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SOME OF THE
ACTION FROM
LAST YEAR!



Woodend's Autumn Carnival

Autumn is finally here and it is such a welcome relief from the heat of the last few months. At St Ambrose School and Parish we're celebrating with our annual St Ambrose Autumn Carnival on the 15th March. Always a great day out for the family, this year's carnival is set to celebrate the end of the Summer sizzle.

Come along and bring the kids for all the excitement of the fair! The rides!

So many we can't list them here - suffice to say you seriously won't be disappointed! There's also the animal farm, book

stall, stands for local CFA, Ambulance, St Johns and the SES. Have your face painted, buy some plants, grab some great food and score a bargain at the trash & treasure.

You'll love all the food, music and carnival stalls

St Ambrose principal, Rob Macklin said, "The Autumn Carnival is such a positive start to the school year for all the students and staff. The buzz of excitement amongst the kids about which rides will be there, and what activity each grade will be developing is a matter of great enthusiasm

- this year's carnival line-up is looking fantastic and I'd like to encourage everyone in Woodend and the broader community to attend and have fun!"

If you've not attended previously, make this year the year to discover a great day out and a terrific, community focused school and parish.

To keep up to date with this year's event, please visit www.facebook.com/WoodendAutumnCarnival

St Ambrose Primary School, Templeton Street Woodend on the 15th March, 9am - 4pm.

Submitted by Fiona Makin

Saturday 15th March 9am - 4pm
Hosted by St Ambrose Primary & Parish



O, Pig!

A community arts project with grunt

'O, Pig!' is a local community art festival, proudly celebrating the area's rich concentration of local artists, and drawing on the diverse skills and energy of Newham's community groups.

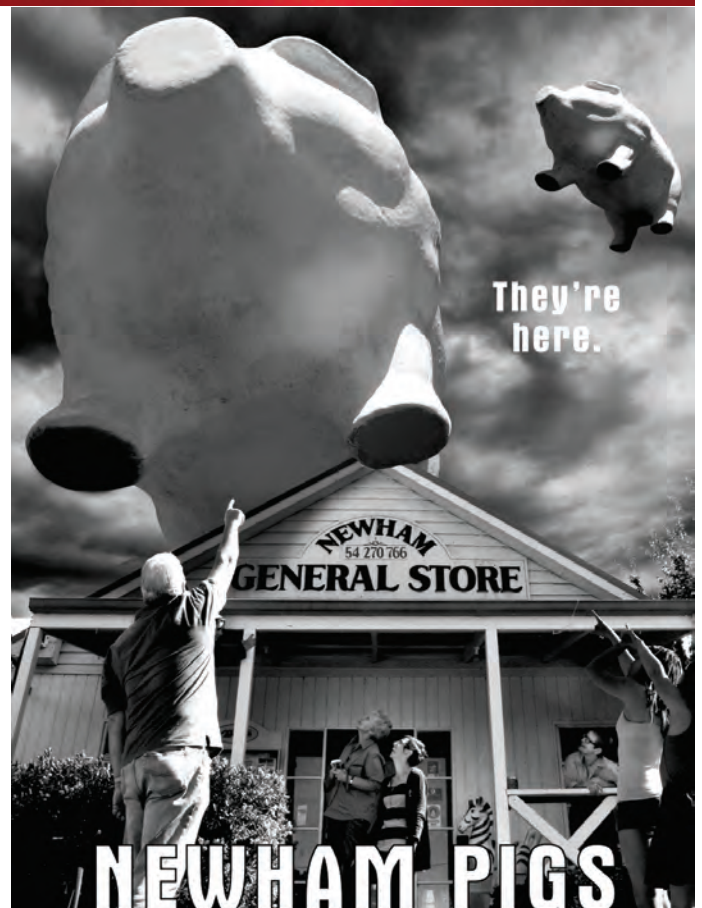
Celebrating the 125th anniversary of the establishment of Newham's historically important Bacon Factory, this free event will be held at the Newham Mechanics Institute, in the adjacent Wesley Park grounds, and at the village Primary School on Saturday 22 March. It will provide a fun, colourful, and informative day for residents and the wider community.

11 Life-sized Pig Sculptures

The Festival, based around the theme of 'The Pig', will have as its centrepiece 11 artistically augmented pigs – giant replicas of the fondly-regarded, little bronze pig who graces the wall outside the Newham General Store. In addition, there will be a professional Art Exhibition at the Mechanics Institute on 22nd & 23rd March) and sale of works from local artists and artisans.

Each of the pigs has been cast in durable, polyurethane-coated fibreglass, and will be decorated by a local community group or a well-known artist, and are now on show at various locations in Newham and the surrounding area.

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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.

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On Festival day they will be brought together in Wesley Park and some will be available for sale by auction.

Have you seen the seven Pig postcards ?

Seen on show in various local cafes/businesses, They are little brain teasers for you to guess the name of each artist. Bring all seven cards with the correct artist's name on each to the Festival, there will be a reward for your cleverness.

A Day of Celebration For The Entire Community

Newham Primary and other local schools will take part in workshops based around the pig theme. This will provide material for a school art show on Festival day, as well as activities and games for children held in the school grounds.

Wesley Park will become a thriving hub for local produce stalls, live musicians and information booths on recycling, the environment, sustainability, animal husbandry, and Landcare.

Food and wine will be available at the Hall, Wesley Park stalls, and the Newham General Store.

All profits donated to Very Special Kids for their Woodend Project, Glen Osmond Farm. Come & join in on Festival Day, March 22nd.

Submitted by Sue Massie



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The MAD Ride, Victoria's original and best recreational bike ride on the calendar, is on Sunday 6 April 2014. Australia's friendliest and longest-running recreational bicycle ride introduces three new routes for a fun-packed day that caters for road and mountain bike riders. The Melbourne Autumn Day Tour, better known as the MAD Ride, is gearing up for its 27th annual event on Sunday, 6th April.

The Melbourne Bicycle Touring Club Inc (MBTC) is based in Melbourne, Victoria. We conduct rides every weekend. We are a diverse collection of people with a common interest in cycling, cycle touring in particular.

The MBTC has been running regular recreational bicycle rides since 1973. We are an enthusiastic group of women and men cyclists from a wide variety of backgrounds and experience. We organise a broad range of bicycle tours and social activities, designed to satisfy novice and experienced cyclists alike.

Ride with a group or on your own and join in the fun. The Melbourne Bicycle Touring Club's MAD Ride is for cyclists of all shapes, sizes, ages and abilities.

