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Macedon Ranges Christmas Toy Shop

For the past 2 years the Combined Churches of the Macedon Ranges have organised a Christmas "Toy Shop" for families living in the shire who might struggle to afford a Christmas gift for their child. Each year we assist over 100 local families, or 250 children. This year we anticipate the need to be even greater.

The Toy Shop relies completely on the generosity of our community, to donate gifts to stock the shop. Families are referred to us by local support and welfare agencies and are given a personal invite to attend the shop and pick out toys for their children. As we rely on donated goods, there is no cost to the families for these gifts. We also offer gift wrapping and a cafe style space to enjoy free tea and coffee and home baked goodies.



For families who are facing challenging times, Christmas can become an incredibly stressful, lonely and sad season. Unable to participate in many of the traditions that our culture has come to know as "normal" these families can feel even more isolated and marginalised.

The Toy Shop gives struggling families the opportunity to enjoy what most people take for granted – to choose something special for their child and be able to give it to them on Christmas morning. Many of these families would otherwise be unable to give their child a gift on Christmas morning, and many of these children would miss out on

the joy of opening a gift that is just for them.

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

The toy shop relies 100% on the goodwill and generosity of our community. We need your donations to make this important initiative possible. We require donations of toys for boys and girls aged 0-16. Gifts need to be new and valued around \$20. We also welcome donations of books, plush toys and smaller items that would be suitable as stocking fillers.

How to Donate:

- The Uniting Church and Target Woodend are again running "Operation Santa" and have kindly agreed to donate all gifts to the Toy Shop. Members of the public can donate by leaving a gift at the tree located in Target Country Woodend.
- Donations will also be received at the offices of Cobaw Community Health in Kyneton and Woodend.
- Contact Emily Townsend (0409 213 757) or Georgina Harvey (0404 442 891) directly to arrange pick up of donations.

Donations of both gifts and money will be gratefully received. All financial donations will only be used to purchase toys to stock the shop. Gifts need to be received by Monday 17th December to allow time for sorting and setting up of the toy shop.

Submitted by Georgina Harvey

Sounds like Christmas


The Woodend Lions Club is bringing Christmas music and fun to Woodend on Sunday the 16th of December. In past years this local, free evening of entertainment, which is proudly presented by the Lions Club of Woodend, has attracted and delighted locals -especially the little ones when the main man himself - Santa -comes to visit!

Carols by Candlelight will be held at Buffalo Stadium. Forrest Street Woodend. The sausage sizzle commences at 6pm and is followed by the carols.

All kids, mums and dads, grandmas and grandpas, neighbours and friends are invited to join us for another fantastic evening which will be sure to get everyone in the festive spirit.

Throughout the night paddle pops, candles and refreshments will be available to purchase.

Submitted by Barry McDonald



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.
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Submitted by Mike Dornau, 1st Lieutenant Woodend Fire Brigade

Christmas at St Mary's

The Anglican Parish of Woodend would like to thank the Woodend community for supporting the annual parish fête. The event was a huge success and valuable funds were raised to support the running of the parish, serving Woodend, Trentham and Blackwood.

“Our new hall was put into good use at this year’s fête; it is a real asset to the parish,” commented Fr Malcolm Thomas, Rector at St Mary’s Woodend

Christmas is a time to celebrate so, if you’re in Woodend for Christmas please join the congregation at St Mary’s Anglican Church with your family and friends. We look forward to welcoming you to our little church on the hill at 15 Buckland Street.

Christmas service times

- Christmas Eve 7pm Crib service and 10pm “Midnight” Eucharist
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Submitted by Angela Van Dam, Communications Officer
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Bringing together families and friends to enjoy an evening of Christmas celebrations, this free community concert will be presented by Denis Walter, Australian media personality and entertainer, who has hosted Carols by the Bay in Geelong for the last 15 years.

Gates will open at 5pm and a pre-concert show featuring a 100-strong Macedon Ranges choir conducted by local Polly Christie will commence at 7.15pm. The main concert will commence at 8pm, concluding around 9.30pm.

The main concert will feature Denis Walter hosting and singing, international violinist Sally Cooper, rock music identity Wendy Stapleton, Humphrey B. Bear for the kids and, ahead of another overseas tour, The Australian Youth Band. Santa Claus will also be 'Rocking at the Rock'.

Macedon Ranges Shire Council's Manager of Recreation and Culture, Rod Clough, said Council was pleased to be able to offer an evening of music to the community this Christmas.

"Get your family and a group of friends together, bring a picnic dinner and drinks and enjoy an evening of carols in the beautiful surroundings of Hanging Rock," he said.

Glow sticks and programmes will be available to purchase to set the scene for a truly memorable evening.

Parking will be provided for a gold coin donation, with all funds raised going to the Woodend SES who will be coordinating the car parking at the event.

For further information please contact Denis on 8667 3710 or carolsattherock@yahoo.com.au

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

Gisborne Singers'- A Choral Celebration

The Gisborne Singers invite you to a choral celebration of beautiful music. This will include a Ceremony of Carols by Benjamin Britten, and choral items by William Byrd, Anton Bruckner, Colin Brumby, Gabriel Faure and Ralph Vaughan-Williams. Performances will feature full choir, rising mezzo-soprano Charlotte Betts-Dean and accompaniment on harp, piano, organ, flutes and cello.

The second concert will be at St Paul's Anglican Church, Yaldwin St West, Kyneton on Sunday 9th December, commencing at 3p.m.

For concert bookings, Google Trybooking.com and search 'Gisborne Singers', phone Corinne on 5426 4649 or email gisbornesingers@iprimus.com.au. Tickets are priced at \$35 full, concession \$30, Students \$20, under 12 free. For more got to www.gisbornesingers.org.au

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	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	
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	102	July
August	34.8	52.2	107.5*	148.5	56	113.7	Aug
Sept	49.8	42.0*	88.5*	97	98.5	54.6	Sept
Oct	12.1	13.0*	46*	154.5	86	39	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	771	

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Grandma's Christmas

There's a crash up the hall as a seven year old test-drives new roller skates. They go well on the lino but not so good on the carpet, and it's a tough lesson to learn at 5am on Christmas Morning.

A stellar performance at Barrels-By-Candlelight last night sees both parents reach for a Berocca and beg for more sleep.

