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Mark Seymour

**LIVE* in Woodend*

One of Australia's finest musicians, Mark Seymour is to perform an exclusive concert at St Ambrose Hall Woodend on Saturday 27th July.

Best known as the lead singer of one of Australia's most successful and deeply loved rock bands, Hunters and Collectors, Mark will be performing solo for this special show.

Hunters and Collectors reigned supreme from 1980 until they retired in 1998 after 6 albums, and multiple platinum record sales.

Since then, Mark has forged a successful solo career releasing four solo albums and winning an ARIA award for Best Adult Contemporary Album. In 2005 Mark and



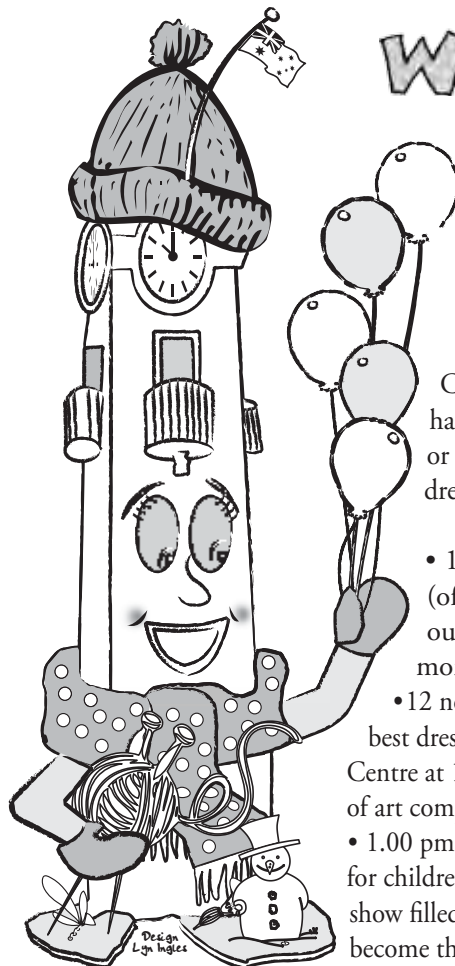
Hunters and Collectors were inducted in to the ARIA Hall Of Fame.

Special guests on the night will be local band Brother Johnstone. This four piece band features guitars, dobro, cello, bass, drums and four part harmonies and have just released their debut CD. There will also be a guest DJ on the night. All proceeds on the night go to the Woodend Junior Football Club. There will be door prizes, raffles, silent auction and more. For bookings go to www.trybooking.com/CZNM

Saturday 27th July, Mark Seymour with special guest Brother Johnstone and guest DJ

St Ambrose Hall, Woodend. Doors open 7.00pm. Ticket Price: \$30 + bf. For tickets: go to www.trybooking.com/CZNM.

Submitted by B Galbally



WOODEND WINTER WONDERLAND

SATURDAY 27 JULY

Woodend Business and Tourism Association (BATA) is linking with the Woodend Library this July to 'warm up' Woodend this winter!

Saturday July 27th will see a range of family-friendly activities based around the Library and Community Centre. We would love to see you in your hand-knitted scarves, outrageous beanies or hats, funky gumboots and tartan-dressed dogs!

Brave the weather and get involved!

- 10.00 am Library activities for children (of all ages), yarn-bombing the area outside the library, book displays and more.
- 12 noon Children and pets – PRIZES for the best dressed Winter-outfits. Be at the Community Centre at 12 noon for parade and judging. Winners of art competitions to be announced.
- 1.00 pm "Flash Twinkle Toes Silly Circus Show" – for children ages 3 to 12 – join us for this fantastic show filled with tricks and jokes, you might even become the star of the show! \$2 entry.

Enjoy the buskers, sausage sizzle delicious treats in High Street.

Children and teens have the opportunity to create works of art and enter the Woodend Winter Wonderland competition to win one of the great prizes we have on offer. Information has been sent to local schools, so keep an eye out on the school newsletter for information about these competitions.

Village traders will have special 'in-store promotions' and you're invited to judge the best in-store "Winter Window". Pick up an entry form from participating stores and drop your entry into the box at Woodend Newsagency. The store with the best window display will win a dinner for two at one of Woodend's great restaurants. Winner to be announced in future New Woodend Star.

So even though it'll be cold outside, rug up, get knitting and come into the Village on Saturday 27th July for some great family fun!

For more information pick up a flyer from the Woodend Visitor Information Centre, Woodend Library, check out the posters in High Street windows or visit the Woodend BATA Facebook page: www.facebook.com/WoodendVillage.

Submitted by Woodend BATA committee

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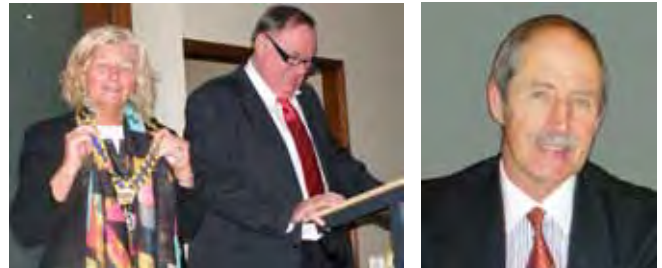
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Paul Harris Fellow to Brendan Watters

Recently at their Changover Dinner, Woodend Rotary Club recognised Brendan Watters' outstanding contribution to the club and to the Woodend community endowing him with a Paul Harris Fellowship. Brendan is best known in recent times for his hard work in planning the installation of phase 1 of the Woodend Exercise Track. Brendan and Stuart Bonnington are presently in the process of implementing Phase 2 of the Track which will extend its length considerably.



Also, at the dinner, Les Eastcott and his Board of Diana Edwards (Secretary), Josephine Falzarano (Treasurer), Jane Watters (Youth Service), Miranda Bain (Past President), Howard Bradfield (Vice President and President Elect), Eb Friedrich (Foundation) and Stuart Bonnington (Community) were inducted for the Rotary year 2013-2014. Les said, in his address, that he was very proud to be working with such a talented team.

79 members and guests enjoyed the night at the Bentinck which saw the completion of Miranda Bain's Presidency and the installation of Les Eastcott as President.

Submitted by Woodend Rotary Club



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Woodend Connections

A New Volunteer and Community Group Network

- Are you a volunteer?
- Do you give your time to a local community organisation or group?
- Are you a community group leader keen to recruit new volunteers, improve your people management skills or simply connect with other like-minded organisations?

Woodend Neighbourhood House is excited to launch: **WOODEND CONNECTIONS** on Thursday 25th July 2013 at Woodend Neighbourhood House, 10.00 am – 12.00pm.

Woodend Connections' aim is to provide a much-needed opportunity for the local volunteer sector to build networks that strengthen communication and co-operation between community groups. Woodend Connections will link and support people who want to volunteer with community groups that need them.

