brochure and website

Bookings Essential 5426 1490
 admin@duneira.com.au | www.duneira.com.au



What's on at Duneira in April

Explorations of satire, business and Royal investigations into Shakespeare's authorship are set to the tune of an array of musical concerts to suit a cultured palate at Duneira with a program concentrated around the weekend of 5 and 6 April. And gardens – from grand to musical are up for discussion and viewing – plus a bushwalk to suit the more energetic among garden enthusiasts.

April highlights At Duneira include:

- Guiding Principles from the Grand Gardens - with Michael McCoy (10.45am–11.45am, Saturday 5th)
- Piano Milestones – with Stefan Cassomenos (2.45pm – 3.45pm, Saturday 5th)
- On the Couch with Sir Roderick Carnegie AC – (4.15pm–5.15pm, Saturday 5th)
- Musical Instrument Garden Tour - with Simon Rickard (11.30am–12.30pm Sunday 6th). Ever wondered what timbers a violin is made of? Or what tree gives the Japanese koto its mystical sound? From the recorder to the harpsichord and the electric guitar, the trees of Duneira can tell the story of music.
- Alias William Shakespeare – with John O'Donnell (1pm–2pm, Sunday 6th). Following the Essex Rebellion of 1601 Queen Elizabeth was at pains to discover the authorship of the play *Richard II*, which had been performed on the eve of the rebellion to stir up support for the cause. While the play had already been printed twice under Shakespeare's name, at the time of the Queen's inquiry, the authorship was in doubt. Was it accepted that the play was published under an alias? And who was the most likely author?
- Joseph Tawardos Trio – featuring James Tawardo on percussion and Matt McMahon on piano (2.30pm–3.30pm, Sunday 6th)
- Bryan Dawe: A Satirists Journey – (first session sold out, second session at 5:30pm–6:30pm, Sunday 6th April). Get up close and personal, including witnessing him interview Sir Rivers 'via satellite' from Duneira for an opinionated update on how the Federal Government is going under Prime Minister Abbott. A clever piece of multimedia illusion with the satirist firmly in place live with the audience at Duneira.
- Mt Macedon Bushwalk (10am–1pm, Sunday 6th)

Midweek program

Midweek classes and tours begin again for the autumn program, with new Italian teacher Ivano Ercole, an Italian-born writer and radio personality who has been the director of the Italian–Australian radio network, *Rete Italia*, since 1994 and Italian language broadcaster at SBS Radio in Melbourne for 10 years.

- Chinese and Italian Language classes are available weekly on Tuesdays at 1.30pm, 4pm and 6pm.
 - Stillness Meditation program with Robyn Minski, accredited and experienced Stillness Meditation teacher. Classes held Tuesdays (4pm and 5.30pm)
 - House & garden tours are available on Thursdays
- For more information & bookings: 5426 1490 (Monday–Thursday) or www.duneira.com.au.

Submitted by G Robertson

Fringe Benefits Tax on Cars

The FBT (Fringe Benefits Tax) year runs from 1 April until 31 March. Now is the time to make sure you will have your vehicle details in order for the year end. One of the methods to calculate FBT on vehicles is via your log book. If you use this method remember you need to maintain a logbook for 12 weeks every 5 years or if your business usage changes.

Cars are also on the ATO's 'FBT radar'. They will be conducting a campaign to make sure employers who have purchased a car during the 2013 2014 fringe benefits tax (FBT) year are aware that they may have FBT obligations.

Data has been obtained from various motor vehicle registering bodies to identify employers who have purchased a business registered vehicle but have not registered for FBT.

The ATO particularly highlight that:

- if a car is garaged at home, it is taken to be available for private use;
- as a general rule, travel to and from work is private use of a vehicle; and
- there are only limited circumstances where an employee's private use of a car is exempt from FBT.

If you would like further information or assistance with preparing your FBT return please give our FBT specialist Anita a call.

Riverwood Group Pty Ltd
Accountants, Advisors & Planners
 111 High Street Woodend
 2/19 Bourke Street Kilmore
Phone: 5427 8000
 www.riverwoodgroup.com.au
 Email: admin@riverwoodgroup.com.au



WOODEND PLAYGROUP INC

Hard work pays off for Woodend Playgroup

Woodend Playgroup finally reaped the rewards of a tireless year of fundraising and record membership growth in 2013, with the installation of its new bathroom and carpet throughout the facility.

Woodend Playgroup President, Faye Cormick, says the renovations have been a long time coming for the group's 147 enrolled children.

"The bathroom was decades old and in major need of renovation in order to meet occupational health and safety standards. With a growing membership base, we needed to ensure our facilities were at the required standard" Cormick says.

"This could not have been achieved without the loyal and dedicated support of our members and the wider Woodend community, and we would like to say a big thank you to everyone who helped us."

In 2013 Woodend Playgroup raised \$10,000 through cake and bake stalls and various other fundraising efforts, such as a trivia night, for the project. A \$1,000 donation by the Woodend Lions Club was received, a \$5,000 donation was made by the Minister for Environment and Climate Change, Ryan Smith, and the Department of Environment and Primary Industries and Macedon Ranges Shire Council made a \$5,000 grant towards the renovation.

Woodend Playgroup's new outdoor play equipment, part of its prize for being named "Victorian Playgroup of the Year" in 2013 by Playgroup Victoria, was also installed, much to the delight of the children.

Playgroup was closed for a fortnight during March in order to complete the improvements. During that time members enjoyed venturing out to various local child-friendly cafés and locations in the Macedon Ranges, such as Ethic, Hanging Rock and the fantastic Woodend Children's Park. Bush Playgroup was held at Mt Macedon's historic Sanatorium Lake on March the 15th and the children enjoyed getting back to nature with a bushwalk down to the lake and picnic ground.

We look forward to a fantastic 2014 with our new facilities and play equipment to be enjoyed by all.

Submitted by Jane Oldland



Find the New Woodend Star online!
www.newwoodendstar.org.au

You have questions We have Answers

CHINKA (HEP) STEEL - Your "One Stop" Legal Shop

Expert Advice Available

- * Family Law—who gets what?
- * Been charged by the Police?
- * Conveyancing - avoid the traps!
- * Need a Parenting Agreement?
- * Need a Co-habitation Agreement?
- * Executor responsibilities?
- * Been left out of the Will?
- * Buying/Selling a Business?
- * Do you have a current Will?
- * Are you a Victim of Crime?

Ph: 03 5427 2477
74 High St Woodend
chinka@chinkasteel.com.au

www.chinkasteel.com.au

Visit our website for information on various areas of law, useful links, downloadable brochures, plus much more!

Adventures at Scouts

Community spirit is alive and well in Woodend, and 2nd Woodend Scout Group have been the fortunate recipients of a donation of new canoes by Bourkies Bakehouse.

Adam and Deb Bourke were one of the first sponsors of the Woodend Children's Park back in 2007 and now they are again supporting the children of the town with equipment that can expand their outdoor experiences and enjoyment.



Top: Cubs waiting for their turn in the canoe Below: Racing back to the shore



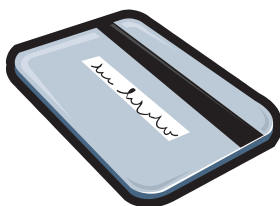
The children have learnt valuable water craft skills first on Nursery Lake, then on Lake Eppalock— seeing many of them learn the first level of canoe handling qualifications. Under the careful tuition of Venturer Leader Dale Sutton, many of the children will next month experience a 60km canoe hike on the Murray River, camping under the stars on the river banks as they go. It's the stuff kids dreams are made of.

2nd Woodend has just celebrated its 2nd Birthday, on the same day as it celebrated the birthday of Scouting founder Robert Baden-Powell. We'd like to say a special thank you to Mayor Roger Jukes, Cr John Connor and Jennifer Anderson, MP Amanda Millar and Labor candidate Mary-Anne Thomas, along with other members of the community for sharing the occasion with us. Scouting in the the Macedon Ranges is growing from strength to strength, supporting young people on adventures and development programs. It is truly refreshing and encouraging to see both businesses and government representatives supporting us so.

For anyone wishing more information on our activities or are interested in supporting the program, please contact us on 0417 440 228.

Submitted by Jane Walduck

New billing system



We have received much feedback with regards to the complexity of our billing system.