The sound of the five-year-old singing into the toy Karaoke machine at the end of the bed is eventually replaced by the dulcet tones of a church bell heralding Christmas Mass. A lovely way to catch everybody you've not seen for a year – particularly the minister.

By mid-morning the family arrive from parts various, bearing gifts and food and trailing small children. The women head for the kitchen and the men duck off to the verandah.

The lounge room soon hosts the unwrapping of a thousand gifts and plays out a range of scenarios.

One sister-in-law has just been bestowed with a spectacular piece of jewelry while another sits beside her nursing a cd voucher and a saucepan (thinking just for this moment she may have married the wrong brother!)

The men secretly trade T-shirts, board shorts, key rings, and wallets.

The children are in heaven as the tinsel and wrapping pile higher, miniaturizing the contents of a thousand parts made in China and requiring someone to scour the house for batteries and very small Phillips head screwdrivers. Can we get this laser gun working before lunch?

The foreign brother-in-law, who is an only child and not

used to having salad at the Christmas table, emerges from the verandah to breast a table of 30 and shaking in his shoes. Hot on his heels and slightly under his feet is the eight year-old who was looking for a pony (it was in the letter to Santa).

Over lunch, delicious insults are traded with skillful timing, and childhood stories replayed.

Tearfully included in the prayer is the one that is overseas, passed away, or just missing in action – last seen dressed as a reindeer at Barrels by Candlelight.

Half insane from the noise, Grandma thanks everybody for the talcum powder, pours herself another champagne and smiles at her large extended family, knowing this is perfect.

Merry Christmas, however mad it may be.

Submitted by Kathy Mexted

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Submitted by Trish @ Pets Haven Foundation

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Belinda is getting Involved!

Belinda Cowley, a local Woodend resident, recently undertook a once in a lifetime experience; volunteering as an English and life skills teacher to displaced and vulnerable children in Mae Sot, a

rural town on the Thai-Burma border. Belinda spent one month representing Access Aid International (AAI) assisting orphaned and in need children with their English studies. Not surprisingly, Belinda found that her experiences were just as memorable outside the classroom...

"Week two of my stay has been just as busy and as exciting as the first. School has been going well. On Friday afternoon some of the grade fours sat with me under the veranda drawing and tracing from colouring books. Some of the children have real talent. Tuesday afternoon the children collected me to head to the Tuesday market in Hway Ka Loke. It was a very hot sunny day. I was a little more adventurous at the market as the children convinced me to try the chicken!"

Belinda wanted to experience something different and help out children in need. Once making the decision to volunteer, Belinda was involved in fundraising and ensured she was well prepared for her deployment by attending AAI's Introduction to Humanitarian Operations



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training course. Belinda's days consisted of teaching English in the classroom, getting to know the local community and helping the children practice life skills such as drawing, knitting and sport... "I went to the girl's border and spent time with them until about 3 pm when I went to watch them play soccer. I was all set to watch with the younger children when I was told they only had 9 players but needed 10 to play. A very impromptu introduction to the sport!"



Individuals who are excited about the opportunity to immerse themselves in culture, teach English language classes, encourage a safe and friendly learning environment and bring along some new and interesting skills to these communities should get involved!

AAI is an international non-profit, non-government organisation committed to saving lives, alleviating suffering and enhancing human dignity by providing access to health care in the aftermath of natural disasters or conflict, and by seeking to improve the resilience of communities that are vulnerable to crisis.

The GetInvolved! Education Program supports Hway Ka Loke School and boarding house in Mae Sot, one of the migrant schools trying to meet the educational needs

of displaced families and their children who have fled the brutal military regime in their homeland of Myanmar. The program was developed to enable the school to equip its students with the necessary education and skills to improve their employment prospects in the future and thus increase quality of life.

For Belinda, volunteering for AAI at the school in Mae Sot was truly a life changing experience, summed up by her last diary entry...

"Wednesday was sad as it was my last day of teaching. In the evening the students and teachers threw a 'party' to say thank you to me. It was so wonderful. Some of the children had learnt dance routines and performed them on stage in the dining hall. Some of the older students sang 'we are the children' and the teachers also performed. It was really lovely. Many of the students were hugging me, saying goodbye and some even crying. What an amazing experience!"

The work AAI does would not be possible without fantastic and committed volunteers like Belinda Cowley.

If you are interested in volunteering or training with Access Aid International you can contact them via email, telephone or by visiting the website: volunteer@aai.org.au / 03 8319-0906 / www.aai.org.au

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Classes tend and look after their own garden beds and depending on the weather and season participate in a varied program. Activities have included: seed planting in mini hot houses; collecting our oak leaves and making compost and worm farms; planting winter seedlings; eating vegetables such as kale and kohlrabi for the first time ever; digging up potatoes and making potato prints; making creatures using vegetables for the Kyneton Agricultural Show; making muffins using our vegetables; and selling our produce at the Farmers' Market.



A special thank you must go to Andy Kozak for his dedication in supporting this program and to Barb for being our librarian and chief gardener. Thank you also Dale Johnston for the construction of the new steps and to Halim for whopper snipping a huge area of grass.

submitted by Joan Buchanan



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Food, Glorious Food at Heskett Primary School

The students at Heskett Primary School produced and participated in the annual whole school concert at the end of last term. The concert was held at the Romsey Mechanic Hall and was attended by the families and friends of the students.

The theme of Food, Glorious Food meant that the students sang and danced to numerous songs and music with lyrics that had a food theme. The title song was from Oliver and saw the whole school on stage. The junior school students sang and danced about the Good Ship Lollipop and Purple People Eaters, while the middle school students ate vittals with the Beverly Hillbillies and chocolate with Willy Wonka. The senior students sang about eating Vegemite sandwiches from the Land Down Under and the B52's song about Rock Lobsters.

The Heskett Skippers also had the audience clapping loudly as they performed their fantastic partner and individual routines.




L) Heskett Primary School senior students in their "rock Lobster" costumes.
R) The junior school students dressed for The Good Ship Lollipop item at the concert.

Submitted by H Daw for Heskett Primary School

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Highlights and What's Ahead in 2013

As we head towards the holiday period, (some would say at an alarming rate!) it is timely to reflect on the outcomes our community conversations have achieved in 2012.

