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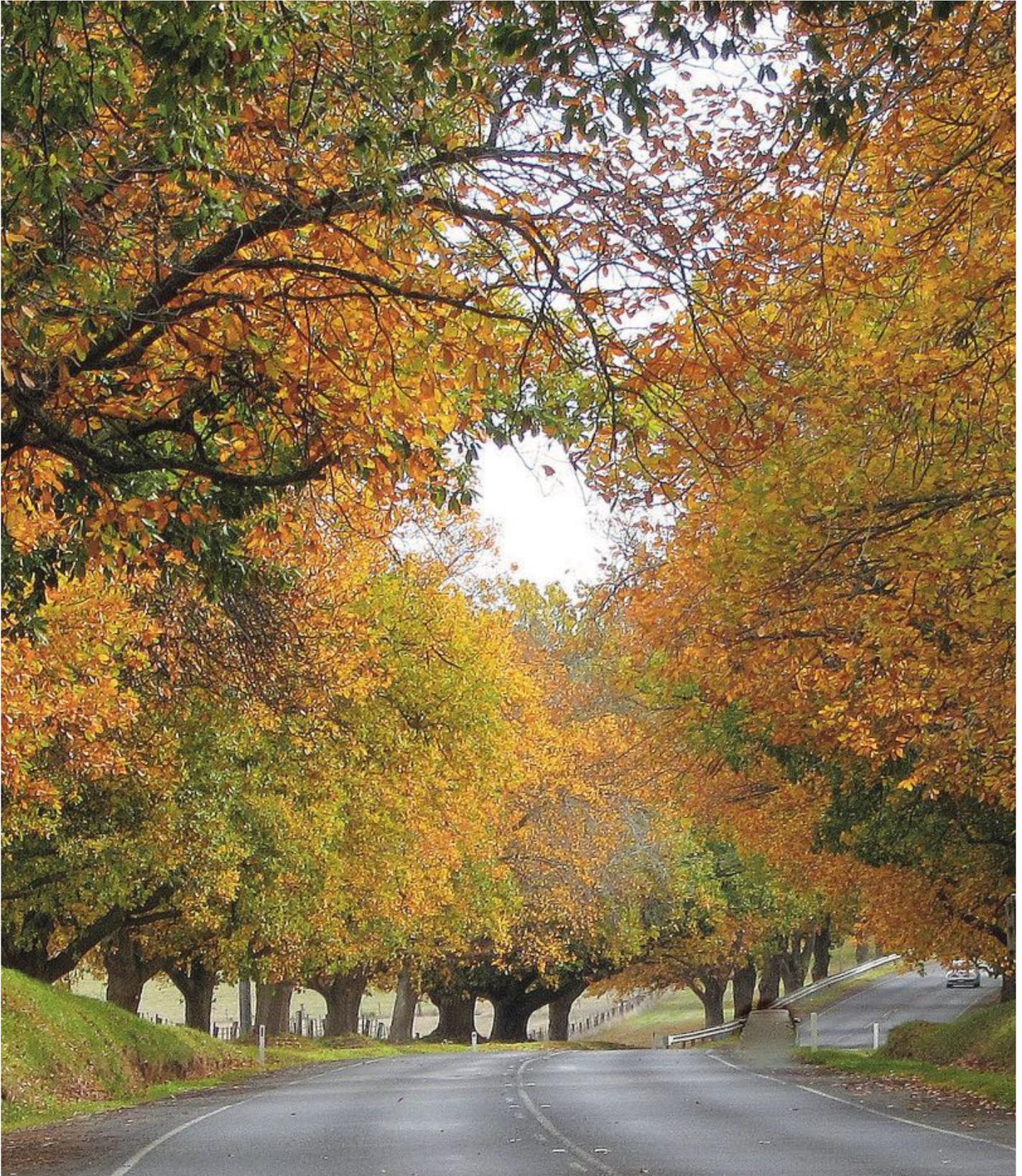


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Become a 'friend' to Rotary Woodend

Do you like the idea of contributing to local and international projects that make a difference in our world? Would you like to be part of a community of like-minded people- who enjoy volunteering and getting things done?

Then maybe you could consider become a Friend of Rotary Woodend. The idea is – simple – you apply to join Rotary Woodend as a 'Friend' and you can take part in all the projects and club social activities. We welcome young and old, really anyone who may be looking to do some volunteering.

"We've had a number of people join in on our projects and activities for some time" said Rotary Woodend president, Tony Waters. "They enjoy being part of the club but don't want to make the sort of commitment that joining the club usually means. They join in on things when they can and that suits us fine. Friends of Rotary will be included on our club communications, and they can choose what they would like to be involved in and when."

If you are interested in becoming a Friend of Rotary Woodend, the application process is simple. In the first instance, please contact membership director, Mike Hamer on 0411549432, and he will get the process started for you. As a fair percentage of the club's work involves young people, you will be required to apply for a Working with Children Check.

Rotary Woodend has a diverse and inclusive membership base, where everyone from our local community is welcome. We meet every Thursday evening at 6:45 pm at The Victoria Hotel in Woodend. We share a meal, often with a guest speaker, discuss our local and international projects and enjoy good company and a few laughs. If you'd like to come and see if Rotary is for you, just come along, or contact Mike Hamer and we'll organise your visit.

SUBMITTED BY MIKE HAMER, ROTARY CLUB OF WOODEND

Woodend's Rain report The driest start to a year for a long time - certainly for this millennium.

Month	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	av 5yr
January	61.4	35.3	27.8	80.0	9.8	42.9
February	41.6	14.3	26.5	3.8	12.0	19.6
March	26.0	47.0	23.7	31.7	12.2	28.1
April	39.4	36.2	165.0	31.0		71.1
May	68.7	101.2	38.6	115.6		74.0
June	39.5	98.8	10.6	78.2		69.9
July	95.3	186.6	60.0	73.3		98.9
August	50.7	107.0	119.6	91.3		80.3
September	44.0	163.6	55.2	26.2		69.0
October	12.9	91.8	45.8	69.0	34.0	53.8

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The good things that come in twos and threes at this year's Festival

There are so many events at this year's Woodend Winter Arts Festival it can be difficult to work out how to narrow the field and make a decision - but here's the best of the duos, duets and trios of talent in the 2019 program.

Triple the talent

If good things come in threes then this lineup of music and big discussion is for you.

- The Past is Present with Toni Jordon, Robert Hillman and Jan McGuinness: Toni and Robert discuss juggling dual storylines.
- If you've seen the award winning 2016 movie *Ali's Wedding*, you'll be familiar with the sound of the Alwan Trio in their performance of *Sketches of Mesopotamia*.
- Here's a three-word slogan for you: Advance Australia Where? In the shadow of the election result, join the explainer-in-chief George Megalogenis, *The Guardian's* Gabrielle Chan and Michael Bachelard for a fearless interrogation of what our options are for the future.
- The Firebird Trio will not only perform tango for you, but they'll teach you too - no previous experience necessary - !Nspiration Tango.
- How well do you know your Australian suffragists? Or that other famously fierce Australian, Germaine Greer? In *Freedom to Vote, Freedom to Choose* - authors Claire Wright and Elizabeth Kleinhenz chat with Sally Warhaft.
- A tenor, a baritone and a pianist walk into a concert... and the three of them present *The Salley Gardens*. With John O'Donnell, Christopher Watson & Michael Leighton Jones.

Double time

Double the talent, and perhaps even double the trouble in some of these double acts.