MAD Ride allows you to choose from one of four routes - a hard, hilly 105km ride over Mount Macedon - a challenging 64km road ride - an easier 26km road cruise - or the fun and challenge of the 60km mountain bike ride through the Wombat State Forest.

Entry by 14 March: \$45 entry for singles, \$100 for families. After 14 March, or on the day, \$55 and \$115.

The entry price includes snack, fruit and drinks. All events start at Buffalo Stadium, Woodend.

Go to www.mbtc.org.au to find out more. This is a thrilling opportunity to explore your home region.

From www.melbournecyclist.com/events/mad-ride

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
February	2.5	71.5	115.0	133.0	97.4	
March	42.5	121.0	35.0	84.0	53.0	
April	51.0	45.0	63.5	35.5	20.5	
May	30.5	39.0	73.5	54.4	47.2	
June	66.5	98.5	69.0	126.8	147.8	
July	76.5	87.5	82.5	102.0	101.8	
August	107.5	148.5	56.0	113.7	116.4	
September	88.5	97.0	98.5	54.6	85.0	
October	46.0	154.5	86.0	39.0	75.6	
November	99.0	193.0	82.0	31.4	67.2	
December	60.0	93.0	120.0	21.4	35.2	
YTD:	670.5	1202.5	1108.5	826.8	851	19.2 mm

Total rainfall in 2013 = 851 mm. Total for year to date: 19.2mm
1 inch = 25.4 mm therefore the total in year to date is 0.3/4"

Community Funding Scheme applications open

The 2014/15 Community Funding Scheme will be opening on 1 March 2014 and will close 5pm on 2 May 2014.

Last year, \$164,000 was shared across many inspiring projects and activities around the community; from a sculptural pig project in Newham to the shire-wide Macedon Ranges Community Exchange.

The annual funding scheme provides grants in the areas of recreation, arts, facilities, youth, festivals and events.

Copies of the guidelines and application form will be available to download from mrsc.vic.gov.au/community-funding-scheme from 1 March 2014.

To be eligible for a Community Funding Scheme grant you must discuss your project with a Council officer before submitting your application.

Grant writing information sessions

As part of the Community Funding Scheme, free grant writing information sessions will be held during March and April. Check Council's website to confirm dates and venues.

The sessions will be informal and friendly, and designed to help community organisations feel equipped to seek and write grants. For further information, contact Kate Strahan or Trudy Campbell on 5422 0333.

Submitted by E McCormick, MRSC

Woodend Lions Village Market

Sunday March 16th 9am -3pm

From model cars, home-crafts, to plants, locally grown oil and jewellery, there's something for everybody. The Lions Club Market takes place around the Community Centre and Visitor Information Centre, Corner High & Forest Steets.

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– Guest Speaker in Woodend March 5th.

DyslexiClever is hosting a presentation evening for parents and carers of children with dyslexia on Wednesday 5th March at Woodend Community Hub, 47 Forest Street, Woodend, from 7pm until 9pm.

This is a rare opportunity to see internationally renowned speaker and author on dyslexia, Karen Starkiss.

The presentation will explain to parents how to recognise the signs and symptoms of dyslexia and how to help your child at home. It will also cover how to work in partnership with the school to support your child in reaching their potential.

Entry will be a donation of \$5 per person or \$8 for 2 people.

Places are limited. Please book your seat by sending an email with your name and number to dyslexiclever@gmail.com – telephone enquiries to Karen on 5426 1223.

DyslexiClever is a volunteer group, within the Macedon Ranges, supporting families of children with learning disabilities. The DyslexiClever support group holds an informal coffee morning at Ethic café, Woodend on the first Friday of the month from 9.30am. All welcome.

For more information about our group please call Marg on 5427 2581.

Submitted by Karen Yates

Whole Town Garage Sale

Saturday 22nd March

Register for the whole town garage sale and help keep the Woodend Neighbourhood House working for you (it's our fundraiser).

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The Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay For Life Committee wishes to thank the wonderful people who supported this year's Relay For Life.



This major annual fundraiser for Cancer Council Victoria takes a lot of work from a wide range of people: those who walk; those who donate; those who volunteer; those who sponsor; those who provide a venue; those who cook and provide the food; those who set up and pack up. Without these people the Relay could not be held.

More than 300 participants walked, and in some cases ran, around the Lancefield Park oval. The courage of more than 20 survivors and 40 carers was also celebrated.

It is not too late to donate to this year's Relay. You can donate on line until the end of March at www.relayforlife.org.au to either a team or the event itself, by following the Lancefield/Macedon Ranges link

Submitted by Kathy Lakey

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Local Award winner

Local Rotarian Grant Hocking was recently recognised with an Australia Day Honour receiving an Ambulance Service Medal. The ASM, introduced as an official honour in 1999, recognises distinguished service by the men and women of Australia's ambulance organisations.

Grant, a Clinical Manager with Ambulance Victoria (AV), was recognised for his work with improving clinical standards, the introduction of a state-wide clinical review process and his work as a member of the Victorian Stroke Clinical Network improving the management of Victorian patients with stroke.

Over 28 years of service Grant has been involved in many roles that have assisted in shaping AV from a clinical perspective. He is passionate about improving the clinical outcomes of patients and raising clinical standards. He started his career in metropolitan Melbourne and advanced to an intensive care paramedic then worked in education and clinical support roles.

Grant states that facing a different challenge every day is the best part of the job. "There are so many benefits being a paramedic, every aspect is challenging, but it's worth it. You get to help people in times of crisis and make a real difference".

In addition to his work with Ambulance Victoria, Grant is a Past President of Woodend Rotary and currently in a leadership role as Assistant Governor of the Goldfields cluster involving Rotary clubs from Bendigo to Echuca. Grant moved to Woodend 14 years ago with his wife Melissa and three sons. "When you live in a wonderful part of Australia in such a great community, you feel like you want to give something back. Rotary is a great way to achieve this goal", said Grant.

Grant was really appreciative of the recognition and will attend a function at Government House later in the year to receive the award.

Submitted by Charles Bender



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For those affected by the bushfires support is available from the **Australian Taxation Office** including help with:

- Additional time to lodge income tax returns and activity statements
- Providing more time to pay tax debts & help reconstruct tax records where documents have been destroyed
- Fast tracking income tax refunds

The recent bushfires highlight the need for us all to make sure that:

- A good and tested fire plan for both personal & businesses:
- Adequate data backup arrangements for both personal & business records and to check that these can be restored quickly if necessary.
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Sr Virginia Mahony

When Virginia Mahony announced to her parents that she'd like to join the convent, Maurice Mahony called a round-table conference and looked his 19-year-old daughter in the eye. 'We need to discuss this,' he said. 'Are those nuns pushing you into this? It's OK if it's your own decision.'

