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## Woodend it be fabulous...

*with fireworks, freebies, film and a first!*

The 2013 Woodend Winter Arts Festival will kick off with a big bang at Buffalo Stadium on Friday 7 June – with food, cake and around 1500 of your closest friends and neighbours coming together for the annual fireworks display.

And this year's Festival again comes with a packed program of musical performances and literary panels (see inside pages for features on each) and an expanded exhibition program of visual artists.

The Festival has expanded into the new St Mary's Hall with an exhibition of Australian book illustration and a very special one hour workshop for adults interested in book illustration and getting published on Sunday 9 June.

The exhibition is free to the public all weekend, and will showcase original illustrations and prints from recent Australian picture books for children of all ages by artists including Alison Lester, Shaun Tan (a previous Festival guest with sell out shows), Ann James, Jane Tanner, Colin Thompson, Leigh Hobbs (another previous Festival guest), Gus Gordon and Anne Spudvilas.



Robyn Clarke and Anita von Bibra (above) are part of the expanded visual arts program

A special feature of the exhibition will be the illustrators table – where Ann James and Jane Tanner will take up residence on Sunday, working on their current projects. For keen illustrators and budding artists, this is a must see exhibition.

This year too, the Festival program will again include a film showing – a 72 minute feature documentary *Graphic Novels! Melbourne!* followed by a Q and A with one of the creative behind

the project, graphic novelist and comic maker Bernard Caleo. The film (on Monday 10 June) ventures into the studios and lives of four cartoonists: Pat Grant, Mandy Ord, Bruce Mutard and Nicki Greenberg to examine their lives and work, and comic book luminaries Paul Gravett, Dylan Horrocks, Scott McCloud, Shaun Tan and Ben Hutchings.

A panel of artists will gather at The Chamber to explore -How relevant is landscape today for artists? and the influence of the environment on their work. Panellists include Robyn Clarke, a highly respected painter and print maker with works in the permanent collection of the National Gallery of Victoria and Geelong Art Gallery

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## Hawk Comedy

The Woodend Heskett Football Netball Club presents the biggest night of comedy in the Macedon Ranges with Hawk Comedy on Saturday June 15th at St Ambrose Hall.

Three heavy hitters in the Melbourne comedy scene are coming in especially for the gig. Stalwarts Brad Oakes and Dave O'Neil join local boy, Des Dowling in a 'rolled gold' comedy line up.

This is a great local night out with friends or work mates. Book the babysitter now and ring your mates to organise a table. Tickets are \$40 each. Please call Shelley to reserve your tickets on 0407 528 044.



There will be a range of auctions, raffles and quizzes on the night to add to the fun and the fundraising efforts of your local footy and netball club.

Patrons are encouraged to BYO nibbles or light supper with tables in cabaret style. Drinks will be at bar prices.

Hawk Comedy is produced with the support of Funny Guys [www.funnyguys.com.au](http://www.funnyguys.com.au).

**Turn to page 40 for more information on this event.**



*Dave O'Neil - Live in Woodend on June 15th for Hawk Comedy.*

Submitted by Jock Allan

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and now residing in Woodend, gallery owner Anita von Bribra, sculptor and wood engraver Tim Jones with works in Australian public collections and the British Museum, Daylesford artist Petreus Spronk and Mary Lou Jelbert – former visual arts commentator at Radio National and founder of the celebrated Fortyfivedownstairs.

Free art exhibitions include:

- Australian Book Illustration exhibition, St Mary's Hall
- On Our Selection: an exhibition of works by Robyn Clarke, Black Anther Gallery
- Art Exhibition (mixed mediums) by The Gallery Mt Macedon Artists, Woodend Neighbourhood House.
- Pottery Exhibition with the Macedon Ranges Potters, Woodend Community Hub

Bookings and further information is available at [www.woodendwinterartsfestival.org.au](http://www.woodendwinterartsfestival.org.au) or by phoning 0447 570 327.

For more information on events at WWAF, turn to pages 6 & 7

Submitted by Alicia Paterson for WWAF



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## Maintenance for Primary School

Woodend Primary School will finally receive some much needed maintenance funding under the State Government's 2013 Condition Assessment Program. Minister for Education, the Hon Martin Dixon, visited the school on April 24th to make the official announcement that the school will receive just over \$300,000 for urgent maintenance and repairs.

Approximately \$35,000 of this will go to the Karlsruhe Campus for general maintenance along with repairs to the toilet block. The balance will be used at the main campus in Woodend to fix roofs, guttering and downpipes, as well as replacing rotting external timber and giving some of the buildings a new coat of paint. No money was allocated for site infrastructure (grounds) redevelopment. The School Council has, however, set aside some saved funds for repairs to be made to the school basketball court, the retaining wall above it and an adjoining play area.

While this Government funding is greatly appreciated it still needs to be remembered that this is money that the school is entitled to and should have received a number of years ago! We can only hope that 2014 brings additional resources to be used on grounds improvements.

### 2014 Enrolments Woodend Primary School

School tours are now available for prospective parents. If you have a child due to begin Prep in 2014 please contact the school office on 5427 2455 to arrange a meeting with the Principal, Andy Kozak, and take in a personal tour of the school. Enrolment packs are also available at the office.

Submitted by Andy Kozak, Principal



## Winter Wonderland

This year, Woodend Village will celebrate Woodend Winter Wonderland on 27th July, an opportunity for

the whole community to meet and greet with activities in the Village for children and their families. Rug up, venture out and join in the spirit to celebrate what Woodend does really well – Winter! More information in the July issue of the New Woodend Star.

The Woodend BATA exists to help local businesses of all types to network, learn and benefit from each other. In the second half of this year, BATA aims to hold networking/training events, a great opportunity for local businesses of all sizes and locations to come along and meet with others in a casual environment. Networking has so many benefits for your business, you might gain new customers or be able to link with others who can cross-promote with your business!

If you're a business owner and interested, or would like to join, drop in to see Karen at Sassy Woodend for more information, or email woodendtraders@gmail.com. You can also find Woodend Village on Facebook.

Submitted by Woodend Business and Tourism Association.



## Home Based Business Morning Tea

Thursday 13 June 10:00am to 12:00pm

If you are a home based business and facing the challenges of working in isolation, then this informal networking morning tea is an opportunity for you to meet with other like-minded business people in a social and friendly environment. Come along and meet fellow home-based businesses for some friendly networking and hear guest speakers with presentations on a range of topics relevant to small business.

Organised by Macedon Ranges Shire Council, this free events runs from 10.00am till 12 noon. Please register to attend via email [ecodevadmin@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:ecodevadmin@mrsc.vic.gov.au) or phone 5421 9616.

Submitted by G Gamble MRSC



## 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		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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## Getting to the root of it

The students at Heskett Primary School have been busy bees, planting vegetables in their veggie garden, in preparation for their special lunch to celebrate the end of term. The students constructed the garden as part of Heskett's Buddies Program, which sees the younger students in the school working with their older peers.

The program provides many benefits for each individual child and numerous opportunities for the students to build upon a whole range of different skills.



Our garden project this year promoted our strong sense of community in our students, created social and support networks at the school, and gave the older buddies a chance to demonstrate their leadership abilities, all while learning about nature and caring for the environment.

All that is left now is for the students to continue to encourage their plants to grow, so that they may enjoy the fruits of their labour come harvest day.

Which we are all hoping will be in time to make our delicious hot soup together, come winter at the end of term.

Submitted by Cliff Palmer



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## Bike Safe Campaign for the Ranges

Local cyclists have asked the Macedon Ranges Shire Council to run a cycle safety "Share the Road" campaign across The Ranges. This initiative is in response to the growth of road cycling in the Macedon Ranges and the increasing number of accidents involving cyclists and near misses occurring on our local roads.



The shire will make a decision about the proposed campaign when considering the final budget in early June 2013.