- The extraordinary Australian pianist Simon Tedeschi returns to the Festival to perform a spot of Kreisler & Rachmaninoff with special guest and Sydney Symphony concertmaster Andrew Haveron on violin.
- Easily one of the most popular Festival events in recent years, Poetry at the Pub is back upstairs at The Vic with word wranglers Ben Oost and Myron Lysenko.
- Ever seen a harp and an oboe together in concert? You can in *A Song & Dance* presented by Marshall McGuire and Ben Opie featuring dance tunes of the 17th century through to romantic songs and new works.

- How to Disappear Completely: Songs of Love & Loss features soprano Cristina Russo & Konrad Olszewski on piano in two concerts.

For dates and times, visit www.woodendwinterartsfestival.org.au

SUBMITTED BY: WWAFF COMMITTEE



Simon Tedeschi - Photo by Cole Bennetts

Young Warbling Mirandas: a concert of Choirs

On Friday 7 June, after the Woodend Winter Arts Festival fireworks, there's a better option than sitting in the traffic jam outside Buffalo Stadium.

Leave your car parked and take a short stroll along Forest Street to St Andrew's Church to enjoy a concert by three local choirs. Entry is by donation at your discretion, with all proceeds going to charity.

The Young Voices of Macedon, Woodend Warblers and Miranda's Picnic have joined forces for the first time to present a short program including traditional and classical songs, pop and world music. The choirs will perform separately and together.

Young Voices of Macedon is a non-profit community choir for children aged five to fourteen, led by three conductors/teachers and a professional accompanist. Young Voices rehearses in Woodend each Thursday afternoon during school terms and performs at a number of choral festivals and other events throughout the year.

Led by Andrew Price, the Woodend Warblers have just celebrated their first birthday. The choir has approximately 40 enthusiastic members, and rehearses each Wednesday night, where the focus is on fun and friendship, as well as producing lovely sounds.

Miranda's Picnic comprises ten local women, some of whom have been singing together for a decade. They rehearse weekly and enjoy supporting local causes and events by providing free entertainment.

The choirs' combined concert will run from 7:30 to 8:30pm. For more information, or if you're interested in joining any of the three choirs, please contact Andrew Price on 0419 604 444.

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Have your say on changes to local law



Residents are encouraged to have their say on a proposed amendment to Council's general local law.

The General Purposes and Amenity Local Law No. 10 covers activities that impact on the amenity of our community, such as animal keeping, activities on roads and streets and on Council land, burning off, and the consumption of alcohol in public places.

At its March meeting, Council resolved to make a technical amendment covering several clauses of Local Law No. 10, which will allow the proposed Roadside and Footpath Trading Policy to be applied.

The amendment specifically concerns changes to the use of Council land and roads for trading purposes. For instance, the changes allow for mobile trading such as food vans to potentially operate on Council land. They also remove obsolete requirements, such as restrictions over political advertising, which are now covered by state legislation.

Acting Director Assets and Operations, Anne-Louise Lindner said the amendment was an efficient way to ensure current and future policies could be applied and to keep the local law up to date.

"By amending the local law, we will be better able to deal with current requirements of local businesses and the community and to better respond to emerging trends, such as mobile trading," Ms Lindner said.

A copy of the proposed amendment to the local law and the accompanying Community Impact Statement can be viewed on Council's website or at Council's service centres. To have your say, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay, email your submission to mrsc@mrsc.vic.gov.au or mail to PO Box 151, Kyneton, 3444 by noon Monday 13 May 2019.

A meeting to hear and consider any submissions on the proposed amendment will be held on Wednesday 12 June at the Gisborne Administration Centre, 40 Robertson Street, Gisborne.

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Help shape Council's first Reconciliation Action Plan

Local Aboriginal or Torres Islander people are being asked to help Council develop its first Reconciliation Action Plan.

The plan aims to support improved outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Macedon Ranges Shire.

Chief Executive Officer, Margot Stork said the plan would also enable all residents to celebrate and respect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and culture, and to contribute to reconciliation.

"We're establishing a working group to guide the development of the plan, which will be made up of Council staff and local Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people," Ms Stork said.

"We are keen to have local Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people join this working group and help shape the plan."

If you identify as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person and wish to join the working group, you can express your interest by calling Community Partnerships Officer Stephen Hiley on 5422 0286 or by emailing shiley@mrsc.vic.gov.au

"The Reconciliation Action Plan will focus on strengthening relationships and creating meaningful opportunities with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples," Ms Stork said.

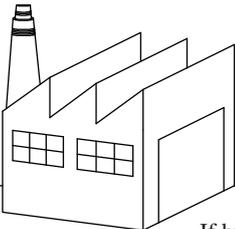
"It will also focus on building a deeper understanding of reconciliation with Council staff and the broader community so that everyone sees themselves as having a responsibility for advancing reconciliation."

The plan will reflect the reconciliation priorities of Traditional Owners and local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and Council will engage in community consultation with these groups later in the year. Following the drafting of the plan, the entire community will be able to have their say on the Reconciliation Action Plan.

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Council Decisions

Minutes for Council meetings and recordings of the meeting livestream are available to download from mrsc.vic.gov.au/meetings.



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Message from your Councillor

May means budget time for Council and for you.

Each year we try to improve Council's budget process, by taking into consideration suggestions from staff, councillors and the community, who submitted their proposals for this online last December.



This year we are including our Disability Action Plan with the broader Council Plan.

So, you will see some changes to the 10-year plan itself, on which we welcome your comments, as well as the budget and Annual Action Plan (for the next 12 months' spending) and Strategic Resource Plan (for the next 10 years proposed spending).

Maintenance of our buildings, roads and footpaths forms a large part of the budget, as well as our usual services; including maternal and child health, kindergartens, and waste and recycling collection. Kerbside collection this year includes a draft new initiative which proposes to collect all your food waste in your green-lidded bin, if you have one, as well as the current garden waste collection. Please take time to look at our other proposed new initiatives as well as what we plan to spend on roads, footpaths, building maintenance and our usual services.

Also out for public comment is how best we can consult with you regarding proposed changes to our Community Consultation framework.

Details for all of these are on the MRSC website: www.mrsc.vic.gov.au

Please feel free to call or email anytime about anything: I'll probably be able to direct you to the best person to answer your question or respond to your concern.

Happy autumn days, Jennifer

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All levels welcome, and no partner or experience necessary.

You can contact me via email: laam43yahoo.com or follow me on Facebook at [latinamericandrhythm](https://www.facebook.com/latinamericandrhythm). First lesson is free.

SUBMITTED BY LENNY ALFONSO

Supporting Men's Health With Men's Shed Boost

Men's sheds for communities all over Victoria are being built or upgraded, through government grants to build, upgrade or refurbish men's sheds.

Member for Macedon Mary-Anne Thomas announced this year's Men's Shed grant applications are now open for nearly \$900,000 funding. Men's sheds, play a key role in safeguarding the emotional and social health and wellbeing of Victorian men, and are safe and productive spaces for men to work on common projects, to form friendships, and to give back to their community. There are more than 360 sheds across Victoria.

Grants are available to the Macedon community, so that more people can benefit from the valuable services and companionship a men's shed offers.

Grants of up to \$80,000 are available to men's shed groups for the construction of a new sheds or the replacement, extension and refurbishment of an existing shed.

