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St Ambrose Parish & School Autumn Carnival

16th March



Have you ever been to the St Ambrose Autumn Carnival? If yes, you've certainly got Saturday 16th March highlighted on your calendar, locked in your phone and on the lips of every member of the family! The carnival has become an institution in Woodend, so if you've not attended previously, make this year the year to discover a great day out and a terrific, community focused school. At the same time you'll be supporting a local school with their major fundraising event for the year.

This year's event will be no less impressive with the familiar rides, stalls and live entertainment + some new surprises! A major highlight this year will be the wood chopping display, guaranteed to entertain.

Come along, bring the kids and see the animal farm, book stall, stands for local CFA, Ambulance, St Johns and the SES. Have your face painted, buy some plants, grab some great food and score a bargain at the trash & treasure.

St Ambrose principal, Rob Macklin said, "The Autumn Carnival is such a positive start to the school year for all the students and staff. The buzz of excitement amongst the kids about which rides will be there, and what activity each grade will be developing is a matter of great enthusiasm – this year's carnival line-up is looking fantastic and I'd like to encourage everyone in Woodend and the broader community to attend and have fun!"

To keep up to date with this year's event, please visit the school website www.sawoodend.catholic.edu.au, The organising committee will be regularly providing updates on the page in the lead-up to this year's carnival. You'll also find all contact information and options for you or your business to be involved.

Where: St Ambrose Primary School, Templeton Street Woodend on 16th March, 9am - 4pm.

Submitted by Fiona Makin

Local businesses support Bluestone Theatre

A group of local businesses have joined together and organised a Downton Abbey Garden Party to raise funds for the restoration of The Bluestone Theatre.

The event is on Sunday March 17th in the grounds of historic Skelsmergh Hall, Carlsruhe, and will re-create the elegance of an Edwardian Garden Party.

Tickets include musical entertainment by The Really Cool Big Band, sumptuous high tea showcasing local food producers, a cash bar with regional wines, Edwardian fair games, raffle and prizes for most elegantly dressed.

Christine Lauder from The Dressing Table, Kyneton said "Downton Abbey has captured everyone's imagination and this fundraising event gives people the opportunity to dress up and immerse themselves in the charm of an Edwardian garden party for a really worthy cause".



*'Photographs by Marnie'-
Don White - Butler, Suzanne Sandow - Lady, Katie Nowland - Miss*

Tickets for this event can be purchased from the Macedon Ranges Shire Council Box Office telephone 1300 888 802 website www.mrsc.vic.gov.au

To find out more or offer your support go to www.gardenparty.net.au or follow at www.facebook.com/DowntonAbbeyGardenParty.

Submitted by C Lauder

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Woodend Lions Art Show - Local talent on display

An institution in Woodend town life is coming up — a must see. The 37th Woodend Lions Art Show is on March 9-11th, across the long weekend, in St Ambrose hall. This is a highlight in the local art scene. This is where artists from our area and across the state show what they are up to. Notable local artists have shown and still show in this event. The show is also a sale and an opportunity to buy local art for your walls.

The show offers prizes in six categories (oil, watercolour, other media, local artist, miniature pair and under 16) and displays the entries, often up 400 or more works. The under 16 prize comes from a bequest made by Mrs Wiber, a doyenne of Woodend who participated in and supported many organisations in the growing village. Generous local patrons provide the majority of prizes.

The paintings are judged in the preceding week and all is revealed at the Friday night Grand Opening on March 8th. People wanting to attend the Grand Opening should ring 5427 2255 and speak to Linda.

This art show is run by Woodend Lions to raise money for our community. The proceeds from previous shows have gone to Kyneton Hospital and been the backbone of donations to the ambulance service, CFA, SES and other vital groups.

In these days of mass produced prints and thrown together decor this show provides a real opportunity to have genuine, hand-painted, local art on your wall. Don't miss it.

Submitted by Barry McDonald

To learn more about Woodend's Lions Club and their activities, turn to page 19.



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News from Glen Osmond Farm

It was a very exciting time at the Very Special Kids Glen Osmond Farm over the Australia Day weekend. One of the two new cottages, both now completed and fully furnished, had its first visitors. A family, including their daughter, Kiah, who has a life-threatening condition, had a really great four days enjoying the beautiful setting and the antics of the fifty or so kangaroos who call Glen Osmond home. They also checked out all the facilities to make sure everything is working well before other families visit. Their verdict? "Terrific"!

Just in case you haven't heard about the farm it is situated in Old Lancefield Road Woodend and has been developed by Very Special Kids, a wonderful organisation which supports families caring for children who have life threatening conditions. Over 800 Victorian families are currently registered with Very Special Kids. In addition to providing a range of support services to these families; they operate Victoria's only children's hospice in Malvern which provides respite care and when needed end-of-life care.

Living with a child whose future is uncertain, can place enormous strain on all members of a family. Glen Osmond Farm will provide an opportunity for families to relax in our beautiful and interesting district. The cottages cater for the needs of all the family so they can bring all their children with them when they visit. The farm will also be

available to bereaved families supported by Very Special Kids. What ever the reason for their time at Glen Osmond, Kiah and her family have reinforced our belief that the farm with its views to Mt. Macedon and Hanging Rock over unspoilt open country, has something very special to offer.

In addition to the cottages, a large old style barn is also being built to provide a place for children to play and to be a general meeting area for families who may like to spend time with others staying at the farm. The barn is currently under construction as is the fencing of a large seven acre home paddock where children can play in safety. Once the barn and fencing are completed, the farm will be open for regular use.

Already many in our community have contributed to the Very Special Kids Glen Osmond Farm by supporting some of our fund raising efforts. We hope you will continue to do so. On the weekend of March 2nd and 3rd, "Flint Hill" will be holding a plant sale under the auspicious of the Open Garden Scheme with a percentage of the \$15 entry fee going to the Farm. (Open 10 am – 4. 30 pm, enter via Romsey Road). We hope to see you there, but if you can't make it to Flint Hill, you can still show your support by making a donation, sponsoring a metre of fencing (\$10.00) and/or becoming a "Friend." Tickets for fencing can be purchased at Collier Office & Business Assist, New Leaves Bookshop in Anslow Street or from the Gerri-Buskers on Lion's Market Days. All your donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

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	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		Feb
March	25.4	42.5*	121*	35	84		Mar
April	20.4	51*	45	63.5	35.5		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

YTD: 7600.3 670.5 1202.5 1119.5 823.8 3.9 mm

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

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

World's Greatest Shave 2013

World's Greatest Shave raises about half the money the Leukaemia Foundation needs to fund its important work – providing practical and emotional support to people with blood cancer, as well as investing millions in research. In the last 14 years over a million people have shaved or coloured their hair, raising more than \$138 million.



Meet Bec

"Hi! My name is Bec Fitzgibbon and on March 17th, 2013 I'm choosing to be brave and shaving my hair for this years World's Greatest Shave!

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to improve blood cancer treatments and find cures.

It all adds up so please sponsor me online. Anything over \$2 is tax deductible! I've set a personal goal to raise \$2000 for the foundation and have currently raised a wonderful \$670, which already is a fantastic contribution!

I'm also planning on donating my shaved locks to the Australia Alopecia Areata Foundation, where they'll most likely be made into a wig!

If you are interested in sponsoring me you can find my page at www.my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/becfitzgibbon alternately you can sign up to color or shave your own hair, or to find any more information go to

www.worldsgreatestshave.com.

Submitted by Bec Fitzgibbon

Western Water supporting a green Woodend

How can we make your garden grow? Western Water is asking Woodend residents what support they need to create sustainable gardens at home.

Western Water already offers annual grants for community groups and schools for developing sustainable gardens.

Now it is preparing to offer presentations, workshops and specialised information to help residents create a greener, more sustainable region.

Want more information on how to grow fruit and vegetables? Wondering which plants are best for the local climate? Want to see a community garden in your town? Or would you like to learn about installing a grey water system?

Just go to the Western Water website at westernwater.com.au to complete a feedback form to tell us where your interest lies.

Western Water will then tailor the program to suit the needs of the local community and help develop a greener region.

Research has shown that green spaces, whether public or private, help make towns more liveable, healthier and sustainable.

Customers who fill in the form will go into the running to win a membership to the Diggers Club (or \$50 voucher if you are already a member).

Submitted by K. Smith for Western Water

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Plant Fair at Flint Hill

On Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd of March Garden lovers throughout Victoria and beyond have a rare opportunity to visit the beautiful garden of Flint Hill in Woodend, as part of Open Gardens Australia.

Over one special weekend, Open Gardens Australia is bringing together over 40 exhibitors from Victoria and interstate for its annual Plant Fair – to be held at the significant and historic garden of Flint Hill, in Woodend.

The Plant Fair at Flint Hill will feature choice perennials, rare trees and shrubs, Australian natives, bulbs and succulents, heirloom vegetable growers, as well as books, sculpture and specialist tools. It is an ideal opportunity for gardeners to meet and talk with expert growers of the most interesting and unusual plants, and to find something out of the ordinary.

There will be activities for children, a 'speakers corner' featuring experts on a variety of gardening topics, delicious food, refreshments and local produce.

Sir Roderick Carnegie's garden at Flint Hill, Romsey Rd, Woodend is the realisation of a very grand vision. First planted in the 1930s, it is one of the great woodland gardens of Australia, with its magnificent specimen trees, hundreds of majestic rhododendrons, sweeping lawns, wonderful shrubberies, and winding walks leading to formal ponds and a lake. The garden is surrounded by impressive eucalypt parkland with views to Mount Macedon and Hanging Rock.

Careful selection of species, good siting and wise soil preparation have resulted in the handsome shrubs, and magnificent specimen trees listed on the National Trust's Register of Significant Trees that dominate the garden today.

Adding extra interest, by the ha ha are beautifully maintained vegetable beds full of produce, and close to the house is a recently restored original glasshouse.

In late summer, the garden is a delightful green and shady haven.

