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COMMUNITY HALLOWEEN PARTY

Woodend Halloween 2013

Once again this year Thursday the 31st of October, the Rotary club of Woodend will be hosting another Halloween event. This free event will be held at the Woodend Children's Park commencing at 6 pm.



The trick or treat system of modern Halloween is now common all over the world. Over recent years there have been a growing number of Woodend businesses and local children who have made an effort to participate in the modern Halloween theme.

In the spirit of the modern interpretation of Halloween, everyone is invited to dress up. This annual event is in its fourth year and the attendance and support from the community continues to grow each year.

As a means of thanking the community for supporting the Woodend Rotary Club's activities, the club will provide a free sausage sizzle for all and lolly bags for the children.

Sharon Frantz from Blackbird cakes has also generously offered to donate a special themed cake that will be unveiled and available to share by those attending. The Green Bean Machine will also be in attendance for the coffee lovers.

Place the date in your diary and keep your eyes open for more promotional material that will be placed around town.

Submitted by Grant Hocking

Exciting children's festival coming to Woodend

Puppeteering, indigenous story-telling and hip-hop dancing

are among workshops being considered for the Woodend Children's Festival, which is to be staged on Sunday the 3rd of August next year as an exciting new mid-winter activity for local families.

Supported by the Macedon Ranges Shire Council and organised by a committee of local parents with experience in the arts and festival management, the one-day event will offer workshops, performances and activities for children aged two years and over.

While the festival could potentially be held in a cluster of buildings along Forest Street – including the Library, Toy Library, Playgroup and Neighbourhood House – the committee is also exploring the possibility of erecting a heated marquee on the 'village green' near the library, if budget allows.



Initial members of the festival committee, (left to right) Kate O'Connor, Gemma Rayner and Megan Spielvogel, with some of their children. (Photo: Chloe Green)

Woodend Children's Festival Co-founder, Kate O'Connor, says the festival will not only expose local children to a whole range of new artistic and cultural experiences, it could eventually result in significant economic benefits for the town.

"As demonstrated by the Woodend Winter Arts Festival, the town is perfectly positioned to host a significant regional festival; it's close to Melbourne, is already a popular

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Woodend Children's Festival continued

weekend getaway destination, and has a generous community which actively supports these types of events," she said.

"Eventually – several years down the track perhaps – we could see the Woodend Children's Festival becoming a regular pilgrimage for city-dwellers."

In the meantime, the festival's organising committee is hoping that – by offering a diverse and captivating program of workshops and performances – the festival will attract plenty of local families.

The 2014 festival will be entirely volunteer-run and funded by a \$6,000 grant from Macedon Ranges Shire Council. The committee is currently seeking additional funding from other sources including government agencies and businesses.

How you can get involved:

- Business and tourism operators interested in obtaining a sponsorship package or otherwise getting involved in the festival can email Megan Spielvogel at megan@macedonevents.com.au.
- Artists, musicians, performers and writers interested in showcasing their skills to a wide audience via workshops or performances can email Gemma Rayner at gemma.rayner@gmail.com.
- Families and interested members of the community can follow us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/woodendchildrensfestival.

Submitted by Kate O'Connor, Woodend Children's Festival



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The WAG Annual Art Exhibition & Sales



The WAG Annual Art Exhibition will be held at the Woodend Railway Station rooms Saturday October 5 and Sunday October 6, from 10 am to 4.00 pm. The opening of the show will take place on Friday evening October 4 at 7.00 pm at the rooms. The opening is by invitation only but if you are interested in attending, an invitation is available for you just ask one of the members of the Woodend art Group (WAG) or for further information go to our website: www.woodendartgroup.org.au.

For the members of the Woodend Art Group (WAG) this Annual Art Exhibition is a highlight, all of the circa 80 members of the group vie for a prize in this exhibition. Many local businesses gladly sponsor this local endeavour, giving artists an opportunity to win a substantial prize. The main prize, the Gordon Cope Williams prize of \$150, is for the best work of art. All prizes mention the name of the sponsors, the prizes come in various denominations. We are grateful to all sponsors for their support, they will receive their invitation personally or by mail.

The WAG Annual Art Exhibition has become well known in the district and people from far and wide come to check it out. The exhibition is open all weekend, and you are invited to enter the door prize each day, by a gold

coin at the door. Naturally you will be able to view and appreciate the art works, which are all for sale. The judge of the Art Show this year is Mr John Walsh. John is an oil painter himself, who started with porcelain china painting in England. He has acted as art judge before, mainly for the Lions and Rotary clubs. We look forward to having John judging the many splendid pieces of artworks.

Come and admire what local artists have produced for your enjoyment, you might even like it that much that you want to take the painting home.

Submitted by John Vander Reest

Carlsruhe Movie Night

The Carlsruhe Fire Brigade will be hosting a special outdoor movie night on Saturday 23 November.

Experience the magic of "Despicable Me 2" under the stars, there will be plenty of big laughs for the whole family.

It's a wonderful opportunity to bring the community together for a night out, while at the same time raising much-needed funds for a the CFA.

Movie-goers should bring blankets, chairs, jackets and insect repellent. Pack up a picnic for this family-friendly event but please no alcoholic beverages or smoking.

Head to the Carlsruhe Annex of Woodend Primary School, Nicholson Street, Carlsruhe. Gates open at 6.30pm and the movie will start at approx 8pm. Raffles, activities and announcements will precede the commencement of the movie.

For tickets and enquiries please visit our Facebook page by searching for Carlsruhe CFA Outdoor Movie Night or call Michelle on 0411 076 698.



Submitted by M Jakovac

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Woodend's Teddy Bear Show



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Woodend Rainfall Report 2013

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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	20.5	April
May	43.7	30.5*	39	73.5	54.4	83.2	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		Sept
Oct	13.0*	46*	154.5	86	39		Oct
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Bears are back in town

Anyone who hasn't been to the annual Woodend Teddy Bear Show is sure of a big surprise if they join the hundreds of visitors to this year's event on Sunday, October 27.

This is the eighth and final show organised by Woodend's Kerri Botwood, who is thrilled that next year another teddy lover will take over what has become Victoria's premier teddy event. "I am so happy that the show can continue for years and years. It has been a lot of hard work but well worth all the effort as my first love will always be teddy bears."

Kerri expects New Zealand artists such as Tracey Sully, who recently exhibited in the UK, to be a major drawcard this year. Also popular at every event is Maureen Christie of Christie Art who paints exquisite teddy themed pieces.

If there is ever any doubt that teddy bears enjoy a passionate and universal following, a trip to the Woodend Teddy Bear Show puts the notion to rest.

There is, traditionally, a queue spilling onto Templeton Street before doors open and everyone from babies to grandparents and from craftspeople to burly tradesmen find their place, regardless of unpredictable weather and the numerous other activities scheduled for the final weekend in October. The 40 or so stalls are fully booked a year in advance, competition entries arrive from around Australia and abroad up until show eve, and local accommodation is usually full.

At this event Australia's best soft sculpture artists are admired by both their peers and four generations of visitors, some of whom may not have given much thought to teddy bears since they dragged one around as a pre-schooler.

"Teddy Bears can help mend broken hearts, rekindle memories and bring loved ones together again," says Kerri, who instigated the show a year after opening her retail store, Kerri's Bundle of Bears.

Since it started, the event has been made possible by the efforts of a loyal band of volunteers who run the competition for amateurs and professionals, work on the door and carry out any other jobs required. The Woodend CFA operates a popular barbecue and tearoom each year.

The show also raises awareness of endangered bears, and some of the proceeds sponsor a rescued bear living in a Free the Bears Fund sanctuary.

