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MOTHER'S DAY CLASSIC



The Mother's Day Classic – Macedon Ranges is back in Woodend on Mother's Day, 12th May, 2013! Once again the residents of the Macedon Ranges have the chance to join together in this fun run/walk and raise money for breast cancer research. In 2012 the Australia-wide event raised \$4 million for this important cause, and the inaugural event in Woodend raised over \$10,000. This year promises to be even bigger.



The organisations represented in the photo (but not in order of appearance) are - the Rotary Club of Woodend (Miranda, Peter and Analise); - ME Bank (Rehana); - Western Water (Nicole and Sam); - 2nd Woodend Scouts (Julian); and committee members Kris, Paula, Ali and Sara.

The original Macedon Ranges event will again be held in Woodend, starting at the Woodend Children's Park. You can choose between a 3km or 6.5km walk or run. Both courses take in the picturesque walking track beside Five Mile Creek. The 3km course is better suited to those who prefer a shorter distance, with a nice blend of some hills and flat tracks, whereas the 6.5km course provides a greater challenge for more experienced runners. On the day registrations open at 7:45, with the welcome at 8:30, and the event kicks off at 9:00am.

Since 1998 the Mother's Day Classic has grown into Australia's largest charity events and has become an integral part of Mother's Day for thousands of Australians. Breast

Tax-deductible clean energy for everyone

A nationwide scheme is bringing tax-deductible, clean energy to households for the first time. Participants in the scheme can save up to 50% on standard GreenPower fees.

As well as benefiting individual households, the scheme – called the Community Climate Chest or 'C3' – will fund local sustainability projects in each participating community.



C3 is the brainchild of a group of Woodend residents who will not profit personally, but want to fight climate change. The scheme is a joint initiative of the Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group (MRSG), the Alternative Technology Association (ATA) and GreenPower provider ACXargyle.

'We want to explain the logic of the C3 scheme so that people understand what a wonderful opportunity it presents,' says the

scheme's principal architect and Woodend resident, Alan Reid.

'All electricity, whether from a clean or dirty source, is fed into a common grid, from which households draw their power.

'If you want pollution-free electricity, you have to stake a claim on a specific amount of power – the amount your household has consumed – from a clean energy generator,' explains Mr Reid.

'Until now, this has been done by paying extra to your electricity retailer for GreenPower. The retailer profits from your commitment to reduce greenhouse emissions. And you have little choice in the source of the renewable energy.

'C3 participants will continue to purchase electricity from their normal retailer. But instead of paying the retailer a premium for GreenPower, they will stake their claim on clean energy by making a tax-deductible donation to C3.

'Participants will make savings on standard GreenPower fees of 25% to 50%, thanks to the C3 scheme's direct

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cancer is the most common cancer affecting women, and touches the lives of not only women but also families, friends and colleagues all over the country. Currently in Australia 36 women are diagnosed with breast cancer every day. One in eight Australian women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime. Since 1998 the Mother's Day classic has raised \$14.8 million, with all proceeds donated to the National Breast Cancer Foundation. These funds have supported 30 researchers across Australia investigating all aspects of breast cancer. Research has led to improved detection and treatment of the disease resulting in a 27 per cent decrease in mortality since 1994.

Gather your friends and family and join more than 120,000 people Australia wide in this fun and challenging event and raise funds for this life saving cause. It is strongly recommended that you pre-register to avoid queues on the day. For full details and online registration visit www.mothersdayclassic.com.au/event/vic/macedon-ranges-vic. Online registrations close on May 8th, 2013.

The organisers would like to thank all the major event sponsors as well as our generous local supporters Cobaw Community Health, ME Bank, The Rotary Club of Woodend, Macedon Ranges Shire Council, Western Water, Kyneton Toyota Sports and Aquatic Centre, Woodend Bowling Club, Raine and Horne Woodend, Sign Obsession, Brooks Running, and Docklands Glow in the Dark Mini Golf.

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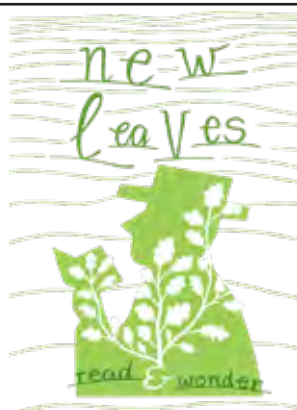
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'In further contrast to GreenPower from electricity retailers, C3 offers participants clear and specific renewable energy options. For example, through C3, Macedon Ranges residents might choose to source their GreenPower from Hepburn Wind - a locally owned generator,' says Mr Reid.

'C3 participants can also offset emissions from their gas consumption and car and plane travel. The C3 website is simple to use and the online credit card facility is secure.'

A national network of non-profit groups, called C3 Community Agents, will promote the C3 scheme to their members. MRSG and the ATA are the first C3 Community Agents.

'C3 Community Agents keep a percentage of every donation their members make to C3, while the members claim a tax deduction for their donation - it's a win-win,' explains Mr Reid.

'The MRSG will use its share of C3 donations to fund projects such as putting solar panels on our community buildings and facilities.'

To start saving money while you save the planet, visit the C3 website at www.climatechest.org.au/host/mrsg.

A public information session about C3 will be held at 7pm on Tuesday 7 May at Woodend Neighbourhood House.

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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	97.4	Feb
March	25.4	42.5*	121*	35	84	53	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 1119.5 823.8 154.3 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

Tylden Tractor Pull

The annual Tylden Primary School Fair and Vintage Tractor Pull is on again Saturday 11th May, from 10.00am to 3.00pm.

This exciting event has something for everyone: games and rides for the kids; classic car display and tractor pull for motoring enthusiasts; preserves, plants, and handicrafts for last minute Mothers Day presents; plus lots more.

The Tractor Pull sees mighty machines, all over 60 years old, test their mettle against one another, with many prizes to be won.

There will be stalls selling home-made jams, produce and baked goods, as well as other delights including curries, Devonshire Tea, and BBQ delights. This year there will also be soup made by the children in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program from pumpkins grown in the school vegetable garden.

For the children there are endless amusements including face painting, Dazzling Dan the Magic Man, Probungee trampolines, giant slide, adventure jumping castles, chair-o-plane, a trackless train, and even camel rides. Buy a wrist bands for the rides: \$25 pre purchase or \$30 if paid on the day. (\$15/\$20 for pre-schoolers)

For enquiries about the Fair or to pre-purchase wrist bands call Tylden Primary School on 5424 8244, or contact Ross regarding the tractor pull (0428 176 996) or Craig regarding the classic cars (0409 542 482).

