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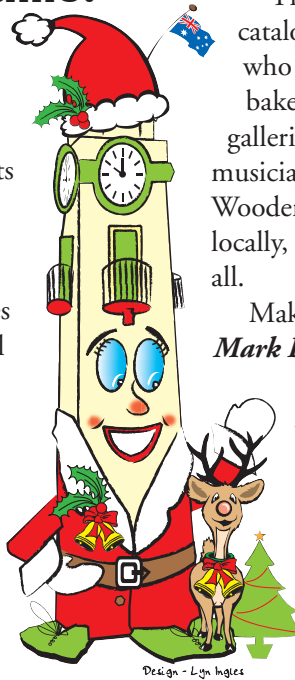
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Ho Ho Ho it's Christmas time!

Woodend Business and Tourism Association is bringing Christmas festivities to Woodend on Saturday, December 7th. To celebrate the festive season, Woodend's vibrant community comes alive and the village will be filled with lots of colour, fun and goodwill aplenty!

Christmas windows, roaming entertainers, buskers, face painting, street stalls, horse and carriage rides, Santa Snags and Rudolph Rissoles and of course the man with the white beard will make an appearance to Ho Ho Ho us into the Christmas spirit on his Big Red fire truck!

There will be Christmas promotions, sales, and discounts in stores, making it a fantastic opportunity to purchase all your gifts for Christmas – and best of all support your community. We're asking all local residents to pledge their support to our local businesses this Christmas.



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Mark December 7th in your diary.

We encourage all Woodend and Macedon Ranges residents to come along and enjoy the festivities. Tell your family and friends, share the word around, it's going to be a great day in Woodend!

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Submitted by Karen Cousens - President WBATA



Art Show & Twilight Fete

Friday 15th November: 5pm – 8.30pm

Woodend Primary School is holding its biennial Art Show and Twilight Fete on the evening of Friday 15th November on the grounds of the main campus in High Street, Woodend. The Art Show will be setup in the school Multi-Purpose Hall and feature artwork from each child at the school incorporating a range of styles and materials. The artwork will include paintings, sculptures, constructions, claywork, teddy bears, masks, etc...

The Twilight Fete will offer a range of children's activities including a Jumping Castle, Face Painting, Fairy Floss, Card Making and Hair Spraying. There will be a variety of food available including sausages and burgers off the BBQ, healthy and delicious sushi and a mix of warm to hot curries. Oh, and let's not forget the traditional Cake Stall!

Entertainment during the evening will feature the school choir and many of the school's students playing a variety of instruments. In addition, very talented local harmony group Miranda's Picnic, will also be singing.

All in all, a terrific night is being planned and one not to be missed!

Submitted by Andy Kozak, Principal



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Submitted by Macedon Ranges Vignerons Association

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The fair will be held on Saturday 16 November from 9am to 2pm in The Norma Richardson Hall and the church grounds at 15 Buckland Street Woodend.

Children will love patting the animals in the animal farm. They can also have their face painted and enjoy a bounce on the jumping castle.

Locals will be familiar with the cakes and crafts lovingly made by the Ladies Guilds. Come along and pick up some early Christmas gifts from their stall, the hand-knitted baby clothes are just gorgeous.

If you're a green thumb, you'll be impressed by the wide-variety of locally-grown plants ready for spring plantings.

Live music and refreshments will run throughout the event. We've a BBQ and baked potato stall or, if a cuppa and a scone are more your thing, then head into the hall for a tasty Devonshire tea.

"There's something for everyone," commented Locum Rector Rev'd Dr Peta Sherlock. "Now we've got our wonderful hall we're easing off on the sun dances as the weather no longer makes or breaks the show",

"I'm really looking forward to a fun day out," she added.



The full schedule for the day will be on our website from 1 November www.woodendanglican.org.au

The Spring Fair raises valuable funds that contribute towards the ministry of the parish, which includes St Mary's Woodend and St George's Trentham.

The Great Woodend Cup Cake Decorating Competition

This year's Spring Fair at St Mary's will host The Great Woodend Cup Cake Decorating Competition. If you're familiar with The Great Australian bake-off you'll know what a 'show stopper' is. If you're not, it's all about pulling-off that amazing cupcake! Be it simple and stunningly elegant or an eccentric off-the-wall idea, everything goes.

Everyone is welcome to enter into one of the three categories; children - under 10s, youth 11-17 or adults 18 and over. Cakes need to be delivered to The Norma Richardson Hall by 10am on Saturday 16 November and judging will take place at midday. Entry is free.

Full details will be published on our website from 1st of November www.woodendanglican.org.au

Submitted by Angela Van Dam





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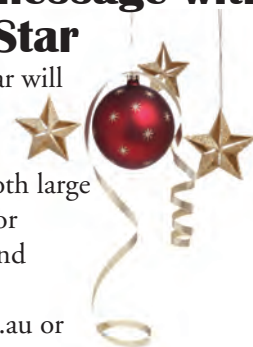
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February	22.1	2.5*	71.5*	115.0	133	97.4	Feb
March	25.4	42.5*	121*	35	84	53	Mar
April	20.4	51*	45	63.5	35.5	20.5	April
May	43.7	30.5*	39	73.5	54.4	47.2	May
June	88.7	66.5*	98.5	69	126.8	147.8	June
July	112.5	76.5*	87.5	82.5	102	101.8	July
August	52.2	107.5*	148.5	56	113.7	116.4	Aug
Sept	42.0*	88.5*	97	98.5	54.6	85	Sept
Oct	13.0*	46*	154.5	86	39		Oct
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Once again, The New Woodend Star will publish a special Christmas insert with the December edition.

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'Spring into Summer Fest'

this month at the Macedon Primary School Fete.

Come along and enjoy a true country fair with loads of great rides and live entertainment, including local bands and the student's performance of 'Macedon Idol'. There will be a large selection of delicious food stalls along with craft, book, plant and produce stalls.

Journey through the Animal Adventure Land at the school's Middle Gully Reserve where you'll find Camel Rides through the bushland along with Pony Rides and a great interactive Animal Farm.

There will also be plenty of great rides with the Giant Fibreglass Slide, Chair O Plane, Jumping Castle and Trackless Train along with a fun Games Alley. Magician 'Adam Laurence' will also amaze the kids with two performances of his outstanding magic tricks.

Try your luck at the Silent Auction and Major Raffle, (trampoline as first prize) and for a well earned rest families can relax at the Devonshire Tea and Cakes hall.

This year's Fete will be bigger and better than ever with all proceeds going towards the school's new playground development.

The Macedon Primary School Fete is on Saturday 30th November from 10-2pm at the school, Smith Street, Macedon.

Submitted by Helen Fisher for Macedon Primary School



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In 2014 we're expanding on this year's program by adding another musical to the list, featuring Anything Goes, A Chorus Line and Hairspray, plus a pantomime and a cabaret show.

Auditions

If you are interested in joining our company for its first production of the year "Anything Goes" please contact Fran Kelly on 5427 4210. Auditions will be held at the "Scout Hall", Cnr. Langley Street and Franklin Place, Kyneton – between 10.30 and 4.30pm on the 16th & 17th of November. Bookings are necessary, so please ring Fran as soon as possible; this will be a popular show. Bookings after 4.00pm cannot be taken. Come and join this vibrant and energetic company.

Submitted by F Kelly for Kyneton Theatre Company



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It is important to note that the offset will continue to be available for taxpayers for out of pocket medical expenses relating to disability aids, attendant care or aged care until 1 July 2019.

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For further information and assistance with this and any of your tax planning and compliance requirements please give us a call.

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Poppy week with RSL

The proceeds from the sale of Poppies go a long way in assisting our veterans and their dependants. Poppy Week commences on Wednesday 6th of November until Saturday 9th of November at Coles Supermarket. We will also be haunting the Victoria Hotel on Tuesday (Cup Day), seeking generous punters and again at Bourkies Bakehouse on Sunday, for last minute sales.