Great Place Woodend believes in a progressive future for Woodend – only Great Place Woodend has a 360 degree view of the Woodend Community through it's group of groups structure, facilitating and promoting strategic community conversations within and between Woodend's diverse community groups and with passionate individuals to encourage a strategic approach for Woodend's community to own it's future.

To progress the development of a Woodend Community Strategy, Great Place Woodend has hosted 6 meetings during the year and brought together over 200 individuals and representatives from community groups including Rotary, Woodend Business and Tourism Association, Lions, MR Sustainability Group and Cobaw Health to discuss areas of importance to Woodend's future. Topics have included Transportation, Education and Learning and the Economy of Woodend and all interact to affect the quality of life we enjoy in our town. For further detail, the outcomes of these conversations can be viewed on our Facebook site.

In all cases the vexed issue of growth – is it a good or bad thing for Woodend – is on the minds of all. One thing that is common in all of our discussions is that ongoing funding is required for investment in new, or upgrades to existing facilities and infrastructure in our town. With uncertainty and pressure on government funding at all levels, we cannot rely on there always being sufficient funds available to meet our future needs. So as a community, finding other ways to fund our future development goals will be important to consider. Next year we will continue our "Deep Dive" program

beginning with a topical discussion in February around "Built Form". Further Deep Dive discussions will follow on Woodend's sense of place, understanding the perspectives of Woodend's Youth and consideration of energy and environment issues.

Great Place Woodend is taking a break over the holiday period, but please feel free to contact us if you have any questions about the progress to date or the program for next year by emailing GreatPlaceWoodend@live.com.au. We would love to hear from anyone interested in attending or participating in the upcoming events.

Great Place Woodend wishes everyone a safe and happy New Year and we look forward to continuing the conversations in 2013.

Submitted by Samantha Read on behalf of Great Place Woodend



Woodend Unit of Red Cross will hold its final meeting of the year on Thursday 13th December at 12 noon. Members please bring a plate to share. The members would like to thank the people of Woodend who have supported us in Red Cross Calling, Big Cake Bake, Sara James evening, our Christmas in July BBQ and the Farmers Market BBQ.

Meetings will resume on the first Thursday in February. We meet at 39 High Street Woodend at 1.30pm. All new members will be made very welcome.

Submitted by M. Hocking

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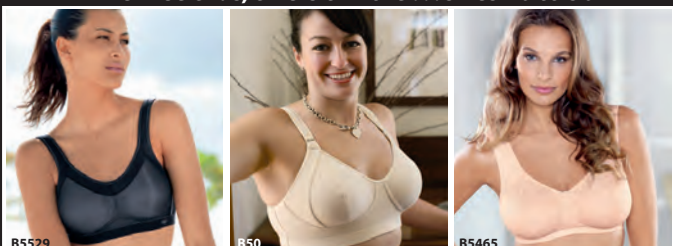
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We are pleased to have made donations to Woodend and Tylden CFAs, the chaplaincy programs at Kyneton and Gisborne Secondary colleges, Woodend SES and Woodend ambulance auxiliary.

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Submitted by Jean Lucas, Secretary

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Macedon Ranges residents looking for things to do in the region this summer are encouraged to visit their local Visitor Information Centre.

The Macedon Ranges has two accredited Visitor Information Centres in Woodend and Kyneton. Council's Manager of Tourism and Economic Development, Kylie Lethbridge, said most people who attend the centres are locals looking for events and activities in their own backyard:

"Visitor Information Centres are a great way to find out what's happening in the Macedon Ranges and can help locals plan trips just like visitors.

"Hundreds of activities take place in the shire throughout the year, from small scale community events to major music events, markets, open gardens, workshops, stage performances and sporting events – plenty to keep everyone busy without leaving the Macedon Ranges," she said.

The centres also offer a free service to help promote local events. Event organisers can showcase their event by:

- listing it in the monthly calendar of events (printed and circulated by the Visitor Information Centres)
- providing an event listing on visitmacedonranges.com (the leading regional tourism website) or Council's website, www.mrsc.vic.gov.au
- distributing flyers and/or brochures through both centres.

To discuss promotional opportunities contact Council's Tourism Officers on 5427 3917.

Useful information, including tips and resources about planning an event is also available at www.mrsc.vic.gov.au

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



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“How long are we going for, Mum? Five or seven sleeps?” I reply to my 7-year-old daughter that it’s (quick calc. 3×365) “About a thousand.”

That’s right. A thousand sleeps. It seems so surreal, and when I went to Japan to visit my husband in June, I reeled in shock. But there’s no point reeling. It’s really happening.

In 18 years we’ve lived capital, regional, country, coastal, island and now it’s Asia.

As a last hoorah before we go, I’ve published a very small book.

On the last day of uni we presented our final assignment. A publishing project. Mine is “Ride-on Mowers and other things to make you sing,” a collection of my mad Woodend Star stories and others.

It’s a neat bookend for me as I started writing five years ago having arrived back from Cairns with two extra babies and a pre-teen. When Ivor Johnson wrote me a reference for entry to a Professional Writing and Editing Diploma,

he suggested I could start by writing for the New Woodend Star. It only seemed fair to oblige and return a favour, however the stories he wanted from me about local people were outside my headspace as I washed mashed banana from my clothes and wrangled toddlers.

Instead I gave The Star a short piece on snakes. That was followed by Ride-on Mowers and the Laundromat. This went on for about two and half years. What I’d found was a discipline where I’d committed myself to write a 300 word piece with a monthly deadline. Then I just ran out of words as the kids got older and other work took over.

The babies are kids now, the pre-teen is a school leaver, the Diploma was completed last week, the book is done and we’re off.

As I haul out the packing cartons yet again, I reflect on the journey from begging editors five years ago, to sitting in a meeting with the editor of an International Travel magazine in Sydney last month discussing story ideas and travel options.

The hardest part is getting started and the best thing to begin with is a blog and a cv. The best way to get a cv is to get published ... anywhere.

Over five years at uni, I was constantly amazed at how rarely, if ever, my fellow students got published. Nobody seemed to know where to start. Luckily, in Woodend, there is a perfect vehicle for that in The New Woodend Star and feedback is immediate, usually hollered across the frozen peas in the supermarket. People would say things like, “I thought that piece was hilarious but Mum couldn’t understand it all.”

I urge anybody who is starting a writing or journalism course to consider the commitment of a regular contribution. Keep it to about 300 words, make it locally focussed, and make it your own. So when you go for an interview you can include, “I’ve contributed a regular column to our local community publication for three years.”