"A men's shed is a wonderful asset for the community. These Sheds engage men from across the region so they have the chance to come together, share their skills and catch up with mates." said Member for Macedon, Mary-Anne Thomas

For information about the 2019-20 Men's Shed Grant program and how to apply, visit:

providers.dhhs.vic.gov.au/mens-shed-program

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Local MP Calls On Young Leaders For Youth Council

Member for Macedon, Mary-Anne Thomas is calling on young people aged 16-26 to take part in a new initiative designed to empower local youth. Announced this week, the Macedon Youth Advisory Council will comprise 12 members selected from across the Macedon electorate.

“We are so lucky to have such incredibly talented young people in our community – the Macedon Youth Advisory Council is a chance for our future leaders to bring their ideas directly to me and to build their skills,” Ms Thomas has said of the initiative.

This unique program will provide participants with the opportunity to build their understanding of government, the role and responsibilities of a Member of Parliament and to understand pathways into politics.

Once formed, the Council will meet five times over a 12 month period to discuss local issues, learn about the parliamentary system and how young people can better participate in the decision-making process. A visit to Parliament House is included as part of the program of activities.

The announcement of the Macedon Youth Advisory Council delivers on an election commitment made by Ms Thomas prior to the 2018 election.

Members of the Macedon Youth Advisory Council will be selected following an application process, where hopefuls are encouraged to submit an expression of interest in writing or via video.

Applications close on Friday May 3, 2019. For more information about the Youth Advisory Council and to complete an application go to: mary-annethomas.com.au/campaign/macedon-youth-advisory-council/

SUBMITTED BY KOREY FERNANDO OFFICE OF MARY-ANNE THOMAS, MP



Photo includes: (from left) Mary-Anne Thomas MP, Tony from Dysons, Amanda Harland, Marg Dearricott, David Wauchope.

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Daylesford and Woodend passengers will enjoy a more frequent coach service, since 24 additional trips per week between the two towns were added to the timetable on April 1.

Member for Macedon Mary-Anne Thomas said the extra V/Line services would provide better connections for people travelling to Melbourne by train via Woodend, while also making it easier to get to key tourist attractions in and around Daylesford.

The new timetable increases the total number of trips between the two locations from 26 to 50 per week – doubling services from four to eight each weekday and running four extra services over the weekend.

The services will be welcomed by Daylesford and Trentham residents who commute to work in Melbourne, as there will be an earlier, more frequent and better connecting coach service to Woodend station.

On weekdays, the first coach service will leave Daylesford at 6.25am – instead of 7.35am – so that passengers can reach Woodend station in time to catch the 7.19am train to Melbourne.

There will also be an extra trip from Daylesford at 2.15pm and an extra trip from Woodend at 4.30pm on both Saturdays and Sundays.

New timetables can be viewed at ptv.vic.gov.au

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Giving locals a voice at the Mental Health Royal Commission

Macedon locals will have a chance to share their lived experiences and be a part of a once-in-a-generation reform of our mental health system.

Member for Macedon, Mary-Anne Thomas, is encouraging locals to access the new online portal, share their experiences and tell the Commissioners what matters to them.

“Too often, our mental health system fails people. The Royal Commission will help us understand the shortcomings in the current system and provide practical recommendations so Victorians can get the services they need” said Member for Macedon, Mary-Anne Thomas.

The new Royal Commission portal allows people to share their views through a written submission, an audio submission or a video recording. Submissions can be short, or more formal, longer pieces.

The Mental Health Royal Commission has already held community consultations across the state, and will hold many more over the coming weeks in various locations including Preston, Seymour and Bendigo.

The Government appointed public policy expert Penny Armytage as Chair of the Royal Commission. Ms Armytage is joined by Associate Professor Alex Cockram, Professor Allan Fels AO and Professor Bernadette McSherry.

The Labor Government will accept the Royal Commission’s recommendations.

Submissions will close on 5 July. To access the portal or stay up to date with the Royal Commission’s activities, visit rcvmhs.vic.gov.au.

If you or someone you know is in crisis or requires support, call Lifeline, 13 11 14 or BeyondBlue on 1300 224 636.

SUBMITTED BY KOREY FERNANDO, OFFICE MARY-ANNE THOMAS MP

Have your say on the proposed communications tower.

Local residents have voiced concern about a proposal to build a communications tower in the grounds of the train station at Woodend. If you would like to know more about the proposed tower and consider the impact it may have on the town then go to chnq.it/jxPhPQmGdH. Local resident Cassandra Simmons said “We feel we are under threat of having a 36m tower installed within metres of the Main Street and residences and would like the proposal to be re-considered”.

However, at this stage, Macedon Ranges Shire council has not received a planning application for the construction of a telecommunications facility at this site. ‘If council does receive a planning application for this site then Council will need to follow a statutory process in deciding this application’. Any geotechnical works that have occurred at the Woodend Railway Station have been carried out on land not owned by Council and do not require planning permission” said Angela Hughes, Director Planning and Environment, MRSC.

Broadening horizons through involvement in The National Youth Science Forum

The National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) Year 12 Program, a 12-day residential program run in January each year, is designed to give students an understanding of the varied study and career options available in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). The Program is run in Canberra at The Australian National University as well as in Brisbane at The University of Queensland. Rotary is the founding partner of NYSF, which was developed In 1984 under the auspices of local Rotarians and Academics and today the 21 local Clubs across Australia continue to conduct selections for the NYSF Year 12 Program on behalf of NYSF.

Applications for the 2020 NYSF are already open and close on the 31st of May. More information about the program and how to apply can be found on the NYSF website: www.nysf.edu.au

Sacred Heart College, Year 12 student, Maggie Clune, attended the 2019 NYSF having been sponsored by the Rotary Club of Woodend, and provides an outline of her experience ...continued on page 32.

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1. The rebate amount and the eligibility rules will remain the same
2. The process for application will change, to be before installation, with no opportunity to apply in retrospect.
3. The rebate will be provided as an upfront discount, instead of afterwards.
4. New no-interest loans will also be available after July.

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Woodend Community Lunch is Back

After a few months off, the Woodend Community Lunch was back in April at the Woodend RSL with a new day and a new team in the kitchen. With over 70 members of the community attending, it was a fantastic success, and a great way to celebrate the changing of the seasons.

The first lunch of the year welcomed a new chef to the kitchen, Jane Niall. Woodend resident Jane runs her own highly successful catering business, as well as managing T.O.M.S. Organic Meats with her husband Tom Niall. Jane produced an absolutely delicious lunch using seasonal fruit and vegetables, including generous produce donations from members of the community. The lucky lunch attendees enjoyed slow cooked tomato and confit garlic sugo, seasonal frittata and a variety of salads, with a decadent roasted fruit crumble for dessert. This was all accompanied by delicious house baked focaccia, donated by Remy and Bonnie of The Fox in The Chamber.

Our wonderful team of volunteers was assisted by the Woodend Primary School Captains (pictured). The four Grade 6 students helped to serve and clear food and had a chance to interact with members of the community, and enjoy some lunch themselves. They were a joy to have in the room and a real credit to themselves and the school. Thank you to Principal Diana



Ellis and Vice Principal Victoria Graham for attending on the day and supporting the Community Lunch.

Our first lunch of the year was also an opportunity to give thanks to Lorraine Masterman, our wonderful volunteer chef for the last four years. What started as a simple bowl of soup at the Neighbourhood House in 2015, grew to a two-course restaurant-quality meal serving up to 100 people each month at the Woodend RSL.