The submission has sparked a lot of interest and support amongst cyclists and cycling clubs. It follows on from a submission made by Woodend road cycling enthusiast, Sue Blakey, who raised her concerns with the Shire in January of this year regarding the lack of adequate cycling infrastructure and the need for cycling advisory signage on a number of roads in our region. "In addition to contacting the shire I had written to some of my local councillors about these issues and was disappointed with the lack of interest at the time. I am very pleased that the shire and some councillors are now taking this issue seriously. I hope that the shire will appropriately fund the campaign and signage on our roads as this will be of great benefit to both cyclists and motorists in our community."

A copy of the submission for the cycle safety campaign and a further proposal for local cyclists to form a Bike Safe group can be obtained from Wheelspeed Cycles in Gisborne or by email to [2catevents@gmail.com](mailto:2catevents@gmail.com).

Submitted by Sue Blakey, Woodend.

## Rotary presents funds to Scouts

The Rotary Club of Woodend recently presented 1st Woodend Scout Group with two cheques: a donation to the group from Woodend Rotary, and a cheque for funding obtained through the Volunteer Grant Scheme. The Rotary donation was gratefully received and will be used to upgrade tents for the group whilst the Volunteer Grant funding will be used in the upgrade of the Scout and Guide Hall kitchen.



*Community Service Director - Peter Willmott with President, Miranda Baine presenting cheque to Venturer Scout Darcy Williamson at the Rotary Fence refurbishment project*

The Rotary Club of Woodend supported 1st Woodend by sponsoring their successful application for funding under the Volunteer Grant Scheme. 1st Woodend Scout Group would like to take this opportunity to thank Rotary for their ongoing support of local youth and look forward to strengthening the ties between the two groups into the future.

Submitted by Peter Willmott

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**Musical feast features a Bach main course**

The 'greatest musical work of our time and all people' will be the central feature of this year's musical program at the Woodend Winter Arts festival – and tickets sales confirm that 2013 patrons agree with those words uttered in 1818 by an editor; Bach is still king when it comes to classical achievement.

This is the first time the Festival has programmed a two hour performance.– and both the Friday & Sunday performances are nearly sold out.

The Mass in B Minor will be performed with an incredible line up of vocal talent – including sopranos Greta Bradman, Jacqueline Porter, alto Tobias Cole, tenor Matthew Thomson (who's twin brother is also performing in a the Britten concert), bass Michael Leighton Jones and Ensemble Gombert.

The music of the Mass will be led by Italian violinist Davide Monti, who has been brought back to the Festival again this year by popular demand. Davide will lead Accademia Arcadia, the ABC Classic recorded ensemble of the Festival's artistic director Jacky Ogeil.

The Opening Night performance is the Tony Gould Quartet – a reunion of musicians who will perform their popular cool, smooth jazz 'Hush 9' recordings at an event that is accompanied by a free CD (Cello Lullaby) giveaway and CD signings. (7.30pm on Friday 7 June)



*Davide Monti, back by popular demand*

Other program events include:

- Celebrating Corelli with Davide Monti and Accademia Arcadia
- Ensemble Liaison playing Brahms, de Falla and Gershwin
- Guitar recital with Tim Kain
- Voices of Britten with tenor Daniel Thomson
- Stephanie McCallum playing Alkan
- Tinalley in their final tour performing Mozart and Beethoven

**For little culture vultures**

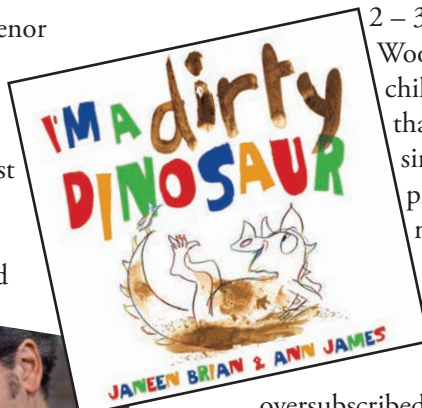
Two events will satisfy Woodend's littlest culture vultures at this year's Woodend Winter Arts Festival – so whether your little one is a bookish, arty type, or a musical / dancer type (or any variation thereof) the main thing will be to book them into the free children's program sessions.

The now famous Woodend Library story time will this year feature and interactive 'Magic Pencil' session led by illustrator Ann James, who will read Bird and Bear, and I'm a Dirty Dinosaur as well as drawing and painting each of the characters from the books.

Musically, Mini Maestro's will present three sessions aimed at different age groups (a group each for 1 – 2 year olds, 2 – 3 year olds, and 3 to 5 year olds) at Woodend Playgroup. Jo Irwin will take children through activities that include percussion, singing, dancing and playing to explore music elements such as dynamics, harmony, rhythm, beat and tempo.



These are FREE events for children, but bookings are essential as each year they are well oversubscribed.



**Tickets & Box office**

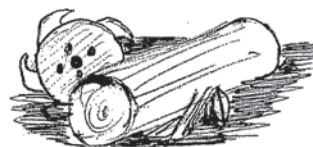
Ticket sales have been swift since online bookings opened in March. All residents are encouraged to book their tickets in advance of the weekend – including booking places for the popular free children's events. To book go to [www.woodendwinterartsfestival.org.au](http://www.woodendwinterartsfestival.org.au) or phone 0447 570 327. The Festival box office will be open at St Ambrose School Office throughout the weekend for ticket collection, and bookings / sales (where tickets are still available).

Box Office hours

- Friday 7th June 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm
- Saturday 8th June 9:30 am to 5:00 pm, 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm
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## Practical notes for every resident

(and their dogs!)

With the town set to explode over the Queen's Birthday long weekend, especially with the opening night fireworks at Buffalo Stadium on Friday 7 June, Woodend residents are urged to make sure their doggy friends are properly secure at home.

Each year a few of our canine friends jump fences or dig holes in fright when they hear the fireworks, so the Festival Committee encourages all residents to make sure pets are inside and secure – particularly between 6.30pm and 7.30pm.

If you see a lost pet, please secure them – they are unlikely to be far from home!

In addition, traffic in and around Buffalo will be extraordinarily busy. Each year around 1500 people attend the fireworks – which translates into a lot of cars! While the local emergency services will assist in traffic management, everyone is urged to be patient and careful – there will be hundreds of children excitedly running around the area.

Traffic for most of the Festival weekend will be much busier too – around 50% of the Festival audience drives from Melbourne to attend events which means many more cars in and around Woodend.

Submitted by A. House for WWAFF committee

## Pottery Exhibition

The Macedon Ranges Potters in conjunction with the Woodend Winter Arts Festival are holding their annual exhibition at the Community Hub in Forest Street, opening Saturday 8th June to Monday 10th June.

The group have exhibited together for many years and feature a variety of quality work, including functional and sculptural forms.

On Saturday afternoon the artists are holding a "meet the artists" between 2pm and 4pm.

All are invited to attend and enjoy the refreshments provided, and talk to the artists about their work. The exhibition is open between 10am and 4pm.

Entry is free. All welcome.

Submitted by Patricia Beasley



## Exercise track update

The Rotary Club of Woodend has now completed refurbishment of the track entrance. Signs and poles have been painted and two pencil pines have been planted alongside.



The second sign was erected to acknowledge the financial donations towards the project by the following major sponsors:

- Barkers Trailers P/L
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- Macedon Ranges Shire Council
- Macedon Ranges Signs
- Open Gardens Australia
- Riverwood Group
- Tony's Practice
- Woodend Dental Group
- Woodend Landcare "Thursday Crew"

Engineering drawings have been submitted to the council for a proposal to complete the final phase of the track. This will extend from the current end point through to the bridge at Five Mile Creek plus a continuation on to the end of Jeffrey St.

The Rotary Club of Woodend is currently raising additional funds to finance the completion of this important community project.

Submitted by Brendan Watters.