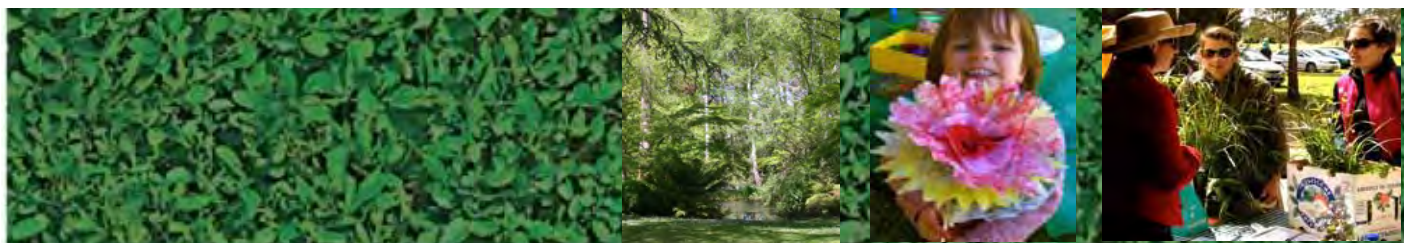
Visitors can leave purchases in the plant crèche and take a leisurely stroll around the green and shady garden. Lunches and refreshments are available all weekend and picnics are also encouraged.

This is truly a gardener's heaven, and a lovely family day out.

Plant Fair at Flint Hill, Romsey Rd, Woodend, Free parking on site. March 2nd-3rd, 10am to 4.30pm. Entry is \$15 for adults, children admitted free.

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Submitted by Abigail Place



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It's not often Woodend hosts a harp concert – let alone one featuring seven harps. But the Labour Day Long Weekend will feature an exceptional opportunity to see and hear some of Australia's best – all at once.

The all-women ensemble SHE will perform at St Ambrose Church marking the launch of the 2013 Woodend Winter Arts Festival Program which will be available to the public from the concert onwards.

SHE brings together graduates of the Australian National University under the direction of world renowned harpist, Alice Giles and is brought to Woodend with the support of the Festival and historic Mt Macedon's Duneira.

The repertoire for the concert will include *John Dowland Lachrima*, *Martin Wesley-Smith Seven Widows at the Gates of Sugamo*, *Larry Sitsky Fantasia No 13: Perpetuum Mobile*, *Ross Edwards Arafura Arioso*, *Maurice Ravel Alborada del gracioso from Miroirs* and *Ernesto Lecuona Malagueña*.

And for music students – or students curious about the harp – there will be a special harp workshop with Alice Giles before the concert which will include a chance to play the harp as well as learn how it works and when it was invented.

- SHE Concert, 2.30pm – 3.30pm, Monday 11th March (Labour Day) at St Ambrose Catholic Church, Templeton Street Woodend. Tickets are \$35 or \$25 concession.
- SHE Harp Workshop, 11am – Midday, Monday 11th March (Labour Day) at Duneira, Officer Lane, Mt Macedon (phone 5426 1490 for information). Tickets \$10. Bookings and further information www.duneira.com.au

Submitted by A. Patterson for WWAF



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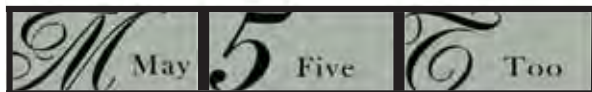
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Written & authorised by John Shaw



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Hesket Primary School News

It has been a smooth and successful start to 2013. Small numbers in each class ensure individual attention for each child.

The P/1/2 students are enjoying a buddy program with the Grade 5/6 students. The Grade 6 students are designing their final year bomber jackets. Each child is keen to have some input.

In art the children are helping design an Italian mural to complement the small olive grove section of the school's garden.

The Grade 3/4 students are doing a multicultural study of Italy in integrated studies. They are excitedly planning an Italian Restaurant day for the whole school to celebrate the completion of the mural later this term.

The 2013 skipping team is training hard and are showing fantastic skills and commitment to training. Already the team has been featured in the Herald Sun in an article about the National Heart Foundation.

The whole school enjoyed delicious pancakes on Shrove Tuesday and are now looking forward to a family breakfast welcoming back everyone for 2013.

Submitted by Cliff Palmer

Nepali Dinner a success

As an initiative of the Rotary Club of Woodend, a Nepalese dinner was held in Trentham on 9th February. It marked the end of the visit by Krishna Pun, a village development co-ordinator, and included Nepalese cuisine, music and dancing. Very well supported, it raised several thousand dollars for Peter Hall's charitable project, the Nepali Village Initiatives Association, to support educational development in Nepal.

Submitted by John Williamson

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(formerly known as Parents 4LD / Macedon Ranges Dyslexia Support Group)

DyslexiClever presents an inspiring event on Dyscalculia - the numbers version of dyslexia. Held at 7.30pm, Thursday 28th February 2013 (Kyneton) and 9.30am, Friday 1st March 2013 (Woodend), and facilitated by guest speaker Ann Williams.

Ann has been a maths teacher for over 30 years and has taught in 3 different countries - the U.K., Australia and Samoa, and in a wide variety of schools. Since retiring, she has tutored a number of children some of whom have dyscalculia, and is now studying for a M.Ed. doing research into dyscalculia.

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There have been some staffing changes at the house this year. A new Coordinator, Jill Scanlon, started in late January and, as you may have noticed in the paper and on our board, we were recruiting for a new Administration Officer in February.

We still have a core group of able and dedicated volunteers, though some new faces would be welcome. Volunteering roles at the Woodend Neighbourhood House are varied and can be challenging. We need reception, computer maintenance, data entry, archiving, social media engagement and many other tasks. If you are looking for an opportunity to expand your skills or learn new ones then drop in to see what you can offer us and we you. If you're only available once a fortnight or on the odd occasion your expertise may be just what we are looking for so don't be shy.

Finally, a heads up for the Woodend All Town Garage Sale on Saturday 23rd March, 2013. Registration is \$5.00; we do all the work of promoting and getting your garage sale on the map. There will be no early callers for you, as maps will not be available until 8am on the day. Clear out those cupboards, dust off your best sales voice and register to make some cash just in time for Easter and the school holidays.

Submitted by Jill Scanlon, Coordinator Woodend Neighbourhood House.

Woodend Art Walk

Woodend Art Group is proud to welcome a new business in town to its much admired Art Walk.

The Corner Pantry in High Street has become a supporter of WAG and currently has nine paintings on display. Pictured here is member and artist Helen Miles with Helen Stephens one of the proprietors of the pantry.



So why not take a stroll around town and admire the local talent. Businesses participating in the Art Walk are Bites Deli & Larder, Schatzi's, Holgate's Bar & Restaurant, Ethic and of course, The Corner Pantry.

The Macedon Ranges Shire Council, through its Art Advisory Committee and Cultural Development Unit, is proud to support the Woodend Art Walk project.

Submitted by Margaret Watkins

Macedon Ranges Farmers' Markets for March

Woodend Community Farmers' Market - March 2nd
 Kyneton Farmers' Market, March 9th
 Riddells Creek Farmers' Market - March 16th
 Lancefield & District Farmers' Market - March 23rd

Macedon Ranges Farmers' Markets are all proudly accredited with the Victorian Farmers' Markets Association, the peak body for farmers' markets in the state. We work hard to provide a viable trading place for local producers of fresh produce, meats, bread & pastries, honey, eggs, cheeses, plants, preserves, livestock & more.

This month the Lancefield & District Farmers' Market celebrates 10 years of fantastic farmers' market trading in the Macedon Ranges. Come along to the market & shop the amazing selection on offer - 70 stalls of fresh, delicious & local goodness! Over the last decade, the market has grown from just 23 stalls to the diverse trading space we enjoy today! Live music for the day will be a must, so bring along a picnic rug & relax under the trees!

Markets at Woodend & Kyneton offer Home Produce Exchange services. Bring along your excess to trade with others. Produce, seeds, jams, eggs & plants are all items that can be traded.

All markets run from 9am to 1pm. Please bring your own bags, baskets & trolleys - helping to preserve our environment.

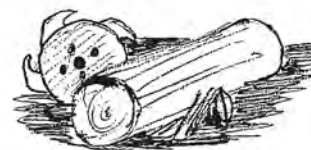
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Woodend Community Permaculture Garden

The Woodend Community Permaculture Garden, located behind the Neighbourhood House, looked splendid for the recent sustainability festival. Greg Coates used the garden as a demonstration for his permaculture talks. Those of us who volunteer in the garden on Friday mornings picked up some great clues on things like how to prune fruit trees and maintain healthy chooks. In fact, the garden crew is hoping Greg will find the time to give us more tips.

We did plant green manure in a bed that now, in spite of the big dry, has very healthy tomato plants. A thick layer of mulch to retain moisture in the soil, a good supply of tank water, and regular watering also helps. Thanks to Marg Thornell, who took over the co ordination of the garden, things were in ship shape for the festival. We are now very fortunate that Denise, Ms Green thumbs 'extraordinaire', is taking over the reins from Marg. Denise has a ton of gardening experience having worked in a garden on Mt Macedon.

It's just a delight to be in the garden on Friday mornings. We have found that many hands doing a few hours of work each week, allows the garden to thrive. We can't wait for the picnic table we have recently received funding for because there is nothing nicer than surveying the results of a morning's work with a cuppa in soiled hands. If gardening is for you and you have time on Friday mornings, please come on down. We usually start at 9.30am and finish around 11.00am.

Submitted by Francisca Majoor

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Adopting the Faith

A particular skill acquired by school teachers is the ability to read students' work upside down. This skill enabled Fr. Martin Fleming's mother, Mary, to read the adoption papers that sat on the solicitor's desk as she was informed that she was never to know the identity of her adopted son's birth-mother. The birth-mother's ethnic surname with its new anglicised spelling was easy to track down to North Queensland.

