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Woodend Primary School has a fabulous children's garden planted out with an orchard and a flourishing vegetable garden. Barb takes classes down to the garden where the children prepare, plant, water and tend their plants and finally harvest and eat their crops. So far this year we have had a summer harvest and we are eagerly waiting to harvest the winter vegetables. Each term we have a Seasonal Feast Day lovingly prepared by a dedicated group of wonderful parents. They use fresh produce that is donated by our families and food from the garden. Everyone in the school looks forward to these days.

Here is what some of the older children have to say about the garden.

"Lately all the grades from prep to grade six (not grade 4's as they have their own garden at Carlsruhe) have been going to the Children's Garden at the back of the school and weeding and planting some yummy vegetables. I enjoy the garden because it is great fun to harvest the plants you planted. We have found heaps of potatoes, some were humongous and others were tiny winy ones and there were heaps of different kinds of potatoes like; kipler, yellow, pink/red and purple potatoes." Maggie Clune.



"Today our class went to the school's garden. It was pretty good. It was a bit messy but that's the fun part about it. The boys seemed to be having a good time digging out potatoes. It's good to get outdoors instead of being stuck inside for two sessions. It's nice because then kids other than grade fours get to do gardening and use them in the feasts. I'm also glad they did something with the space. It's a bit boring digging out the weeds but in the end it was worth it." Letitia O'Neill.

"Today our class went down to the vegie garden to weed and to pull out all the potatoes. Ruby, Lily, Alexandra, Maggie and I were planting strawberries. Everyone was doing a great job and everyone was enjoying themselves.

The boys were having so much fun digging and finding potatoes and pulling out the weeds. The girls were doing a great job helping in the garden and making the soil soft. I really enjoyed how we were all working together and making our garden grow. I thought it was great fun to do our class garden. I can't wait until I can go down there again and do some more gardening." Sarah Rumble.

Submitted by Joan Buchanan for Woodend Primary School

Woodend Kindergarten celebrates

How lucky Woodend is to have such a wonderful, caring and supportive kindergarten for its children. This year marks 30 years for teacher Stephanie Goss in the Woodend Kindergarten community. Teaching over 2000 children in this period - including two generations in some families - she is still going strong. And with her teaching colleague Kaye McNamara in the adjacent kindergarten unit, who has been teaching in Woodend for 12 years, together they bring 42 years of service and love to the community. Steph has only had two classroom assistants in her time at Woodend: Koulla Constantinou and Lynda Ciunik - both women have made a fabulous contribution to the kindergarten classroom and community.



The Kindergarten staff, committee, parents and friends celebrated Steph's long service with a delightful High Tea last month at Woodend's Campaspe House. Steph was presented with gifts, flowers and a very special book filled with portraits drawn of Steph from children past and present.

Steph has seen many changes over the years. When she first started teaching there was a mobile kindergarten run by the Uniting Church that would cover local communities

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at Metcalf, Newham and Darraweit Guim. A service such as this really helped those young families who were new to the community in developing friendships and support networks. Steph's home visits with families were another way that parents were supported in developing friendships and parenting skills. The kindergarten was also held in the Woodend Racecourse dining room for 18 months – sharing the facilities with Meals on Wheels!

Now at Nicholson Street, both Steph and Kaye have seen the kindergarten grow at a steady pace. With the local population booming with young families, the classrooms are now always full and alive with happy little faces. The elms and oaks that Steph planted on the kindergarten grounds have grown too – providing wonderful shade in summer and a vibrant burst of colour in autumn.

The kindergarten staff and families are pleased to have the continued financial support of the Macedon Ranges Shire Council. Amongst other benefits, they encourage and pay for annual professional development days for all the staff, enabling them to participate with current teaching practices in early childhood education. The kindergarten also relies heavily on the parent community and committee, as well as the broader community – especially in their fundraising endeavours. So as always, our thanks go out to those businesses and individuals who support the kindergarten.

With the new grant to fund major upgrades at Woodend Kindergarten successfully secured, it seems Steph is set to experience another phase at the kindergarten. We thank her for her ongoing commitment and care, and the enormous contribution she has made to the education of our children.

Submitted by Nicole Carracher

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The Rotary Club of Woodend, financially supported by several local businesses, will now install exercise equipment at various points around the track. When this phase is completed the facility will enable local schools, sporting groups, and the community in general to benefit by having an opportunity for improved fitness.

After two years of planning and support from many parties, Woodend Rotary is delighted to be at this stage and look forward to ongoing financial support from local businesses and the public to continue with this project.



Submitted by Brendan Watters

Woodend's Christmas in July

Woodend Business and Tourism Association, in association with Tourism Macedon Ranges hosted Woodend Village Christmas in July, on the 21st & 22nd.

The event was deemed a great success by both traders and visitors alike, certainly helped by the beautiful weather.

Saturday featured a range of events focusing on High Street, with roaming street performers "Public Mischief", free face-painting, horse & carriage rides, and a range of tasty treats provided by the many food stalls on offer. The atmosphere was alive with many buskers throughout town. Children were thrilled by the Punch & Judy Show, Storytelling in the Library and the Sassy Elf parade.



Sunday saw the activities move to Woodend Children's Park, with Tony's Practice "Pets in the Park", Santa on the fire truck and roving reindeers entertaining quite a crowd. Free face-painting for children made for lots of happy faces!

A huge thank you to everyone who purchased raffle tickets during the lead up to this event. We would like to acknowledge the companies who donated prizes that made this raffle possible: Sassy Woodend, Auberge Woodend Luxury

B&B, Bella Salon, Tony's Practice, Woodend Pharmacy, Bodywise Underwear, and The Spa.

The raffle was drawn on 22nd July at Woodend Children's Park.

Winners are as follows: 1st prize won by: J. Barnett; 2nd prize won by: L. & M. Brick; 3rd prize won by: Cori Felvus; 4th prize won by: Norm Thornton; 5th prize won by: Sara Green; 6th prize won by: Maree White; 7th prize won by: Tim O'Brien.

All local business operators are encouraged to join Woodend Business and Tourism Association. Our mission is to maintain, develop and promote our town as a thriving business centre and an exciting tourism destination.