Woodend Neighbourhood House Chairperson, Janet Pearce says, "Having been on the Committee since 2009, I have seen how vitally important voluntary work is to our organisation, and yet what a struggle it can be to recruit and retain volunteers. We knew we were not alone in feeling this, so the Woodend Neighbourhood House has decided to try and improve the situation."

Macedon Ranges community groups are fortunate. Residents in the Woodend area volunteer in larger than average numbers. According to the latest census report 1 in 4 of us regularly give our time to a not-for-profit community group or organisation.

Woodend Rainfall Report 2013

Each month we add the rainfall details and the year to date total. Our rainfall report shows **2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012** comparisons. Please note

that your own rainfall readings may not exactly match these.

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	
January	17.1	0.08*	54*	227.5	31	3.9	Jan
February	22.1	2.5*	71.5*	115.0	133	97.4	Feb
March	25.4	42.5*	121*	35	84	53	Mar
April	20.4	51*	45	63.5	35.5	20.5	April
May	43.7	30.5*	39	73.5	54.4	83.2	May
June	88.7	66.5*	98.5	69	126.8		June
July	112.5	76.5*	87.5	82.5	102		July
August	52.2	107.5*	148.5	56	113.7		Aug
Sept	42.0*	88.5*	97	98.5	54.6		Sept
Oct	13.0*	46*	154.5	86	39		Oct
Nov	67.2	99*	193	82	31.4		Nov
Dec	96.0*	60*	93	120	21.4		Dec

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The last 4 months of 2012 produced just 146.4mm which is the driest 4 month period in 10 years.

1 inch = 25.4 mm therefore the total rain for 2012 is 32.43 inches

Woodend Connections will be active in three main ways:

- Regular network meetings and round table discussions.
- An online forum, where groups and volunteers can communicate directly, promote their services, announce events and call out for extra help.
- Training sessions and courses at the Woodend Neighbourhood House.

The Woodend Neighbourhood House is currently building a database of all the community and not-for-profit groups in the Woodend area. We also want you to be involved in this new community venture.

Volunteers, clubs and community groups are invited to attend the first network meeting where we will discuss recruiting, retaining and recognising volunteers. We hope that the network will enhance opportunities to learn new skills, exchange ideas, and support the significant contribution of volunteers to our community.

For more information, please contact Janet Pearce or Lisa Richards at the Woodend Neighbourhood House: 5427 1845.

Submitted by J Scanlon WNH

Fund-raiser for Amnesty International

Sing-along Sound of Music

Come in costume and join in the fun. Sing along, sigh over Gretel, boo the Nazis etc, etc. Individual 'prop' bags provided. Food and drinks available at intermission [or byo].

At Newham Hall, Rochford Rd, Newham on Saturday July 20th, from 1.30pm. Entry for Adults \$15 / children \$8 or family \$40. To book, or for further information, contact Penny on 5427 0795 or penroberts@bigpond.com.

Submitted by P Roberts

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Tylden Junior Football Club Music Trivia Night

The hugely popular Tylden Junior Football Club music trivia night will be held on the 20th of July at Campaspe Downs. It will be a 7:00pm start on the night and fun is expected right through the evening. The night will include several rounds of music trivia, a silent auction a raffle and other games. There will be a prize for the best dressed table so people are encouraged to let their imaginations go wild if they wish. There will be plenty of time for dancing so bring your dancing shoes. Tickets are \$20 per head, BYO food and drinks. Tables of 6 to 10 are available from Craig on 0409 542 482.

The Tylden Junior Football Club has made a successful transition into the Riddell Junior Football League and is looking to continue this with a successful and enjoyable night on the 20th of July.

Submitted by Ben Donnelly

Woodend Rotary and SES Luncheon

The Rotary Club of Woodend will be holding another Luncheon on Friday 2nd August from 12 - 2:30 pm. This event has been held for the past 5 years raising funds for various community projects and this time the funds will be put towards the Woodend SES who are fundraising for a new rescue vehicle.

The Woodend SES unit services the entire Macedon Ranges for rescue services and the new vehicle will enable a better response to service this large area.

Woodend Rotary has been a long term supporter of Woodend SES ,making several donations over the past few years. It is hoped the community will turn out to support this event and ultimately Woodend SES.

More information on the rescue vehicle and SES will be provided at the luncheon.

Organized by Melissa Hocking for \$25 everyone who attends will enjoy champagne and the savory and sweet treats on offer. All luncheons attract good attendance and it is preferred that people book a place by contacting Melissa on 5427 1578.

For information on Woodend Rotary Projects or membership please visit our new website www.clubrunner.ca/Portal/Home.aspx?accountid=9589.

Submitted by Grant Hocking

Healthy and Active Programs

Macedon Ranges Shire Council is giving residents the opportunity to try the following programs as part of the Healthy and Active People Initiative:

Cooking comes to Woodend

Are you interested in learning how to cook? Then Cooking for 1 or 2 is perfect for you. In this program you'll get together with a group of people to prepare and enjoy a delicious meal together. The program is designed to give participants basic cooking skills and confidence in preparing a variety of tasty meals using easy cooking techniques, and to help you learn more about nutrition.

Starting on Monday 22 July, sessions run once a week for six weeks at the Woodend Community Centre, Forest Street. To join in, call Cobaw Community Health on 5421 1666.

Community lunch – 26 July 2013

Join in some fun in the kitchen, meet others and learn about the community herb garden. The Kyneton Community Learning Centre hosts a community lunch on the last Friday of each month. The lunch brings the community together to participate in the garden and cook a delicious meal using some of the produce they've grown.

The lunches are welcome to all and cost \$5 or more if you can. Please call the Centre to let them know you're coming on 5422 3433 or email kclc@netcon.net.au.

The Macedon Ranges Healthy and Active People Initiative will run more healthy lifestyle programs and activities in the coming months. If you would like to get involved, please register your interest by calling 5422 0216 or emailing healthycommunities@mrsc.vic.gov.au.

Don't forget to sign up to our Healthy Active eNewsletter at www.mrsc.vic.gov.au/healthyactive.

Submitted by R. Putland, Healthy Communities Project Officer, MRSC



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WOODEND PLAYGROUP

Bringing the French spirit of Bastille

Day to the Macedon Ranges in July

Woodend Playgroup will host the annual

Trivia Night fundraiser at the Norma

Richardson Hall on Bastille Day eve, Saturday 13 July.

In honour of the fundraising effort, Bal de Pompiers, or 'Fireman's Ball', on Bastille Day eve in France, Woodend Playgroup has embraced the theme for its own fundraising effort.

Attendees to the Trivia Night can expect a fabulous French-themed evening of music, good wine and cheese, and, of course, trivia!