The idea of being a nun wasn't so unusual to her because she wasn't the first in her family to do it.

'I couldn't get the idea of becoming a nun out of my head. We lived next door to the school, and perhaps that influenced my thinking. I thought I'd give it about three weeks and see how I liked it.'

In 40-degree heat, Virginia's parents drove her to Sydney for a pre-enrolment holiday. They farewelled their daughter as together with ten other women she swapped her shorts for a black hat and habit on her first day at the convent.

'I wasn't homesick and I didn't mind being there. My only sadness was mum's letters saying she missed my footsteps up the back verandah.' On the first morning, Virginia recalls one of the trainees standing outside the gates. 'I'm not staying. I didn't know you couldn't wear makeup,' said the departing girl. Five of the group stayed in the order for their full career and Virginia has just celebrated her 50th anniversary.

Six months training saw the appearance of the religious habit and full white veil and this was the uniform until the mid 1960s. Virginia taught in primary schools and was Principal at Oak Park, Airport West, Eltham and Diamond Creek.

'I found that rewarding because you can do a lot as a Principal by working closely with parents to bring about better outcomes for the children. I've been blessed to enjoy my many different roles. Part of my teaching life as a Sister of Charity was to visit the kids' families on Saturdays, which was rewarding and worthwhile. It helped me understand the joys and sorrows of family life—and it teaches the subtleties of being welcome or not when I knock on the door.

Throughout my 20 years of doing Parish work, I identified a specific need for grief counselling and established the Sisters of Charity Outreach. It was a grief service based out of St Vincent's Private Hospital in Melbourne and in collaboration with St Vincent's Hospital and Caritas Christi hospice. Being a voluntary service, funding was reliant on donations and my first client paid



me with a bottle of port and a lavender bush. Both very acceptable, but of course money was much more useful. Once the service was established we handed it back to the institutions. It has now been amalgamated into Monash and other places.'

During the late 1980s, the parish work took Virginia to

Bonnyrigg in Sydney's west where she assisted migrant families.

Breast cancer confronted her in 2007 and after surgeries, chemo and radiation, Virginia realised her energy reserves were depleted. 'It takes two years to settle into a new community; for people to believe and trust you. I had no idea where to go or what to do. I didn't have the energy to start again. In the fog of wondering what to do, I sat up one night from a dead sleep and said, 'Woodend'. Then I wondered why I said that. Once I'd made the decision, it seemed obvious that I should return to Woodend where I'd already spent some years doing Parish work.

I'm now close to family, friends and Melbourne's medical help. I've enjoyed the blessing of many different life experiences. In my time as a Sister Of Charity, religious life has been turned upside down. We've gone from a semi-monastic life to one that's very involved in society.'

Now recovered and re-established in Woodend, Virginia provides hospitality in her home for people needing time out. 'I've always done it part-time but now it is my main focus. The people I host need to be recommended to me by somebody I trust.. Many people need respite for many reasons—sometimes just exhaustion. Some are carers or people recovering from illness. The only rules are that I do all the caring and meal preparation and that they use the time to completely relax from their life. I'm not here to entertain; I'm just providing time out.'

For her own time out, Virginia walks and enjoys spinning. 'I did an Arts degree to upgrade my teacher qualifications and one of the electives was art. I loved studying Russia and Political Science and when exploring a practical subject involving needlework and other crafts, I learnt that the rigidity of quilting gives me nightmares.'

After years of educating, serving and caring for others it is still obvious that one of Virginia's greatest qualities is her interest in meeting people, so feel free to introduce yourself if you see her around town.

Written by Kathy Mexted

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Unlike most car rallies, concours de elegance or club events, the Grand Tour is designed for the whole family to enjoy.

Your entry fee includes a cooked Breakfast, Morning Tea, Lunch, Afternoon Tea and Dinner. For those with more time to spend in the region there are a variety of optional events before and after the Tour, including Dinner on the Friday night featuring a guest speaker, and a Picnic in the Park on Sunday.

Submitted by the Committee of Management, Macedon Ranges Grand Tour.



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From hobo clowns to yarn bombing

Macedon Ranges Shire Council launched its 2014 arts and cultural event program at an evening of celebrations on Friday 21 February at the Kyneton Town Hall.

Mayor, Cr Roger Jukes said the diverse program of events provides residents with access to touring professional theatre, museum exhibitions and much more.

“We are pleased to be able to bring a passing parade of professional performing artists and heritage and cultural events to the Macedon Ranges this year,” said Mayor, Cr Roger Jukes.

In addition to professional touring theatre featuring music, cabaret, drama and family/children’s shows, there will be cultural awareness activities, a “yarnbombing” community arts project and social history exhibitions and workshops at the Kyneton Museum.

Mayor, Cr Jukes said that Council had sought to provide something for everyone in this year’s program.

“Council is pleased to support community participation in the arts, which is essential to a healthy and cohesive community.

“We’ve targeted a wide range of ages and interests in this year’s program, so there is bound to be something which appeals to you.

“If you purchase a ticket to our morning music program, make sure you hold onto your ticket to receive free entry to the Kyneton Museum,” Cr Jukes said.

The 2014 season brochure is available from Council service centres in Kyneton, Gisborne, Woodend and Romsey. Program details are also available on Council’s website, mrsc.vic.gov.au/arts..

Submitted by G Gamble, MRSC



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Cultural Diversity Week

A taste of Timor-Leste, 17-23 March

Macedon Ranges Shire Council and the Macedon Ranges Friends of East Timor have partnered to present a series of exhibitions and activities during Cultural Diversity Week (17–23 March) that celebrate the heritage and memories of the diverse Timor-Leste culture.

Events include:

- Exhibitions—free entry
 - Kitchen Talks at the Kyneton Town Hall
- Meet the photographer Jorge de Araujo at the opening on Monday 17 March at 5.30pm, where delicious Timorese finger food will be served.
- Creating Timor-Leste at the Woodend Library.
 - Cultural Film Night: Thursday 20 March 6pm–9pm, Kyneton Town Hall.
 - Festive dinner; A celebration of Timor-Leste dance, food and culture will be held on Saturday 22 March, 6.30pm at Kyneton Town Hall. This is a family event and the opportunity to immerse yourself in the culture. Enjoy a traditional buffet style feast and entertainment by Mystic Trio and Tebe Dancers.

Book now. Adults \$25, children \$20. Tickets are limited so bookings are essential.

Phone: 1300 88 88 02 or buy online via mrsc.vic.gov.au/arts/buytickets.