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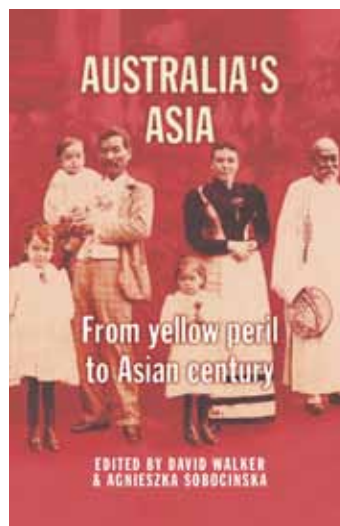
Music through the ages will be featured including Bach (all Brandenburg Concertos, plus two performances of the mighty Mass in B in Minor), Britten, Corelli, Mozart, Beethoven, Alkan, Brahms, plus a sprinkling of Lennon and McCartney and Gershwin.

Tin Alley Quartet, which was one of the first shows to sell out last year, will return to Woodend – but this will be a last chance for Tin Alley fans ; the Quartet has announced it will disband in August. They will play one show only at Woodend, so securing a ticket early will be essential.

Also returning due to popular demand will be Italian virtuoso Davide Monti and pianist Stephanis McCallum playing incredibly complicated Alkan compositions.

Other drawcards include sopranos Greta Bradman (granddaughter of Don), and Jacqueline Porter, as well as the exceptional Canberra based guitarist Tim Kain, Ensemble Liaison, Ensemble Gombert, Accademia Arcadia and the Tony Gould Quartet.

Keen listeners of ABC Classic FM will know that the headline music events of the 2012 Festival program were recorded by the ABC and broadcast last 2012 and in



the first half of 2013 to a national audience.

Literary features of the program include Ramona Koval, Sally Warhaft, Carmel Bird, Susanna Lobez and Andrew Grimes, with a strong theme in crime writing and fiction, and memoir and historical writing. Panels will explore the central theme of Australia in the Asian Century.

The arts and visual program will feature a film showing and an exhibition of Australian book illustration at St Mary's Hall. The arts program will include exhibitions by the Macedon ranges Potters, the Gallery Mt Macedon Artists, Daylesford Macedon Ranges Open Studios and Robyn Clarke.

Special events are programmed for schools, and children, including the very popular free children's story telling session at Woodend Library and Mini Maestros.

Almost all events sell out before the weekend, with local accommodation selling out even earlier as thousands of visitors descend on the town. Events prices – including for the headline concerts featuring international performers – range from free to \$45, with concession and children's prices available.

Ticket bookings and further information are available at www.woodendwinterartsfestival.org.au

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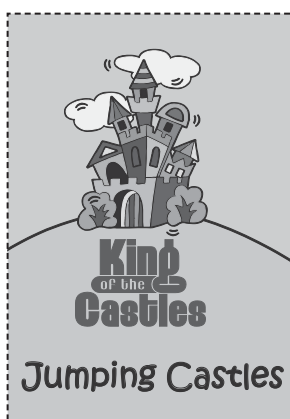
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Statistics show 90% of bowel cancers can be successfully cured if detected at an early stage. Early detection leads to an improved prognosis and less severe treatment.

Bowel cancers begin as polyps. Polyps are growths occurring in the lining of the bowel. Because polyps can

develop into cancer, early diagnosis and removal of all polyps is important. More than 75% of people who develop bowel cancer do not have a family history of the disease.

For the over 40's Bowelscan is an easy, inexpensive method for early detection. Annual Testing is strongly recommended for all men and women over the age of 40.

Rotary Bowel Scan Kits will be available from the Woodend Pharmacy from the 1st of June for 4 weeks. The kits are \$10.00 each and can be returned to the pharmacy to be sent out for processing.

Australian Rotary Clubs have issued approximately 150,000 kits during their annual Colorectal Screening programs. Since Bowelscan commenced, it is estimated that more than 1,000 people with bowel cancer and 5,000 with polyps have been detected.

The Rotary Club of Woodend will be running the Bowelscan Program in conjunction with the Woodend Pharmacy as a Community Awareness Project.

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Back by popular demand: 'Grey Light' Dance

After the enormous success of the 2012 'Grey Light' Dance, older residents of Macedon Ranges will once again have the opportunity to kick up their heels to the music of the Victoria Police Show Band at the 2013 Grey Light Dance.

This free event will be conducted at Kyneton Town Hall from 1.30–4.30 pm on Wednesday 8 May.

"Even if you don't dance, this is a wonderful social occasion—a chance to catch up with old friends and make some new ones," said Mayor, Cr Roger Jukes

"But we doubt that anyone will be able to resist the urge to get out onto that dance floor at some stage of the afternoon..." said Cr Jukes.

The 'Grey Light' Dance is a police-initiated event conducted with the support of Macedon Ranges Shire Council. Last year, more than 100 older people participated and in 2013 even more are expected to enjoy dancing, or just listening to the popular Police Show Band.

Afternoon tea will be provided and you are encouraged to book early, as numbers are limited.

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"2012 was the first year for Trees for Mum in the Macedon Ranges; we had over 150 people attend the Woodend event, planting over 200 native trees and grasses in Five Mile Creek Reserve," said Angela Van Dam, Event Co-ordinator

"This year we've grown to four events in the Shire. Woodend Landcare and the Campaspe River Working Party in Kyneton are hosting in-town planting on public land sites and we have two large-scale planting events on private properties in Woodend North and Carlsruhe. We hope to plant a total of 4,000 trees this Mother's Day," added Angela.



Kristy Woodhouse with her mother Bernadette Cossar at the 2012 event in Woodend

Trees for Mum is a national event and is open to all members of the community who want to plant a tree for their mothers or take part in the event with their mums, while also doing something to

help the environment.

All trees and planting equipment are provided free of charge to participants, just wear boots and bring gloves.

Come and plant a tree with us on Mothers Day at:

- Woodend- North of Ruby Mackenzie Park, access via Anne Road and Tennyson Street, from 9.30 till noon
- Woodend North, Carlsruhe Station Road (enter via Tylden Road) between 10am to 2pm, BBQ lunch provided
- Carlsruhe- "Allameade", 289 Three Chain Road, Carlsruhe between 10am to 2pm, BBQ lunch provided
- Kyneton at Cnr Langley Street and Franklin Place (near Scout Hut) from 10.00am to midday.

Registration for the events is encouraged to ensure that trees will be available for all participants. Please email TreesForMumWoodend@gmail.com or call Angela on 5427 3931 or 0409 373 010 to register. 'Like' Trees For Mum Woodend on Facebook and join the conversation.

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Astrology can be a tool of exploration – to look within ourselves to discover who we are, and to help us make the most of our journey in life.

The study of Astrology has been an integral part of many cultures for thousands of years. Over centuries, careful, deliberate observation has found correlations between the patterns of the planets in the sky and the events occurring in life. From this, a base of knowledge has been compiled, adapted, interpreted and reinterpreted, and continues to evolve today.

How can this be useful to us?

