



RECOGNISING OUR LOCAL HEROES ON AUSTRALIA DAY



Citizen Of The Year:
JUDY COPE-WILLIAMS



Young Citizen of the Year:
ASHLEY EADON



Community Achievement Award:
CHERRY SERVIS

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Macedon Flea Market on February 25



The Macedon community is coming together to support Wilkinson's Wheels in their donated home at Macedon Nursery and Garden Supplies. Their first big effort is supporting Macedon CFA Flea market

PHOTO: MARTIN LEAHY

Recycle your bike to raise funds for Macedon CFA

Since Phil Wilkinson began his campaign to collect old, unwanted bikes to be refurbished and sold at the Macedon CFA Flea Market, the community has listened with nearly 200 bikes being donated so far.

"The community have truly embraced what we are doing. The donations of bikes have been phenomenal and we are looking forward to more coming through, "Once we get these bikes fixed up and sold off at the Flea market, Wilkinson Wheels continue as a community workspace for people to come together and tinker away in a Men's Shed type way." said founder Phil Wilkinson

Bikes donated so far include lots of great kids bikes for those starting off, through to adult bikes purchased with good intention, left to sit in sheds across the region. Bikes and parts are still being collected, or can be donated directly to Macedon Nursery and Garden supplies in Nursery Road, Macedon or Woodend Cycles.

All abilities are encouraged to join in, as there will be experienced bike mechanics on hand to give direction and encouragement! All money raised from the sale of the bikes will go to the brigade.

Mr Wilkinson wants more people to join in and have a go fixing up the bikes for a good cause. Two more sessions in the lead up to the Macedon flea market will be held on February 4 and February 18, 2-4pm, at Macedon Nursery and Garden Supplies, Nursery Road. For more information, join the Wilkinson's Wheels Facebook page or contact Phil on 5426 228.

Understand your bushfire risk

Woodend has an EXTREME bushfire risk. Be fire-smart, have a fire plan and understand your risks. Information on pages 24 + 25

It's important if you live, work and travel in this area, to plan what you will do if a bushfire threatens.

Hanging Rock Reserve set to come alive in February

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Hanging Rock Reserve is set to come alive next month with two major events scheduled for Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 February.

Legendary singer Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band will perform at Hanging Rock on Saturday 11 February, as part of their Summer '17 tour of Australia and New Zealand, with support from Australian rock band Jet and accomplished guitarist and singer Diesel.

On Sunday 12 February, motoring enthusiasts will converge for the Macedon Ranges and District Motor Club annual picnic.

These two events will see increased traffic in and around Hanging Rock during the weekend.

General advice

Council wishes to advise that Hanging Rock Reserve will be closed to the general public on Saturday 11 February, and will re-open on Sunday 12 February, with altered entry conditions and fees.

Saturday 11 February – Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band

Council is reminding residents that the concert will



generate increased traffic on roads from Woodend to Hanging Rock and around the reserve with peak traffic times expected to be from 2pm-5pm and 10pm-1am. There will be altered traffic access on some roads. If possible, try to avoid the area at these times.

Concert goers driving to the Rock are advised to expect delays on entering and particularly exiting the Hanging Rock Reserve and east paddock at conclusion of the concert.

If you are getting a lift to and from the event, for your safety use the designated drop off/pick up points. No stopping or parking on roads around Hanging Rock is permitted.

Those getting a lift can avoid delays around Hanging Rock by being dropped off or picked up at the shuttle service in Woodend.

For your own safety, please do not leave the venue by foot at the conclusion of the event.

Parking is prohibited in the surrounding streets and roads, including any residential areas, and fines will apply for those vehicles parked illegally.

There is strictly no camping at Hanging Rock Reserve. Camping, sleeping in cars or parking after 1am at Hanging Rock is prohibited and may result in fines being issued and your vehicle being towed. To avoid fines, arrange your designated driver and carpool as private vehicles with four passengers or more park at no charge.

For all concert details including traffic arrangements, transport and accommodation options visit hangingrockconcerts.com

Sunday 12 February – Macedon Ranges & District Motor Club annual picnic

It's the 30th Anniversary of this great event which sees cars of every make, vintage and style line up to showcase the strength of the classic motoring movement in Victoria.

Traffic will be heavy on roads from Woodend to Hanging Rock and around the reserve from 8am to 3pm. For information on the event visit picnicathangingrock.com.au.