As the Association membership continues to grow the WBATA will be implementing and continuing a range of projects to enhance both membership opportunities and our standing within the community:

- Regular monthly functions – business after hours, guest speakers, business breakfasts, etc
- Develop and implement "Buy Local - Shop Local" programs
- Offer support and assistance to other local organisations with a mutual interest in the advancement of business and tourism within Woodend, such as Great Place Woodend (www.greatplaceaustralia.com.au)

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January	83.5	17.1	0.08*	54*	227.5	31	Jan
February	27.4	22.1	2.5*	71.5*	115.0	133	Feb
March	35.7	25.4	42.5*	121*	35	84	Mar
April	20.2	20.4	51*	45	63.5	35.5	April
May	95.7	43.7	30.5*	39	73.5	54.4	May
June	105.1	88.7	66.5*	98.5	69	126.8	June
July	83.3	112.5	76.5*	87.5	82.5		July
August	34.8	52.2	107.5*	148.5	56		Aug
Sept	49.8	42.0*	88.5*	97	98.5		Sept
Oct	12.1	13.0*	46*	154.5	86		Oct
Nov	91.0	67.2	99*	193	82		Nov
Dec	101.2	96.0*	60*	93	120		Dec
YTD:	739.8	600.3	670.5	1202.5	1119.5	460.2	

For the year of **2011** there was rainfall of **1119.5mm**
1 inch = 25.4 mm therefore the total year 2011 is 44.07 inches

2012 rain fall is 18.12 inches

Scouts are Growing in Woodend

More than ever, the new face of scouting is appealing to local girls and boys. In Victoria, scouting has grown by 20% in the last 5 years and there are now almost 20,000 scouts in the state. To meet this surge in scouting numbers, a second Woodend Scout Group was formed by the Chief Commissioner in January this year, and already has nearly 60 members. And we're not alone - new scout groups are springing up nearby in Riddells Creek, New Gisborne, Caroline Springs and Ballan, to add to those already in Kyneton, Macedon, Gisborne, Romsey, Sunbury and Diggers Rest.

So what's the appeal of today's scouting? It's the opportunity for children to have active fun outdoors – away from computer games and mobile phones. Scouting today offers a wide range of age-appropriate adventurous activities children may not be able to do elsewhere – including Abseiling, Canoeing, Caving, Scuba-diving, Flying, Water-skiing, Rock Climbing and Mountain Biking. And traditional scout activities aren't forgotten – hiking, camping, bush construction, first aid, community service, survival skills and doing a "good turn" for others in need are still a feature of our programs.

So far this year scouts from 2nd Woodend have camped



at Lake Eppalock – raft-building, wake-boarding, sailing and swimming; paddled down the Yarra at night, been mountain bike racing, marched on ANZAC Day, tried scuba diving, learnt first aid, hiked along the Great Ocean Walk to the 12 Apostles, helped Landcare, been indoor rock-climbing and abseiling, played laser tag, go-kart racing and ten-pin bowling, and camped out from as far afield as Bendigo to Apollo Bay! 2nd Woodend Scout Group meets on Monday nights at the Woodend Scout and Guide Hall, and welcomes girls and boys from 6 to 18 years old. For enquiries, contact Andrew Johnson on 0400 6163 93.

Submitted by Andrew Johnson

Pollyphonics Choir News

We are keeping our vocal chords warm this winter with some fabulous concerts in the Macedon Ranges. Last month the Choir had the great privilege of singing in the Macedon Church of the Resurrection in a concert titled "Sanctuary". The repertoire was varied from 70's soul to a stirring Brazilian folk song to gospel but the men really did take center stage with a light classical spoof, "The Pirate Song".

Our next performance is on Sunday 19th August at Sacred Heart College in their performing Arts Centre commencing at 2.00pm to raise funds for Ray M Begg retirement home in Kyneton.

We now have a facebook page and details of the performance will be on the page: www.facebook.com/pages/Pollyphonics-Choir or contact Polly.

The Pollyphonics Choir rehearses in the Neighbourhood Center in Woodend on Thursday evenings during school terms. We are always happy to have new members and please feel free to come any time to watch us rehearse if you are interested in joining.

Submitted by Polly Christie 0417 059 434

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When the Head Publisher at Penguin Books, Ben Ball, first read 'The People Smuggler' he wrote - 'this is a book that has the chance to change the terms of our national debate about refugees'.

Robin writes: My book 'The People Smuggler' was recently published by Penguin and has attracted a lot of attention. The book tells the true story of an Iraqi refugee, Ali Al Jenabi, who became a people smuggler to save his family and ultimately came to be seen, not as a heinous criminal the government had hoped, but as the 'Oskar Schindler of Asia.'

I usually speak about how, when, why I came to the project, my writing process, and how I worked with Ali (him an Arab Muslim man, me a white Western woman) intercepted with readings of a few amusing or engaging sections, then open up for a Q&A type discussion which is always vigorous.

If you Google you will find more reviews and information, plus there is useful material on the Penguin web site: www.penguin.com.au/products/9780670076550/people-smuggler-true-story-ali-al-jenabi

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Calling young writers

Get Published on Youth Central

Donna Petrovich is calling on young people from Macedon Ranges region to get involved with the new Youth Central Get Published program.

Youth Central is the Victorian Government's website for young people, by young people.

The site receives more than 100,000 unique visitors per month and is among the most popular youth government websites in Australia.

The new Get Published program will provide three categories for young people to get involved:

- Guest Reporter – all young people can submit their article ideas to the Youth Central team for consideration.
- Roving Reporter - once you have submitted more than four articles as a Guest Reporter you can apply to join the six month intensive Roving Reporter program.
- Youth Central Blogger - Roving Reporters who have completed their tenure can apply to become a regular contributor to the official Youth Central blog for a year.

"The Get Published program provides a unique and valuable opportunity for young people in the Macedon Ranges to gain practical skills in writing and communications," Mrs Petrovich said.

Get Published builds on the successful Roving Reporter program that provides 30 young people every six months the opportunity to contribute to Youth Central.

Last years overwhelming response to the call for Roving Reporters triggered the changes to the program. The exciting Get Published program will ensure that all young people have the chance to contribute and for those who regularly contribute an option to enhance their skills through blogging on the Youth Central site.

Minister for Youth Affairs Ryan Smith said these changes deliver on the Victorian Coalition Government's vision for young people outlined in the recent youth statement 'Engage, Involve, Create.'

"We want to see more young people involved in their communities and decision-making, engaged in education, training and employment, and creating culture, communities and enterprise," Mr Smith said.

"I am delighted that the new Get Published program will enable more young Victorians to get involved online, engaged in skills and training, to have their say and be creative."

To apply or find out more information about Get Published, visit www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au/getpublished.