Core astrological concepts continue to hold true for us today – the measurable phenomena of planetary movements correlate to the seemingly non-measurable phenomena of our subjective experiences.

There are many theories of why astrology works. Briefly, three main ones are –

- That gravitational and magnetic forces that affect the Earth, affect us too. Without our rotating Moon we would not have our ocean tides. Political and geological tensions often occur during eclipses and flaring sunspots, and heavenly bodies may trigger biological and emotional responses. Therefore planets may compel us to act and react.
- That your birth reflects the Universal themes of its time and place; that the occurrences in the 'heavens' is reflected on Earth – "as above, so below". This is a belief that the whole universe operates in an orderly and predictable fashion, and accordingly, planetary cycles will match biological, emotional, geological and political movement on Earth.
- That spiritually, the Astrological Chart is a description of the soul's expression on Earth. If true, then this describes the physical nature and personality that your soul has chosen for this lifetime, as well as showing insight into the environment selected.

This is a very simplified explanation of extremely complex ideas.

Any of these theories could be true.

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Ernest Lester-Smith waves his broad hands about in an open gesture. "I could talk all day about farming and machinery," he says as his twinkling eyes dance at the thought of crop rotations, field trials and the evolution of the tractor.

Ernest was born to farming in the Mallee on 9/9/23. "I was always going to be a farmer. I was born in Boort and Dad farmed at Lake Meran."

A family association with "Gaston Brothers" in Melbourne meant that a lot of new machinery was trialled on the Lake Meran farm and it instilled an early desire to strive for excellence and education. At one stage Ernest was also a Director of Gaston Brothers.

During the war, Ernest worked as an airframe fitter on Tiger Moths and Mosquitos in Narrandera and Williamtown (NSW) and then returned to the family farm.

It was the cooler climate of Woodend however, that brought the Lester-Smiths to town in 1947. In fact it was his wife, Bronwen, known affectionately as 'Doodlebug' in recent times, who prompted the move because of her aversion to the Mallee heat. "I met Bronwen before the war and she disliked the heat up in the Mallee.

There wasn't enough room for my elder brother and me to both stay on the farm and we thought Woodend was an attractive place. The Mallee was tough, with extreme highs and lows whereas in Woodend, even in a bad season, if you're a reasonable sort of farmer, you can still roll along. Being on the highway from Boort to Melbourne also meant family could still call in and visit us."

In 1986 Ernest was awarded the Victorian Farmers & Graziers Association 'Graingrower of the Year'.

"Coming from the north, we were more cultivation oriented and were one of the very early ones to try stubble retention and bio solids. Our forebears took stubble off in the form of oaten hay as chaff for horses. We trialled direct drilling, which is to return the stubble to the soil to retain its structure. When the Department of Agriculture wound down their extension services, there was an entity that came to life in Bendigo called Farm Advance that I was involved with. I also spent five years with the Kyneton Elite Lamb Group," Ernest says.

During the transition phase of Clyde Girls School becoming Braemar College, Ernest was a Shire Councillor. "A few of us put our own money up to guarantee maintenance on Braemar so it would not become a council liability."



Ernest served on the Woodend & Newham Shire Council from the age of 29.

"I was there for 24 years, with three terms as President. I couldn't have achieved half of what I have done without my wife standing beside me and caring for the boys who pulled their weight around the farm as well."

He also served on the Woodend Water Trust and the Kyneton High School Advisory Council and a highlight of his long association with the Woodend Rotary Club was the opportunity to visit the war grave of his brother, Kenneth, in Papua New Guinea.

"We took local tradesmen to Poppendetta to build latrines and repair school rooms. It is on the other side of the Owen Stanleys ranges, near Kokoda. We also went to Tonga. I certainly came home with a better appreciation of the life we have here."

As his broad shoulders now square up to 90, Ernest still helps his son on the farm where possible. He also continues his love affair with old machinery and down in a shed on the edge of town he proudly draws back a door to reveal a pristine Thornycroft truck, which has recently been restored.

"I joined the Kyneton Vehicle Appreciation Society. The family vintage car was too slow to keep up with the classics, so we now focus more on antique machinery. I've restored my father's tractor and implements from 1926 and have bought some of our own to add to the collection.

Out in the Mallee in 1926, the 6-foot harvester was hauled around a 180 acre wheat paddock at 4mp/h. You needed a cut lunch to get the job done, though at the time it was absolutely progressive. We take the tractor and other antique machinery for demonstration so people can see where we've come from and how far we've evolved with our farming technology. It's a privilege to have this stuff and to be able to demonstrate it to people," says Ernest.

Considering almost 70 years of community involvement, Ernest is pensive.

"You're put here for a purpose, I suppose, because there's not a lot of point in being here if you don't contribute. The world would be a better place if more people could contribute more and expect less. It might sound a bit glorified, but I think that's what it is all about."

Written by Kathy Mexted

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New draft Local Law

—Have your say

You are invited to have your say on the new Local Law (no.10) for the Macedon Ranges. The current law (no.8) expires on 30 September 2013.

Council makes and enforces local laws to ensure that we are considerate of others' right to live peacefully and privately. Local laws cover activities that impact on the amenity of our community, such as animal keeping, activities of roads and streets and on Council land, street furniture, burning off, lighting fires and the consumption of alcohol in public places.

Our new Local Law should meet the needs of the community, correspond with existing state legislation, consider impacts on our rights and economic competition and anticipate changes that may occur over the next 10 years.

To help shape the new Local Law:

- Download the Draft Local Law No. 10 from mrsc.vic.gov.au under the 'Have Your Say' tab, or view a copy of the draft any of Council's customer service centres.
- Send in a written submission to Local Law Review PO Box 151, Kyneton VIC 3444 by the 30 June 2013
- Attend a community consultation to provide feedback on the draft.

Monday 20 May 2013

- Romsey Hub: 10–11:30am
- Kyneton Town Hall, Richardson Room: 6–7:30pm

Monday 3 June 2013

- Gisborne Administration Centre, Council Chamber: 10–11:30am
- Jubilee Hall, Macedon: 6–7:30pm

For more information, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au or to register, contact Stephen on 5422 0352 or smahon@mrsc.vic.gov.au

Submitted by G Gamble for MRSC



The next meeting of the Woodend Unit of Red Cross will be held on Thursday, 2nd of May 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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The 2013/14 Community Funding Scheme is now open and will close 5pm on 10 May 2013.

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Copies of the guidelines and application form are available to download from www.mrsc.vic.gov.au/community-funding-scheme

To be eligible for a Community Funding Scheme grant you must discuss your project with a Council officer before submitting your application.

Grant writing information session

As part of the Community Funding Scheme, Council is holding a free grant writing information session at 7.30–9pm, 15 April 2013 at the Woodend Community Centre. The session will be informal and friendly, and designed to help community organisations feel equipped to seek and write grants.