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Woodend Rainfall

Month	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	5 yr av.
JANUARY	31.0	3.9	19.2	61.4	35.3		30.6
FEBRUARY	133.0	97.4	11.2	41.6	14.3		59.5
MARCH	84.0	53.0	49.0	26	47		49.4
APRIL	35.5	20.5	84.1	39.4	36.2		48.6
MAY	54.4	47.2	46.0	68.7	101.2		58
JUNE	126.8	147.8	122.3	39.5	98.8		101.2
JULY	102.0	101.8	79.3	95.3	186.6		92.2
AUGUST	113.7	116.4	32.7	50.7	107		84.1
SEPTEMBER	54.6	85.0	55.9	44	163.6		67.6
OCTOBER	39.0	75.6	49.6	12.9	91.8		52.6
NOVEMBER	31.4	67.2	53.0	41.3	63.2		55
DECEMBER	21.4	35.2	36.6	41.7	92.8		51
TOTAL	826.8	851	638.9	562.5	1037.8		

Meet the authors at Dromkeen Literary Festival

Dromkeen again will host the Dromkeen Literary Festival, which will be held again on Saturday March 18th and kindly sponsored by the Macedon Ranges Shire Council. The theme of the festival is "Books Can Take Us Anywhere" and some of the writers and illustrators presenting on the day will be Mark Wilson, Marc McBride, Claire Saxby, Gabrielle Wang, Glenda Millard and Brett Cardwell. Further details about the

event will be posted on the Dromkeen website and Facebook page in mid January. Dromkeen home- stead in Riddell's Creek was built in 1889 and was the country residence of High Court Judge Arthur Chomley and his very large family. For over 50 years it has been known as a national centre displaying original Australian children's picture book illustration.

Open weekly for public viewing, every year

Dromkeen Gallery is visited by thousands of people of all ages and backgrounds. Currently there is a wonderful retrospective exhibition by award winning Castlemaine writer and illustrator, Rachel Tonkin, whose work spans over 50 years.

The exhibition includes a beautiful drawing of a cat and dog, framed by Rachel's grandmother and placed on a wall in her kitchen, when Rachel was only 4 years old.



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Lancefield Macedon Ranges Relay For Life - Pubs rally for Cancer Council -

The Victoria Hotel has joined the cause, collecting donations for the Cancer Council Victoria. Just drop your coins in the purple donation tins up until the weekend of March 4 and 5 when the 15th Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay For Life is held.

All money raised will support cancer research, education, advocacy and support services.

More than 20 teams have registered for this year's event which is expected to bring the overall amount of money raised locally since 2003 to \$1.3 million.

Organisers are looking forward to a memorable weekend and plan to continue fundraising right up till the Relay closes on the Sunday morning.

The Early Bird \$20 per person registration fee offer closes on February 5. Individual and team registrations will be accepted up until the event weekend.

Cancer survivors and carers are warmly invited to walk the opening lap and attend afternoon tea. contact Kathy on 0419 644 688 or email lancefield@relayforlife.org.au. More details at www.relayforlife.org.au.

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Recognising our local heroes on Australia Day

Macedon Ranges Shire Council is proud to announce the recipients for the 2017 Australia Day Awards.

The awards were presented as part of the Australia Day celebrations at the Kyneton Town Hall on Thursday 26 January.

The awards were presented for the following:

Citizen of the Year,
Young Citizen of the Year,
Community Achievement
and Community Event

Citizen of the Year:

Judy Cope-Williams

Passionate about the arts and dedicated to supporting emerging musicians, Judy Cope-Williams is Music Director and Chair of the Cope-Williams Arts Foundation, which she and her husband Gordon established in 2006.

The foundation provides both financial assistance and development opportunities to musicians, with an emphasis on highlighting young, emerging performers in the region.

Young Citizen of the Year Award Ashley Eadon

With a grand ambition to end global poverty, Woodend's Ashley Eadon dreams big.

This young humanitarian with a passion for social justice, has already in her short life contributed deeply to making the world a better place for others.



Community Event of the Year Award

Zonta International Women's Day Dinner

With a manifesto that seeks to empower women through service and advocacy, Zonta International envisions a world in which every woman is able to achieve her full potential.

In further supporting these aims and objectives, in March 2016 the Zonta Club of Kyneton presented their annual International Women's Day Dinner to celebrate female role models, and share the achievements of women from Macedon Ranges' communities.

Community Achievement Awards

Amy Bell: It's fair to say Amy Bell is somewhat of an expert in effective time-management.

Mother to four young

children and part-time planner and student, she's also found time to devote the past five years to advocate for the development of the Lancefield Skate Park in the town.

Juli Robinson Whether she's encouraging others in her hometown of Bullengarook to try

something new, or out there herself with one of the many groups that she's involved in, social connectedness underpins all that Juli Robinson is. *Cherry Servis:* Kindness and compassion are two qualities that come naturally for Cherry Servis, one of the founding members of the Woodend Lifestyle Carers' Support Group.