There are a range of brilliant prizes up for grabs, from V8 Supercar pit passes and hot laps to a deluxe weekend away to Sydney for the opera, La Traviata.

"While Bastille Day is well known the world over, not everyone is aware of the Bal de Pompiers – or 'Fireman's Ball' – held throughout France on the eve of the French National Day. The Fireman's Ball has traditionally been



held as a fundraising event, so seemed the perfect theme for our own Trivia Night fundraising effort," said Woodend Playgroup Committee President, Faye Cormick.

"We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the companies that have thrown their support behind the event with donations, which will be an enormous help in achieving our financial target for the event," added Faye.

The funds raised by Woodend Playgroup will go towards an upgrade of the bathroom at its Forest Street facility, in particular, to improve disabled access.

Members of the community interested in donating a product or service to the event or purchasing tickets (\$20 per head) can contact Woodend Playgroup on 0467 093 878, via Facebook or send an enquiry to WoodendPlaygroup@gmail.com.

Submitted by A. Van Dam

Irish Fiddle Concert

Sean Kenan, founder of the Melbourne fiddle school "Fancy Yourself Fiddling" will perform with his long time fiddle comrade Josh Gordon and their guitar genius Graham Newell at the beautiful new Norma Richardson Hall at St Mary's Church in Woodend.

This trio will definitely present the wonderful acoustics of this space to it's best and transport you to Eire.

Don't miss this unique opportunity to hear traditional Irish music at its best in this country and afar.

Norma Richardson Hall, Buckland St Woodend, 8pm Saturday 27th July. Tickets at door \$25.00 or \$20.00 conc For more information phone Sean 0419 210 043.

Submitted by Mandy Murdoch

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Our extremely popular Selections Package is also returning for July and August as well. Choose 3 treatments from the Selections list and create your own 90 minutes of bliss for only \$129. More information will be available on our website in July.

Winter has arrived here in the Macedon Ranges, however as you enter the warmth of The Spa, imagine climbing into a warm bed as you prepare to unwind for your chosen treatment ... The Spa has a little surprise waiting for you (and yes its warm) in each of their beds ... clients who have already experienced this little treasure have been most impressed and thankful, especially on these chilly winter days!

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Cynthia and her Team look forward to welcoming you to The Spa soon.

The Spa: 41 Anslow Street, Woodend. Phone 5427 3322 and at The Spa: 3/31 Brantome Street, Gisborne. Phone 5428 8800. Please visit our website, www.thespa.com.au for more information.

Submitted by C. Tunbridge



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How to improve customer focus & grow your business

Woodend Business & Tourism Association invites all businesses (High Street, industry and home-based) to a Business Networking event on Thursday 25th July 2013.

Our guest speaker, Mr Peter Whitelaw, business consultant, will be speaking on "What people REALLY want: How to improve customer focus and grow your business." Peter has assisted organizations including the Victorian Government, Australian Defence Forces, Royal District Nursing Service and Medibank to change their approach, improve their business and customer focus, leading to better outcomes.

This presentation will give you some insights that will have a positive impact on your business, no matter what size or industry!

Join us at 6.00 pm for drinks and refreshments, at Colenso 42 Anslow Street (behind Hologates). Businesses will have an opportunity to network and introduce themselves to everyone, listen to Peter's presentation, then time for questions, social interaction and delicious food. The evening will close at 8.30 pm.

This is a FREE event and all Woodend BATA members are invited and encouraged to attend, and please bring along another business owner/guest who is not a member.

Contact Karen Cousens, President on woodendtraders@gmail.com to register your attendance.

Submitted by J Hannan Merrett



GP out-of-hours number

A phone number that provides local residents with out-of-hours GP support will continue to operate from 1 July after transferring from Kyneton District Health to the Macedon Ranges and North Western Melbourne Medicare Local.

Patients seeking help after hours from their local GP can continue to call the same number, rather than being answered by a nurse at the hospital, the call will go through to a call centre as part of the arrangements now funded by Medicare Local, a federal government service.

Dial Medicare Local - the national out-of-hours GP helpline on 1800 022 222 to get local assistance.

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Submitted by Tom Noble

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Ernest Lester Smith

Best Exhibit at National Rally

As reported in the May edition of The New Woodend Star, Ernest is a passionate restorer of cars, machinery and associated implements.

Ernest recently travelled with his two sons Gavin and Martin, to the 14th National Historical Machinery Rally (NHMA) which was held in Mudjee, mid New South Wales, in April 2013. The rally is a three day event and is held in a different part of Australia every two years. The worldwide audience of approximately 30,000 attendees who had come to see over 1,500 exhibits.



Ernest on his 1926 Moline Universal D Tractor followed by Eric Thiele on his 1928 John Deere Model D

The Lester-Smith family shared three sites at the show with two other groups from the Macedon Ranges. Ernest displayed his unique 1926 Moline tractor and harvesting attachments.

Of the 1300 tractors on display, Ernest's machinery was awarded the NHMA Geoff Wishart Memorial Award for the best exhibit.

The Committee categorized the Award into the following criteria - Best Presented Exhibit, Historical information, Presentation and knowledge of the equipment.

Ernest's father had purchased this tractor new and Ernest proudly shared his knowledge of the machinery with all generations over the weekend.

The Award was a total surprise to Ernest!

The Geoff Wishart

Memorial Award is a perpetual award. The award had a special significance to the Lester Smith family. The Wishart and the Lester-Smith families both have their family roots in the Kerang/Barham area. Members of the Barham Flywheelers Club, who were at the Mudjee rally felt the pride of Ernest's achievement because Geoff Wishart had been a member of their club and Geoff's son is still a member.

An invitation was extended to attend the Flywheelers Rally a fortnight after the NHMA Rally and "Moline" and the Lester-Smiths went for another trip to New South Wales.

Incorporated in this trip was the thrill of seeing Scott Wishart drive a Foden Traction Engine into the Rally. This machine at one time was owned by Ernest's father.



Foden traction engine, owned at one time by Ernest's father



Moline Model D 15hp Tractor with 6FT. Seeder ready to assist a Caterpillar 580hp tractor with a 60 ft. air seeder

A detour was added to a friend's property just out of Balranald NSW to offer Moline's assistance with their cropping. The old and the new equipment!

All who were present at Mudjee, Balranald and Barham felt the pride of being a part of two very special events.

Congratulations Ernest!

Submitted by Margot Thiele



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So, starting next month, we will be overhauling our entire collection, one category at a time. That means looking at what we currently have, what we need, and filling the gaps with high quality (often wooden) toys that are durable, safe, educational and fun.

To kick things off we will be spending the \$500 we raised at the Woodend Farmer's Market BBQ on new Baby and Toddler toys.

We're talking shape sorters, musical toys, hammer and peg games, walkers, ball tracks, farm play sets, building blocks and more. The focus will be on inspiring and engaging your little ones from their very early weeks, right up until they are ready to take off!