Our next Community Lunch is a special one as it is our fourth birthday! Join us to celebrate on Thursday 23rd May at 12pm at the Woodend RSL. Everyone is welcome, and you won't find a better value lunch anywhere in the Macedon Ranges at only \$5 a head. It's a great opportunity to come together, share stories and make new friends.

If you would like to support Community Lunch, the Neighbourhood House gladly accepts produce donations in the week before the lunch. We hope to see you all at there!

SUBMITTED BY CHLOE GREEN - COORDINATOR
WOODEND NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

How would you like us to consult with you?

The community is invited to have its say on Council's Community Consultation Framework, which guides when and how it consults with the community.

Residents are invited to review the revised document, which sets out the principles that will underpin Council's consultations. It also provides practical advice and direction on how Council will plan and implement its consultations.

The Community Consultation Framework (CCF) was last reviewed in 2014, and the current review is an action of the Council Plan 2017-27 (Year Two).

The revised framework has been updated to reflect the current best practice for community engagement, as set out by the International Association of Public Participation (IAP2).

The draft Community Consultation Framework can be viewed at Council service centres and on Council's website until 13 May 2019.

You can provide your feedback online at mrsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay, by emailing mrsc@mrsc.vic.gov.au or by mailing your submission to PO Box 151, Kyneton, 3444.

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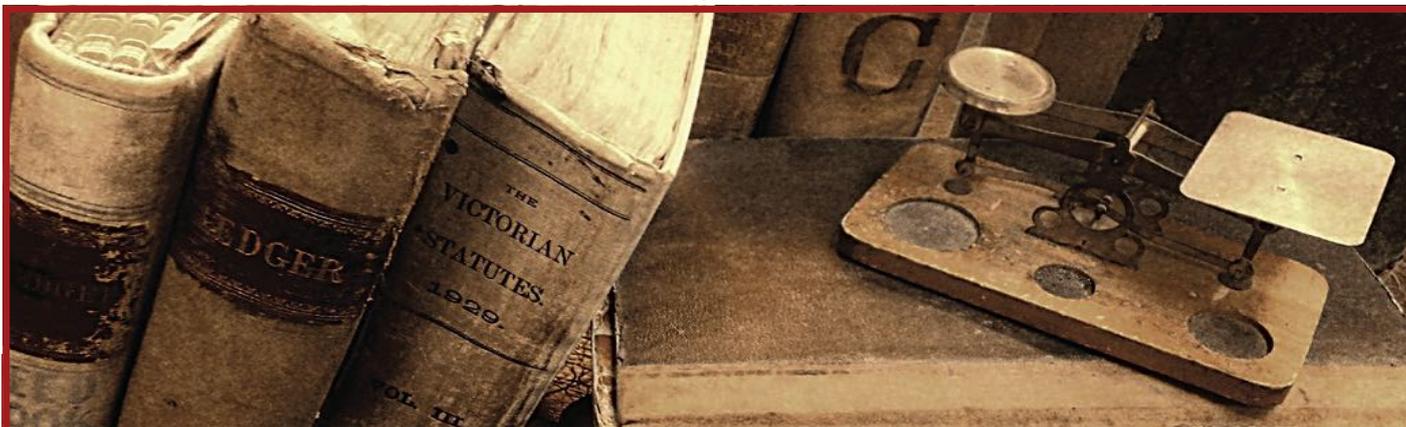
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Exhibition at Kyneton Museum

Showing until Sunday 26 May, Life on the Line invites visitors to wind back the clock to experience life on the railways in Queensland over more than 140 years.

Developed by The Workshops Rail Museum and part of the Queensland Museum Network, the photographic exhibition is presented in two parts, Working on the Railway, which highlights staff driving locomotives, and Keeping the Trains Running that illustrates scenes of railway staff engaged in a range of roles from signalmen, to ticket sellers, booking clerks and track workers.

Kyneton Museum is located at 67 Piper Street, Kyneton, and is open Friday to Sunday, 11am–4pm. Entry fees apply.

For more information, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/museum or call 1300 888 802.

This Girl Can.

This Girl Can, supported by VicHealth, aims to encourage more women to give physical activity a go, or return to exercise after a break.

The sessions are being held throughout the Shire, and will focus on the over-50 age group. Women are encouraged to come and give one of the sessions a go, regardless of ability or past experience. Each session includes a free morning tea and giveaways.

Sessions are being held at the following locations:

Kyneton

Boxing, Saturday 4 May from 9.30am–10.30am (Kyneton Toyota Sports & Aquatic Centre)

Introduction to Running, Wednesday 8 May from 9.30am–10am (meet on corner Campaspe Crescent and Piper Street rotunda, Kyneton).

Woodend

Introduction to Running, Wednesday 8 May from 12pm–12.30pm (meet at Woodend Information Centre).

Gisborne

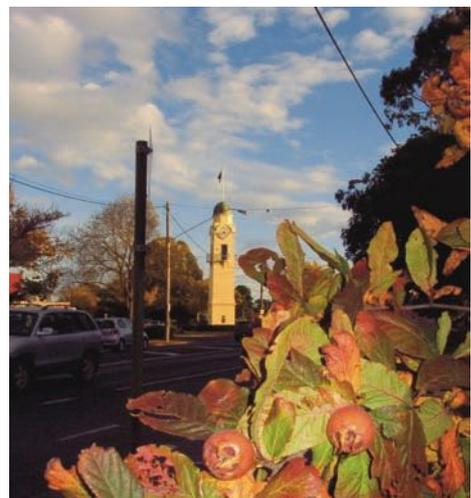
Aqua Aerobics, Wednesday 1 May from 9.15am–10am (Gisborne Aquatic Centre)

Introduction to Running, Wednesday 8 May from 2.30pm–3pm, (meet at Gisborne Aquatic Centre).

Participants are encouraged to wear comfortable clothes, closed-toes shoes, and bring a towel and water to the fitness sessions. Bathers are required for the aqua aerobics classes.

For more information or to RSVP, contact Stephanie on 5422 0246 or svassilios@mrsc.vic.gov.au

SUBMITTED BY ANNE-MARIE MIDDLEMAST



Autumn: photo by Hubert Weisrock

May events at Kyneton Town Hall

Fridays just got a whole lot better with Council's month-long program bringing the best of arts and culture to Kyneton Town Hall. From comedy and live music, to award-winning theatre and classical music, clear the calendar and make a date to spend Fridays with us.



Get the giggles as the Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow comes to town

Some of the funniest comedians from the Melbourne International Comedy Festival are headed to Kyneton Town Hall on Friday 3 May at 7.30pm as part of the Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow.

Grab a mate and grab a date—the lineup of artists is sure to tickle your funny bone.

Shake your tail-feather with Melbourne band The Meltdown

Soul outfit The Meltdown pay homage to the late, great rhythm and blues pioneer, Ray Charles, in this hip-shaking performance.

On Friday 10 May at 11.30am, the band offer a morning musical experience you won't forget, capturing the

iconic sound and energy of this legendary artist.

Be inspired by the story of The Sapphires

This heart-warming play charts the journey of four young women from regional Australia as they bring music and joy to the battlegrounds of the Vietnam War.

If you've seen the award-winning film and loved it, don't miss this life-affirming live theatre work, on at Kyneton Town Hall on Friday 17 May at 8pm.

Catch acclaimed theatre work Swansong

Step back in time to Ireland in the 1960s with Swansong, an award-winning drama from writer/director Conor McDermottroe.

It tells the story of Occi Byrne, a lost

soul, and the illegitimate child of a single mother, who fights his way into adulthood.