Submitted by Elon McCormick for Macedon Ranges Shire Council

Are you aware of your Trusts TFN reporting obligations?

Trustees of Trusts have an obligation to disclose Tax File Numbers (TFN's) of beneficiaries to the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

The ATO is using the TFN's to data match against the assessable income of the beneficiaries.

Beneficiaries should provide the following information in writing to the Trustees:

- TFN;
- Full name;
- Date of birth;
- Postal address;
- Business or residential address;
- Entity type; and
- ABN (only non- individual beneficiaries, if they have one)

If a distribution from the ordinary or statutory income of the trust is made by the trustee to a beneficiary before they have quoted their TFN to the trustee, a withholding obligation will arise at 46.5% of the distribution amount.

Beneficiary details are required to be lodged with the ATO on the prescribed form within one month after the end of the quarter in which the distribution was paid. Trustees need to be particularly mindful of any distributions to first time beneficiaries.

Trustees need to keep accurate and secure records of beneficiary TFN's.

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

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Festival calls for volunteers to make 10th anniversary the best yet

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the Woodend Winter Arts Festival and with the program currently being finalised, festival organisers have put

out the call for volunteers to help make this very special 2014 festival run smoothly.

To assist with the huge undertaking Festival organisers have appointed a volunteer coordinator. Author Ilka Tampke moved to Woodend in July last year and is enthusiastic about the opportunity to meet other volunteers interested in the arts and music – and coordinate the volunteer effort essential to making the festival happen.

“I love music and I’m a writer,” said Ilka. “This is a great way to get to know my new community.”

She is now focussed on the task of growing the small army of dedicated festival volunteers – some have supported the festival since it began and many volunteered with the same motivation – to get to know their community.

“Volunteers are welcome for as much or as little time as they would like to contribute. It all depends on their skills and time but it’s a great opportunity to do something new and meet other locals and of course, all volunteers enjoy free admission to any events they help make happen with their assistance,” said Ilka.

Whether it’s the music (and this year’s program even includes a very special opera production), the books and ideas, opening night fireworks, or just being a part of it, there’s a job to suit all kinds of volunteers. The Festival needs people especially for generally helpful and friendly roles – particularly front-of-house roles for events, but also box office, page turning for music performances and ushering. The volunteer effort also needs organised and can-do people to help rearrange seating between shows, collecting lost items, providing direction to Festival patrons and handing out programs; and people who can collect performers (and their instruments) from the airport or station and ensure they reach their accommodation or performance venue.

To express your interest and find out more about being a festival volunteer, email Ilka at woodendwinterarts2014@gmail.com.

The full program will be published on 22 March www.woodendwinterartsfestival.org.au when the Festival program is launched and tickets go on sale. The 2014 Festival will happen all over the Macedon Ranges, Queen’s Birthday long weekend, 6 – 9 June.

Submitted by Alicia Patterson



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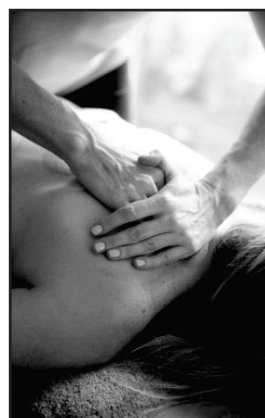
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2014 Autumn Competitive Flower Show.

Members of the public are welcome to submit entries in a large range of categories including roses, bulbs, annuals, perennials, pot plants, hanging baskets, floral art, fruit and vegetables.

Entries from children, both individuals and groups – including fruit, vegetables, miniature gardens on a tray, saucers of flowers and novelties made from anything that grows – are encouraged.

This is not only an opportunity to show off your horticultural prowess but also to come and have a look at what's growing in the neighbourhood! For further information about Speaker Evenings and Flower Show entries see: www.mtmacedonhort.org.au/events/

Join us at Mt Macedon Horticultural Hall, Mt Macedon Road, Mt Macedon on Sunday 16 March, 2:00 – 4.30 pm
Entry via Gold coin donation.

Submitted by Jan Sherry

Telecommunication black spot register

Council has developed a register for internet and mobile service black spots in the Macedon Ranges to support its advocacy campaign for improved telecommunications across the Shire.

The register enables local businesses and residents to record exact locations where internet or mobile services are weak or unavailable as well as provide details on the effect it has on their day to day business.

Data collected from the register will be presented to telecommunication providers and State and Federal Government representatives to highlight the need for better mobile and high-speed internet services in the Macedon Ranges.

To register a black spot, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/blackspotregister or pick up a form from Council Service Centres, and enter the location details requested by 1 June 2014.

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Macedon Ranges Shire Council and Cobaw Community Health have partnered to offer free training for health professionals, teachers and carers who support children and young people who have experienced sexual abuse.

Topics to be covered over three sessions include:

- Understanding complex trauma and trauma informed practice
- Trauma informed approach to understanding grief and loss
- Understanding and working with trauma based behaviour.

The training program is being delivered by the Lighthouse Foundation in response to the Royal Commission into child sexual abuse.

The Lighthouse Foundation is a leading centre of knowledge that specialises in the therapeutic care of young people who have suffered trauma that has consequently negatively influenced their lives.

The training sessions will be held on Wednesday evenings on 12, 19 and 26 March at the Cobaw Community Health Centre, 47 Forest Street, Woodend. There is a limit of 20 people per session.

To register your interest, contact Sharlene Farrugia on 5422 0264 or email sfarrugia@mrsc.vic.gov.au.

Submitted by E McCormick, MRSC

A Few Good Men

Best known for its signature line "You can't handle the truth", A Few Good Men is a 1989 play by Aaron Sorkin (creator of The West Wing, The Social Network & The Newsroom).

Set in Washington D.C. and Guantanamo Bay Naval Base, it tells the story of a murder conspiracy that is uncovered during the course of a trial. The play is the inspiration behind the 1992 movie of the same name, starring Tom Cruise, Jack Nicholson & Demi Moore.

The Mount Players in Macedon, will be staging its first production of 2014, A Few Good Men, from March 14 - April 5.

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Submitted by Neil Coulson



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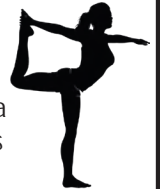
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Firstly I want to say thank you and au revoir to a few people who have been integral to the House's success over this last year (and other years before my time). Lisa Richards, volunteer coordinator, Committee of Governance member and volunteering powerhouse, is setting off on an adventure with her family this year and won't be around the House.