The interviewer will note “meets deadlines, has motivation and initiative.” Nobody ever asked to see what I’d written. Just noted that I’d done it.

That’s all for now. See you in three years and thanks. Oops, that’s 573 words.

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Do Something was established by Planet Ark founders Jon Dee and Pat Cash, and Tina Jackson, former Executive Director of the National Trust of Australia.

We campaign on a number of environmental and social issues - sometimes on our own, but more often in partnership with others. Some of our latest campaigns include: The National Calendar, The 10% Challenge and FoodWise. View our website for more information and to get involved.

Submitted by Do Something Near You

Toy Library gets an overhaul!

The next few months will be an exciting time for the Woodend Toy Library, as we've decided to throw away the paper and pens, and turn our borrowing system electronic! This should make things easier for our volunteers and members, and better enable us to track missing pieces, overdue items, the popularity of particular toys, and our financials.

The changeover will involve bar-coding every toy in the library over the summer shutdown period (13 December to 31 January) so, while we're at it, we've decided to do a bit of a clean and an overhaul – of our toys, our storage system, and of the building itself.

Our long-term aim is to ensure that all our toys are:

- complete, with all pieces present
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- organised and user-friendly
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Submitted by Kate O'Connor, Woodend Toy Library



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Gifted & Learning Disabled

Mark Smith, Principal of Macedon Grammar, was a guest speaker recently for the Macedon Ranges Dyslexia Support Group. Mark addressed the topic "Gifted & Learning Disabled." This can also be termed Twice Exceptional. This concept of being gifted but disabled in learning can be a conundrum for parents and educators and it means the student may be gifted but also have a disability or a specific learning difficulty.

Mark spoke about the topic generally and told the audience about some of the programs he has been involved in throughout his teaching career. He stressed the importance of working with a student's strengths and developing emotional intelligence. Parents need to dialogue with schools if they feel their child's talents and gifts may be overlooked and the Victorian Association of Gifted and Talented Children website is a resource which can be accessed. Mark has much experience in this area and as well as being Principal of Macedon Grammar, he is vice-president of the Victorian Association of Gifted

and Talented Children so was able to bring a wealth of knowledge to this topic.

The Woodend Dyslexia Support Group meets from 9.00am at 'Ethic', 63 Urquhart Street Woodend on the first Friday of every month. Join us for a coffee as we chat informally about the difficulties and possibilities for your child with dyslexia.

Give Marg a call on 0409 550 238, or just come along!
Submitted by Joy Wilkinson

Woodend Playgroup - a great place for everyone!

Woodend Playgroup is a great place for children, parents and carers to make friends and have fun. Providing an opportunity to meet other local parents and carers and share your experiences, or just to get out of the house and socialise we provide toys and play equipment to keep the little ones amused.

Playgroup operates 5 days a week with daily sessions at 9am, 11am and 1pm. We are currently planning our groups for 2013 so if you are new to the area or looking to join Playgroup please contact us at woodendplaygroup@gmail.com.

Look out for our Christmas Cake and Produce Stall outside the Woodend Newsagency on Saturday, 1st December for lots of treats and gift ideas for Christmas.

Submitted by Faye Cormick.

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Presented by the Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group, the Festival is a regional event of the State of Sustainability program, the state-wide initiative of Melbourne's Sustainable Living Festival.

We hope the festival will attract many visitors from Woodend and its surrounds and other parts of the Ranges such as Gisborne, Romsey and Lancefield. Everyone is welcome.

The Festival is an event where people can find out information about specific products and solutions for living sustainably.

They can also engage with community groups and organisations which are already helping to address environmental and social issues, through ideas and programs that promote renewable energy and energy efficiency; green building practices; ethical and localised consumption; reuse and recycling; organic produce and gardening practices and physical and mental well being. Live music, delicious vegetarian food, a working permaculture garden with chooks and supervised children's activities make for a great family day.

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Submitted by Alastair Flemming, coordinator

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“So save the date now and if you’re keen to compete for a place, start training over the summer,” he said.

Participants can choose from a mini, short and long course option and enter individually or as part of a team to tackle the swim and run sections of the races.

The event, including prize donations, is supported by local businesses and community groups such as Kleenheat Gas, Kyneton RSL and iSeekBlinds. Prizes will be announced closer to the date.

The mini course is open to all ages and is designed for those who want to “have a go.” It involves a 400m run and a 50m swim (two pool laps).

The short course is a 4km run and a 400m swim (16 laps). The long course is an 8km run and an 800m swim (32 laps).

Age categories exist for both the short and long courses. Team entries are for the short and long courses only.

For further information please contact Karyn Aumont at the Kyneton Toyota Sports & Aquatic Centre on 5421 1477.

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

CFA fire season meetings coming up

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Carlsruhe Community Corner

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We welcome all our community members using the BBQ but it is important to clean up following its use.

Consultation with the Macedon Ranges Shire continues regarding the development of the Common and Yelka Park. With BBQ, shelter, toilet, seating and signage plans now costed, work will be commencing soon.

Diary Dates...

Landcare Group meets on Tuesday 11th of December at 7.30 pm.

We welcome new members, please contact greenwoodgrove@hotmail.com to join this dynamic group committed to the ongoing development of Carlsruhe and its surrounds.

Submitted by Margaret Glenn

St Andrew's Uniting Church,

All are welcome to join our church family in worship at our regular Sunday Services from 10.30am at St Andrew's Uniting Church, 37 Forest Street Woodend (next to the Police Station). Our weekly service is followed by tea and coffee and time to chat.

Christmas Services

Monday 24th December - Christmas Eve Carols
7.30pm Combined service at Tylden Uniting Church.

Tuesday 25th December - Christmas Day Service 9am at Woodend Uniting church led by Rev. Andrew Gall

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Submitted by Jenny Baldwin

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We were also joined by about 25 members of the Sunbury Mormon congregation in early November in cleaning out some blackberries and planting some shrubs in the creek bed near the swimming pool.

Our pile of wood-chips in Woodend is slowly disappearing but we still have enough left to provide local gardeners with an early Christmas gift. We are arranging for a bob-cat to attend for two hours between 10am and noon on Sunday 9th December and we will load trailers on a first in best dressed basis for about \$10 for a typical trailer. These are willow chips, so they will rot down fairly quickly. They have been on-site for some time, so they are not likely to become willow trees in your garden! Contact Peter on 5427 3221 for details.