Before opening her shop Kerri was an avid bear collector, and has continued amassing more, estimating that at least 500 share the family home. Her work is now largely focused on Charlie Bears, and she is the General Manager Australasia for the UK brand, distributing to retailers nationally and in New Zealand.

The 2013 Woodend Teddy Bear Show is at St Ambrose Hall, cnr Templeton & Anslow streets, on Sunday, October 27 from 10am to 4pm. Entry \$8, Concession \$5, Kids \$4 (Free if under 6 accompanied by an adult). More details: www.woodendteddybearshow.com.au or 5427 4944.

Submitted by Nadine Hartnett

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Sausages for Exercise!

On Sunday 15th September Woodend Rotarians turned out in force at Bunnings in Sunbury for a sausage sizzle fund raiser. All proceeds from the BBQ will support funding for the final stage of the Rotary Community Exercise Track in Woodend due for completion in November (weather permitting!).

Community Services Director, Stuart Bonnington said financially the day was a great success and hopes to arrange a repeat of the event later in the year. He thanked all the Woodend Rotary members who gave up their Sunday to help out.

Residents of Macedon Ranges wishing to contribute to this important community project can send donations to Ex Track, Rotary Club of Woodend, P.O. Box 333, Woodend, 3442.

Submitted by Brendan Watters

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Local Red Cross baking the world a better place

Woodend Red Cross is baking up a storm on Sunday 20th October with a huge Morning Tea to support this years Red Cross Big Cake Bake.

Red Cross members, supporters, community groups and everyday cooks right around the country are making a difference simply by cooking, sharing, and enjoying delicious homemade treats.

The icing on the cake is that every dollar raised can make a big difference to those who are experiencing everyday difficulties. Raising \$120 will help train a volunteer to provide intensive support so that vulnerable young parents have the opportunity to secure a qualification and develop life skills such as driving, budgeting and cooking.

Red Cross branch spokesperson Victoria Marsh says "When there is a natural disaster like bushfires or floods, Australians respond very generously but perhaps they are not aware of how much we need their support for the everyday work of Red Cross."

"We do a lot of fundraising throughout the year to support many important services and Big Cake Bake is one way we can give something back to those who need it most."

"The more money we can raise together, the more support Red Cross can give to those in need." Come along and enjoy a wonderful morning tea and be entertained by "Miranda's Picnic" singing group, consisting of six of the original Women of Note plus some new members. We will also be holding a fabulous raffle.

The Big Cake Bake will be held in the Woodend Community Centre from 10am. Drop in and try the delicious treats on offer for a \$5 entrance fee and if you wish you can buy cakes, biscuits and slices to take home.

For any further information please contact Melissa on 54271578.

Woodend Red Cross meeting

The next meeting of the Woodend Unit of Red Cross will be held on Thursday 3rd of October at 1.30pm. We meet at 39 High Street in Woodend. All new members will be made very welcome.

Submitted by M.Hocking

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Buttlejorrk was established in 1976 by a group of Macedon Ranges potters, and today has evolved into a diverse group including potters, painters, printmakers, jewellers, textile and ceramic artists.

The work of these accomplished and experienced artists is varied, and encompasses both traditional and contemporary works, each in their own unique style and with a high standard of professional excellence. Our guest artist this year is sculptor and painter; Dawn Robinson, Gallery Director of Bakery Lane Gallery, Woodend. We are privileged to have her exhibiting her beautiful and talented artwork at our exhibition.

The opening of the exhibition is on Friday the 15th at 7.30. The public are very welcome, and admittance is free for the opening.

Visitors will enjoy browsing the diverse artwork and enjoying wine and nibbles at the opening, and refreshments are provided throughout Saturday and Sunday 10am to 4pm. All are invited to come and enjoy, browse and perhaps discover a bespoke creation for themselves or that perfect gift for another.

Further information contact Helen Cannon 0425 530 434 or Pam Jackson 5429 3566.

Submitted by Helen Cannon

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A community health expo for children 0-12 years

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For more information, contact Sharlene on 5422 0264 or Christina on 0400 230 729.

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Friends of Macedon Ranges Libraries

The Woodend Library in conjunction with Friends of the Macedon Ranges Libraries present an afternoon with Barbara Gaskell-Denvil, author of the recently published *Sumerford's Autumn*.

Barbara is a passionate researcher into the late medieval period, including Richard III and the subsequent events which followed his reign including Henry VII, the dawn of the Tudors, and whatever may have happened to those princes in the Tower. Barbara discusses herself and her research. Questions will be welcome.

Come and hear her on Wednesday 9 October at 4pm at Woodend Library.

Book Sale

October 6th we will hold a Bookstall at the Woodend Farmers Market, at the front of the library. There will be books donated from a private collection. The stalls raise funds to support initiatives and events at Macedon Ranges libraries in Woodend, Gisborne, Kyneton and Romsey. There is no waste - any remaining books are taken to various Op shops or passed on to other fund raising activities.

A special pre-Christmas Book stall will also be held on 7 December, where many treasures weeded from all the libraries will be sold, especially children's books. Our prices are a steal - paperbacks at \$1 or 3 for \$2, \$2 for hard backs.

Other donations are always gratefully received; contact Helen for details or collection, or drop off at the Woodend library.

Submitted by Helen Scott

Children's Day Out

A community health expo for children 0-12

Children's health is a priority for parents, children's services and local community organisations. Preserving and promoting children's health is also a priority recognised at state, national and international levels with governments and health organisations acknowledging the importance of promoting good health practices in the early years of childhood.

Children develop good health when they: experience positive supportive environments, build strong healthy relationships with peers and adults, feel accepted and included, are encouraged to build and embrace their individual identities, are provided with healthy eating choices, participate in regularly physical exercise and participate within community groups that provide a sense of belonging. Providing children with environments that promote good health not only benefits individual children but has the potential to build strong resilient communities.

During Children's Week this year, Macedon Ranges Shire Council is hosting a 'DAY OUT' for children between the ages of 0-12 years. The community health expo aims to provide parents and children within the Macedon ranges the opportunity to discover community groups and recreational services available within the community which work to support the physical, emotional, social and cognitive development of children. Community services, organisations and businesses will provide parents with information around what they offer to support children's safety, health and wellbeing.

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Submitted by G. Gamble MRSC

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Kyneton Show

Please Make Some Jam

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Take a hard right however, and you'd have been very impressed with the crafts and competitions that included such things as 'Best floral display for objects found on the roadside,' and rows of tables that stretch to infinity holding jams, relishes, cakes, school projects, photography, knitting and so many other things we would run out of room on this page.

If you did as I did, and then walked to the other end of the ground, you'd have been equally impressed with the amount of school kids engaged in the cook-off taking place in the large marquee. As you walk in, it's not unusual to be offered a plate of food. All that cooking has to go somewhere, and what better place for a light lunch? Beside the marquee was a free pony ride arena. That kept the kids happy long enough to line up for the free flying fox strung between the pole and a tree. Shake the kids off then edge past the free raptor display and then immerse yourself in the free Animal Nursery where hoards of excited kids chase chickens and goats and baby lambs and poddy calves and 'other'. Maybe there was the occasional squealing pig. It was so delightful to see a little one pick up a brush from the ground and start grooming and cuddling a baby goat, closely watched over by a free-roaming duck.

I was so impressed with the whole day that when they rang to say I'd won a prize in the raffle, I volunteered to



go on the committee this year. The job I've been handed is to run the Jamboree, a jam making competition. This is a fun competition to get your creative juices flowing and the rules are very relaxed. First choose your section. There are sections for hairdressers, schools, medical industry, real estate, hospitality and many others. If you can't find a section to fit, then please feel free to enter under 'Crafty types' or 'Interested others'. A Jamboree Grand Champion will be chosen from the winners of each section (who all get ribbons). You just have to enter two jars—one for the competition and one to go down to the cooking tent to share. All types of jams are welcome. The prize is a ribbon, because, well—it's a Show! Please feel free to email me on kamex7@bigpond.com to enquire or enter. So come on Woodend—let's crank up the old boilers and bring home the bacon. I mean the ribbon.

