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Premier, Mr Ted Baillieu reading to Grade 4 students at Woodend Primary School

Victorian Premier visits Woodend Primary School

Woodend Primary School received a somewhat unexpected visit from the Premier of Victoria, Mr Ted Baillieu, on Wednesday 15th February. Mr Baillieu used the visit to continue the launch of the 2012 Premiers' Reading Challenge. Woodend Primary School has been amongst the best performing schools in the state in completing the Challenge in recent years and the students were delighted to have someone so important visit them.

Mr Baillieu had a tour of the school and engaged with students from several grades before settling down with the Grade 4 students in the Library and reading them one of the shortlist books from this year's Challenge. All students across the school are now primed and ready to begin the 2012 PRC with an aim of exceeding last year's record of just under 12,000 books read. Good reading everyone!

Submitted By Andy Kozak, Principal, Woodend Primary School

St Ambrose School & Parish Woodend Autumn Carnival

Saturday 24th March 2012

If you see a pony with a perm strutting the streets of Woodend – don't worry. It could be one of the St Ambrose pupils primping their pet for the Woodend Carnival's Pet Photo competition. The pet show this year has been replaced by a photography competition which may save a lot of shenanigans with livestock on the day.

The Woodend Carnival is now in its 23rd year, and each year the itinerary changes slightly. Alongside the usual BBQ and café (don't forget to try the scones), this year one of the school mothers will introduce food from her native Japan in the form of a sushi stall. Lining up beside her will also be a new meringue stall and the always popular Dutch Pancakes. For those sweet tooths who are young at heart there's always the fairy floss and slushies.

All good fodder to enjoy while watching the Woodend Idol competition.

Before indulging in the culinary delights though, make sure to head to the rides for an "Adrenalin Rush", "Cha-cha", "Superslide", jumping castle and laser tag, to name a few.

For a more sedate experience, patrons can peruse the book



*Louis Mitchener, Pip Southey, Charli Basa and Eve Degroot
at Woodend Carnival*

stall, trash 'n' treasure stall, silent auction and spinning wheel. Our faithful emergency services and Edgars' animals and friends are always up for a chat.

But it's not a carnival till the little carnvallers have had their faces painted, hair sprayed, arms tattooed and cupcake decorated while their folks shop at the produce and plant stalls or listen to the live talent on stage. Once again, everybody will be catered for at the Woodend Carnival. See you on Saturday 24th March at St Ambrose School Grounds – Templeton Street, Woodend between 9.00am – 4.00pm (rides 9.30-3.30). Purchase wrist bands from the school office- early bird price is \$30 or \$35 on the day.

Submitted by Kathy Mexted




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Clarkefield Music Festival

Sunday 18th March

The First Annual Clarkefield Music Festival will see some of Australia's finest musicians join forces for a common cause, as they raise money to assist children and their families living in poverty in Cambodia.

All money raised on the day goes directly to building a new school for over one thousand children in the Kampong Thom province of Cambodia.

The Festival will feature renowned musicians; Kim Salmon, Nick Barker, Hope Addicts, Dead River Deeps, James McCann, Brother Johnstone, Saint Jude and Jeb Cardwell. Set on a vast grassy green lawn at The Clarkefield Hotel (Coach and Horses Inn, 1857), it's an ideal place to lay down a rug, sip a cold beer and enjoy some of the finest music the country has to offer.

With BBQ food, cold drinks, a jumping castle, good friends and great music, it's a perfect way to spend a Sunday and raise some much needed funds to help the lovely people of Cambodia.

The Clarkefield Pub (Coach and Horses Inn), is at 50 Station St, Clarkefield (100m from Clarkefield Train Station on the Bendigo line, 30min from Melbourne CBD) The event runs from 12 midday – 10pm Tickets are \$20, Under 12's Free, purchase tickets at the gate, No BYO, drinks at bar prices

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Submitted by Ian Cooper for Cambodian Kids Foundation



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The information session will be held upstairs at the Victoria Hotel, Woodend on Thursday 1st March from 7.15 - 8.00 pm.

The information session will cover the new Consumer Law, including rules around door to door sales, and Do Not Knock and Do Not Call campaigns and will be supported by Juliana Smith of Peter Baker & Associates.



The centrepiece of the Do Not Knock campaign is a sticker which, when displayed in a prominent location, sends a clear message to salespeople – 'you're not welcome at this address.'

The national Do Not Knock campaign, aims to put a stop to unwelcome, dishonest and intimidating door-to-door salespeople.

The campaign was launched by the Consumer Action Law Centre and Financial Counselling Australia.

If the salesperson sees the sticker and still knocks it is trespassing and you can make a complaint.

The Rotary Club of Woodend has obtained stickers for residents to put on their gate or door to warn sales people that they are breaking the law if they knock on your door. Stickers will be available at the information session and from Collier Office and Business Assist, Shop 5, 130 High Street Woodend.

For more information, or to book a place, contact Grant Hocking on 0429802722.

Woodend Rainfall Report 2011

Each month we add the rainfall details and the year to date total. Our rainfall report shows, 2005, 2006 2007 2008 2009 and 2010 comparisons. Please note that your own rainfall readings may not exactly match these.

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	
January	83.5	17.1	0.08*	54*	227.5	31.	Jan
February	27.4	22.1	2.5*	71.5*	115.0		Feb
March	35.7	25.4	42.5*	121*	35		Mar
April	20.2	20.4	51*	45	63.5		April
May	95.7	43.7	30.5*	39	73.5		May
June	105.1	88.7	66.5*	98.5	69		June
July	83.3	112.5	76.5*	87.5	82.5		July
August	34.8	52.2	107.5*	148.5	56		Aug
Sept	49.8	42.0*	88.5*	97	98.5		Sept
Oct	12.1	13.0*	46*	154.5	86		Oct
Nov	91.0	67.2	99*	193	82		Nov
Dec	101.2	96.0*	60*	93	120		Dec
YTD:	739.8	600.3	670.5	1202.5	1119.5	31	YTD

For the year of 2011 there was rainfall of

1119.5mm

1 inch = 25.4 mm therefore the total year 2011 is 44.07 inches

Woodend BATA off to a great start

Wednesday the 15th February marked the first BATA meeting of 2012.

The 'Meet and Greet' saw approximately 40 local business and tourism operators gathered at the Woodend Neighbourhood Centre.

The meeting saw confident support from those in attendance, including Donna Petrovich MP, Macedon Ranges councillor John Letchford and Stuart Bonnington of the Woodend Rotary Club.

With membership continuing to grow from Wednesday evening, the BATA is well underway to endorsing the Woodend Business and Tourism Community.

For membership and further details please contact woodendtraders@gmail.com

Submitted by Karen Cousens - Chairman, Woodend BATA



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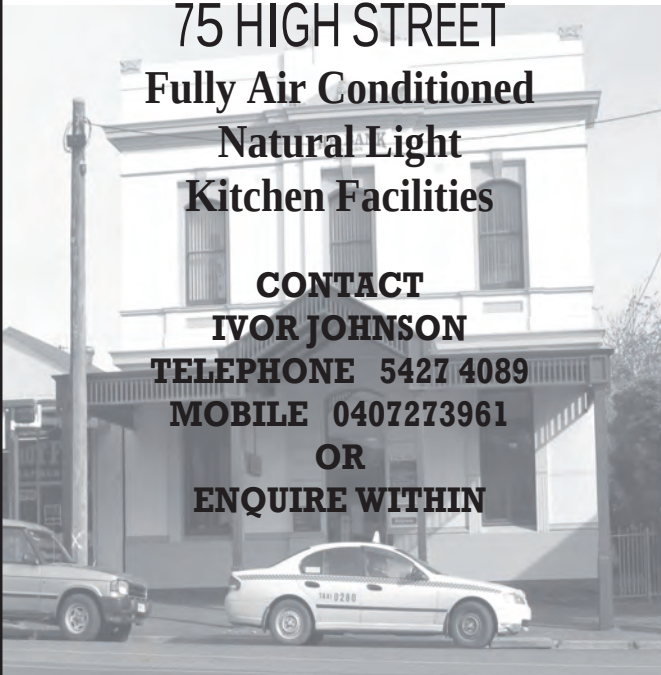
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A Memorial Ride for Luke Wilson, who was tragically killed whilst riding on Blackforest Drive in 2009, will be held on the 4th of March.