As a result, from the 1st March in response to this feedback, we are simplifying our billing system.

You will only be required pay the gap fee on the day of service. On weekdays, where a single service has been provided on the day, the maximum you will pay is \$45 (\$35 for Pension/HCC holders).

We will no longer require you to make the full payment on the day – however this option is available to you should you prefer it.

Discounts may apply to some services – eg. a small payment of up to \$15 will be charged for services like the “Swift Clinic”.

For further information please speak to our friendly reception team.

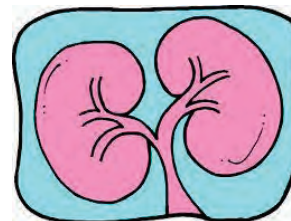
Flu vaccination clinic



Phone us to book into a flu clinic. These clinic consultations are solely for giving flu vaccinations and they are bulk billed.

The cost of the vaccine is \$25 however the Government offers free vaccinations for those who are aged 65+, pregnant or indigenous aged 15+; and those people with chronic illnesses or conditions that predispose to severe influenza illness. Your doctor will assess your eligibility. Please call reception to book into a clinic.

Chronic Kidney Disease - are you at risk?



Many people have chronic kidney disease (CKD) and are not aware of it until the late stages of the disease.

One in three Australians has risk factors for CKD – these include:

- 60 years or older
- Have diabetes
- Have heart disease
- Family history of kidney disease
- High blood pressure
- Obesity
- Smoking
- Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin

Next time you are seeing your GP, ask for a kidney health check – particularly if you have a number of these risk factors. Your GP will take your blood pressure and order a couple of pathology tests.

When caught early, patients are able to manage the disease with the help of their GP. However many people are not aware they have the disease until it has developed into late stage kidney disease. For further information go to:

<http://www.kidney.org.au/>

Audiology services

Audiologist, Meg Tucker, provides full diagnostic hearing testing and screening for children and adults; fits hearing aids; reassesses old hearing aid fittings; repairs hearing aids, supplies batteries and does maintenance; and fits custom made ear plugs for noise and swimming.

Meg’s services operate from Brooke Street Medical Centre on Thursdays and Fridays.

Please ring 5427 1002 for an appointment.

Water use high in Woodend over summer

Drinking water use soared during summer, according to Western Water figures, with Woodend residents using 316 litres per person per day.

Local reservoirs that supply drinking water to Woodend – Campaspe, Graham Brock and Reservoir C – had dropped to 65 per cent of capacity at the end of February.

Woodend is currently under Permanent Water Saving Rules, in line with the rest of the Macedon Ranges and Melbourne.

Under PWSRs, gardens and lawns can be watered at any time with a watering can, bucket or hand-held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle.

Watering systems, including sprinklers, can only be used between 6pm and 10am.

For more information on Permanent Water Saving Rules, or to check reservoir levels, see westernwater.com.au or call 1300 650 422.

Submitted by K. Smith for Western Water



THE Anglican Parish
of Woodend

Easter at St Mary's

St Mary's Anglican Church welcomes the local community and visitors to Woodend to attend services over Easter.

Services will be held on:

- Maundy Thursday service and meal 7pm 17 April. This will be a children and family friendly service.
- Easter Day 20 April 10.30am Eucharist.

Regular services are held at St Mary's on Wednesday at 10am and Sundays at 10.30am. St Mary's is located at 15 Buckland Street, Woodend, opposite the cemetery. Contact: The Rev'd Dr Peta Sherlock on 0421 871 126.

To hire The Norma Richardson Hall or for more information about St Mary's visit www.woodendanglican.org.au or contact woodendanglican@gmail.com You can also keep up to date on Facebook.

Submitted by Angela Van Dam

CFA gets cooler

The lack of an air conditioner in Woodend's CFA Fire Station was brought to our attention late last year.

The community swiftly showed their support, donating cash to cover the installation of an air conditioner.

Installed by Pete Johnson who owns local company Frigair, Pete sourced the air conditioner at cost then he and his staff kindly donated a day's labour on March 6th to install the six vent reverse-cycle system.

This means that all of our volunteers will be kept cool next summer and warm over the winter period with many call outs involving late nights and cold days.

Thanks again to the groups and individuals who all donated.

Submitted by Caroline Bailey

Lachlan Fleming **CONSTRUCTIONS** PTY LTD

EXTENSIONS, RENOVATIONS, NEW HOMES

SERVICING THE MACEDON RANGES


0401 499 898

REGISTERED
Building Practitioner

Email: flemingconstructions@bigpond.com




Feel sensational at The Spa

Our team of professional and passionate therapists can assist you with all of your needs...
With microdermabrasion, IPL, peels, facials, massages, waxing and more, we are open 6 days a week.

The Spa
Beauty Therapy Centre

Gisborne | 3/31 Brantome St Gisborne 3437 | 03 5428 8800
Woodend | 41 Anslow St Woodend 3442 | 03 5427 3322
www.thespa.com.au



New family law practice in Gisborne
All areas of family law, separation, divorce, property settlements, care of children, maintenance etc

Come find out where you stand with a **free initial appointment**

Phone: 5428 8344 email: megan@macedonrangesfamilylaw.com.au
13 Goode St, Gisborne 3437
www.macedonrangesfamilylaw.com.au

Meta Massage

SPORTS/REMEDIAL MASSAGE, SHIATSU, REIKI
Raymond White

Telephone 0411 268 336
for an appointment
18 years experience • Chronic and acute conditions
Sports injuries • Rehab work

O'CALLAGHAN BROS FIREWOOD Supplies

Redgum Block & Split Firewood
Semi & Smaller Loads Available
Bagged Firewood - 15 & 20 kgs
Wholesale Orders Taken

• FREE DELIVERY •

OPEN 7 DAYS
28 SAUER Rd NEW GISBORNE
5428 1955 0488 957 090

**RECOGNISING
WOODEND'S**  **volunteers**

Lauren Olney — Macedon Ranges Community Christmas Lunch

Like a lot of volunteers, Lauren Olney comes from a family where volunteering is simply “what you do”. One of Bob and Sandi Olney’s three daughters, Lauren was brought up with a strong family ethic of helping others. These days, Lauren’s volunteering has to fit around her own family and a demanding role at Cobaw Community Health. Helping out at scouts and with school fundraising keeps Lauren busy throughout the year, but a particular seasonal event has dominated her life since 2008.

The idea for the Macedon Ranges Community Christmas Lunch started when an elderly man in Lancefield had nowhere to go for Christmas. Aware of his situation and concerned, Lauren’s colleague at Cobaw, Maryann Falkland, took him home for lunch that day. Talking together afterwards, Lauren and Maryann agreed that it was a pity that there was not something more appropriate – more community-based – that people alone at Christmas could attend together.

These remarkable women took their idea and turned it into an award-winning community event. The Macedon Ranges Community Christmas Lunch was nominated and awarded the Australia Day Community Event Award for 2014 by the Shire. Starting with nothing other than their own good will, Lauren and Maryann were able to hold the first Community Christmas Lunch by asking local shops to donate food, presents or money to the event. After a broadcast on Central Victoria ABC radio, they were given access to the Town Hall and that has been the home of the Christmas Lunch ever since. Shire Council Arts & Culture Officer Terry Moore stepped in and volunteered to spend his Christmas supervising the event. Terry is now as much a part of the day as plum pudding and Santa. Macedon Ranges Shire Council and Cobaw Community Health support the Community Christmas Lunch, but it is an entirely voluntary



event and not a program run by either of those organizations.

The day has special resonance for Lauren, and she says “Christmas can be a hard day if you’re alone, and it feels good to have an alternative to all the consumerism that goes on”. Last year, I joined Lauren and Maryann and their families at the Town Hall as a Christmas Ambassador. My husband and I helped in the kitchen, and I even joined Lauren on stage to sing a few carols. It was one of the best Christmases we’ve ever had, and to me embodied the true idea of Christmas as a time to come together in goodwill and extend generosity of spirit towards others.

The Christmas Lunch is open to everyone who would otherwise be alone, whether by choice or because family members are far away, or because of circumstances. It is also there for those who find Christmas a difficult time, financially or emotionally. The day is non-denominational, and alcohol-free. I can tell you from experience that the food is delicious: three professional chefs from the area donate their considerable skills to cooking up the perfect lunch.