Violent, tragic and hauntingly tender, Swan-song is being performed on Friday 24 May at 7.30pm at Kyneton Town Hall.

Fall in love with The Naked Cello

The Naked Cello is a collection of original musical works, developed by popular cellist and composer Helen Mountfort.

The performance, held on Friday 31 May 8pm, at Kyneton Town Hall, draws inspiration from the music of Eastern Europe, India, Papua New Guinea, and the cello music of J.S. Bach.

To find out more about these events or to book tickets, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/buytickets or call 1300 888 802.

SUBMITTED BY ANNE-MARIE MIDDLEMAST

From preschool programs for children to group fitness classes and dance, our sports centres in Woodend and Macedon have a range of programs and activities for all ages.

Kindagym

Kindergym is a fun development program for children ages 1-5 years that is designed to develop children's gross motor skills, coordination, balance and social skills through active play and activities.

Sessions are held at Buffalo Sports Stadium on Friday mornings at 10am (1-3 years) and 11am (3-5 years) during school term.

The first class is free for new participants.

Strength for Health and Gentle Exercise classes

Keep fit and healthy over the cooler months by joining our fitness classes for the mature adult.

- Strength for Health is an individual exercise program for older adults and is designed to increase muscle and cardiovascular strength.

Classes are held on Tuesdays and Fridays at Buffalo Stadium, during school term.

- Our Gentle Exercise class is a physical activity program suitable for people who have taken a break from exercising and are looking to get active again. It is designed to be safe for people with health conditions, including heart disease, diabetes and bone or joint problems.

Classes are held on Tuesdays at Buffalo Sports Stadium from 10.45am.

Find out more

For more information about these programs, or to find out about other programs on offer at both facilities, contact the office at Buffalo Sports Stadium on 5427 3411 or visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/leisure

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Change in water supply for the Macedon Ranges



Western Water customers in many Macedon Ranges towns may notice a slight change in their drinking water this month, as the region switches over to the Melbourne supply.

"After a dry period, Rosslynne Reservoir has recently dropped to below 20% of capacity," said Western Water's General Manager, Customer, Community Relations and Operations, Graham Holt.

"To preserve the Rosslynne Reservoir water levels and ensure future water supply, we are switching most towns in the Macedon Ranges over to the Melbourne drinking water supply system.

"Lancefield, Romsey and Woodend will continue to receive water from local supplies but will be supplemented by water from the greater Melbourne water supply system."

"It's normal to notice a slight change in taste when your water supply is changed, as water from different sources varies," Mr Holt says.

"All the drinking water we supply is safe, healthy to drink and meets the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines."

If you'd like to know more about where your water supply comes from, how it is treated, or how to reduce your daily household water usage to 155 litres per person per day (Target 155) head to westernwater.com.au.

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In Court and on Trial during May!

A jury trial, or trial by jury, is a lawful proceeding in which a jury makes a decision or findings of fact. It is distinguished from a bench trial in which a judge or panel of judges makes all decisions.

The Mount Players Victorian Drama Leaguentry for 2019, 12 Angry Men, by Reginald Rose, is a drama set in the 1950's in an American court room. An 18 year old African American boy's life is on the line after being convicted of murdering his father. Two witnesses attest the fact - a cut and dried case...or is it?

12 Angry Men is an intense drama that betrays the good, the bad and the vulnerability of human nature... also, the courage of one person to seek justice for another.

This play has been a dream of co-directors, Frank Harvey and Leo Vandervalk for over 20 years and finally they have brought it to the stage in Macedon! The stellar cast will ensure this show will not disappoint. The season runs from Friday 3 May - Sunday 26 May at The Mountview Theatre, 56 Smith Street, Macedon. To book tickets go to www.themountplayers.com

SUBMITTED BY KAREN HUNT

Opportunities for your business in May

Record keeping, tips on tax and workshops on social media marketing are a few of the workshops on offer for local business owners and entrepreneurs during May.

- Tax essentials for small business
- Boost Business Facebook advertising workshop (ASBAS - Digital Solutions Program)
- Advanced business Instagram workshop
- Building business profits

Places are limited, and bookings are essential.

Many of the events in our program are being held in partnership with the Australian Small Business Advisory Service, Melbourne Innovation Centre, Australian Taxation Office, Macedon Ranges Women in Business, Small Business Victoria and the Kyneton Community and Learning Centre.

For more information or to book, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/business-events or call 5421 9616

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Chiro can help you get ready for life.

As part of Spinal Health Week 2019 (20-26 May), Doctors Anna Kennedy, Hayden Lebbink and Vanessa Fullard, chiropractors from Macedon Chiropractic are encouraging Australians to take control of their health, regardless of age, by making chiropractic part of their spinal health-care regime.

Back pain can have a damaging effect on a person's quality of life by affecting their ability to participate at work, in social activities and sports," said Dr Anna Kennedy from Macedon Chiropractic.

For Spinal Health Week 2019, chiropractors are encouraging Australians to get Ready For Life by ensuring their posture is correct, they are living active lifestyles and seeking chiropractic care where necessary.

"One way to help you be Ready for Life and improve your spinal health is to get a check-up from your local ACA chiropractor. Chiropractors can also be seen as a preventative healthcare option by offering advice and assistance in making appropriate lifestyle choices and therefore reducing the risk of spinal health issues arising in the first place," said Dr Anna Kennedy

Chiropractic care is not a one size fits all healthcare option. Chiropractors carefully assess each patient individually and tailor their care accordingly. By using a variety of non-surgical techniques, such as specific spinal adjustments, manual therapy and low-force intervention, chiropractors offer a drug-free, hands-on approach to spinal healthcare.

"It is important to take preventative measures when it comes to spinal health and if you are experiencing pain, it is not advisable to ignore this. Get advice from your local ACA chiropractor as early as possible," explained Dr Anna Kennedy.

To promote Spinal Health Week, Macedon Chiropractic is offering half price Initial Consultations during the month of May, just mention this article to obtain yours.

Visit spinalhealthweek.com.au to find out how chiropractic can help Australians get Ready For Life.

Spinal Health Week is a health initiative of the Australian Chiropractors Association (ACA), the peak body representing chiropractors in Australia.

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We would like to send our best wishes to Dr Alison Bailey who after working at Brooke Street Medical Centre since 2007 has decided to step away from consulting.

Alison has been a valued member of our organisation and we wish her well in the next chapter of her life.

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Fridge folders help carers

The early days after receiving a diagnosis of dementia are extremely stressful for carers. While on one hand they have received confirmation that their loved one has the illness, on the other, they become aware of the many resources available to them. But it is often very difficult to keep track of it all.

Woodend Lifestyle Carers Group (WLCG)'s members have all had or still have the emotionally and physically stressful 24/7 job of caring for someone with dementia and as a result this daily challenge members have developed a tool that may help others.

This practical tool is an information folder that can be stuck to the fridge using the Velcro dots supplied, or attached to another surface using Blu Tack. The clear plastic folder has a wipe clean surface and six business card sized pockets for visitor and health professional information, thus enabling the carer to have instant access to telephone or email contact details for providers. Opening on two sides, the folder provides easier access to insert additional information sheets.

Folders supplied directly to carers through WLCG include information on services available throughout the Macedon Ranges, together with the group's calendar of meetings for the year.

The original order of 100 folders and pockets was made possible by the generous support of Gisborne & District Community Bank's branch of Bendigo Bank.