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The MRFS shows a broad range of film genres so May's will be a film quite unlike April's. Neil Jordan's acclaimed thriller, *The Crying Game*, centres around the character of Fergus who kidnaps British soldier Jody for the IRA, befriends his captive and promises to contact his girlfriend, Dil, should Jody die. Tragedy strikes and when Fergus and Dil eventually meet, they hit it off but Fergus is completely unprepared for the big surprise that awaits him. This film will be screened on Wednesday, May 8th.

The Macedon Ranges Film Society meets on the second Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. in the Woodend Community Centre. Film notes are supplied and for those who wish, there is discussion following the screening, with supper kindly supplied by members. Email mrffilmsociety@gmail.com or call Christine on 5429 5452 or Vicki on 5427 2323.

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Council's Economic Development & Tourism Unit is about to launch its third bi-annual Macedon Ranges Business Survey and, for the first time ever, it will be available online!

Following the success of the 2009 and 2011 Business Surveys, the 2013 Macedon Ranges Business Survey will continue to capture the ways in which Council can better support businesses in the Shire, and provide Council with a better understanding of the opportunities and challenges being faced by local businesses.

The 2013 Business Survey will be launched in the first week of May and businesses are encouraged to log in via Council's website www.mrsc.vic.gov.au to access the survey. Businesses that complete the survey online will go into the draw to win an Apple iPad 4!!

Hardcopies of the survey will also be sent to every registered business in the Macedon Ranges and be available at the Kyneton, Woodend, Romsey and Gisborne Council offices.

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Public comments invited on Draft Agribusiness Plan

Council invites the community to have its say on the DRAFT Macedon Ranges Agribusiness Plan during its public consultation period from Monday 15 April to Friday 10 May 2013.

The Draft Plan incorporates the feedback received from the local agribusiness community via the Macedon Ranges Agribusiness Survey and following consultation workshop. It also reflects Council's commitment to supporting a sustainable agricultural future for the Macedon Ranges whilst acknowledging the contribution of agribusiness to the local economy and community.

The Draft Plan proposes fourteen strategic recommendations that are targeted at specific priority issues that come under four strategic themes: Facilitating Communication; Managing Transition; Providing Information and Facilitating Outcomes; and Supporting Growth Opportunities.

Recommendations include forming a Macedon Ranges Agribusiness Forum; facilitating regular industry workshops and networking opportunities; and building links between the established and new residents in agricultural areas.

Written submissions will now be accepted until close of business Friday 10 May 2013.

Copies of the Draft Plan are available at the Kyneton, Woodend, Romsey and Gisborne Council offices. A copy of the Draft Plan can also be downloaded from Council's website www.mrsc.vic.gov.

Comments should be addressed to: Gaynor Atkin, Coordinator Economic Development Projects, PO Box 151, Kyneton VIC 3444 or by email to gatkin@mrsc.vic.gov.au.

Submitted by Gemma Gamble Macedon Ranges Shire Council

Marketing in the Macedon Ranges Seminar

Learn how to effectively market your business through various local marketing opportunities. There will be the opportunity for group discussion with local experts, including newspapers and newsletters, graphic designers, photographers, public relations consultants and online media specialists. This FREE seminar will be held on Thursday 9th of May from 6.30pm to 9.30pm at the Kyneton Mechanics Institute. To book email ecodevadmin@mrsc.vic.gov.au or phone 5421 9616.

Submitted by J Dancan, MRSC

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WBATA aims to work with local businesses of all sizes to encourage planning and networking so that we can work together for the economic development of our town.

Business Review

WBATA recently completed a review of the previous year's endeavours. A copy of the document is available for business owners along with a membership form.

Email woodendtraders@gmail.com for information.

Networking Meeting 8th April, 2013

It was encouraging that many local businesses were interested in participating in the recent workshop for the Woodend Business and Tourism Association at the Victoria Hotel.

A workshop was facilitated to gather information from business owners as to what they thought were issues for Woodend and what sort of projects could be undertaken in the year ahead. Some ideas put forward included:

Grey nomads facility access, Short-term accommodation for visitors, Drive-through tourists, Traffic management/

roundabouts, Implications of new supermarket, Woodend signage & Woodend Village branding, Town beautification, Welcome kit/information map for new residents and businesses, Business to business referral, Commercial rents, Business opening hours on long weekends, Locals supporting local business, Business supporting local people - product availability in Woodend,

Woodend Winter Arts Festival

Jacky Ogeil (Artistic Director, WWAF) gave a presentation inviting local businesses to think about how they could connect with the upcoming Woodend Winter Arts Festival. Some of the key aspects of the Festival discussed were:

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Each year, accommodation is booked out and there is high demand for cafes and restaurants across the weekend. Businesses need to be ready to capture the trade on a cold winter's weekend. Some local businesses have reported up to 150% increase in sales in previous years, which benefits Woodend and the region, and increases employment. The general financial benefit to the area is in the order of \$1.1 million dollars, excluding the immediate benefits to local



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Watch out for our updates in the New Woodend Star.

Submitted by the WBATA President – Karen Cousens,
Secretary – Jenn Hannan Merrett

Carlsruhe Community Corner

Carlsruhe Community Planning Group:

Initial groundworks have been completed with the shelter to follow. A meeting of the Planning Group is scheduled for the next couple of weeks where an update will be provided. This information will be included in the next issue.

Carlsruhe History:

The Carlsruhe Cemetery Trust has updated records of burials at the Carlsruhe Cemetery. There is comprehensive information and photos of headstones at the cemetery. There are plans also to write a comprehensive history of Carlsruhe from its establishment to the present day. It would be very helpful if anyone has, or knows anyone with, photos, family history or other documents that they would be happy to scan or copy and send to Margaret at margaret.glen1@bigpond.com

Diary

Landcare Group meeting is on Tuesday the 7th of May at 7.30 PM. Anyone interested in being involved please come along to the meeting, or email carlsruhecp@hotmail.com.

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



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Submitted by Lulu Cockram & Susie Prestney, Managers
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Diabetes – are you at risk?

Use this Department of Health & Ageing diabetes risk assessment tool “Ausdrisk” (developed by the Baker IDI Heart & Diabetes Institute) to rate your risk.

1. Your age group

- | | |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Under 35 years | ☐ 0 points |
| 35 – 44 years | ☐ 2 points |
| 45 – 54 years | ☐ 4 points |
| 55 – 64 years | ☐ 6 points |
| 65 years or over | ☐ 8 points |

2. Your gender

- | | |
|--------|-----------------------------------|
| Female | ☐ 0 points |
| Male | ☐ 3 points |

3. Your ethnicity/country of birth:

3a. Are you of Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander, Pacific Islander or Maori descent?

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|-----|-----------------------------------|
| No | ☐ 0 points |
| Yes | ☐ 2 points |

3b. Where were you born?