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## Mother's Day Classic:

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On Sunday 12 May, over 700 people gathered together at The Woodend Children's Park to support the walk/run for breast cancer research in the Mother's Day Classic. It was a fabulous, emotion filled day that demonstrated the depth of community spirit that makes Woodend a wonderful place to live. In addition to the 3km and 6.5km walk/run attractions on the day included a fantastic warm up by Kyneton Toyota Sports and Aquatic Centre, gourmet sausages, Bourkies vanilla slices, free fruit donated by Woodend Fruit Supply, showbags, music by renowned local musicians Michele and Adam, free health checks by Cobaw Community Health, massages, great raffle prizes and children's activities. The Macedon Ranges Mother's Day Classic in Woodend is now firmly on the annual calendar, with participants exclaiming that it was a wonderful, uplifting event and that they plan to make it part of their family Mother's Day tradition.



In total more than 130,000 Australians in a record 74 locations walked or ran for breast cancer research on Mother's Day, contributing to the lasting impact the Women in Super Mother's Day Classic has had on breast cancer research in Australia. Organisers expect this year's Macedon Ranges fundraising total to surpass \$10,000, with over \$4 million being raised nationwide. This has made Mother's Day Classic the biggest single donor to the National Breast Cancer Foundation (NBCF), supporting research projects into detection, prevention, treatment and ultimately finding a cure. We are very excited that the Mother's Day Classic continues to grow - people recognise the importance of research and we are honoured that the community has helped us achieve record fundraising and unprecedented growth in regional areas," according to

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- Employer and/or self-employed superannuation contributions must be paid to, and received by, the super fund before 30 June and must be within the contributions cap (generally \$25,000 per individual)
- Depreciation can be claimed for assets first used, or installed ready for use, before 30 June
- Small businesses (turnover less than \$2 million) can claim expenses prepaid up to 12 months in advance – for larger businesses, this is generally limited to expenses below \$1,000
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### *Mother's Day Classic continued*

Louise Davidson, National Chair of Mother's Day Classic. "As well as raising funds for breast cancer research, the Mother's Day Classic provides an opportunity to honour and support those affected by the disease. It also serves as a powerful reminder to us all of the importance of early detection. "We thank the women, men and children who joined today's sea of pink. Together they have helped make Mother's Day memorable and meaningful as the nation's largest charity event."

The Mother's Day Classic - Macedon Ranges organising committee would like to thank the participants, volunteers and community groups and sponsors without which this wonderful event would not have been possible including ME Bank, Cobaw Community Health, the Rotary Club of Woodend, Woodend Bowling Club, Woodend CFA, Macedon Ranges Running Club, Macedon Ranges Shire Council and Western Water.

Post-event breast cancer research donations still open: [www.mothersdayclassic.com.au/donate](http://www.mothersdayclassic.com.au/donate)

Photography was kindly donated by Bruce Hedge Photography. Copies will be on display shortly and available for purchase by donation. Contact Kris Nelson for further details 0448 355 535.

Submitted by K. Nelson

## Log Cabin Café

The Queen's Birthday weekend will once again see the 'Log Cabin Café' open its doors during the Woodend Winter Arts Festival. 1st Woodend Scout Group will be offering Devonshire tea/coffee, light lunches (including steaming bowls of homemade soup) and refreshments. The atmosphere within our historic Log Cabin promises to be warm and inviting: perfect for a hearty lunch, or an afternoon tea amid the events of the Woodend Winter Arts Festival.



There will also be a District Cub Art Show in our hall on Monday 10 June, so why not drop in, see some work from our young artists and grab a warm cuppa?

Log Cabin Café: 41 Forest Street Woodend, 11am to 3pm, Saturday 8 to Monday 10 June 2013, queries to Leisa (0429 331 695).

Submitted by L Macartney



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### *Guild street stall*

Saturday, 8 June from 9 – 12, outside Woodend Newsagency.

### *Combined parish service at St Mary's, Woodend*

Sunday, 16th June at St Mary's, Woodend beginning at 10.30am, followed by a shared lunch together. This will be the only service of the day.

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Contact: The Rev'd Malcolm Thomas 5427 2460.

### *Love to knit and natter?*

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Please bring some No 8 (4mm) needles and 8 ply yarn if you have some. There will be some spares on hand.

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## Landcare

Around 150 members of the Woodend community planted over 250 indigenous trees, shrubs and grasses at the Mother's Day Trees for Mum event on 12 May.

Special thanks go to Woodend Landcare and Peter Newell who put in many long hours to get the planting site ready for the event and helped on the day. We are also grateful to MRSC for giving us permission to plant along the walking track north of Ruby McKenzie Park.

We hope to run another Trees for Mum event on Sunday 11 May next year so mark it in your diary and join us on Facebook Trees for Mum Woodend, to keep up with the news.



### Did you know?

... the plant guards we've put around our little trees need to stay in place until the plants are about waist height. They help to protect the young plants from hungry rabbits and also identify them when the grass starts growing in spring. Once the plants get a bit bigger, the guards help us with maintenance so we can safely whipper-snip the grass around them. Whilst they might seem a bit of an eyesore to start with, these plastic guards are vital to the success of our plantings. Please don't remove them, that's a job for the Landcare team.

If you're interested in getting involved with Woodend Landcare you can sign up to our blog site at [www.woodendlandcare.wordpress.com](http://www.woodendlandcare.wordpress.com). You'll receive an email when we publish something new. We also have a large display outside Coles including a calendar of events. Our next working bee will be when the weather warms up again: Sunday 25 August 9.30am at Slaty Creek Reserve.

### Date for your diary:

Woodend Landcare AGM, Neighbourhood House 2pm  
Saturday 13 July – all welcome. RSVP for catering:  
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Submitted by Angela Van Dam

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## Kyneton District Health Service

### Woodend Auxiliary

Our Mothers' Day raffle raised about \$580.00, and the three winners were all well-known locals who always support our fund raising efforts.

Fortunately for the ticket sellers, there was only one day when the cold made us give up selling a little earlier than usual. In fact there was some beautiful sunshine, and the autumn colours were lovely to look at. If the autumn weather had been bad, we would not have done so well.

That's the good news. The bad news is that the number of fit and healthy members in our group is dwindling even more rapidly than before. Those who are left are beginning to feel the strain, and we are now questioning whether our little Auxiliary can go on.

**We urgently need more people to share the workload, or we will have to think about folding up our card tables and chairs and walking (hobbling?) off into the sunset!**

Our meetings are held every two months, and our main fundraising efforts revolve around our raffles. In July we will have a stall at BATA's "Winter Wonderland" where we will have crafts, cakes, jams, etc to sell. We also usually have a stall at the Hospital around Christmas (in December!) with similar items.

It's not a big commitment – but without at least four or five more people to help we may not be able to do even that much. Our local hospital and its patients need even these small fund raising efforts. If you can help, please phone Jo on 5427 1909.

Submitted by Jo Clancy, Secretary

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## Woodend Neighbourhood House

Welcome to the final month of the second term. We have had a busy time this term with new and old courses. Puppetry Club for the over nines has been running on a Tuesday after school – Sue Blakey is passionate and knowledgeable about all things puppets and would LOVE to start up an adult Puppet Making Club in Term 3. Please call us to express your interest. The Tools and Home Maintenance Course has been taken up with gusto – Marlene Orange is introducing a world of tricks and tips to new tool users and to those with some experience who want to refresh their skills.

The last month we have celebrated Neighbourhood House Week (May 6-10) and Volunteer Week (May 13-17) in quick succession. It's a timely reminder of the great work that volunteers do around our communities, from being a CFA member to assisting at the tourist information centre, from coaching your kid's football or basketball team to being a volunteer at the Neighbourhood House, volunteers are the glue that binds community. Members of the House staff and Committee of Management also attended the state-wide conference for neighbourhood houses in Ballarat in late May and have returned brimming with ideas on how to support volunteers in our community. Look out for news of an emerging network of volunteers.

