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A full house celebrates at Norma's

It was a full house on Sunday 12th of August as the Anglican parishioners of Woodend celebrated the dedication of The Norma Richardson Hall.

The Bishop of Bendigo blessed the hall and officially named it after long-serving parishioner and familiar face around Woodend Mrs Norma Richardson. Norma, supported by over 20 members of her family and friends, said "I am truly honoured, I never thought this would happen to me."

Bishop Andrew praised Norma's 'doing' attitude and thanked the parishioners for their fund raising efforts and their patience during the six-year period without a hall.

"This new hall is a symbol that the Anglican Church is alive and well and open to its wider community," he said. "It is adaptable and well-equipped, representing something of the way we want the church to be, serving the community".

The new hall links past and present. At the entrance is a framed sketch drawn the day after the devastating fire that destroyed the previous hall in 2006. Neil Matterson, a local artist, used charcoal recovered from the old hall to create this magnificent work of art. The hall is also home to a spectacular leadlight window depicting various images of the region, created by local artist Ettore Di Pilla. It is set in a frame



Bishop Andrew and Norma Richardson with granddaughter Zoe, accompanied by junior parishioners, celebrate the long awaited opening of the St Mary's Anglican Church Norma Richardson Hall

rescued from the old hall, and generously restored by David Feltham of St George's Trentham.

The official opening was attended by Deputy Mayor of the Macedon Ranges Shire Henryka Benson, MP for Macedon Joanne Duncan and MP for Northern Victoria, Donna Petrovich, as well as clergy and parishioners, past and present some who had travelled from as far afield as Hobart and Queensland.

Kevin Davis showcased the excellent acoustics of the hall by performing "Gathering Place" on his guitar. Kevin wrote this song especially for the occasion.

After the formalities it was time for tea and cake. What a cake! A

delicious chocolate mud cake scale replica of the hall created by Sharryn Frantz of Blackbird Cakes, Woodend.

The new hall is 25 squares (270m²) in total and has a capacity of 100 people. The state-of-the-art audiovisual equipment, combined with acoustic panels and variable lighting, make it a high-quality modern venue for events.

To support its fund-raising activities, the Anglican Parish of Woodend will offer The Norma Richardson Hall for hire. Located in central Woodend it is the perfect venue for an exhibition, concert, gathering or celebration.

For further information, to make a booking or just see what's on visit www.woodendanglican.org.au Alternatively follow us on Facebook - woodend anglican

Submitted by Angela Van Dam

Tango in the Ranges

A collaborative concert between the brilliant string and piano accordion quintet, Cosmo Cosmolino and the Macedon Ranges' own orchestra, Resonance String Orchestra, will take place at Kyneton Town Hall, 3pm Sunday 16th of September.

Cosmo Cosmolino takes its audience on a ride of passion in all its glorious colours. Gypsy inspired fury gives way to crazy waltzes, seductive tangos and heart-wrenching songs in an entrancing tapestry of sound that is both ancient and modern. Cosmo Cosmolino will perform an original set peppered with classics from the tango and gypsy repertoire in a virtuosic and visually enthralling live show which will have you laughing, crying and dancing in the aisles.



Resonance String Orchestra

Resonance students will undertake a series of inspiring rehearsals and workshops with Cosmo Cosmolino musicians.

The project will culminate in Resonance and Cosmo Cosmolino joining forces to present this concert of superb tango music. The performance will showcase the sultry sounds of Piazzolla, Gade, Albeniz and more.

Resonance String Orchestra is an outstanding regional music educational initiative. Established in 2009, Resonance

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Interested in learning more? Please contact Brendan Watters on 54 226 442.

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has been delighting audiences of the Macedon Ranges with its vibrant sound and captivating concert programmes. Resonance students have performed and studied with musicians from the Freshwater Trio and the Eyre Quartet (courtesy of the Australian Youth Orchestra), as well as composer-violinist Andrea Keeble, klezmer violinist Ernie Gruner, violinist and fiddle-singer Jenny Thomas, and local choir 'the Pollyphonics'.

For more information about Resonance String Orchestra and its educational programme, go to

www.resonancestringorchestra.org.au.

Submitted by Rhonda Franks.



Cosmo Cosmolino

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