Submitted by J. Laffan, Office of Donna Petrovich MLC

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Starting at 11.00 am meant members from Melbourne as well as Woodend were able to join in, as Kyle - one of our youngest and fastest riders, set off at a moderate pace that suited everyone (even me - the slowest rider in the forest). I think even Kyle enjoyed the novelty of riding at such a relaxed pace. Frequent short stops allowed the stragglers (that'd be me again) to catch up with the group, whilst Andy took red-light duties to ensure no one was left behind. The muddy conditions also helped to keep the pace low - and the particularly boggy fire roads and 4WD tracks challenged our creativity when it came to getting through, or around, the really wet bits.

It's always good to ride through the forest - to breathe the cool clean air and to flow along the track as if skiing (I almost wrote with the ...grace and alacrity of a Wallaby - but who am I kidding!) but it is even better to be riding in company. Sharing the trail, as well as the jokes and 'incidents' along the way, with a bunch of like-minded individuals is the basis of a great day. Why not join us on our next 'social'? Or for the more committed, we have a weekly Thursday night club ride. Check out our new web site - soon to be at www.wombatmtbc.org.au

Submitted by Malcolm Duffield

Make the world your oyster

- Computer classes in the library

Would you, or anyone you know, like to learn how to use information technology in your local library?

Friends of Macedon Ranges Libraries Inc (FOMRL) is planning classes, particularly aimed at seniors, with refreshments thrown in.

The first one will be at Woodend Library on Tuesday 18th of September in the afternoon.

It will focus on using computers to access the catalogues of the whole Goldfields library network online via the Internet. You can learn to reserve, renew or suggest buying an item such as a book, magazine, DVD. You can also ask for inter-library loans to be obtained from other Australian libraries.

FOMRL would like your ideas for further topics.

Examples might be:

- basic computer skills (eg copying information from the library computer to a document);
- how to use email to keep in touch with friends and family.
- efficient searching on the Internet – there is more than Google!
- evaluating quality of websites on topics such as travel, genealogy, health; many are linked from the library websites;
- how to get started on social networks such as Facebook, Twitter, U-tube.

Please visit or contact the Woodend Library on 03 5427 2074 to register your interest for the September class, or to suggest ideas for future classes.

Submitted by Helen Scott

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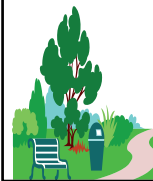
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News from Newham

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Our Winter lecture series commenced on 22nd June when Athol Guy of the Seeker's fame spoke philosophically of his life in the spotlight also illustrated with footage of the group's first performance in London. Greatly enjoyed by all who attended.

Our next speaker is Tom King on Friday 3rd August. Tom won a gold medal for sailing (470's) for Australia at the Sydney Olympics in 2000. He will talk about his experiences as an Olympian, what it takes and what it means to succeed at this level and his life in the Olympic movement afterwards.

Our last lecture will be on Friday 21st September when Richard Barley who is CEO of the Open Garden Scheme in Australia will speak about the history of the Melbourne Botanic Gardens and his new role with the Open Garden Scheme.

Please join us for these lectures at the Newham Hall at 7.30pm. Cost \$5. Doors open at 7pm and Supper is provided by the Committee.

Our Hall is perfect for many occasions such as birthdays, children's parties, weddings and our booking officers, Nick Massie on 54270065 and Beryl Bachelor on 5527 0568 would be happy to help.

Submitted by Mary Martin

Rotary Club of Woodend

Would you like to learn more about Rotary?

The Rotary Club of Woodend is part of a world wide organisation committed to helping the community locally and overseas.

We have a range of interesting speakers who present to the club throughout the year. Woodend Rotary meets every Thursday at 6.45pm in The Victoria Hotel, Woodend.

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Macedon Ranges Film Society goes from Guns To Fantasy!

Guns were indeed a-blazing in the film chosen by the M.R.F.S. for July. "L.A. Confidential", a film which deals with the dark world of corruption in Los Angeles, had more shoot-outs and dead bodies than most people could count. The audience however admired the tight plot and superb acting of the three main characters, law enforcement officers with vastly different approaches to dealing with crime.

J.M. Barrie, the creator of Peter Pan, would never have tolerated such violence. Marc Forster's film "Finding Neverland" about this remarkable man is sweet and gentle from start to finish. Johnny Depp plays J.M. Barrie with convincing magnetism and Kate Winslet is excellent as the lonely and charming mother of four children who embrace Barrie's childlike vision with enthusiasm.

The film was made in 2004 and also stars Julie Christie and Dustin Hoffman. It can be seen on Wednesday, 8th August, at the Woodend Community Centre. Film starts at 7.15 pm. sharp.

The Macedon Ranges Film Society meets on the second Wednesday of every month at 7p.m. in the Woodend Community Centre. Film notes are supplied and for those who wish, there is discussion following the screening, with supper kindly supplied by members.

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"Pew sheets and notice boards are a great way of communicating with our Parishioners, but reaching the wider community is a much harder task," said Fr Malcolm Thomas, Rector at St Mary's Anglican Church Woodend.

"We are really looking forward to using the website and social media to broaden our reach and promote our wonderful new Church hall," he added.

In a service of Dedication by the Bishop of Bendigo (Sunday 12th of August) St Mary's new Church hall will be officially named 'The Norma Richardson Hall'. Mrs Norma Richardson has been a parishioner at St Mary's for over 50 years and the President of St Mary's Guild for the past 40 years. A full report and photos will be published in the September edition of The New Woodend Star.

You can visit the website at www.woodendanglican.org.au for all the latest news, events and to hire The Norma Richardson Hall.

Service Times

Regular services are held at St Mary's on Sundays at 10.30am and Wednesdays at 10am. Come and join us and stay for a cuppa afterwards.

St Mary's is located at 15 Buckland Street, Woodend.

Contact: The Rev'd Malcolm Thomas 5427 2460



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A one person play by Peter Fernon accompanied on piano by well-known Castlemaine musician Charles Affleck.

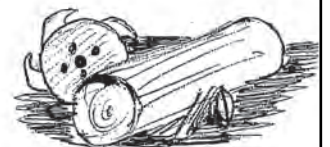
This wonderful show will be held in The Norma Richardson Hall, 15 Buckland Street, Woodend on Saturday, 25th August at 7.30pm, as part of our opening festivities. Doctor Gweneth Wisewould was Trentham's celebrated GP from 1938 to 1972. Tickets are \$15 and \$10 concession. To book ring 5424 1237.

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Awards to Celebrate Macedon Ranges Youth

Macedon Ranges Shire Council is calling for nominations for its annual Youth Awards, which celebrate and recognise the achievements of young people in the shire.

These awards encourage young people to do their best, and recognise their talents and contributions to their community.