So come down and have a look in August – and, in the meantime, your input is very welcome. Potential new members are also very welcome to check us out at any time – even if your baby is only a few weeks old!

Woodend Toy Library is a non-profit community organisation in Forest Street, Woodend. We are open Thursdays and Saturdays, 10am to 11am. Membership costs \$40 per year (\$20 conc). For all enquiries email woodendtoylibrary@gmail.com or call Megan Spielvogel on 0458 020 026.

Submitted by Kate O'Connor, Woodend Toy Library

Message from the Mayor

I take this opportunity to highlight a few of the most recent happenings around the shire to keep our community informed.

Council Plan and Budget

Council adopted its Council Plan and Budget for 2013/14 on 12 June 2013. We received an excellent range of submissions during our consultation process.

The Council Plan, for the first time, includes the Health and Wellbeing Plan and highlights the vast range of works and services Council provides. A copy of the adopted plan is on Council's website.

The Budget has been amended from the draft budget rate increase of 6.9% to an adopted average ratepayer increase of 4.9% in these challenging economic times, and a couple of expenditure changes to retain a balanced budget.

All Council services will be maintained, with some expansions to respond to service growth and demand. The Budget also contains over \$17 million in capital works including \$7.2M on our road network and investment on the walking and cycling network, with over \$400,000 for footpath upgrades across the shire.

The Budget also includes \$764,000 to upgrade Gilbert Gordon Oval at Woodend, \$800,000 from Council to a new netball complex in Gisborne and \$90,000 for Bluestone Theatre restoration to complement grant funding being sought.

The full Budget is available on Council's website, www.mrsc.vic.gov.au.

South Gisborne Tennis Courts and Disability Access Upgrade Opens

It was great to see the upgrade to the South Gisborne Tennis Courts opened this month. This facility is regularly used by disability groups and the upgrade is a fantastic outcome for all facility users.

Newham Hard Court Opens

A partnership between Council, the State Government and the Newham community resulted in the recent opening of the Newham multi-purpose hard court based at the Newham Primary School – a great result for the community and school.

Blackspot Funding

The road network is vital to us all and it was pleasing to receive \$1M in Federal Government Blackspot Funding to upgrade three sections of road in the shire.

Councillor Roger Jukes, West Ward



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Thursday 4th July 11.30am – 1.00pm

Friday 5th July 1.00pm – 2.30pm

Monday 8th July 11.30am – 1.00pm

Wednesday 10th July 11.30am – 1.00pm

All classes will be at the Buffalo Sports Stadium, Woodend. Cost: \$15 per 1½ hour class.

For more information or to enroll in classes please phone Anna on 0427 519 454 or email circusclasses@gmail.com.

Hurry, small class sizes mean places will go fast!

Submitted by A. McKee



Woodend Primary School Lapathon

On Wednesday 22nd of May the students of Woodend Primary School participated in the school's major annual fundraising event, 'Lapathon'. The rain held off and for an hour students walked, ran or rode their bike around Gilbert Gordon oval in an effort to raise money for the school. There




were plenty of smiles and red cheeks as students pushed themselves to go that extra lap, sometimes with the help of mum or dad or a younger sibling. Some students even managed to run for the entire hour! 'Lapathon' serves to unite the school community in a common goal and always proves to be a positive event for all involved.



The students and staff of W.P.S would like to thank the wider school community for your continued support of this event. Your generosity has contributed to the implementation of both school programs and maintenance.

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Submitted by Zoe Sutherland



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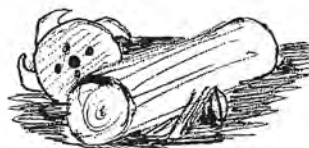
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Woodend Landcare will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Saturday 13 July at 1.00pm at the Neighbourhood House, 47 Forest Street Woodend. The meeting will be followed at 2.30pm by a slideshow of historic pictures of Five Mile Creek and the surrounding area. Everyone is welcome to attend. RSVP for catering:

woodendlandcare@gmail.com.

We all hoped for rain to water in our little Trees for Mum plants but nobody expected we'd get the heavy rain that fell later in May. It now looks like being the wettest June in over 10 years. Nevertheless, we're pleased to report that the rain wasn't too much for the new plants and they are all thriving.

Congratulations to Woodend Kindergarten who have received a \$1,000 Landcare grant. This new generation of little Landcarers will be creating an edible sensory garden with the funds.

If you're new to Woodend and are interested in getting involved with Woodend Landcare you can sign up to our blog site at www.woodendlandcare.wordpress.com You'll receive an email when we publish something new. The blog site also provides a handy list of indigenous plants if you are planning plantings for the Spring.

Our next working bee will be when the weather warms up again: Sunday 25 August 9.30am at Slaty Creek Reserve. See our large display outside Coles or the blog for a full calendar of events.

Submitted by Angela Van Dam

Yarn Bomb the Library!

Macedon Ranges Shire Council and Woodend Library are planning a community 'yarn bombing' art project for Woodend as part of the Winter Wonderland Weekend on 27 July.

We are calling on volunteers to help us make this the fantastic event it promises to be. You can contribute in a range of ways...

- Join our knitting group in the library on Friday afternoons 2-4pm
 - Donate your unfinished projects, unused needles, hooks and yarn
 - Knit up your yarn remnants into a simple piece or crochet a 'granny square' and drop it in to the library
- Email: woodend@ncgrl.vic.gov.au Phone: 5427 2074

Submitted by Susie Prestney and Lulu Cockram



It's not a new fire levy, it's a fairer fire levy.

On 1 July 2013, as recommended by the Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission, the Victorian Government is replacing the old fire services levy with a fairer system.

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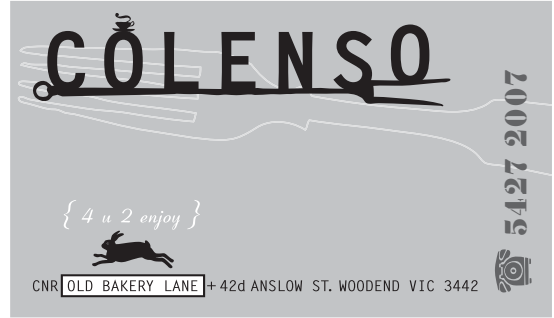
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Fourth course – Main course

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“Crazy Pete, the Magician”

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Six key events sold out before the weekend even kicked off with the big bang fireworks - attended this year by around 2000 people who rugged up and gathered around Buffalo oval to see it all go off on Friday 7 June.

They sure made a fair dent in the food and drink supplied by local traders - the Green Bean Machine, Dhaba's food van, Woodend Scouts (of the now famous Scouts Log Cabin Cafe which totally blitzed it over the weekend), the ever-creative Blackbird cakes and Dutch pancakes.