Plans are already afoot for some new courses and activities in Term 3 (starting 15 July) including: a Mixed Media Art Class – presented by Christine Houston, artist, musician and lover of all things creative, a follow-on from her Term 2 workshops; Penny Bentley will be helping you take a comprehensive look at iPads and iPhones, from the start-up basics to how they simplify your connection to the World Wide Web and digital security issues and how to protect your privacy; and lastly, applications are already open for this year's Brown Paper Bag Project - The Brown Paper Bag is a Short Film and Photography Festival set up by a committee of young people for young people aged 12-25 years of age who live, work, go to school, recreate or have a significant connection with the amazing Macedon Ranges – download a form from their website and pop into the Neighbourhood House to pay your registration fee (only \$20), soon a Brown Paper Bag will be winging its way to you and your film or photography journey can begin.

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Submitted by Jill Scanlon - Coordinator

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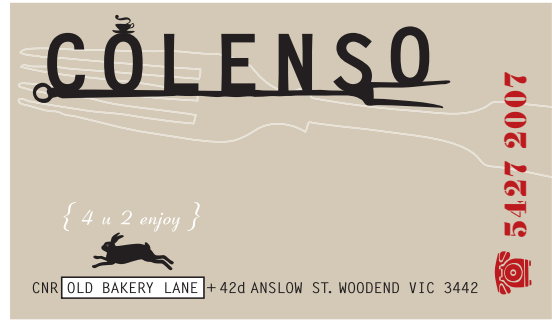
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International research also indicates that identity crime is the fastest growing crime type. Both individuals and businesses are at risk of identity theft. By practicing sound identity security habits and implementing a few personal and organisational security measures, you're joining the fight against identity fraud.

Identity crime is a critical threat to the Australian community. This crime type generates significant profits for offenders and causes considerable financial losses to the Australian Government, private industry and individuals.

## ***What does a criminal do with my personal information?***

Once a criminal has the information they need they could:

- apply for a credit card in your name
- open a bank or building society account in your name
- apply for other financial services in your name
- run up debts (e.g. use your credit/debit card details to make purchase) or obtain a loan in your name
- apply for any benefits in your name (e.g. housing benefit, new tax credits, income support, job seeker's allowance, child benefit)
- apply for a driving licence in your name
- register a vehicle in your name

## ***How can I protect myself from becoming a victim of identity theft?***

You can take some simple steps to reduce the risks of having your personal information stolen or misused:

- secure your mail box with a lock and make sure mail is cleared regularly
- shred or destroy your personal and financial papers before you throw them away, or keep them in a secure place if you wish to retain them
- always cover the keypad at ATMs or on EFTPOS terminals when entering your PIN, and be aware of your surroundings— is anyone trying to observe or watch you, are there any strange or loose fixtures attached to the machine or terminal?

- ensure that the virus and security software on your computers and mobile devices is up-to-date and current
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- No changes to personal income tax rates until at least 2015/2016 years
- Increase in Medicare levy to 2 per cent from 1 July 2014
- Phase out of net medical expenses tax offset
- Self education expense deductions to be capped at \$2,000 per year from 1 July 2014

There have also been increases in Family Tax Benefit A. In order to receive these benefits you need to ensure your personal income tax return lodgements are up to date.

*Please note the 2013/14 budget initiatives have not been passed through parliament at the time of printing and are subject to change.*

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## Rotarians at Work

The old fence at the High Street entrance to the township of Woodend was restored recently by Woodend Rotary as part of the International Rotarians at Work day. The fence was in poor condition with weathered timber, broken pickets and the garden was nonexistent.

Woodend Rotary partnered with the Sunbury Bunnings store who provided all required materials including plants, paint and all the extras like sanding pads, paintbrushes, buckets and mortar. One day was spent scraping, sanding and replacing broken pickets and then an undercoat. Western Water provided a water trailer for the day so we had a ready supply to support our efforts especially with the pressure washing of the fence prior to painting.



*part of the team showing off the finished product*

On Sunday 21st April, Rotarians supported by some community minded locals, painter Daniel Rigoni and Councillor Jennifer Anderson completed 2 coats of paint and planted into the new soil. The choice of golden carpet roses and miniature lavender will make a significant improvement and when in bloom will represent the Rotary colours.

Both days saw great weather which with good company made the work easier. It has been suggested that good deeds do not go unrewarded and the sunshine was very welcome.

During the work and since completion Rotarians have received lots of attention and compliments for making a much improved gateway into Woodend. Woodend Rotary appreciates the support of the community, Sunbury Bunnings, Western Water, V-Line and the Macedon Ranges Shire Council.



*Diana Edwards, Jose Falzarano and Cr Jennifer Anderson*

Submitted by Grant Hocking

## Warm up this Winter at Woodend Library

### *Yarn Bomb the Library!*

Woodend Library is launching a knitting group in June. Everyone is welcome. We are planning to use the groups' projects to 'yarn bomb' the Community Hub precinct in July. Join us for a cuppa Friday afternoons from 2-4pm. Bring your knitting needles, crochet hooks, wool and unfinished projects.

Donations of yarn, needles, hooks and unfinished projects would be gratefully received.

Visit Woodend Library at the corner of High and Forest Streets, and check out these titles for inspiration.

- Knitting basics: all you need to know about knitting stitches and techniques by Melody Lord (2012)
- Knit: step by step by Vikki Haffenden (2012)
- Simple knitting : a how to knit workshop with 20 desirable projects by Erika Knight (2010)
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## Carlsruhe community corner

### Carlsruhe Community Planning Group

The building of the BBQ shelter and the toilet is progressing really well and is almost complete. Initial groundworks have started on the paths to connect the BBQ area and the playground.

### Carlsruhe History

There are plans to write a comprehensive history of Carlsruhe from its establishment to present day. If you, or a person you knows has photos, family history or other documents that they would be happy to scan or copy please send them to Margaret at [margaret.glen1@bigpond.com](mailto:margaret.glen1@bigpond.com)

### Landcare Group

Next meeting is on Tuesday the 4th of June at 7.30 PM. Anyone interested in being involved please come along.

Submitted by Margaret Glenn



## Woodend SES

Through the generosity of a number of corporate donations, fundraising activities such as BBQs and members of the public donating funds, the Woodend SES has already raised in excess of \$20,000 towards the replacement rescue truck we are currently fundraising for.

The replacement truck will cost \$160,000 to purchase and is urgently required to meet the increasing demand of the Unit's response activities.

Last financial year, the Woodend Unit received over 330 calls for assistance, and in excess of 600 the previous year.

This new rescue truck will replace one that was removed from service in late 2012 after a statewide safety recall was put out across all emergency services, which identified issues with the configuration and weight carrying capacities of the vehicles in use.

Whilst the Woodend Unit will never stop assisting the community of Macedon Ranges, now more than ever, we need your help.

Donations over \$2 are fully tax deductible. Donations can be made via Cheques payable to "Woodend SES" or Bank Deposit; BSB: 063 806 acc #: 10086793 Contact us at PO Box 66 Woodend, VIC, 3442, phone (03) 5427 2932 or email to [woodend@ses.vic.gov.au](mailto:woodend@ses.vic.gov.au).

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## Red Cross

Next meeting is at 39 High Street Woodend at 1.30pm on the first Thursday of the month. All new members will be made very welcome.

Submitted by M.Hocking

## Woodend Playgroup goes bush!

Woodend Playgroup is encouraging its families to get outdoors and explore natural spaces in the Macedon Ranges as part of its Bush Playgroup initiative.



Woodend Playgroup takes to the great outdoors as part of its 'Bush Playgroup' initiative.

The monthly activity aims to encourage nature-based learning for children, offering everything from exploring native 'bush homes', to inspecting different tracks and trails as well as the simple excitement of touching and smelling all that nature has to offer!

"Research has shown that adults interested in the environment spent time in nature as kids," said Bush Playgroup activity leader, Caitlin Griffith, who has a background in ecology and nature conservation.