The Show begins with a Friday night carnival on 15th November and runs with a full program of agricultural and other events on 16th November. This will include the Showgirl competitions, Ute Muster, Music, Agricultural Art, and Show Idol. \$25 per family of four.

Submitted by Kathy Mexted www.kynetonshow.org.au

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Film Society likes variety

In a departure from the normal format of showing one film of approximately 90 minutes duration, the Macedon Ranges Film Society showed four short films at its September meeting. The Australian animated claymation film, Harvie Krumpet, was a real hit. Although the forces of evil are apparent in Harvie's life, his positive philosophy carries him through and adds a level of humour to the film. The three Jane Campion films shown were produced early in her career (1982 - 1984) and recall memories of the way things were in the 50s and 60s. The use of black and white in the Girls Own Story and Passionless Moments seems to add to the overall reality, whereas the use of colour in the third film, Peel, conveyed tension in every frame.

The screening of American Beauty on October 9th demonstrates the film society's commitment to showing films of a broad variety. In this 1999 film, a seemingly perfect marriage between husband Lester (Kevin Spacey) and wife Carolyn Burnham (Annette Bening) begins to show cracks which widen into near-disaster. Despite this, the film is lively and thought-provoking. An especially touching performance by the young Thora Birch as the couple's daughter, Jane, adds charm to the film.

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 provided and for those who wish, there is supper kindly provided by our members, following the screening. To register interest, please first make enquiries by emailing us at mrfilmsociety@gmail.com or call Lorraine on 5427 0921 or Christine on 5429 5452.

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If your community group would like to work with us on an upcoming project, we welcome your ideas. Feel free to drop us a line at woodend@ncgrl.vic.gov.au

Can you help? We are collecting children's books that are in good condition for The Barn at the Very Special Kids accommodation here in Woodend. Please drop off books you wish to donate to the Library.

Upcoming events at Woodend Library:

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'Where's Wally?' Wally is 25 years young! Celebrate all things Wally with games, challenges, a treasure hunt and some celebratory cake! Wear red and white stripes or come dressed as Wally or Wenda. Tuesday October 1, 11.00am – 12.00pm, at Woodend Library, 5 – 12 years. Bookings required, phone 5427 2074.

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Macedon Ranges Community Expo

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This year's Expo theme, "A place for everyone—always", celebrates what makes the Macedon Ranges a special place to live for people of all ages and abilities.

The event will be held from 2–7pm at the Gisborne Mechanics Institute Hall, with exhibitors and activities in the hall and nearby venues. It will be opened by former media personality, author and Macedon Ranges resident Tonia Todman, who now runs a school for cooking, interior design, gardening and craft.

The event program includes entertainment from local music students and Windarrang participants and information sessions covering issues relevant to older people such as housing and planning for retirement. There will also be a book launch and a range of 'come and try' activities such as line dancing and AFL football.

A highlight of the day will be to announce the winners of the 'Age-friendly looks like this' photo competition, where residents were invited to capture what makes their town inclusive of all ages and abilities.

Macedon Ranges Further Education Centre will run an Open Day in conjunction with the Expo, with opportunities to try out some of their programs. The Gisborne library will also offer an event for grandparents and grandchildren and free health checks will be available from 2–4.30pm in the Street Health Bus.

The Expo is being conducted in partnership with Cobaw Community Health, Kyneton District Health, Macedon Ranges Health, Central Victorian Health Alliance and Macedon Ranges and North Western Melbourne Medicare Local.

Transport to the event can be arranged, but bookings are essential. For the full event program or more information, visit mrcs.vic.gov.au/community-expo or contact Council's Healthy Ageing Officer, Stephanie Harper, on 5422 0258 or sharper@mrcs.vic.gov.au.

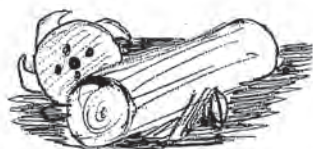
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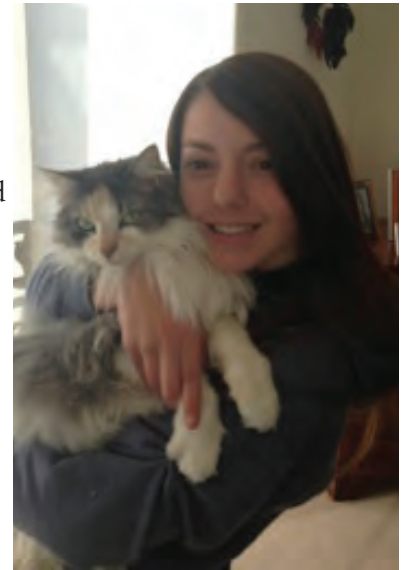
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volunteers

Ashlie Phillips, Pets Haven Animal Shelter

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One enthusiastic volunteer is eighteen year old Ashlie Phillips from Caroline Springs. Since February this year, Ashlie has travelled to Woodend every Thursday to work at Pets Haven. Ashlie says "I love animals and it makes me feel very happy knowing they will go to a good home". Ashlie is completing VCAL and a TAFE laboratory skills course and would eventually like to combine these two interests to work with the dog unit within Customs or Immigration. "There is a lot of cleaning to do!!" she says with a laugh. "I try to get all my jobs finished as quickly as I can so I can spend time with the animals. Many of them are traumatised, and need human contact. Recently two Pomeranians came in. Their owner, an elderly man had been sent into care, and he had to give them up. They were really distressed and just stayed in their kennel, they wouldn't go near anyone".

Shelley Culpin of Pets Haven says that Ashlie is one of their best volunteers. "She is just such a great kid. She never misses a day." Shelley says that many local families also volunteer their time by acting as foster families. Sometimes a dog or cat may only need a few days of foster accommodation; or a litter of puppies and kittens may stay with a family for six or eight weeks. Other volunteers come in during the afternoon just to help walk the dogs. If you are able to spare an hour or two to help walk the dogs, or would be interested in fostering animals waiting for adoption, contact Pets Haven on 5427 3603.

"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.

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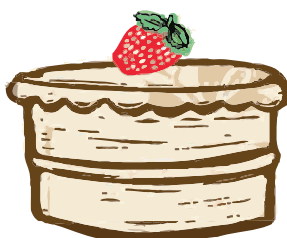
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The Spring Sessions inspire all

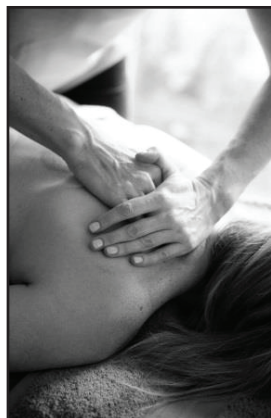
The Woodend Community Permaculture Garden came alive on election day morning. Over 50 participants in The Spring Sessions were inspired by useful local secrets for successful home-grown veggies, tips about soil preparation and an introduction to local bush foods. Bruce Hedge, Alice Aird, Helen Scott, Marg Thornell, Rodney Green and Jessie Szigethy-Gyula all gave informative and passionate presentations. The garden itself looked splendid thanks to the hard work put in by regular volunteers Denise and Rodney Green, Marg Thornell, Trish Massy-Greene and Franca Majoor.