- | | |
|---|-----------------------------------|
| Australia | ☐ 0 points |
| Asia (including the Indian sub-continent), Middle East, North Africa, Southern Europe | ☐ 2 points |
| Other | ☐ 0 points |

4. Have either of your parents, or any of your brothers or sisters been diagnosed with diabetes (type 1 or type 2)?

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|-----|-----------------------------------|
| No | ☐ 0 points |
| Yes | ☐ 3 points |

5. Have you ever been found to have high blood glucose (sugar) (for example, in a health examination, during an illness, during pregnancy)?

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|-----|-----------------------------------|
| No | ☐ 0 points |
| Yes | ☐ 6 points |

6. Are you currently taking medication for high blood pressure?

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| No | ☐ 0 points |
| Yes | ☐ 2 points |

7. Do you currently smoke cigarettes or any other tobacco products on a daily basis?

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| No | ☐ 0 points |
| Yes | ☐ 2 points |

8. How often do you eat vegetables or fruit?

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|---------------|-----------------------------------|
| Every day | ☐ 0 points |
| Not every day | ☐ 1 point |

9. On average, would you say you do at least 2.5 hours of physical activity per week (for example, 30 minutes a day on 5 or more days a week)?

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|-----|-----------------------------------|
| Yes | ☐ 0 points |
| No | ☐ 2 points |

10. Your waist measurement taken below the ribs (usually at the level of the navel, and while standing)

Waist measurement (cm)

For those of Asian or Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent:

- | Men | Women | |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| Less than 90 cm | Less than 80 cm | ☐ 0 points |
| 90 – 100 cm | 80 – 90 cm | ☐ 4 points |
| More than 100 cm | More than 90 cm | ☐ 7 points |

For all others:

- | Men | Women | |
|------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Less than 102 cm | Less than 88 cm | ☐ 0 points |
| 102 – 110 cm | 88 – 100 cm | ☐ 4 points |
| More than 110 cm | More than 100 cm | ☐ 7 points |

Add up your points

Your risk of developing type 2 diabetes within 5 years*:

- ☐ **5 or less: Low risk**
Approximately one person in every 100 will develop diabetes.

- ☐ **6-11: Intermediate risk**
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- ☐ **12 or more: High risk**
For scores of 12-15, approximately one person in every 14 will develop diabetes. For scores of 16-19, approximately one person in every 7 will develop diabetes. For scores of 20 and above, approximately one person in every 3 will develop diabetes.

**The overall score may overestimate the risk of diabetes in those aged less than 25 years.*

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Brooke Street Medical Centre recently hosted activities to raise awareness about organ & tissue donation. Our special thanks to Michelle Minchew, DonateLife volunteer, for all her hard work.

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Using social media to fit bras

You might think it strange that a bra shop uses social media, but for Bodywise Underwear in Woodend, social media is a daily tool to connect with customers.

"As an online business, we have many thousands of customers outside of our immediate area. Using Facebook together with our own email marketing, alongside Twitter gives us a way to immediately connect with our customers. Whether they're responding to an email call-out, or enquiring about the latest colours, we can use these services to really enable the customer to get the information they want."

It works both ways too. Bodywise also uses these channels to survey customers who are online at that time. "If we want to get an immediate opinion, a quick question through Facebook assures some interesting responses."

And as for fitting, amazingly, Bodywise Underwear use it for that too! "Women sometimes send us private messages via Facebook, or questions about a product they've just bought. It saves them time but perhaps more importantly it gives women the chance to get their questions through to us without interrupting their workday to make a phone call."

Bodywise also promotes other local businesses through its Facebook page by sharing their posts. It all goes towards building a vibrant local business community in Woodend. www.bodywise.com.au

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Playgroup Victoria CEO Awards Woodend Playgroup

Playgroup Victoria Chief Executive Officer, Viv Cunningham-Smith, took time out of her busy schedule during National Playgroup Week to visit Woodend Playgroup and present its 'Playgroup of the Month Award' for March.

Playgroup Victoria was impressed with Woodend Playgroup's proactive approach, particularly when engaging with the community.

"I first visited Woodend Playgroup at the start of my term as CEO of Playgroup Victoria 18 months ago – it was a vibrant playgroup then and it continues to be a vibrant, welcoming playgroup today," said Ms Cunningham-Smith.

"We have been particularly impressed with the way in which Woodend Playgroup engages with new families who move to the area as well as with the wider Woodend community. In addition, its interaction with members really is exceptional."



Playgroup Victoria CEO, Viv Cunningham-Smith, presents Woodend Playgroup President, Faye Cormick, with the Playgroup of the Month award.

Faye Cormick, president of the Woodend Playgroup committee, was delighted to accept a framed award from Playgroup Victoria, along with a range of goodies from Aldi, Crayola and PlayGro.

"I am delighted to accept this award on behalf of Woodend Playgroup and would like to extend my personal thanks to our dedicated committee, our great members, and of course, Playgroup Victoria," said Ms Cormick.

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

Submitted by Laurissa Mailer

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Over the past 25 years Dianne has provided valued support to a wide clientele base. These are some of the industries her company are currently servicing: retail, medical, building industry, real estate, legal firms, food industry and government organisations. This has provided Dianne and her staff with a wealth of diverse experience. These clients can have all their paperwork/BAS lodgements processed without having to wade through the paperwork of an evening or at the last minute.

Dianne can provide onsite MYOB training, to help you have a better understanding of your Accounts or, can take as much responsibility on for the running of your administrative/bookkeeping as you require.

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Submitted by T Adams

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- 8 Police Grey Light
- 12 Landcare - Trees for Mum Planting Day
- 13 Mother's Day
- 21 ADFAS Bugatti show & lecture

June

- 2 Vic Roads Calder Centenary Car Rally
- 7-10 Woodend Winter Art Festival

September

- TBC CFA Fundraiser featuring Cantorion Cymreig
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COMMUNITY GROUPS CONTACT DETAILS

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

Australian Breastfeeding Association,
Heather, 5427 2398

Cobaw Thursday Walking Group
5427 3340

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1st Woodend Scout Group, 5427 2848,
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A Few Words from the Committee of Management

Changes are afoot at the Woodend Neighbourhood House! Some goodbyes and hellos to staff have occurred over the last weeks. We have recently said goodbye to Renee McDougall who worked in the Administration Officer role for a period of four and a half years. We extend a big thank-you to Renee for her tireless work.

We have also say farewell to Julie Wilson-Annan who has been working as WNH Coordinator since May 2012. Julie has deftly handled all the challenges and work load that have come her way and the Committee is so very grateful for her efficiency, capability and can-do attitude.