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Christmas Cheer from Woodend Library

The National Year of Reading has been a great success at Woodend Library. We have increased our membership and loans, and offered a range of programs and activities to encourage an interest in reading.

We have enjoyed Maggie Millar's storytelling session during Cultural Diversity Week, special holiday and Book Week activities with Narelle Stone, and a Children's Week activity with storyteller, Jackie Kerin. None of this would have been possible without the support of our staff and volunteers - Friends of the Woodend Library. Lulu and Susie would like to thank the community for your continued support. Our thanks and best wishes also go out to the Macedon Ranges Shire Customer Service Team at Woodend.

Christmas at Woodend Library promises to be a joyous occasion. Come and borrow from our display of Christmas books and magazines, there are many recipes and ideas. Books for children are available too. Virginia will host a Christmas Craft session in the library for children (aged 4-10) on December 8th at 10 am. Call the Library on 5427 2074 to book in.

During January Woodend Library will host holiday program activities for primary school aged children. Please check our website for details closer to the time.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all at Woodend Library! We look forward to another busy year in 2013.

Submitted by Julie Wilson-Annan

FBT on Cars

The FBT (Fringe Benefits Tax) year runs from 1 April until 31 March. Although that's still a few months off, now is the time to make sure you will have your vehicle details in order for the year end.

One of the methods to calculate FBT on vehicles is via your log book. If you use this method remember you need to maintain a logbook for 12 weeks every 5 years or if your business usage changes.

Cars are also on the ATO's 'FBT radar' this financial year. They will be conducting a campaign to make sure employers who have purchased a car during the 2011 and/or 2012 fringe benefits tax (FBT) year are aware that they may have FBT obligations.

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

As a result, the ATO will be writing to about 5,000 employers who fall into this category, to tell them about car fringe benefits and what they need to do to comply with FBT obligations.

The ATO will particularly highlight that:

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

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

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Thank you to all our past and present volunteers - we truly value your contribution.

If you are interested in taking on a volunteer role or joining our committee of management please contact Julie on 5427 1845, email coordinator@woodendnh.org.au, or check out our website www.woodendnh.org.au.

Submitted by Julie Wilson-Annan, coordinator

Food donations for Refugees

Share something with those less fortunate this Christmas—donations for refugees can be left at any church or at Collier Office & Business Assist, Shop 5, 130 High Street. Non-perishable food items or toiletries appreciated. Items collected will be distributed via the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre, located in West Melbourne.



Submitted by A. Downie

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Life's Good in the Macedon Ranges: VicHealth

Macedon Ranges residents report a greater sense of wellbeing than Victorians generally, according to the VicHealth Indicators Survey 2011 Results.

Residents gave their wellbeing an average score of 80.1 out of 100, compared with the state average of 77.5.

Other areas in which residents rated better than the Victorian average were on perceptions of safety, volunteering, citizen engagement, healthy eating and physical activity.

Macedon Ranges Shire Council's Director of Community Wellbeing, Karen Stevens, said the results supported Council priorities around community wellbeing and liveability:

"It's wonderful to see the Macedon Ranges performing so well on a number of indicators, particularly where these relate to Council services and priorities.

"It's also worth noting that despite the high number of people commuting for over two hours a day, our residents are still more likely to share a meal with their families than Victorians as a whole," she said.

The VicHealth Indicators Survey is a major Victorian population level survey that focuses on the social determinants of health rather than health outcomes.

Data is collected on wellbeing; alcohol expenditure; work, life and time; healthy eating and sedentary behavior; green space use and perceptions of safety; community engagement; arts and new media; social attitudes that influence health; and smoking policy.

VicHealth have produced succinct LGA Profiles which are available on their website: www.vichealth.vic.gov.au/Research/VicHealth-Indicators.aspx

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

Woodend Auxillary Kyneton District Health Service

Our Auxiliary sends hearty thanks to the people of Woodend, who have helped us so generously in our fund raising effort this year, as they do every year.

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Submitted by Jo Clancy

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New grants program announced for regional tourism operators

Daylesford & Macedon Ranges Regional Tourism Board has encouraged local tourism businesses to apply for a Federal Government Tourism Industry Regional Development Fund grant.

The fund will provide \$48.5 million over four years for grants to enable improvements to existing regional tourism infrastructure and development of innovative tourism projects to be realised. Details of a third stream, labour and skills initiatives, has yet to be announced.

The program provides grants from \$50,000 to \$250,000 on a matched dollar-for-dollar funding basis. It is a competitive grants process designed to increase the range and quality of visitor experiences in regional Australia through tourism product investment.

Project applicants for this funding program will be assessed against the same criteria in two streams: improvements/upgrades of existing tourism product; or the development of new innovative tourism product.

Eligible applicants will need to demonstrate how their project is market responsive, improves the attractiveness of the destination, fits with their region's tourism experience and will meet long-term industry objectives.

A major focus of the program is to improve the quality of accommodation and attractions in regional areas. Funding is also available for innovative projects to attract interstate and international visitors and extend their length of stay.

"This is a tremendous opportunity from the Federal Government which we encourage local tourism operators, developers, associations and Councils to take advantage of. By improving our tourism infrastructure and introducing new tourism product and services we will continue to enhance the experience of our visitor and attract new visitors to region", DMRRTB CEO, Kerry I'Anson said. Applications for this round of grants close on 14 December 2012 and more information, including registration and submission details can be found at www.ret.gov.au/tourism/business/tirf/Pages/index.aspx.

Submitted by Tara Brooks for Daylesford & Macedon Ranges Regional Tourism Board



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call our usual afterhours number

1300 55 75 12

After-hours services



Please be aware that the Commonwealth Government has placed the coordination of after-hours services in the hands of Medicare Locals.

Medicare Locals were recently developed to coordinate health care services and address local health care needs. One of their roles is to coordinate after-hours GP services. The Medicare Local will take this over from July 1st 2013.

We are determined to ensure that the best possible after hours service is provided to our patients but at this time are unaware of any proposals from the Medicare Local about how this will occur.