All young people in the Macedon Ranges, along with their families, friends, teachers, neighbours, employers or colleagues, are encouraged to put forward a nomination.

Nominations are now open for any young person (or group of young people) aged 12-25 years. Award categories include Sports, Arts, Environment, Community Involvement, Business, Academic. This years awards will also including a special category for raising mental health awareness as part of the Live4Life initiative.

Nominations close at 5pm on Friday 17th of August and the winners will be announced and celebrated at a special event on Tuesday 18th of September, in the newly renovated Kyneton Mechanics Institute.

Nomination Packs can be downloaded from the Macedon Ranges Shire Council website at www.mrsc.vic.gov.au (follow the links to Youth,) and at www.live4life.org.au, or can be collected from Council Offices in Kyneton, Woodend, Gisborne and Romsey.

For more information, contact Luke Matricardi, Events Management School Based Apprentice, Macedon Ranges Shire Council on (03) 5422 0333.

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Reading is not only great fun, it's also an essential life skill – and you can't start too soon! The aim of the Reading Hour in 2012 is to promote the positive benefits of reading.

On Saturday 25th of August, 2012 it's the National Reading Hour. From 6-7pm across the country, everyone is encouraged to turn off the television and get reading!

Families from the Macedon Ranges are welcome to come along to Woodend Library and join in Reading Hour fun at 10.30 am Saturday 25th August. Book a place for your family 5427 2074.

Narelle Stone from Quirky Tales will perform Book Theatre featuring some prize winning Australian children's picture books. Meet some characters you know well too. On the 25th August borrow a Library book you would like to share at home for the Reading Hour Bring ID and join the Library if you are not a member.

The goals of the National Year of Reading are:

- Restore some of that work-life balance by taking a break with a book at lunchtime
- Share a book with your child for 10 minutes a day
- Get together with friends to read and talk about your favourite books

We know it's not always possible for parents to share a book at bedtime with their children, but if you can manage 10 minutes most nights, your child will have the best chance of becoming a good reader, with all the social and educational benefits that brings. Most of our brain development happens between birth and three years of age, so it's not enough to assume that children will learn to read when they get to school. Parents can share stories and rhymes right from day one – join us for Storytime, Rhymetime, and Toddlertime sessions at one of the Goldfields Libraries.

Submitted by Lulu Cockram Woodend Library



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Woodend Toy Library (WTL) Morning Tea

9.30 – 11.30am, Thursday 16th of August 2012
at Woodend Neighbourhood House. \$5 gets you tea, coffee and cake (all proceeds go towards buying new toys for WTL) Everyone welcome – just show up!

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- Meet the new committee and find out more about WTL
- Join up, or renew your membership
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Submitted by: Kate O'Connor Woodend Toy Library

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Following the AGM, at about 2.30PM we will have the opportunity to find out a little more about the underground waters in our area from hydrologist Barry Mann.

We have decided to call his talk "Out of Aquifer". Hopefully Barry is tolerant of bad puns!

Afternoon tea will be served after the talk and we ask for a gold coin donation please.

Our Council has kindly erected two signs on the walking track between Bowen Street and Pyke Street. These signs describe the background to the plantings along the creek in this area, so next time you are in the area, have a look.

Speaking of tracks, we have removed many old willows from a trackside area near Tennyson Street. The site was not cleaned up as well as we hoped and the recent rains have spread the remaining branches over a wide area, so it now looks very messy. Please be assured that we have not forgotten this site. Efforts will be made to clean it up but the wet ground makes that impossible for the moment. Once the site is cleared of debris, we plan to plant about 300 low growing indigenous plants between the creek and the track.

So there is a lot of work to be done, but ultimately we will have another attractive, weed free section of creek for all of us to enjoy as we walk or ride along the track.

Submitted by Peter Yates

'Farewell to Dromkeen'

The Dromkeen Children's Literature Collection (established in 1974) is to move to the State Library of Victoria by the end of the year. Take the opportunity before it goes from its historic homestead at Riddells Creek to see the collection's original artwork, manuscripts, sculptures and beautiful gardens.

Friends of Macedon Ranges Libraries Inc (FOMRL) has organised a Morning tea and tour of the gallery rooms for \$10 per head on 6th of September 2012, at 10.30 am.

More information about the collection is at www.scholastic.com.au/common/dromkeen/index.asp

To register your interest please contact Val on 03 5427 2763 or Sheila at sheila@drummondagency.com.au.

Submitted by Helen Scott

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Organising an Event?

Council Can Help

Macedon Ranges Shire Council is holding a free workshop for event organisers on Thursday 9th of August from 6.30pm – 8.30pm in its Gisborne office.

The forum covers many aspects of running an event in the Macedon Ranges, such as traffic management plans for road closures, requests for rubbish bins, marketing and grant support.

Council's Manager Economic Development and Tourism, Kylie Lethbridge, said the workshop would save participants significant time and effort in planning and running their event:

"It can be difficult for community members to navigate the maze of Council regulations and permits associated with running an event.

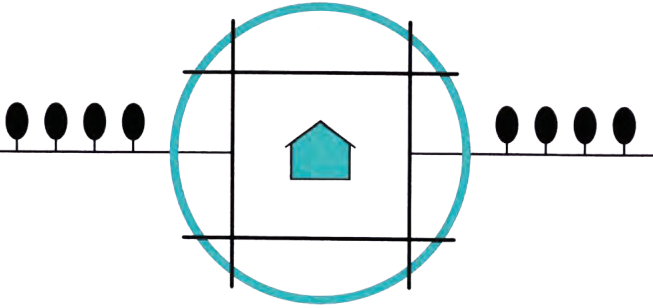
Participants will hear from various areas of Council that provide support for events, such as local laws, parks and gardens, grants and Hanging Rock," she said.

All event organisers are invited to attend, from the community events such as school fetes and fun runs, to larger events such as food and wine festivals, music festivals and cycling competitions.

This is the second forum of its kind this year and forms part of Council's 2010 -2013 Events Strategy.

The workshop will be held at 40 Robertson Street, Gisborne. Call Council on 5421 9616 to register.

Submitted by G. Gamble, Communications and Public Relations Coordinator, Macedon Ranges Shire Council



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Local band Modern Savage is the winner of the recent Macedon Ranges Battle of the Bands event that was held on 23rd of June.

Over 200 young people attended the event at St Ambrose Hall in Woodend to see Wonderbeast, Zenith Skies, The He-Brides, Severed Oath, Modern Savage, Dinosaur Down, Mumblr and the Mang and Plural battle it out.