Around 2500 tickets were sold - and thousands more streamed through the free program of events and activities (including our schools program taking artists and authors into the local schools) and art exhibitions. Revenue raised from ticket sales and sponsorship covered the cost of performers and artists in the program.

The Bach Mass (with soprano Greta Bradman) and Brandenburg Concertos (two shows each) sold out early and fast, as did Tinalley and newcomer to the Festival - The Chamber Art and Coffee House, which hosted the landscape artists panel.

We revelled in the guitar genius of Tim Kain, chilled out to the Tony Gould Quartet, commemorated anniversaries of Correlli, Alkan and Britten, sprinkled in some Mozart and Beethoven and even manage to extend our classical boundaries with a little Lennon and McCartney. We welcomed back, due to very popular demand, Italian virtuoso violinist Davide Monti who this year spent some time in the local schools inspiring a new generation of Macedon Ranges violinists.

Also popular were the locals featured in other parts of the program - newly published crime writer and Woodend resident Andrew Grimes and celebrated local artist Robyn Clarke.

Program planning for 2014 is well advanced. Next year will be the 10th anniversary of the Festival in Woodend. Sponsors and support is currently being sought. Email info@wwaf.org.au.

Submitted by Alicia Patterson, Festival publicist.

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- If it is safe to do so, check gutters, downpipes and drains are not blocked.
- Park your car undercover and away from trees.

What to do during the storm

- Stay indoors and away from windows.
- If outdoors, shelter away from drains, gutters, creeks and waterways.
- Be prepared for power outages.
- Floodwater is dangerous – never drive, walk or ride through floodwater.
- Floodwater is toxic – never play or swim in floodwater.

What to do after the storm

- Check your home and property for damage.
- Keep clear of damaged buildings, powerlines and trees.
- Be aware of road hazards such as floodwater, debris and damaged roads or bridges.
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2nd Woodend Scouts take top Honours At Scouthike

Each year 600 scouts from all over Victoria take part in Scouthike - a competition hike event over 2 nights and 2 days held in the State forest near Tallarook.

This year 91 teams of scouts hiked between overnight bases, completing up to 24 challenge bases along the way, to score points for their team. Challenges include traditional scout activities such as mock emergencies to test first aid, tying poles together to construct bridges, lighting fires, camping out, survival, and navigation with maps and compass.



Equal weighting in the scoring is also given to leadership and teamwork. Junior learner teams are accompanied by a leader and hike only with day packs. Senior teams hike independently, carrying all their food and equipment, and are eligible to earn Gold, Silver and Bronze pennants depending on the scores they achieve. Each year, only 10 teams are awarded Gold pennants.

2nd Woodend Scouts fielded 3 teams this year - one learner and two competition teams. Both senior competition teams took out Gold Pennants, with one team achieving the highest score in the State out of all 91 teams competing! Scouthike is a lot of fun and gives young people a great chance to work together with minimal adult supervision to build their confidence, leadership and resilience.

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Woodend Kinder has three reasons to celebrate this month. The first reason is the extensions are complete and look fantastic. There is new office space, a combined entrance and new kitchens in both of the rooms.

The second reason is we won a 'Sammy's School Garden Grant' of \$1,000 from Western Water. Western Water awards these grants to ten schools around the region each year as part of their Corporate Social Responsibility Program. More than 20 schools applied for grants this year, so it was a great result for Woodend Kinder to win!

The third reason is we have won a \$1000 grant from the Coles Junior Landcare program. These programs encourage students to learn about the environment through "outdoor learning" and interaction in developing their own school gardens. The grants have been awarded to assist with the upgrade of the veggie patch and gardens at kinder, and will allow us to purchase a new garden hose, a worm farm, tools, seeds and plants. We can't wait to get the children involved in the garden and learning about composting, cultivating and where their food comes from.

Submitted by Emma Tuck



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To assist in "Closing the Gap" – by working to achieve the same health outcomes for indigenous peoples that other Australians experience.

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- More children die in infancy than other Australian children.
- Conditions like heart disease, diabetes and kidney disease are experienced at higher rates than other Australians.

Why do we ask: "Are you of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin"?

To help plan and deliver services to those at risk of the above health and life-expectancy issues.

We ask this question of everyone – you can't tell by appearance.

When you self-identify as of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin, you will be asked if our nurse Kellie Tobias can give you a call back. Kellie is trained in culturally sensitive practice and offers health assessments and arrangement of services where needed.

We hope to help you identify issues early and work with you to achieve the best health outcomes possible.

Flags:

We warmly thank the Woodend RSL for lending us their flags for this occasion.

Welcome back Jolien

We extend a warm welcome back to Dr Jolien Dorgelo. Jolien says her baby is growing well and that she looks forward to coming back to the Practice in a part time capacity in July.

Farewell Dan

We farewell Dr. Dan Wijeratne who is re-locating to another area. We thank Dan for his time at the Practice - and wish him and his family all the best.

Swift Clinic

A number of Victorian general practices have successfully introduced a "swift clinic" to improve access to services. We have decided to run a trial of the "swift clinic" at Brooke Street Medical Centre.

What is a "Swift clinic"?

This functions to provide a short appointment for people who simply need a repeat script written. The "Swift clinic" is no substitute for your usual GP review/checkup where a range of your health issues & concerns will be addressed. The "Swift clinic" aims to tide you over until your regular GP appointment.

Who is the "Swift clinic" for?

People who are running out of their medications and aren't due yet for their usual GP checkup.

When will the "Swift clinic" be available?

Initially we will run the clinic between 2-3pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Further developments will be based on an evaluation of the clinic.

What can I expect from the "Swift clinic"?

This clinic provides a brief, on-time appointment simply to address your request for new scripts. Please do not book into the "Swift clinic" if you have any other queries or concerns – make a normal GP appointment instead.

What is the cost of the "Swift clinic"?

The "swift clinic" consult will be bulk billed.

How do I book in for the "Swift clinic"?

You can call reception on 5427 1002 explaining that you simply want a repeat prescription.

Carlsruhe Community Corner

Carlsruhe Community Planning Group:

On the 4th of May 2008 a public community meeting was held to determine priorities for the development of the Carlsruhe area. The most important priorities were the development of the Carlsruhe Common and the establishment of Yelka Park to acknowledge our aboriginal heritage. Now five years later this development is almost completed with the addition of the BBQ shelter, toilet and pathways on the Common joining the BBQ area with the playground, and the placement of signage and seating in the Yelka Park area.



There has been a great deal of effort and time put into this development by many people. Thanks must go firstly to the State Government for the generous grants that have allowed the development. Secondly to the Macedon Ranges Shire Council for their support and organization in seeing the project to completion. Special thanks to Ann-Louise Lindner, Kirsten Larwell, Gaynor Atkins, Fiona Jemmett, Alison Cusack, Jodie Turner and Chris Wright. Also to Josh Smith for his part in the development of the Master Plan. Lastly to the other members of the Community Planning Group for all their time and effort they have given the development with a special mention to Samantha Fisher for her great job as secretary and liaison with the Council. If there is anyone I have inadvertently missed please accept our thanks as well.