Beginning at McDonalds Sunbury at 10.30am, the ride will finish at Woodend Golf Club approx. 11.30am and is followed by a tree planting ceremony at 11.45am.

The ride is open to all and aims to promote awareness to the vulnerability of all road users, to instil in our minds, how driving safely & responsibly is paramount.

You are most welcome to join in by car as the ride will come through the Black Forest and Woodend, otherwise just attend the Tree Planting Ceremony at the Woodend Golf Club at 11.45am.

Contact for the ride is John Eacott on 0428 383 826 or johneacott@me.com, Refer to www.mravic.org.au for further details on ride, or contact Maureen Wilson 03 5427 2997 or mmwilson@netcon.net.au.

Submitted by Maureen Wilson



Clock2clock challenge

March 4th 2012

Again the time has come to experience a Mountain Bike Race with a difference in the Macedon Ranges. We welcome KONA on board as Title Sponsor for 2012. Starting from the Woodend township, with a choice of 2 distances either 35km or 70km it's a race to suit everyone so take the challenge and see what Woodend has to offer!

The Clock2clock Challenge is a unique one day cross country mountain bike event hosted by link2trail, a locally owned mountain bike guiding business. Set in the picturesque surroundings of the Macedon Ranges, the race centre is in Woodend at St Ambrose Primary School. The course travels up and through the Macedon Regional Park, takes in some challenging and fast flowing fire roads and crosses through the scenic Mount Macedon Winery. The tracks through the Railway Pine Plantation ensure that single track enthusiasts are kept happy.

An ideal position is created for spectators to take time out and explore the Woodend Township in between supporting the racers. Clock2clock will be running for its second year in 2012. Participants range across a broad demographic with attendance expected to escalate.

Local sponsors have come on board to support this event and we would like to thank Mt Macedon Winery, Bourkies Bakehouse and the Village Larder to name a few. For all the race info go to www.link2trail.com.au Presented by link2trail and Wombat MTB Club.

Submitted by Paul McEntee



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- Car odometer reading at 31 March each year; and
- Car expense records.

Changes Affecting New Car Contracts

From 10 May 2011, new rates will apply under the statutory method to phase in a flat rate of 20% within four years regardless of kilometres travelled.

These changes may impact on the effectiveness of salary packaging cars and also impact employees eligibility for the following:

- Family tax benefit
- Medicare levy surcharge
- Personal superannuation contribution deduction
- Government superannuation co-contribution

Other common fringe benefits include provision of meals and entertainment, car parking, accommodation, expense payments, in-house property and recreation (i.e. gym memberships)

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Woodend Landcare

Woodend Landcare is hosting a free community barbeque and Landcare information booth on Saturday 17th of March, 11am to 2pm at corner of Urquhart and Hendley St, Woodend.

Woodend Landcare's Thursday Crew is looking for more volunteers to continue fire hazard reduction and native flora restoration activities along the rail reserve beside Urquhart Street, west of High Street. This is an extension of similar work done along Quarry Road and is being assisted by a Department of Sustainability and Environment Volunteer Action Grant.

The Thursday Crew is a team of just over a dozen volunteers, who meet each week in the great outdoors, tackling weeds and restoring remnant bush as well as being part of a friendly social network. Landcare members will be on site at the BBQ to welcome all interested locals, including potential volunteers, to enjoy a barbeque in this lovely park-like setting. This is a great opportunity to learn about local plants, get to know your neighbours, meet new people and connect with your community.

For more information about the event and to register your interest, please contact Kate 5427 2312 or Norma 5427 4918.

Submitted by Kate Daniel

Woodend Toy Library

If your children are losing interest in their toys or you would like to try out some more expensive toys before you buy them, then the Woodend Toy Library is for you! The Woodend Toy Library provides a large range of age-appropriate toys, catering to ages from 6 months to 8 years. Our collection includes puzzles, dress-ups, construction sets, water play, outdoor toys, ride-on toys, baby activity centre's and much, much more.

Our family membership is only \$35 per year and \$20 for concession card holders. We are located at the Woodend Community Hub at 47 Forest Street and are open on Thursdays and Saturdays from 10am – 11am during school terms.

We are a non-profit organisation run by volunteers. Everyone involved with the toy library is a parent themselves so it is a great way to meet families in the area. We have a number of committee positions vacant so if you are interested in being involved with the toy library please contact Deirdre on 0425 701 652.

Submitted by M. Spielvogel, Publicity, Woodend Toy Library

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Sara's extensive career in journalism has seen her reporting on many of the significant news stories of our times. Sara has reported on the treatment of women by the Taliban; modern day slavery in Sudan; the Bosnian War Crimes Tribunal; the death of Diana, Princess of Wales; and many other stories internationally and within the United States. Sara received an Emmy Award for outstanding coverage of a news story for her report on the Columbine High School Shootings.

Sara was the first network news correspondent to visit the resting site of the Titanic in the mid Atlantic Ocean. She remains part of a very small and exclusive group of individuals who have had the privilege to journey by submersible craft to the ocean floor, to see the wreck of the Titanic. With the 100th Anniversary of the sinking approaching this April, Sara will speak about her experiences in making the NBC Dateline/Discovery Channel special called 'Raising the Titanic'.

Sara is the author of the book "The Best of Friends", written with her childhood friend and documentary film maker Ginger Mauney. This book documents their friendship and remarkable careers. Sara is also the editor of a book about special needs education called "An Extraordinary School" which is being launched this April. This book is about the world renowned Port Phillip School located in Melbourne.

Ticket prices are \$30.00 per head, which includes finger food and nibbles. Raffle prizes will be drawn on the night. Don't miss this opportunity to hear this world class speaker, now living locally in the Macedon Ranges, whilst helping to raise funds for the Australian Red Cross.

Tickets can be purchased from New Leaves Bookstore on the corner of Anslow and Collier Streets, Woodend. Ph: 5427 3772.

Submitted by Marion Coulson.



Probus Club

The Combined Probus Club of Woodend & District Inc., chartered in 1992 invites retired & semi retired professional & business people to join us.

Probus clubs are sponsored by Rotary Clubs to provide regular opportunities for retired & semi retired men & women, who appreciate & value in their retirement the opportunity to meet others in similar circumstances, to keep their minds active, expand their interests & enjoy the fellowship of new friends with similar interests & background.

The Woodend Probus Club meets on the first Thursday of each month from 10am till 12 noon at the Woodend Community Centre.

Please feel welcome to attend one of our meetings before deciding to become a member. Probus Clubs are free from the constraints & obligations of service clubs.

For further information please phone the Secretary on 54272483.

Submitted by R. Hamilton, Secretary, for the Woodend Probus Club

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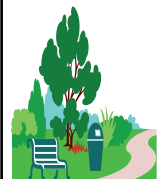
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St Mary's Anglican Church is holding a "Sew together knitted squares" on Wednesday March 21st, from 11.30am to 2.30pm, for the Salvation Army's blankets for the homeless Project. To date we have donated 305 blankets.

The venue is at St Andrews Uniting Church Forrest Street, Woodend. There will be a light lunch of Finger Food and Fancies at a cost of \$6 per person. We count on your support so please contact Maria Arnold on 0434436430 or Norma Richardson on 54272315 by March 15th for catering purposes. We welcome you all.

Submitted by Maria Arnold

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World Day Of Prayer

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The service focuses on the women of Malaysia. They rejoice and praise God when Muslims, Buddhists, Hindus, Christians and followers of other traditional religions can be found living in the same family and community.

Malaysians together with their leaders are learning to be comfortable with their multiple identities. It is their prayer that all races, ethnic groups and religions will work together for religious harmony. They pray for a just and integral development for everyone, knowing the women of all races and classes face discrimination and violence at all levels of their society.

On this World Day of Prayer, they come unified to voice their needs and express their concerns to God. Therefore, with one voice, their call for prayer is "Let Justice Prevail" as found in the words of Psalm 33.