The new Bush Foods Demonstration Garden, which runs along the side of the Neighbourhood House, will be a great resource for the Woodend community. It would not have been possible without Jessie's planning and organisation and the fantastic volunteers who stayed on to help with the planting. Thanks also go to Garry Patterson for the fantastic signs which indicate the different traditional uses of the various plants including roots, fruits, fibers and medicinal plants. We hope to see this space grow and develop with more plants and interpretive signage in the future.



At the breaks, attendees took part in the biggest Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group Produce Exchange



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ever and enjoyed a delicious morning tea thanks to Sam Ford and Wendy Hopkins. Ten lucky attendees were given bags of garden goodies filled with generous donations from Woodend Nursery, Ethic, Natures Garden, Mitre 10, Upper Campaspe Landcare Network and Helen Scott.

It's wonderful to see the Permaculture Garden being true to its aim: to demonstrate permaculture principals in action so visitors can learn and use ideas at home. You are encouraged to visit the garden anytime, say hi to the chooks and check out what is growing. The gardening group meets on Friday mornings at 10am and always welcomes new faces.

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The Pink Pamper evening will be held at the Gisborne Golf Club on October 25th 7.00pm to 10.30pm.

Tickets are \$35.00 and \$20 from each ticket will go directly to the Breast Cancer Foundation.

Contact Cathie 0414 505 246 or Patti 0431 620 424 for further information. Email: ladiespinkpamper@gmail.com or patti.yarwood@gmail.com to book your ticket.

I hope to see you there- Warm regards
Joanne



Don't we all love a freebie! 250 native plants were quickly snapped up by visitors to our stall at the Woodend Farmers Market on election day. Thanks very much to Western Plains Flora for the generous donation of plants. We were pleased to welcome several new members, more sign-ups to our blog and others interested in our Indian Myna trapping program. We'll do a dedicated column soon on these aggressive pest birds, with some statistics on our trapping success.

We're now preparing for four planting days in September and October at various sites along Five Mile Creek. Check our blog or the Coles window for more info on where and when. Don't forget we're always after extra helpers at working bees, there's something to do even if (like me) you don't use a brushcutter, chainsaw or spray pack.

It's hard not to be cheered up by the bright yellows and creams of acacia flowering now. They are such a sign of spring, as are the daffodils and jonquils on display everywhere. However, don't be fooled by those other bursts of yellow on your nature strip or in your paddocks which are most likely gorse or broom. These are declared noxious weeds in Victoria with huge invasive potential. An easy method of control is to simply cut off stems near the base with some secateurs, then dab the fresh cut immediately with 100% systemic herbicide. Tackle them now, before they fully start flowering and dropping seed.

Submitted by Kate Daniel, President, Woodend Landcare

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O, Pig!

Chin - Chin, the beloved little bronze pig who sits atop the stone wall at the Newham General Store is so happy. The local community art project is off and running and he is excited to think that he will soon be joined by 10 beautiful pigs decorated by artists of note and pupils of local schools for all to admire.

Once the pigs are on display, Chin- Chin invites everyone to come and see his brother and sister pigs and to vote for the three who will be his forever companions in the 'hamlet' of Newham.

Mark Saturday, 22nd of March 2014 in your diary, as this is the date the *O, Pig! Festival* will culminate at the Newham Mechanics Hall and Wesley Park where all the pigs will be brought together and some will be available for sale by silent auction. There will also be local produce stalls, information booths, live music and food and wine will be available at the Hall, Wesley Park stalls and at Chin-Chin's home, the Newham General Store.

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Submitted by Sue Massie



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To celebrate, Woodend Playgroup will host a Teddy Bear's Picnic for family members at its Forest Street facility on Tuesday 22 October at 11am complete with a fabulous chocolate creation from Sharon at Blackbird Cakes.

"We are absolutely thrilled that Woodend Playgroup has become the first port of call for parents moving to the area with pre-school aged children," said Faye Cormick, President of the Woodend Playgroup Committee.

"We pride ourselves on being a vibrant, welcoming and inclusive Playgroup, which makes us the obvious choice for new members of the community wanting to connect with other local families," Faye added.

And with 15 expectant mums at Woodend Playgroup, the solid growth looks set to continue well into 2014!

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Braemar College wins poetry slam at Melbourne Writers Festival

Braemar College has taken out the Melbourne Writers Festival Out Loud Poetry Slam Competition for the second year running.

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Braemar College staff members Anthony Young and Angela Whiteley, and Melbourne poet Emilie Zoe Baker worked with the students in the lead up to the event.

Out Loud is a team event hosted by Australian Poetry. Students who performed for Braemar were Samantha Clay, Tatiana Griffiths, Laura Mansted and James Ford.

The students won publication of their poem on Australian Poetry's website, an interview to be published by Australian Poetry and a guest spot at the State Final in October.

Some of the students have also entered the State heats in the adult section of the competition.

Braemar College Principal, Mr Russell Deer said, "Our students did extremely well to perform in front of a capacity crowd of more than 400 people at the Melbourne Writers Festival. They competed against schools from all over the state so this is a great result."

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- Chronic Kidney Disease
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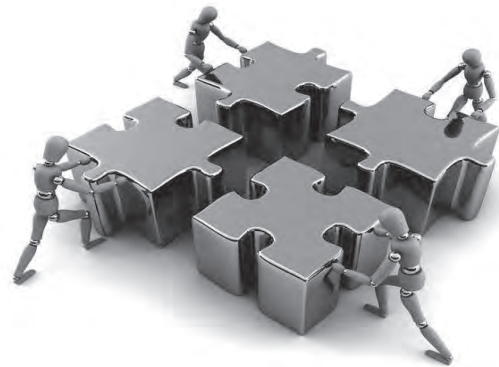
It's important for chronic conditions to be managed with the support and ongoing care of your GP. While some conditions may not have a very positive outlook, **many** can be managed to achieve improved health outcomes.

How can I manage my chronic condition?

The best place to start is to build an ongoing partnership with your GP. In managing your condition together, over time, you will improve your chances of better health outcomes. Another important part of our work is to ensure you have sound, factual information to help you understand your particular health issues.

A Medicare **General Practice Management Plan** (GPMP) is also used to help people manage their chronic disease. This is a care plan which identifies all your health and welfare needs and the services needed to address them.

Importantly, things you can do for yourself are also identified in the plan. This is known as **"self-management"** - a key factor in managing chronic conditions and improving health outcomes.



Our Allied Health Team (nurses and other health professionals) often assist you and your GP to develop your GPMP. We provide a longer appointment with the Allied Health Professional - this dedicates time to identify your personal health needs and create the best care plan for you. In the last part of this appointment, your GP will join you to complete the plan and sign it off.

This plan will guide you and your GP in the management of your condition over time. Any services or referrals you need will also be arranged at this time.

We also offer an extra service for those with more complex conditions. Patients who require the ongoing input of at least two service providers (in addition to the GP) may be eligible for the Medicare **Team Care Arrangement** (TCA). This is a multidisciplinary care plan. When a number of people are involved in your care, it is often useful to have a plan that identifies everyone and what their roles are. This helps coordinate your ongoing care.

Those with a TCA as well as a GPMP may be eligible for some Medicare rebated Allied Health Services. Your GP will discuss whether or not you are eligible for a TCA - if so, your GP may also make Allied Health referrals if these are appropriate to your health care.

Please discuss these services with your Doctor or other health care professional at Brooke Street Medicare Centre. We aim to sensitively work with you in order to help you achieve the best health outcomes possible.

One Giant Step

Henry McLaughlin trains my own zoom lens on me and hollers from the ground, 'Give us a wave.'

'I can't give you a wave, Baloo' I reply. 'There's a baby-faced 23 year-old up here and we've got a whole rope-and-pulley system happening to ensure THIS CLIP attaches to THIS HARNESS (yes, the one that makes my bum look big) so that when he says with all the conviction of the informed, 'Now just step over the edge,' the rope and pulley system holds fast with the black loopy thing on the blue harness thing and that we get to the ground intact, rather than dangling by the ankles.