There are plans for an opening ceremony later in the year when the weather is better. The date and time will be advised when it is decided.

Donations: As part of IGA's commitment to the community tokens are available for every \$20 spent at IGA with the proceeds going to Carlsruhe. Landcare benefits for every aluminium can that is recycled.

Diary Dates...

Landcare Group meeting is on Tuesday the 10th of September at 7.30 pm. Anyone interested in being involved please come along to the meeting.

Anyone looking for information on the above groups email us on carlsruhecp@hotmail.com.

Submitted by Margaret Glen

Farmers' Markets In July

- Saturday 6th - Woodend Community Farmers' Market - Cnr High & Forests Sts. 35+ stalls. Live music, great vegetarian foods, community BBQ, free face paint. Cooking demonstration TBC
 - Saturday 13th - Kyneton Farmers' Market - St Paul's Park, Piper St. 60+ stalls. Free facepaint. Fine Makers Market nearby.
 - Saturday 20th - Riddells Creek Farmers' Market - Riddells Creek Primary School 25+ stalls. Live music, free-facepaint. Winter feast! Come along & enjoy some gorgeous hot soups & stews made with great local produce! \$5 a mug.
 - Saturday 27th - Lancefield & District Farmers' Market - High St. 65 stalls. Live music, free face-paint. Cooking demonstration from 10:30am.
- Support local producers at one or all of the farmers' markets in July. Please bring your own bags, baskets & trolleys. Friendly dogs welcome on a leash at all markets. 9am to 1pm.

Submitted by Meggs Hanes

Woodend Red Cross

The next meeting of the Woodend Unit of Red Cross will be held on Thursday 4th of July at 1.30pm. We meet at 39 High Street on the first Thursday of each month and all new members will be made very welcome.

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Council's Manager Community Safety, Anne-Louise Lindner, said that when pet owners register their pet with Council for the first time, they must be microchipped.

"If your pet is aged three months and over, it must be microchipped and registered with Council.

"Microchipping provides permanent identification for the life of the animal, so if your animal is lost or injured, it can help to reunite lost or injured pets with their owners," she said.

A microchip is the size of a grain of rice and is injected under the skin of your pet. The microchip is linked to a national database that contains your animal's name and your contact details and can be accessed by Council officers and vets.

The sessions will be held in July at the following locations:

- 6 July from 12pm–2pm at the Macedon Ranges Veterinary Clinic, 5 Brooke Street, Woodend.
- 27 July from 10am–12pm at Dr Greg McIntyre's Veterinary Service, 142 Mollison Street, Kyneton.

Your local vet will be on hand to answer any questions you might have relating to your pet's health and Council staff will be available to offer pet owners advice about responsible pet ownership.

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Submitted by Gemma Gamble, Communications and Public Relations Coordinator, MRSC



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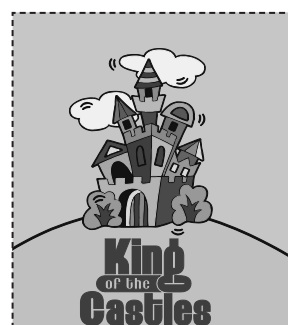
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A Vampire At Film Night!

In the May showing of Nosferatu at the Macedon Ranges Film Society, the music set the tone - brooding and with a menacing edge. It flowed over scenes on the screen of Count Orlok going about his nasty business.

Made in 1922, this film sent some shivers down spines but there was much sniggering as well. The film generated discussion over supper about the scariest films ever seen but most people agreed that even though it was an oldie, Nosferatu still holds up as a (slightly frightening) goodie!

The tone will change completely with the screening of the July film. On Wednesday July 10th, be prepared to laugh out loud at the antics and misbehaviour of the two main characters in the delightful film, Withnail and I. Richard E. Grant (in his first major film role) and Paul McGann play a couple of out-of-work actors whose lives have become so minimalist and miserable that they decide to go for a holiday at the country house of Withnail's salacious Uncle Monty (Richard Griffiths).

All is not as it seems in the country and much more misery is in store for our poor heroes. The film is touching, wild and very funny.

The Macedon Ranges Film Society meets on the second Wednesday of every month at 7pm. in the Woodend Community Centre. Film notes are provided and for those who wish, there is discussion following the screening, with supper kindly supplied by our members. Email mrfilmsociety@gmail.com or call Lorraine on 5427 0921 or Christine on 5427 1011.

Submitted by Christine Caley.

St Mary's Anglican Church

Regular services are held at St Mary's Anglican Church on Sundays at 10.30am and Wednesdays at 10am. Whether you're new to Woodend or just visiting please come and join us and stay for a cuppa afterwards.

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Contact: The Rev'd Malcolm Thomas 5427 2460

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Submitted by Angela Van Dam

ADFAS: Membership Matters

The Australian Decorative & Fine Arts (ADFAS) glass is still nearly half full. With three illustrated lectures and a special end of year event still to come, now is the ideal time to take out a discounted mid-year subscription to ADFAS Central Victoria.

This year ADFAS received the Macedon Ranges Shire Arts Ambassador Award in recognition of the work the society does to promote the arts across the local region. In addition to providing a series of illustrated talks for everyone to enjoy, ADFAS gives financial assistance to arts projects undertaken by young people. As a not-for profit organization, the resources that Central Victoria has available to support Young Arts within our region is entirely dependent on a thriving membership base. ADFAS needs your support, not only to develop an ever-improving series of events for all its members, but also to maintain its proud ethos and history of philanthropy. The more members join the society, the more the society can give back to the community. Membership matters!

ADFAS is for everyone and benefits all. Lectures cover the spectrum of visual, literary, musical and performing arts. Earlier this year, the art of the Bugatti came to town, as well as two vintage motor cars. The annual programme is stimulating, surprising and entertaining. Lectures are followed by supper, providing social opportunities for conversation and friendship.

If you would like to find out more about how to enjoy the arts as part of everyday life whilst at the same time contributing to the creative well-being of our community please contact Caroline 5422 3293 or 0424 668 053.

Submitted by C. Boehm



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Submitted by Rotary Club of Woodend

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For other individuals, the cost is \$150 per person; and for businesses, it is \$200 per person.

Organised by Macedon Ranges Shire Council, email: lgarner@mrc.vic.gov.au for bookings and information . or go to www.mhfa.com.au/cms/youth-course-information.