Carer Joyce Richards, a group member since 2012, has found the folder invaluable and wishes it had been available when she and her husband Glenn first received his diagnosis. Folders are available through the group by calling 5420 7132

SUBMITTED BY CHERRY SERVIS



Photo: Carer Joyce Richards has found the information folder invaluable in managing her husband's dementia

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The New Woodend Star

Suicide 'Alertness for Everyone' training'

Want to become more equipped to help those around you who may be suicidal?

You are welcome to attend a half day suicide alertness 'safeTALK' workshop on 11 May at 9am-12.30pm. Morning tea provided.

Join us for a low cost, high impact training in Suicide Alertness For Everyone (safeTALK), run locally to benefit our community. It will be delivered by two safeTALK-trained locals, who are part of the Macedon Ranges Suicide Prevention Action Group (MRSPAG).

This training is targeted at any community member interested. It aims to increase confidence in asking if someone is suicidal, and knowing what to do if someone answers "yes".

SafeTALK is a half-day alertness workshop that prepares any 18+ adult, regardless of prior experience or training, to become a suicide-alert helper.

Further information about safeTALK is available at: www.livingworks.com.au/programs/safetalk/.

Please inquire at info@mrspag.com.au to reserve your place and manage payment.

SUBMITTED BY LYNDSEY WARD

Bereaved by suicide?

Macedon Ranges 'Support After Suicide' Peer Group will host a guest speaker on Monday, May 13.

Colin Charles, a counsellor from Jesuit Social Services in Richmond, and co-founder of the organisation's 'men's group' nine years ago will speak from his wide life experience about the issues around suicide bereavement.

The peer support program Support After Suicide was formed in the Macedon Ranges when the present volunteers, all bereaved by the loss of a loved one through suicide, formed a group for mutual support over five years ago. The group is one of a number throughout regional Victoria. Initiated and auspiced by Macedon Ranges Suicide Prevention Action Group (MRSPAG), the Support After Suicide peer group is strongly supported by Jesuit Social Services, who provided the initial and ongoing training.

The Support After Suicide meeting is aimed at increasing community awareness of the support available, and is being held on May 13 at Newham Mechanics Institute Hall at 7pm.

For any enquiries please contact Gerry on 0407317491 or peersupport@mrspag.com.au

SUBMITTED BY GERRY LEAHY



Photo: trained Peer Supporters, Lynsey Ward and Margaret Leahy

MACEDON RANGES WINE BUYERS GUIDE
 Patrick Eckle's
Wine review

Introduction

The reviews for this month represent excellent value for money and come in at around the \$30 mark. It is important to remember that the Macedon Ranges is a boutique region with many of the producers having less than 10 acres under vine, and due to the colder temperatures and higher rainfall (supposedly!) the viticulture costs are high and yields typically low.

2017 Williams Crossing by Curly Flat Pinot Noir

I often find the Macedon Ranges can be quite Burgundian in style, Vosne-Romanée to be precise with floral aromatics of lifted red cherry and spice that works with a tautness of acidity that frames the fruit on the palate.

The wine holds a tension between red cherry fruit and more nuanced earth and rhubarb characters. Tannins are fine but persistent and add a savoury dimension that's short lived when oak derived spice makes itself known on the finish.

Pinot Noir of this quality shouldn't cost \$29. Back up the truck.

Rating: 93 | Price: \$29 | When to Drink: 2019 - 2028

2018 Lyons Wills Estate Riesling

Gee, there is some good winemaking technique on show here. The nose captivates you with jasmine, lime and meyer lemon with the faintest touch of lees funk. The palate has just enough residual sugar to give a beautiful counterpoint to a searing line of acidity. There have only been 1350 bottles produced so good luck tracking it down. Another example of how interesting Riesling can be that comes out of Macedon Ranges region. Well done to Lyons Will for the risky wine making approach; it paid off.

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There will be live music, lots of food, great coffee, open fires and plenty of things for young and old to do.

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This lecture embarks on a typical tour through France and Italy, visiting Florence, Rome and Venice.

Martin studied History of Art at Manchester University and afterwards spent three years in the editorial department of a fine art publishing company. His later career took a detour into the world of information technology, during which time he had the opportunity to work and live for several years in both continental Europe and North America.

Entry fee applies - cash or cheque payable on the evening and this includes refreshments (7.30-8.30pm).



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Woodend Probus Club News

The Woodend Probus Club meets on the first Thursday of each month at 10am at the Woodend Community Centre, to listen to informative talks on a wide variety of topics including travel, history and other interesting subjects.

In April, the speaker was Vicki Wells, the founder of To Turn A Page.

This month, we will be treated to a visit by the Gisborne Men's Shed Singers. In June we will have a morning of poetry readings.

Once a month there is an excursion to a place of interest such as gardens, an exhibition or the theatre, involving a little physical activity, morning tea and a companionable meal. In April there was an excursion to the Watergardens Hotel for lunch. In May the Club is planning an outing to Mildura via the Silo Art Trail. In July, there will be an 8-day trip to Longreach, including a visit to the Australian Age of Dinosaurs Museum at Winton.

Woodend Probus Club brings people together in friendship, to advance intellectual and cultural interests, and to offer stimulation and fun through social interaction and activities. The Club is open to new members who are not in full-time work, or who are retired.

Visitors are welcome to attend one of our meetings at no cost. Please contact either Diane (0438 585 664) or Henry (0425 784 597) or email woodendprobus@hotmail.com or visit our website www.probusouthpacific.org/microsites/woodendanddistricts

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SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING

Macedon Ranges Scottish Country Dancers are a small very friendly group of people who love to dance and have fun. Classes are every Thursday 1-3pm at Buffalo Stadium, Forest Road, Woodend, and this year we are offering a beginners class. So why not come along and try it? Scottish Country Dancing is suitable for all ages and it's a lot of fun for everyone. It's one of the best forms of exercise you can do, keeps the body and mind active and it's very sociable.

So, what do you need to get started? Just a comfortable pair of flat shoes that you can dance in and wear comfortable clothing.

Beginners and experienced dancers are always welcome to join us.
For more details contact Linda 0408 476317 or Meg 5427 1100

Red Cross

Red Cross Woodend meets at Woodend Bowls Club on the first Thursday each month at 1.30pm.

Boost your fundraising with the Coles Community BBQ

Don't forget each month your community organisation can go into the draw to win a voucher from Coles to help with a fundraising BBQ.

So, now is the time to book your fundraising BBQ, or if you have one already booked in May, then register at content@newwoodendstar.org.au to go into the draw to win a \$50 Coles voucher. The Voucher must be used to purchase food supplies for the fundraising activity.

April's winner was Sacred Heart College.

THANK YOU

Kale McQuade and Flynn Mazza want to thank everyone that had a sausage or two at the recent Coles BBQs held by Sacred Heart College, and then by Rotary Club of Woodend for their fundraising campaign.

After their film 'Suspected' won the regional finals of the International Youth Silent Film festival, Woodend's young film makers are set to go to Portland, Oregon in the USA to compete in the World Grand Final of the festival.

If you would like to help them achieve their dream you can still do so by going to their gofundme page "Help Flynn & Kale get to America for film award"

PHOTO: KALE MCQUADE, ROTARIAN JIM NOY
FLYNN MAZZA AND ROTARIAN DAVID FAIRHURST.



St Mary's Guild – Knit and natter

A small group of women meet monthly at the Norma Richardson Hall in Woodend to Knit and Natter. People from the wider community of The Macedon Ranges contribute knitted squares from which blankets are made and given to the Salvos to distribute amongst those living on the streets and in need.