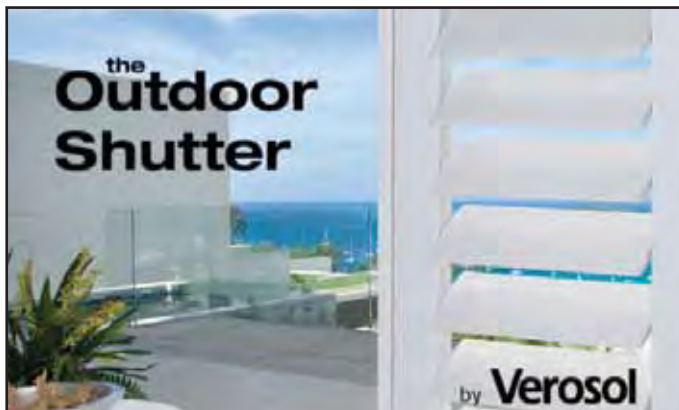
We now say hello to Jill Scanlon, our new Coordinator, who has already taken up her role with gusto. Welcome Jill. Hello also to Christine McLay, our new Administration Officer, who comes with great experience in the education sector.

The Committee, staff and volunteers are looking forward to a busy, action-filled 2013 and invite the community to drop in to say hello to find out about all the activities and courses we have to offer. We are extending opening hours until 5PM on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Please look out for our Term 2 brochure in your mailbox. There are some great new courses on offer and some old favourites too. Here is a sample of the courses that we will be offering:

- Our Pathways courses continue to target the emerging home-based businesses here in Woodend with Small Business Bookkeeping, Quickbooks for Small Business and Touchscreens and Tablets for Beginners.
- Our Workshop series has taken itself literally this term and we will be exploring the workshop in our Introduction to Tools and Home Maintenance series – five two-hour sessions on all things tools.
- There are also some Mini Yoga Retreats on offer on the third Sunday morning of every month.
- Health and Fitness is still a focus with the ever popular Pilates, Tai Chi and Belly Dance on offer and Seniors Exercise and Gentle Yoga continuing to offer varied ways to keep yourself physically and mentally fit.
- A new Story-book Illustration course for 7-12 year-olds, and a Puppetry Club for kids aged 10 and up start this term.
- Our regular kids programs including Drama and Cooking will continue, with the cooking branching out into a Teens program and the juniors having a next steps program to keep them developing their skills.

Submitted by Jill Scanlon, Coordinator Woodend Neighbourhood House



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Bridge is one of the most popular card games in the world. Each day millions of people play it socially or as members of a bridge club. There are 75 clubs in Victoria affiliated with the VBA (Victoria Bridge Association), including your 'local' club; the Macedon Ranges Bridge Club (MRBC).

If you are interested in learning about Bridge, our next sessions for beginners are being conducted at the Trentham Neighbourhood Centre commencing on Thursday 9 May. We will be running a total of 6 sessions on consecutive Thursdays from 2.00 to 4.00. The cost is \$60 and includes a copy of "Introduction to Bridge" by Paul Marston.

The MRBC meets each week on Monday afternoon at 12.30, Tuesday evening at 7.30 and Thursday afternoon at 12.30 at the Norma Richardson Hall, Buckland Street, Woodend, and new players are made very welcome.

If you would like to know more about the MRBC or the forthcoming sessions for beginners, please contact the club president Peter Wells on 5420 7595, or the club secretary Ron Watkinson on 5427 1884. You can also find out about our activities through our website, <http://www.mrbc.asn.au>

Submitted by Peter Wells

An Eclectic Afternoon Of Musical Entertainment

The Romsey Red Cross unit are holding an afternoon of musical entertainment on Sunday 26th of May. The concert is coordinated by local flautist Beth Lewis. Beth has gathered together a group of eclectic artists including singers, guitarists, flautists, dancers and comedians. With music from Bach through to Irish dancing, the afternoon will be very entertaining for all. The local Red Cross volunteers have been busy in recent times, involved with support programs in flood and fire areas, both in Victoria and interstate. As a charity concert all proceeds of this afternoon will go to Red Cross. Held at the Mechanics Institute in Main Road Romsey, from 1pm till 4.15pm, the cost of \$10 is inclusive of afternoon tea provided by Romsey Red Cross. Tickets will be sold at the door on the day.

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Submitted by Ralph Hermann



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2nd Woodend Scouts Conquer The Glenelg River

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The photo shows the scouts - proud and happy - at the completion of their journey. Camping at night alongside the river in National Park campsites reserved for canoeists, they planned and took all their own food and camping equipment for the whole trip. The expedition was planned and led by two of the older scouts towards the award of their Australian Scout Medallion. One of the 2nd Woodend Leaders - Dale Sutton - is a qualified Canoeing Leader and has worked hard helping the scouts achieve the required level of competency for this journey.

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From the river along the way we spotted Koalas, Sugar Gliders, Wallabies, Possums and a huge variety of birds - from Ducks and Cormorants through to Herons, Pelicans, Blue Wrens and the rare Azure Kingfisher. There was even a seal, catching fish and showing off splashing around our canoes! We also stopped along the way to visit the Princess Margaret Rose caves. These spectacular limestone caves were a highlight, and the tour through them to see the amazing formations was very educational and awe-inspiring. Beautiful mild and sunny weather lasted until the final day, when the scouts battled rain, winds and contrary tides to paddle the final 12km to the sea in time for their noon pick-up.

Canoeing is one of a number of adventurous activities undertaken by 2nd Woodend Scouts. Other activities over the last year include abseiling, rock climbing, hiking, scuba, flying, caving, mountain biking and orienteering. If you would like to find out more about being part of the scouting fun and adventure with 2nd Woodend, please call Andrew Johnson on 0400 616393.

Submitted by Andrew Johnson

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Woodend Auxiliary

Our Auxiliary had its bimonthly meeting on 11th April at 20 Sullivans Rd, with plans being made for selling Raffle tickets for Mothers Day. As usual we will be out in the cold outside Coles (brrrrr!), so please take pity on us seniors, and buy a ticket or two for a chance to win one of three beautiful prizes!

All prizes are donated, so all moneys raised go directly to the hospital for the welfare of patients.

The KDHS Director of Finance, Andrew Beattie, visited to give us an update on how things are going at the Hospital. Anyone who's been to Kyneton recently will have seen that the very early stages of planning/building the new wing have begun. There is a long way to go yet, though.

Among the things we in the public don't often hear about, but which take up a lot of time and energy for the senior staff, are the various discussion and consultation groups that take place at different levels. The health system and its funding are incredibly complicated, and every so often some part of the bureaucracy – Commonwealth or State – decides that it's necessary for all "stakeholders" to get together and talk about it. Oftentimes it IS necessary – though sometimes not – but it all takes time.

Other things that happen, sometimes out of the blue, sometimes not, include one or other arm of Government changing the way things are done – or perhaps not done. Again, maybe it's a good idea, maybe not – but always time-and energy-consuming.