"We tend to take our surrounds in the Macedon Ranges for granted when we could be embracing every opportunity to explore all that this pristine environment has to offer," she added.

Featuring a mix of child led play and organised activities, the Saturday morning schedule gives the whole family an opportunity to participate.

"Children thrive in the great outdoors and it's a great opportunity for working parents and carers to get involved and reconnect with members of the community," said Woodend Playgroup committee president, Faye Cormick.

"We received great feedback from a pilot session we held last month and are delighted to now be able to offer this initiative to the wider Woodend Playgroup community," said Faye.

Members of the community interested in joining Woodend Playgroup to meet new people and make new friends can contact Woodend Playgroup via Facebook or send an enquiry to [WoodendPlaygroup@gmail.com](mailto:WoodendPlaygroup@gmail.com)

Submitted by Laurissa Mailler

## Free Toddler Workshop!

Facilitated by CentaCare Family Services, this workshop will give parents of toddlers the opportunity to share ideas and experiences with others.

We will discuss the developmental stage of toddlerhood and the joys and challenges this stage brings to your family.

Discussion will also focus on parenting strategies you may use for this age group.

Held at Woodend Community Hub, 47 Forest Street, Woodend on Thursday 20th June, for 10am to 12 noon.

This workshop is free, but please arrange your own childcare. Please book with Janet Nicola Maternal and Child Health Program Support Officer, Macedon Ranges Shire Council on 5422 0281. Minimum group numbers are required and may impact the running of this workshop.

Submitted by Janet Nicola

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Risk factors such as age and genetic background cannot be changed, however a number of risk factors are within our control.

Preventing or delaying the onset of type 2 diabetes is about being healthier; it doesn't need to involve drastic measures. If you are sitting above a healthy weight, losing even a small amount of weight is one of the most important things you can do.

### What sort of changes will help?

#### Eating:



- Ensure you are eating regularly and not skipping meals
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- Drink water most often, limit soft drinks, fruit juices and alcohol.

#### Exercise:



- Try to move more and sit less
- Cardiovascular exercise (such as walking, bike riding or swimming) of moderate intensity – you should be able to hold a conversation without feeling short of breath. At least 30 minutes most days of the week (can be done in 10 minute blocks).
- Strength training such as lifting weights
- Get professional advice and build up gradually if you don't usually exercise.

### What supports are available to me?

- Consult your GP
- Make appointments with our Dietitian and/or Exercise Physiologist
- Our *Fit in Life* gym caters for people at risk of, or diagnosed with, chronic disease
- Macedon Ranges Healthy & Active People Initiative  
[http://www.mrsc.vic.gov.au/Arts\\_Sport\\_Leisure/Healthy\\_Lifestyles/About\\_This\\_Initiative\\_HAPI](http://www.mrsc.vic.gov.au/Arts_Sport_Leisure/Healthy_Lifestyles/About_This_Initiative_HAPI)
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### *Fit in Life* gym



The *Fit in Life* gym, based at Brooke Street Medical Centre, is for people with, or at risk of, chronic disease and those with injuries or other needs requiring rehabilitation.

Before taking out a gym membership you need to have appointments with our Exercise Physiologists to:

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For a consultation with an Exercise Physiologist, please call 5427 1002 for an appointment.

### Re-Accreditation for Brooke Street

Brooke Street Medical Centre has once again been accredited by Australian General Practice Accreditation Limited. This strict process, assessing whether all the standards for General Practice are met, is carried out every three years. We wish to thank the 300 patients who participated in satisfaction surveys. We also thank our dedicated and hardworking staff who make sure our services meet the standards set to ensure quality patient care.

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# Macedon Ranges Farmers' Markets

June 8th - Kyneton Farmers' Market

June 15th- Riddells Creek Farmers' Market

June 22nd - Lancefield & District Farmers' Market

July 6th - Woodend Community Farmers' Market

All local farmers' markets continue through the winter in the Macedon Ranges - much tasty produce is exceptionally good from the region at this time including... Root vegetables from; Somerset Heritage Produce (Seymour), Sandor's Harvest (Kooweinguboorra), Spring Creek Organics (Navigator), Peelman Produce (Bacchus Marsh), Lorenzo Perito (Lancefield) & Shellsley Farm (Kerrie). Brassicas like brussels sprouts, cabbages & kale are all supposedly sweeter in flavour after a good frost - these all grow well in our climate so get on down to one or all of the markets for the tastiest seasonal local produce around.



## Individual market news ...

- Woodend Community Farmers' Market: Cooking demonstration with a local producer TBA, Starting at 10:30am Home produce exchange - bring your excess produce & trade with others on the day. At the Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group marquee.
- Kyneton Farmers' Market: The Kyneton Farmers' Market continues to expand with market organisers happy to see the upper level (where the Makers Market was) almost full of authentic farmers' market producers & community stands. The Makers Market is now located in the church adjacent to the market & includes many quality craft items that are produced locally. Home produce exchange by the Kyneton Transition Hub up near the church. Bring your excess produce to exchange on the day.
- Riddells Creek Farmers' Market: Anita from Thermomix will be demonstrating in the kitchen showing you simple ways to use your farmers' market produce with the Thermomix machine that is all the rage at the moment - it chops, stirs, beats, cooks, steams & more! Come and see what the fuss is all about with the world's smallest kitchen in one appliance.
- Lancefield & District Farmers' Market: Laima Paine from Olive Branch Preserves will be in the kitchen using seasonal local produce in one, maybe two dishes that she would like to share with you. Starting at 10:30am.

All markets have free facepainting for the kids, dogs welcome on a leash & live music. Please bring your bags, baskets & trolleys.

Check out the new Macedon Ranges Community Exchange information stand at any of these markets. A local trading place with our own local currency has been established & is waiting for you to join! Check it out at [www.mrce.net.au](http://www.mrce.net.au).

Submitted by Meggs Hannes



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Submitted by MRSC

## \$15,000 available for emerging artists

Macedon Ranges Shire Council is inviting expressions of interest from local artists for projects that will engage the local community and support the development of arts in the shire.

Up to \$15,000 is available through the Macedon Ranges Arts Fund for eligible artists.

Council's Cultural Development Coordinator, Robyn Till, said the program is aimed at emerging and professional artists who live in the shire.

"It's open to visual and performing artists, writers and musicians who are keen to develop their skills through a community-based project.

"The panel is looking for innovative ideas that will engage the local community in the arts, or projects that will support local artists to present and exhibit their works," she said.

Expressions of interest must be submitted by Monday 1 July 2013 and the funded projects must be completed by 30 June 2014.

For more information, visit [www.mrsc.vic.gov.au/arts](http://www.mrsc.vic.gov.au/arts) or contact Robyn Till, Coordinator Cultural Development, on 5422 0319 or [rtill@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:rtill@mrsc.vic.gov.au).

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## Woodend Cemetery Trust News

We now have a website – you can check it out at [woodendcemetery.org.au](http://woodendcemetery.org.au)

Work is continuing to tidy the cemetery, with rubbish piles, old tree stumps and excess piles of concrete being removed and disposed of.

Posts preventing clear pushchair access past the rear gates have been removed to improve entry to the cemetery.

New signage has been purchased for regulatory requirements (re dogs, bikes, etc) and identification of rows to make it easier to find the resting place of loved ones. These will be installed during a working bee over winter.

Two volunteers have been working tirelessly to ensure the information and dates on headstones correlates correctly to records kept. This helps the cemetery by ensuring that those looking for relatives are gaining the correct information.

Any suggestions for alterations or works for the future are welcome and may be made to the Secretary for consideration by the Trust.