The Knit and Natter is held on the third Wednesday of every month (except in December), hosted by St Mary's Guild, with hot beverages, a slice and biscuits and fruit. In the cooler months, there is also hot soup for a donation of \$5.

The secrets of efficient and comfortable homes

Making your home more efficient is a journey that can lead to both improved comfort and lower energy bills. MRSG Sustainable Homes Action Group will host a talk by Richard Keech on Thursday 16 May at the Woodend Neighbourhood House, 47 Forest Street, from 7.30 to 8.30pm.

Come and be inspired to take the journey to an efficient home by seeing examples of how it's possible to achieve energy bills of near zero and, at the same time, making your home a nicer place to be.

Richard Keech is an engineer, consultant and author with particular interest in renewable energy and energy efficiency. He has masters degrees in both Engineering (Electronics) and Environment (Energy Efficiency). He was a key author of the Zero Carbon Australia Buildings Plan and is a regular contributor to Renew's publications on topics related to energy efficiency. Richard lives in Melbourne with his family in their zero-carbon home. Richard is the author of 'The Energy Freedom Home' published by Scribe.

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**Yes, Prime Minister comes to the
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The Melbourne-based Highway 1 Theatre Company is coming to the Macedon Ranges with a fresh new production of the classic BBC comedy Yes, Prime Minister.

With the 2019 Australian federal election just around the corner, there has never been a better time to revisit this timeless classic that lifts the lid on the farcical inner workings of Westminster-style politics.

Come and spend election night with everyone's favourite buffoon politician – Jim Hacker, his cunning adversary Sir Humphrey Appleby, and the servant-of-two-masters Bernard Woolley, as they lurch from one farcical dilemma to another.

“The UK is in crisis! Debt is spiralling, unemployment is on the rise, and the fragile coalition cabinet is at breaking point! Can the Prime Minister save Europe, avoid a national scandal, and (more importantly) save his job?”

This two-act play version, written by the original TV show writers Anthony Jay and Jonathan Lynn, enjoyed a lengthy West End season in 2010, before touring around the world.

“Left me crying with laughter... a smash hit if ever I saw one” - Charles Spencer, Daily Telegraph

‘Yes Prime Minister’ will play the Kyneton Mechanics Institute on Saturday 18th May 2019 at 7:30pm. Tickets can be purchased online at www.highway1theatre.org or at the door on the night. The show will run for approximately 2 hours including an interval.

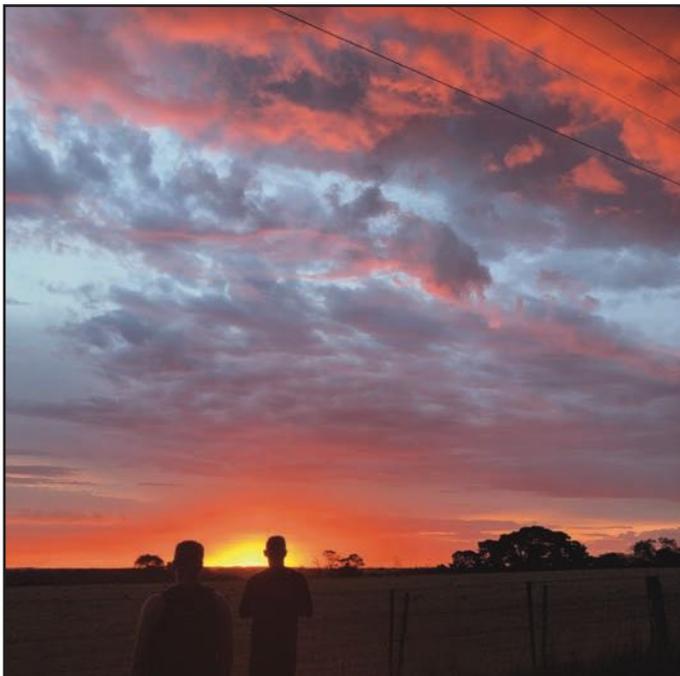


Photo taken by Angela Falzarano - Easter Sunday Sunset

SUBMITTED BY MICHAEL JEWELL

RED CROSS Mothers' Day and Medals

May is quite a special month for us, with celebrations galore.

Mothers everywhere are dropping hints or just hoping for a sleep in and no cooking! We all have one, lots of us are one, and many have graduated to grand ones! Happy Mothers' Day to one and all. May you be spoilt as you deserve.

Special women galore are also being honoured for their years of service as members of Red Cross Australia. Woodend has the distinction of presenting service awards to four members this year. Melissa Hocking and Marion Coulson are 10 year members, and absolute whirlwinds of activity, always to be counted on for leadership and focus. Maita van Blyenburgh, has been a stalwart for fifty years, we are proud to have her as a Woodend member. The astonishing Norma Proctor, busy and involved and a member for 75 years! We are celebrating all these wonderful women on May 2nd, at the Woodend Bowls Club at 1.30 - we think a cake with Norma on top should be the centrepiece of afternoon tea!

Finally, Winter is creeping up on us. We are very happy to receive donations of cosy garments, which we will send to our distribution centre to make sure they go where they are most needed. Thank you in advance for your response. We always receive generous contributions!

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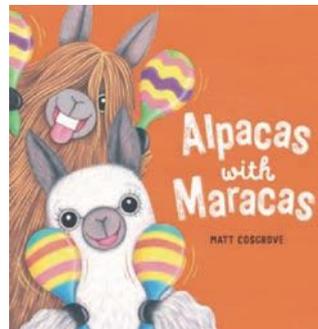
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National Simultaneous Storytime is going to be fun this year!

Join Glenda for this session on Wednesday 22nd May 2019 at 11am. Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country.

Now in its 19th successful year, National Simultaneous Storytime is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy. During May, Glenda will visit Kindergarten groups in Woodend and Macedon with this lovely story about Macca and Al too. Book in



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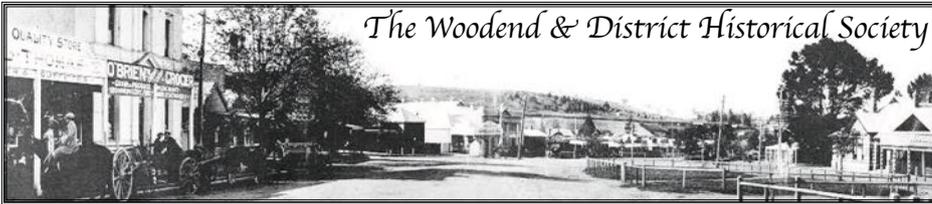
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The Winter Program will be out in late May.

Please have a look at our website to book your place, or come in and we can help with bookings. We have had a great response to the programs presented over the past months and enjoyed meeting you all at various community events too - Harmony Day and Woodend Neighbourhood House Community Lunch.

Woodend Library staff welcome feedback on the library services and your ideas on future programs we can offer. There is a 'suggest a purchase' link in our online catalogue; please share your ideas if you know of a book others would enjoy. The number of visitors to the library continues to increase and, even though so many community members use our eLibrary, our loans from the branch have remained the same as for previous years. We value the opportunity we have to provide a flexible and responsive library service to the Woodend community.

SUBMITTED BY LULU COCKRAN



The Woodend & District Historical Society

Ploughing



Before the advent of the tractor, all ploughing of the paddocks in the district was done with the aid of horses with the ploughman or woman walking behind to guide the plough. Ploughing competitions were common throughout rural districts; this district was no exception and the chance to win a money prize drew many entrants.