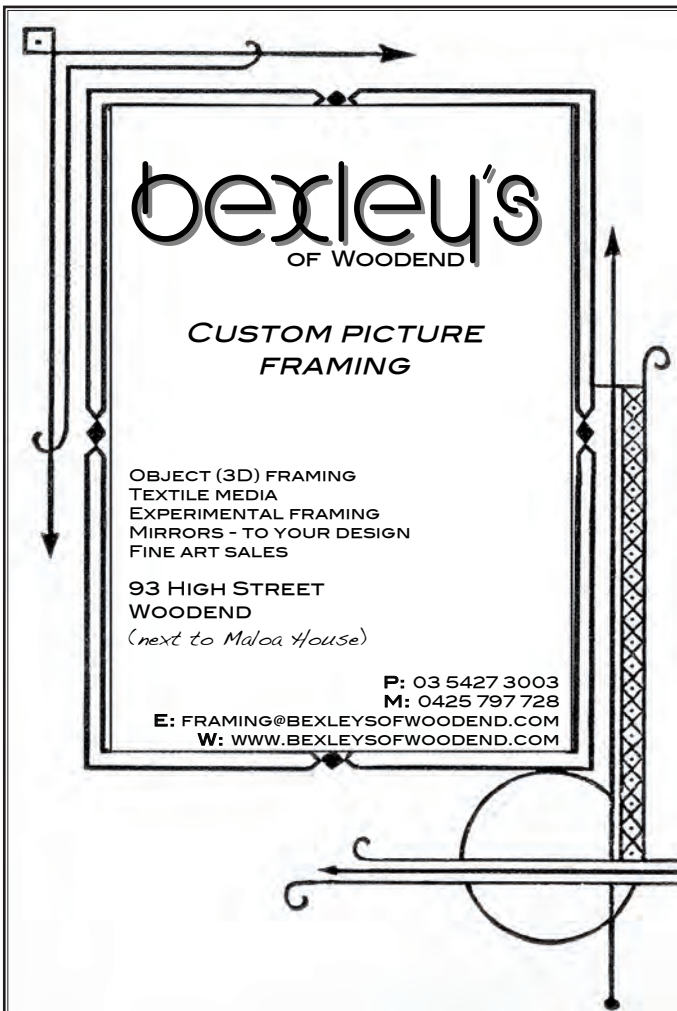
The winners now have the opportunity to perform at the Regional Push Start Finals to be held from October to December. Regional Final winners then compete for the Grand Prize on stage at the annual Push Over Festival in March at the Abbotsford Convent.

"This is a great competition that showcases young and emerging Victorian performers, and is also a platform for young event organisers and promoters," said Pauline Neil, Youth Development Coordinator at Macedon Ranges Shire Council.

"Congratulations to Modern Savage, and also to Zenith Skies and Severed Oath who took out 2nd and 3rd places," she said.

The all ages, drug, alcohol and smoke-free event was proudly supported by Macedon Ranges Shire Council, FReeZA and Push Start.

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Woodend residents have had their say about the future of the town's water management, with consultation now closed for Western Water's Water Plan 2013-18.

Western Water received more than 300 submissions on the draft plan from across its service region. This feedback will be incorporated into the final Water Plan.

Western Water's Managing Director, Neil Brennan, said it was great to see the community getting involved with planning for the future of water in the region.

"We asked people to consider things like our tiered price structure for water use, which means high water users pay a higher rate per litre," he said.

"People were also asked for their thoughts on how we cope with population growth to ensure high quality water and sewage services for all our residents into the future.

"For Woodend, this includes a planned expansion of the town's water supply and recycled water systems and a planned upgrade to the recycled water plant."

This month Western Water will hold forums to get more in-depth feedback from customers.

A final Water Plan will be submitted to the Essential Services Commission around the end of September.

Submitted by Kylie Smith

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Breaking the glass ceiling

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Yet the number of women on the top 200 Australian corporate boards is just 14 per cent. Do we really believe that more than 50 per cent of the population representing 70 per cent of the buying power can be ignored by companies?

It is hard to ignore the evidence that putting women on boards makes good business sense and makes them more relevant to the community, reflecting the population and its customers, providing fresh perspectives and new ideas.

So if it makes "good business sense" why are there still so few women directors?

Many women simply don't know how to go about becoming a board member. They often have to start building networks, putting themselves out there and raising their own profile, sometimes a foreign and difficult concept for many women.

A good place to start is the not for profit local community boards. While board positions for major companies and large organizations are difficult to attain, small companies and local not for profits usually welcome those that want to assist them.

So ladies get out there, do your research, put yourself forward and break that glass ceiling.

Warm regards Joanne Duncan MP State Member for Macedon

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Big Cake Bake

Woodend Red Cross

We are again holding our Big Cake Bake morning tea. We would love you to join us!

This year it will be held on the 9th of August, between 10am to 12 midday at the Woodend Community Centre (next to the library), Forest St. Woodend.

The entry cost will be \$5 and there will be beautiful cakes, raffle prizes and live entertainment for all to enjoy.

The red cross members along with our sponsors Cafe Colenso, The Village Larder, Woodend Bakery Cafe, Maloa House and Passing Clouds Winery will be cooking up a treat of goodies to share with you over a cup of tea or coffee. Many cakes will also be for sale for you to take home and enjoy with the family.

Black Bird Catering are creating another of their designer cakes which will be raffled on the day. Those that attended last year will remember their amazing Christmas Tree Cake.

We will be baking up a storm this August to help raise money for the everyday work of Red Cross.

Come and join us! If you are unable to make it on the day and wish to donate you can do this by accessing our web site: www.bigcakebake.gofundraise.com.au/page/woodend then click on the word DONATE to the right of the screen.

Submitted by Annaleise Wilmott



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Submitted by S Cooper for Cambodian Kids Foundation

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August 18th will be the 3rd birthday of the Trentham Farmers Market, and also the 1st birthday of the Trentham and Districts Community Bank® (Bendigo Bank). There will be live entertainment by "Acoustic Sessions", Free face painting, balloons & giveaways for the kids & of course birthday cake!

The Trentham Farmers Market is held the third Saturday of every month, 9am -1pm at Trentham Town Square. The Farmers Market has a selection of dairy and goat's cheeses, eggs and live poultry, sourdough, preserves, olive products, plants and fresh flowers, spuds, locally brewed beer and wines, and an assortment of natural farm products. We have also reduced the stallholder fees to the "One of the lowest in the region for a Farmers Market" so stallholders, please contact Shirley 5348 5690 to secure a place.