“It has been a big learning experience for me” says Lauren. “My family know that this is where I want to be at Christmas and we have had to make sacrifices over the years”. By involving their families in the event, Lauren and Maryann are passing on their community spirit to the next generation of local children. Organising an event for up to 150 people with very little budget is a skillful task. Lauren and Maryann do an amazing job and are very appreciative of all the volunteer and funding assistance they have received over the years. Volunteer numbers on the Day are capped, meaning that there is only room for a set number of helpers. However, there is always work to be done in the lead-up with fundraising, wrapping presents, arranging transport etc.

Things start to get busy for Maryann and Lauren in September, and like everyone at the end of the year, more help is needed as they get closer to Christmas. High on Lauren’s wishlist for 2014 is a Seasonal Working Group to help spread the load. Entertainment on the day is another big help, although Lauren herself is a talented musician

continued on page 22

Furniture Upholstery

SCR Upholstery

We offer

- all aspects of upholstery to modern and antique furniture
- free quotes
- free pick up and delivery



Steve - 0419 434 927

www.scrupholstery.hipages.com.au



FAIRHURST CONVEYANCING
and Secretarial Services

For all your

Property Transfers

Ring Sue Fairhurst on

5427 2382

27 Urquhart Street, Woodend

MVCA & AIC

continued from page 1

Lauren Olney - continued and guests love to sing along to carols played on her guitar. If you would like to gain experience in event management, help others at Christmas or if you just enjoy wrapping presents, please contact Lauren Olney or Maryann Falkland at Cobaw Community Health. Remember, Christmas comes but once a year, so this is a great way to volunteer if you prefer your commitment to be short and sweet!

To find out more, contact Lauren Olney or Maryann Falkland: 5421 1666.

"Woodend Connections - Volunteer Network" c/o Woodend Neighbourhood House, 47 Forest Street, Woodend. Phone 5427 1845 or email reception@woodendnh.org.au. Join the conversation at facebook.com/WoodendConnections

Written by Lisa Richards



Homewares

GIFT HOME FASHION

Is NOW OPEN in WOODEND

Featuring all that is unique, eclectic, and hand selected in Homewares, Furniture, Fashion, Gift & Gourmet/Corporate Hampering

Offering Phone Orders, Lay-By, Delivery, Complimentary Gift Wrap, Home Styling, Wardrobe Re-Styling, Special Ordering & Personal Service

2 Shops *NOW OPEN 7 DAYS**
WOODEND - Shop 3/87 High Street 5427 3168
ROMSEY - 120 Main Street 5429 3636

 Please follow us on Facebook @ facebook.com/cuttingshomewares
www.cuttingshomewares.com.au

Gisborne Singers

The Gisborne Singers are now into their final rehearsals for their next concert. This will comprise excerpts from *Bach's St Matthew* and *St John Passions* and Vivaldi's *Gloria*.

The choir will be supported by two professional singers—Alexandra Flood as Soprano and Lotte Betts-Dean as Contralto. They will appear with a hand-picked chamber orchestra.

Patrons in Gisborne and surrounds will be delighted to know that we have at last found a venue in Gisborne suitable for our concerts. This is the Church of Christ new auditorium on Saunders Road and will be the venue for the first concert on Sunday 6 April starting at 3pm. This will be followed on Sunday 13 April with a performance at St Paul's Anglican Church in Kyneton also commencing at 3pm.

In traditional style, both concerts will be followed by afternoon tea. For bookings go to gisbornesingers.org.au or telephone Robert on 5428 7033.

Tickets are also sold at the door unless sold out prior. Booking is recommended. Patrons should note that we shall bring back the highly acclaimed Mozart's *Requiem* and selected Mozart items as our final concert to be held on Sunday 16 November at St Ambrose Church Hall, Woodend and finishing with a flourish at our new home base at Church of Christ, Saunders Road, Gisborne on Sunday 23 November. Both performances commence at 3pm.

The Gisborne Singers will also be performing at the Anzac Day ceremony in Gisborne on Friday 25 April.

Submitted by Richard Whitley



submit your advertising or news story by the 15th of every month



24sevenalarms.com.au
24 Seven Alarms Aust Pty Ltd

- Alarms installed, Serviced and Monitored
- Data cabling and phone line installation
- Medical Alert Systems
- Access Control Systems PSBL: 732-083-90s
- Digital Video Surveillance CCTV packages: domestic and commercial

1800 247 111/ 03 5427 4411
sales@24sevenalarms.com.au

0402 228 286



Pacifique Vue Vanuatu

Luxury Accommodation
www.pacifiquevue.com
 Ocean front + FREE rental car

Marriage Celebrant



Patsy Buckland m: 0437 179 078
www.allmarriagecelebrations.com
 Located in Woodend

Alissa Kate

Skin. Body. Beauty. Hair

CALL US TODAY!

20% off

All Ladies, Mens and Childrens Cuts with Madeleine

Madeleine has entered into her 3rd year as a celebration we are offering this fantastic promo.

You will benefit from receiving our high-quality services at a fraction of the price. All of our training are supervised by a senior hairdresser and all care is taken to provide you with a great service.

Product of the Month

3 in 1 Fruit Peel Mask

Enzyme Peel, Hydrating Mask & Exfoliating Gommage

Perfect for super hydration, calming and clearing, youth and radiance.

An ideal at home exfoliating treatment for all skins. Made up of an 18% enzyme blend including mango, pomegranate and papaya to digest redundant cells revealing a hydrated, glowing complexion. Perfect pick me up!

“Like our Facebook page to go into the draw to Win your very own 3 in 1 Fruit Peel Mask” valued at RRP \$59.00

‘Mother’s Day’ Packages

She is always there for you when you need it most. Show her how much you appreciate her. Book her in for this fantastic package Alissa Kate is offering and give your beautiful mum a well deserved day off.

Back Massage
&
Express Facial

\$99

Express Manicure,
Express Pedicure
&
Blow wave

\$79

1/4 Head Foils,
Hydrating Hair
Treatment, Style Cut
& Blow wave

\$129

But HURRY, these offer's are limited to the first 29 bookings!
Must mention ad.

Gift Certificates Available

We are seeking a fully qualified Beauty Therapist to join our team full time. This is a great opportunity for someone who is passionate about Beauty, Skin, Customer service, and wanting to grow their career. If you are that person or know someone who is please email Alissa on alissa@alissakatesalon.com

15/130 High Street, Woodend
Call 5427 3822
alissa@alissakatesalon.com
www.beauty-salon-woodend.com.au

This page is proudly sponsored by the 19th HOLE SHOPPING CENTRE

cut out this calendar & stick on your fridge!



Upcoming Events

April

- 1 Community funding scheme applications open
- 5 Great Macedon Grand Tour
- 6 End Daylight saving: Change your smoke alarm
- 5-6 Duneira: Gardens, Music, Discussion, Tours see website for details
- 6 MADRIDE 2014
- 6 Gisborne Singers concert
- 7 Young Writers' award entries due
- 9 Macedon Ranges Film Society
- 10 MRSC Listening Post @ Coles
- 12 RSL Dinner function
- 12 Newham Monster Garage Sale
- 13 Gisborne Aquathon
- 13 Gisborne Singers concert
- 15 Submissions due: The New Woodend Star
- 16 Woodend Lions Village Market
- 17 Maundy Thursday Service, St Mary's
- 18 Transport survey due



- 20 Eucharist. St Mary's
- 22 Alpha course begins
- 19 Sidewalk sale: Benefit Michael Blyth
- 25 ANZAC Day
- 25 Dawn Service @ Memorial Cross, No cars, bus only
- 25 ANZAC DAY March, High Street from 11.15
- 25 Avenue of Honour Commemorative Day, Woodend RSL
- 27 Landcare Working Bee
- 27 Macedon Ranges Running Club 10km Milestone Run

May

- 3 Woodend Community Farmers' Market
- 3 The Great Trentham Spudfest
- 4 Brendan Fevola plays for the Hawks
- 7 Gisborne Secondary College
- 10 Tylden Fair & Tractor Pull
- 11 Mother's Day
- 11 Trees for Mum
- 14 Macedon Ranges Film Society
- 12-18 National Volunteers Week

June

- 6-9 Woodend Winter Arts Festival
- 7 Winter Session, Community Permaculture Garden
- 11 Macedon Ranges Film Society
- 15 Submissions due: The New Woodend Star
- 21 Solstice Party for Solar: WPS fundraiser