Years later, when Fr. Martin was posted as an Army-Chaplain to Townsville he met Rose his birth-mother. His mother, Mary, visited Townsville at the same time and stayed with Rose in a convent where Rose's sister, Connie, lived as a Sister Of Mercy. Rose and Mary became friends and Rose later went down to Melbourne to visit Mary and the family.

Beginning studies for the priesthood after high school, Martin says a mid-way 12 month's break gave him good experience as a gardener with the Caulfield City Council. He returned to the Seminary with a clear head to complete his studies. What Fr. Martin was to learn in 1989 was that two days before his own Ordination in Melbourne, Rose's brother Bill was Ordained a Priest in Proserpine and that he had two sisters who were Religious Sisters of Mercy.

"If I could talk to my younger self, I'd probably advise myself to go out into the workforce for a few years before beginning studies for the Priesthood, but there is no time for regrets. I enjoyed the year in Caulfield," he said. "Life is about who you meet where you meet them. That makes the colour of it all."

Whatever life experiences he may have lamented earlier, Fr. Martin made up for during his fifteen years as an Army Chaplain where he worked in Sydney, Townsville (including operational service in Somalia), Albury/Wodonga, Duntroon in Canberra and Broadmeadows.

Fr Martin says it was very rewarding, dealing with soldiers in their day-to-day lives. "Sometimes this was with their families helping to sort out problems or

just providing normal services like Mass, Marriages, Baptisms or Funerals. Being an Army Chaplain is a 'Ministry of Presence'.

The soldiers get to know us chaplains as 'God Botherers' and so often they are comfortable allowing us to bother God on their behalf. Their trust is in us. They might not be particularly religious but they see that we are and we pray for them. We also had formal occasions but most of the job was of a welfare nature due to our ability to offer confidential support.

One of my darkest moments was losing



a soldier in Somalia. He was readying for patrol and as a scout he was right up the front; his rifle was in the instant position to fire. When he stopped to look in his webbing for his hat, his mate offered to hold the rifle. Being left-handed, the mate took it in an unusual way and the rifle accidentally discharged, with the bullet piercing a vital organ. I prayed over him and anointed him while the medical team tried to stabilise him for helicopter medivac, but he didn't survive. It was very painful ministering to his close mates. Despite all the safety rules, sometimes things don't go well.

When you go on operations or an exercise 'out bush' for an extended time you are living in the same conditions as they do. The most rewarding aspect of being an Army Chaplain was being there with the troops, being able to minister to them where necessary. Their toughest

problem was usually missing their families while being away on an extended exercise, course or on operations, and being able to assimilate when they came home."

After fifteen years in the full-time Military, 2003 was the right time for Fr. Martin to settle back into Parish life in Melbourne near his ageing parents. There were smaller stints in Roville and Murrumbena & Ormond before he was Parish Priest of Melton South for six years. These were followed by two years in the parishes of Maidstone & Braybrook before coming to Woodend just over a year ago.

"I think Woodend is a very pleasant place to live with an interesting mix of people and a lot of community happenings. My routine involves visiting the sick at home, the Woodend nursing home and administering the Parish's day to day issues which arise. I have a wonderful part-time secretary and the parishioners are very involved in many aspects of the parish. I am also the proprietor of the Parish School where we have a very committed team. I am confident that they do a wonderful job and am personally grateful for their commitment because without them it all wouldn't happen."

Regular walks, reading and keeping up with current affairs are a relaxing pastime. Fr. Martin regularly meets with his peers and says, "I hope the Royal Commission examining all organisations' responses to child-abuse will throw open the issue of child-abuse and especially allow victims to have a voice."

The laws of the Church had prevented Fr. Martin's natural parents from marrying and when Fr. Martin caught up with his natural father in Townsville 35 years later, a strange thing happened. "My father, Tom, introduced me to his wife saying, 'This is Martin, my son.' His wife looked around and said slowly, 'We always wondered what happened to Martin!'

It hit me like a bolt of electricity. I had been a small part of their lives for all these years, as I had also been part of my birth-mother, Rose's life as well."

Written by Kathy Mexted,

St Mary's Anglican Parish of Woodend

You are invited to join the Anglican Parish of Woodend at St Mary's for:

- World day of prayer. Friday, 1st March at St Mary's, beginning at 7.30pm. An annual ecumenical, worldwide service, followed by supper in The Norma Richardson Hall.
- Guild street stall. Saturday, 9th March from 9am – 12noon, outside the Woodend Newsagency.
- Mothering Sunday: Sunday, 10th March at 10.30am, with Simnel Cake. A traditional ceremony where we remember the Church as our Mother, and we thank God for our own mothers and fathers.
- Palm Sunday: Sunday, 24th March at 10.30am, with special Liturgy, palms and palm crosses.
- Maundy Thursday: Thursday, 28th March at 7.30pm, with special Liturgy, and Washing of the Disciples' Feet.
- Good Friday: Friday, 29th March at 10.30am, with special Liturgy, and Veneration of the Cross, as we remember Christ Jesus' loving and sacrificial death.
- Easter day: Sunday, 31st March at 10.30am, as we celebrate our Risen Lord! Christ has died – Christ is risen – Christ will come again!

Normal service times: Sunday 10.30am and Wednesday 10am The Eucharist. The congregation meet for morning tea in The Norma Richardson Hall after the regular services – You're welcome to join.

Submitted by The Rev'd Malcolm Thomas 5427 2460

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Landcare's Community Campaign on Gorse and Blackberry

Macedon Ranges Shire Council and local landcare groups have joined forces to tackle gorse and blackberry growth on private properties and roadsides in Ashbourne.

More than 40 landowners have signed up to the program and will be working with the Upper Campaspe Landcare Network and the Ashbourne Landcare Group to map and prepare a three-year plan to control gorse and blackberry in the area.

Michael Keane from the Upper Campaspe Landcare Network said they were lucky enough to receive a grant from the Victoria Gorse Taskforce to work with landowners on this program.

"It is a great opportunity for people to meet their neighbours and work together to control weeds.

"The information sharing on different control methods and extra hands to assist with work really benefits everyone involved," he said.

Community involvement is the key to the program's success in the long term.

Macedon Ranges Shire Council's Director Planning and Environment, Sophie Segafredo said Council will be focusing on controlling blackberry and gorse on roadsides in the area.

"Controlling weeds on roadsides helps to preserve roadside vegetation of high conservation value, maintain wildlife corridors and habitats and reduce fire hazards. It also removes vegetation that is favorable to pest animals," she said.

It is hoped the natural environment will show signs of recovery immediately as native plants and animals reappear. Residents can look forward to watching what emerges and how the landscape changes in the coming seasons.

Landowners who are interested in being involved can still sign up by contacting Council's Environment Team on 5421 9692.

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

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New Year heralds New Look for Woodend Playgroup

Woodend families rejoice! Woodend Playgroup has celebrated the start of the New Year with a 'make over' – a new paint scheme, new layout and new toys!



A big thank you to Daniel Shugg and his team who worked tirelessly to revitalise Playgroup's interior with a vibrant new white, red and blue colour scheme, and the Macedon Ranges Shire Council for supplying the paint.

A special thank you also needs to be extended to the Sunbury Men's Shed for our fabulous new wooden toys, and to the members of Playgroup (and their husbands!) who worked their magic rearranging the interior to provide a new and improved look and feel.

The changes at Woodend Playgroup aren't just cosmetic but run skin-deep with a new-look committee for 2013.

We welcome back Faye Cormick as President, Mel Lloyd as Secretary, Angela Van Dam in her new role as Treasurer and Amanda Knight in Purchasing as well as Lauren Roberts, Jill Kratsis and Liesl Frankenberg. New to the committee in 2013 are Kristy Woodhouse (Enrolments), Deb Hicks (Maintenance) and Laurissa Mailler (Publicity).

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the out-going members of the 2012 committee whose contribution has been invaluable: Emma Tuck, Georgie Cheetham, Nicole Cooper, Alison Raco and Kate Dalton – thank you for all your help and support.

Pre-loved by Playgroup

Woodend Playgroup will be hosting a 'pre-loved' market of children's clothing, toys and accessories on Saturday 16th March from 8:30am to 12 noon.

Pre-loved baby and toddler wares will be a feature of the pop-up market on the front lawn at Woodend Playgroup (45 Forest Street) – the perfect place to pick up a bargain for expectant families or families looking to update their children's wardrobes or toy collection!

Drop-in for a visit and pick up some homemade lemonade and a cupcake while you're there!

Anyone interested in joining us on the day can contact Woodend Playgroup via WoodendPlaygroup@gmail.com or Facebook.

Submitted by Laurissa Mailler, Woodend Playgroup

Meet your ALP Candidate

Now that the federal election date is set, local interest is on Woodend's move from McEwan to the Federal Electorate of Bendigo. Young, active and energetic, the Labor candidate for Bendigo, Lisa Chesters, is hoping to replace the retiring current Labor member, Steve Gibbons at this election.

Lisa lives and works in the electorate. She grew up in regional Australia and understands the challenges of regional communities. Her parents owned a small business and she spent many summers working in the business.

Lisa graduated from the University of Queensland with an Arts degree in psychology and politics. She supported herself through her studies by working as a cleaner and as a hospitality worker. After completing her studies, Lisa started working for the union that represents these workers, United Voice. She is currently the United Voice representative in the Bendigo region.

Lisa has been working with many groups in our community and is actively consulting with local people. As part of her ongoing contact with Woodend residents, Lisa is also holding a series of "Listening Posts", where residents can meet her and discuss what's important to them. The last Listening Post was held in Woodend on 9 February at the corner of High Street and Forest Street. There are more planned for the future.

Lisa has a website: www.lisachesters.org and can be contacted on 0498 963 570 or at lisa.chesters@vic.alp.org.au.