The Woodend RSL Sub Branch is holding this year's Remembrance Day Service at the RSL Hall at 32 Anslow Street, commencing at 10.30am on Monday 11th of November 2013, marking 95 years since the end of the Great War. Local schools and Service groups will participate in the Service. Refreshments will be available in the Hall after the Service. The Sub Branch will also hold a similar Service at the Woodend Community Aged Care.

Local band 'The Wood 'ole Boys' will be holding another Blues night at the RSL Hall, on 9th November. This follows their debut appearance here last month, when they had the place arockin'. The band starts at 7.00pm and food is available as are refreshments.

Our next Dinner Night is on 16th of November. Dinner will be served from 6.00pm and the entertainment is by Colin Cooke. A cover charge of \$5.00 on entry will buy you a chance in our Lucky Door prize.

Submitted by Barry Meldrum President

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Performances will be on Sunday 17th November at 2.30pm at Wendouree Centre for Performing Arts, 1220 Howitt St, Wendouree and Sunday 24th November also at the earlier time of 2.30pm at St Ambrose Parish Hall, Cnr Templeton and Anslow Sts, Woodend. Please note there will be only one performance in the Macedon Ranges.

The group of 80 singers and 4 professional soloists will perform this work with organ and full symphony orchestra.

The soloists are all well-known to audiences in the Macedon Ranges. They comprise Eleanor Kerr (Soprano), Charlotte Betts-Dean (Mezzo Soprano), Robert Barbaro (Tenor) and Manfred Pohlenz as Bass who sings the part of 'Elijah.'

Tickets for the Ballarat concert are available at the Wendouree Centre on 5338 0980 or at the door.

Tickets for Woodend concert are available to book online, please go to www.gisbornesingers.org.au or phone Corinne on 5426 4649.

Macedon Ranges patrons are strongly advised to book early to avoid disappointment, seating is strictly limited.

Submitted by R. Whiteley

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Now that spring has sprung, the team at Woodend Landcare has been out and about supporting community groups with their spring plantings. The first event of the season was a partnership

to plant trees at Very Special Kids Glen Osmond Farm. Landcarers and volunteers from the community planted over 160 eucalypt and acacias in natural groupings to create a welcoming entrance to the property. Next on the calendar was a planting day with Woodend Scout groups. Over 310 natives were planted around the billabong at the back of the Scout huts. These native plants and shrubs will attract local birdlife and help rejuvenate the previously weed-infested area.

As always, Woodend Landcare will be on the hunt for volunteers for two working bees taking place in November so, mark 3rd and 24th in your diaries if you're free. Full details will be posted on the Landcare notice board outside Coles.

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

Submitted by Angela Van Dam

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Roll Up to the Kyneton Show

On the 15th and 16th of November the gates of the Kyneton Showgrounds will be opening for the 2013 Kyneton Agricultural Show.

It kicks off with the Friday Night Show carnival starting at 5.30pm and there will be much excitement with this year's Kyneton Idol finals in full swing in the Football Club Rooms. The 2013 Ute Muster will see the hottest and best dressed utes competing on the oval. Those attending the night carnival can also look forward to being entertained by the Hubcats band on the oval and a stunning fire works display.

The theme for the Saturday Show Day is Bikes Bikes Bikes, with the O'Sullivan & Benn Bike Emporium in the Community Area. Here kids big and small can have some fun with some standard and unusual bikes in this interactive display which celebrates all things about bikes. Our thanks to the Macedon Ranges Shire Council for the grant to assist in providing these new, fun activities for everyone to enjoy free of charge. Or if chilling out is more your style, make your own smoothie with a bike, you will have to come to see how.

Of course the Free Zone for Kids will be part of the Community Area again during the Saturday show carnival. With Farmer Darryl and his animal friends, pony rides, Birds of Prey, a flying fox, Dazzling Dan the Magic Man, puppet making, train rides, woodwork & painting in the kids tent, Kyneton Transition Hub and Landcare there's just so much to do for everyone. And the whole Community Area is free.

The Master Cook Off Tent will be buzzing again with



Kyneton Secondary College and Sacred Heart College cooking for hundreds of dollars of prize money using items from their "mystery box". And while you're there taste test the entries from this year's Kyneton Jambouree. The famous Treasure Hunt Showbag will again be on sale at the front gate, but get in quick as there are limited numbers available.

And if you aren't already excited about all the things you can do and see at the Show try visiting the horses, cattle, dogs, poultry, rabbits, sheep, Watts Pavilion full of arts & craft and so much more.

There are loads of fun and fancy things that every member of the family can enter or participate in at this year show.


The web site kynetonshow.org.au is a good starting point for more information. For specific enquires call Josie Rutledge on 5423 5248.

Submitted by Renai Dudley,
Kyneton Agricultural Society Inc

Woodend Red Cross

The next meeting of the Woodend Unit of Red Cross will be held on Thursday 7th of November at 1.30pm. We meet at 39 High Street Woodend. Our meeting is held first, followed by a social cuppa. Our Unit has grown to over 25 people, with quite a few joining in the last 4 years. Come along and learn about all the projects that Red Cross are involved with and see how you can help. All new members will be made very welcome.

Submitted by M. Hocking



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Don't rely on mains water during fires

Western Water is warning Woodend residents to have an independent water supply ready if they plan to stay and defend their home this fire season.

"If electricity is cut or our infrastructure is affected by fire, our pumps may fail, cutting the mains water supply," Western Water's Managing Director, Neil Brennan, says.

"If we have extremely high demand for water from customers and the CFA during a fire, water pressure may also drop."

Mr Brennan says residents should consult their local CFA about their options for an independent water supply and plan ahead.

"We are also doing all we can to prepare for summer, with backup generators ready and water storage tanks at high capacity to cope if we have a fire," he says.

Mr Brennan says Woodend residents can also help the community to be prepared for fire season by 'adopting' a fire hydrant.

"The CFA needs to be able to access fire hydrants quickly and easily," he says.

"You can help by keeping fire hydrants near your home free of debris and vegetation, and calling us if you think a hydrant needs maintenance."

To find out more, visit Western Water's stall at the Bushfire and Emergency Services Expo in Riddells Creek on November 17.

Submitted by B. Lloyd for Western Water



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Locals in the spotlight

John Van Groningen

The midwife was three hours late. John Van Groningen was born to the sounds of war in a bomb shelter on the tiny occupied Dutch island of Texel in the North Sea. "It was a German anti-aircraft base so while the Brits and Canadians bombed us, we had to keep out of sight. We lived underground, grew our own veges and fished. One day about a dozen of us kids ran home frightened to death by a strafing aircraft, but one of the children didn't make it. You don't forget those things. However, the constantly marching German soldiers on the streets and the tanks and aircraft were exciting for a kid. We didn't understand."

The war ended when he was five and by the age of ten, the family had moved to a central Californian dairy farm. An Agricultural Science scholarship got him to university and by second year John was doing Sociology and Political science.

"I became an abalone diver. You do that when you're young and stupid. My mate and I owned a leaky boat and when we tired of the seasonal vagaries, we went to work in a large Californian prison. I paid my way through uni and did a Masters in Criminology. I learned more in those two years walking the floor than ever before or since. Prisoners are more like than unlike you. They have wives, kids and bills, but they've committed crimes and got caught. I studied psychology and sociology and was fascinated to have all the theories playing out in front of me at work."

Upon completion of his Masters degree, John worked at the Californian Youth Authority. "99% of cases were deviant juveniles and I believe it was usually directly related to family background. Family is the strongest influence by far. People don't become criminals at 21. They need the requisite values; the mindset, conscience and opportunity to commit a crime."