Brooke St. Medical Centre – tel. (03) 5427 1002 (after hours: tel. 1300 55 75 12)

Jolien on leave

Dr Jolien Dorgelo will be away on maternity leave from January 2013. She expects to return around June next year. The Staff & Management at BSMC send Jolien & her family all our best wishes for a healthy pregnancy and the safe arrival of their new baby.



Christmas opening hours

Christmas Eve	8.30 am – 5.00 pm
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Sunday 30 th December	10.00am - 12.00pm
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Upcoming Events

December

- 2 - 8 Rotary Youth Leadership - Camp Oasis
- 4 Fire Meeting- Woodend CFA
- 7 Hanging Rock Night Walk
- 8 Christmas Craft at Woodend Library
- 9 Gisborne Singers – A Choral Celebration
- 10 Fire Restrictions start
- 12 Fire Meeting- Woodend CFA
- 15 5pm Carols at the Rock
- 16 Fire Meeting- Woodend CFA
- 16 Lion's Carols by Candlelight
- **** Christmas Church Services
Refer to insert

January

- 1 New Year's Day races - Hanging Rock
- 5 Woodend Farmers Market
- 11 Hanging Rock Night Walk
- 26 Australia Day Races, Hanging Rock

February

- 9 Macedon ranges Sustainable Living Festival
- 8 Hanging Rock Night Walk
- 10 Car Display - Hanging Rock
- 14 Picnic at Hanging Rock Film Night
- 24 The Age Harvest Festival – Hanging Rock

March

- 2-3 Relay for life
- 8 Hanging Rock Night Walk
- 10 Family Heritage Walk Dedication
- 13 Craft Market Australia – Hanging Rock
- 16 Woodend Carnival St Ambrose School
- 23 Camp Out – Hanging Rock

April

- 20 Run at the Rock – Hanging Rock

- 2 - 8 Rotary Youth Leadership - Camp Oasis
- 24 Crib St Mary's
- 24 10.00pm "Midnight" Eucharist St Mary's
- 25 10.30am Eucharist at St Mary's
- 30 Late Night Shopping in Woodend

January

- 5 Woodend Farmers Market

March

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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

Macedon Ranges Photographic Society,
Ron Mathews, 5427 3284

Parent Support 4 LD, - Kerrie
0414 432 158

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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
woodendtraders@gmail.com

Woodend Landcare Group,
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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Vichealth's \$1m funding for local sports clubs now open

In a bid to get more people active, the Victorian Health Promotion Foundation (VicHealth) has launched its 2012/2013 Active Club Grants funding round, which assists with the purchase of essential sporting equipment, injury prevention and management equipment, portable shade and volunteer training.

A total of \$1 million in grants of up to \$2,500 each are available via VicHealth to local sporting clubs, regional sporting leagues and associations and local active recreation clubs across Victoria.

VicHealth CEO Jerril Rechter said this year's grants focus on increasing participation of people from Aboriginal and culturally diverse communities, people with disabilities and those who live in rural or low socio-economic communities.

They are also aimed at getting people aged over 60 and young people aged five to 17-years-old – who traditionally had low rates of sports participation – more active.

Grants for defibrillators to respond to on-field emergencies are also offered, after VicHealth handed out funds to 64 clubs around the state for this equipment for the first time earlier this year.

"The grants aim to make it easier for clubs to fund items or activities that help them to improve safety and to reach out to new participants," Ms Rechter said.

"We are keen to encourage the involvement of people who are currently inactive, or who face barriers to taking part in sport.

"Regular physical activity not only protects against many illnesses, it also makes us mentally healthy, alert and resilient against the stresses of modern life.

"More than 9,320 sporting codes and clubs across Victoria have received Active Club Grants over the 22 years VicHealth has provided this support. Over this period, more than 1 million club members have been able to access safer and better equipped clubs with more trained volunteers," Ms Rechter added.

Minister for Sport and Recreation, the Hon. Hugh Delahunty endorsed the grants. Mr Delahunty said physical inactivity costs the health system at least \$400 million each year.

"In Victoria, half of all adults do not get enough exercise. As well as the physical benefits, research also shows that sport builds community pride and loyalty and offers people the chance to get involved, providing them with a positive sense of self-worth.

"Evidence suggests that habits are established early in life, and physically active children are more likely to mature into physically active adults."

Eligible sport and recreation organisations are invited to apply for this grant online at www.vichealth.vic.gov.au/activeclub or to post completed applications to:

VicHealth, PO Box 154, Carlton, VIC, 3053.

The funding round closes 4pm Thursday 6 December, 2012.

Submitted by Lauren Reiley, Project Coordinator, Sports Focus

Barefoot bowls kicks off at Woodend!

Woodend bowling club is offering a great opportunity for locals on a summer Friday evening to do something different in a beautiful environment by the Five Mile Creek. The club is on the main street in Woodend next to the new adventure playground.

You can enjoy Lawn Bowls with friends even if you have never played before. It is great exercise and really easy to learn. Non-members are invited to enjoy the Woodend clubs' great facilities any Friday evening in summer for social bowling for only \$10 p/p

No bookings are necessary, bare feet or flat shoes are fine and bowls are supplied by the club.

Coaches are on hand to give a little help if needed. Free uses of BBQ facilities are available and of course the club bar is open till late.

Come down one Friday night with a mate or organise a group from work. It's also great way to do a birthday or Christmas party. Large groups do need to book.

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Submitted by Ian Matthews





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Last week we had several hot days with fabulous blue skies. This is the perfect weather to get out of the house with your dog and enjoy those extended daylight hours at the park. But while you are having fun, don't forget you will need to keep your dog cool and protect it from heat-related illness and injury.

Tips to help your dog beat the heat

- Never leave your dog unattended in direct sunlight or in a closed car. Leaving your dog in a car can lead to dehydration, heat exhaustion and in some cases death. The temperature inside a car increases rapidly and the air supply is limited. Even when you think you will only be a few minutes you never know what might prolong your absence from the car, like a long queue in the supermarket or seeing an old friend and getting caught up in a chat.
- Make sure your dog has access to clean, fresh and cool water. It is usually best to have two bowls full of water, just in case one gets empty, knocked over, heats up in the sun or becomes dirty. Don't be afraid to overdo it with the water if you are leaving your dog alone for any amount of time.
- Ensure that there is some shade in the garden for your dog to rest and get out of the sun. A leafy tree – or if need be an umbrella – can provide adequate shade,



Look after you furry friends in the summer heat

but access to a well ventilated structure such as a shed or verandah (porch) is ideal. During really hot days it is always best to keep your dogs inside the house if possible, rather than leaving them outside.