Further information and resources can be found on the World Day of Prayer Australia website www.worlddayofprayeraustralia.org

This years service will be held in Woodend on Friday March 2nd at St Ambrose Catholic Church at 7.00pm. The speaker is the Most Reverend Dr F Hilton Deakin, Retired Auxiliary Archbishop in Melbourne.

Submitted by Alison Killoh World Day of Prayer co-ordinator
0417 815 593.



World Day Of Prayer
FRIDAY 2nd MARCH 2012

Let Justice Prevail
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Woodend Red Cross

The next meeting of the Woodend Red Cross Unit will be held on Thursday March 1st at 1.30pm at 39 High Street. Please feel free to come along to our meeting and find out what we do.

Submitted by M.Hocking

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In 2009 the Moreland Council committed to being carbon neutral by 2012. A number of programs were put in place to help staff reduce their impact on the environment, making them more aware of how they could save energy in the workplace (i.e.) improving lighting efficiency; turning off computers when not in use; and optimising the heating, ventilation & air conditioning systems.

The Council made a commitment to improve the thermal performance of the numerous Council buildings which make up the Civic Centre Precinct. In late 2010 the Council undertook a major project to secondary glaze all windows of the offices in the Civic Centre Precinct. By early 2011 all windows in the various buildings were treated with ecoMaster's new "ecoGlaze" system. Retaining the original windows and doors, the system adds additional components to create a still air space of around 12-18mm (the desired separation for the best thermal performance) and converts the windows and doors to double glazing.

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ecoMaster also carried out other energy saving work including professional draught proofing and ceiling insulation of the older hall.

Twelve months after the improvements were completed; the Council have been able to collect real data confirming the energy reduction and subsequent savings. The results in energy savings from 2010 to 2011 have been extra-ordinary. The Council's energy efficiency project manager says the majority of savings can be directly attributed to the building envelope improvements by ecoMaster.

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Submitted by Lulu Cockram, Manager Woodend Library



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News From Newham

For a small community we are blessed with many groups which are well patronised such as the Community Planning Group, CFA, Landcare, a walking group, garden club, craft group, amongst many others. The Annual Garage sale will be held on Saturday 21st April 2012 with goods drop off on Saturday 14th April. Please start collecting to support our Hall. The fabulous Christmas hamper raffle, drawn on 14th December last year was won by a local gentleman and raised \$1,327 which was an excellent result. Thank you to those who supplied goods and helped sell tickets. Through the Shire Cultural Department, on 16th March 2012 our first concert is planned at the Hall featuring Matthew Fagan who is a 12 string guitarist and also featuring a flamenco dancer. Other events will follow this year. Our Hall is perfect for many occasions such as birthdays, children's parties, weddings and our booking officers, Nick Massie on 5427 0065 and Beryl Bachelor on 5427 0568 would be happy to help. A new group using the Hall is the Newham Community Singers who had their second public performance before Christmas at the Store and are enjoying themselves immensely discovering well hidden talents. New members would of course be welcome so ring Sandy on 0412 655 533.

Submitted by Mary Martin

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Woodend Landcare Wins Grant

We started the year with a very successful twilight working bee and sausage sizzle in the Wood Street area. About 20 workers cut and painted weeds, whipper-snipped around plantings and watered the 21 exotic trees. We also spread a thick layer of woodchips around all the new trees.

Thanks go to Peter Newell for his bob-cat work, Badger Removals for their help with the wood chips and the Council for the mowing and trimming they did before the event for us. Also a special mention to Andrew for his help with the watering. Much appreciated.

Landcare also had a stall at the Macedon Ranges Sustainable Living Festival which we hope will encourage community members to think about helping Landcare.

We also held a chainsaw ownership and safety training session, run by Luke Dam from the SES. Many very valuable tips were passed on and our thanks to Luke for sharing his expertise. If you missed out on this session, let us know and we may run a further session later in the year.

The other big news is that we have been successful in obtaining a significant grant from the North Central Catchment Management Authority under the Natural Disasters Environmental Recovery program. This grant will be used over the next year for major weed control works along the creek between Romsey Road and High Street. It will also fund the removal of many old and potentially dangerous willows adjacent to the creek and the walking track.

The March working bee will be held at Ruby Mackenzie Park on Sunday the 25th, commencing at 9.30am. We hope to have members of Woodend Rotary Club working with us for this working bee, so come along and give us a hand.

If you want to stay informed about our activities (without being bombarded by emails), why not register on our blog at woodendlandcare.wordpress.com

Submitted by Peter Yates

"I say, I say, I say!"

Are your conversations punctuated with ums, ahs, you know and yeah? Do you get nervous jitters when asked to propose a toast? Do you have something to say, but can't find the words to say it? Does having to speak in public fill you with dread? If so, relax! Help is at hand!

Sunbury & Macedon Ranges Toastmasters will conduct a free information session at Woodend Neighbourhood House on Tuesday, March 27th at 7:30pm.

Attendees will learn what Toastmasters is all about. It is more than a club dedicated to improved communication and leadership skills – we have a lot of fun too! Typical items of a meeting, such as Round-robin Warm-ups, Laugh or Word of the Day, Table Topics and Project Speeches will be demonstrated.

A Toastmasters Club provides a relaxed, friendly and supportive environment in which to develop your communication skills. It enables you to take an effective and persuasive role in community affairs, instead of being a timid, voiceless committee member simply there to make up a quorum. Everyone has a story to tell: Toastmasters helps you tell it better.

To learn more and/or register your attendance: please contact Rob Acton on 5427 3380, or 0413 326 300.

Submitted by Robert Acton

International Women's Day Celebrations!

Thursday 8th of March.

International Women's Day (IWD) is a global day celebrating the economic, political and social achievements of women past, present and future. It is a day when women are recognised for their achievements without regard for divisions, whether national, ethnic, linguistic, cultural, economic and political.

The Zonta Club of Kyneton is one of many organizations holding special events in March to mark this occasion. As part of a global service organization whose charter is the advancement of the status of women worldwide, the Club sees this as an important opportunity to bring together women from the Macedon Ranges in an evening of celebration.

The guest speaker for the dinner, Christine Nixon, will need little introduction. She will focus on the theme for the evening of Lead, Inspire, Empower.

More than 200 women will come together for the dinner which will be held at the Kyneton Town Hall on Thursday 8 March. The dinner will be supported by sponsorship from the Macedon Ranges Shire Council. Bookings can be made with Nancye at Jetset Travel, 20 High St Kyneton 5422 1777.

Submitted by Kath Breen, Chair PR, Zonta Club of Kyneton

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A Coffee with Marlene

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Marlene Jagar reflects on her 50 years in the community.

"Could you ride in the speed boat, and we'll ski along behind, and you could marry us that way?" It seemed reasonable enough to the happy couple, though Marlene Jagar, as marriage celebrant, had to point out the shortcomings of such a plan -- least of all the noise and her seasickness. "Of all the things I've done in my life, I think being a celebrant was the most fulfilling and enjoyable. I did it for twenty years," says Marlene. Though born in Melbourne, Marlene has lived at Newham and Woodend for almost 50 years. She grew up around Brighton and South Yarra and left school after Leaving Certificate. "This was considered 'sufficient education for a girl who was just going to leave school and get married.' Marlene spent her early career with the National Bank followed by a role at Bambi Smith Modelling Agency as a fashion model among other things. Leaning back on her cushion, Marlene laughs as she recalls her move to Newham. "I was running a short course called, 'The Art of Conversation' as part of the Department and Grooming section of Bambi Smith. I came out here to visit one of my students." Hearts have been won and lost at the Newham Hall and it was there at a dance she met widower Ken Jagar, 19 years her senior. "It was unusual in the 60s for a woman to still be single at 32, but there you have it. We were married on New Years Eve going into 1965. We lived in the old Newham Store and Post Office, located beside the Newham Fire Station.