We may be contacted for enquiries by either telephoning the Secretary, Keryn Allan on 0417 011 300, in writing to PO Box 179, Woodend 3442 or via [woodendcemetery.org.au](http://woodendcemetery.org.au)

Submitted by Philip Johnson for Woodend Cemetery Trust

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Submitted by G Gamble, MRSC



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### June

- 2 Vic Roads Calder Centenary Car Rally
- 4 Carlsruhe Landcare
- 6 Red cross meeting
- 7-10 Woodend Winter Art Festival
- Macedon Ranges Potters Exhibition
- Scouts Log Cabin Café
- 8 St Mary's Guild Street Stall
- 8 Kyneton Farmers market
- 10 Scouts District Cub Art Show
- 12 Melbourne Ballet Company "On Air" Kyneton
- 12 Macedon Ranges Film Society- Nosferatu
- 13 Home Based Business Morning Tea
- 13 Riddells Creek Farmers market
- 15 Hawk Comedy
- 17-21 National Identity Fraud Awareness Week
- 19 St Mary's Guild knitting, The Norma Richardson Hall
- 20 Toddler workshop
- 21 The Three Tenors tribute show
- 22 Lancefield Farmers Market

### July

- 6 Woodend Community Farmers Market
- 13 Woodend Landcare AGM
- 13 Woodend Playgroup Trivia Night, Norma Richardson Hall, St Mary's
- 20 Gisborne Singers mid-year concert
- 27 Woodend Winter Wonderland

### August

- 25 Landcare working bee

### September

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

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Doug, 0411 420 113

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Life, Melissa, 0438 831 427

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# 1<sup>st</sup> Woodend Scout Group

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A lot of equipment is required to handle these numbers. A full day is spent setting up before the event, and the Scouts and Venturers are all up at 3.15am on ANZAC Day to ensure everything is ready on time. Members of the public begin to accept free cups of coffee from about 4am, with the trickle of visitors becoming a flood before and after the dawn service.

The members of 1st Woodend count it a real privilege to serve our community in this way, and the photo shows a group of tired but satisfied Scouts and Venturers who know they have done their best to make the Dawn Service a great success. Many of those involved, along with our Joey Scouts and Cub Scouts, also participated in the Woodend ANZAC Day march before having a well-earned rest.

1st Woodend Cubs spread some goodwill when they visited the Woodend Aged Care facility to share some Easter eggs and cheer with the residents. Our Cubs and Scouts also took part in a Woodend Landcare activity which involved clearing and planting of indigenous plants. Next stop was the Rotary railway bridge garden renovation project where they were presented with a very welcome donation from Woodend Rotary. This donation was gratefully received and will be used to purchase a new tent for our Scout Group and will be greatly appreciated by all who camp in it!

Dr Roger Neill, Scout Leader, 1st Woodend.

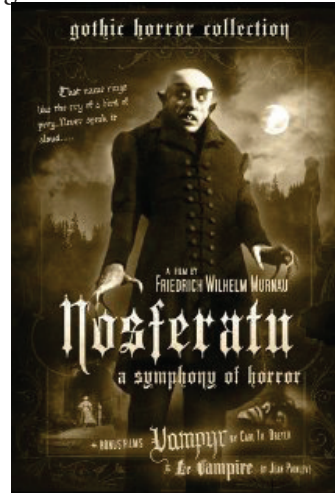


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# No tears for film society

The screening of entertaining films continues for the Macedon Ranges Film Society. In the May meeting of the Society, members were treated to director Neil Jordan's much-acclaimed film, *The Crying Game*. This psychological thriller/drama explores many themes including nationality, race and sexuality. The film centres around IRA member, Fergus (Stephen Rea). When ordered to keep watch over prisoner Jody, a British soldier (Forest Whitaker), Fergus is surprised to find himself experiencing sympathy for Jody. After Jody's death, Fergus carries out a promise to get in touch with the soldier's girlfriend. The making of this film was fraught with difficulty. Raising money was a constant problem and studios ignored the film saying the twist in the plot would deter audiences. When Miramax finally decided to show it in the United States, quite the opposite turned out to be the case. Audiences in fact, because of the twist in the plot, flocked to see the film.

In June, members will view a film of an entirely different genre.



*Nosferatu*, released in 1922, is an unauthorised adaptation of Bram Stoker's *Dracula*. Names and other details of the film had to be changed because the studio could not obtain the rights to the novel.


Count *Dracula*, for instance, became Count Orlok and *Nosferatu* was the name given to the vampire. A court ruling ordered that all copies of the film be destroyed when

Stoker's heirs sued over the adaptation.

Luckily for the world and MRFS, however, one print of *Nosferatu* survived and this will be screened on Wednesday, June 12th.

The Macedon Ranges Film Society meets on the second Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. in the Woodend Community Centre. Film notes are supplied and for those who wish, there is discussion following the screening, with supper kindly supplied by members. Email [mrfilmsociety@gmail.com](mailto:mrfilmsociety@gmail.com) or call Lorraine on 5427 0921 or Vicki on 5427 2323.

Submitted by Christine Caley.



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Recently we noticed a severe water leak from the ceiling in one of our rooms. A local plumber confirmed that the leak was due to the roofing iron being corroded right through. He further commented that the corrosion started where a condensate drain from the ducted heater discharged onto the roof. The heater is installed above the ceiling under the house roof.

I contacted the heater manufacturer who confirmed that the condensate discharge from the heater unit was acidic. I further researched the problem and found that according to the installation instructions for my model heater that the condensate discharge was acidic and that "Under no circumstances should it be allowed to run onto electrical connections, earth stakes, copper pipes or concrete paths. It should also not discharge onto metallic roofs or guttering". The instructions also state that the heater can discharge up to 2-3 litres of condensate per hour.

The heater was installed on 19th March 2010 which means that it has only taken 3 years for the condensate to corrode through 10 year old roofing iron. The problem is further complicated in that we collect all rainwater for domestic use.

I should add that we are very happy with the performance of the heater. The same cannot be said however about the company who installed it.

Anyone who has had an internal ducted heater installed in recent years should check to make sure that the condensate drain is not being discharged onto a metallic roof or guttering.

Submitted By Barry Napthine

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## Community feedback on the Woodend Town Plan released

Council has released feedback received from recent community consultation regarding issues to be considered for the Woodend Structure Plan, which will shape the future growth and development of the town to 2036.

On 18 April 2013, Council held a consultation workshop at the Woodend community centre which was attended by over 120 people including Councillors and representatives from the Community Reference Group. The workshop notes are available on Council's website, [mrsc.vic.gov.au](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au), or at Council's service centre in Woodend.

"Council is delighted with the level of attendance at the recent community workshop and for the feedback it received on a wide range of issues. The issues raised will inform the next stage of the process, which is the preparation of a draft plan," said Council's Director of Planning and Environment, Sophie Segafredo.

"If you didn't get a chance to attend the workshop, take a look at the summary of community feedback and make sure you have your say when the draft plan is released later this year," she said.

In April, over 70 submissions were also received from the community regarding the Woodend Structure Plan Discussion Paper. A copy of this paper and a summary of the issues raised in the submissions are also available to view on Council's website and at the Woodend service centre.

"The issues raised in the Discussion Paper submissions reflect the comments received at the 18 April community workshop and provide Council with a clear understanding of the community's concerns and vision for the future of Woodend," she said.

The next stage of the project is to prepare a draft plan for public exhibition, which will include further consultation with the Community Reference Group established for the project. Details about the Community Reference Group can be found on Council's website.

It is anticipated that the draft Woodend Structure Plan and Neighbourhood Character Study will be placed on public exhibition in August 2013. Further details on the public exhibition stage will be provided later in the year.

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

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## Huge Crowd at the Cross

Fine weather saw a huge turnout at the ANZAC Day Dawn Service at Mt Macedon, with an estimated 4,000 participants in the commemoration at the memorial cross.

In a moving service, the school captains from Gisborne Secondary and Braemar College read correspondence and reflections from the First and Second World Wars and from the current Afghanistan conflict. To mark the 60th anniversary of the Korean War, often dubbed "the forgotten war", 340 roses were placed at the base of the Memorial Cross in memory of the number of Australian dead.