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- 6 Woodend Community Farmers Market
- 6 Macedon Ranges Shire Council, Microchipping day, Woodend
- 13 Kyneton Farmers Market
- 13 Woodend Landcare AGM
- 13 Woodend Playgroup Trivia Night, Norma Richardson Hall, St Mary's
- 20 Riddells Creek Farmers Market
- 20 Gisborne Singers mid-year concert
- 20 Amnesty International, Sing a long, Newham Hall
- 22 Woodend Community Centre, Cooking for 1 or 2
- 25 Woodend BATA, Business networking event
- 26 Woodend Community Centre, Community lunch
- 27 Lancefield & district Farmers Market
- 27 Macedon Ranges Shire Council, Microchipping day, Kyneton
- 27 Woodend Winter Wonderland
- 27 Mark Seymour, St Ambrose Hall
- 27 Irish Fiddle Concert, Norma Richardson Hall, St Mary's
- 30 Live 4 Life, Youth mental health first aid, Woodend

August

- 2 Woodend Rotary & SES luncheon
- 25 Landcare working bee

September

- TBC CFA Fundraiser featuring Cantorion Cymreig Victoria Welsh Choir Welsh Choir

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 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 Amateur Radio Club Graeme 0418 838 300
 Macedon Ranges Animal Aid, Buffalo Sports Stadium, 5427 1752
 Macedon Ranges Bridge Club, 5420 7595
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 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)
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 Woodend Landcare Meetings and weekend working bees - Jo 5427 1909
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 Blog: woodendlandcare.wordpress.com
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The CFA has an informative interactive website to highlight the 'hot spots' that should be checked in all houses. To download the Winter Fire Safety Checklist, please visit: www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/home-fire-safety-checklist.

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

Dangers during winter

CFA statistics show that one-third of all house fires started in the kitchen, 20% were caused by heat from fuel fires and fuel-powered objects such as stoves and heaters, and another 20% from faulty or overloaded equipment. Here are just a couple of other examples: Electric Blankets, Clothes Dryers, Open Fire Place, Heaters, Candles and Power Boards.

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

Beware Of Black Ice

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

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

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

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

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


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Winter is the perfect time to prepare for the stunning spring and summer days in the Macedon Ranges. Now is the time to get the firewood ordered, and stacked and dry in the shed. Its time to turn those vegie beds, or get inspired and establish a new patch - build new beds - get the soil in and layer it up, fermenting nicely for spring plantings.

The rains are beginning and the ground is softening - the perfect time to sink those new post holes for the garden fence. And as the rains begin we remember that we've forgotten to fix that drain or lay that pipe.... and the puddles become lakes fast!

Its easy for the list to grow, and the energy to flag. Now is the perfect time to take the edge off the hard yards and call in some machinery, and an expert to help you get through your To Do List!

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Cycle Safety Meetings Planned for Local Cyclists

Following Macedon Ranges Shire Council's refusal to support a Spring Cycle Safety Campaign in The Ranges, local Bike Safe group will hold meetings at various locations in The Ranges in July to push on with a campaign supported by cyclists themselves.

The clear message from an on line Cycle Safety Survey recently conducted by Wheelspeed Cycles in Gisborne is that cyclists are concerned about their safety on our roads and are also concerned about the behavior of some motorists. Local cyclists had hoped that the Shire would back a "Share the Road" campaign highlighting the need to give cyclists sufficient space on the road.

The owner of Wheelspeed Cycles, Chris Algefski, said "I would like to express my appreciation in particular to Councillor, Sally Piper and Deputy Mayor, Russell Mowatt for the support they have given to this issue at Council level, unfortunately it was not enough to make a difference. The next step is to meet with local cyclists across our region. We will discuss the results of the survey and identify things we can do ourselves now to improve our own safety on the roads. It is important that everyone gets a chance to have their say"

All cyclists are invited to attend the meetings. Details of times and locations are available from Woodend Cycles, Wheelspeed Cycles Gisborne and by email to bikesafeintheranges@gmail.com One of the main items on the agenda will be to clearly identify the most hazardous roads for cyclists so we can continue to lobby for better infrastructure.

Submitted by Margaret Douglas, Wheelspeed Cycles



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Bicycle Safety in the Macedon Ranges

Macedon Ranges Shire Council is committed to bicycle safety in the Macedon Ranges, and has spent over \$350,000 in the last two years on bicycle safety initiatives throughout the shire.

Wheelspeed Cycles provided a submission to the draft 2013/14 Council budget calling for safety initiatives including signage throughout Macedon Ranges.

It was not necessary to make a new budget allocation specifically for this because sufficient budget already exists for the installation of these signs.

Council looks forward to working with Wheelspeed Cycles and other cycling groups to establish where appropriate signage may be required. Many of the roads raised in the submission are VicRoads roads and Council will again work with community groups to advocate for VicRoads to provide the appropriate signage.

Council has also commenced work on a Walking and Cycling Strategy. This is a direct result of the work of the Transport Connections program and community groups to provide safe, healthy, equitable, accessible and sustainable forms of transport and recreation that benefit people across the shire.

Council's new Walking and Cycling Strategy will involve extensive community consultation and input and will commence in July 2013.

Submitted by Communications and Public Relations MRSC

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Studio 2 Dance

Studio 2 MIX (S2MIX) classes on Mondays in Woodend and Tuesdays in Gisborne provides intermediate and advanced dance classes for children aged 6 years 14 years. Classes include jazz, tap, ballet and contemporary. Studio 2 Hip Hop and Tap classes are available on Thursdays in Woodend.

Program Times

S2Mix Junior Intermediate (5 - 6 years) Monday 4.00pm – 5.00pm

S2Mix Intermediates (7 - 8 years) Monday 5.00pm – 6.00pm

S2Mix Advanced Intermediates (8 - 12years) Monday 6.00pm – 7.15pm

Hip Hop Junior (6 – 10 years) Thursday 4.00pm – 4.45pm

Tiny Tappers (6 – 10 years) Thursday 4.45pm – 5.30pm

Tap Intermediates (10 - 14 years) Thursday 5.30pm – 6.30pm

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JUNIOR SPORTS

Macedon Ranges Futsal

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Woodend Hawks Junior Football Club

This program is managed by the Woodend Junior Football Club. Contact John Nicholls 0414 018 873 for more information or visit www.woodendhawks.com.au

Netball and Volleyball - Register Now

- Monday mornings – Ladies Netball

From 9.30am, we have 6 teams in the competition and starting back on the 15th July, 2013. There is still space to register a team or enter the program as an individual player. Umpires supplied for each game with team fees payable on the day of competition. 6 month season. Registrations close soon.

- Tuesday night – Ladies Netball

Game start from 6.15pm, 10 teams are in the competition with the season starting on the 16th July, 2013. You are welcome to register for the competition by calling the stadium on 54 2734 11. The competition accepts players from 15 years of age for the ladies competition. 6 month season, closing soon.