'Baloo'. Who the hell is Baloo, anyway? Why is everybody named after a Jungle Book character? Having checked the weight and balance limitations and adjusted the centre of gravity, the next instruction comes. 'Now just move to the edge of the platform and then step off,' says Baby-face. Eleven kids and a Cubs pack leader from the Second Woodend Scouts watch expectantly from the ground below. It's a great lesson in perspective. From the ground, the top of the tower looks close. Like a bit of a skip. But climb the endless winding metal lighthouse-like stairs and the divine view of the Dandenongs rainforest from the top is somewhat...well it's... it's...almost into the next galaxy! The mass of expectant little faces watch to see if this is gonna be a walk in the Cubs park, or something that might wake them in fright about 3 o'clock on Monday morning.

'So, just hold this rope behind your back and the other one in your hand, and step off,' says Baby-face. 'Oh. You're still here,' I think as my mind is dragged back to the task at

hand. Step off. Just-step-off. Backwards. Oh Lordy! I blame Jane Walduck for all this. She was the one that said, 'You should bring your kids to Cubs. They'll love it!' Of course they'll love it. They're bent hysterical with the joy of watching their mother negotiate her fear of leaning backwards from a high-tower and hoping like hell that when she pancakes into the abseiling wall the resulting facial injuries don't inhibit her ability to cook and care for them. Baby-face is patient. He's used to this and has already admitted his fear of heights, which don't seem too troubling as he perches on the edge of the platform. Baloo is settling the pack. The pack wants action. Somewhere in the distance a dingo howls. "Hawooooo." OK. I made that bit up. No dingo. You know, I think this could be an enormous amount of fun if I didn't have to take this first step. The obstacle course was fun. Walking the wire, watching kids hurl themselves through high-strung tyres, building their teamwork using sticks and ropes, photographing their eager and anxious little faces as they conquer their fears and summon their inner lion-hearts was all fun. Even last night's campfire was great and warm and relaxing. While the rest of the country screamed at losing football and electoral teams, we were toasting marshmallows and looking for all the world like a Disney feature film.

Enough ... A little high tensile tug and an accusing glare at Baby-face and, drawing a deep breath, I sail down like a Daddy-Long-Legs. So do all the eight-year-olds that follow. We just had to get past that first step.

Submitted by Kathy Mexted on behalf of the 2nd Woodend Scouts who are open for new members and meet every Monday night at the Library. Call Jenny Johnson on (0488) 445-066 if you and your kids want to get in on the fun.

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Running To or From?

Any time a teen runs away, it's a complicated situation. It usually feels like it came out of nowhere. But many times they may have tried to communicate something that will give parents a clue as to why they ran away.



If it's happened to you, consider thinking through some of the things your child might be responding to: Could running away be a symptom of a family structure that's broken? Is your child running away from something that is difficult? Are they being abused (if this is the case unfortunately no one usually knows about it). Are they not being respected or valued? Is there something going on that you don't know about?

On the other hand, they could be running 'to' something. Maybe your child wants to express their independence or punish your family. They could be running toward a dream, or to another person whom they think can help them achieve their dreams.

Every parent needs to take the time to figure out if something needs to be fixed. If it's not fixed, the child will continue to run away. And as much as it seems like the child running away is the only problem, it's really just a symptom of a bigger problem.

When a teenager decides to run away from the household, it traumatizes the entire family.

Despite your worry, anger, frustration etc. they will only come back home if the family leaves the light on for them.

If you are experiencing this or other relational issues, we encourage you to join us, so that we might help you find your answers, with personal support or together at one of our fortnightly "Life" Groups or weekly Sunday Services.

Submitted by Marilyn Hunter, Senior Pastor - Encourage Church

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We had a great response to our call out for volunteers in the last edition. Thank you to the new people who have responded and, as always, thanks to our great current volunteers at the house – without you we couldn't survive. We are starting to get the new people in and involved with the regular goings on at the house and we are looking at some projects that people can get their teeth into as well.

One of these is our Community Needs Assessment. We have a Social Work student from La Trobe University who will be with us until the end of December. Her name is Anthea and she will be working with our volunteers and the coordinator to get out and about and get information from the community about what they would like their neighbourhood house to be doing in their community.

The Woodend Workshop: Community Shed Initiative is still moving along. The Working Group, with members from Rotary Woodend, community members, the Shire Council and the neighbourhood house, have been meeting regularly and are developing the partnership model and the policies and procedures that will help govern the shed and get it into operation. We have put in for some funding to help buy some of the big ticket tool and equipment purchases but we still need some of the little stuff; hammers, nails, screws, hand planes, chisels, drill bits, augers, tap dye sets, tape measures, hand saws, screw drivers, punches, you name it, we need it. Call us on 5427 1845 to donate stuff or to get more information on how you can get involved.

Don't forget to book yourself in to our great courses starting this fourth term. We just had a new one pop up that missed the brochure. On Saturday 26 October from 1pm-4pm come along for some Zen Inspired Art – a meditative, simple yet creative way of expressing your inner artist that requires minimal drawing skills. The class will cost \$25 and the tutor will provide 12 patterns for you to learn and practice in your first piece of work. Subsequent lessons may be held next year if we get enough interest.

Submitted by Jill Scanlon - Coordinator

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Macedon Ranges Shire Council Mayor, Roger Jukes, said the awards are the perfect opportunity to acknowledge the hard work of many individuals in our community.

"Being nominated is a great honour and there are countless people in our community who donate their time to many different causes and organisations," he said.

Nomination forms are available on Council's website, mrc.vic.gov.au/australiaday, or at Council's service centres in Gisborne, Kyneton, Romsey and Woodend. Nominations close on Friday 1 November 2013.

"If you know someone who deserves recognition for their dedication and commitment to making our community a better place, make sure you nominate them before 1 November," Cr Jukes said.

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Submitted by G Gamble

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- 5 Woodend Playgroup Pre-Loved Pop-Up Market
- 6 Woodend Library Book Sale – Farmer's Market
- 5 – 6 Woodend Art Group Spring Art Show
- 11 – 26 Kyneton Theatre Company - RENT
- 12 Woodend Wine Store - A Grand Tasting
- 16 Tillow Fashions, The Norma Richardson Hall
- 20 Romsey Region Women's Network – High Tea
- 20 Woodend Red Cross Morning Tea Woodend – Community Centre
- 21 Macedon Ranges Community Expo – Gisborne
- 22 Understand Toddlers Workshop – Woodend Community Hub
- 26 Duneira Concert - see www.duneira.com.au
- 27 Woodend Teddy Bear Show – St Ambrose Hall
- 27 Craft Market Hanging Rock
- 27 Macedon Ranges Shire Council Children's Day Out Expo – Buffalo Stadium
- 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
- 15 - 16 Kyneton Show
- 16 Woodend Anglican Spring Fete at St Mary's
- 23 Carlsruhe CFA Movie Night – Despicable Me2
- 24 Giborne/Ballarat Siger s- "Elijah"- St Ambrose
- 30 Duneira - Bushwalk with Stephen Ryan. Concert, Childrens Theatre, lecture. Go to www.duneira.com.au for more info

December

- 14 Duneira Christmas carols in the garden with Ensemble Gombert 5pm. BYO picnic rug.