Chairman of the organising committee, Vietnam Veteran Frank Donovan, said that he had received overwhelmingly positive feedback on the service, complimented by an estimated 50% increase in attendance. However, there is always room for improvement.

"We want the greatest possible community participation in this important regional commemorative service," Dr Donovan said.

"However, we understand that there are certain aspects of the Dawn Service experience, in particular delays getting to and from the Service, that can be frustrating for patrons.

"We will continue to examine ways in which we can improve access to the venue for patrons via the only access road, Cameron Drive. These include increasing the number of free buses, trialed for the first time this year, and telecasting the service into venues across the Macedon Ranges.

Dr Donovan also paid tribute to the more than 30 organisations who assisted the Dawn Service, ranging from government agencies such as the Victorian Veteran's Council, Parks Victoria, Australian Emergency Management Institute, Victoria Police, CFA, SES, Macedon Ranges Shire Council and the Australian Defence Force, through to local groups such as the Scouts, Braemar College and Gisborne Secondary College, St John's Ambulance, the Vietnam Veterans Central Highlands Branch and the Woodend, Romsey-Lancefield, Gisborne-Macedon Ranges and Kyneton RSLs.

In addition, a large number of donations were received from local businesses and bodies such as Gisborne Region Events Activities and Tourism (GREAT), RACV, Gisborne Community Branch of the Bendigo Bank, Kyneton Toyota, IGA's at Gisborne and Macedon, Coles Supermarkets at Woodend and Gisborne, Glenn's Country Meats, The Town Butcher and Country Gourmet Meats at Gisborne, Baker's Delight and Brumby's Bakery in Gisborne, and the

Woodend Fruit Mart. Altus Traffic Management and Pro Electronics also supported the service.

"It all adds up to a tremendous community effort, and all should be congratulated," Dr Donovan said.

Enquiries Dr Frank Donovan 0402 710 768 or Bruce Mildenhall 0419 302 839.

Submitted by Bruce Mildenhall

## Gisborne Singers

The Gisborne Singers are now busily preparing for their mid-year concert, to be held on Saturday 20th July.

This will be another cabaret style concert with patrons seated at round tables of 10. The show is entitled 'Song and Feast'—More Music for Pleasure.

There will be musical pieces presented by the Choir and by its members and individual items (solos, duets, trios and recitations).

Doors open 6.30 p.m., Show starts at 7 p.m. Held at Venue-Holy Cross Primary School, New Gisborne, Tickets are \$25 per head. To book a table, contact Corinne on 5426 4649.

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## Advance medical planning and end of life choices

*Have you thought about planning your medical care in advance?*

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Advance care planning records your wishes, health and lifestyle preferences, values and beliefs which later provide guidance and directions to your medical practitioners, agents, attorneys and family. Planning also means you can choose who will assist to implement your choices.

In Victoria, legislation provides for specific advance care directives:

- Enduring Power of Attorney (Medical Treatment)
- A Refusal of Treatment Certificate
- Enduring Power of Guardianship

Agents and guardians are substitute decision makers (similar to an attorney appointed under a Financial Enduring Power of Attorney).

Victoria's Medical Treatment Act recognises that it is desirable to protect a patient's right to refuse unwanted medical treatment and to protect medical practitioners who act in good faith in accordance with a patient's express wishes. The Act enables you to indicate your wishes in relation to medical care and to appoint an agent to make decisions about medical treatment if you are legally incompetent.

Medical treatment under the Act means a medical procedure including the carrying out of an operation and the administration of a drug. The Enduring Power of Attorney (Medical Treatment) must be prepared and executed in accordance with the Act and one of the two witnesses must be a person qualified to take statutory declarations.

The Act does not apply to palliative care such as the provision of reasonable medical procedures for the relief of pain, suffering and discomfort, or the reasonable provision of food and water. If you have a current condition, you may complete a Refusal of Treatment Certificate which must be prepared and completed in accordance with the Act, and one of the two witnesses must be a medical practitioner.

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Your agent appointed under the Medical Power of Attorney can also complete a Refusal of Treatment Certificate on your behalf if you are not competent.

An enduring guardian may be appointed by you (or VCAT) under Victoria's Guardianship and Administration Act. If your capacity is limited, the guardian may decide where you live, with whom you live, whether or not you should be permitted to work and prohibit visits by a person whom the guardian reasonably believes may have an adverse effect on you. A guardian may also consent to health care that is in your best interests.

You may also record your future health care, aged care and end of life preferences in a statement of choices which includes questions about what quality of life would be acceptable to you, what would be an unacceptable state of health and whether your preference is for life prolonging treatment. Ideally, your family and medical practitioner should be involved in discussions about, or aware of, your choices.

In summary, advance care planning recognises your right to consent or refuse medical treatment, allows you to make your choices in writing, enables you to appoint people to implement your wishes and can also introduce certainty at what is usually a very difficult time.

- Justine Noy, Noy Legal Services, Victoria Street Macedon

## Kyneton Museum

**Current exhibition: Ben & Gracie's Art Adventure**  
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Discover just what goes into creating a Picture Book.

The Kyneton Museum is at 67 Piper Street, Kyneton.  
Opening hours Friday to Sunday 11am - 4pm.

Submitted by MRSC Cultural Development Unit

## ART in the Woods

Phil is a practising sculptor and drawing lecturer, and is undertaking a PhD in Fine Art at Monash University. His study and life experience feeds into his image making and he has completed commissions for cathedrals, social welfare organisations and ArtBank.

Phil has lived in Woodend with his wife Louise and their three children since 2001.

He works with carved wood, bronze and stone, and has exhibited for the McClelland Contemporary Sculpture Survey, The Blake Prize, The Wynne Prize, Woollahra Small Sculpture Exhibition and the Montalto Sculpture Prize Exhibition.

A highlight of his career was the design and fabrication of The Stations of the Cross, for Romaldo Giurgola, MGT Architects, St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, Sydney.

Phil's work can be viewed at [www.philipcooper.com.au/](http://www.philipcooper.com.au/)

Please phone to arrange a viewing 0403 670 88.

*ART in the Woods features Woodend residents participating in the 2013 Macedon Ranges Art Trail. All studios are open year round by appointment. Pick up a brochure at the Woodend Visitor Information Centre or download a copy for locations and information at: [visitmacedonranges.com/arts-culture](http://visitmacedonranges.com/arts-culture)*

Submitted by Nadine Hartnett



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Submitted by Australia Post

## Limiting the likelihood of gastro spread

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Earlier this year, the Victorian Department of Health issued a public notice about a gastro bug outbreak at public swimming pools in the metropolitan area, specifically linked to the south east area of Melbourne.

Director of Community Wellbeing, Karen Stevens, said that while the outbreak was not linked to facilities in the Macedon Ranges, residents who have symptoms, or are recovering from a stomach or gastro bug are encouraged not to attend their local facility until at least three days after their symptoms have passed.

"The Department of Health notified all public swimming pools across the state, urging us to remain vigilant with water treatments and ongoing education of patrons who may have, or be recovering from, a gastro-type bug.

"We are urging swimmers to practice good personal hygiene by showering before entering the pool. Parents with children who are not toilet trained are encouraged to use swim nappies and should use the designated change rooms when changing and disposing of nappies.

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

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Phone: (03) 5422 3433 [www.kynetonclc.org.au](http://www.kynetonclc.org.au)

### *Open Day 16th June from 11am—3pm*

Come along and find out what is happening at the centre. See the creative Arts Competition exhibits and be there for the announcement of prize winners.

### *Sunday Afternoon Lectures*

Join Dr Christopher Snedden, an internationally recognised politico-strategic analyst, author, and thought leader on South Asia, for Sunday afternoons at KC&LC and Pakistan 21st July and India 18th August

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Submitted by P Simmonds

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We have two Bachelor qualified teachers and currently have a ratio of 12.5 children per teacher. Children love the teachers and parents are often asked in the holidays when can they go back to see Maria and Janette. We are a Pre-School and not a school so we have a small community environment feel and the children benefit from this by being able to receive individual attention from the teachers.