COMMUNITY GROUPS CONTACT DETAILS

Alcoholics Anonymous, Friday night, Cobaw Community Centre, 0409 131 144
 Australian Breastfeeding Association, Heather, 5427 2398
 Cobaw Thursday Walking Group 5427 3340
 Daylight Masonic Lodge, 5427 2480
 1st Woodend Scout Group, 5427 2848, Leisa 0429 331 695
 Friends of Macedon Ranges Library, Sheila/Don 5427 3644
 Garden Club, 5422 6062 / 5427 3340
 Kyneton Municipal Band, Doug, 0411 420 113
 Lancefield-Macedon Ranges, Relay For Life, Kathy 0419 644 688
 Living Word Christian Church, 5429 6327
 Historical Society, Courthouse, 5427 2523
 Macedon Ranges Art Trail Nadine 0439 399 838
 Macedon Ranges & District Motor Club, 10 Webb Cres, New Gisborne 1st Wednesday each month 8pm
 Macedon Ranges Amateur Radio Club Graeme 0418 838 300
 Macedon Ranges Animal Aid, Buffalo Sports Stadium, 5427 1752
 Macedon Ranges Bridge Club, 5427 1884
 Macedon Ranges Families of Children with Disabilities Support Group, 5427 3365
 Macedon Ranges Residents Assc., 5427 1481 or 5427 2651
 Macedon Ranges Photographic Society, Ron Mathews, 5427 3284
 Parent Support 4 LD, - Kerrie 0414 432 158
 Probus, 5427 2003
 R.S.L., Anslow Street, 5427 3122
 Red Cross, 5427 1260
 Rotary Club of Woodend, meetings weekly at Vic Hotel Thursdays 6.45pm, 0409 439 046
 St. Mary's Guild, 11am, 4th Wednesday of month
 St. Mary's Street Stall, 9-12 noon outside Woodend Newsagency (2nd Sat of the month)
 Woodend Art Group, Railway Station, 5427 1659
 Woodend Business & Tourism Group woodendtraders@gmail.com
 Woodend Landcare: Meetings and weekend working bees - Jo 5427 1909
 Thursday Crew - morning - Stewart 5427 4615
 Woodend Hanging Rock Petanque Club, Hanging Rock Reserve, 5420 7595
 Woodend Lions Club, Meetings 2nd/4th Wednesday each month, Barry McDonald, 5427 1272
 Woodend Neighbourhood House, 47 Forest St, 5427 1845
 Woodend Playgroup 0467 093 878
 Woodend Pony Club, 5427 2793
 Woodend Senior Citizens Club, Comm. Centre
 Woodend SES Training Nights Monday, Urquhart St
 Woodend Tennis Club
 Laura 0408 881 763
 Woodend Winter Arts Festival Inc., info@wwaf.org.au

Ian Marks Liquor
8554 0540

Blue Orange Concepts: homeware
5427 4500

Woodend Pizza & Pasta
5427 3777

Coles Supermarket
5427 2377

**Collier Office & Business Assist
and Woodend Copy Centre**
5427 3092

Pets Haven
5427 3603

Mitre-10 Woodend Hardware
5427 2314

Noodle Dynasty
5427 4880

BP Woodend
5427 2248

Target Country
5427 4366

Macedon Ranges Travel Services
5427 4777

Kosmac & Clemens: optometrists
5427 4577

Alissa Kate
Skin. Body. Beauty. Hair.
5427 3822

Salvation Army Family Store
5427 4421

Loose Change Bargains
5427 4466

Shop 19 - For lease
0407 273 961

Australia Post
5427 2600

Feeling Framed
5427 4455

The Spa Beauty Therapy Centre
5427 3322

HIGH STREET SHOPS

Color Me Cooper
5427 1454

Chelleon For Hair
5427 3246

RT Edgar Real Estate
5427 1222

Woodend Bakery Cafe
5427 3434

TERRY'S GROUND CREW

**NO TIME . . . TOO MUCH TO DO?
CALL THE CREW**



- **FIRE PREVENTION CLEAN UPS**
- **STREET VERGE CLEAN UPS**
- **WINDOW & GUTTER CLEANING**
- **RUBBISH REMOVALS**
- **FIREWOOD COLLECTION & SPLITTING**
- **MOWING & BRUSH CUTTING**
- **POST & TREE HOLE DRILLING**
- **STUMP REMOVAL**
- **ROTARY HOEING**
- **SOIL MOVING & LEVELLING**
- **TRENCHING**
- **ALL THE HARD STUFF**

ENJOY YOUR PRECIOUS WEEKENDS

The small acreage specialist servicing the
Macedon Ranges and beyond for over 9 years

CALL NOW 0400 909 303

Festival a success

The Woodend Autumn Carnival held at St Ambrose was an outstanding success and we'd like to extend a huge heartfelt thank you to the community for joining us and supporting our event – whether by attending, sponsoring, donating goods or working on the day to support our school and parish. The weather was very kind to us and provided our biggest turnout ever for the carnival.

St Ambrose Principal, Rob Macklin wrote in a letter to parents after the carnival, "The carnival is our biggest fund-raising activity but its importance is much more than that. It is a wonderful time when we come together as a community and show our solidarity and the strength of the relationships that exist. It's a time when we not only work for the school but also for our wider parish community and make a significant contribution to parish life. Importantly, it is a special way that we show our kids that we want their lives to be special and that we can give them a day that is just great fun." The sentiment is clear and is felt by the whole school and parish community – we are truly grateful to be part of this community and to run such a wonderful event that is celebrated by all.

If you missed the carnival, please see our Facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/WoodendAutumnCarnival> for a list of all the businesses and supporters of our event along with a photo gallery of the day. AND, please circle 14 March 2015 in your calendar for next year's Carnival!

Submitted by Fiona Makin

Macedon Ranges Film Society

At the March meeting of the Macedon Ranges Film Society, the audience was entertained by the clever writing in the film *The History Boys*.

Based on a play by Alan Bennett, the film stars Richard Griffiths as the redoubtable character Hector, the General Studies teacher at a fictional Grammar school. The film centres around the education of eight young male students, all vying for acceptance at Oxbridge. The boys need a little polish before entering such august institutions and Hector, with a good blend of wit and gravitas, goes all out to achieve the best he can for his boys. The resultant film is fast-paced and witty with some deep insights.

On Wednesday, April 9th, a 2007 Israeli film will be screened. *The Band's Visit*, directed by Eran Kolirin, won eight Israeli Ophir prizes awarded by the Israeli Film Academy. The plot involves the arrival from Egypt of the Alexandria Ceremonial Police Orchestra, consisting of eight men. They have been booked by an Arab cultural centre but through a miscommunication, the band takes a bus to a town in the desert. Here, they must face the challenges as they arise.

The Macedon Ranges Film Society meets on the second Wednesday of every month at 7pm in the Woodend Community Centre. Film notes are provided and for those who wish, there is supper, kindly supplied by members, following the screening. Enquiries about membership must first be made by emailing mrfilmsociety@gmail.com or call Christine on 5429 5452 or Lorraine on 5427 0921.

Submitted by Christine Caley.

Thank you & Goodbye from
Nature's Garden
Quality 100% Organic Produce

After more than seven fruitful and enjoyable years, we have decided to sell Nature's Garden and move on to a new adventure in Far North Queensland.

I would love to thank all my loyal customers, past and present for their wonderful support and help in bringing my dream to life. I have formed some amazing friendships which I will cherish forever.

I know I leave the shop in safe hands and trust your organic food supplies will be secure for many years to come.

Mark Ryrych

Fresh and Unframed

Easter Art Market: Mark the date in your calendar now!

The Woodend Art Group will be open for business daily over Easter, from 10:00am to 4:00pm. We are situated at the Woodend Railway Station.

Paintings and prints, framed and unframed will be available to purchase at Bargain Box prices along with cards and pottery items.

Why not pay us a visit? For further information contact Amanda Candusio 0419 116 922 or Sue Lanchester ayesha@vic.chariot.net.au.

Admittance: gold coin donation and coffee and refreshments will be served.

Submitted by Margaret Watkins

National Volunteers Week

Woodend Connections and Woodend Library will be promoting volunteers during the week 12–18 May.