February

- 28 Kyneton Music Festival & Beard Fest
- Till March 2

March

- 1 & 2 Lancefield & Macedon Ranges Relay for Life
- 15 Woodend Autumn Carnival – hosted by St Ambrose School and Parish
- 23 Woodend & District Heritage Society – Dedication Ceremony

August

- 3 Woodend Children's Festival

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 Cobaw Thursday Walking Group 5427 3340
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 Kyneton Municipal Band, Doug, 0411 420 113
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 Historical Society, Courthouse, 5427 2523
 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, 5420 7595
 Macedon Ranges Families of Children with Disabilities Support Group, 5427 3365
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 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
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 Woodend Hanging Rock Petanque Club, Hanging Rock Reserve, 5427 2477
 Woodend Lions Club, Meetings 2nd/4th Wednesday each month, Barry McDonald, 5427 1272
 Woodend Neighbourhood House, 47 Forest St, 5427 1845
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Tickets cost \$8, including lunch, and are available from Sylvia Dalton on 5427 4075 or by contacting woodendanglican@gmail.com before 10 October.

Diary date: Spring Fair

This year's Spring Fair will be held on Saturday 16 November in the church grounds and The Norma Richardson Hall at 15 Buckland Street. Activities planned include; animal farm, face painting, raffle, Devonshire teas, BBQ, live music, plant stall, cakes, crafts, jumping castle and lots lots more. A great day out for the whole family.

Services

Regular services are held at St Mary's Anglican Church on Sundays at 10.30am and Wednesdays at 10am. Whether you're new to Woodend or just visiting please come and join us and stay for a cuppa afterwards.

St Mary's is located at 15 Buckland Street, Woodend.

Contact: St Mary's on 0417 252 222.

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Submitted by Angela Van Dam

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Ashley is enjoying being a part of such an inviting, enthusiastic and friendly cast. In the past, she has been cast in six (Overnewton Anglican Community College) musical productions, as well as writing two short plays for their short play festival, "Short and Sweet". She has also starred in a Shakespeare festival. Ashley learned Drama, Music, Vocal training and Dance in VCE along with four and a half years with the Young Australian Broadway Chorus. Ashley is now studying Arts at La Trobe University, hoping to become a screenwriter or to continue her pursuit to act and sing. At university she jumped right into the Student Theatre and Film club, participating in La Trobe's Cabaret and their short play festival, "Short Works".

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I'd like to take this opportunity to also remind visitors that plants are not permitted to be planted within the cemetery without prior written approval of the Trust. This is to assist us to achieve environmental responsibility by ensuring that no invasive species are planted that can escape to cause problems elsewhere whilst also being able to ensure the ongoing satisfactory maintenance of the Cemetery.

If you would like to know more about rehabilitation and restoration works being undertaken at the Cemetery, please contact the Trust on 0417 011 300 or via our website – woodendcemetery.org.au We are happy to discuss with you the improvements planned for the future.

Submitted by Philip Johnson, Chairman, on behalf of the Woodend Cemetery Trust

Macedon Ranges Wellness & Longevity Group Inc. is a not for profit network of health and wellness practitioners with a shared purpose, to showcase complementary therapies offered by qualified members of associations &/or registered and insured practitioners available in the Macedon Ranges. We aim to do this by coordinating regular Wellness Expos, where the community can learn about the nature & benefits of the therapies offered in the region. MRWLG practitioners support nationally promoted health weeks, where appropriate.

The MRWLG Inc is also developing a data base of practitioners and health related businesses with the aim of making health & wellbeing services more accessible and we promote a broad health network of allied health practitioners who would work together with the aim of empowering and supporting people with their health and wellbeing. The guiding intention is to establish the Macedon Ranges as a health and wellness destination offering a diverse range of complementary therapies to the local community and visitors to the region.

On Sunday October 6th we are having a free Expo at the Mechanics Institute in Kyneton, to showcase some of the Therapies, where the public can come along and be informed on what they are, have a try, listen to talks or take



L-R: M Pattinson (Vice President), M Wilson (Secretary), S Whittaker (Treasurer), A Naphthine (President) and M Foyster (Committee member).

part in a group session. Food and drink will be able to be purchased on the day.

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For the first time in Woodend, this workshop will be held on Saturday 26 October 2013, at the Constellant House. There will also be an introductory evening on Friday, 4 October 2013. For more information call Preeti Helena on 0419 217 229 or email change@preetihelena.com. The website is www.preetihelena.com.

Please come along. People have found this workshop an enriching and often a life changing event.

Submitted by Preeti Helena

OCEAN - Family Constellations

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**Workshop in Woodend
Saturday, 26 October 2013**

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Submitted by Meggs Hannes

Water storages up after wet winter

The reservoirs supplying Woodend's drinking water are approaching 100% of capacity after good winter rainfall, Western Water figures show.

The region's highest winter rainfall, at 428mm, was recorded at Mt Macedon, the nearest official rain station to Woodend.

Campaspe Reservoir, west of Woodend, Graham Brock Reservoir and Reservoir C, both east of the town, were around 97% full at the end of August.

The three reservoirs combined can hold up to 361 million litres of water at full capacity.

The Macedon Ranges' largest reservoir, Rosslynne in Gisborne, is now almost 90% full at 22,700 million litres. This is after around 270mm of rainfall was recorded at Rosslynne's rain station over winter.

As warmer weather approaches, Western Water is calling on Woodend residents to take care with their water use, especially in the garden.

For regular tips and advice on sustainable gardening, subscribe to Western Water's gardening email newsletter, *The Watering Can*.

Customers can also request a free copy of our 62-page guide to growing your own fruit and vegetables in local conditions, *Home Harvest*.

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Submitted by K Smith

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Extreme weather photo competition

Macedon Ranges Shire Council is running an extreme weather photo competition via its Emergency Facebook page, with a \$700 annual leisure centre gym/swim membership and handy fire ready kit as the prize for the photo with the most votes.

“To promote our Emergency Facebook page so we can get important information out to residents before, during and after an emergency, we’re asking residents to like our page, enter our photo competition and vote for their favourite photo,” said Cr Roger Jukes. “Extreme weather events in the Macedon Ranges are not uncommon—perhaps you were in the right place at the right time when lightning struck or a hailstorm hit,” he said.

Council launched the Macedon Ranges Emergency Alerts Facebook Page in January this year and already has over 500 likes, but is aiming high in its bid to reach as many people as possible through social media.

“The more people in the Macedon Ranges who like our page, the quicker we can get important information to locals who need it,” said Cr Jukes.

“We all know the power of social media during an emergency, but we need people to like our page now before an emergency situation arises. Share our page with anyone you think will need this critical information, particularly your friends and family.”

In addition to providing tips on how to prepare for a possible emergency, the page will be used to share information on local relief, support and recovery services during an

emergency.

To enter, log into Facebook and search for ‘Macedon Ranges Emergency Alerts’, or visit www.facebook.com/MacedonRangesEmergencyAlerts. Follow the links to the photo competition to upload your photo and vote on other photos.

The competition closes on 31 October and the winner will be announced via the Facebook page in early November.

Submitted by G Gamble. MRSC

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Like us on Facebook to receive important information before, during and after a possible emergency situation in the Macedon Ranges.

Competition closes 31 October 2013.
The photo with the most votes wins, so get your friends and family to ‘Like’ us and vote!



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ART
in the Woods
Linda Dunstan



Art is like an emotional visual diary, says Linda Dunstan from her studio ensconced in a cottage garden blooming with creative inspiration.

Reflecting on her paintings over the past 25 years she recognises a personal timeline linked with the highs and lows as well as the many everyday moments in between that have shaped her life.

Linda, who works part-time as a nurse, recently resumed painting in oils and shifted to large landscapes after a long period of mixed media creations with a focus on abstract plant and insect life.



Her paintings evolve through the impressions she carries home from her walks and road trips.

“I think that after all these years in this district I’ve come to see more of what I like and I carry my sketch book everywhere.”

In appreciating and capturing her natural environment Linda is also enjoying honing the technical skills she learned during fine art lessons in Bendigo.