Christine McLay, Administration Officer and, prior to that, a great volunteer in the House, is going back to study and can't quite fit it all in, so we have had to say goodbye. Manisha Fernando has added another being to her family and will be taking a leave of absence from the Committee of Governance for about six months. To all of these wonderful people I say a big, "Thank You" and all at the House hope that your new life journeys bring you joy, excitement and fulfilment.

Upcoming AGM

Our AGM is coming up on Monday 31st March, 2014 at 7.30pm. If you want to be part of a dynamic and progressive Committee of Governance then please contact Janet Pearce (Chair) or Yael Morris (Secretary), via the House on 5427 1845, about joining the Woodend Neighbourhood House's committee.

Course and training programs

Term one started with a bang in some areas, a little slow off the mark in others. Our pathways courses are struggling to get traction within the community. Any suggestions from you regarding what your learning needs might be would be greatly appreciated. We have postponed the Oils for Beginners until Term Two - please contact us if you want to start this next term. I have had an offer from a new tutor regarding beginners sewing classes - look for more info in the Term Two brochure and contact us now if you would like to put your name down. I also had a new person in town come straight to the neighbourhood house to see what it might have for her and what she might offer to the community. She has some great dance experience, keep your eyes peeled for a chance to get your boogie on in a safe and friendly environment.

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Woodend Workshop Working Group

I am still hopeful that we can find some 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 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.

Submitted by Jill Scanlon - Coordinator

Hesket P. S. celebrates new school year

Hesket students, families and staff were welcomed back to the 2014 school year with a delicious breakfast. Bacon and eggs sizzled on the BBQ as everyone took the opportunity to have a friendly get together.



Students have settled into their classes and are working well. The school community is looking forward to their annual star gazing night on the 6th March. The night will be run by the Bendigo Astronomical Society and has proved to be very popular in the past.

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Submitted by Cliff Palmer



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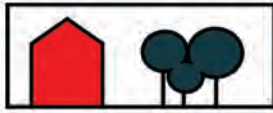


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In the mid 1990's Athol Guy renamed the property, West Rock Farm. At that time the farm operated a guest-house and functions centre and was home to the Seeker's memorabilia. Saturday afternoon soirees with Athol were well known and are still fondly remembered to this day. Several years later the farm evolved to become an equestrian events centre, accommodation facility as well as music venue and restaurant.

Now known as Hedge Farm (for the amazing 100 year old hedge surrounding the homestead) the property offers visitors a charming rural retreat with unique accommodation offerings. The tradition of music afternoons continues and all are welcome. The next event will be held on Saturday 8th March and features Greg Pascoe and his Rock'n'Roll Rebels.

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Submitted by Suzi Seers



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Welcome to new registrars

We extend a warm welcome to Dr Annette Price & Dr Sanjeev Rajagopalan, our two new registrars. They will be consulting at Brooke Street Medical Centre for the next 12 months. Annette and Sanjeev are qualified doctors who are in a training program to become General Practitioners.

After their year here, they will each move to another General Practice to enable them to broaden their General Practice experience through practicing in a wide range of settings.



Welcome new medical students

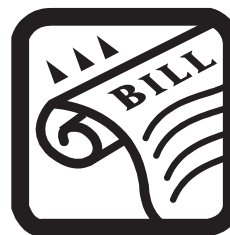
We also welcome our new group of Monash University 4th year medical students who joined the Practice in February. The students are here for one semester where they will consult in general practice as well as participating in sessions with a range of nursing and allied health service providers.

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St Mary's Anglican Church

The ladies are lunching

St Mary's Guild invites you to join them for a multi-affle lunch on Wednesday 5 March from 11am to 3pm in The Norma Richardson Hall, 15 Buckland Street Woodend.

"We've got surprise prizes and entertainment from local performer Kevin Davis," said Guild Member Sue Gillis.

"It is a fun event for everyone; the more the merrier," she added.

Tickets are \$10 each and include lunch and two raffle tickets. Additional raffle tickets will be on sale for \$1.50 each or five for \$5.

RSVPs to Norma Richardson on 5427 2315 or Sylvia Dalton on 5427 4074 or via woodendanglican@gmail.com

Regular services are held at St Mary's at 10am on a Wednesday and 10.30am on Sundays.

Our next "messy church" children-friendly service will take place on Mothering Sunday, Sunday 30 March at 10.30am – everyone is welcome. Please come and join us and stay for a cuppa afterwards. 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

SES Woodend

It's great to be writing my first article for the New Woodend Star as Section Leader PR/Media. So much has happened over the Christmas period and VicSES has been extremely busy. Woodend SES has resumed training on Monday nights in Urquhart St. Our unit is robust with a membership of 35 and it is encouraging to see more women becoming involved in the service, bringing an amazing level of skill diversity and lateral knowledge to the unit. If you have thought about joining the State Emergency Service, why not come down to training and have a chat. VicSES promotes safety, knowledge and learning, teamwork, participation and inclusion.

VicSES has been very busy over the fire period in support of the CFA & Vic Police.

We have supplied large area lighting for the staging areas and various other support roles.

We have also not escaped the wild weather over the last month with over 50 Calls for trees down, We have also assisted with a number of motor vehicle and motorcycle road crash events over the period and an equine rescue.

When we do our incident reports, it is obvious that accidents can and do happen. Please, think safety all the time. If your in a car or on a bike slow down a little and look around, these extra few minutes on your journey could save your life.

Next April, I will introduce our new Controller Kevin McNair; Kevin has been Deputy Controller of Operations for some time and has moved into this new role. Luke Dam leaves us as controller and leaves after two very productive years, in terms of membership, training and activity Well done Luke !!

Peter Willmott, Section Leader PR /Media

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- 4 Guest speaker "Chilling out in Chile" – Mt Macedon & District Horticultural Society 14 Hanging Rock – Night Walk
- 5 Guest speaker DyslexiClever – Woodend Community Centre
- 5 Ash Wednesday Eucharist at St Mary's 10am
- 8 Greg Pascoe & his Rock'n'Roll Rebels – Hedge Farm
- 14 til 5 April A Few Good Men – Mount Players
- 15 Woodend Autumn Carnival – hosted by St Ambrose School and Parish
- 15 Submissions due for The New Woodend Star
- 16 Kyneton Aquathon
- 16 Hanging Rock - Market Day
- 17 – 23 Cultural Diversity Week
- 22 Woodend Whole Town Garage Sale
- 22 Hanging Rock – Camp Out at the Rock
- 22 Newham O Pig Festival and Art Exhibition
- 23 Art Exhibition Newham Mechanics Institute
- 23 Woodend & District Heritage Society – Dedication Ceremony
- 30 Messy church children-friendly service at St Mary's 10.30am

April

- 1 Community funding scheme applications open
- 5 Great Macedon Grand Tour
- 6 MADRIDE 2014
- 13 Gisborne Aquathon
- 15 Submissions due for The New Woodend Star
- 16 Woodend Lions Village Market
- 25 ANZAC Day

June

- 6-9 Woodend Winter Arts Festival
- 15 Submissions due for The New Woodend Star

July

- 15 Submissions due for The New Woodend Star

August

- 3 Woodend Children's Festival
- 15 Submissions due for The New Woodend Star

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
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 Woodend Winter Arts Festival Inc., info@wwaf.org.au

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During an illustrious career Lesley has exhibited in most states of Australia, in New Zealand, the United Kingdom and the United States of America.