- Avoid strenuous activity during the hottest part of the day. Try walking your pooch first thing in the morning, or in the evening, and try to walk somewhere you know there are lots of trees and shaded areas. Avoid certain kinds of pavement, asphalt and sand as those surfaces can get extremely hot and burn your dog's paws.
 - When going out with your dog make sure you have a bottle of cool water with you at all times
 - Dogs don't sweat like us and they pant to release heat, so having a nice cool drink is one of the best ways to reduce their body temperature.
 - Dogs can get sunburnt just like us
- White and light coloured dogs with pink skin are especially susceptible to sunburn.

Apply pet sunscreen on the ears and nose 30 minutes before going out in the sun. If your dog stays outside every day, apply sunscreen daily.

- Swimming is great exercise for you and your dog, but it uses muscles not often used. Make sure your dog doesn't tire especially if they have a long coat.
- Heat beating accessories. If your dog is particularly susceptible to the heat or your home is very hot you might need to invest in a cooling collar or mat.

Submitted by Lisa from www.puppytales.com.au

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1st Woodend Scout Group goes international

Speaking to Scouts across the world was part of a great weekend that saw 80 Joeys, Cubs, Scouts, Venturers and Rovers having fun together at a group camp at Noonemeena (Lauriston) to take part in Jamboree of the Air (JOTA).



All ages worked and had fun together building the radio tower, practicing their knots and lashings, making plaster casts and planting more than 50 trees, as well as talking on the 2-way radio. It was great to see our older Venturers and Scouts passing on their knowledge to the younger Cubs and Joeys. Once again our local radio enthusiasts helped us by volunteering their time and equipment to enable our members to



speak to Scouts in America, the UK, New Zealand, Italy and Sydney. Thank you to Peter Willmott, Howard Burvill, Graeme McDiamid, Peter Wolfenden, Richard Hoskin and Jim Kirkhope for your time and efforts.

The Tuckonie Scout Troop and Macedon Ranges Venturers learned a lot in an evening with Vicki Cronin from Timor Leste Scouts. They enjoyed games typically played by Scouts in Timor Leste and enjoyed some food from Timor Leste. The Scouts and Venturers also collected and donated resources to Vicki for the Timor Leste Scouts. A great night was had by all. We thank Vicki for her input to this evening.

Both of these activities allowed members of 1st Woodend Scout Group to learn something of Scouts across the world by utilising the expertise of locals. These links within our local community create opportunities for our Scouts in so many areas.

Submitted by Leisa Macartney, Group Leader, 1st Woodend Scout Group, 41 Forest Street -Woodend

Seasons Greetings



Wishing all members of the Macedon Ranges community a joyous and peaceful festive season.

Enjoy this special time with family and friends and please drive safely.

Donna Petrovich, MP
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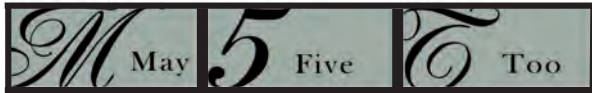
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Fashion for men, arrives at Woodend.

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Submitted by Debra Devine



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Tennis Relocation

Due to major redevelopment work at the Woodend Tennis Club, the courts and hall will be inaccessible for up to five months.

Preliminary site works are expected to start this month. Six new tennis courts will be built as part of the project. The club will still have teams playing in competitions while the redevelopment is occurring, and arrangements are being made to use other club facilities in the Macedon Ranges. While the WTC committee regrets any inconvenience to members and the playing community, the prospect of having arguably the best tennis facilities in the shire next year is a dream come true.

Please contact the competition coordinators with any enquiries: Midweek Ladies – Laura 0408 881 763, Leonie 0413 869 583; Juniors – Cath Dawes 0410 431 119; Saturday Open – Paul 0422 747 589; Night Open – Paul 0408 744 487.

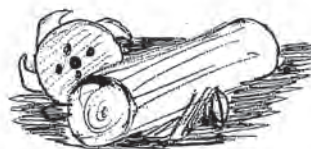
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consists mainly of soda trachyte rock (solvbergite), found only outside this district in Norway and Sweden. Since its formation, the mamelon has been exposed to considerable weathering and erosion, resulting in a conglomeration of unusual rock formations that can now be seen on the site.

Hanging Rock Discovery Centre

Visitors can discover the history, mystery and geology of the Rock and surrounding areas at the new Hanging Rock Discovery Centre. Discover how and when the Rocks were formed; learn about the Reserve's native flora and fauna, and some of it's history through a sequence of hands-on interpretive displays.

Exploring & Walking

There are numerous walking paths and trails which allow you to explore the Rock and the Reserve at your own pace. If you follow the walking paths which ascend the Rock, you will pass by many of the interesting rock formations, including Stonehenge, McDonald's Lookout and The Eagle. If you follow the path to the top of the Rock you will be rewarded with a magnificent panorama which extends across the district from Mt Macedon in the south to the Cobaw Ranges in the north.

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Entry Fees

100% of all income received at the Reserve is used for its continued maintenance, development and care. Car- \$10, Mini Bus- \$20, Coach- \$40, Motorbike-\$8, Pedestrian- \$4

Things to do, things to see

Hanging Rock Reserve caters for a wide range of activities from the racecourse, ovals and tennis courts to wide expanses of lawns. There are coin operated barbeques and picnic areas provided for visitors' use throughout the Reserve. Cook on one of the barbeques or spread your picnic lunch on one of the many tables provided, then enjoy your meal while you watch the activities going on around you; or take in the magnificent views of the Rock.

Hanging rock night walks

Experience the mystery of Hanging Rock at night, with a guided tour of the Reserve. During the tour with our experienced ranger you may discover gliders, wallabies, native birds, bats, possums and many other native animals - and if you're really lucky you may spot a koala.

Numbers on each tour are limited and bookings are essential. group bookings and specialty tour packages are available upon request.

Dates: 7th December 2012, 11th January 2013, 8th February 2013, 8th March 2013

Upcoming events at the rock

New Years Day Races- 1st January 2013

Relax and recoup at the Rock after your New Years Eve celebrations.