“There is still emotion in my work but I want to put a few more skills back in the bag.”

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

Submitted by Nadine Hartnett



Celebrating our Carers

Mother’s Night & Father’s Night

Mothers Night at 1st Woodend Joey Scouts saw mums treated to a shoulder rub while having their nails painted in bright colours and then wined and dined with pizza’s made by the Mums and Joeyes.

Fathers Night was a little bit different. The Joeyes opened their very own barber shop where dads were lathered up and treated to a very close shave. We played lots of Joeyes versus dads games and then all came together for a meal cooked by the Joeyes.

Great nights full of pampering, games and Joey-made food.

For information regarding 1st Woodend Joey Scouts, Cub Scouts, Scouts, Venturers and Rovers please call Leisa 0429 331 695.

Submitted by Bronwyn Rumble (Joey Scout Leader 1st Woodend)



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Remember, it is normally smoke, not flame or heat, that kills the majority of fire victims. When asleep our sense of smell is largely diminished and we're unlikely to smell smoke. The smoke may also put occupants into a deeper sleep, so a smoke alarm actually helps wake you. And, with all of the plastics, materials, electronics and chemicals around - house smoke can be extremely toxic.

Now is the time to start reducing the risk of fire!

The Fire Restriction period is not far away.

In recent years we have experienced several consecutive extremely dangerous summers and this year will be no exception. In fact, with reasonable winter rains and strong spring growth, this year promises to be one of the most dangerous fire seasons for many years. And, NOW is the time to start preparing to reduce the risks of fire danger to

you, your family and your property.

The Macedon Ranges Shire will be introducing specific new laws as to which properties are able to burn off and how large your fire can be. Please check the Macedon Ranges Shire website before you burn.

If you are allowed to burn off please make sure you do so safely. Remember, the Shire also offers a free green drop at Transfer Stations all year round. The free green waste service does not include all the types of green waste. It includes larger, woody items such as branches, leaf litter, lawn clippings and thicker prunings that can be turned into mulch. Once again, check out the Shire website.

Have you considered leaving a bequest to your CFA brigade?

We recently received a generous donation as part of a bequest, which will be used as part of several major projects at the moment.

Making a will is an important thing to do, and it gives you the opportunity to safeguard what is important to you and how you want your assets to be managed. Including a gift to your favourite community group is one way to continue your support. However, it is important to see your legal advisor before you do so.

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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Submitted by 1st Lieutenant Mike Dornau, Woodend CFA

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Montessori Pre School

Term 3 was a busy one at the Montessori Pre-School.

Looking back there was a lot packed into the 10 weeks. Our Trivia night held in July was a huge success and a great night was enjoyed by all.

Working parent's night was also held in August which was a great night for a parent to spend time at the Pre-School with their little one, met their friends and also see some favourite activities. International dress up day was held in September and all the children looked great. There were farmers, a Fijian girl, Canadians, Kimono clad teachers and an American cheer leader. Finally the term was finished off musically with David the Music Man. He presented to children a wonderful array of instruments and some great music and songs.

The end of term was celebrated by some parents and children in a casual social setting at the Riddells Creek hotel. This was a great night to mix socially and meet some of the new families to the centre.

Term 4 is fast approaching and again there are lots of things on the calendar. Our 4 year olds are getting very excited about moving on to primary school next year. The teachers are doing a wonderful job preparing our little ones for their next big adventure.

Our Annual Spring fete will be held on the 26th of October. Come down and enjoy a morning with stalls including a bake sale, white elephant, plant sale, sausage sizzle, jumping castle and much more. It's also a great chance to talk to our teachers about the Pre-school and organise a centre tour if you are interested in having your child attend the Pre-school.

We are still taking enrolments for direct entry 4 year olds for 2014 but we now have limited places available. We can be contacted on 5428 6376 or for more information visit www.macedonrangesmontessori.com.au.

Submitted by Sally Jackson

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SPORTS NEWS

Petanque at Hanging Rock

The summer social season of the Woodend Hanging Rock Petanque Club commences on Thursday 3 October at 5.30pm at the Hanging Rock Reserve. The club plays at this time each Thursday evening, throughout the daylight saving period and into the following April.

Petanque is very similar to the games of bocce (Italian) and lawn bowls, but the balls (boules) are not biased and are made of metal. Just like lawn bowls and bocce, the aim is get your boules closest to the jack, or cochonnet, as the French would say.

Social petanque is one of the few outdoor games that can be played on almost any terrain but a relatively level gravel surface is ideal. The player throwing their boule must remain stationary, which means it's not overly difficult to hold your favourite drink in the other hand.

WHRPC members occasionally play in official tournaments, but the majority are happy to just play socially, and if you have ever thought about giving petanque a go, all visitors are made very welcome on Thursday evening at 'The Rock', for both petanque and a BBQ.

Every year in late August, WHRPC organises a social petanque tournament at the Port of Echuca. This year, more than 50 players enjoyed a fantastic weekend, the overall winner being Shirley Marshall of Woodend. Well done Shirley.

Further information about petanque and the WHRPC can be found on the website www.petanqueattherock.com.au or by contacting the secretary Peter Wells on 0407 302 308.

Submitted by Peter Wells



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Braemar College wins state equestrian competition

Victory over Geelong Grammar and 164 other schools

In a hard fought victory, Braemar College has won the 2013 Victorian Equestrian Interschool Series (VEIS) competition.

After trailing Geelong Grammar all year, Braemar College gained the upper hand in the last event for the season, and took out the Championship by just 3 points.

It was a nail biting finish with the Series winner decided in the final two rounds of the Braemar show jumping competition held on 8 September at Bullengarook Pony Club.

The final tally was Braemar College 392 points and second place getters, Geelong Grammar finished on 389.

The Braemar College Equestrian team competed in 15 events that took them as far as Ballarat and Geelong.

Nicholas Ott, President of the Braemar College Friends of Equestrian said, "This year more than ever we have had many riders and families contributing to the success of the Braemar team, and with the continued support of Principal Russell Deer and the College, we have managed to build an enviable model that other schools are looking at closely to replicate."

This is the third consecutive year that the Braemar College Equestrian Team has won the VEIS Championships.



Submitted by Donna Hobbs

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There will be six finalists for this year's award, representing each of the following Local Government regions; City of Greater Bendigo, Central Goldfields Shire, Loddon Shire, Shire of Campaspe, Macedon Ranges Shire and Mount Alexander Shire.

The recipient of the 2014 'Administrator of the Year' award will be announced at the 2014 'Sports Star of the Year' awards on Friday 28 February 2014 in Bendigo.

If you would like to nominate someone from your club simply contact Sports Focus on 5442 3101 or visit our website www.sportsfocus.com.au. Nominations close 30 November, 2013.

Submitted by Sports Focus

Woodend Bowling Club

Woodend Bowls Club (W.B.C) is a community organization with over 100 members, boasting unique facilities. It's the only club in the district with both a Lawn Green and Synthetic surface – this allows bowling all year round.

Its members range in age from 15 to 90+. The club has been in existence for over 120 years. Last year our 6 sides, that compete in Tuesday and Saturday Pennant Competitions, all made the finals, with 3 playing off in the Grand Final.

In 2012 we successfully introduced Friday Night 'Barefoot Bowls', our attempt to share our facilities with the local community.

We are hopeful that 'night lighting' will occur in 2013/14 and that this above sharing can be enhanced.

The club receives great support from many Woodend business and organizations.

We hope that we provide a welcoming and friendly atmosphere and encourage you to take advantage of the club's facilities. Contact 5427 2272.