Specializing in large hangings of gold or silver metal thread work, Lesley often incorporates a variety of other creative or machine techniques. The majority of her works interpret Australian sea life, wild life, wild flowers or use inspirational ideas gained from travels either here or abroad, a practice that also appealed to the Leviny family who resided at Buda for 118 years.

Buda is indeed fortunate to have 46 items on display from Lesley's 750 recorded pieces as a prelude to the Buda Contemporary Textiles Award & Exhibition to be held in June.

Open Wednesday to Sunday plus public holidays, visitors can view the Transpirations exhibition as part of the normal admission to Buda. Guided tours of the house and garden are available for groups by prior arrangement at any time.

Go to www.budacastlemaine.org or call 5472-1032 for more information.

Buda Historic Home & Garden. 42 Hunter Street, Castlemaine.

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Submitted by Clare Hutchison

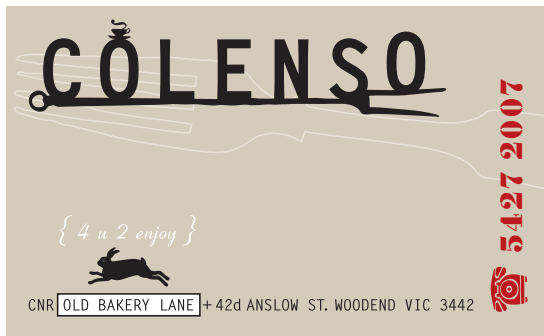


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Photographic competition and exhibition:

As part of the celebratory events in the lead up to World Autism Awareness Day (WAAD) on April 2nd 2014, Cobaw Community Health in conjunction with the Macedon Ranges Autism Spectrum Network (MRASN) extends an invitation to people from all over the Macedon Ranges to take part in our inaugural photographic competition and exhibition, ' Capture Blue'.

'Capture Blue'. is a photographic competition to promote awareness of autism spectrum disorders (ASD) The colour blue is used to mark the occasion of World Autism Awareness Day.

Your creative brief is to capture what 'Capture blue' means to you. It could be something found in the everyday, a simple or remarkable achievement. Perhaps something abstract; a mood, colour, occasion, outlook or thought. We encourage you to interpret the brief creatively and in a way that's meaningful and enjoyable for you.

Winners will be announced at the exhibition launch on Friday 4th April at The Chambers art & coffee house 90 High street Woodend from 6pm – 8pm . This will be a blue tie cocktail party.

The judging panel will determine the winner, the runner up and the best entry under 18, based on creativity, originality. . Entries will be accepted from 1st March until the 31st March at Cobaw offices 47 Forest street Woodend. All submissions will be judged on creativity, originality and in accordance with the competition brief.

If you have any questions please call Prue Southey 54211694 or email prue.southey@cobaw.org.au or Fiona Le Nepveu 0414891107.

This competition will also tie in with National Youth week celebrations in early April. Cobaw Youth services is seeking creative works from young members of our community with the theme "All Shapes and Sizes". Young people are encouraged to use a range of mediums to express positive self image messages. Art work that promotes and profiles their best self and achievements.

These works will also be on exhibition at The Chambers art & coffee House Woodend. For more information contact Erin on 5421 1618 or erin.ashmore@cobaw.org.au.

Submitted by Prue Southy

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Trentham Easter Art & Craft Show 2014

The Annual Trentham Easter Art & Craft Show will be on again from 18th to 21st April, so we hope all the artisans have started, or are thinking about their works for entry. Entry forms have already been sent to those on our mailing list. (Entries close Wed April 2nd.) New entries always welcome – contact details for entries listed below.

The 2013 Show attracted over 2000 visitors, & 327 entries, with 58 pieces being sold, with an ever increasing interest (& sales) in the Craft section. Trentham “small town – big talent!”

Funds from last year’s show have been used to install a Gallery Hanging system in the Mechanics Hall, funding for the Trentham Aged Care Facility towards an “Arts” activities programme for the residents & the commencement of production of new display stands to enhance all the wonderful works that are entered.

The judges this year will be Mark Payne for Art (formally of the “Artist’s Muse” in Trentham) & Helen McRae for Craft (see Helen at her “textile creations” shop, “Jargon” in Trentham)

Opening night is Thursday 17th April when the awards will be announced & presented. Works will be available for sale from 7.30pm, along with supper & drinks (cost \$15pp). All welcome! Entry enquiries to Dorothy 54241813-tawnyfrogmouth@hotmail.com

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Woodend CFA volunteers were actively involved in a number of serious fires in the Woodend and surrounding areas, as well as the recent fire that spread from Gisborne and threatened the township of Riddells Creek, and the fires that threatened the Kilmore and Romsey areas.

In fact, 35 Woodend volunteers attended more than 30 separate incidents since January 1, which is more than we have done for many years.

They gave up their time to fight the fires over the summer months, many attending the bulk of the fires – some turning out more than 25 times.

We are all aware of the major effort that goes into immediately fighting and controlling a fire such as the Gisborne-Riddells Creek fire on that hot, windy Sunday. However, you may not be aware of the follow-up work that takes place during the days and nights that follow.

The Woodend brigade, along with the seven other brigades in the Mountain Group, were working on Strike Teams in 12 hour shifts constantly from that Sunday through to the following weekend.

What is also amazing is that there are still some people in our community who believe that the Woodend Fire

Brigade has permanent paid members. This is far from the truth.

The Woodend CFA is a 100% volunteer brigade, as are all brigades in the Macedon Ranges area, with members who give up their own time and energy. We are very proud of the work of our members, as we are sure is our community. Well done team!

But let's not be complacent, even though summer is officially over. There is still some warm weather ahead, and our forests and grasslands are well and truly baked from the hot summer.

A huge thank you to the Woodend Uniting Church Op Shop Committee for their recent very generous donation. This will be used for some much-needed equipment upgrades.

Thank you to everyone who dropped into the station during the recent hot spell with gifts of food and drinks for the brigade – very much appreciated.