During this time John was recruited to work in Australia and began at the Malmsbury Juvenile Justice Centre in 1974. John and wife Jeanne fell in love with the area and have been settled here ever since. John was quickly appointed Superintendent of Pentridge prison.



John is a long time local, an expert advisor to government and a university lecturer.

"When I came to Pentridge the place was physically filthy and poorly managed. Maybe it's my sense of Dutch cleanliness but there was no excuse for the filth. When it was closed down, I never felt ghosts that others reported and I didn't have an attachment to the building, but was committed to ensure that staff were dealt with fairly.

I learnt there was more than one way to get things done. How you deal with people has a lot to do with how they, in turn, deal with you. Your approach, language and demeanour have everything to do with how they react. I got a call from the South Gate to collect a female journalist one day. She

had a see-through top on. I refused her admission and she got upset. I said 'I have to keep sanity in the place. I approved you coming out here but I can't let you come in dressed like that.'

Three years after setting up a Criminal Justice course (now at RMIT) John found himself working for Attorney General Jim Kennan doing 'Prerogative of Mercy' cases.

"I then worked as a professional adviser and we implemented some very controversial legislation. I wrote background material for the Community Protection Act in Victoria and am still often asked by media for an expert opinion for high profile cases."

At the Law Reform Commission, John's work addressed issues referred by government such as: rape reform; mental malfunction & criminal responsibility; and public drunkenness.

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John Van Groningen- continued

By 1992, The Kennett government appointed John the Commissioner of Corrections and put him in charge of all Victorian prisons and community-based offices. It was his toughest assignment. "There were 2,500 prisoners and 8000 people on community-based orders. My biggest challenge was closing down old prisons and building new privatised ones, which created much emotion and opposition. There were staff and people who felt it shouldn't be done. Privatisation was a big issue."

John has lectured at Monash University and currently at RMIT. His research has included links between: crime and gambling; the effects of drug rehabilitation centres on the communities in which they're located; and money laundering in and throughout Australia.

In retirement, John lectures on victimology, criminological theory, human rights and international law.

As he pauses for thought, John admires a pair of birds on the lawn outside the lounge room windows. Birdlife isn't all he finds in the garden though. "One time they came to do a sweep and found someone had attached a listening device to the phone cable right on the outside of the kitchen wall. At other times he has dismissed over-zealous news crews who have landed their helicopter in the front paddock to ask for a 'grab' in a high profile murder case. "I wasn't interested in talking to them. I didn't have all the facts," he said.

When not gardening or pursuing an interest in classic cars, John is thinking up aliases for his almost-complete book. Retirement seems elusive.

Words and photography by Kathy Mexted

Artists at the mill

A new creative venture has opened at the old Black Forest Saw Mill in Woodend. Over 150 people attended the opening of 'Artisans at the Mill' on October 5th, with music by Billy Dickson and wine by Hanging Rock Winery the crowd was also given the opportunity to view the artisans' work. Many artists attended and were excited at the potential that this space has to offer in the future. The two exhibition spaces and central grounds were filled with works.


Artisans at the Mill is the collaboration of 4 local residents of the Macedon Ranges - Mark Faulkner, Glenn Paris, Michael Draper and Becky Emmett who bring design, talent and unique thinking together in one large creative space. It is the NEW arts hub of the Macedon Ranges, the new meeting place for artists, creators and buyers. The place to browse, watch craftsmen at work and buy hand crafted furniture, sculpture, unique art, useful objects, soft furnishing and one of a kind gifts. There will be a program of exhibitions by invited artists of all media.

This new evolving business has brought life and colour back into the old central section of the Mill in Woodend creating a vibrant arts centre and a new creative industry for the Macedon Ranges. A visit to Artisans at the Mill at 988 Black Forest Drive, to view and enjoy the work of these talented artists in this unique location is a must.

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A message from Cr Jennifer Anderson

Dear Residents,

I have now been a Councillor for 12 months, and appreciate all the support you, the residents of the Shire, have given me.

My first aim in this time has been to try to achieve solid strategic planning by council, planning decisions that reflect the desires of the communities of which we are part of; and to encourage and direct distant government departments and other agencies to understand the beauty and uniqueness of the region.

Secondly: I promised to try to improve openness, honesty and transparency in all that council does.

Thirdly: I want to improve community engagement: where you are encouraged to comment on things and feel that your voice is listened to.

I hope that you think that I am on my way to achieving these aims and keeping these promises.

I have seen how the Woodend community in particular have made submissions, and been an active voice in what happens to their town and the Shire as a whole.

I thank you for your contributions to the Loddon Mallee South Regional Growth Plan, Planning scheme amendment C84, and the Woodend Town structure plan so far.

The Draft Woodend Town Structure plan is about to be exhibited for comment.

I know many of you have already made comments but now is the time to see whether Council have listened to you, and whether you are happy with what is proposed for the future of Woodend.

This document, once adopted by council, will be placed into the Macedon Ranges Shire Planning Scheme, so it is important that we get it right.

I know it is yet another long document to read, but even if you only select a part of it, ask your friends to do another part and talk together about what you think, this will help greatly to ensure that Woodend is closer to achieving a future that residents, business owners, local employees, visitors and friends are happy with.

Even if you have been disappointed in the past with outcomes of Shire consultation processes, I encourage you to continue to write to and ring your Councillors to let them know what you think.

Together we can keep Woodend, and our whole Shire, the amazing place that it is today, where people feel happy, healthy and safe, in the knowledge that what we all cherish about where we live and work will not be lost.

I thank you for your support and participation so far, and encourage you to continue to contact me about anything you feel you wish to raise about our beautiful home.

Kind regards,

*Cr. Jennifer Anderson, Macedon Ranges Shire Councillor
0408 273670*



Funding secured for court upgrades at Woodend

Two outdoor multipurpose courts at Racecourse Reserve in Woodend are set to benefit from a \$98,000 upgrade after the Victorian Government announced that it will contribute \$59,000 towards the project.

Victoria's Minister for Sport and Recreation, Hugh Delahunty announced the funding during a visit to Woodend on October 22nd.

The project will include upgrades to existing lighting, resurfacing of both outdoor courts, the replacement of goal posts, and drainage and footpath works.

Macedon Ranges Shire Council's Mayor, Roger Jukes welcomed the funding announcement.

"The funding will enable us to complete much needed works on the outdoor courts to bring them up to competition standard for netball and basketball.

"The improvements will help to meet the growing demand for netball and basketball facilities and the installation of new lighting will mean that groups will be able to use these courts all year round.

"I'd also like to congratulate the Woodend District Netball Association and the Macedon Ranges Basketball Association for their efforts in raising \$25,000 towards the works," he said.

Macedon Ranges Shire Council will contribute \$14,000 towards the works. It is anticipated that works will commence mid-year 2014.

Submitted by E. McCormick for MRSC.



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Tax-deductible energy for all:

Nationwide C3 scheme launched in Woodend

A unique, nationwide scheme bringing tax-deductible, clean energy to households was launched in Woodend on 1 October.

Participants in the Community Climate Chest (C3) scheme can save up to 50% on standard GreenPower fees. Using GreenPower for household or business electricity reduces climate change.

As well as bringing financial savings and reducing greenhouse emissions, the C3 scheme will fund local sustainability projects in the Macedon Ranges community.

C3 is a joint initiative of the Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group (MRSNG), the Alternative Technology Association (ATA) and GreenPower provider ACXargyle. C3 was launched during the Annual General Meeting of the MRSNG last week.

'The C3 scheme presents a wonderful opportunity for everyone,' said the scheme's principal architect and Woodend resident, Alan Reid, at the launch.

'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 pay extra to claim an amount of power – equal to what you have consumed from the grid - from a clean energy generator. This is GreenPower,' explains Mr Reid.

'Until now, the electricity retailers have dominated the GreenPower market and set premium prices to maintain healthy profit margins, without providing clear information about the source of their renewable energy.