For seventeen years Marlene manned the store, which included the manual telephone exchange and post office. "The thing that killed the store was the introduction of supermarkets in

Kyneton. We used to have travellers stop by in their vans selling wholesale produce, and we'd stock the store from that. Later, Australia Post decided to close all non-official post offices and the telephone exchange was part of that. While I regretted some of that, I was kind of pleased of the freedom. We kept the house as a private residence then finally sold it not long after the Ash Wednesday fires, I got a job with the State Electricity Commission and we moved to



Woodend. "About that time, I threw myself into being a country lady, joining every committee and cause that I could, and I eventually became a councillor," says Marlene. She was a founding member of the Woodend Ambulance Station, and of her ten years on council, twelve months were as Shire President. "During that time there was a need for a Justice of the Peace so I took that on. It was quite busy to begin with and I enjoyed the interaction so at 50 I became a Civil Marriage Celebrant." Marlene retired from council and nursed Ken until his death in 1995. "I was a Civil Marriage Celebrant for about 20 years. Very memorable is the day the horse bolted from the Trentham Falls, in the rain, with the bride on its back. I got a lot of enjoyment and a lot of frustration out of the job," she laughs. "Brides have very set ideas about what they want to do. Carl Morris the photographer and I became great friends, though we never had bets on who would make it and who wouldn't. We've got some beautiful wedding venues around here. I was asked to marry one couple on a boat out on the sea somewhere, but I had to suggest they find someone else. I'm a terrible sailor." At 79, Marlene reflects on life at the Woodend Aged Care Facility. "I've just found myself a couple of nice friends in here, and I'm pleased that they're going to stay on. We have a good laugh."

Submitted by Kathy Mexted



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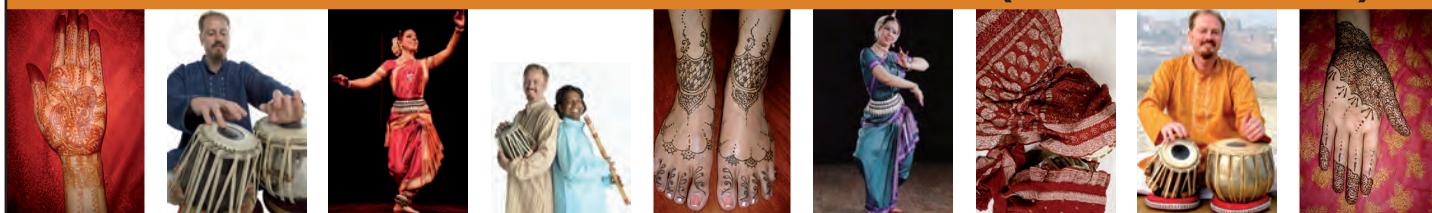
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CULTURAL DIVERSITY WEEK – FREE EVENTS (19 to 25 MARCH)



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This display depicts the rich tradition and culture of India and features Indian dresses worn by women and men at various times in India, as casual wear, daily wear, party wear, occasional wear, wedding costume and more.

A photographic exhibition displaying Indian Wedding and traditional ceremonies will also be on display, courtesy of Gallery 40, Kyneton.

Indian Music and Movie Night

23 March, 6pm-9.30pm

Woodend Children's Park

Vinod Prasanna, award winning bansuri (Indian flute), and Glen Kniebeiss on Tabla (Indian drums) perform authentic traditional and contemporary Indian music.

Also includes Bollywood dance instructors, henna hand painters, saree sellers, Dhaba Curry Van, Green Bean Machine and a sausage sizzle.

Followed by a 'Movie in the Park after Dark' event for the whole family. Dress up, bring a picnic rug and sit back and watch a Bollywood movie - its colour and dancing is sure to delight all ages!



Mystical India Concert

24 March, 8pm-10pm

Woodend Community Centre

Delighting and inspiring audiences around the world with performances in traditional Indian dance, Monica Singh is a Visharad (Master of Arts) in Odissi dance from Gandharva Mahavidyalaya, New Delhi.

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Yoga and Meditation

25 March, 10.30am-12pm

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Mystique of India Revealed for Cultural Diversity Week

The mystique of India will be revealed in a colourful program of cultural activities and performances to celebrate cultural diversity week in the Macedon Ranges from 19th to 25th of March.

Macedon Ranges Shire Council is supporting the statewide celebration of cultural diversity through a program of creative and performing arts including Rangoli, Henna, Yoga and Meditation, a concert of traditional music and film and various exhibitions, culminating in a performance of traditional 'Odissi' Dance.

"If Bollywood and curry are the only things you know about India, then come along to discover the richness of the Indian culture through dress, music, dance, film, yoga and meditation," said Karen Stevens, Director of Community Wellbeing at Macedon Ranges Shire Council.

Cultural Diversity Week is a state-wide celebration aimed at promoting harmony, understanding and acceptance of the many cultures in our community. It is an opportunity to come together as a community and share a love of culture and the arts.

Indian Music and Movie night - 23rd of March

Woodend Children's Park which opened in October 2009 is a wonderful facility for bringing the community together. Its success was reported in December 10th's edition of the Saturday Age which reported in the Lifestyle section that it is one of the most successful community built parks in Australia. Its thoughtful design allows for children of all abilities and their carers to be engaged in stimulating play along the outskirts of the park, and people to enjoy a picnic or a kick of a ball in the centre under the shade of the enormous golden poplar tree. The design also allows for live performances on the Robbie's Lookout stage, with the audience seated on the lawn below or on the amphitheatre of rocks, and 3 phase power integrated into the park encourages great visual or audio technology.

The concept of bringing theatre or movies to the park is another area that was part of the original concept of the park back in 2007. The idea of bringing the townsfolk together for free evenings of entertainment encourages a stronger community, gives the town a unique identity of cohesion and friendliness, and allows people who would not normally be able to afford a night out an excuse to enjoy the beautiful facilities together.

The Woodend Children's Park Committee are excited at the opportunity to be involved with Cultural Diversity Week. Our outdoor movie event aims to educate our community about different cultures through entertainment and a touch of Bollywood - it's colour and fantastic dancing is sure to delight all ages.

We have a host of other special events to entice the attendees, which have been sponsored by the Macedon Ranges Council, and we are hoping to have Indian inspired foods available to give the evening an authentic flavour.

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The Lions Club makes stalls available at occasional markets for Community Groups to use for fund-raising and promotion, so we've taken up this offer, knowing that you all put your hands up to help whenever asked.

If anyone who's not a member would like to help, of course we would be very grateful indeed!

Also, remember that the KDHS is presenting its very special Maternity Expo on Saturday March 24th, at the Hospital, from 10.00a.m. - 2.00p.m. Presentations and information stalls will help parents-to-be make preparations for their future.

Submitted by Jo Clancy

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Submitted by Fiona Stewart.

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The poll, now in its fourth year, attracted thousands of votes from around Australia and overseas. Participants had over 800 beers to choose from when voting.

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Submitted by Paul Holgate



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The exact nature of the celebrations is still under discussion but suggestions include a Back-to-Carlsruhe celebration, a fair or fete and a BBQ. We would love to receive suggestions from community members. The book written about the Carlsruhe area for the 150 year celebrations is being rewritten and we wish to hear from anyone with any history, family stories, etc. of the area that they would like to add.

If there is anyone out there who has been a Carlsruhe resident, had ancestors live in the area, gone to school here or been members of the CFA we would love to hear from you. Please contact us on carlsruhecpg@hotmail.com.

Also the BBQ facility is available for use. If using it please be considerate and thoroughly clean the BBQ and leave it ready for the next user. It would be greatly appreciated if you do so.

Anyone interested in this development can contact the group at email address: carlsruhecpg@hotmail.com. A website dedicated to Carlsruhe has been created. This site can be found at www.carlsruhe.com.au

Diary Dates

- Landcare Group: first meeting of the year is on Monday the 5th of March at 7.30pm
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Submitted by Margaret Glen

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1st Woodend: Ready...Set...Go!

The year is off to a flying start at 1st Woodend Scout Group. As well as welcoming our many new members and leaders, we have also started works on our hall to improve its aging interior. Recently many hands made light work at a flash mini working-bee followed by an informal BBQ which was enjoyed by Cubs, Scouts, Venturers, Rovers, Leaders and parents alike. 1st Woodend Scouts and Venturers (Macedon Ranges Venturer Unit) were very pleased to help with the setting-up of the recent Woodend Sustainability Festival.