Submitted by J. Mau, Secretary, Woodend ALP Branch

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Villawood News

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- The Avenue of Honor is untouched, and even enhanced by additional planting along the boundaries
- The development now consists of a maximum of 300 blocks, with the average size being 1000 sqm (1/4 acre), The mix includes many larger lots.
- Timing will be staged and undertaken carefully over a period of 10years.
- The development will be seamlessly integrated into Woodend
- The project will feature 117ha of beautiful parklands and gardens and feature wide, tree lined street.
- A wetlands development and boardwalks, as well as walking and cycling tracks will all be part of the healthy, outdoor lifestyle that Davies Hill will bring to Woodend.
- The development will and must conform to all Shire and State regulations.
- There will be design and development guidelines in place to ensure the high quality and standards.
- Thanks to the many residents and builders offering deposits to secure lots. This is premature.

For more information, come and visit Stuart at the Davies Hill information centre at 108 High Street, Woodend or phone 0407 862 745.

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selected delegates have an interest in the Australian Federal Parliament. Many will also have shown leadership in their local schools or communities and displayed the qualities of Australian leadership. Whilst in Canberra delegates are hosted in Rotary families or families with a Rotary connection, normally along with delegates from a different state.

When: 11th of May to 18th of May 2013. Cost: \$1000

Applications Close: Friday 12th April or earlier if places filled.

Delegates may be fully/partially sponsored by their local Rotary club or pay their own way. Rotary is involved in numerous youth programs. If any student in Year 11 is interested in this program please contact Eb Friedrich, New Generations Director – Rotary Club of Woodend on 0438 537 139 or view further information at www.raic.org.au

Rotary Hiroshima Peace Forum- Candidates Sought

Rotary District 9800 proposes to part sponsor a max of 8 young people aged between 18 – 35 years to attend the Hiroshima Peace Forum on 17 – 18th May 2013 in Japan.

The sponsored amount will be up to \$1400.

Participants will be selected through an essay competition (up to 1000 words) on "What peace means to me" in the first round, followed by a second round interview.

Applicants must be supported through a Rotary Club. Applications must reach the project convenors by March 11th.

Further information can be found by searching "Rotary Global Peace Forum Hiroshima" and by contacting Eb Friedrich, New Generations Director – Woodend Rotary Club on 0438 537 139.

Submitted by E. Friedrich



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Submitted by G. Atkin, Coordinator, Economic Development Projects MRSC

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We were pleased that Woodend Rotary was represented by both their 1992 President, Mr Adriaan Adolph who inaugurated the Woodend Probus Club 20 years ago and by Mr Brendan Watters a past Rotary President standing in for their current President Ms. Miranda Vain who was overseas.

It was great that so many of our Past Probus Presidents were able to attend, some were also Foundation Members. They all enthusiastically accepted the invitation and reported their enjoyment of the occasion especially in being able to catch up with so many old friends.

We were pleased that those of us who remembered Kerst Zoethout, Angela Naphine, Del Meachem, Alan James, Graham Boyd and Leon Stryker were able to enjoy their friendship and fellowship once again.

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Submitted by Rita Hamilton



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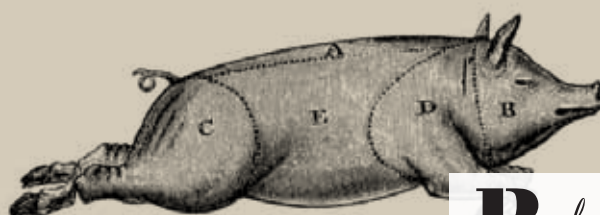
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As an added bonus for local business, as well as the networking evening, Kae has agreed to stay on for a free workshop the following morning where he will go into more detail about accessing LinkedIn and the benefits to business.

Mayor and business owner, Cr Roger Jukes, said that this is a coup for Macedon Ranges business owners, who are responding to the online world with a desire to keep up with the current trends.

“Macedon Ranges Shire Council delivers a full calendar of business events with topics ranging from finance and taxation to social media. There is a growing interest in topics relating to marketing and the online world, with sold out events throughout 2012 - We had people hanging off the rafters at a networking event at Zarby's in Woodend last year which featured a guest presenter from Online Marketing 101”, said Cr Jukes.

The networking evening will be held from 6.30pm–9.30pm at The Albion Hotel, Mollison Street Kyneton. Tickets are \$30 including finger food. For further information and bookings, phone 5421 9616 or ecodevadmin@mrsc.vic.gov.au

To view the full calendar of business events, visit www.mrsc.vic.gov.au and follow the links to Tourism and Business.

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Free Youth Mental Health First Aid training

Youth Mental Health First Aid courses are available to parents and carers in Romsey, Gisborne, Woodend, Lancefield and Kyneton during 2013.

The course is offered for free by Macedon Ranges Shire Council as part of the Live4Life initiative. Courses are comprised of either two full day sessions or four evening sessions. One course will be held in each town in 2013.

Cr John Letchford said that the course aims to improve the mental health knowledge, skills and attitudes of our community and encourages all parents to attend.

“It helps parents understand what their teenager might be feeling or going through in their formative years. They can work through some of these feelings with their child and help them if they are in a crisis or developing a mental illness.”

Local parent Janelle Robbins recently completed the course, which she felt opened her eyes to the issues that youth may experience living in remote rural areas.

“I am the mother of a 13 year old son and the course certainly equipped me with skills, knowledge and information that I can use to enhance my son's development and our relationship,” she said. “I am happy to recommend this course to all parents in the Macedon Ranges.”

The course is fully accredited and has been developed by Mental Health First Aid Australia.

Visit Council's website, www.mrsc.vic.gov.au, for course dates and details. For more information or to book your place, contact Laura Garner at 5422 0337.

Submitted by G Gamble, MRSC



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At a national and regional level Lions contribute to cancer research, hospice care, camps for disadvantaged kids, bushfire relief and a multitude of other activities.

It's in Woodend where being in Lions makes the clearest difference.

Our long running yearly art show and our monthly market are key events in village life and allow us to annually fund grade 6 scholarships, Christmas carols and scholarships for local art students as well as responding to needs as they occur, such as helping local support for flood relief in Charlton, contributing to the rebuilding of St Mary's Hall, buying equipment for local children with disabilities, donating to schools and youth activities. The list goes on: our goal is to serve the community.

Contributing through Lions in Woodend has an impact that is practical and widespread.

Woodend Lions meet at the Victoria Hotel on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:30pm. If you'd like to attend, simply show up or ring Barry McDonald on 5427 1272

Submitted by Barry McDonald .



Alchemy of Stitch -

Castlemaine branch of Embroiderers Guild of Victoria

The Castlemaine Branch of The Embroiderers Guild of Victoria is once again holding its biennial members' exhibition in conjunction with the Castlemaine State Festival in March. On display will be a wide and diverse range of textile items using a multitude of fibres, fabrics, threads and techniques and the creative and skilful abilities of our members.

The exhibition will run from Saturday March 16th until Tuesday March 19th, 10am to 5pm and Wednesday March 20th, 10am to 4pm. The official opening performed by Robyn Annear, local Castlemaine writer, will take place at 11am on Saturday 16th. Many works will be for sale as well as quality handmade stall items. Refreshments available as well. Web Site : www.embroiderersguildvic.org/branches/Castlemaine/castlemaine.html

Submitted by J Watters

Are You ADFAS-Wise?

The Australian Decorative & Fine Arts Society (ADFAS for short!) brings the arts to the region with a series of professional lectures, excursions to contemporary art galleries, and visits to gardens and exhibitions of interest.

ADFAS encourages an appreciation of the visual, literary and performing arts and financially assists emerging artists in the pursuit of their chosen career. Recently, ADFAS Central Victoria was named Arts Ambassador by the Macedon Ranges Shire Council. This award acknowledges the importance of the arts as an integral part of everyday life and recognizes the contribution that ADFAS makes to the cultural fabric of the region.

A modest annual subscription admits ADFAS members to all the illustrated evening presentations. This year offers 'The Art of the Bugatti Family', complete with two vintage Bugatti motor cars on site for all to admire. There will be armchair travel to Bhutan and a sedentary walk around the famous gardens of Worlitz. And if you have never been too sure when Post-Modernism was, and are worried that you might have missed it, then come along to hear about Wild Beasts and Pickled Sharks when all will be revealed. Included in the cost of the subscription is a highly convivial supper served after each meeting.

You are warmly invited to come along and enjoy this additional dimension to rural life. ADFAS is friendly, open and welcoming. For information on how to become a part of this rewarding organization contact Caroline 5422 3293 / 5422 6151 or visit www.adfas.org.au

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A lot of our information is available through our website www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au, where you can browse our catalogue, renew and reserve books or sign up for everyone's favourite service: Library Elf, the elf who emails you reminders before your books are due! Just sign in using the barcode number on your library card and your password to reserve a book or check your details. If you can't remember your password, ring us on 5427 2074.

To find Zinio magazines, or audio books from either Bolinda, or from OneClick, go to 'E-Library' on our website where you'll find links to their sign-in pages. Or click on 'Online Library' to find a link to Library Elf's homepage among other excellent resources: again, have your barcode number and password handy for all of these.

To get you access to these great things, Woodend Library has three PCs for public use. Some of our online subscriptions can only be used from a Library PC, but we have a whole range of things that you can access from home. Be brave and explore your options on the website!

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NBN Co. Community Information Session

Tuesday 19th March 2013 at 6.30pm, Kyneton Town Hall

Local business and community members are invited to an information session with representatives from National Broadband Network Co. (NBN Co), NBN4Bendigo and Ericsson to discuss the rollout across the Macedon Ranges.

The session will provide the opportunity for residents and businesses in the Macedon Ranges to be informed about the rollout and what it means for them.

For further information, or to register your attendance at the NBN Co. Community Information Session, please contact Gaynor Atkin on 5421 9615 or email gatkin@mrsc.vic.gov.au.