We will be showcasing all the wonderful volunteers in the Community and organising a morning tea. Profiles of volunteers will be displayed throughout.

We would like to celebrate and invite people to send us a picture and a short note about your work, passion, groups you volunteer with, experiences, thoughts and words of wisdom.

Please send your information to Woodend Neighbourhood House reception@woodendnh.org.au or drop it into the House by May 2.

If you require assistance with photos please call the House on 5427 1845 and Hubert Weisrock our skilled digital photographer can assist you.

For any further queries please contact Janet 5427 1317

Woodend Hanging Rock Petanque Club

Winners are Grinners

A very successful Lightning Premiership was held at Hanging Rock Reserve recently with locals Joan Gladman, Noel Gladman and Jenny Large being the outright winners.

Club president Ken Helmore thanked all the teams who played, all proving to be very competitive. He said it was particularly pleasing that many newer players experienced a competition that included novices to champions. The competition was successfully run using the Swiss System with Peter Wells and David Shaw well in control.

If you are interested in playing with the club, come along to Hanging Rock Reserve Thursdays 5.30pm during daylight saving hours. For a small fee of \$5.00 per person Thursday evening includes a BBQ or casual meal, and free entry to Hanging Rock Reserve.

National Level

Shirley Marshall performed admirably at the recent Australian International Doubles Championships held in Camberwell.

Paired with Aileen Hebblethwaite from St Kilda Petanque Club, the ladies finished sixth of 17 teams participating on the first day of competition. This performance qualified the team to play in the *Principale* the following day. The pair were eliminated from the top four but proceeded to win the Semi and Final of the *Complimentaire* (Consolation) competition. Their final ranking for the weekend was 5th.

Club President Ken Helmore complimented Shirley Marshall on her performance. "Shirley is a very talented Petanque player who regularly performs well at the highest level" Ken said. "All members of our Club salute Shirley on yet another fine performance".

Submitted by Helen Cottew, Secretary. WHRPC

JULIANA SMITH BN (Mid), LLB, GDLP

BARRISTER & SOLICITOR

Focusing on Family & Criminal Law

Macedon Ranges & beyond

Woodend Office (by appointment)

27 Urquhart St. Woodend Vic 3442

T: (03) 5444 1181 E: info@jlaw.com.au

Testimonials

"I was extremely happy with my service from Juliana Smith and her team. They were so compassionate and I felt I was provided with quality advice and service. I would recommend them to anyone." M.M. Gisborne. May 2013

"Juliana took on a case a lot of solicitors wouldn't have. Juliana listens, gives honest advice and got a good result." K.B. Bendigo May 2013



Top Hat Productions



- * 8 mm / 16 mm Film to DVD
- * VHS/Mini DV/ Hi 8 to DVD
- * Filming/Editing Services
- * Corporate & Special Events Productions

AVPA Multi -Award Winners
Accredited Producers

PH: 03 5422 3930

THE WOODEND WOOF WALKER



Call Chris for all your dog walking and pet sitting needs.

All pets catered for on a home visit basis.

m: 0431 533 509

e: info@woodendwoofwalker.com

w: www.woodendwoofwalker.com

 Visit us on Facebook



bodywise
UNDERWEAR

www.bodywise.com.au
1300 66 17 66
PO Box 804, Woodend. Hours 9–3 Mon–Fri.
ONLINE, MAIL, PHONE SALES ONLY

Wire-free bras, briefs & more ... sizes 10 to 30



B5527 B5493 B50

Phone us to place an order and arrange delivery

Groom your Dog for Health

Dog grooming isn't a canine luxury, it's a necessity, and it doesn't have to break the bank.

All dogs require regular grooming care for their coat and general well-being. Grooming isn't just about having a clean smelling, good-looking companion. Grooming is also about ensuring your dog's coat is comfortable whilst reviewing their physical health.

Have you ever had your hair in a ponytail that was too tight? A mat can feel the same way to your dog – a constant pull on the skin. Try to imagine those all over your body, and you have an idea how uncomfortable an ungroomed coat can be. Frequent brushing is beneficial for all kinds of dogs no matter what breed they are, helping to remove dead, matted hair and dirt.

At this time of year grass seeds are a big problem, especially for dogs. Seeds that become stuck in the dog's fur can work their way into the skin and become infected. Many dogs have presented with seed related infections – especially between their toes, in the armpits and chest area – that have required surgical procedures to remove.

As well as grass seeds, there are many other potential or existing health problems that you may not pick up until you groom your pet. This includes flea infestations, injuries, broken/ripped nails, dental abscesses, bad breath, ear infection, blocked glands, skin problems, joint inflammation, eye infections and a variety of other issues that may not be immediately obvious.

A regular groomer will become familiar with your dogs 'lumps and bumps' and should immediately notice any changes. When found at an early stage, these problems can be treated right away, before they have a chance to become more serious.

Submitted by N Dalglish for Tony's Practice,
Woodend's Veterinary Centre



**Quality care
for your animals**

Call us to discuss your dogs
grooming requirements

'Excellence in Veterinary Care'
Cnr of Wood & Brooke Streets
Woodend 5427 9200
www.tonyspractice.com.au

**TONY'S
PRACTICE**
Woodend Veterinary Centre
Our grooming salon is open Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

Music Afternoon at Hedge Farm
Saturday April 12
midday to 5pm

Michael Selzeri
& HIS SWINGIN' SEAGUANS



- \$10 entry (limited)
- Licenced (no BYO)
- BYO picnic hamper

www.hedgefarm.com.au
Bookings: suzi@hedgefarm.com.au
Hedge Farm, 124 Three Chain Rd, Carlsruhe



Change Your Clock, Change Your Smoke Alarm Battery
Sunday 6 April is the end of daylight saving and at 3am you need to move your clock back one hour. Along with changing your clock it is the perfect time to also change your smoke alarm batteries.

Woodend Captain Mick Christie said house fires occurred more frequently in the cooler months, so "it makes good sense to check your smoke alarm battery at the same time you change your clock".

"In Autumn and Winter, we tend to stay indoors more, turn on the heating and do more cooking indoors," he said. "Only the sound of a smoke alarm, not the smell of smoke, will wake you in a fire, so it's essential that smoke alarms are tested on a regular basis.

"All smoke alarms, whether hard-wired or wireless, require a battery" added Mr Christie. "Hard-wired alarms use a battery as a back up and the battery needs to be changed as well."

Smoke alarms usually have a lifespan of about 10 years – alarms older than this should be replaced. Some smoke alarms have a printed use-by date, but if an alarm is still 'beeping' after its battery has been changed, it should be replaced.

Only a working smoke alarm saves lives

If there's no sound from your smoke alarm, there's no warning.

Remember, it is normally smoke, not flame or heat, that kills the majority of fire victims. When asleep, our sense of smell is largely diminished, and we're unlikely to smell smoke. The smoke may also put occupants into a deeper sleep, so a smoke alarm actually helps wake you. And, with all of the plastics, materials, electronics and chemicals around – house smoke can be extremely toxic.

Here are some interesting home fire facts:

- One in five Australians have experienced a fire in their homes
- Research has shown that the absence of a smoke alarm can increase the possibility of a fatality by 60%
- While 45% of properties visited had smoke alarms installed, 31% of those were not functioning with the batteries flat or even removed
- About 64% of house fires were unintentionally lit

continued on page 28

**WOODEND
NURSERY**

"LOCAL KNOWLEDGE FOR LOCAL CONDITIONS"

36 URQUHART ST, WOODEND

5427 1866
Full range of plants, seedlings
& gardening accessories
open 7 days

Smoke Signals

- Around 56% of these started in the kitchen during cooking and a further 15% the result of electrical faults
- In more than 95% of metropolitan household fires someone was home at some stage during the fire

To ensure you have a working smoke alarm:

- Test it weekly by pushing the test button with a broom handle to make sure it beeps.
- Dust the alarm with a vacuum cleaner brush.
- Change the battery at least once a year.

A huge thank you for recent donations.

Last month we received some very generous donations from several community fundraising efforts, including Red Balloon Day.

The staff, children and families from Goodstart Early Learning gave us several hampers with lots of goodies as well as \$350. The staff and residents at Bupa Aged Care collected a fantastic \$240. And the staff and customers at Coles Woodend donated an amazing \$760.

During April, we will be organising our first major fundraiser in 5 years with the proceeds going towards some much-needed station and equipment upgrades to ensure we can deliver the best possible service we can to our community.