Australia Day Races- 26th January 2013

Celebrate our Nation's Birthday and join in the tradition and excitement of the NMIT Hanging Rock Cup. For further information about Hanging Rock Racing Events visit: hangingrock.countryracing.com.au or phone: 1300 139 402.



Car Display- February 10th 2013

The Macedon Ranges & District Motor Club's annual picnic day car display – a day not to be missed by enthusiasts of vintage, veteran and classic cars; primarily for vehicles to 1987.

For further information visit: www.picnicathangingrock.com.au

Film Night- Thursday 14th February 2013

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For further information phone: (03) 5421 1468 or bookings 1800 888 802

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Sunday 24th February 2013.

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Sunday 13th March 2013.

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Camp Out at the Rock- Saturday 23rd March 2013

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19th	Eleanor Middleton	Turns 13
28th	Jessica Beverley	Turns 11
29th	Daniel Takos	Turns 7
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31st	Tessa Forbes	Turns 9

January Birthdays

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4th	Hannah Cooper.....	Turns 12
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Survival

Five-year survival is now at 64%, the highest it has ever been. Two decades ago, this figure was just 47%. This increase is largely due to breakthroughs in early detection, prevention and treatment.

Support

If you or someone close to you is facing cancer, we can help. Call our Cancer Council Helpline (13 11 20) and speak to friendly cancer nurses who can answer questions, provide advice and information and link you to other support programs. Did you know? By raising \$5000 or more your team will be eligible for a Research Award – which will give you the chance to fund a world-class cancer research project.



In 2011 the Cancer Council Victoria:

- Over \$26 million was spent on world-class cancer research to find new ways to prevent, detect and treat cancer.
- We supported biomedical and clinical researchers in leading universities, hospitals and medical institutes, as well as Cancer Council researchers in tobacco control, epidemiology and behavioral studies.
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Western Water’s reservoirs are currently more than 90 per cent full.

“Our customers have developed some fantastic water-saving habits over the past ten years,” Mr Brennan says.

“We are encouraging everyone to keep up the good work to help ensure water security in our region for the future.”

Over summer don’t forget:

- Check water restrictions to ensure you are using water correctly around the home and garden
- Western Water can’t guarantee your water supply will be maintained in the event of a fire – it’s important to have an independent water supply
- Look out for fire hydrants in your area and make sure they are clear of vegetation and debris so CFA officers can access them easily
- There are great rebates for water-saving appliances and other items such as drip systems, mulch and water tanks
- Filling (from empty) a swimming pool that is over 2000 litres capacity requires a Water Use Plan approved by Western Water

“You can go to our website at westernwater.com.au for lots more information about saving water, rebates, Water Use Plans and being fire-ready,” Mr Brennan says.

Submitted by K Smith for Western Water



Western Water is preparing our systems for this year’s fire season

We are maintaining emergency storage capacity in reservoirs and tanks in high fire risk areas and we have portable emergency power supply for our pumping stations and water sources.

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Christmas is a time for families and friends, a time for sharing. It is a time for caring for those we love. But there are many people who do not have that same love and support.

We should ask ourselves what we really need, and perhaps, more importantly, to ask what others really need that they won't be able to afford?

This Christmas, let's all make a small sacrifice for those in the community who need it most. It might simply be taking a moment in your day to offer a neighbourly hand, or perhaps involve a small donation at a 'giving tree' near you.

We are very fortunate in our community to have wonderful emergency organisations, service groups and churches who tirelessly contribute to our community all year round and especially at Christmas time.

A big thank you to our local CFA, SES and emergency organisations who spend the holidays protecting our homes and properties, and our service groups and churches who provide food and shelter to those less fortunate in our community.

Wishing you and your family a happy and safe Christmas & New Year.

Warm regards, Joanne Duncan MP. State Member For Macedon

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CFA Fire Season Meetings Coming Up

The CFA is about to commence its Fire Ready Victoria Campaign sharing vital messages about basic fire behaviour, how our surroundings affects fire, how to identify risks around our homes and the dangers of bushfires and what they need to do on a high fire risk day.

The three Meetings at the Woodend Fire Station in Urquhart Street will be presented by CFA Personnel with an informative PowerPoint presentation.

Tuesday 4th December At 7pm

Wednesday 12th December At 7pm

Sunday 16th December At 12 noon

The aim is to reach residents, especially those in high risk areas (Woodend is in the Top 52) and ensure they have ample information from which to make an informed decision in the event of a bush or grassfire and importantly, from a preparedness point of view, be able to identify and reduce their risks prior to the fire danger period.

Fire Danger Period coming soon - any burnoffs will require a Council Permit

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

If the CFA is called to an illegal burnoff during the Fire Danger Period we must call the Police to the scene and serious charges and penalties may be incurred. In fact, lighting a fire in the open without a permit is an offence and can bring a penalty of up to \$5,500 or 12 months imprisonment.

Your last chance to burn off!

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

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

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

Submitted by 1st Lieutenant Mike Dornau,

Heritage News

In the days when The Woodend Star was hand set and printed on a large hand operated press, the same advertisements would sometimes appear for weeks on end.

No doubt, setting up the type was a tedious job and those customers who committed themselves to a month or more of advertising would have been very popular with the type-setter. This advertisement was still running in The Kyneton Observer on Feb 15th well after all the Christmas and New Year celebrations alluded to had taken place, unless of course, Mr Claringbold was just getting in early for the next festive season !.

The year was 1877 and Hanging Rock had already become a favorite destination for Christmas and New Year gatherings. Perhaps you too will be visiting there over the coming holiday season? Wherever you will be, Christmas and holiday greetings from all at the Heritage Society. Our Local & Family History Resource Centre will close during December and January and reopen on the first Wednesday in February. If you are interested in finding out more about our work we hope you will call in to the Court House in Forest Street Woodend one Wednesday next year. Visitors are always welcome.

Submitted by Janet Hawkins

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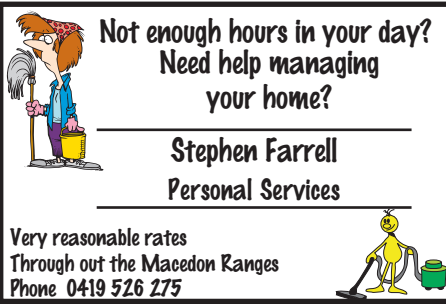
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