Our leaders and youth members have enjoyed getting to know our new youth members and everyone can't wait to take part in all the activities planned for the term. Our Founder's Day Family Night, held on Wednesday 22nd of February (to celebrate the birthday of the founder of the Scouting movement, Robert Baden-Powell) was a great opportunity for our families to meet and forge new friendships, as well as providing an opportunity for some of our Joeys and Cubs to move-up to Cubs and Scouts respectively.

Our Scouts and Venturers are once again proud to be helping the Woodend RSL to provide breakfast for those attending the Anzac Day Dawn Service at the Memorial Cross on Mt Macedon, so please drop in and grab a sausage and cuppa to remove the chills following the Dawn Service.

Our Joeys are off to Kangaroo in April for a weekend of fun. In January 2013 our Scouts are off to Jamboree for 2 weeks of activities and adventure, so they will be fundraising furiously this year – please keep an eye open for opportunities to help our Scouts to achieve their fundraising goals.

We have programs catered to suit youth from 6 to 18 years old, and also provide leadership opportunities for adults. If you would like information on joining 1st Woodend Scout Group, please contact Leisa (0429 331 695) or Dietlind (0448 515 755) at any time.

Submitted by Leisa Macartney
1st Woodend Venturers lending a helping hand

THE NEW WOODEND STAR

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Have you recently moved into the area or are you a long term resident looking to be involved in the local community?

The Rotary Club of Woodend is part of a world wide organisation dedicated to helping the community both locally and overseas. We have a diverse range of members, male and female in various age groups and backgrounds. Currently the club is involved in a number of projects and we need your help to make these a reality.

Woodend Rotary meets every Thursday at 7pm upstairs in the Victoria Hotel, Woodend.

For more information contact Brendan 54 226 442 or
bw_hibernia@vic.chariot.net.au.

Submitted by The Rotary Club of Woodend

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Upcoming Events

March

- 1 2012/13 community funding scheme applications open
- 2 Woodend RSL - Karaoke
- 2 World day of Prayer St - Ambrose Church
- 3-4 'Relay For Life' Lancefield Park
- 4 Memorial ride for Luke Wilson
- 4 Clock2clock Challenge
- 5 Carlsruhe Landcare meeting
- 6 Carlsruhe community planning group meeting
- 8 Thursday of the month Woodend Probus Club
- 8 International Women's Day - dinner Kyneton Town Hall
- 9 Woodend RSL - Celtic & Cobbers
- 14 Macedon Ranges Film Society - Hair
- 16 Shire Cultural Department - concert Matthew Fagan Newham
- 17 Woodend Landcare - free community BBQ & information afternoon
- 17 Woodend Neighbourhood House Whole town garage sale
- 17 Woodend RSL - St Patrick's night with Neil Sheehan
- 18 Clarkefield Music Festival
- 19-25 Cultural Diversity week - Mystique of India revealed
- 25 Macedon Ranges Cup
- 24 St Ambrose - Woodend Autumn Carnival
- 24 Kyneton District Health - Maternity expo
- 24 Discounted Microchipping day
- 26 Woodend Neighbourhood house - The occasional counsellor with David Cherry
- 27 Sunbury & Macedon Ranges Toastmasters - Woodend Neighbourhood house
- 29 Woodend Red Cross - guest speaker Sara James

April

- 11 Macedon Ranges Film Society - Heavenly Creatures
- 21 Newham Garage sale

May

- 5 Woodend whole town garage sale
- 9 Macedon Ranges Film Society - The Princess Bride

June

- 8 - 11 Woodend Winter Arts Festival
- 13 Macedon Ranges Film Society - Goodbye Lenin

All community groups and events are invited to submit their dates for listing on the community events calendar

COMMUNITY GROUPS CONTACT DETAILS

Alcoholics Anonymous, Friday night, Cobaw Community Centre, 0409 131 144

Australian Breastfeeding Association, Heather, 5427 2398

Cobaw Thursday Walking Group 5427 3340

Daylight Masonic Lodge, 5427 2480

1st Woodend Scout Group, 5427 1251, Roger

Friends of Macedon Ranges Library, Chris/Bill 5427 2469

Garden Club, 5422 6062 / 5427 3340

Kyneton Municipal Band, Doug, 0411 420 113

Lancefield-Macedon Ranges, Relay For Life, Melissa, 0438 831 427

Living Word Christian Church, 5429 6327

Historical Society, Courthouse, 5427 2523

Macedon Ranges & District Motor Club, 10 Webb Cres, New Gisborne 1st Wednesday each month 8pm

Macedon Ranges Animal Aid, Buffalo Sports Stadium, 5427 1752

Macedon Ranges Bridge Club, 5420 7595

Macedon Ranges Families of Children with Disabilities Support Group, 5427 3365

Macedon Ranges Residents Assoc., 5427 1481 or 5427 2651

Macedon Ranges Communicators (ITC), 5427 2669

Macedon Ranges Photographic Society, Ron Mathews, 5427 3284

Parent Support 4 LD, - Kerrie 0414 432 158

Probus, 5427 2003

R.S.L., Anslow Street, 5427 3122

Red Cross, 5427 1260

Rotary Club of Woodend, meetings weekly at Vic Hotel Thursdays 6.45pm, Brendan 5422 6442

St. Mary's Guild, 11am, 4th Wednesday of month

St. Mary's Street Stall, 9-12 noon outside Woodend Newsagency (2nd Sat of the month)

Woodend Landcare Group, Jo 5427 1909 or Doug 5427 0666, 3rd Tues Meeting, 4th Sunday Working Bee

Woodend Art Group, Railway Station, 5427 1659

Woodend Hanging Rock Petanque Club, Hanging Rock Reserve, 5427 2477

Woodend Lions Club, Meetings 2nd/4th Wednesday each month, Barry McDonald, 5427 1272

Woodend Model Railway Club, Buffalo Stadium

Woodend Neighbourhood House, 47 Forest St, 5427 1845

Woodend Pony Club, 5427 2793

Woodend Senior Citizens Club, Comm. Centre

Woodend SES Training Nights Monday, Urquhart St

Woodend Tennis Club Nadine, 0439 399 838

Woodend Winter Arts Festival Inc., Jacky. 0417 225 268



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Woodend Winter Arts Festival 8th – 11th of June 2012

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Now in its 8th year the Woodend Winter Arts Festival will again host a series of the world's best names in music and a packed literary and visual arts program.

With more than 30 events there is something to suit all tastes – including free events and events for children.



Thousands of festival visitors will experience solo performances, chamber recitals and small orchestral concerts in beautiful settings in and around Woodend and the Macedon Ranges. This year's musical program will include leading names of Australian jazz, guitar, piano and performances of Vivaldi, Schubert and Haydn.

The literary program will include some of Australia's most interesting and provocative authors and commentators – including a pub 'yarn' event, while the visual arts will include pottery, book illustration and a leading Australia comic and graphic artist.

The full Festival program will be available from 26th of March, when bookings open.

www.woodendwinterartsfestival.org.au

Government funding to warm up Woodend Winter Arts Festival

Premier Ted Baillieu has announced funding of \$22,500 for the 2012 Woodend Winter Arts Festival to help promote the annual celebration of the arts.

"The Woodend Winter Arts Festival is nationally recognised as a high quality arts festival which attracts thousands of visitors over the Queen's Birthday weekend," Mr Baillieu said.

"Funding from the Victorian Coalition Government will be invested to boost the number of visitors to Woodend and surrounding areas.

First held in 2005, the festival showcases a wide range of classical music along with a selection of literary and visual arts. The event is featured on ABC Classic FM, which is also broadcast in China and Europe, and in 2012 the event will be aired throughout Europe via the European Broadcasting Union.

"More than 5,500 people experienced the sights and sounds of Woodend last year. With increased promotional activity planned for this year's festival it's hoped the event can attract a greater number of interstate visitors," Mr Baillieu said.