'C3 participants must continue to purchase electricity

from their normal retailer. But instead of paying the retailer a premium for GreenPower, they 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 purchasing power; low administrative fees; the fact that GST does not apply; and the tax deductibility of donations.

'In further contrast to the 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 choose to 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. MRSNG and the ATA were the first C3 Community Agents, closely followed by Friends of the Earth.

'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 MRSNG 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. Groups interested in becoming C3 Community Agents should contact Alan Reid on 0434 498 800.

Submitted by B. Colles

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Woodend Kinder News

Our Ladies Luncheon was held on the 25th of August at Zarby's. It was a successful day with all in attendance having a lovely time and raising \$1900 for kinder. The local businesses were very supportive and we had many raffle prizes, door prizes and silent auction items. There are too many businesses to thank individually, however, a special mention must go to Carolyn at Carasmatic who generously donated goodie bags for all the ladies who attended, thank you and thanks to all the businesses who donated their goods and services. The money raised will go towards improvements to the kinder grounds, including a new water tank and outdoor table and chairs.

The children were treated to a visit from Chris from Wild Action Zoo recently, Riley from the Billy's group said "It was the best day ever". The children were able to hold, pat and smell some wonderful Australian animals.



Audrey from Woodend Kinder patting a possum at the recent visit from Wild Action Zoo

Term 4 is shaping up to be a busy term with the children participating in two excursions, one to see the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra and the other to the Melbourne Zoo. The children will also have some eggs in incubators in the classrooms and will be able to see chickens hatching. Following these excursions we will be having various Christmas celebrations and transitions to primary school.

Submitted by Emma Tuck, President

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The Toy Shop relies completely on the generosity of our community, to donate gifts to stock the shop. Families are referred to us by local support and welfare agencies and are given a personal invite to attend the shop and pick out toys for their children. As we rely on donated goods, there is no cost to the families for these gifts. We also offer gift wrapping and a cafe style space to enjoy free tea and coffee and home baked goodies.

For families who are facing challenging times, Christmas can become an incredibly stressful, lonely and sad season. Unable to participate in many of the traditions that our culture has come to know as "normal" these families can feel even more isolated and marginalised.

The Toy Shop gives struggling families the opportunity to enjoy what most people take for granted – to choose something special for their child and be able to give it to them on Christmas morning. Many of these families would otherwise be unable to give their child a gift on Christmas morning and many of these children would miss out on the joy of opening a gift that is just for them.

For our community, the Toy Shop is a fantastic opportunity for local people to embrace the true Christmas

spirit, and reach out in generosity and love to those in their own community who are facing a tough time. Whether you are an individual or a business, you can get into the Christmas spirit and give some joy to local people who really need it.

The toy shop relies 100% on the goodwill and generosity of our community. We need your donations to make this important initiative possible. We require donations of toys for boys and girls aged 0-18. Gifts need to be new and valued around \$20. We also welcome donations of books, plush toys and smaller items that would be suitable as stocking fillers. We particularly fall short in gifts, books and stocking fillers for older children each year.

How to Donate:

- The Uniting Church and Target Woodend are again running "Operation Santa" and have kindly agreed to collect gifts for the Toy Shop. Members of the public can donate by leaving a gift at the tree located in Target Country Woodend.
- Donations will also be received at the offices of Cobaw Community Health in Kyneton and Woodend.
- Contact Georgina Harvey (0404 442 891) directly to arrange pick up of donations.

Donations of both gifts and money will be gratefully received. All financial donations will only be used to purchase toys to stock the shop. Gifts need to be received by Monday 16th December to allow time for sorting and setting up of the toy shop.

Submitted by Georgina Harvey 0404 442 891

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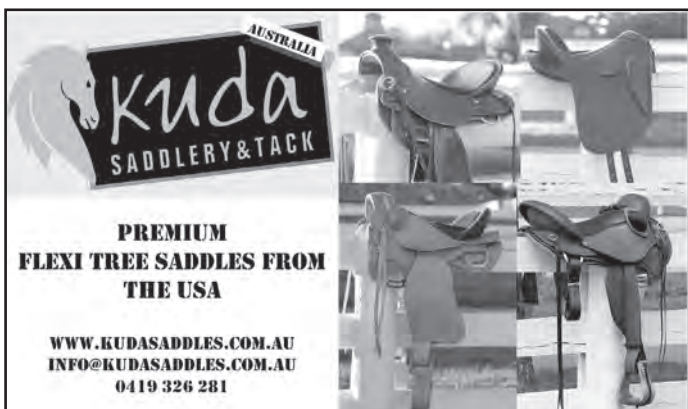
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You can take a walk along the Coliban River and marvel at the amazing and ancient viaduct, view the local birdlife, bring your boules and have a go on the bowling green, sample some gourmet preserves, wines and local honey, or just relax in the country sunshine. There will be live entertainment provided by Andy Rigby and his Marimbas and you can even join in and make some music yourself! The famous Banana Brothers will be roving and you can dance along with Over the Moon Dance studio who will be teaching everyone some new steps. There will be some great Eastern European / gypsy tunes from the Klezmer-Gypsy-Balkan musicians and the Orkester Glasso Bahalde, who, together with the Footscray Gypsies, the Pollyphonics and Yiddish choir will treat Fayre goers to some great performances throughout the day. In addition to the Fayre, Malmsbury will also host the Zingaro Festival over the weekend with music, choirs, a cabaret and dancing. Several galleries will be open all weekend featuring local artists and the Historical Society will be on hand to explain the fascinating history of this little town.

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- Gentle exercise classes are held on Tuesdays from 10.30am–11.30am. \$5.50 per person.
- Strength for health classes are held on Tuesdays from 1pm–2pm and Fridays from 9.30am–10.30am. \$60 for a 10 pass card or \$118 for a 20 pass card.

For more information or to book your place, contact 5427 3411 or email buffalo@mrsc.vic.gov.au. For details about about other classes and activities at any of Council's leisure and aquatic centres, visit www.mrsc.vic.gov.au/leisure.

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Patients should ensure their mobile phone details (and other records) are up to date – please see our receptionists to ensure we have your correct details.

Some patients do not wish to receive an SMS reminder message – that's fine, please just let our receptionists know and this will be marked on your record.

Did Not Arrive

Patients who fail to attend their appointments take up valuable time that could have been used for other patients. We have up to 20 people fail to arrive in any one day. This means many patients miss out and a lot of our clinical staff time is wasted.

While we hope that the SMS appointment reminders help to alleviate this problem, please also make a note on your calendar so that appointments aren't missed.

Wound Care Nurse

Our esteemed colleague, Danielle Chew, will be leaving Brooke Street Medical Centre at the end of the year as she is relocating. Her highly skilled, specialist wound care services have been of enormous benefit to our patients for many years. We wish Danielle all the very best.

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Swift clinics



Some patients have told us they are unable to access our Swift Clinic (for repeat scripts) as they are unable to attend the Practice at 6pm. This appears to have most affected the elderly and parents with young families.

In response, we have made Swift Clinic appointments available on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 2pm. Regular Swift Clinic hours also continue on weekdays between 6-6.30pm.

The Swift Clinic is a fast flowing clinic, where patients are seen on time simply for a repeat script. This is just to tide you over until your next regular GP appointment.

Please do not book into the Swift Clinic if you have any other queries or concerns – make a normal GP appointment instead. All Swift Clinic appointments are bulk billed.

Tell us what you think



We welcome your feedback. It helps us develop and improve our services to patients. We have feedback sheets available at our reception desks if you would like to provide some comments to us.


For complaints or serious concerns, please contact Deb Stidwell, Practice Manager. Either write a letter with your contact details and particulars about the problem or call Deb directly. This allows us to identify issues and follow them up in relation to your specific needs. We aim always to improve quality of services.