For further information contact Captain Mick Christie or 1st Lieutenant Mike Dornau at the Woodend CFA on 5427 2356, visit the station in Urquhart Street or our website: www.woodendcfa.org. The Woodend CFA is a volunteer emergency service, committed to Creating Safer Communities.

Submitted by 1st Lieutenant Mike Dornau, Woodend CFA



Australian Red Cross
THE POWER OF HUMANITY

Red Cross

The next meeting of the Woodend Unit of Red Cross will be held on Thursday, 3rd April at 1.30pm. We meet at 39 High Street Woodend. All new members will be made very welcome.

Keep an eye out for members collecting for Red Cross Calling.

Submitted by M. Hocking

KYNETON EQUIPMENT & PARTY HIRE

FOR ALL YOUR HIRING NEEDS
8-12 BEAUCHAMP ST PHONE (03) 5422 2311
KYNETON VIC 3444 FAX (03) 5422 2930

Email: kynhire@bigpond.net.au
website: www.kynetonhire.com.au

2SCALE DESIGN & DRAFT RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PLANS

Sketch Design & Planning
Bushfire (BAL) Assessments
Town Planning Permits
Building Permits

KARYN BIANCO



0425 723 183

www.2Scale.com.au

OPEN NIGHT
7 MAY
5.00 - 8.00PM
MELTON RD, GISBORNE



Respect Diversity Innovation Achievement

GISBORNE
SECONDARY COLLEGE
www.gisbornesc.vic.edu.au



Need A Shed

1300 019 960

needashed.com.au

- GARAGES
- BARNs
- HAY SHEDS
- MACHINERY SHEDS
- INDUSTRIAL SHEDS
- CARPORTS
- AIRCRAFT HANGERS
- CARAVAN SHELTERS
- GABLE OR FLAT ROOF



WOODEND & DISTRICT PODIATRY

John F. Shapland
Resident Practitioner

Reg. Department Veteran's Affairs

5427 2064
Business and After Hours

1895 Mt. Macedon Rd., Woodend



CHIROPRACTIC

We can help you with:

Rehabilitation
Pregnancy
Unsettled Babies
Healthy Lifestyle
Growing Children
Headaches

YOGA

General Yoga
Mums & Bubs
Kids Yoga



MASSAGE

Remedial Massage
Relaxation Massage
Sound Massage
Kinesiology

26 Victoria st, Macedon
5426 3945
enquiries@macedonchiropractic.com.au

Pastor's Parables

A boy waits for the bus

There's an old story of the boy who stood on a sidewalk, waiting on a bus. A man walking by spotted the boy and gave him some gentle instruction. "Son," he said, "If you're waiting on the bus, you need to move to the street corner. That's where the bus stops for passengers" "It's OK," said the boy. "I'll just wait right here and the bus will stop for me."

The man repeated his argument, but the boy never moved. Just then, the bus appeared. Amazingly, the bus pulled over to where the boy stood and the child hopped on. The man on the sidewalk stood speechless. The boy turned around in the doorway and said, "Mister, I knew the bus would stop here, because the bus driver is my dad!"

When you've got a family relationship with the bus driver, you don't need a bus stop. If your mother is an Australian Senator, you won't need an appointment to slip into her office. If you've given your heart to the King of Kings, you're in a royal family of unspeakable proportions.

Easter is a good time to contemplate what your actual relationship is with Jesus. What is your relationship to the one who loves you so much that He allowed Himself to be nailed to a cross and suffer inexplicable persecution. He was punished for all of your past, present and future sins, so that you would never have to be – if you choose to accept what He has done for you.

Q. Why did Jesus do this? A. Jesus loved you so much that He would rather carry your sins and be punished and persecuted for them, than live life without you for Eternity.

What is your relationship to Him? Is He YOUR Lord and Saviour?

Easter Sunday Service

10am 7 Mitchell Court Romsey. (No Evening Service on Easter Sunday)

If you would like to know more about faith in Jesus please contact Pastor Marilyn or our Church office on 5429 6327. We would be happy to help you find true peace and joy in life.

Encourage Church: "Encouraging one another to be ALL that we can be in life and in God".

You are also invited to join us at one of our Sunday Services: 10am at 7 Mitchell Court Romsey, 6pm at Woodend Community Centre, or one of our fortnightly Life Groups. We also offer Before & After School care, fortnightly Youth events and weekly Children's programs.

Pastor Marilyn Hunter, "Encourage Church"



Macedon Ranges
Shire Council

Aquatic & Leisure Centres



Gisborne Aquathon

Sunday 13 April

Tie up those laces and slip on your bathers!

- Mini, short and long courses
- Individual or team registrations

Register today!

Find out more and register at
mrsc.vic.gov.au/leisure or
call **5421 1452**

ADVANCED TREE SALES

Trees grown in air pruning pots, 2-3m high
100 + species available

• Weekends 2014 at **SPRING HILL** •

March 22nd – June 1st

August 2nd – November 30th

Saturday 9-5 & Sunday 9-2 or by appointment

609 Spring Hill-Tylden Road, Spring Hill

Melways Ref: X909 E9 (Between Woodend & Daylesford)

Nick & Carrie: 0422 736 165

www.ancientnatives.com.au

Delivery & EFTPOS available

See website for list & directions

SPORTS NEWS

Bowls Report

The 2013–14 pennant bowls season has ended. Woodend Bowling Club had a most successful year, but, alas, no silverware.

Of the three sides that competed in the Saturday competition, two made the finals, with the 1st division going down to the Eventual Premiers (Lancefield).

In the Preliminary Final, the 2nd division side repeated its last year's performance of getting into the Grand Final, only to be defeated by Kyneton.

The Tuesday competition saw Woodend play off in the Grand Final, but went down by a close margin to Romsey.

Our lady bowlers are continuing to fly the flag. Our 4s will travel to Bendigo with the chance of making it into the last 16 in the state. Lois Scott, Henny Brama, June O'Connor and Rosalie Campbell may well become household names. Shirley Roberts and Brenda Wesley won the CHBA pairs.

The club is continuing to host Friday night Barefoot Bowls, with many local residents enjoying the experience.

Within six weeks we expect the night-time lighting of our Synthetic Green to be in operation this will enable us to bowl throughout the year, and we look forward to sharing this facility with the Woodend community.

Submitted by John Shaun 5427 2423

Welcome to the Woodend Star

Kids Club

April Birthdays

2 nd	Pip Southey.....	Turns 13
7 th	Cooper Ormerod.....	Turns 13
9 th	Teagan Langley.....	Turns 12
12 th	Adele Gehling.....	Turns 11
13 th	Thomas Dale.....	Turns 9
16 th	Molly Spencer-Stewart.....	Turns 11
18 th	Oran Callaghan.....	Turns 5
23 rd	George Foster.....	Turns 12
24 th	Meghan Norman.....	Turns 12
29 th	Brandon Lee Gabauer.....	Turns 13

Happy Birthday Everyone!

JOIN THE WOODEND STAR KIDS CLUB

Fill in your details below and mail to P.O. Box 387 Woodend
Age limit is 13 years old. Must be a resident of the 3442 postcode

Full name: _____

Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian _____

Signature: _____

Sponsored by:



Collier Office
and Business Assist

You can collect your birthday surprise by
visiting Collier Office & Business Assist



The New Woodend Star
connecting the community

woodend wine Store

CHEESE

WE ARE NOW SELLING A GREAT RANGE OF
CHEESES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

INCLUDING

YARRA VALLEY DAIRY

WILL STUDD

ST VERNIER & MANY MORE

DROP BY TO SEE WHAT'S NEW

www.woodendwinestore.com.au

Monday to Thursday 10am - 7 pm

Friday and Saturday 10am - 8pm

Sunday & Public Holidays 11am - 6pm

42e Anslow Street, Woodend. 03 5427 2228

caz@woodendwinestore.com.au

WOODEND WINE STORE
A WINE LOVERS EXPERIENCE

Would your bank tell you
if a competitor had a better
home loan?

Sion Orritt will.