The 2012 Woodend Winter Arts Festival will be held from 8th to 11th of June 2012. The funding has been provided through Tourism Victoria's Events Program which provides support for tourism events to attract more visitors to regional Victoria.

Submitted by Alicia Patterson for WWAF.

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Ignition comes to Cobaw

Cobaw Community Health had announced an exciting new Learner Driver program. In cooperation with Mission Australia, Cobaw will be offering young people aged between 16 and 19 the opportunity to get their Learner Driver Permit.

The program which will be run from the 19th to the 23rd of March, is aimed at young people living in the Macedon Ranges who have some difficulty with reading and writing and is free to participants.

Students will have a wide range of resources to assist them including, group work, games, videos and online computer based activities. They will have access to Mission Australia's Ignition website and iPad library. On the final day of the program the group will attend VicRoads to sit their formal learner permit test.

Anne McLennan CEO of Cobaw said:

"For young people in rural areas getting their drivers licence can make a tremendous difference. Lack of public transport or family support can be a major contributor to social isolation and unemployment. This program offers young people the opportunity to make a real difference to their lives."

The Ignition program includes lunch each day, a copy of the Road to Solo Driving and the Learner Permit Testing fees at VicRoads! If you pass your learner permit test on the day, Mission Australia will give you a FREE driving lesson with the RACV Drive School to help you get started.

If you are interested in finding out more about the Ignition Program contact David Norris at Cobaw on 5421 1666 or text 0448 827 120.

The program is FREE to eligible learners.

Submitted by David Norris, L2P Project Officer



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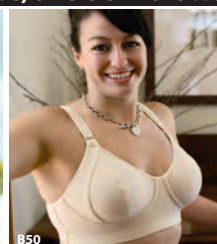
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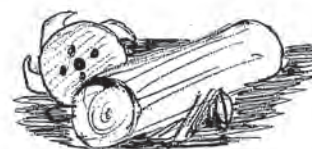
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A Club at the Heart of Running

Macedon Ranges Running Club (MRRC) may not be the running capital just yet, but it's certainly at the heart of running. MRRC has commenced the 2012 running year with Start Running Groups (SRG) in Gisborne, Macedon, Riddells Creek and Woodend. And what an amazing start it has been with over 180 new runners (nearly 100 in Woodend alone) signing up in these areas to train three times a week over 13 weeks and achieve what many only dream about - running 5km and 10km non-stop.

New to MRRC is an Intermediate Running Group (IRG) that leads and supports SRG graduates to train and run 15km non-stop. This is the first time an IRG has been formed by the club that follows a training program including interval, tempo and hill training.

MRRC is a community focussed club offering existing and non-runners the opportunity to train in an encouraging, social group environment. It's a fun way of achieving running goals and getting fit, with the focus on slowly building a foundation of running endurance.

February 2012 is Gisborne's 10th, Riddells Creek's 4th, Macedon and Woodend's 2nd consecutive SRGs. The 13 week program is facilitated by volunteer running leaders who do it because they love to run, meet new people and support others in achieving their goals.

If you would like to know more about the Macedon Ranges Running Club, the Start Running Group (SRG) or the new Intermediate Running Group (IRG) programs please e-mail us at macedonrangesrc@gmail.com.

Submitted by Lisa Cole, Macedon Ranges Running Club

Discounted Microchipping Day for Pets

Macedon Ranges Shire Council is holding a microchipping day for cats and dogs on Saturday 24th of March 2012 from 10am until 2pm at Buffalo Stadium Woodend for the discounted rate of \$25 per animal.

Microchipping your pet can help ensure that you are reunited with your pet if it goes missing. However, it does not replace the need to register your pet.

State legislation requires that all new applications to register your pet cannot be accepted unless the animal has a microchip.

If you are planning on attending the microchipping day, all dogs must be kept on a leash and cats in a cage.

What is a pet microchip?

A microchip is about the size of a grain of rice and contains a barcode that is linked to your contact details and recorded on a national database. In the event that your pet is lost, a vet or Council officer can use a handheld scanner to identify the microchip and trace the barcode back to your contact details held on the national database.

How is the microchip inserted?

The procedure is simple – one quick injection under the skin by a vet and the microchip causes no discomfort or pain to your animal.

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

Important Information

This summer, electricity businesses will be modifying their powerline safety settings to reduce the risk of bushfires. This may delay restoring power if a fault occurs. Consider your need for back-up power if you are highly reliant on electricity. Remember power outages can also affect phones, radios and water pumps.

- **Have a battery-powered radio and spare batteries or a wind-up radio available to hear alerts and warnings in case power fails;**
- **Have a landline with a cord, a fully charged mobile phone as backup and a spare battery and;**
- **Have a non-electric pump available that can be operated from an alternative water supply such as a swimming pool, concrete or metal tank, or dam.**

If you lose power, contact your electricity distribution business on the "Faults and Emergencies" number on your most recent electricity bill.

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Nominate the number, street and area of the property, a nearby landmark, nearest crossroads ... anything that will direct an appliance faster to the scene. Preferably, please stay at the scene so that you can direct vehicles to the exact location.

What is the type of incident? Building fire, home fire, bush fire, etc..

How many people are involved? Are there people in the house or car?

Is other assistance required? Ambulance or police?

What's your name, address and telephone number? Contact details in case we need to follow-up with you later.

This is also important, as the CFA incident controller may wish to call you to get more specific directions if they were not initially clear, or talk to you about what you actually saw.

If the incident has already been reported, we will advise you and may not need as many details.

If you are deaf or have a speech or hearing impairment – call 106.

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If you witness suspicious behaviour ring Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000. Bushfire arson can have a devastating impact on the community and the environment. So, be observant in your local area. Can you identify a person, or vehicle, you observed where a bushfire occurred, or do you know of someone who has been lighting fires? If so, you can confidentially call Crime Stoppers or file an online 'information report' via the Crime Stoppers Website.

For further information contact Captain Mick Christie or 1st Lieutenant Mike Dornau at 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 Safer Communities.

Submitted by 1st Lieutenant Mike Dornau, Woodend CFA

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Woodend Neighbourhood House, a not-for-profit community organisation is run by a dynamic, energetic group of volunteers who work hard to deliver a wide range of opportunities for the people of Woodend. Our current treasurer is stepping down so if you are new in town, or even if you have lived here for some time and would like to contribute to the running of the House, or find out more about the role contact current Chairperson - Janet Pearce on 5427 1317 or 0400 230 431 for more information.

Our AGM is scheduled for Monday 19th of March at 7pm at the Woodend Neighbourhood House and everyone is welcome to attend.

There are still opportunities for you this term with a session by David Cherry "The Occasional Counsellor" which is a workshop aimed at people who are not employed in a counselling role but who are called upon to give support to individuals who are sad, distressed, bewildered, angry or confused. This introduces participants to simple, practical strategies for assisting their clients, including making appropriate referrals, while clearly remaining within their existing role. The workshop runs on March 26th from 9.30-12.30 noon.

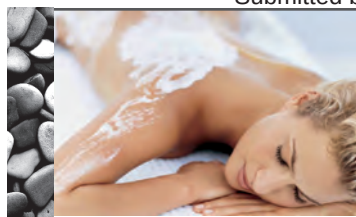
Sunbury & Macedon Ranges Toastmasters are running a free introductory session on 27th of March at 7.30pm to let you know who they are and what they do. To find out more or book in contact Rob on 5427 3380.

The Woodend Whole Town Garage Sale is back again on 5th May. Why not clear out those cupboards over Easter and hold a garage sale. Register with the Neighbourhood House to receive free publicity and balloons. The House sells maps of all the garage sales from 8am on the morning of the garage sale to prospective shoppers.

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Submitted by Sarah Campbell, Coordinator



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20th	Liam Patrick Callaghan.....	Turns 5
23rd	Oliver Rice.....	Turns 13
25th	Alyssa Muscat.....	Turns 13

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Woodend RSL Women's Auxiliary

Our new year has started well with our popular Dine and Dance days held on the first Wednesday of each month, run by the Health and Community care. Everyone is welcome, the cost is \$10 for a light meal of soup, sandwiches and sweets and includes entertainment. Please book if you intend to come. Last Dine and Dance our auxiliary received a wonderful gift to raffle, a beautiful patchwork quilt donated by Shirley and Ray, two of our regulars who appreciate the work we do for the elderly and infirm. We cannot express our gratitude enough. We will make this beautiful quilt first prize in our Easter raffle. Second prize a basket of eggs, third prize a smaller basket of eggs. Our girls will be selling tickets outside the Chemist; our thanks to Stephen for supporting us once again.