After hours GP Helpline - tel. 1800 022 222

International author, Fiona McIntosh is coming to town!

New Leaves Bookshop in Woodend will be hosting a free evening with Fiona McIntosh on Monday the 11th of November at 6pm. We'd love you to join us for a glass of wine, a piece of cake and some humour and wisdom from Fiona.

Fiona McIntosh is an international bestselling author across a number of genres. She is best known for her historical romance-adventures and her fantasy books. Fiona is very much in demand as a speaker, she is a well respected motivational speaker, she runs regular writing workshops in her home town of Adelaide and she has taken over Bryce Courtney's writing Masterclasses since his passing. Indeed, it was after attending one of Bryce's Masterclasses 12 years ago that Fiona started writing her first novel. That very first manuscript was picked up by a large global publisher and the rest, as they say, is history. Fiona's last novel, "The French Promise" was put on the Get Reading's list of Books You Can't Put Down.



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From the bustling streets of postwar London to the idyllic English downs, "Tailor's Girl" is a breathtaking story of passion and persistence, about how true love can overcome incredible odds, even in the most extraordinary circumstances.

Come and share with Fiona her thoughts on this beautiful novel, England in the 1920s and her love of all things to do with chocolate, coffee and winter boots.

For more details contact Eleanor Reid at New Leaves.
5427 3772 enquiries@newleaveswoodend.com.au.

For general information about Fiona McIntosh and New Leaves bookshop, see www.fionamcintosh.com and www.newleaveswoodend.com.au.

Submitted by E Reid

SELLING A HOUSE?
You may be able to apply the main residence exemption!

The main residence exemption allows you together with your spouse to class one property as your main residence that may be exempt or partially exempt from Capital Gains Tax on sale.

If you have lived in the house for the entire time of ownership and have not classed another house as your main residence during that time, generally you would be eligible for full exemption.

Eligibility for full or at least partial exemption will depend on a number of factors:

- If you use the dwelling for income producing purposes, you may be able to continue to apply the main residence exemption for up to six years after you move out.
- You can be absent from the residence indefinitely and still claim an exemption providing that you have not used the residence for income producing purposes and not claimed main residence on another dwelling during that time.
- If dwelling is transferred via an estate, the main residence exemption can still apply as long as the dwelling is sold within two years.
- Up to two hectares of adjoining land to your main residence may also be eligible

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Sunday 13th of October heralded the first of the MRCE's trading days - at Lancefield's High St plantation - with around 25 members coming together to trade with each other, meet new members & have a cuppa for a short snappy session from 10 - 11am. Organisers were happy with the turnout, seeing that the membership is open to having a regular place to trade & the variety of offerings was welcomed by attendees. Watch the group's Facebook page for regular updates on new offerings & upcoming market days.

More details & listings can be found on our website - www.mrce.net.au.

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31 Halloween Community Party – Woodend Children's Park

November

2 Duneira - Seraphim Trio perform music by Haydn & Beethoven
3 Duneira - special open garden with heritage car & Flynn Silver exhibition
3 Duneira - Bushwalk of Mt Macedon with Stephen Ryan
3 Woodend Landcare working bee
9 The Wood 'ole Boys at Woodend RSL
7 Red Cross meeting
8 ADFAS presents Professor Heath Lees
11 Remembrance Day Service at the RSL Hall
11 Fiona McIntosh @ New Leaves
13 Macedon Ranges Film Society, showing The Court Jester
15 Woodend Primary Art Show & Fete
15 Submissions due for The New Woodend Star
15 - 16 Kyneton Show
16 RSL Woodend Dinner Night
16 Woodend Anglican Spring Fete at St Mary's
16-17 Mount Macedon Peonies Festival
16-17 Budburst
16-17 Auditions- KTC "Anything Goes"
17 Malmsbury Village Fayre
17 Gisborne Singers @ Wendouree Centre for Performing Arts,
17 Bushfire and Emergency Services Expo
20 Mans Shed information session
21 Day of the Doctor at Woodend Library
22 Dr Who Trivia Night at Gisborne Library
23 Carlsruhe CFA Movie Night – Despicable Me2
23 Lyonville Fireman's Ball
23-24 Mount Macedon Peonies Festival
24 Giborne/Ballarat Sigers- "Elijah"- St Ambrose
24 Woodend Landcare twilight working bee
30 Macedon Primary School Fete
30 Duneira - Bushwalk with Stephen Ryan. Concert, Childrens Theatre, lecture. Go to www.duneira.com.au for more info
30-1 Mount Macedon Peonies Festival

December

7 WBATA Christmas Festival
7-8 Mount Macedon Peonies Festival
14 Duneira Christmas carols in the garden with Ensemble Gombert 5pm. BYO picnic rug.
16 Last day for drop off for Christmas Toy Shop

February

28 Kyneton Music Festival & Beard Fest, Till March 2
15 Submissions due for The New Woodend Star

March

1&2 Lancefield & Macedon Ranges Relay for Life
15 Woodend Autumn Carnival – hosted by St Ambrose School and Parish
15 Submissions due for The New Woodend Star
16 Kyneton Aquathon
23 Woodend & District Heritage Society – Dedication Ceremony

COMMUNITY GROUPS CONTACT DETAILS

Alcoholics Anonymous, Friday night, Cobaw Community Centre, 0409 131 144
Australian Breastfeeding Association, Heather, 5427 2398
Cobaw Thursday Walking Group 5427 3340
Daylight Masonic Lodge, 5427 2480
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Macedon Ranges Art Trail Nadine 0439 399 838
Macedon Ranges & District Motor Club, 10 Webb Cres, New Gisborne 1st Wednesday each month 8pm
Macedon Ranges Amateur Radio Club Graeme 0418 838 300
Macedon Ranges Animal Aid, Buffalo Sports Stadium, 5427 1752
Macedon Ranges Bridge Club, 5427 1884
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Macedon Ranges Residents Assoc., 5427 1481 or 5427 2651
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R.S.L., Anslow Street, 5427 3122
Red Cross, 5427 1260
Rotary Club of Woodend, meetings weekly at Vic Hotel Thursdays 6.45pm, Brendan 5422 6442
St. Mary's Guild, 11am, 4th Wednesday of month
St. Mary's Street Stall, 9-12 noon outside Woodend Newsagency (2nd Sat of the month)
Woodend Art Group, Railway Station, 5427 1659
Woodend Business & Tourism Group woodendtraders@gmail.com
Woodend Landcare: Meetings and weekend working bees - Jo 5427 1909
Thursday Crew - morning - Stewart 5427 4615
Woodend Hanging Rock Petanque Club, Hanging Rock Reserve, 5420 7595
Woodend Lions Club, Meetings 2nd/4th Wednesday each month, Barry McDonald, 5427 1272
Woodend Neighbourhood House, 47 Forest St, 5427 1845
Woodend Playgroup 0467 093 878
Woodend Pony Club, 5427 2793
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Snake Bite and your Pet

by *Dr Mel Hutchison BVSc (Hons)*

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As we move closer to Summer, the risk of snake bite to your pet increases and pets in rural and country areas are at a greater risk of being bitten. The venomous tiger and brown snake account for the majority of snake bites in Central Victoria.

People wishing to provide a safe home environment for their animals should follow the same ideas as keeping their children safe. Ensure the grass is maintained around the home, do not leave piles of rubbish or objects such as tin or plastic lying around for snakes to hide under or reside in.

Any animal can have an encounter with a snake in the local park, near bodies of water such as lakes or dams, or in long grass in paddocks. Dogs, cats and horses are all at risk, but it is the curious dog that is most likely to be severely affected. It is important to exercise discretion when it comes to walking your dog. It is recommended that dogs are not walked off the lead in summer due to their inquisitive natures, curiosity and natural hunting instincts.