Submitted by G. Atkin, Coordinator, Economic Development Projects MRSC



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The New Kyneton Theatre Company

This is our first musical in two years and we are aspiring to greater heights with our productions. Your past support has been wonderful and we hope for your continued support. We are facing another financially difficult year whilst waiting for the restoration of our home, "The Bluestone Theatre". The MRSC's assistance has kept us afloat by letting us use the Red Brick Building for rehearsals and The Kyneton Mechanics Institute to perform in. However, whilst appreciating these venues, especially the KMI, it is a continuous battle to find the finance to hire these wonderful places

Last November rehearsals commenced for one of Gilbert and Sullivan's most difficult Operetta's "The Gondoliers". The production will be at the Kyneton Mechanics Institute opening Thursday April 18th at 8.00pm, following performances will be on Friday April 19th at 8.00pm, Saturday April 20th at 8.00pm and Sunday 21st at 2.00pm. The following week will be as the first week except our final performance will be Saturday 26th with a 2.00pm and a 7.00pm performance.

As Music Director, Timothy Francis leads a brilliant cast of performers including Don White as The Duke of Plaza Toro and his Duchess, beautiful Elaine Murphy (from our "Dirty Doings" melodrama). Elaine is a resident of Gisborne, who comes from Swan Hill where she was Vice Principal. Now to her amazement one of her students is playing her daughter. As they say "you can run, but you

can't hide" especially in our beautiful Macedon Ranges. Elaine is playing a demanding role as the Duke's wife. We are very fortunate to have Kirsty Morieson as Asst. MD. Kirsty and Kyal are from Kyneton Toyota whose support has been greatly appreciated.



The Duke (Don White) and his Duchess (Elaine Murphy)

This Operetta is being directed by me- Fran Kelly- I have a wonderful crew, firstly Peter Kelly (Artistic Director/Property Manager/Set Builder/Designer) playing Don Alhambra. The young lads felt a bit sorry for him so Neil Harvey, Nick & Tim Illitt and Tim Francis came to his aid and helped build the sets. I thought Don White could do with extra work too, after all he is just playing the Duke, so he is now also our wardrobe adviser, scenic artist and keeps me from going crazy and he has even come up with a prop or two. Don has painted so many scenes of Venice to get the right look, that I am surrounded by gondolas and canals wherever I go. Melanie Burlak assisted by Ben Prewer has worked out some enthralling movements for "The Cachucha" - Don't miss this great production! - for any information please contact Fran Kelly on 5427 4210. Bookings open on 1st of March through Try Booking; Email: www.trybooking.com/41673.

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The Cubs sang old favourites such as "The



Quartermaster's Store" as well as newer ones like "The Pirate Song" - complete with actions - and soon had the residents joining in and singing along. Afterwards Cubs mingled and chatted with the residents over cake and cordial, and one 99-year-old fondly recalled his days as a boy scout.

2nd Woodend Cubs meet on Monday nights from 6.00 to 7.30pm, and have some great activities planned this term. Soon they will be taking the train to Macedon, with a Sleepover and Hike around Nursery Lake. Later in the term is a Canoe Day, a visit to the CFA and a twilight supper on Mount Macedon, as well as their fun activities on Monday nights!

If you're interested in learning more about 2nd Woodend Cub Scouts, call Andrew Johnson on 0400 616393.

Submitted by A. Johnson

Macedon Ranges Agribusiness Plan Workshop

Thursday 7th March 2013 at 6.30pm

Woodend Community Centre

Agribusinesses and local community members are invited to contribute to the development of the Macedon Ranges Agribusiness Plan by participating in a workshop that will further explore the responses received in the recent Agribusiness Survey.

The workshop will aim to refine key recommendations to address the opportunities and constraints raised through the survey.

The development of a Macedon Ranges Agribusiness Plan is to ensure a secure and sustainable agricultural future for the Macedon Ranges.

For further information, or to register your attendance at the Agribusiness Plan Workshop, please contact Gaynor Atkin on 5421 9615 or email gatkin@mrcs.vic.gov.au.

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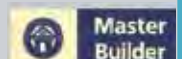
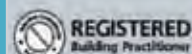
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Candice studied at Sydney University prior to working in Newcastle, NSW for a few years. Prior to entering General Practice, she has worked over the last year at the Monash Medical Centre.

Candice grew up in a rural area of Canada and is looking forward to spending the next year here in Woodend. Candice will have an opportunity to compare our winter to Canada's!

She has a special interest in children's health.

Adaeze grew up in Nigeria and has been a doctor for 12 years. She has lived in Australia for the last 10 years and her last position was held at a General Practice in Footscray. "Woodend is beautiful and there are really lovely people here" says Adaeze. She says she finds it most interesting working in Woodend.

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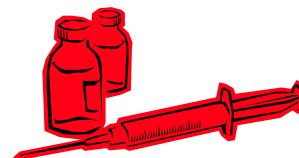
Congratulations Jolien & family



Congratulations to Dr Jolien Dorgelo and her family on the arrival of their new baby girl, Joanna.

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Macedon Ranges Film Society starts with sunshine

Little Miss Sunshine, the first film of the year for MRFS members, treated the audience to a snapshot of the lengths that one family will go to in order to achieve stardom for their treasured offspring.

Outstanding performances by Toni Collette, Steve Carell and Greg Kinnear ensured that people were sometimes laughing out loud and at other times, considering soberly the nature of family bonds. Also impressive were the performances of the two young actors of the family - teenage Dwayne, played by Paul Dano and little 7-year-old Olive, played by Abigail Breslin. The madcap, shambolic and troubled Hoover family race across America in order to get the ambitious Olive into the competition known as Little Miss Sunshine. The film has a well-judged mixture of tenderness and pathos.

On March 13th, the MRFS will screen De-Lovely, a charming film about the composer, Cole Porter. Porter, himself an elegant and deeply complex man, is played to perfection by Kevin Kline with the beautiful Ashley Judd as his wife, Linda. The lives of Cole and Linda Porter were never less than glamorous and wildly unconventional. Despite Porter's thirst for adventure, Linda remained his loving muse and the inspiration of some of the greatest songs of the twentieth century.

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 after the film with refreshments kindly supplied by members. Email us at mrfilmsociety@gmail.com or call Christine on 5429 5452 or Lorraine on 5427 0921.

Submitted by Christine Caley.



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The Festival will feature renowned Australian musicians Tim Rogers, Mick Thomas and the Roving Commission, Sal Kimber, The Toot Toot Toots, Charles Jenkins and the Zhivagos, The Stetson Family, San Gras and Dead River Deeps, with Local Acts Paper Jane, Brother Johnstone, Jarrod Shaw and Sarah Wilkinson.

Don't miss this great event- Tickets : \$30 presale, \$35 at The Gate, Family tickets \$70, Under 12 y/o's free! No BYO, drinks at bar prices. For more information and ticket sales: www.clarkefieldmusicfestival.com or www.cambodiankidsfoundation.com

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The purpose of gravel resheeting is to replace material lost due to traffic abrasion or weather such as wind and rain. A 100mm layer of new gravel will be added to each road in the program. On average this needs to occur every seven to ten years.

Council's Acting Director of Assets and Operations, Anne-Louise Lindner, said the recent dry weather spell had been less than ideal for the gravel road resheeting program:

"The dry weather has slowed Council's major resheeting works over December 2012 and January 2013. Being so dry has meant the water trucks have had a busy time trying to keep the road gravel moist enough for the best compaction.

"The best thing that could help would be some steady rain over a couple of weeks that would increase the moisture in the road gravel and help the pavement to hold together," she said.

"We are hopeful that the majority of the resheeting program will be completed by the end of April. In the meantime, grading of other gravel roads continues – the condition of these roads has deteriorated during the dry weather, but they are within the intervention levels required by Council's Road Management Plan," concluded Ms Lindner.

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

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- 1 DyslexiClever Guest speaker Ann Williams
- 2 Woodend Farmers Market
- 2-3 Plant Fair - Flint Hill
- 2-3 Relay for life
- 3 Clean Up Australia Day - Woodend
- 4 U3A- Making Communities Safer
- 7 Agribusiness Workshop MRSC
- 8 Hanging Rock Night Walk
- 8 International Women's Day
- 9 Kyneton Farmers Market
- 9-11 37th Woodend Lions Art Show
- 9 Big Ideas for small landholders workshop - Romsey Hub
- 10 Family Heritage Walk Dedication
- 10 Mothering Sunday - St Marys Church
- 11 WAAF Launch 2013
- 12 "LinkedIn" in town - Kyneton
- 13 Great Place Woodend - Guest speaker Michael Shuman
- 13 M.R. Film Society
- 16 **Woodend Salvos- Celebrating 10 years**
- 16 Riddells Creek Farmers Market
- 16 The Great Newham Garage Sale
- 16 St Ambrose Parish & School Carnival
- 17 Kyneton Aquathon
- 17 World's Greastest Shave
- 17 Downton Abbey Garden Party
- 17 Craft Market Australia - Hanging Rock
- 17 Clarkefield Music Festival - Cambodian Kids Foundation
- 19 NBN Co Information Session
- 19 Cobaw launches "People Trust"
- 16 Woodend Carnival St Ambrose School
- 21 GREAT Macedon Ranges Run
- 22 Woodend Heskett Football Netball Season Launch
- 23 **Whole Town Garage Sale**
- 23 Newham Community Dinner Dance
- 23 Lancefield & District Farmers Market
- 23 Camp Out - Hanging Rock
- 24 Palm Sunday
- 29 Good Friday
- 29-1 April Trentham Easter Art & Craft Show
- 31 Easter Sunday

April

- 2-8 Rotary Youth Leadership - Camp Oasis
- 20 Run at the Rock - Hanging Rock
- 18 The Gondoliers - Kyneton Blue Stone Theatre Co

September

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

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 St. Mary's Street Stall, 9-12 noon outside Woodend Newsagency (2nd Sat of the month)
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 Blog: woodendlandcare.wordpress.com
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Ash Wednesday: 30 Years On

Saturday 16th February marked the 30th anniversary of the Ash Wednesday Fires.

Years of severe drought and extreme weather combined to create one of Australia's worst fire days in recorded history. Seventy five people were killed – 47 in Victoria. Locally, fire spread from East Trentham to Mount Macedon, killing seven people, destroying more than 600 homes and buildings, and devastating wildlife and bushland. Until the Black Saturday bushfires in 2009, they were the deadliest in Australia's history.