On Thursday the 15th of March our group will be paying Castlemaine Auxiliary a visit for the area meeting. Reg will once again be our driver with Barry as co pilot. It should be a good day. Castlemaine are a very progressive auxiliary.

Our April Dine and Dance being close to Easter will feature the Easter bonnet competition for ladies and men. Last year the ladies winner was Maisie and the winner of the mens was former Woodend local Ernie Barker. So people get busy on those hats. The Wannabees will be entertaining, the theme will be Easter so come along and join in the fun. All welcome.

We recently farewelled a young serviceman, James who will be sent to Timor as a peacekeeper our auxiliary catered for his send off. We wish James well, and a safe return to Woodend.

Our next meeting in March will be our AGM. Positions will be vacant on the committee, so girls, consider filling the gaps.

Submitted by Betty J BARNED



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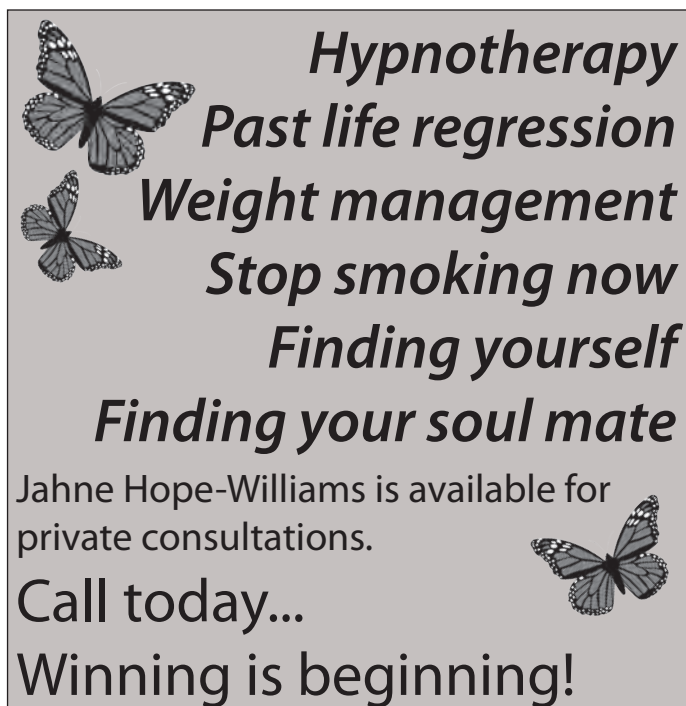
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The Foundation provides the following services and resources: information and referral, resource library, professional counselling, guest speaker program, support groups, reiki healing, ifas treatment, ear candling, quarterly newsletter, self help workshops and educational films.

Weekly Support Groups:

- **Health Awareness Support Group**
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- **Self Empowerment and Healing Support Group**
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- **Health Seminars and Fundraising activities for March**
Rutherglen Wine Bus Tour Fundraiser - 24th-25th of March. Contact the Cancer and Natural Therapy Foundation for more details. Bookings essential.
- **Health Seminar- Immunisation Options – Vaccination or Homeopathy?** In this seminar you will explore immunisation options and compare vaccination and homeopathic immunisation. The aim is to provide the facts on which to make an informed decision and to show that you do have choices. Tuesday 27th of March. 7.30pm. Cost \$12 or \$10 members.

Held at Neighbourhood House and Community Centre, Elizabeth Drive, Sunbury. Phone: 9740 3977 (Mon/Wed/Fri) or Sandra on 0411 100 947.

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Cost is \$30.00 including finger food.

For details on other exciting local business events, see Council's 2012 Professional Development Calendar which features a range of interactive workshops and seminars to assist businesses with marketing, social media, financial management and business planning.

For bookings or more information visit mrsc.vic.gov.au and follow the links to Tourism and Business.

Alternatively, contact Council on 5421 9616 or email jduncan@mrsc.vic.gov.au



Nepalese Dinner

The Rotary Club of Woodend sponsors the Nepali Village Initiatives Project which is designed to foster local initiatives in rural villages of Nepal to enhance education, health and prosperity in their communities.

Last year the project achieved two major outcomes. One was the delivery of a training course for teachers, introducing them to teaching aids and techniques to which they had never before been exposed. More than 40 teachers took part, benefitting more than 600 students. Their classrooms have been changed for ever, with the display of teaching aids such as the students had never seen. This project was directly funded by the Rotary Club with a matching grant from The Rotary Foundation.

The second achievement was the construction of a cow shed for a new community dairy farm. This was actually funded by the local community, but would never have happened without the project support for Krishna Pun to fill the role of Village Development Coordinator.

On Friday 2nd March you can support this project by attending a Nepalese Dinner at the Gurkhas Restaurant, 258 Lygon Street Carlton - or you can simply make a donation which can be tax deductible. For details please visit the website at www.nepalaid.org.au or call Peter Hall on 5424 8274.



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Heritage News

Following on from last month's column, the following is the story of one of the soldiers featured in Sylvia Boxshall's book, 'They Went to War'.

Leslie Thorburn was born in Newham the eldest of six children and grew up on the family farm near Hanging Rock. He was a clerk in the Commercial Bank when he enlisted in the A.I.F. in July 1915 and became a Private in the 24th Battalion. During his service abroad he kept a diary as many soldiers did, he proceeded to Egypt with his unit and after further training he was allocated to the 8th Battalion. In April 1916 his battalion joined the fighting on the Western Front and he was later promoted to a Corporal.

Corporal Thorburn died on the 9th of November 1916 from shock after having his leg amputated when he was wounded by an exploding shell in his dugout. The last five entries in his diary give a little insight into his feelings at that dreadful time.

Wed. Nov 1 – Very cold night. Hun aeroplane raid dropped some bombs but no damage. Feel crook and full of cold. Eucalyptus came in very handy. Moved about 12 pm to tents 1 ½ miles away, had dinner then marched through mud bivouacs in reserves.

Thurs. 2 – Had a wet night but was dry. The rumour is we go to supports tonight. Hop out tomorrow. We left about 4pm and marched to reserve trenches. A track of mud knee deep. Relieved the 6th Battalion.

Fri. 3 – Hard to sleep anywhere & part of the night walked about as my feet were like ice and are still. Got some rations up. It is very hard to get food through such mud. Plenty shelling going on but does not appear to be as bad as Pozieres.

Sat. 4 – Put in an awful night very cold. Went on ration fatigue at night and fell in the mud several times. I cursed the War Kaiser to the utmost with Aust language.

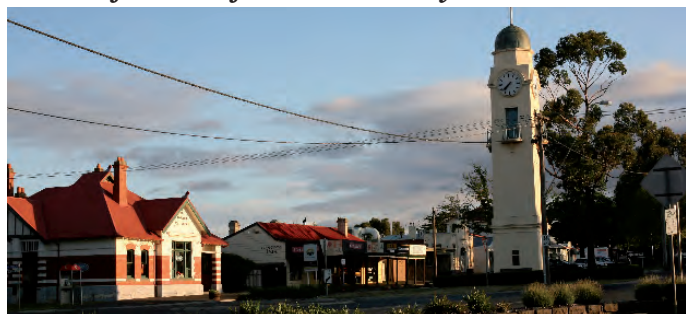
Last entry Sun. 5 – Water came in my dugout and flooded me out. Guy Fawkes here bombarding like hell.

Finally I would like to give you all some advice, if ever you feel like researching your family tree at the Court House, think carefully, because Janet will possibly entice you to become a volunteer and within a few years she might have you writing a book too."

Books can be purchased from Collier Office & Business Assist, Shop 5, 130 High Street or the L&FHRC (Court House, Forest Street) open every Wednesday, for \$39.70.