If your pet has an encounter with a snake, it can help if you are aware of the signs and symptoms of snake bite and getting your pet to your vet as quickly as possible.

The signs of snake bite by a tiger or brown snake are varied. Some or all of the following can be seen:

- excitement
- dilated pupils
- trembling, shaking and twitching of muscles
- salivation
- vomiting
- red or brown discoloration of urine
- rapid breathing or panting
- sudden weakness followed by collapse
- eventually paralysis (starting with the hind legs and progressing towards the head)
- cats can show a delayed onset of obvious clinical signs and may only show dilated pupils and lethargy 12 - 24 hours after the bite
- horses may show buckling at the knees

Emergency first aid is critical for the survival of your pet:

- do not try to wash or bandage the bite area
- keep your pet as still as possible to reduce venom circulation around the bloodstream
- contact your vet IMMEDIATELY. Dogs can die from snake bite in less than 4 hours so prompt treatment is ESSENTIAL.

It is important to note that if your pet is bitten, DO NOT try to catch or kill the snake as all Australian snakes are protected. Not to mention, exposing yourself to unnecessary danger.

Submitted by Natasha Hanegraaf

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**Volunteer Profile – Colin Yeung,
MITCH (Music in the Central Highlands)**

We love our music here in the Macedon Ranges. Not only do we regularly host some major music talent in our lovely region, but we can grow our own incredible musicians too. One organisation intent on showcasing the significant talents of our local musicians is MITCH: Music in the Central Highlands.

Woodend resident Colin Yeung is a founding member of the MITCH committee and is passionate about the voluntary work he does with this group. Colin moved here with his wife Katie and young family in June 2011. Katie, a singer, musician and experienced high school music teacher, and Colin, a former clarinet and pianist, struck up a conversation with Trentham resident Bern Barry about their shared interest in music. Out of this conversation, MITCH was formed, with a clear vision to promote and share the world-class musical talents abundant across the Central Highlands. Colin says of his involvement: "I knew that I wanted to help present local musical talent in the best way possible, and I was able to do this using my experience, working alongside some equally passionate individuals." Over the previous 18 months, MITCH has developed a broad vision to encourage anyone with a musical interest to perform to a level that they are comfortable, in front of an audience that is appreciative of their effort and endeavour, where the instrument is irrelevant, the audience is unbiased and supportive and where "Everyone – performers and the audience – are there to enjoy themselves."

Proving that you can engage with your community through volunteering even with a full-time commute to the city and two pre-school children, Colin contributes to MITCH's promotional material, photography (another passion) and website management. A further inspirational aspect of MITCH's work is to give back to the musicians it promotes. Proceeds from the concerts are returned to the musical community with a priority given to supporting up and coming performers in the central highlands. MITCH is always looking for potential new venues in the areas of Trentham, Kyneton, Woodend, Macedon, Daylesford. If your home or property can host up to 120 people, you are interested in assisting with setting up and taking down before and after performances, or if you would like to perform, please get in contact with MITCH via the website: www.mitch.org.au. As Colin says, "Being a part of this community is a lot of fun, you are rewarded for your effort and it is very satisfying knowing that you are contributing to the musical talent and artistic wealth of the area."

"Woodend Connections – Volunteer Network" is an initiative of the Woodend Neighbourhood House. If you are interested in volunteering in Woodend, or would like your organisation to be involved, contact Lisa Richards or Janet Pearce on 5427 1845 or www.woodendnh.org.au.

Written by Lisa Richards.

In conjunction with Woodend Neighbourhood House, The New Woodend Star will highlight some of the wonderful volunteers who contribute so much to our community.

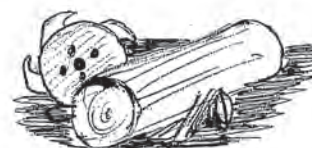
Did you know 1 in 4 people living in Woodend are volunteers? That's amongst the highest in the nation, and part of the reason Woodend's groups and clubs are so varied and vibrant. If you would like to highlight the actions of a volunteer you know - email sales@collierooffice.com.au for more information.

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Woodend Playgroup a finalist in Playgroup of the Year Awards

Woodend Playgroup has been nominated by Playgroup Victoria as a finalist in its annual Playgroup of the Year Awards.

One of five finalists in the Community Playgroup category, the award winner will be announced at a gala event at the Arts Centre Melbourne on Thursday 14 November.

Woodend Playgroup was selected as a finalist from a strong field of applicants by Playgroup Victoria's judging panel, which included representatives of its Board, executive management team and ambassador program.

The panel determined that Woodend Playgroup's active communication, commitment to further improving its Forest Street facility and its engagement with members, as well as the wider Woodend community, were just some elements that helped Woodend Playgroup progress through as a finalist.

"We are absolutely thrilled that Playgroup Victoria has acknowledged the effort we have gone to this year to make Woodend Playgroup a great place for our members to meet and connect," said Faye Cormick, President of the Woodend Playgroup Committee.

"To be a finalist in the Playgroup of the Year Awards is a great honour but we couldn't do it without the support of our members, the wider Woodend community and, of course, the dedicated volunteer mums on the committee, who work tirelessly to make Woodend Playgroup a great place for our kids," Faye added.

Members of the community interested in joining Woodend Playgroup can call 0467 093 878, make an enquiry via Facebook or send an email to WoodendPlaygroup@gmail.com.

Submitted by Laurissa Mailler

Council's New Local Law No.10

Macedon Ranges Shire Council recently adopted a new local law that covers a range of activities that impact on the amenity of our community, such as animal keeping, activities on roads and streets, consumption of alcohol in public places, street furniture, burning off and lighting fires.

Some of the key changes as part of the new Local Law No.10 include:

- restrictions around using motorised recreation vehicles on land less than 4 hectares and the times of day at which you can ride and proximity to neighbouring houses
- changes to restrictions on open air burning. Burning off is now prohibited on land less than 4,000 square metres (one acre). However the Municipal Fire Prevention Officer can lift restrictions for a period of time for fire prevention purposes and this will be advertised in local newspapers and on Council's website. On land greater than 4,000 square metres, changes have been made to the times when people can burn off and the amount that can be burnt at any one time.
- changes to fencing requirements on building sites that have existing fences
- restrictions on caravans / motorhomes being used as dwellings on vacant land
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- requirements for the placing of shipping containers on private land in residential areas
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The Local Law No.10 is available on Council's website, mrsc.vic.gov.au or can be viewed in person at any of Council's offices in Gisborne, Kyneton, Romsey and Woodend.

For more information, contact Local Laws unit on 5422 0333.

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ART

in the Woods

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Dipilla



Art is a constant teacher and some artists have the ability to inspire others in the classroom and nurture their creativity.

Ettore Dipilla has introduced many Macedon Ranges residents to the beautiful medium of glass through the timeless arts of leadlighting and mosaic, and the more contemporary practices of fusing and slumping.

He has spent a large chunk of his 40 years in Woodend teaching classes from his home studio, making and repairing leadlight windows, and selling his artwork at the monthly town market. Ettore has also been sought for large commissions throughout Australia and overseas.

Among his greatest achievements is the establishment of Working Outside The Square, a project which brings local artists together for an annual themed exhibition. Around \$27,000 has been given to 19 tertiary students thanks to a scholarship fund maintained with exhibition sales proceeds.

Ettore enjoys the creative scope that he has found since investing in a large kiln and experimenting with a vast spectrum of coloured and textured glass. He is preparing for an exhibition of fused body casts next year, while his students' work will be showcased at Trio Gallery, Kyneton from December 7 to 22.

His work is at Black Anther Gallery, Woodend; Mad Gallery, Lancefield; and The Little Gallery on High, Trentham, which he co-operates with three other artists.