The senior staff of the KDHS are keen to explain their message and mission to the community of the whole Shire. Andrew said very firmly that if community groups would like to have a guest speaker, they should contact the Hospital.

Our Auxiliary members are preparing for a possible street stall at the Woodend BATA's "Christmas in July" festival, so look out for us there.

Our next meeting will be at 20 Sullivans Rd on Thursday 13th June. Guests and/or new members welcome! Phone Jo on 5427 1909

Submitted by Jo Calncy

Woodend's town structure plan

Over 100 members of the Woodend Community recently braved the first signs of winter to attend a community workshop hosted by MRSC and their consultants, Planisphere, to consider a discussion paper, in preparing the town's future structure plan and to consider the question: What is my ideal Woodend in 2036?

The room was filled with energy and passion and we were joined by two of our three ward Councillors, Council officers and a representative from the CFA, to consider what we want for the future of Woodend. While the discussion was wide ranging, there were many common areas that were reported back to the meeting by the independent consultant, Mike Scott:

- Desire for mixed housing and tenures providing for local needs, not necessarily 3 or 4 bed houses;
- Preference for no significant changes from historical growth rates of 0.6% (= 21 more people = 8 more houses each year) with a focus on a style guide for designing houses;
- Any growth in housing to be in the urban area of the town and within the existing town boundary;
- Compact retail hub requested rather than a sprawl;
- Continued use of open spaces;
- Town character and identity was described as a village and while some requested a network of sealed roads to enable young and elderly people to access different parts of the town, this doesn't need to go as far as becoming a suburban precinct;
- Woodend is not Kyneton, or Gisborne. They have had high growth, Woodend does not need to replicate this experience;
- Woodend is a different community seeking a different future;
- the town currently plays an important role for tourism and recreation in the Macedon Ranges, this is our golden egg and we have to be careful not to destroy it and lose our advantage
- finally that the process to date needed to be reviewed and improved.

Members of the Community Reference Group are keen to continue these conversations between MRSC/Planisphere workshops and will host other forums and workshops as necessary. In the meantime, you can contribute to the conversation online by email woodendcrg@gmail.com or on Facebook "Woodend Community Reference Group".

Submitted by Submitted by Andrew Wilson-Annan, Member of the Community Reference Group

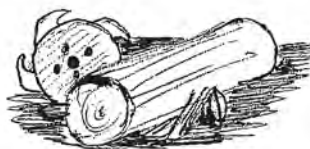
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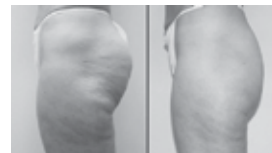


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Woodend is more Autism aware

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On Monday 22nd April - Cobaw Community Health Service (Cobaw) hosted a Question and Answer forum for parents, teachers, youth and community workers and anyone who knows someone with an ASD. The guest speaker was Emeritus Professor Tonge, a Psychiatrist who has specialised in Autism and other mental health issues associated with ASD's in children and adolescence. He has a distinguished record in clinical practice, teaching and research and has consulting rooms in Woodend at the Time for a Future clinic in High street Woodend.

This event was kindly sponsored by Hal and Kathryn from Colenso café /restaurant in Woodend. Kathryn said, "Hal and I are very supportive of activities that promote positive physical and mental health outcomes for young people in our community". "We have noticed an increase in numbers of people diagnosed with an ASD and the impact that has on family and community. We are supportive of diversity and try to make everyone feel welcome at Colenso"

Fiona Le Nepveu, Paediatric Occupational Therapist who also works in Woodend in her private business in high street and also at Cobaw, asked a variety of probing questions of Professor Tonge in her amiable way and guests left well informed and entertained.

Fiona is also the convener of the Macedon Ranges Autism Network. Members meet fortnightly. "Parents of children with an ASD face a significantly higher risk of their own mental health issues such as depression and anxiety". "Its vitally important for families and professionals to have accurate, evidence based information and practical strategies so they can be better equipped to care for and teach children and young people with an ASD ". Fiona also published a resource for families and professionals of all the services available in and around the Macedon Ranges for people with an ASD.

Fiona and Prue Southey, Children's Services Coordinator with Cobaw, also facilitated 3 evening sessions on Autism in the Preschool years at the Woodend hub, which was well attended by parents, maternal child health nurses, kindergarten and childcare staff. "We have wonderful caring early childhood professionals in this area. This is demonstrated by peoples willingness to challenge themselves and keep learning evidence based best practice in working with families and young children, in this case who also have an ASD", says Prue.

If you would like more information or support please contact Fiona on Fiona.lenepveu@cobaw.vic.gov.au or Prue prue.southey@cobaw.vic.gov.au or ph: 54211680

Submitted by Prue Southy



Welcome to the Woodend Star Kids Club May Birthdays

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9th	Jessica Louise Thorne	Turns 11
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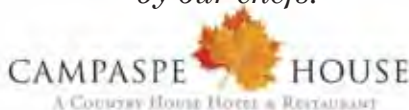


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It was a very successful day that was followed up with an email from RMIT saying that, "The team came back Friday having LOVED your school. They all commented on how sweet the students were and how much of a community you guys are."

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SCAMwatch is warning consumers to be alert to scammers looking to take advantage of the Boston marathon explosions with malware or donation scams.

Scammers are circulating spam emails that purport to contain links to websites with information on the recent Boston explosions, but in fact contain links to malicious content that may infect and allow scammers remote access to your computer.

Scammers are also reportedly sending emails, creating websites or using popular social media platforms to try and lure in donations that they claim will go to helping victims of the explosions. Instead, the scammers pocket the money and the victims never receive the aid.

Don't let scammers taking advantage of tragedies,

How these scams work

Malware scam

- You receive an email out of the blue that claims to contain links to web pages associated with the Boston marathon explosions. The email may have titles such as 'Boston Marathon Explosion: Exclusive Video' or '2 Explosions at Boston Marathon'. The email contains links to potentially malicious content.
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- In all of these cases, the scammer may have gone to great lengths to convince you that they are the real deal. The email, website, blog or tweet may appear to come from a reputable charitable organisation. The scam websites may have an official-looking domain name, web address and design.
- If you pay, your money will not only be lost, but much-needed donations will have been diverted away from legitimate charities and causes.

Protect yourself

- If you receive an email out of the blue from a stranger claiming to have information or news on the Boston marathon explosions, do not click on any links or open attachments – just press 'delete'.
- If you want to access footage or information about major or breaking news, use a reliable news source rather than an unknown web link – there are many reputable online news sites where you can safely access credible information.
- Always keep your computer security up to date with anti-virus and anti-spyware software, and a good firewall. Only buy computer and anti-virus software from a reputable source.
- If you think your computer's security has been compromised, use your security software to run a virus check. If you still have doubts, contact your anti-virus software provider or a computer specialist.
- If you are considering making a donation to a charity, cause or appeal, approach the organisation directly using their official contact details to make the payment.
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Yes I suppose mothers do pick up things, but they do much more than just picking up clothes and toys from around the house.