Macedon Ranges Shire Council Mayor, Cr Roger Jukes, said this was a time for remembering those who died, as well as acknowledging the enormous effort of emergency services personnel and community members who fought hard to restrict the fire's devastation.

"We wish to acknowledge those members of our community who were affected by these devastating fires and celebrate the community's efforts to work together to recover from this disaster," he said.

He also said that the anniversary was a time to reflect on the legacy created by the fires for governments, agencies and communities around emergency preparation and recovery.

"For our community, the legacy that Ash Wednesday and other major bushfires has left include increased knowledge of what fire can do and acceptance of fire as a natural occurrence.

"It led to increased research, better resourcing, technology and communications systems, and highlighted the need for fire agencies and property owners to share responsibility for preparing and managing fire risks.

"It also increased our focus on being better prepared to reduce the impact of emergencies, and taught us how to

work with communities to support them before, during and after a disaster," he said.

After 30 years the Macedon Ranges landscape has recovered from the devastation but the substantial fire risk in the region remains. Agencies and the community continue to work together to prepare and protect the Macedon Ranges.

Submitted by G Gamble, Communications and Public Relations, MRSC

Annual Trentham Easter Art & Craft Show 2013

The 2013 Show will be held over Easter from 29th March to 1st April at the Trentham Mechanics Hall. Opening night will be Thursday 28th March, when the awards will be announced and presented. Works will be available for sale from 7.30pm, along with supper and drinks! (Cost \$15 pp)

Last year's Show attracted over 300 entries by 128 artists, 58 pieces were sold, with well over 2000 people visiting.

Funds raised from last year's Show went towards an Art and Craft section of nearly 200 books for our new Trentham Library. 2011 funds saw an Artist in Residence at the Trentham Primary School in early 2012. So many cat drawings were worthy of entry, we hope the students will enter the junior section this year!

Our Art judge this year will be local artist, Mark Payne, who has exhibited and been represented through galleries internationally. The Craft judge will be local identity Helen McRae, art teacher, textile artist and needlewoman who has exhibited widely. Helen creates and sells her many textile works from her shop "Jargon" in Trentham

Entries close 15th March 2013. General enquiries – Jill McCallum 5424 1483 jillmccallum@live.com, Entry enquiries – Lyn Williams 5424 1199 lynw50@internode.on.net or info at www.trentham.org.au

Submitted by B. McLaren.

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Italian and Chinese Lessons: In the setting of the glorious Duneira homestead in the afternoon or early evening, learn Chinese or Italian for adults.

NEW!! There are also special courses for children to be held at Woodend Primary School on Wednesdays from 4pm - 5pm. Language lessons are with a native speaker, and are mainly beginner level. Private lessons can also be accommodated both at Duneira and at Woodend Primary School.

Meditation sessions are the Stillness Meditation method made famous by Ainslie Meares. This weekly course is in association with the 2 hour meditation session with Pauline McKinnon on Monday 11 March. Meditation is held at Duneira in its inspiring lounge room on Tuesdays with two separate sessions at 4:30 and 6pm.

Art classes: 'Look Afresh - Observational drawing in pencil and charcoal, pen and ink', is a six-week course. Two weekly will be held at Duneira starting in April, no experience is necessary and course information sheets provided.

Performing Arts for Children with Special Needs: Children participate in various dance styles, music, acting and drama for 60 minutes with an experienced therapist. This program is designed to empower children to communicate, improvise and grow. Children with autism are encouraged to apply. This course is held twice on a Monday morning at Duneira.

'Meet the Harp' Workshop

Presented in conjunction with the Woodend Winter Arts Festival Alice Giles and members of SHE give an introduction to the harp. How does it work? Where was the harp invented? What do the pedals do? How old do I have to be to play the harp? Answer: Any age! This workshop includes solo performances, followed by a Q & A session, and the chance to try playing the harp. Held at St Ambrose Catholic Church Woodend Monday 11 March at 11am. Aimed at Primary and Secondary School ages

Newham Hall

GATEWAYS: Programs are run via GATEWAYS and the associated state school of your child. Programs are held at Duneira and some of the topics that will be included are biology, botanical art, writing workshops, art history and history. Please enquire through your school or GATEWAYS.

Botanical art: Work intimately with the internationally acclaimed botanical artist Jenny Phillips. This workshop is open to artists with some experience in watercolour and drawing. It will be a remarkable day painting autumn leaves in the garden at Duneira with this specialist where autumn occurs earlier than in Melbourne. A materials list will be supplied upon application.

Please read further information about all courses on our website or call us for more information.

DATE Tuesdays (languages, meditation, art)
March 5, 12, 19, 26; April 16, 23 & 30; May 7, 14 & 21

Art classes begin on Tuesday 9 April Mondays (performing art therapy) March 4, 18, 25; April 15, 22 & 29; May 6, 13 & 20

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TIME Languages at Duneira 1.30pm, 4pm & 6pm (1.5 hours)
Languages at Woodend Primary School 4pm (1 hour)
Art classes 2pm & 5pm (2 hours)
Meditation 4:30 & 6pm (1 hour)
Performing Art Therapy 9:15am & 10:30am (1 hour)
Botanical Art Workshop (one day only, 9:30 - 4:30)

COST Languages at Duneira \$220/200
Languages at Woodend Primary School \$120
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Art classes \$260/230
Meditation \$320/300
Performing Art Therapy \$153
Botanical Art Workshop \$140
Meet the harp workshop \$10
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Clean Up Australia Day

Sunday 3rd March

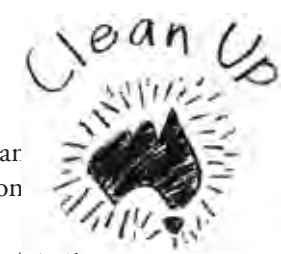
Woodend Landcare is hosting a Clean Up Australia Day site in Woodend on Sunday 3rd March.

We'll be cleaning up the pool/skatepark precinct and nearby Five Mile Creek. Local residents are encouraged to come down and lend a hand for an hour or two in the morning. Landcare is very pleased that Joeys, Cubs and Scouts from the 2nd Woodend Scout Group will be joining us on the day to assist.

Clean Up 2011 revealed that the most polluted sites surveyed in Victoria were rivers and creeks with 32% of total waste. I can vouch that plastic bags, soft drink bottles, cans, general and fast-food packaging are the top five items that we find in Five Mile Creek. Collecting rubbish wherever you are in town reduces the amount of junk that will eventually find its way into stormwater drains or the creek. It's also a very real reminder that we need to reduce our impact on the environment. We can all reduce or re-use the amount of plastic and packaging in our lives. At the very least, we must teach our kids to put their rubbish in a bin.

Simply turn up at the rotunda near the swimming pool, 9.30am -12.30pm, with gloves, a hat, sturdy shoes and sunscreen. We'd love to see you.

For any further inquiries, contact Kate Daniel, Treasurer, Woodend Landcare, 5427 2312.



Submitted by Kate Daniel

Kyneton District Health Service Woodend Auxiliary News

Our Auxiliary got back to work on Thursday February 14th with our first meeting of the year.

We were very pleased to welcome Director of Nursing, Tracy Hines to give us a look at the Hospital's plans for the future. Members were very appreciative of Tracy's openness, and keenly interested in such matters as the development of the new building, and the soon-to-be-made appointment of a new Director of Medical Services. Another item is the appointment of an experienced Gynaecologist, Dr Michael Bardsley.

The Auxiliary fully supports these KDHS plans. To show this, we will be setting up outside Coles to sell tickets for our usual big Mothers' Day Raffle in the first two weeks of May. Please look out for us there, and support our efforts for the welfare of patients of Kyneton Hospital. After all, anyone could be a patient there one day – even YOU!

Our next meeting will be on Thursday April 11th, at 20 Sullivans Rd, at 1.30 pm.

New members are very welcome to come to join our merry (though slightly ageing) group, and have a good time while doing good for the community.

Submitted by Jo Clancy, 5427 1909



The next meeting of the Woodend Unit of Red Cross will be held on Thursday 7th of March at 1.30pm. We meet at 39 High Street and all new members will be made very welcome.


Submitted by M.Hocking

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Finding the next Gotye

Member for Northern Victoria Donna Petrovich congratulated the Macedon based Resonance String Orchestra on receiving a \$6000 grant that will give support to developing their career in the music business.

"The Resonance String Orchestra provides young people who are interested in developing their musical talents with a space to learn their craft and perform," said Mrs Petrovich.

"The Resonance String Orchestra is a big part of the Macedon Ranges community performing a 5 piece ensemble 'Cosmo Cosmolina' at the Kyneton Town Hall, and concerts in Malmsbury, the Cope Williams Estate and the Macedon Church of the Resurrection," said Mrs Petrovich.

Premier and Minister for the Arts Ted Baillieu said the Contemporary and Live Music Development program, through Arts Victoria, supported all genres of contemporary music and supported musicians at a range of different career stages.

"Artists who have previously received support through the program include Paul Dempsey, Claire Bowditch and this week's big winner Gotye, who received a music touring grant in 2008 to support a European tour to promote his second album," said Mr Baillieu.

"That tour helped him get in front of international audiences and it has been fantastic to see his career skyrocket since then," Mr Baillieu said.

Other projects supported in the latest round include:

- new albums by country pop outfit Toot Toot Toots and roots musician Jordie Lane;
- tours by alternative folk duo The April Maze and jazz outfit The Nat Bartsch Trio, and a 30-date US tour for heavy rock band 4Arm where they will support influential US metal acts including Testament and Overkill; and
- industry development initiatives including Arts Centre Melbourne's new emerging composer mentorship program and community radio station 3MDR's 'live to air' sessions for local musicians and bands.

The next round of the Contemporary and Live Music Development program closes on Tuesday 12th March 2013. For more information visit www.arts.vic.gov.au/news.