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

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Make Your Own Tardis Competition

Make your own Tardis out of any materials you like, and enter it into our competition to win great prizes! Bring your home-made Tardis to your local library for public display and judging by your fellow library patrons.

Make Your Own Dalek or Dr Who

Each week, Macedon Ranges Libraries will be giving away 'cube' paper craft activities for you to do at home.

Day of the Doctor at Woodend Library

21 November 4-5pm. Join us for a fun-filled after school 'Whovent' of dressing up, activities and Whovian food (fish fingers and custard, anyone?!)

Dr Who Trivia Night at Gisborne Library

22 November 7pm. For all 'Who' fans and aficionados, Gisborne Library is hosting a fun-filled family trivia night centred on all things Whovian. Contact Gisborne Library

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Beauty Abounds for Film Society

At the October meeting of the Macedon Ranges Film Society, the film American Beauty dealt with the dramatic and simple beauty of things.

Director Sam Mendes makes his mark as a serious film director in this drama starring Kevin Spacey (as Lester Burnham) and Annette Bening (as Carolyn Burnham). Disillusioned by the tedium of his life, Lester finds the inspiration for enjoyment comes from a very surprising source. One critic described the film as "showing up the hollow existence of living in the American suburbs".

More than forty years earlier, a film of a very different genre was being made. On November 13th, members are sure to be amused by The Court Jester (1956) with Danny Kaye in the role of a hapless carnival performer who gets involved in more trickery than he bargains for, once he falls in love with Captain Jean played by Glynis Johns. The cast includes a host of well-known actors such as Basil Rathbone and Angela Lansbury.

The screening of The Court Jester on November 13th will be the last offering of the Macedon Ranges Film Society for 2013. Next year, a variety of film styles will once again be shown. The film society meets on the second Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. in the Woodend Community Centre. Film notes are provided and for those who wish, there is supper, kindly supplied by members, following the screening.

Enquiries about membership can be made by visiting our website - mrfilmsociety@gmail.com - or by phoning Lorraine on 5427 0921 or Christine on 5429 5452.

Submitted by Christine Caley, Macedon Ranges Film Society

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Community Needs Assessment

Woodend Neighbourhood House wants to know what you need from us! So, we're conducting a community needs assessment to try and find out. We will conduct a survey and we want to talk to as many local residents as possible so that the final report reflects the true community needs and is community-driven.

We are taking our survey to the streets, shops, schools and public transport and it will be available on the Woodend Neighbourhood Website through Survey Monkey. We are also able to come to groups and local community events: we want to hear your opinions in order to develop a clear picture of how to best serve this community.

If you have a group or community event you think we should attend, wish to participate in the survey or require further information, please contact Anthea Bartholomeusz or Jill Scanlon at the Woodend Neighbourhood House on 5427 1845. We look forward to talking with many of you over the next two months.

Men wanted for Woodend Workshop

Do you like woodwork and building things? Are you keen to meet other people with similar interests? Then you can help us establish a new Men's Shed in Woodend!

Men's Sheds are a place where men can come together to socialise, work on their own projects and be part of the community. They are like your typical backyard shed, full of tools and equipment but also full of other people to have a cup of tea with and share skills.

A Partnership Group have been working together over the past few months to establish a "multi-purpose" community workshop at the Woodend Hub. The space will be called the Woodend Workshop and it will provide the space for a range of community activities including a Men's Shed.

To find out more about Men's Sheds and the Woodend Workshop you are invited to an information session and sausage sizzle at the Woodend Hub (47 Forest Street) on Wednesday 20th November at 11am - 1pm.

At this session the Partnership Group will introduce the idea of the Woodend Workshop and how you can be part of the process to create the Men's Shed. As well as a sausage sizzle there will be plenty of time for you to ask questions, share ideas and have a look around.

For more information contact Jill Scanlon at Woodend Neighbourhood House on 5427 1845.

Submitted by Jill Scanlon - Coordinator

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Lyonville Fireman's Ball - Saturday 23 November from 6.30pm at the Lyonville Hall, Bremner Avenue, Lyonville


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There'll be a 'Whole lotta Loving' going on around the supper table, with a gourmet BBQ to suit all tastes, and you can have 'One Mint Julep' or several other libations at the bar. It won't quite be a 'Rock Around the Clock' but the music will 'Not Fade Away' until late.

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1st Woodend: Scouts, Venturers, Surf and Sand

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The recent school holidays saw some of our Scouts and Venturers complete two separate challenges by hiking at either end of Victoria's west coast. A group of 1st Woodend Scouts completed a two night hike along the Surf Coast Track (near Anglesea), whilst Macedon Ranges Venturers completed a four night hike along the Great South West Walk (near Portland).

These hikes were unassisted - the hikers had to be totally self-sufficient and self-reliant at all times. One challenge was to keep their back packs as light as possible whilst making sure they had all necessary equipment with them. This meant that they carried all their food, water and equipment (tent, sleeping bag, clothes, cooking equipment, first aid kits and



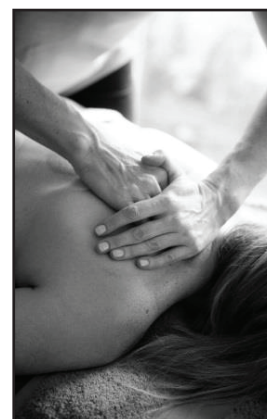
toiletries etc.). They were also responsible for planning their routes, completing a risk assessment, planning menus and equipment lists, and organising transport to and from their hike. Once all of this planning had been

done it was checked thoroughly by an assessor to make sure the hikers were well prepared for any challenges or situations which may arise while they were 'out on the track'.

Completing hikes such as these is not only fun and a huge achievement, but is also an important part of the skill set learned during Scouts and Venturers. The completion of these hikes will help the Scouts to gain their Scout Medallion and the Venturers to gain their Venturer Award or Queen's Scout Award.

For enquiries about 1st Woodend Joeys (6-7 years), Cubs (8-10 years), Scouts (11-14 years) and Venturers (15-17 years) please contact Leisa (0429 331 695)

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“The organisations that have been selected not only exemplify high quality services, but also the incredible diversity of the early childhood intervention sector. The organisations announced today are in metropolitan, rural and regional locations.” explained Lauren Matthews, CEO of Early Childhood Intervention Australia (ECIA)

Early Childhood Intervention Services are crucial to ensuring that children with a disability and/or a developmental delay get the best start in life and access to vital services before they start school.

Early Intervention can help parents and carers to find out about their child’s disability and needs, and support them to help their child to learn new skills. The early childhood years are critical, they lay the foundation for all future development. A raft of recent scientific evidence shows that early experiences are critical. They literally shape our lives by affecting the way the young brain develops. What happens to us in the early years, particularly from birth to 3 years, has a major effect on our health and social development right through to adulthood. An investment of time and money into a child’s early years will lead to better outcomes as an adult.

For more information on Cobaw’s Children’s Services please call 5421 1680.

Submitted by P Southey for Cobaw Children’s Services

Amanda Millar MP **Member of the Legislative Council** **Northern Victoria**

Amanda Millar has recently been appointed as the Member of the Legislative Council for Northern Victoria and her new office is located in High Street, Woodend.

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Drop in to see Amanda and have your say:
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Welcome to the Woodend Star Kids Club November Birthdays

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3rd	Bailey Thorne	Turns 9
3rd	Jordan Crook	Turns 8
4th	Elizabeth Brand	Turns 12
6th	Alice Meacham	Turns 12
7th	Alex Plant	Turns 8
9th	Jacob Lamb	Turns 12
9th	Hayden Kost	Turns 3
9th	Bradley Hennekam	Turns 6
10th	Alice McKinnon	Turns 13
14th	Allan Johnson Molina	Turns 9
20th	Keira Lupson	Turns 12
21st	Jemparra Hickie	Turns 7
22nd	Aden Cooper	Turns 11
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The range of products included wines by wine makers Pat Carmody from Craiglee, Phillip Jones from Bass Phillip and Adam Marks from Bress as well as a range of boutique beers from Dainton Brewing, Bullant and Red duck. Lark and Timboon distilleries were a new feature this year as was the chance to try a range of cheese, courtesy of the Calendar Cheese Company.