We offer a unique 3 year old program offering 10.5 hours a week and extended days if appropriate for the child.

Located in the historic old primary school building in Riddells Creek, it has an old world charm and is complemented by an amazing Oak tree in the grounds. Riddells Creek is central to all major towns in the Macedon Ranges.

Why not give your child a head start before they start school? We are now offering direct entry to 2014 4year olds. We have an early registration special, conditions apply but a 25% discount is being offered if registered and term 1 fees are paid before the 15th of July. Have you ever wanted your child to attend our Pre-School but found our fees too high? Please refer to our website for more information on our fees and the direct entry 4 year old special. [www.macedonrangesmontessori.com.au](http://www.macedonrangesmontessori.com.au) or contact us on 5428 6376.

Submitted by Sally Jackson



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## Free heritage advice for residents

Macedon Ranges Shire Council is encouraging residents and businesses to take advantage of its free heritage advisory service, which has a newly appointed Heritage Advisor.

“If you own a building affected by heritage overlays, or are looking to make improvements to a heritage building, you can book an appointment with our heritage advisor for free, expert advice,” said Rick Traficante, Council’s Manager of Planning and Development.

Mr Traficante said that Council’s new heritage advisor, Ivar Nelsen, is a professional architect and comes highly recommended:

Ivar is currently heritage advisor for Mansfield Shire Council, Alpine Shire Council and Surf Coast Shire Council. He also runs his own heritage practice from Surrey Hills in Melbourne.

Council’s heritage advisory service is funded by Council and Heritage Victoria. Heritage Precinct Overlays currently apply in Kyneton, Romsey and Lancefield, and there are proposals to introduce overlays in Woodend and Riddells Creek.

Mr Traficante said that anyone can seek heritage advice from Council, regardless of whether they are affected by a heritage overlay.

Ivar Nelsen works from Council’s Gisborne office every Tuesday. To make a booking or discuss a heritage matter with him, call (03) 5421 9676.

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



## The Watering Can

The Watering Can is Western Water’s new newsletter jam packed with great ideas about sustainable gardening in Woodend.

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## Let's help clean up Pollution

What a frustrating problem pollution is! Everybody suffers because of it, yet everybody contributes to it.

Pollution takes many forms, but one type is often overlooked: Charles Swindoll calls it "verbal pollution" passed around by grumblers, complainers and criticisers. The poison of pessimism creates an atmosphere of negativism where nothing but the bad side of everything is emphasized.

A group of people became concerned about this form of pollution and their personal part in it. So they made a pact to avoid critical words for a whole week. They were surprised to find how little they spoke! As they continued the experiment, they actually had to relearn conversation skills.

Many people go to University, take Tafe courses etc to improve their knowledge and hence their lifestyle.

These courses are often extremely costly, and require huge investments of time, and are not always convenient for family life. We at Encourage Church have discovered that we can all be re-educated and improve our lifestyles without the huge costs and investments of time.

God's word is full of encouragement for a new and better way of living. In order to implement this new life, we need to learn the Encouraging language of the Kingdom of God. The bible says . . . "Ephesians 4:29 (NLT)

Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them. This is not always instantaneous, but takes practice through the renewing of our minds. It can be done with God's help. And the benefits are awesome!

Why don't you join us and help stamp out pollution in this wonderful Community that we live in? Together with us, take the Challenge . . . clean up your speech.

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

*If you would like to know more about faith in God please contact the Encourage Church Office on 5429 6327. We would be happy to assist you in your search for the true meaning of Life. You are also invited to join us at one of our Sunday Services or one of our fortnightly Life Groups. We also offer Before & After School care; Fortnightly Youth events and weekly Children's programs.*

Pastor Marilyn Hunter - "Encourage Church"



## Great Place Woodend

Great Place Woodend has been reflecting on its first year and the deliverables achieved including:

- facilitating 7 community meetings including a focus on the economy of Woodend, how we learn as a community and transport infrastructure.
- hosting an opportunity to meet your candidates for Council.
- connecting and engaging with over 400 Woodenders in the process.
- initiating two new community groups.
- Community Enterprise & Economic Development seeking to understand and develop a more resilient economy.
- Settle Woodend, which seeks to critically develop an infill strategy, understand the Shire Council's strategic processes and review the structure of the High Street retail environment.
- providing an online environment with Facebook to continue the strategic and transactional community conversations.

Great Place Woodend works within a concept of a group of groups - connecting community groups together to understand common goals and join the dots.

In the next few months, we will be focussing on re-connecting with community groups and engaging with others to consider the following areas:

- What are the key initiatives that you are actively pursuing?
- What projects or actions are your priorities for next 12 months?
- How could Great Place Woodend assist with your endeavours?

We look forward to working with you to achieve your goals.

Submitted by Andrew Wilson-Annan for Great Place Woodend

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**Woodend CFA celebrates 117 years**

The Woodend CFA recently celebrated with its annual dinner and award presentations, under humourous MC Stewart McKinnon.

Captain Mick Christie was joined by Macedon Group Officer Ian Hay to present a range of awards to members: 5 years – Amber Smeenk and Rene Vroombout; 10 years – Keith Beman, Evan Colban, Mike Dornau, Graham Glasson, Rhys Lade, Stewart McKinnon, Steve Rumble, Andrew Wilson-Annan; 15 years – Malcolm Judd; 30 years – Keith Mason. Life Membership medals were presented to John Keating and Brian Scanlan.

The Member of the Year award went to Sam Bahgat, who was voted ahead of Keith Beman, Sue Hobbs, Andrew Price, Sean Hume and Chris Byrne. Mike Dornau was presented with the Captain's Award for an enterprising way to ring the brigade's huge historic bell. A special 'Brokeback Mountain' presentation was also made to Simon Bailey and Kim Tully. And a huge thanks to Sue Hobbs and her team for organising a great event.

Sincere appreciation to the generous businesses that supported our annual dinner.

**The fire danger period is not over!**

The official Summer Fire Danger Period has ended, but that does not mean that the fire danger period is over. While we attend most of our bush, grass and scrub fires over the warmer months, the CFA attends more structural fires (such as houses and sheds) in the cooler months. This is the time when people start using their fires, heaters and electric blankets again.

One of our common winter calls is to a chimney fire, where the heat from the fire below has actually ignited ash and debris that is lodged in the chimney. It is therefore wise to regularly check, and even have your chimney or flue cleaned.

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

Submitted by 1st Lieutenant Mike Dornau.

# Heritage News

Did you know that during the Second World War, Woodend was to become an evacuation Centre for children, if Melbourne came under direct attack? At the moment we have a display at the Woodend Library which highlights some of the activities in this district during the First and Second World Wars. One of the interesting exhibits is a 1942 listing of all the residents in the district who owned cars and had volunteered to collect evacuees from the station, if the need arose. Do call in and see it if you can.

Before long the 2nd World War years will be slipping out of living memory so we are particularly anxious to collect as much information about the men and women of the Woodend and Newham area who worked for the war effort, whether on the home front or in the forces. Following the success of her World War I publication and soon to be published book on the Boer War, Sylvia Boxshall is completing the mammoth task of collating all our World War II records. She is also searching many additional records and would love to hear from anyone who may have letters from service men and women who served in this war and had some connection with our area. Photographs or any other items relating to life in this district during those war years would also be greatly appreciated. If possible, call in to the Local & Family History Resource centre at the old Court House in Forest Street on a Wednesday and meet with Sylvia and we can record or copy your information while you are there. Alternatively, items may be posted to PO Box 124, Woodend or left in our secure posting box on the Court House verandah in Forest Street. Please don't forget to include your name and contact details so we can acknowledge their source and return them to you if this is required.

Submitted by Janet Hawkins

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