Also thank you to the Woodend Wine Shop for their fund raising for an air conditioning unit for the Woodend CFA station. Thanks Caz!

For further information contact Captain Mick Christie on 0419 870 601 or 1st Lieutenant Mike Dornau on 0409 093 935. On Sundays call the Woodend CFA on 5427 2356 or visit the station in Urquhart Street. Or you can visit our website: www.woodendcfa.org.

The Woodend CFA is a volunteer emergency service, committed to Creating a Safer Community.

Submitted by 1st Lieutenant Mike Dornau, Woodend CFA

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For more information, contact Woodend Library. Corner Forest and High Sts, Woodend 5427 2074. www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au

Submitted by Susie Prestney and Lulu Cockram, Woodend Library Managers

Welcome to the Woodend Star Kids Club

March Birthdays

3rd	April Gehman	Turns 7
6th	Ruby Studley	Turns 13
7th	Gabriel Hebb	Turns 11
18th	Emily Jane Ridington	Turns 12
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Woodend Playgroup receives DEPI donation to help fund works!

Woodend Playgroup has secured a \$5,000 donation from the Minister for Environment and Climate Change, Ryan Smith, and the Department of Environment & Primary Industries (DEPI) thanks to lobbying from Member for Northern Victoria, Amanda Millar, and Minister for Children and Early Years Development, Wendy Lovell.

The donation matches the generous grant from Macedon Ranges Shire Council (MRSC) thanks to the ongoing support Woodend Playgroup has received from Cr John Connor.

Minister Lovell, Mrs Millar and Cr Connor took time out of their busy schedules – and weekend – to present Woodend Playgroup with the DEPI cheque on Sunday 16 February in front of an enthusiastic group of members!

The combined funding from DEPI, owner of the Woodend Playgroup facility, and MSRC has matched the \$10,000 already raised by Woodend Playgroup through its various fundraising activities over the past 12 months.

The \$20,000 will go towards the bathroom renovation, which will be completed by early March, new carpet throughout the facility and new toys for the 157 children who have been enrolled this year.

Members of the community interested in joining Woodend Playgroup can contact Libby on 0467 093 878, make an enquiry via Facebook or send an email to WoodendPlaygroup@gmail.com

Submitted by Laurissa Mailer

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- Sports Trainer Re-Accreditation.; Sunday March 30, 4:00pm - 6:00pm, Cost: \$100
- Advanced Sports Taping; Wednesday April 30 6:30pm-9:30pm, Cost: \$85
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MACEDON RANGES running club

The Macedon Ranges Running Club (MRRRC) has had a very busy month with well over one hundred participants in our Start Running programme which commenced on January 28. The groups are training at Gisborne, Macedon, Riddells Creek and Woodend with the first target of running 5km on March 23 in Gisborne. A fantastic atmosphere exists in these groups and it is a real buzz to see the progression. The major target is a 10km run on April 27 in Riddells Creek. This is an amazing programme for everyday folk to start from zero running to complete 10km after thirteen weeks.

Our voluntary leaders enthusiasm and dedication form the backbone of our club and we are very pleased to have the following six new leaders in our ranks: Brenda Ruth, Lucia Keaney, Jacqueline Ryan, Kat Turner, Katherine Guarino and Anita Guarino.

Our Walk & Run Group which has been trialled in Riddells Creek by Gary Plummer and Jo Barton has proved to be very popular since it is predominantly walking interspersed with short distance jogging or power walking. This will be a permanent feature of our Club with specific eight week programmes run five times a year. Initially in Riddells Creek but hopefully this will spread across our entire network.

Our Intermediate Running Groups (IRG) have also been busy with Macedon's Candice Hanson building up to the Great Ocean Road half marathon. This is a great effort considering Candice was in our Start Running Group in February last year.

Lisa and Steve Cole have been leaders at Riddells Creek for the Pre and Post Xmas campaign with the culmination of

a run in humid and hot conditions from Riddells Creek to Clarkefield and return on February 9. The weather made it much tougher than anticipated so well done to all the runners with the determination to finish so evident particularly from Ruth Palamountain, Michelle Jamieson, Ian Hoad and Anne Whittaker. Little did we know of the devastation that would occur later that day with the frightening fires.

The Woodend IRG have been heading off into new locations led by a very innovative and inspired Grant Tappin. The runs are popular with the different scenery emphasising the ability to smell the flowers.

The Gisborne IRG has some big goals with Kerry Jorgensen, Nicola Donaldson and Chika Fletcher training for a full marathon.

We are working with the Gisborne Rotary Club for their annual Great Challenge Run which will be in Macedon on May 4. We anticipate this to be approximately 13km.

With the support of Cobaw Community Health we have recently completed first aid training for twenty five of our leaders which means we now have thirty five first aid qualified leaders. This is a big step along the path of being a Healthy Club.

As long distance runners it is impossible to avoid running on roads in our region. We have strict rules for running on roads to make safety the first priority for ourselves and other road users. We would like more off road trails to use and thank the great effort of the Woodend Rotary Club for the exercise track at Buffalo stadium. We are investigating the viability of a trail between Riddells Creek and Gisborne and would like to hear from anybody interested in this project.

We invite participation in our groups. Please enquire at macedonrangesrc@gmail.com

Submitted by Lindsay Sharpe, President

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Thank you

Frances Kelly, Olivia Kelly and all the Kelly family wish to extend a word of gratitude to the wonderful community of Woodend.

To our wonderful theatre friends from Kyneton Theatre Company, The Mount Players, Boiler House, our beautiful personal friends, BOB's friends, to the beautiful ladies who provided the catering in the Church Hall, friends at Brooke Street Clinic and friends from Dorivitch Pathology, St. Vincent's hospital with its wonderful doctors and nurses. To locals Steve and Michael from the Pharmacy, Alexia and Sylvia from Collier's Office, St. Ambrose School Community and Teachers, Mr. Macklin, Father Martin Fleming, Tobin Bros. Sunbury and their Staff and in particular Pauline and Ivor Johnson for their wonderful support.

My gratitude to you all, words can never express what you feel at a time when you have lost your husband of 42 years, I still cannot believe Peter is gone. We were fortunate to be a very close couple, there was never a day he didn't make me laugh. He was a man who loved all unconditionally and loved Woodend.

Thank you all for your kind words, the beautiful flowers and all your wonderful cards. A very big thank you for giving Peter such a wonderful send off, I have 240 signatures in the Memory Book from the Church and each one is very, very, special.

With sincere gratitude

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What's on at Buffalo Sports Stadium

Buffalo Sports Stadium in Woodend offers a range of sports, fitness classes and preschool programs for children and adults of all abilities.