Music was provided by the very talented Sarah Wilkinson in the main tasting room and the Bentinck served a selection of food over the counter in the bar and afternoon tea was provided in the lounges to help revive flagging palates.

A range of door prizes were drawn on the day including the main prize of a mixed dozen with three other smaller prizes also being won. The exhibitors were all generous in donating towards these prizes.

A big thank you to all our customers, exhibitors and staff plus the crew at the Bentinck for making it such a great day.

Submitted by Caroline Bailey – Woodend Wine Store

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Omar Bradley, one of the Generals in World War II makes this commentary and I think that history has borne his testimony to be true.

"With the monstrous weapons man already has, humanity is in danger of being trapped in this world by its moral adolescents. Our knowledge of science has clearly outstripped our capacity to control it. We have many men of science; too few men of God. We have grasped the mystery of the atom and rejected the Sermon on the Mount. Man is stumbling blindly through a spiritual darkness while toying with the precarious secrets of life and death. The world has achieved brilliance without wisdom, power without conscience. Ours is a world of nuclear giants and ethical infants. We know more about war than we know about peace, more about killing than we know about living. We do not know how to make peace.

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Submitted Pastor Marilyn Hunter - "ENCOURAGE CHURCH"

Aquathons planned for Kyneton and Gisborne next year

Macedon Ranges Shire Council will host two aquathons in March and April next year.

The 7th annual Kyneton Aquathon will be held on Sunday 16 March 2014 and the inaugural Gisborne Aquathon is planned for Sunday 13 April 2014.

These events are open to all age groups and abilities, with a mini, short and long course. You can enter individually or as part of a team.

The Kyneton Toyota Sports & Aquatic Centre will run a boot camp in the lead up to the events to help competitors prepare for the event.

Entry forms will be available from Council's website, www.mrsc.vic.gov.au early next year.

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Submitted by E. McCormick for MRSC



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This year the movie to be screened is Turbo, an animated story about an everyday garden snail who has the dream of winning the Indy 500. (Turbo is G rated).

The gate will be open at 6.00pm and prior to the screening of Turbo there will be a kiosk in operation and also a BBQ offering Hot Chips, Mini Schnitzels, Sausages, Hamburgers, Fairy Floss, Hot Donuts & more.

Following the Drive-In Movie, which will commence as soon as it is dark enough, there will be a fireworks display which lasts for approximately 15 minutes.

Tickets pre-paid by 8th November cost \$50 per vehicle and are also entered into a lucky door prize draw for a \$100 Bunnings Voucher. (Late bookings or on-night entry is \$60 per vehicle).

For all bookings / enquiries please contact Sophie on 0438 713 172.

The event is the school's major fundraising event for the year and the Parents & Friends Committee would sincerely like to thank this year's major sponsors, Chess Property Consultants, Western Water, Lancefield & Romsey Bendigo Bank branches, Sicilian Vespers, RTA Robot Technologies & Romsey Fresh Wholesale.

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Submitted by S Banon for St Mary's Primary School Lancefield.

A Musical Treat

Professor Heath Lees, an acknowledged expert on classical music, will be speaking in the Macedon Ranges on Friday 8th November at 2pm. Professor Lees is in Melbourne for the Ring Cycle 2013, and is taking time out from his busy schedule to speak to an invited audience at the Cope-Williams Winery, Romsey. His subject is the life and music



of Claude Debussy whose works include the famous 'Clair de Lune'. The afternoon will feature short performances.

Heath is much sought after for his lecturing skills and has built an international reputation as a dynamic communicator on the

subject of music. He has presented many arts and music programmes on television and radio. He has written regular feature articles and music reviews for The New Zealand Herald, and is the founder of the Wagner Society of New Zealand.

The event is hosted by ADFAS Central Victoria, who will provide afternoon tea following the lecture. Tickets @\$35, For bookings and further information contact Caroline 0424 668 053.

Submitted by C Boehm

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Heritage News

With the current community concern for the preservation of Hanging Rock and its surrounds, the following extract may be of interest. It is taken from a report written by William von Blandowski, curator of the Museum of Natural History in Melbourne, in 1855. Note that at that time, Hanging Rock was known as Dryden's Rock or Dryden's Monument. In 1844, early settlers, Charles Peters and Edward Dryden dissolved their original 1839 partnership and divided their large holding between them with Dryden taking the section of land which included the Rock. 'Dryden's Rock' soon became common parlance until the more descriptive "Hanging Rock" gradually took over. Interestingly, in Hoddles 1844 map, it carries its official title, Mt. Diogenies.

"Dryden's Monument is, as well on account of its geological character as its singular conformation, one of the most remarkable spots in Victoria, if not in whole Australia, and were a careful and minute description of it made, accompanied with good drawings, it would not fail to engage the attention of every geologist. The approach to it presents a scene of the most imposing grandeur. A massive wall of dolerite, whose deep and sombre hue is in exquisite harmony with the dark green of the eucalyptus, rises almost perpendicularly above the loftiest of the trees, and imparts a striking majesty to the whole view. The interest increases at every step approaching the monument, and a beautiful variety of rapidly changing scenery is unfolded like a panorama before the observer's eye."

Blandowski goes on to describe the formation and geology of the Rock in great detail. If you are interested in knowing more about the important place hanging Rock has played in the social life of this district from the earliest times, we recommend "Echoes of The Past" by Jannyse

Williams. Copies are available from the Local & Family History Resource Centre at the Court House in Forest Street on a Wednesday or at Collier Office and Business Assist at other times.

If you are looking for Christmas presents "In Search of Ashbourne" by Jane Holth and "Time Gentlemen Please" by Jannyse Williams with illustrations by Joycelyn Moreland, will hopefully be available soon. For more information about these thoroughly researched and very readable books and our other publications which have proved so popular, call in to the Centre on any Wednesday in November. Visitors are always welcome.

Submitted by Janet Hawkins



The beauty of the Rock

L) Looking east from near the top of the Rock.

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New Local Laws in the Macedon Ranges for Burning Off.

The Macedon Ranges Shire has recently changed the Local Laws, including changes to the policy in regard to restrictions for 'burning off' in the open air. In fact, some properties that used to be able to burn off, are no longer able to, and penalties now apply.

For example: "A person MUST NOT, without a permit, light a fire in the open air on land, including in an incinerator, where the land size is less than 4,000 square metres".

So, please visit the MRSC website and download the new Local Laws pdf to make sure you are covered.

Where you are able to burn without a permit, prior to the start of the Fire Restriction period, you should be very careful. If a burn escapes due to carelessness and damages someone else's property, you will be held responsible.

By law the size of pile of material being burned must not exceed 2 cubic metres at any time, and you are must have cleared a firebreak of at least 3 metres around a

fire, to ensure that the fire can be restricted to a controllable size. The space above the fire should also be free of any flammable material and vegetation.

You should not burn too close to adjoining land. Do the courteous thing and notify neighbours prior to the fire being lit, so that they can bring in washing and close doors and windows. If they are surprised by sudden smoke they may also unnecessarily call the CFA.

Naturally, what you burn should be dry garden waste and not produce any toxic fumes. You will need to have adequate methods of controlling and extinguishing the fire in place.

And you shouldn't just set fire to a large pile and let it burn.

For further information contact Captain Mick Christie on 0419 870 601 or 1st Lieutenant Mike Dornau on 0409 093 935. On Sundays call the Woodend CFA on 5427 2356 or visit the station in Urquhart Street. Or you can visit our website: www.woodendcfa.org.

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