All proceeds go back into the community through our 'Not for Profit' Trentham Lions Club Inc. and the various community groups participating in our sausage sizzle roster. The Trentham CFA will sizzle the snags for the Aug market, no fires to put out we hope, except the birthday candles!

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Submitted by / contact Shirley Corneille for further information phone: 5348 5690 or 0427 542 811, or email: trenthamfarmersmarket@yahoo.com.au

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New Town Plans for Woodend

Macedon Ranges Shire Council is inviting community input into the development of Town Structure Plans for Woodend, to help manage future development and protect key features of the town through to the year 2036.

Mayor, Cr Henry McLaughlin said that the plans would become the key planning documents for Woodend:

“These are major plans that will set the long-term vision for the future growth of Woodend in a way that improves liveability and protects what residents value most about their towns,” he said.

Council has released Issues Papers for Woodend for comment. They provide a starting point to consider what issues should be addressed in the preparation of the Draft Town Structure Plans. Topics include bushfire, township character, open space, cultural heritage and infrastructure.

Town Structure Plans are the next stage in the strategic planning process after the completion of the Macedon Ranges Settlement Strategy last year. This strategy anticipates that the population of Woodend will increase to 5,000 by 2036.

“We are asking the community to consider how we will provide for future population growth in a way that ensures the things we love about Woodend are protected into the future,” Mayor, Cr McLaughlin said.

Director Planning and Environment, Sophie Segafredo said that a Town Structure Plan usually leads to changes in planning zones, overlays and local policy. “It coordinates development across the town and may identify key infrastructure such as future main roads, and encourage particular types of development in certain areas,” she said.

Further consultation will occur during the development of the draft plans, and once they are released for public exhibition early next year. Once adopted by Council and after a further period of consultation and an independent planning panel process, the Town Structure Plans will be incorporated into the Planning Scheme.

“Developing the Town Structure Plans may take 2-3 years, however it is important that residents have their say now,” said Mayor, Cr McLaughlin.

“Turning the structure plans into reality will be a gradual process that will take place over the next 20-25 years,” he said. The Issues Papers can be accessed from Council’s website, www.mrsc.vic.gov.au or in Customer Service Centres in Kyneton, Gisborne, Romsey and Woodend. Submissions should be sent to PO Box 151, Kyneton VIC 3444 or emailed to strategic_planning@mrsc.vic.gov.au by 3rd August 2012.

Submitted by G. McAlinden, Communications and Public Relations Coordinator, Macedon Ranges Shire Council

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Partnership to Assess Local Training Needs

A new partnership between local training providers, the Central Ranges Local Learning and Employment Network and Macedon Ranges Shire Council will assess the skills needs of local businesses to improve local training options.

The research project is supported by \$50,000 in State Government funding, with project partners also contributing \$20,000.

The project will be lead by Learn Local providers Kyneton Community and Learning Centre, Woodend Neighbourhood House, Lancefield Neighbourhood House and Macedon Ranges Further Education Centre.

Macedon Ranges Shire Council Mayor, Cr Henry McLaughlin, said the project would provide significant long-term benefits to both businesses and residents:

"This research will help us find ways for businesses to source their training needs locally and ensure that local training organisations remain connected and relevant," he said.

The first stage of the project is to engage independent consultants to undertake the research. The consultants will have proven experience in the training and education sector and will meet with businesses to discuss their skills and training needs.

The project is expected to be completed by April 2013. Local businesses are encouraged to express their interest in contributing to this study by contacting John Thomas, Project Manager and Kyneton Community and Learning Centre representative on 5422 3433.

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- 3 Newham Mechanics Institute- Lecture
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- 3 RSL Dinner & Entertainment - Whanabe
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- 4 Woodend Farmers' Market
- 4 Woodend Landcare AGM
- 4 Heskett Primary School Annual Dinner Dance
- 8 Macedon Ranges Film Society
- 9 Red Cross Big Cake Bake Morning Tea
- 9 MRSC Workshop for Event organisers
- 10 Woodend RSL Celts & Cobbers
- 12 Dedication of The Norma Richardson Hall
- 14 Information session for Prospective candidates
for MRSC general elections
- 16 The Art of the Magical Cave Churches of
Cappadocia ADFAS
- 16 Toy Library Morning Tea
- 18 Trentham Farmers Market 3rd Birthday
- 18 Woodend RSL Gala Dinner Entertainment
with Colin Cook, Sylvia & Neil Mathews \$45
Bookings 5427 3122
- 19 SASS Singers St Mary's
- 24 The Signorelli Frescoes of Orvieto Cathedral
ADFAS
- 25 "Doctor" A one person play - 7.30pm The Norma
Richardson Hall
- 25 National Reading Hour 6-7pm

September

- 1 Woodend Farmers' Market
- 6 Friends of Macedon Ranges Library
Dromkeen Morning tea
- 7 Cricket Season Launch
- 12 Macedon Ranges Film Society
- 13 A Victorian Splendour, The Golden Age of British
Glass ADFAS
- 13 The People Smuggler- Woodend Rotary Club
- 14 Futsal Registration
- 16 SASS singing - St Ambrose
- 18 Friends of Macedon Ranges Library Computer
class
- 19 Futsal Registration
- 21 Newham Mechanics Institute Lecture-
Richard Barley

October

- 6 Woodend Farmers' Market
- 8 Games Composers Play with John O'Donnell
ADFAS
- 10 Macedon Ranges Film Society
- 18 Muso Soseki and the Garden at Saihoji, Kyoto
ADFAS
- 19-20 October Quilting Exhibition, The Norma
Richardson Hall
- 21 SASS singing - St Andrews
- 27 Macedon Ranges Shire Council General
elections

November

- 3 Woodend Farmers' Market
- 14 Macedon Ranges Film Society
- 18 Sugar & Spice market
- 18 SASS singing - St Marys
- 24 Tylden Primary School 150th celebrations