We are currently taking enrolments for Term 1 programs including Kindergym, mixed volleyball, and ladies netball on Monday mornings and Tuesday nights.

Tiny tackers, Studio 2 Mix, Hip Hop and dance class enrolments have limited space available. For more information, phone 5427 3411 or buffalo@mrsc.vic.gov.au

Occasional Care

Sessions are held on Wednesdays and Thursdays, 9am–12noon. Contact 5422 0231 for more information.

Jane's Gentle Exercise

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Classes are held on Tuesdays, 10.30am–11.30am and cost \$5.70 per person.

Strength for Health

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

Classes are held on Tuesdays, 1pm–2pm and Fridays, 9.30am–10.30am. Fees are \$60 for 10 pass card or \$118 for 20 pass card.

Mixed volleyball

Registrations are now being accepted for our Thursday evening mixed volleyball competition. Team or individual entries accepted. Games are held from 7.30pm–9.30pm.

Team fees: \$48 registration and \$15 per player.

To register your interest, phone 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, 10am–10.50am. 3-5 years, Fridays, 11am–12 noon.

Fees: \$9.20 casual visit or 10 pass card \$85 (valid for 6 months).

Basketball

This program is managed by the Macedon Ranges Basketball Association. Games and training are held Monday to Sunday. For more information, contact Megan on 0421 054 242.

Submitted by E McCormick, MRSC

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Heritage News

Although Ashbourne (originally known as Campaspe) is actually in the Parish of Trentham, it has always had strong links with the Woodend township. In view of this, in 2009 at one of our Heritage Society meetings, we invited people with Ashbourne connections - past or present - to join us for a "Focus on Ashbourne". It was a very happy afternoon with a great exchange of stories and information. At its conclusion we all agreed that we already had the beginning of an interesting book

Jane Holth, a Centre volunteer who lives in Ashbourne, rose to the challenge and, as they say, the rest is History! Armed with a tape recorder, Jane began the long task of seeking out past and present residents and recording their stories and collating all the many references to the area held in our Centre archive. The fruits of Jane's labour have now been published and copies of "In Search of Ashbourne" are available from the Court House on Wednesdays or from Collier Office & Business Assist at other times. Illustrated with old photographs, the collected price is \$24. Please enquire at the Centre if you would like it posted or email wdhs@vicnet.net.au for prices.

This book provides a fascinating account of the many families who lived, worked, worshipped and went to School in Ashbourne. We learn about the potato farmers, charcoal burners, timber workers, old time dances, old customs like tin-kettling and even the strange lights that were sometimes seen dancing near the creek at night. This is an important book as in only a few more years, many of the stories it tells will have passed beyond living memory.

Jane would be the first to agree that finding photographs for her book was not easy. A request the other day for a photograph of the original gates which now lead into the Woodend Golf Course reminded me that it is time to put out another call for local photographs to add to our Resource Centre collection. Our records tell us that 'new gates were installed' in 1876 when they led to the first Woodend Racecourse (the golf course commenced on the site in 1908), and in 1947 they were again replaced with new ones. But this is not much help to those hoping to restore the existing gates. If only we had a photograph!

If you have photographs taken at any time of people, places or events in our area please consider dropping them in to the Centre on a Wednesday for possible inclusion in our collection and help us keep our history alive.

Submitted by Janet Hawkins

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How to Pass a Cyclist Safely

The Pass with Care campaign organized by Bike Safe Macedon Ranges is now up on billboards at 20 locations throughout the Macedon Ranges. Some motorists expect that cyclists should ride on the extreme left of the road close to the gutter or right on the white line or shoulder. There can be many good reasons why this is not always practical or safe. There may be poor edges, overgrown vegetation, glass and potholes in this zone which cause hazards to cyclists and you may find the cyclist in the main lane. In some circumstances it is safer for a cyclist to take up the whole lane.

Before overtaking a cyclist please wait a few seconds, until oncoming traffic has passed. If there are no double lines and when safe, move into the next lane and pass as if passing another vehicle. Cyclists ride at around 20 to 30kph so allow plenty of room when pulling in. If you drive too close, your vehicle causes a draft and can cause cyclists to crash. The delay involved in a traffic crash is far longer than the few seconds it takes to wait until it is safe to overtake.

We all want to get home to our families safely.

Submitted by Margaret Douglas, Bike Safe Macedon Ranges

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Basketball off to a great start in 2014

Welcome back to all Woodend basketballers for 2014. It's great to have everyone back at the Stadium and to see the competitions are

going strong. The summer season's Grand Final Day is scheduled for Sunday 23 March. Please check the MRBA's website for more information about the finals and on how to register for the coming winter season, which starts after Easter. Players of all ages and abilities are welcome!

Player profile: Nick Grantham

Nick Grantham is a young Woodend basketballer playing with the state's best. Currently playing for the Keilor Thunder U16 Boys team, at 13 years old and 187cm tall, Nick is the youngest player in the team and also one of the shortest. He plays as a shooting guard in a team that is currently ranked in the top 12 teams in Victoria.



Nick's hard work was recognised this year when he was invited to try out for the State Metro U16 team. He is also going through the final selection stages for the State

Country U16 boy's team. The MRBA wish Nick all the best and congratulate him for all his success to date.

Nick's story is an inspiration for all the young basketballers out there. He started training with his sisters at Woodend when he was just 5 years old, and played his very first game for MRBA when he was 7. Hours and hours of basic skills training at Buffalo Stadium led to Nick learning to use both his left and right hand with equal effectiveness. Today, this skill has caught the eye of the very best coaches in the state who will ask, "Where did you learn to do that?" Nick always proudly tells them, "Woodend".

Bendigo skills training day for under 14s

If you were born in 2001 or 2002 and are looking to improve your basketball skills, consider signing up for Basketball Victoria Country skills training day in Bendigo on Saturday 29 March. The BCV skills days are for both male and female players of all abilities, and more information can be found on their website: www.cv.basketball.net.au. Registrations close 7 March.

Woodend players pretty Hoopsmart

Congratulations to Tilly River who won the Coaches Award at the primary school age Hoopsmart Camp in Sunbury in January. Tilly received the award from former NBL, European and Australian Boomers player Damien Ryan, who conducts the Hoopsmart Camp.

Well done also to the five Woodend boys who won their Hoopsmart shootout: Tadgh Condron, Cooper Oldcastle, Reeve Paleg, William Ryan and Alex Carrel. The future of Woodend basketball certainly looks bright with all these talented players in our junior levels.

Submitted by Nicole Cooper

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