Submitted by Janet Hawkins for Woodend and District Heritage Society

The New Woodend Star committee congratulates Janet on her recent recognition as the Macedon Ranges Citizen of the Year for her community work.



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25th of March

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"This new event will celebrate everything the Macedon Ranges has to offer and we expect this to become a key feature on the region's annual events calendar," said Mayor Cr Henry McLaughlin. "Council will work with the Kyneton and Hanging Rock Racing Club to develop this event year after year."

Features of the event include local marquee and VIP eating and drinking options, a 'touch up tent' for race-goers' beauty needs, a five piece band, children's activities, a food and wine marketplace showcasing local producers, and 'Bubbles Central' – a bar featuring the region's best sparkling wine.

"We encourage residents to take advantage while the weather is still warm and bring a group of friends or take the family to enjoy a wonderful day out," said Mayor, Cr Henry McLaughlin.

Free shuttle transport will be offered from the Kyneton Train Station, Daylesford and Romsey (via Lancefield).

The event will be promoted over the coming weeks, featuring special giveaways and packages available to race-goers. Keep an eye out for a 2 for 1 entry coupon in Council's newsletter.

General Admission is \$15, Concession \$9 and children under 15 are FREE. For information or bookings call 1300 139 402 or visit www.kyneton.countryracing.com.au

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The society operates a programme of arts-based events, and is designed to appeal to the knowledgeable, the not-so knowledgeable, the interested, the diffident, and the unsure.

The annual subscription entitles you to attend eight illustrated lectures. These lectures offer insights into a very broad range of subjects and are presented by speakers chosen for their ability to enlighten and entertain in equal measure. This year you are invited to find about the stunning art of the cave monasteries in Turkey, to learn a bit more about the American heiresses who married into the financially flagging families of the British aristocracy during the late 19th Century, and to feel the serenity of the Japanese garden at Saionji, Kyoto.

The supper component of the evening is always eagerly anticipated. Following the lecture, an array of finger food is professionally catered, and is complemented by a choice of premium wines.

The cost of each evening works out at \$18.75 and concessions are available. Once you are a member of ADFAS Central Victoria, you will also have the opportunity to join in trips, visits and excursions to a variety of interesting venues, and this year for the first time we are offering a practical drawing master class at a very special rate.

The society has a philanthropic agenda, and a strong membership base has allowed us to give a range of Young Arts grants to a wide variety of local organizations, including Resonance String Orchestra based in Woodend. We also offer members a discount shopping scheme.

So now the secret is out. Please join us; you will be made very welcome

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Submitted by Caroline Boehm


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Submitted by Claire Green



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Woodend District Netball Club

Woodend District Netball Club provides opportunities for boys and girls aged 5 - 18 to participate in netball on Saturday mornings (Winter) and Friday evenings (Summer) at Buffalo Stadium. Modified programs are offered for those starting out in the sport (NetSetGo) through to mixed U/18 competitions.

Summer Season. At present we are half way through the season. With over 100 participants it is truly the place to be on a Friday evening. The Under 11, Under 14 and Under 17 games have proven to be very competitive with all players demonstrating enhanced skills throughout the season.

The Summer competition will finish on the 23rd March with the Under 11's Round Robin and the Under 14's and U17's Grand Final.

Winter Season will commence on the 5th May with registrations open to all players 18 years and under (depending on registrations). The season will run until the 8th September, Grand Final day.

Net Set Go! Program for new netballers boys and girls age 5-8 years.

San Remo NetSetGO! is Netball Australia's Junior Netball Program. The program incorporates skill activities, minor games and modified matches and will be coordinated by accredited coaches to ensure a quality experience for all participants.

The cost of the program is \$70 and participants receive a special San Remo NetSetGO! sports bag, activity book, Gilbert netball, Smash lunch box, snack pod and drink bottle as well as a Melbourne Vixens bag tag with ticket offer.

The program will run on Saturday mornings (time to be confirmed) at Buffalo Stadium. Participants need to wear comfortable clothes, runners and bring a drink bottle with them.

For further information about the Net Set Go! Program please contact Anne-Louise Lindner on 5427 3056 (AH)/ 0437 662 220 or email alpete@aapt.net.au

Winter Registration Nights = Friday 24th February and Friday 2nd March from 4.30 to 6.30pm at Buffalo Stadium in Woodend.

There will be an Early Bird Discount if payment is made by 30th March.

For further information please contact Rhonda Hill (Secretary) 5427 2085 / 0419 323 095 or Andrea Norden (President) 5427 3549 / 0403 043 222 or visit our website woodend.netballvic.asn.au. For an electronic copy of the Registration form please email rhonda_hill@hotmail.com

Submitted by Rhonda Hill

Hundreds attend annual open show

Nearly 200 riders of all ages converged on the Woodend Pony Club grounds on Australia Day to compete in the club's annual Open Show.

The show featured open and pony club rings as well as a HRCav ring for adult riders and Freshman's jumping.

One of the most popular rings was the Topsy ring for beginners, which featured a fancy dress section on horseback.

The show is the club's annual major fundraiser, and all monies raised are used to improve the grounds and facilities for the club's 50 enthusiastic young riders.

The Supreme Ridden Exhibit \$100 cash prize, personally sponsored by Racing Victoria jockey Craig Atkinson, was won by Mayfield Be Brave.

The Morris Family Perpetual Trophy for the champion Woodend Pony Club rider of the day was won by Lily Cowburn while the Supreme Pony Club Combination award was won by Tayla Childs.

Lily Cowburn was among the six Woodend Pony Club riders who recently represented the club at the zone (regional) dressage and showjumping championships at Kyneton.

Lily, Tahnee & Kelsey Pfeiffer and Emma Collins qualified to represent the Central Zone at the state championships next month.

The new pony club year begins on July 1st and limited places are available at the club. Anyone interested in joining can contact the D.C., Melissa Cowburn, on 0408 255 553.

Submitted by Leanne McDonnell Manton

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SPORTS NEWS

Woodend Cricket Club

*Triumphs for 3 in a row in the BACEND Cup
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The Over 40 players from Woodend travelled to Bacchus Marsh on the 12th February to contest the Mick Williams Cup in Memory of Mick Williams from Bacchus Marsh who was instrumental in starting the contest between the fierce rivals of Woodend and Bacchus Marsh. Woodend were successful with the toss being won by Paul (Jamo) Jamieson who elected to bowl and the 12 from Woodend lined up against a myriad of some 24 players from Bacchus Marsh, including several who play in their top McIntyre team. The game commenced with Woodend on top with several early wickets including a fine fielding effort from Barry Mann to complete a great run out and Russell Matchett's direct hit from the short fine leg position was certainly a highlight. Bacchus Marsh completed their inning at 11/170. Woodend's chase began in solid fashion and with all players reaching double figures and fine 27's from David Smith and Graham Hannan with a fantastic 60 run partnership from Russell Matchett and Graham Hannan ensured the win for Woodend at 9 for 184 after our 30 eight ball overs. Well done to the old buggers!

In Senior cricket, Woodend McIntyre sit in 1st position 9 points clear with two matches remaining, C Grade are currently in 4th position 3 points behind Bacchus Marsh

in 3rd with two games to go, E Grade are in 4th position with two games remaining, G Grade are in 2nd position on the ladder with two games remaining. The One Day team are in 3rd position with one game remaining and the finals begin on Sunday the 26th February and the grand final on the 4th March.

The U16 side is in 7th position with two games remaining, U14 (Gold) West is in 3rd position with two games remaining; the U14 (Green) East team is in 3rd position with two games remaining. Finals for the U16 and U14 begin on the 17th March & 18th March with grand finals on the 24th and 25th March.

The U12 's have developed great team commitment and have posted scores in excess of 100 runs over the past few games and are continuing to improve their skills. The Under 11's coached by Jake Dwyer are enjoying their games on a Friday night and have 3 more games to complete for this the first GDCA U11 competition. All U11 games are a development of the U12 competition and are played as a 20 over a side game and have proven to be a popular initiative. In both the U12 and U11 all players bowl and bat in a non competitive environment.

Go Woodend!

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