Call Sion Orritt
your local Aussie Broker
0498 498 898
sion.orratt@aussie.com.au

It's Smart to Ask





**TOWN &
COUNTRY**

Woodend Produce Store

31 Brooke St, Woodend

03 5427 2753 ELGAS

*Poultry, Stock & Horse Feeds,
Hay, Grain, Chaff, Pet Food,
Fencing, Pine Sleepers & Poles,
Concrete, Electric Fencing,
Tanks, Oils & Lubes
Irrigation, Garden Tools,
Potting Mix, Pea Straw, Fertilizer,
Herbicides & Much More!
Elgas LPG Deliveries
We fill BBQ Gas Bottles*

Come in and see what we've got!

Open 7 days

Monday- Friday 8.30 - 5.30

Saturday 8.30 - 4.00

Sunday 9.30 - 2.00



Enrol now for winter basketball

Congratulations to all the Woodend basketballers who

made it into our Summer Season Grand Finals on 23 March. It was a fantastic day of sport and terrific effort was put in by all. Many thanks to all the volunteer coordinators, coaches, trainers and umpires who put in so many hours of their time to help make basketball such a terrific local sport.

Special mention to the five Woodend Hawks team who have been playing in the much larger competition down in Sunbury. It's been a great way of developing their game skills and they have all done us proud. Both the Under 12C Girls and Boys teams finished top of their ladders and the Under 12B Girls also made it into the finals. (Our two Under 10 Boys teams are in competitions that don't officially score but they will all gladly tell you that they win heaps more games than they lose!)

Winter Registrations Due Now

Go to to www.macedonranges.basketball.net.au and register for the Winter Season which starts in early May and runs across both Term 2 and Term 3. We have junior and senior competitions on offer for men and women from Under 10s right through to Open Mens. Early bird discounts for season fees are available until 30 April. Basketball is a terrific family sport, training is included for all junior levels, and season fees are great value at only \$120 for the two terms (with an additional \$35 annual insurance fee to pay if you are new to the competition).

continued on page 32

ADVERTISEMENT

JOANNE DUNCAN MP

MEMBER FOR MACEDON

As your local Member of Parliament I am keen to listen to any concerns or ideas you may have.

Please don't hesitate to contact me for assistance on any State Government matter.

Warm regards,
Joanne Duncan



Shop 14/9 Goode St, Gisborne VIC 3437

P: 5428 2138 F: 5428 2919 E: joanne.duncan@parliament.vic.gov.au

www.joanneduncan.com.au

Authorised by J Duncan, Shop 14/9 Goode St, Gisborne

Macedon Ranges Basketball association; continued

Active Club Grant for MRBA

The MRBA are delighted to announce that we have received a VicHealth Active Club Grant of \$2800 to help fund essential sporting equipment and first aid kits for the association for home and away games. These will be vital resources for the association as the numbers grow in our competitions and we play at higher levels. The grant is a terrific injection of funds for the MRBA and all players will benefit from the extra resources made available. Many thanks to VicHealth.

Pilot Macedon Ranges Rep Teams

This month, in association with other local competitions, we are piloting two truly representative, Macedon Ranges tournament teams at the Victorian Country State Championships. The U14 Girls and U16 Boys teams include players drawn from Woodend, Gisborne, Romsey, Riddells Creek and Lancefield.

Many thanks to Kate Strahan for taking on the role of tournament coordinator with such energy and passion. If this pilot proves successful, we are hopeful that we will be able to field teams in all age groups at the championships in 2015.

For further information about basketball in Woodend, please visit our website (www.macedonranges.basketball.net.au) or email Megan at president@mrba.org.au.

Submitted by Nicole Cooper

BLACK FOREST



• Sales • Service
• Spare Parts



Mowers &

Brush Cutters

5427 2693



Blackforest TYRE AND AUTO



• GENERAL MECHANICAL REPAIRS • BATTERIES • WHEEL ALIGNMENTS
• SERVICING ALL MAKES AND MODELS • NEW & SECOND HAND TYRES • HANDS FREE CAR KITS
66 UROUHART STREET, WOODEND

Woodend Self Storage

(Vic) Pty Ltd

66 Units
Full security
Trailer hire available
7 day access
Affordable prices
Insurance available



For any enquiries please contact:
Leonie or Dennis Barker 5427 4175 or 0413 869 583
33 Bowen Street Woodend

ZIPTRAK Panel Blinds

@ **Bradley's**
Curtains+Blinds

t 5427 2361 fx 5427 1019
72 High Street, Woodend VIC 3442



Protect your entertaining area all year around by enclosing it with the mesh or PVC panel blinds.

Specially designed slotted side tracks allow the blind to glide smoothly and easily and to stop at whatever location you require.

Versatility of spring, crank or motor operation.

Fringe Benefits Tax (FBT) Year Ending 31 March 2014

Fringe Benefits Tax (FBT) arises when a payment is provided to an employee or their associate in a different, often non monetary, form to salary or wages.

Common fringe benefits include:

- motor vehicles
- loans and debt forgiveness
- provision of meals and entertainment
- travel and accommodation (private)
- personal expense payments

FBT is payable by the employer at 46.5% on the taxable value of the benefit which forms part of rateable remuneration for Work Cover and Payroll Tax purposes.

Appropriate salary packaging and record keeping may minimise FBT exposure of the employer and potential tax payable by employees. This is a very useful tool to incentivise employees.

Now is the time to ensure that appropriate records are being maintained such as:

- odometer readings as at 31 March 2014
- a current log book
- diarised entertainment expenses (employee and non-employee) and travel expenses

If you have questions please feel free to contact Andrew Marshall or Janine Orpwood on 5427 8100 for an initial consultation.

Langley|McKimmie

Chartered Accountants

17 Nicholson Street, Woodend

www.langleymckimmie.com.au E: info@lmadvisors.com.au

MACEDON RANGES
running club

79..80..81..7..one to go” is the call..1..2..3.. I start counting my right foot striking the ground again. Just one more minute so plan on lifting the pace a little after 40. About 80 strikes is a minute with this ‘strides’ session. 41..42.. lift now.. I hope Lisa is watching the time, I can feel I will be ready for a break soon. 80..81..come on Lisa..82.. ‘whistle’. Ah, you beauty, I slow to a walk breathing heavily. The fifteen runners turn back down the gravel road to regroup and the banter begins.

My mind returns to thinking about things other than rhythm and foot placement and I remind myself that this is a three-minute recovery, not a walk, so I break into a slow jog down the gentle slope. Funny, it seemed like a reasonably steep uphill going the other way.

It’s 6.40pm, the air is cool, there are forty-odd kangaroos in the adjacent paddock watching our Intermediate Running Group. It’s smell the roses time before Lisa’s next whistle.

I’m no athlete, just a 66-year- old bloke trying to keep healthy and doing it in great company.

The Start Running Groups are booming with the milestone 10km run on April 27. These runners are real achievers with this 10km target occurring after just thirteen weeks of progressive training.

The club is growing with the support of Cobaw Community Health. Visit our website to learn more about our Start Running or Intermediate programs at www.macedonrangesrunningclub.com or email macedonrangesrc@gmail.com.

Submitted by Lindsay Sharpe

green bean machine mobile coffee

local business for sale

- Operating Since 2006
- High Turnover
- Large number of regular clients and bookings
- Annual contracts in place with V-Line and Kyneton & Hanging Rock Racing Club
- 3 Coffee Vehicles - 2010 Hyundai i-Load, 5 x 8 custom built coffee trailer and stand alone coffee cart (with trailer for transport)
- Honda 6.5 kVa generator
- All equipment and stock on hand included
- Not a franchise so not limited by territories or suppliers
- Extensive client contact listings
- Walk In - Walk Out opportunity

The green bean machine will continue to operate until sold, so bookings into the future will be taken.

Genuine enquiries welcome via email
info@greenbeanmachine.com.au



CLARITY
Integrated technology services

- Business / home networking
- Home Audio/video
- Broadband wireless
- Hardware sourcing & evaluation

Ian Templeton | 0419 556 140

JIGSAW STAIRCASES

0408 153 124

PO BOX 93 WOODEND 3442
SERVICING BUILDERS AND OWNER
BUILDERS ALL OVER MELBOURNE
AND CENTRAL VICTORIA

WWW.JIGSAWSTAIRCASES.COM.AU
E: JIGSAWSTAIRS@OPTUSNET.COM.AU





Woodend District Netball Club provides opportunities for boys and girls aged 5–8 to participate in the sport of netball on Saturday mornings

(Winter) and Friday evenings (Summer) at Buffalo Stadium. Modified programs are offered for those starting out in the sport – Net Set Go through to mixed U/18 competitions.