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, Melissa, 0438 831 427
- Living Word Christian Church, 5429
6327
- Historical Society, Courthouse, 5427 2523
- Macedon Ranges & District Motor Club,
10 Webb Cres, New Gisborne 1st
Wednesday each month 8pm
- Macedon Ranges Animal Aid, Buffalo
Sports Stadium, 5427 1752
- Macedon Ranges Bridge Club, 5420 7595
- Macedon Ranges Families of Children with
Disabilities Support Group, 5427 3365
- Macedon Ranges Residents Assoc., 5427
1481 or 5427 2651
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Ron Mathews, 5427 3284
- Parent Support 4 LD, - Kerrie
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- R.S.L., Anslow Street, 5427 3122
- Red Cross, 5427 1260
- Rotary Club of Woodend, meetings
weekly at Vic Hotel Thursdays
6.45pm, Brendan 5422 6442
- 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,
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- Woodend Business & Tourism Group
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Jo 5427 1909 or Doug 5427 2666, 3rd
Tues Meeting, 4th Sunday Working Bee
- Woodend Hanging Rock Petanque Club,
Hanging Rock Reserve, 5427 2477
- Woodend Lions Club, Meetings 2nd/4th
Wednesday each month, Barry
McDonald, 5427 1272
- Woodend Neighbourhood House, 47
Forest St, 5427 1845
- Woodend Pony Club, 5427 2793
- Woodend Senior Citizens Club, Comm.
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The Pre-Plans feature a detailed map of the building and surrounds that enable fire fighters to get a good understanding of the building, including the positioning of exits, hydrants, hose reels, extinguishers and evacuation points. As well as any major fire dangers such as gas cylinders, power boards etc. The current Pre-Plan list for the Woodend Fire Brigade includes the following: 1 Owen St, 13 Anne Rd, Akzo, Barker Trailers, The Bentink, Black Forest Timbers site, Black Forest Tyres, BP Service Station, Braemar College, Brooke Street Medical Centre, Coles Supermarket, Campaspe House, Cammeray Waters, CSL, Elgas, Macedon Ranges Shire depot, Macedon Ranges Veterinary Clinic, Melbourne Grammar – Robert Knox Camp, St Ambrose Primary School, Target Country, Tony’s Practice, Victoria Hotel, Woodend Community Aged Care, Woodend Hub Community centre, Woodend Primary School and Woodend Produce Store. We also have Pre-Plans for several other premises currently under development.

The Brigade, under the direction of Training Officer George Keyes, has just begun training inspections of as many properties as possible in the coming months, so that members are able to gain a first hand understanding of specific properties. As I write this article, we wish to thank

the management of Barker Trailers and The Bentink for allowing us to undertake such inspections.

If your business or service does not appear on the above list, or you are aware of a business that has special or specific risks that we should be aware of, please don’t hesitate to get in touch with me or the Brigade Captain.

A winter fire plan is also important.

A recent survey indicated that more than 25% of children did not know what to do if a fire broke out in their home.

Have you discussed an evacuation procedure with your family in case of a house fire? Have you discussed with your children how to safely exit a building by crawling low in smoke? Have you organised a meeting place outside to know that everyone is safe? How to check and clean smoke alarms? Do you have fire extinguishers or fire blankets?

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

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Submitted by 1st Lieutenant Mike Dornau, Woodend CFA



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All people should consider having an annual flu vaccination, limit the spread of viruses by regular hand washing and hygienic use & disposal of tissues and avoid crowded places if they are unwell themselves.



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(1)http://www.nps.org.au/health_professionals/vaccines

Welcome back Manisha

We welcome back Dr Manisha Fernando who has returned from maternity leave. Appointments with Manisha can be made by contacting reception on 5427 1002.

Falls common in older people - can be prevented



"Falls are a major cause of injury for older people" reports The Better Health Channel in their fact sheet "*Falls prevention for older people*". They say at least one third of those aged 65 or more will have one or more falls each year. However, many falls **can** be prevented.

Important factors in preventing falls include: exercising to improve balance, strength and flexibility; and wearing shoes that fit well, have low or no heels and have a non-slip sole. The Better Health Channel has a number of other tips to help prevent falls. This fact sheet can be accessed from the web or copies can be picked up from reception.



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Council Endorses Plan to Prevent Violence Against Women

Macedon Ranges Shire Council has endorsed a project plan for the Prevention of Violence Against Women in Our Community Project.

The plan was endorsed at Council's June meeting, and identifies strategies to build communities and organisations that are non-violent, support respectful and equal relationships between men and women, and increase understanding of the underlying causes of violence against women.

Mayor, Cr Henry McLaughlin said this was an opportunity for Council to provide leadership in a major public health issue, and nominated himself as champion for the project.

"In my role as Mayor I hope to encourage our community to speak out in support of non-violence, and promote non-violent ways of dealing with interpersonal conflict," he said. Cr Helen Relph was also nominated as champion, and said that she was looking forward to empowering women as part of the project:

Cr McLaughlin and Cr Relph will participate in training and raise awareness of the project through community networks.

Victorian research shows that violence against women is a major public health issue, with family violence being the leading contributor of death, disability and illness in Victorian women between the ages of 15-44.

The strategies identified in the Prevention of Violence Against Women in Our Community project plan have been informed by extensive consultation across the region. They

include:

- a plan to engage with women who have experienced violence and provide them with the necessary training to be able to speak out about their experiences to raise awareness in the media and wider community.
- Council participation in White Ribbon Day 2012. Held in November each year, The White Ribbon Foundation is against all forms of violence."

"The White Ribbon Campaign is about acknowledging that most men are not violent towards women, and that most men think violence against women is completely unacceptable," said Mayor, Cr McLaughlin.

The plan also outlines the pivotal role that Councils can play by working across whole communities to prevent violence against women. Councils are able to work across areas such as arts and culture, sports and recreation, maternal and child health, local businesses, youth and schools.

The project is an initiative funded by the Victorian Office of Women's Policy. Mount Alexander Shire Council is the lead partner in the project, in partnership with City of Greater Bendigo and Macedon Ranges Shire Council.

A copy of the plan is available to view on Council's website, www.mrsc.vic.gov.au.

Submitted by G. McAlinden, Communications and Public Relations Coordinator, Macedon Ranges Shire Council



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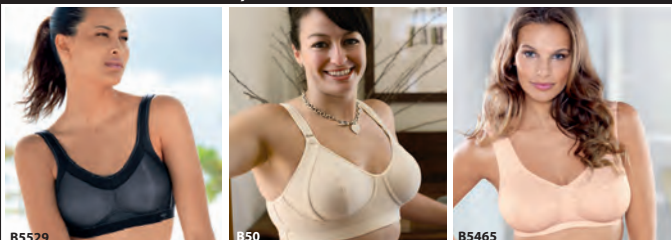