Photo, Mr & Mrs Fred Shelton ploughing at their farm.

A Local Ploughing Competition. The photo was possibly taken at Springfield, now known as North Woodend on the property of Mr Francis Bowyer. Competitions began in the district in the 1860s, and in 1864 the Champion Ploughing Match was held on the 24th August, on two paddocks of light red loam, close to Mount Alexander Road, opposite the Dalhousie Hotel, owned by Joseph Davies, near the Woodend Tollgate. Each of the 31 competitors ploughed a quarter acre for a First Prize of £50 (\$100), a huge amount of money at the time. James Orr of Woodend won 3rd Prize, despite being the Champion back in 1860. James Orr owned "Oatlands," later Cadella Park.



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Answer these 20 questions.

1. Is there a smoke alarm in your home? do you test it every month?
2. Do you replace the battery annually or when the low battery alarm activates?
3. Is your house number easy to see so emergency vehicles can find you?
4. Have you placed the emergency phone number beside all your phones?
5. Has your household made and practised a home fire escape plan?
6. Have you planned a safe meeting place outside?
7. Do you have a fire extinguisher in your home?
8. Is your home protected by an electrical safety switch?
9. Are the keys kept in or near exits with deadlocks?
10. Do you always have electrical repairs, alterations or renovations done by a qualified electrician?
11. Do you avoid overloading power points?
12. Are flammable liquids stored away from heaters, hot water service pilot lights and other naked flames?
13. Do you avoid pouring flammable liquids in high risk areas – such as refuelling a lawn mower near a hot water service?
14. Is your electric blanket switched off before you get into bed?
15. Do you always use a fire screen with an open fire?
16. Are heating appliances kept safely away from laundry, curtains and furniture?
17. Are matches and cigarette lighters kept out of the reach of children?
18. Do you clean the lint filter of your clothes dryer after each load?
19. Does everyone know the cold water first aid treatment for burns?
20. Is there clear access for CFA trucks to get close to your house – at least 4 metres wide x 4 metres high?

How did you score? Every YES scores a point!

Less than 10 – The potential for fire in your household is dangerously high. You need to be more than fire aware.

10 to 15 – Not bad. But there are still several things you can do to decrease the likelihood of a fire.

16 to 20 – Well done! You are giving yourself the best chance of protecting your life and property from house fire.

For further information contact Captain Mike Dornau on 0409 093 935. Follow us on Facebook, or you can visit our website: www.woodendcfa.org.

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The Woodend Bowling Club hosted the annual Brooke Street Medical Centre Triples Tournament on Thursday March 21, and everyone had a bowl and ball! Teams from Lancefield, Romsey, Wallan and Woodend contested the event.

The winners were the Woodend team of Mike and Anne Dornau and Pat Morgan on 49, ahead of the other three game winners the Wallan team of Carol Wright, and Sandra and Leighton Bloomfield on 44, with the Woodend team of Lois Scott, Tim Webber and John Shaw third with 30 points and two games. Best last game went to the Woodend team of Clarrie Brett, Trevor Sturt and Irene Boldiston with 15 points.

We would like to sincerely thank the Brooke Street Medical Centre for once again sponsoring the tournament and for representatives Steven Lee and Katrina Mintoff for their support.

Dornau Wins 100 Up Final!

It was an all-Dornau final for the Woodend Bowling Club 100 UP Final on Saturday morning March 23, with Club President Mike taking on wife Anne. To reach the final Mike defeated Rob Smithies 106-104 and Anne defeated Trevor Sturt 100-80. Mike held an early lead before Anne then took over, with both players scoring perfect tens. In the end, Anne prevailed to win 101-99. Thanks to Graham Muir for marking.

Mike And Kate On Fire For CFA Match!

On Sunday March 31 we hosted the annual Laurie Thomason Trophy match between the Woodend CFA and Woodend Bowling Club. Eight teams contested the event over a four game round-robin format. The winners were CFA Captain and Bowling Club President Mike Dornau and Kate Ritchie, who did not lose a match with 74 points (with the help of their mascots Noah and Eleanor). Second place went to Frank Thompson and Gary Hobbs with three games and 51 points ahead of Graham Muir and Steve Ritchie with 2.5 games and 33 points. Thanks to members from the CFA and Bowling Club for a very pleasant afternoon, and especially the Ritchie Family who had four players.

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Reaching out to our Veterans

The Department of Veterans' Affairs lists 481 clients in the Macedon Ranges local government area. Of these, 291 are veterans and 190 are dependents (including 100 war widows), many have disability pensions related to their military service.

Last year, a study found that 1 in 20 of the 8,370 Australian homeless people interviewed over the past eight years were ex-military personnel (from The State of Homelessness in Australia's Cities).

Woodend RSL is keen to help veterans in our community who need assistance. We have a qualified Welfare Officer and we have connections with support programs that include RSL Active, Soldier On, Open Arms (Veterans and Families Counselling), Young Veterans, Wandering Warriors, Vietnam Veterans Association, Legacy, Mates4Mates etc.

Ex-service men and women and their families are always welcome to participate in our regular events.

Everyone in the region is welcome to attend our Mother's Day special luncheon on Sunday 12th May at the RSL Hall, 32 Anslow St Woodend. A delicious carvery will be served by Schatzi's restaurant. Bookings essential on 5427 4447.

Thanks to all who purchased an Anzac Day badge. Your veterans appreciate your support.

Reference: <https://www.aihw.gov.au/reports/veterans/national-veteran-suicide-monitoring/contents/summary>



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Broadening horizons through involvement in The National Youth Science Forum

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Earlier this year I attended the Year 12 Program of the National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) in Canberra. During the program we stayed at the Burgman Residential College, which is affiliated with Australian National University. Staying in university residence was a great way to get a taste of university life.



During the program we were lucky enough to have a number of guest presenters who are at the top of their fields, including a video conference with CERN in Switzerland. We also visited a number of different labs, businesses and universities where we were able to get an in-depth look at what a career in science would be like.

Some of the STEM visits focused on health sciences, including a tour through the pathology labs at Capital Pathology where I learnt about the

different aspects and areas within pathology. There were some I didn't even know existed. While there, we were able to look at different samples of histology, the technology used in the chemistry department as well as the blood bank.

One of my favourite experiences was visiting the paramedic and nursing course facilities at Australian Catholic University, Canberra campus. During our time we were involved in some hands-on activities with the simulation dummies, and got an idea of what the course would be like through ACU. I had never really considered nursing or paramedicine but I came away with a tonne of questions and ideas about new career avenues.

One of the most interesting presentations was an address by a biologist from CSIRO Black Mountain, who spoke to us about his research project towards his doctorate. He and his team are attempting to increase the oil production in canola plants through



genetic manipulation.

The basis behind his research is that our population is growing and the demand for oil is increasing but the land available to grow canola is not. Even though I am not overly interested in plant biology I was quite interested in the theory of genetic manipulation to improve agriculture and future implications of this technology.

Overall NYSF was an amazing opportunity that allowed me to spend two weeks with some great kids who I know have become lifelong friends. I was able to learn and experience things I would never have had the chance to at school, as well as having a small glimpse of university life. I highly recommend this program and sincerely thank Woodend Rotary for sponsoring and endorsing me to go to NYSF. Without them, it wouldn't have been possible.

Sacred Heart students who attended NYSF 2019 with their sponsoring Club.

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Sophie Ellen - Rotary Kyneton
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