Children of all abilities are encouraged to play and the club's philosophy is based on participation of players, their families and the wider community. Participants receive coaching from accredited coaches, teenagers are encouraged and supported to take up coaching and umpiring, and the club provides a welcoming environment for all families, new and old.

Providing this opportunity enables children and teenagers in the area to be active, learn new skills and build social connections. It also provides adults with similar opportunities for participation in community life via a range of volunteering roles.

With over 100 participants, the 2013–14 summer season was a great success, taking place on Friday evenings at Buffalo Stadium, the U/9 teams played a modified game and continued to develop correct netball skills. All players in the Under 11 and Under 15 teams have demonstrated fantastic improvement over the summer season and displayed enthusiasm and fair play on and off the court. The U/18 games were always played at a fast pace with some terrific tight contests. Congratulations to everyone on a great season of netball.

2014 Winter season: 10 May through to 13 September (Grand Final)

- Winter registrations: Online from April 12
- NetSetGo registrations close May 10, sessions start June 14
- \$20 Early Bird discount is available until 31 March
- \$20 3rd sibling discount which can be reimbursed manually following online registration

Thanks to all parent helpers, scorers, coaches, umpires, umpires in training, trainers and players for dedicating their time to the club each week. It wouldn't be possible to have a netball club without you!

For further information including registration and contact details, please visit our website: www.woodend.netballvic.asn.au.

Submitted by Anne-Louise Lindner and Claire Green (0434 484 585)

Co-Presidents Woodend District Netball Club

It was definitely Ozzie, Ozzie Ozzie, Oink, Oink, Oink! when the Newham community turned out to celebrate O Pig – a community festival with Grunt. A great weekend indeed, but why Pigs and Newham? Was it simply Newham or was there another connection? In case you are still wondering, read on!

In 1890 Mr and Mrs Thomas Newnham gave an evening party to celebrate their permanent settlement in the district and their opening of a large ham and bacon establishment. In 1892 they purchased the Newham mill buildings originally built in 1866 by Walter Brydon, and converted them into a pig curing plant. In 1906 *The Woodend Star* noted that 7550 pigs had been killed at the factory during the previous year. In 1914, Mr. Newnham sold the factory "as a going concern" to Mr. T.A. Perkin who continued its operation until 1936. The building was then sold and gradually demolished.

If you are interested in finding out more about this once thriving local business, a more detailed history can be found in *Echoes of the Past – A History of Newham and Cobaw* by Jannyse Williams. First published in 2004 and recently reprinted due to demand, this is a very readable local history for anyone in the Woodend/Newham area. Copies of this book and our many other publications can be viewed and/or purchased at the Local & Family History Resource Centre which operates from the Woodend Court House on Forest Street on Wednesdays. At other times, copies are available from Collier Office & Business Assist in the 19th Hole Shopping Centre.

Submitted by Janet Hawkins

HOME MAINTANCE & RENOVATION

SPECIALISING IN KITCHENS, BATHROOMS, PERGOLAS & DECKS

- Extensions
- General Maintenance
- Preparation for Sale

Call Mark now to arrange a free quote

Reliable | Local | Professional

0411 555 925 baiaeme1@optusnet.com.au

MASSAGE

MASSAGE ON HIGH

All massages are charged at \$1 per min plus \$10
• gift vouchers available •

Remedial • Relaxation • Pregnancy • Lymphatic drainage • Foot massage

75 High St Woodend (Westpac Building) **5427 4419**
Open 5 days a week

30 High St Kyneton 5422 2511
Open 7 days a week

10min Neck & Shoulder \$10
20min Foot Massage \$20

members of AAMT

PAINTING

Painting & decorating
Residential & commercial
Rendering
Prompt & professional

Rigoni Painting
Phone 0430 371 001



STONELAYING & PAVING



Stonemason & Paver
specialising in

- Retaining Walls
- Drystone Walls
- Stone Houses
- Paving
- Over 20 years' experience

Cameron Dunn
P 5427 4778
M 0429 162 589

www.cdunnstone.com.au

TRADE & SERVICE DIRECTORY

CARPENTRY

Paul Gaskin
Qualified Carpenter
0438 440 986

Decks, Pergolas
Bathrooms, Renovations
& all your carpentry needs,
throughout the
Macedon Ranges
Free quotes



paulgaskin12@yahoo.com.au

CHIROPRACTOR

Mark Brown
30 years experience

- Muscle realign & stretch techniques
- Gentle spine adjustments
- Elbows, wrists, kness, shoulders
- Headaches, migraines & athsma

Upstairs at Westpac Bank, 75 High St

Phone: 0407 526 403

CLEANING



Not enough hours in your day?
Need help managing
your home?

Stephen Farrell
Personal Services

Very reasonable rates
Through out the Macedon Ranges
Phone 0419 526 275



DRESSMAKER

Beryl's Tailoring

DRESSMAKING, ALTERATIONS,
BRIDAL, EVENING & DAY WEAR,
LADIES AND MEN'S REPAIRS



Beryl Bachelor
QUALIFIED DRESSMAKER, NEWHAM
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
MON TO FRI 9 - 5

5427 0568 0418 510 179
berylb@vic.chariot.net.au

EXCAVATIONS

Cheap 'n' Neat - Excavations



12 mtr tipper
all excavation & bobcat work
site clean / level
concrete / rubbish removal
post hole drilling
demolition work
crush rock / sand / soil supplied

Les 0418 556 634
cheapneat627@gmail.com

HANDY MAN

HANDYMAN SERVICE

Servicing the Macedon Ranges
Honest Reliable Friendly & Local

Phone **PETER**
0431 252 477 or 5423 5282

Minor repairs
Basic Carpentry
Fence repairs
Gardening
Mowing

Dripping Taps
Tiling
Paving
Painting
Odd Jobs



HANDY MAN

JUST ASK GEOFF



Rural & Domestic
Handyman Services

0417 311 806

For all those jobs the others won't do...

HOME MAINTENANCE

Home maintenance & landscaping
service including decking,
pergolas, carpentry & painting.

Stuart 0409 150 629

AH 5427 2465

PAINTING

GEE'S
Painting etc.



Call **Steven**
0402 079 482

METAL GATES



BVM METALCRAFT
Ben McKee
GATE AUTOMATION
OLDWORLD & MODERN STYLE
GATES AND FENCING
bvmmetalcraft.com.au
ben@bvmmetalcraft.com.au
04 222 88 768

MOVING & TRANSPORT

To | The
From | Macedon
In | Ranges

Mini Van Man
0408 190 728

If your job is too small for a truck & too big for a car...
Ring the Mini Van Man

Removal & Courier Service

PAINTING



Aardvark Painting
ABN: 49 178 405 936

- All Painting Works
- Associated Repairs
- Discounts Available
- Call for a Free Quote

0488 094 186 / 0488 095 186

Email: staff@apainting.com.au
Internet: http://www.apainting.com.au

STONWORK & FENCING

Neil Turner

Stone Work Iron Work

Fences Gates

WWW.NEILTURNER.COM.AU

0409 285 256

TAXI



Your Local Taxi Service

Bookings: 9310 5422

To go in a monthly draw for a \$20 voucher
to spend next time you ride with Crown Cabs,
Send this advert to:

P.O. Box 25 Tullamarine, 3043.

TREE SERVICES



A&P Tree Services

- tree pruning / removal • stump removal
- tree planting / transplanting • rope & harness climbing
- confined space removal • fully insured

Professional commercial & residential tree maintenance
all work carried out by qualified arborist

Call **Anthony 0417 059 969**

What do you need printed?



Short or long run, we'll print what you need, for when you need it.

we can do any print job!

**FLYERS – BROCHURES – SIGNS – BUSINESS CARDS – ENVELOPES – PLANS
CATALOGUES – STICKERS – REPORTS – BANNERS – LABELS – BOOKS
CALENDARS – INVITATIONS – NEWSLETTERS – MULTI-PART FORMS
POSTERS AND MUCH MUCH MORE**



Professional, stress free results guaranteed



PHOTOS!
Bring your memories to life with stunning prints. Available in all standard sizes + enlargements



**Shop 5 | 130 High Street Woodend
for fast printing**

@ print@collieroffice.com.au ☎ 5427 3209