This is demonstrated with a true story which comes out of World War 2 and the holocaust that took the lives of millions of people – it's about Solomon Rosenberg and his family.

Solomon Rosenberg and his wife and their two sons and his mother and father were arrested and placed in a Nazi concentration camp. It was a labour camp and the rules were simple. "As long as you can do your work, you are permitted to live. When you become too weak to do your work, then you are exterminated."

Rosenberg watched his mother and father marched off to their deaths and he knew that next would be his youngest son, David, because David had always been a frail child.

Every evening Rosenberg came back into the barracks after his hours of labour and searched for the faces of his family. When he found them they would huddle together, embrace one another, and thank God for another day of life.

One day Rosenberg came back and didn't see those familiar faces. He finally discovered his oldest son, Joshua,

in a corner, huddled, weeping, and praying. He said, "Josh, tell me it's not true." Joshua turned and said, "It is true, poppa. Today David was not strong enough to do his work. So they came for him."

"But where is your mother?" asked Mr. Rosenberg. "Oh poppa," he said, "When they came for David, he was afraid and he cried. Momma said, 'There is nothing to be afraid of David' and she took his hand and went with him."

Godly mothers are prepared to sacrifice themselves for their children.

Thankyou Mums for all the Sacrifices that you make for us, that we don't always acknowledge or say Thankyou for.

Talking of Sacrifice. . . Jesus too was prepared to sacrifice Himself so that we could be counted right with God when we eventually stand before God in judgment, because of His great unconditional love for us.

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

The cost of the program is \$70 and participants receive a special San Remo NetSetGO! sports bag, Gilbert netball, t-shirt, and a Melbourne Vixens pencil case.

The program will run on Saturday mornings from 8.30am - 9.15am commencing on Saturday 15th June at Buffalo Stadium. Participants need to wear comfortable clothes, runners and bring a drink bottle with them.

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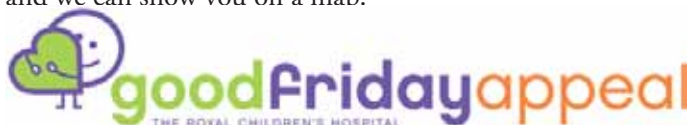
So, we thought it may be a good idea to ensure everyone knows the importance of the hydrant system in our community.

Hydrants and Fire Plugs are widely located throughout the area, and they are essential for CFA fire fighters as a source of water. Each should be marked with either a white post or blue reflective marker. If either are missing, please let us know.

Even though the system is maintained by the Shire and Western Water, we suggest that you 'adopt' the hydrant or fire plug near your property. It could help save your house.

Make sure it is clearly visible and has good access. Keep bushes and undergrowth clear from around the hydrant. Also keep grass and soil clear from the top of the fire plugs, and do not landscape over them.

If you would like to know where the nearest one is to your property, please get in touch with the Woodend CFA and we can show you on a map.



A great 'Good Friday' collection

Once again, the Woodend, Newham and Heskett-Kerrie CFA Brigades conducted the annual Good Friday collection for the Royal Children's Hospital Appeal throughout the roads, streets and tracks of the area.

A very big thank you to all of the CFA members, family members and friends from the three brigades, around 50 in total, who volunteered to door knock, patrol intersections and count the collection, many giving up most of their day, and to the Woodend Ladies' Auxiliary for ensuring that all were well fed and watered throughout the day

A special thanks to everyone living in and visiting the Woodend, Newham, Heskett and Kerrie areas who donated so generously, raising a record of just over \$12,300 - including over \$9,800 for Woodend, more than \$1,500 for Newham and a smidge under \$1,000 for Heskett-Kerrie.

A special mention to the McKinnon family who had six members collecting in Woodend, and between them they raised more than \$3,300. Charlotte McKinnon alone collected an amazing \$1,050, and Sammy Dornau was close behind on \$920, while Oliver Price also did a great job.

Unfortunately, we were not able to cover every home, and many people were away for the Easter break and start of the School Holidays, so if you wish to still donate to the Royal Children's Hospital Appeal, donations are being accepted up to the end of April - please drop into the Woodend, Newham and Heskett-Kerrie CFA stations any Sunday morning.

For further information contact Captain Mick Christie or 1st Lieutenant Mike Dornau at the Woodend CFA on 5427 2356, visit the station in Urquhart Street or our website: www.woodendcfa.org.

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Heritage News

The arrival of a family of seven from Western Australia last Wednesday heralded an interesting morning at our L&FHRC. David Smith, a grandfather to some and great great grandfather to others in the group had appeared in our courtroom in 1901 as a witness at an inquest and his descendents were interested in seeing where it had all taken place. Could we help them with more information? Could they take photographs of the witness box etc.? The answer was naturally 'yes' in both cases.

Their ancestor had been a witness following the death of a man who had fallen from Hanging Rock. This extract from Jannyse Williams's history of Newham and Cobaw, provides a good summary of the event:

"In 1901 the Inauguration of the Commonwealth of Australia was celebrated throughout the country and nowhere was there more fervent outpouring of emotion than in the United Shire of Newham, particularly at Hanging Rock. On New Year's Day triumphal arches were erected over all five gates into the reserve and flags flew from two flagpoles forty feet (12.3 m), the Daylesford Band attended along with others and £50 more than usual was taken at the gate. But the dire predictions of the Woodend Star as to danger in that place came true. A man named James Flight had gone with his wife and two daughters to enjoy the celebrations and was found lying dead in the afternoon after having set off to climb the Rock."



*The Woodend & District
Heritage Society Inc.*

Annie Carroll, a domestic servant of James Pavey of Cobaw, gave evidence of seeing the man fall from the top of the Rock, striking an outcrop in his descent and landing at the base where another man helped him up and led him away."

The man who helped Flight was David Smith, the family's forebear. An article in The Argus (Jan17, 1901) continues the story.

"David Smith of Romsey, was three times in the box, and was closely questioned by the jury. He said he was quite sober, helped the man twice, and laid him under the cart. He did not pick him up near the Rock. He saw no tear in his trousers. He was without his coat that day at Hanging Rock. Dr Thwaites stated it was quite possible for the deceased to walk to the spot where Smith found him, despite his severe injuries."

One other issue about this sad incident concerned the fact that no money was found at the site and yet it was said that the deceased was known to have had money in his pocket before the accident. It does appear however, that David Smith was simply acting as a Good Samaritan and why Flight fell, and where the money went, remains an unsolved mystery. The "Argus" reported: *"The Coroner in summing up said that to his mind the evidence had not cleared the mystery of Flight's death very satisfactorily. The jury returned a verdict of accidental death."*

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