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- Self Empowerment and Healing Support Group
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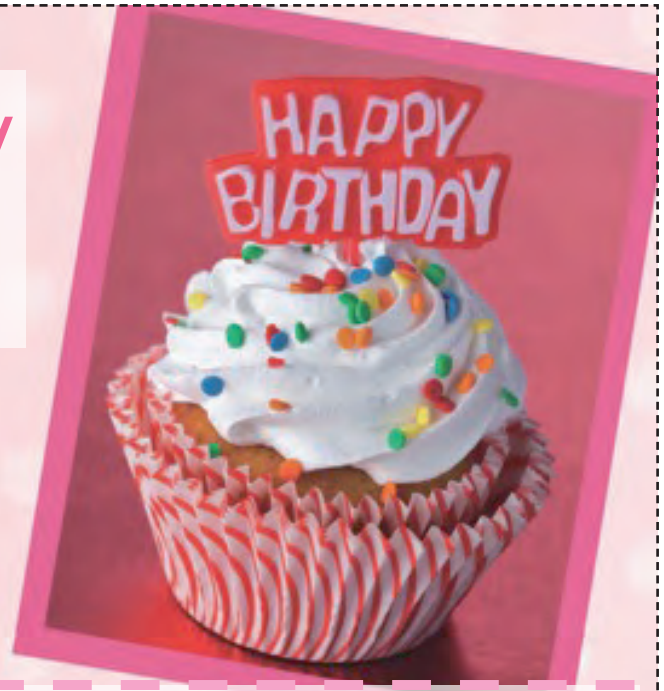
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Our next meeting on August 16th hosts Geri Parlbly, who will present a fully illustrated lecture exploring the magical cave monasteries of Cappadocia. As always, supper will be served after the lecture, giving plenty of time for a chat with friends over sandwiches and a glass of wine.

You are warmly invited to join our society. Register initially as a guest (\$20 refundable fee), and if the evening piques your interest, you will be able to take out a mid-year membership for all remaining 2012 lectures. Once you have become a member, you will also be able to book for a special presentation by Dr Dugald McLellan on the Signorelli frescoes of Orvieto cathedral.

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Heritage News

Looking for something of interest for this column and thinking about the continuing success of the recent Woodend Winter Arts Festival, I came across this article which I originally submitted to this paper in 2007. It ties in so nicely with the Festival that I'll repeat it again. It will certainly be new to all those who have joined our community during the last five years.

"Older readers will recall the days before television when radio – or more correctly – wireless - was king. Those of us now in our seventies will have vivid memories of growing up when Martin's Corner, Dad and Dave and the Lux Radio Play were not to be missed. Back in the 1880's long before the days of radio and TV, home entertainment usually consisted of a singsong around the piano with perhaps some parlor games for good measure. Without doubt, these were usually very happy occasions, but for those who sought more intellectual stimulation, something else was needed. To meet this thirst for knowledge, even in a small town like Woodend, Mechanic's Institutes with their well-stocked libraries had been formed. Woodend's first Mechanic's Institute opened in 1862 and after a fire destroyed the building, it moved to another in 1870. This second building soon fell into bad disrepair and in 1893, was finally replaced with the grand building, which still stands today. It is interesting that when the Woodend Literary and Dialectic Society was formed, as reported in the following article from the Kyneton Guardian, 18th May 1881, it sought accommodation in the 'old shire offices'. Perhaps by then the 1870's Mechanics Institute was not deemed to be adequate for such an august body."

"Proposed Literary and Dialectic Society to be formed in Woodend.. It having been proposed that a society or institute should be established at Woodend, for the purpose of literary discussion and the Rev. Mr. Allen, Minister of St. Mary's Church, and the Rev. Mr. Armour, Presbyterian Minister, having taken great interest in the matter and secured the names of more than thirty of the inhabitants as willing to become members of such a society, a meeting was held at the Council Chambers of Woodend, on Monday evening 16th inst., to take the necessary steps to carry the project into effect. The meeting was numerously attended, there being about twenty persons present. The Rev. Mr. Allen was elected chairman, and briefly stated the object of the meeting. He said that a similar society had been established at Kyneton with very beneficial results, the members contributing papers or short essays upon such topics as they might deem of interest, the same to be afterwards discussed, excluding all those touching upon religious controversy. The Rev. Mr. Amour moved "that it is desirable that such a society be formed at Woodend" seconded by Mr. Macauley and carried. On the

motion of Mr. Glover, seconded by Mr. Nicholson, it was resolved that the society be called the "Woodend Literary and Dialectic Society,"

"The following officers were elected:- Rev. Mr. Allen, President; Rev. Mr. Armour, Vice President; Mr. Nicholson, Treasurer; Mr. Laffin, Secretary. The office bearers were appointed as an executive committee, and it was decided that the meetings should be held on every Monday evening at 7.45 until the first of October next, and that the secretary be requested to write the President and Council of Newhamshire, asking for the use of the old Council Chambers for the purposes of holding the meetings. The first meeting is to be held on Monday, the 23rd inst. A number of other preliminary arrangements were made before the meeting closed. Such a society as the above has long been wanted at Woodend, and it is to be hoped that the endeavors of its promoters will meet with the warm support of its inhabitants and that it will prove to be a means of intellectual improvement and enjoyment to the society."

Our records indicate that this group continued well into the next decade. In 1899 it sought to spread its wings still further proposing that another group called the Newhamshire Arts Society should also be formed "embracing music and arts generally" although to date we have not located any further references to its formation. (A nice research project for anyone interested with a few hours to spend with our digitized papers)!

Back to the present: Is there anyone out there who likes selling on EBay? From time to time we acquire items which we believe could be sold with the proceeds assisting the work we do at our Centre. If you are an EBay user and could help us, a call to Janet on Wednesdays (5427 3361) would be greatly appreciated.

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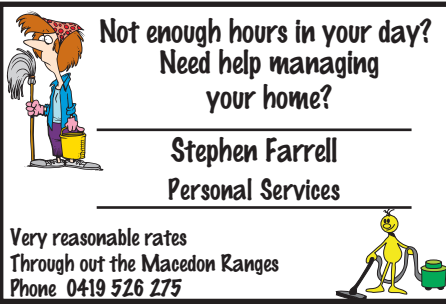
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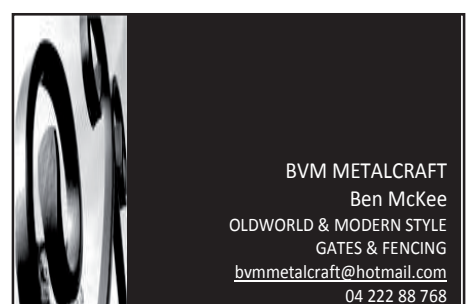
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Check our new website www.woodend.vic.cricket.com.au for further information.

Submitted by John Mackintosh, Secretary, Woodend Cricket Club

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Registration forms and further information can be found on the website www.macedonrangesfutsalclub.sportingpulse.net. For further information please contact Larry on 0408 743 214

Kindergym- New Times

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