Submitted by Norman Bickerdyke

SPORTS NEWS

Woodend District Netball Club

Grand Final Day

The WDNC held their Winter Grandfinal day at Buffalo Stadium on Saturday 14th September . With close to 100 netballers taking to the court it was a fantastic day with family and friends turning up in record crowds to support the girls and boys. The level of enthusiasm, skills, fun and friendship was apparent throughout the day and a credit to all the players and their families.

The day commenced with the Under 11 Lightening Premiership (Round Robin) with 4 teams- Tartan Terrors, Red Robins, Blue Wrens and the Green Frogs playing short, fast and intense games to decide the top 2 teams. The Red Robins and the Tartan Terrors played off in a very close and competitive Grandfinal with the Tartan Terrors coming through in the last minutes with 2 quick goals to win 10-8

Up next was The Net Set Go players who showcased the skills they had learnt all winter. After the young players had completed their all-important warm up exercises they demonstrated a modified game of netball to the delight of parents and friends. Medals were presented to all players at the end of the match to great applause and big smiles. These very keen children now progress to an Under 9 modified game this coming Summer Season.

The all popular parents/kids challenge match proved to be somewhat challenging! Many parents were tested by the

athleticism of the young and ended up mostly on the ground contesting the ball. Fun was had by all and the children enjoyed seeing the adults exhausted after 10 mins.



The Under 15 Grandfinal was contested between the Tartan Rangers and the Blue Koalas. The Blue Koalas led out strong in the first quarter to lead by 7-0 at quarter time. The Tartan Rangers fought back hard in the second quarter to bring the margin to 7-6 with no score from the Blue Koalas. Both teams contested hard in the 3rd quarter and the Blue koalas came home strong in the last quarter to win by 6 goals 19-13

With the battle over for the day players left weary and exhausted only to reappear for the presentation night at 5-7pm. The evening was a great success with all best and fairest awards, coach awards and best player in a Grandfinal awarded. Under 11 Dual Best & Fairest – Sarah Duff & Kate Mahon Under 11 Runner Up – Brydie Ritchie Under 15 Best and Fairest – Maggie Little Under 15 Runner up - Alice McKinnon Please see our website for all other awards.

The WDNC would like to thank all their sponsors for their support throughout the year as we head into the summer competition which commences on Friday 18th October . The Summer competition is a great way for the youth to maintain friendships, form new ones and keep fit and active in a safe and healthy environment.

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Submitted by Andrea Norden



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Basketball booming in Woodend

Congratulations to all our players who participated in grand final games on September 15 at Buffalo Stadium. We've had a fantastic winter season, which was capped off by a great day of sport and many amazing games.

Special mention to the most valuable players across the day including: Finn Hannegraaf (U10 Boys), Tilly Rivers (U10 Girls), Jack Hassett (U13 Boys), Dylan Tunn (U15 Boys), Steph Ampulski (U15 Girls), Tom Grimes (U18 Boys), Jordan Athorn (U18 Girls), Stephanie James (Ladies) and Matthew Quinn (Men's). Many thanks to all the local volunteers and local businesses who helped support Macedon Ranges Basketball throughout the year and, particularly on Grand Final Day, including Coles Supermarket, Body Wise and Aussie Home Loans.

Join us for the summer season

Summer season basketball competitions will be underway from mid October through to March 2014. New players of all ages are very welcome to join our great local competition. All games are played at Buffalo Stadium in Forest Street.

New Aussie Hoops program for younger players

We are delighted to announce that we are starting the Aussie Hoops program for younger players. All primary school children beginning basketball can join the program and, upon registration, will receive a free basketball, reversible training singlet and drawstring bag.

Aussie Hoops takes place on Thursday nights at 3.50pm for girls (for training and a short game) and at 4.45pm for boys (who have games on Saturdays). Early bird fees are \$110 for two terms if paid by 4 November. Contact MRBA



President, Megan, on 0421 054 242 for more information.

Junior competitions – under 13s, under 15s and under 18s

We are committed to providing a great basketball experience for all children playing the game in Woodend. The MRBA now provides optional training, coaches and referees for all junior level competitions and the summer season fees are just \$110 for two terms (plus \$35 insurance) if paid by 4 November. Juniors grading (so we can create balanced teams) will take place in mid October. Visit www.mrba.com.au for information about training and game times and contacts.

Adult competitions

Our open Men's competition plays on Wednesday nights. If you're interested in getting involved, call Glenn on 0407 048 414. Ladies have the choice of a Sunday night competition (call Sarah on 0438 076 099) or a Wednesday morning comp (call Emma on 0412 558 788). New faces are always welcome. Again, the cost to play summer season is just \$110 which covers two terms (plus \$35 insurance) if paid by 4 November. All abilities welcome.

The MRBA also offer a fantastic basketball competition for all abilities players on Sundays at midday. Cost is just \$3 per game. Contact Michael on 0414 931 185 for more details.

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Submitted by N Cooper

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Heritage News

After completing "They Went to War" - the stories of the men and women of Newham and Woodend who served in the First World War, Sylvia Boxshall turned her attention to the Boer War. Here is an extract from her Foreword to "Our Men at War - Letters and Stories of the men of the Newham and Woodend district who fought in the Boer War" which will be launched on October 2nd.

"I have to admit when I first started researching the Boer War I had very limited knowledge of a war fought in South Africa so long ago, but as my work progressed so did my interest. Basically it was a war between the Dutch-Afrikaner settlers and the British, although there were other countries involved in the background. It all seems such a terrible waste of life, both military and civilian, but of course that is the scenario for all wars.

Eleven young men who had an attachment or were born in the Newham and Woodend district volunteered to serve in South Africa and were accepted to fight alongside the British. It is possible that other men from the shire enlisted but none have been found. From the information available the men included in this book appear to be the total number for the shire.....

We are fortunate to have access to interesting letters written by some of the Troopers which were printed in the local newspaper of the time telling us first hand of their experiences during the Boer War. The letters of the men work in well with the documented history which is available to us today. They were fine young men who put their lives at risk for the British Empire. The ties to the mother land were strong and it was widely thought to be the duty of the colonies to assist Great Britain in her time of need....."

Just how strong were these ties and how this war was perceived by those in this community at the time can be gauged from this verse written at the time by a local Woodender:

*Advance, Advance Australia, be ready one and all
To muster round the Union Jack, when sounds the bugle call,
And let the Boer ne'er forget the bounding Kangaroo*

Can fight as game as the Lion did on the field of Waterloo. J. Judkins.

Discovered by Sylvia during her research, this is just one of the many items linking this war to our own community. You are cordially invited to join us for afternoon tea at the Court House on Tuesday 2nd October at 3.30 pm when Kevin Davis will launch this important new publication. Copies of Sylvia's books and our other publications may be purchased at the Court House in Forest Street at the launch or on Wednesdays or from Collier Office and Business Assist at other times.

Submitted by Janet Hawkins

SPORTS NEWS

Ranger's First Season

Wrapping up their first highly-successful and very enjoyable Winter Season, Bullengarook Players, Coaching Staff and Members celebrated their collective achievements on Sunday September 8th with their Presentation Day, held post-games at the Bullengarook Reserve, their home ground.

Smiles were in abundance with encouraging words and trophies being awarded by coaches Lewis Gourlay and Samuel Robles Valdivieso. Proud President Joe Hitti and Secretary Ken Kades congratulated and thanked all for their participation and help with putting the BRFC's vision in place.

The Clubs accomplishments to date have far exceeded anyone's expectations. With ongoing enthusiasm the club will continue both competing in prestigious Melbourne Tournaments and train through Term 4. If you would like to join in our fun or just see what everyone's talking about, visit us at www.rangerssoccer.com.au

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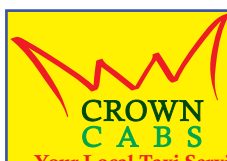
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