Submitted by Nikki Petrovich



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Great Place Woodend

– International Speaker Comes to Woodend

For those of you who attended our “Economy of Woodend” community meeting last November, you will recall mention of a visit by International Community Economist, Michael Shuman. Michael will be guest speaker at a breakfast to be held on Wednesday 13th of March from 7:15 am at Zarby’s. (Please read the following article). Later in March, the first “Deep Dive” community meeting for 2013 will consider issues related to Woodend’s “Built Form”, including residential development (both infill and multisite development), the “High Street” layout, its sense of place and structural aspects, as well as broader issues associated with infrastructure improvements that must be considered in possible growth plans.

The “Built Form” event will take place on Tuesday 26th of March from 6:45 pm at the Victoria Hotel. The community group, Settle Woodend, is hosting the meeting and we look forward to hearing from a range of speakers who will explore the issues from different perspectives. Please register your interest in attending this important event by emailing GreatPlaceWoodend@live.com.au. We expect a strong turnout to the meeting and places are limited.

The Great Place Woodend website is now up and running and will include information about upcoming events. Please take time to view the site at www.greatplacewoodend.com and we encourage you to join in the conversations, which continue online for Facebook users on the Group page “Great Place Woodend”.

Finally, thank you to all those who visited the Great Place Woodend stand at the Macedon Ranges Sustainability Festival last month – it was great to meet so many passionate Woodend residents and we look forward to welcoming you to future events.

Submitted by Samantha Read for Great Place Woodend



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Driving Local Business, Jobs and Wealth

Breakfast Seminar, 13th March - Woodend

This is a unique opportunity for Woodenders to hear from one of the world’s leading authorities on local wealth creation and retention and community economic development – Michael Shuman (USA).

Michael is a Fellow at the Business Alliance for Local Living Economies (BALLE), Cutting Edge Capital, and the Post-Carbon Institute. He regularly undertakes economic leakage studies and assists communities to identify and establish job creation opportunities. A prolific speaker, he has lectured for more than 30 years across 47 US states and eight countries. He has recently published his third book on local economies entitled “Local Dollars, Local Sense: How to Move Your Money from Wall Street to Main Street and Achieve Real Prosperity”. Michael is based in Maryland in the USA.

Sponsored by Great Place Woodend and Bendigo Bank, this breakfast seminar will address key economic opportunities and issues facing local communities like:

- Understanding the deep economic need for local business success
- Generating the conditions for well-paid employment opportunities
- Creating a local economy that maintains a strong sense of place
- How community can invest in local property and infrastructure development through Community Development Corporations
- Achieving sustainable prosperity across the whole community

Participants will also hear about new initiatives in the Macedon Ranges based on new thinking to drive local economic development in Woodend.

Michael will also be joined by Civic Strategist and Woodend local, Larry Quick (AUS and USA).

The event will be held on 13th March, (7:15am to 9:15am) at Zarby’s, 84 High St, Woodend. Cost including a sumptuous breakfast is \$45.

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New Workplace Wellbeing Program to be Launched by the Honourable Mark Butler, MP

Cobaw Community Health will launch its new workplace wellbeing training program People Trust on Tuesday 19th February from 10:30am-11:30am at the Kyneton Mechanics Institute.

The launch will include a brief overview of People Trust, followed by the Minister officially launching the program who will also speak on the Government's policies and priorities on mental health.

People Trust will be Cobaw's first social enterprise and is an exciting step towards the organisation's vision of Building Health and Wellbeing.

People Trust is the result of extensive research and development in Australia and Europe, and involves the delivery of wellbeing programs in the workplace.

The program targets the increasing issues of stress and anxiety. The focus is to educate people in understanding stress and anxiety, and provide strategies in order to address any concerns and provide ongoing support. It is a preventative solution to mental illness.

Cobaw CEO Anne McLennan commented, "People Trust is Cobaw's response to the substantial increase in stress and anxiety experienced in the work place. Supporting business and workers to recognise and overcome the impact of stress and anxiety improves productivity and profitability of business and protects the health and wellbeing workers and their families."

For further information, please see the People Trust website www.peopletrust.org.au or contact Roman Peldys, Business Development Consultant on 0451 944 495.

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Bookings essential, close 4th March 2013.

Held at Neighbourhood House and Community Centre, Elizabeth Drive, Sunbury. Phone: 9740 3977 or Sandra on 0411 100 947, See Website for further details:
www.cancernaturaltherapyfoundation.org/

All welcome!

Submitted by Sue de Jonge, Cancer and Natural Therapy Foundation

'LinkedIn' In Town

Tuesday 12 March

at the Albion Hotel, Mollison Street Kyneton
6.30pm – 9.30pm

Businesses in the Macedon Ranges will have the opportunity to learn from LinkedIn representative, Kae Hum, at an evening of networking.

LinkedIn is one of the world's largest online professional networks with over 175 million members worldwide.

Macedon Ranges Shire Council delivers a full calendar of business events, with topics ranging from finance and taxation to social media. There is a growing interest in topics relating to marketing and the online world, with sold out events throughout 2012.

To download the full calendar of events, visit www.mrsc.vic.gov.au

For further information and bookings, contact the Economic Development and Tourism Unit on 5421 9616.



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**“Projection Art” Comes to the
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Macedon Ranges Shire Council is trialing a new art form in the region by giving two artists the chance to project onto an indoor or outdoor structure or space, such as a shop window, rock-face or building façade.

The inaugural Projection Art Award is funded by Council, with \$2000 on offer for two artists, plus access to either a short or long range projector. One award will be given for an indoor work and one for an outdoor work.

Council’s Cultural Development Coordinator, Robyn Till, said that artists of all backgrounds and experiences from within or outside the region could apply, as long as their work addresses a distinctly ‘local’ story:

“Our theme is ‘Stories Within’, to encourage artists to use local cultural or historical material, events or stories as inspiration for their projections.

“We invite artists to explore ways of producing captivating imagery about our region using this exciting visual medium,” she said.

The award will be curated by Kent Wilson, who works as an artist, curator and writer, and lives locally in the Macedon Ranges.

The proposed works must result from active engagement with the local community and/or local historical or cultural resources, but Ms Till said that artists are free to explore the story’s artistic expression however they choose.

To apply, artists must submit a proposal for their artwork by 1st April 2013, with works to be exhibited publically prior to 30th June 2013. More information about the award can be found at www.mrsc.vic.gov.au or by contacting the curator via kent@kentwilson.net

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

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Art trail gives 45 new reasons to visit

The new Macedon Ranges Art Trail being launched this month will connect 45 artists, galleries and artisan businesses with the public.

It promotes the area's rich and diverse artistic community, and gives some of the most creative residents in the Macedon Ranges a strong exposure to a bigger audience than they have had in the past.

By Easter, a vibrant brochure will be available from the Kyneton and Woodend visitor information centres, and various galleries, eateries and accommodation places. It will feature contact details for the 31 participating artists, including website addresses where available, and listings for 12 galleries and two artisan businesses.

The brochure will be downloadable to the shire's tourism website www.visitmacedonranges.com.au, which is the major online information service for the area. According to this website, the Macedon Ranges shire has more working artists per capita than anywhere else in Victoria.

Over the next few months it is hoped the hard copy brochure will be distributed in Melbourne and regional centres.

All private studios on the Art Trail will be open on an appointment only basis until March 2014. Individual artists will decide when to accept visitors.

A Facebook page has been established to display artwork by the participants, advertise exhibitions and workshops, and generate dialogue among anyone interested in visual arts and craftsmanship.

Submitted by Nadine Hartnett

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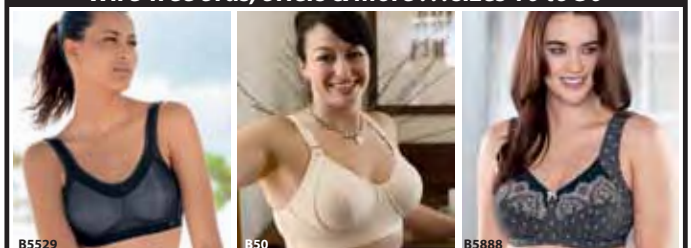


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Submitted by G Gamble, Communications and Public Relations Coordinator, MRSC

International Women's Day

March 8th 2013

We can be proud of the significant progress made, but it is timely that International Women's Day should let us reflect on the work which lies ahead.

There has been significant progress made since International Women's Day started over 100 years ago. But it would be naive to pretend that we don't have a long way to go.

Women are continuing to take on leadership roles in politics and business. We have a woman Prime Minister and Governor General. But while tremendous progress has been made, inequality can still be seen in persistent gender wage gaps and unequal opportunities.

Australia topped a list of 128 countries for women's access to education, equal pay, childcare and anti-discrimination policies. Despite this, women hold just 14 per cent of board seats in Australian companies, few CEOs of our top 200 companies are women and a quarter of our top 200 companies have no women on their boards at all.

A substantial pay gap continues between men and women, with women still earning about 80 cents to a man's dollar. When part-time workers are included - and many women are obliged to work part-time in order to manage home and children - women's earnings are just less than two-thirds of men's.

And while women comprise more than half the world's population, they represent 70% of the world's poor, and two-thirds of those who are not taught to read and write.

Women's issues are men's issues too. If women are educated, happy and free from the threat of violence we all benefit.

Submitted with warm regards - Joanne Duncan

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Heritage News

Continued from February edition...

Fran Healy continues her memories of the 1983 Ash Wednesday fire. She has drawn on the History of the Woodend Fire brigade edited by John Keating for some detail.

When the bushfire started in the Woodend-East Trentham-Macedon area, it was a total fire ban day and as early as 5.30 am CFA crews were out fighting fires. The fires on the northern side of Mt Macedon and in the Kerrie area had again flared. Twelve CFA units, including Woodend, were sent to the area to contain the flames.

The time: 2.25pm: A fire had started in the East Trentham area. Five minutes later a CFA Helicopter, with the Woodend Captain on board, took map references of the area.