- Thursday night – Mixed Volleyball

Fun casual competition played on Thursday nights from 7.15pm. We are looking for a 6th team to enter our competition. The teams are mixed with a range of skill levels between the teams. 6 month competition with finals played in December.

For more information on teams sports or other programs run at the Buffalo sports Stadium call the centre on 54273 411.

Submitted by A. McKee

Welcome to the Woodend Star **Kids Club** July Birthdays

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These July School Holidays we will again be offering a Programme (open to all ages), which consists of three fun packed days, with training conducted by World Players of the Game. We are looking forward to another very



successful Clinic, with the juniors learning multiple aspects of the game and enjoying the upskilling and inspiration provided to them by our Trainers.

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Submitted by Nicole Jackson

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

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Macedon Ranges Basketball Association

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Woodend's Macedon Ranges Basketball Association (MRBA) is looking for new players to join our competitions and learn to play this fantastic, fun, inclusive sport. Interest from all age groups is welcome (although Under 10 boys is currently at capacity and new players may go on a waiting list until next season).

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Basketball Clinics for Kids - July

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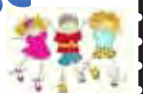
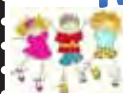
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Woodend District Netball Club

The NetSetGO! Program for new netballers 5-8 years commenced on 15th June at Buffalo Stadium, Woodend. 25 participants and parents/carers braved the cold conditions inside the stadium from 8.15-9.00am for lots of fun, fitness and to learn new skills. Participants received a special San Remo NetSetGO! sports bag, Gilbert netball, bright pink! t-shirt, and a Melbourne Vixens pencil case. The program will run until the clubs Grand Final day on 7th September where the participants will show case the many skills they have learnt.

NetSetGo enables all individuals to experience personal achievement in terms of competence, enhanced self-esteem, social co-operation, maximum participation and skill development in a FUN environment. It's a great way to learn and improve basic fundamental motor skills, co-ordination and a great way to make new friends. The program is suitable for children of all abilities.

The Under 11 and Under 15 competition commenced in May and runs until 7th September where it will conclude with our Grandfinal Day and Presentation night. All teams are improving as the season continues and the WDNC thanks Mia Kelly, a young enthusiastic University student who is volunteering her time coaching U11's and training the under 15's on Thursdays at Buffalo Stadium (weather permitting)-already we can see a marked improvement in their skill level and fitness. Thanks Mia.

On July 21st and July 28th we are sending 4 teams (U11, U13 x 2 and U15) to Squad tournaments in Maryborough and Gisborne respectively. All players are training hard and are excited with the prospect of representing Woodend in new uniforms (dresses) and jackets. This purchase was made possible by a Community Grant Funding Scheme and the support of our new sponsors. Thank you to Jenny and Phil Boldiston Bricklaying, 19th Hole Shopping Centre, MR Projects, Pearse Earthmoving, RedBeard Bakery, Kerrie's Bundle of Bears, John Cameron Plumbing, Joan Gladman Real Estate, David Garrahan Jigsaw Staircases, Tylden General Store and Riverwood Group. Go Woodend!

For further information about the Woodend District Netball Club please go to woodend.netballvic.asn.au.

Submitted by A Norden

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Heritage News

It's been a sad time at our Local & Family History Resource Centre of late. On 29th May we lost an Honorary Life Member of our Society and one of our longest serving volunteers with the death of Shirley Wakefield.

Shirley had been unwell for a long time but it was only in the last ten days of her life that the seriousness of her illness was identified and she was sent back to Kyneton Hospital with the knowledge that she would not be returning home.

Shirley's bravery during those last few days was inspirational and right to the end she retained her sense of humour and concern for others which had been such a strong part of her character.

During a visit to the hospital on the day before she died, we took in a copy of "Shirley's Story" thinking that she may like to share it with her visitors. Although by this time quite heavily sedated, Shirley's face lit up with a smile as she quipped. "We could always set up a stall". Well Shirley, your story will live on, not only in the pages of your personal story, but in all the many things you did as a volunteer at our Centre. Shirley's diligence in carrying out a myriad of tasks was always exemplary, whether it was tending the fire in the early days before we had proper heating, entering thousands of records on the computer or managing our very large newspaper clipping collection (The Wakefield Collection).

If you have not read "Shirley's Story" which she wrote during a particularly difficult period of her life, you should. It is the story of a life well lived. Copies are still available from the Centre on Wednesdays or from Collier Office & Business Assist at other times.

Another great loss for our Centre occurred with the departure of three other volunteers and good friends. Leslie Cochrane, also an Honorary Life Member of the Heritage Society, joined our volunteer team over twenty five years ago and for many years has held the position of Senior Family History Researcher at

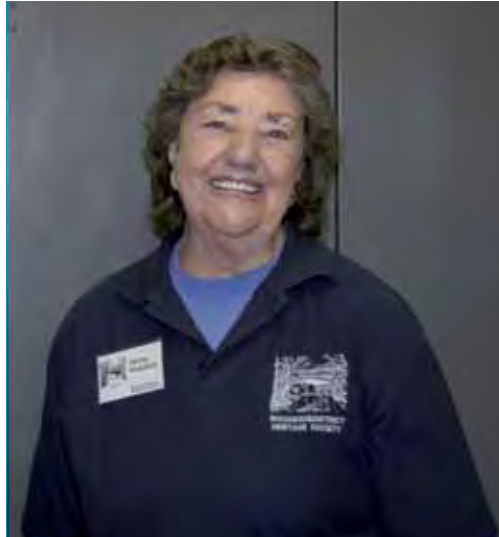
the Centre. In this work Leslie demonstrated enormous skill in analysing and solving hundreds of complex family history enquiries. Her abilities in this area, coupled with her preparedness to always go 'the extra mile' made her contribution outstanding.

We wish Leslie every happiness in her new life and move to Tasmania and hope that perhaps through the marvels of email and other technologies, some of her enormous ability will not be entirely lost to our Centre! Most importantly, at this stage we are missing a really good friend.

Two other good friends have also left our team. Robyn van Smeerdijk has worked with us on and off for nearly fifteen years and has entered many hundreds of Real Estate records, another great contribution to our archive. Ken Flood, who first joined us over ten years ago, has been responsible for establishing a large collection of records pertaining to district commerce, another very large and important contribution. Again, we will miss both these volunteers and wish them every happiness in their new homes.

The loss of key people in any organization always makes for reorganization and this we are doing. New people help to keep our group alive so if you have any interest in the history of this area and would like to join a team of people who contribute to its preservation in many different ways, by undertaking tasks ranging from the simplest to the quite challenging, please call in and see us on a Wednesday at the rear of the old Woodend Court House. We are very flexible, people come when they can, the work is fascinating and we always manage to have a lot of laughs!

Submitted by Janet Hawkins



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