The time 5 pm: Extra trucks put into action, people in Macedon, Mt Macedon and Ashbourne, were told of the dangers. My husband, Terry, was crew leader on the Woodend truck. They were out at Ashbourne where Terry and his brother owned a saw-mill. They thought the fire had missed the sawmill but as they turned away, Terry looked back. There had been a wind change and a fireball landed in the middle of the sawmill. It was all gone, no business, no income, but life must go on. The CFA said that 1000 men were used to fight the fire; over 500 volunteers from the CFA, 77 from the Forests Commission and 180 from the Army. Seven people died and 628 houses were destroyed in the Macedon Ranges area. Five Woodend firemen had a lucky escape when Woodend tanker RC52 was trapped by wildfire on all sides

of their position, near the Fingerpost Road. The radio call from Terry Healy to Woodend Base advising that they were trapped and going to make a run for it through the flames was a message that all who heard will never forget. A minute later they advised that they had made it. Everyone was relieved. The firemen on the back of the truck at the time owe their lives to the cool heads and skills of the driver of RC52 and his radio operator, Terry Healy. At about 2am a radio call, equally memorable to Terry Healy's earlier advice of the crew's safety, was received that the two younger members who had been manning the quick fill pump, set up at 8.45am beside a dam, were safe. They had to spray themselves with the water from the quick fill before they jumped into the dam with dozens of kangaroos and other animals. It was not possible to check on them for about 5 hours afterwards. Ashbourne-Woodend area losses of property were significant but the majority of homes were saved.

Submitted by Janet Hawkins.

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Common fringe benefits include costs relating to motor vehicles, provision of meals and entertainment, car parking, loans, debt forgiveness, accommodation, expense payments, in-house property, health care and recreation (ie gym memberships).

The FBT is payable by the employer at 46.5% on the taxable value of the benefit.

Minimise your FBT exposure

Appropriate salary packaging and record keeping may minimise your business's FBT exposure and the potential tax payable by your employees. This a very useful tool to incentivise employees.

Health care, education and not for profit employees and employers may also benefit from appropriate salary packaging structures as these entities have increased exemption thresholds.

Now is the time to ensure that appropriate records are maintained such as recording odometer readings as at 31 March 2013

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Celebrate Running -Throughout the Ranges

The Macedon Ranges Running Club has social non-competitive running programs catering for all levels of running abilities and levels. The SRG (Start Running Group) began with a flying start with a great mix of new and returning runners taking on the 13-week training program in Gisborne, Macedon, Riddells Creek and Woodend.

The 5km running non-stop SRG milestone is on Sunday 24th March in Gisborne and following on from this is the finale 10km SRG non-stop run held in Riddells Creek on Sunday 28th April.

There are also a number of IRG (Intermediate Running Group) programs taking place within the club. Woodend IRG is training hard for the Geelong half marathon on Sunday 7th April along the picturesque Barwon River.

Riddells Creek IRG has started a 12-week training schedule to complete this years' CHALLENGE run that starts in Riddells Creek and finishes at the Steam Park in New Gisborne.

The Macedon Ranges Running Club has once again teamed up with the Rotary Club of Gisborne to present the annual 2013 G.R.E.A.T. Macedon Ranges 15km Challenge run and the new 6.5km Barringo run on Sunday 21st April.

Get on board and support this locally organised run event for a unique running experience through the foothills of Mount Macedon. Online registrations are \$25 at www.gisbornerotary.org.au.

This year the club will see many members celebrate their running milestones from 5km right up to 42km; whatever the goal, enjoy the journey. For more information about the Macedon Ranges Running Club please contact the club at macedonrangesrc@gmail.com or visit www.macedonrangesrunningclub.com.au.

Submitted by Lisa Cole

Cobaw Social Pedallers All Geared Up

Cobaw Community Health is launching Social Pedallers a new cycling activity and seeking new members.

The Cobaw Social Pedallers meet every Thursday morning at 9.30am and Sunday morning at 10.30am from a scheduled meeting point in the Macedon Ranges. Weekly rides are for approximately one hour followed by a social cuppa at a local café.



The community driven group has been established to support beginner riders who are looking to develop confidence on the road and/or prefer to ride with others on a regular basis. Current members are proud there is no lycra in sight!

Cobaw Health Promotion Coordinator, Lauren White commented, "This is a fun and social group that enjoy getting together to develop greater confidence and skill on their bikes. For example, riding safely, using gears properly and being able to relax and enjoy the scenery of the Macedon Ranges."

The group is a perfect step up from the AustCycle bike course, which is facilitated through the Macedon Ranges Shire Council Healthy Communities initiative. All new members welcome. For further information, please contact Lauren White, Health Promotion Coordinator on (03) 5421 1666.

Submitted by A. Bradford for Cobaw Community Health

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30 Years since Ash Wednesday

On February 16th it was 30 years since the devastating Ash Wednesday bushfires destroyed over 425 houses and claimed seven lives in the Macedon and Mt Macedon areas. We should therefore not become complacent.

The month of March is still a very dangerous part of the fire season, with history showing that most grass and bush fires in the Macedon Ranges occur in February and March.

Woodend CFA volunteers fight more big fires

Over the recent weeks, CFA Brigades from the Macedon Ranges have been involved in fighting all of the major fires in our region, and also neighbouring areas. At the time of writing, not only have Brigades been involved in incidents within their own territories, we have also worked at the large fires in Wallan, Bolinda, Rochford and Kerrie.

Woodend, Newham, Heskett-Kerrie, Bullengarook, Gisborne, Macedon, Mt Macedon and Riddells Creek brigades have all been involved, often working 24/7 on a range of tasks.

In fact, 19 individual volunteers from the Woodend Brigade alone gave up their time to work in dangerous conditions each on a 12 hour shift, with some members going two or three times. Well done team!

Neighbours, everybody needs good neighbours!

One of the valuable lessons we learn from difficult times is the importance of being aware of those who live in our neighbourhood, so that we can all work together. One of the great lessons to come out of the recent fires, and especially Ash Wednesday and Black Saturday, is the amazing sense of community that exists, but also the importance of developing a strong neighbourhood network. Now is the time you should work with your neighbours, before another fire threatens our area. Here are a few helpful ideas:

- Get to know your own neighbours and share your Fire Plans
- See if there are any elderly or disabled people in your area so that you can help them
- Start a Phone Tree so that people know who is home and who has gone
- Start a Community Fireguard Group with the help of the CFA

For further information contact Captain Mick Christie on 0419 870 601 or 1st Lieutenant Mike Dornau on 0409 093 935, call the Woodend CFA on 5427 2356, or 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, Woodend CFA

SPORTS NEWS

Woodend District Netball Club (Junior)

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

Winter Season will commence on the 4th May with registrations open to all players 18 years and under (depending on registrations). The season will run until the 7th September, Grand Final day.

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.

Winter registrations are open online from now until 20th April. Please visit our website for details: [website www.woodend.netballvic.asn.au](http://www.woodend.netballvic.asn.au)

- Junior 17/U: \$130 (includes Netball VIC membership fee \$43). Early bird cost: \$110
- Modified 11/U: \$120 (includes Netball VIC membership fee \$33). Early bird cost: \$100
- NetSetGo - 5 to 8 years: \$95 (includes Netball VIC membership fee \$33, plus participant pack). Early bird cost: \$75

Registrations in and paid for by 28th March will receive an early bird discount rate of \$20.00. If you prefer the old fashioned way. Registration forms will be available at Netball games, at Buffalo on Friday 1st March from 4.00pm - 7.00pm.

For further information please contact Prue Southey (Vice President) 0458 901 959 pruesouthey@hotmail.com or visit our website [woodend.netballvic.asn.au](http://www.woodend.netballvic.asn.au)

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SPORTS NEWS

Only 6 weeks until Round 1!

Pre season training

Both our footballers and netballers have been putting in a great pre season and there are a number of new faces that have signed up for the season.

Football training is held at Gilbert Gordon Oval on Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights. All grades of football are training together in sessions with plenty of ball work. Contact Glenn Hopkins (Seniors) on 0413 454 121, Jeremy Pennefather (Reserves) on 0400 995 228 and Travis Leggett (Under 18's) on 0418 378 587.

Netball training is on Thursday nights at the netball courts at Gilbert Gordon Oval from 7:30pm. Other training sessions and practice matches are in the process of being organised. Contact Jess King on 0435 336 861.

New players are still welcome across all teams, just come on down and meet the coaches and the current players. All levels of interest and experience are welcomed.



Senior netball coach wanted

The club is also seeking to appoint a senior netball coach to lead the netballers in 2013.

Experienced players or coaches who are looking for a new challenge; who have a passion for netball and female sports; and want to be involved and contribute in a positive community club are strongly encouraged to contact the club.

Monetary remuneration and educational opportunities are offered as part of this position and the role is supported by administration, fitness, coaching and committee.

For more information, call Jock Allan on 0419 308 501.

Trentham Cup – Local Club Challenge, 16th March

The weekend of 16th March will see a battle of the local teams with Woodend Heskett joining the Trentham FNC and the Kyneton FNC in the annual Trentham Cup Lighting Premiership. Staged at the Kyneton Showgrounds, the day will see Senior and U18 football along with netball played in the day in round robin format.

Come along to support your local football netball clubs. Check the weekly papers for more details.

2013 Season Launch – 22nd March

On Friday 22nd March, everyone is invited to come on down to Gilbert Gordon Oval and join us for our 2013 Season launch of all football and netball teams.

Players, parents, families and supporters – everyone is welcome. Kicking off at 7pm, there will be finger food and nibbles provided and drinks available at bar prices.

This is your chance to check out our new look football jumpers, with a special jumper presentation on the night by Hawthorn Legend, Peter Knights.

Exciting new opportunity – Certificate II in Outdoor Recreation

The Woodend Heskett Football Netball Club will be hosting an event presented by Elite Athlete Performance Network.

We are keen to hear from any 16-18 year olds who are interested in completing a Certificate II in Outdoor Recreation to kick-start your career in the sports industry and to learn how to contribute to your community.

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Submitted by E.McCormick

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