Established in 2012, the group caters for the needs of people caring for somebody experiencing dementia, and is open to all carers within the Macedon Ranges Shire.

Under Cherry's guidance, the group has identified a need for a purpose built respite guest house for carers of loved ones suffering from dementia, Alzheimers and acquired brain injuries, and is currently fundraising towards this long-term goal.

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Our brochure is jam-packed with courses and activities for everyone, why not try something new this year! And, if you sign up to be a member of the House you'll receive a 10% discount off a course of your choice.

We'll be at the Farmers' Market on Saturday spruiking our garden design competition.

There are still four weeks before entries close on 28 Feb so, if you've got hidden design talents please come and see us.

The competition is open to primary school children to design a mural, to

secondary students to design an outdoor entertainment area and then to anyone and everyone in the open category to meet our brief (on website) and design the whole space.

The HUB team will choose finalists and then the community will vote for the winning designs in each category at the Sustainability Festival on 4 March.

This competition has some great prizes and has been made possible thanks to a People and Places grant from MRSC and a huge amount of expertise from our volunteer Nayan Puri.

If decluttering is on your mind, join the club! We've had a huge working bee at the House and have lots of things to sell in the upcoming Whole Town Garage Sale on Saturday, 25 March.

Full details on the web or drop in to the House Monday to Friday 9am to 3pm.

Other dates to note are our community lunches on 17 Feb and 17 March and our AGM on Monday 20 March at 7pm.

We're always looking for new people to join our Committee of Governance so, if this is something for you, come and have a chat or give us a call. Also, if you've got some spare time and would like to volunteer at the House we'd love to hear from you; we've a range of jobs to suit all abilities and interests.

Finally, if there's something you'd like to teach or something you'd like to learn please contact us soon. Term 2 always sneaks up on us and before we know it Easter is here!

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If you like what we're all about, why don't you write for The New Woodend Star?

We welcome stories of all types about the local Woodend area, so long as it's, positive and infomative.

Contributions are welcomed from individuals and community groups. Simply send an email with all content & specific details (times, dates, contact person and details) directly to content@newwoodend-star.org.au.

Articles should be about 230 words, submit by 15th of each month.

vicroads.vic.gov.au

Calder Freeway-Station Road Interchange

Gisborne ramp closure and detours

February 2017

Road users are reminded that the Melbourne bound entry ramp from Station Road onto the Calder Freeway at Gisborne is closed while works are underway to upgrade the Calder Freeway-Station Road intersection.



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For a more reliable journey, we are asking all road users to plan their regular trips ahead of time, including becoming familiar with using the detours for journeys toward Melbourne.

When

Between 16 January 2017 to 20 February 2017 (weather permitting).

Where

The Melbourne bound entry ramp from Station Road onto the Calder Freeway will be closed for around five weeks.

Detour details

Motorists travelling towards Melbourne are advised to use the following detour routes:

- Via the Mt Macedon Road interchange, alternatively
- Travel through Gisborne to connect to the freeway at the Melbourne Road interchange.

For diagrams of the detour routes visit: www.vicroads.vic.gov.au (search for Station Road)

Thank you for your patience while these important works are underway. Please observe the changed traffic conditions including work zone speed limits, for your own safety, the safety of other road users and the safety of our workers.



SMS pathology results

Our new medical software enables us to send some pathology results to you via SMS. This is a great bonus for patients.

Not all results are suited to this form of communication so please ask your GP about whether it's possible to get your pathology results in SMS form. And check with reception to make sure we have your correct mobile number.

Usually, normal results can be conveyed this way. Results requiring ongoing treatment are usually managed in a GP consultation.

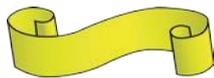
Should you have any concerns or queries about an SMS result however, please call for an appointment to discuss with your GP.

Under 16 years of age bulk-billed

Patients under 16 years of age are now bulk-billed for all GP consultations.

That means there is no out of pocket expense when children see a GP.

Welcome & farewell



We sadly bid farewell to Dr Kiri Mathews. As a GP Registrar (a fully qualified doctor doing post-graduate studies in General Practice) Kiri now moves on to another General Practice as part of her continuing training. We look forward to welcoming Kiri back when that placement is complete.

February also sees us welcoming a new group of GP Registrars to BSMC – Drs Ammar Attiya, Amber Hart and Sally Staves. Each doctor will be with us for the next 12 months.

We also welcome a new group of Monash University 4th year medical students. The students are here until June and will undertake supervised General Practice consultations as well as participating in sessions with a range of nursing and allied health service providers.

Please advise our receptionists if you would prefer not to be seen by a student.

Heat related illnesses

High temperatures can put people at risk for heat related illnesses, which at their extreme can be life threatening.

Anyone can be affected by heat however some are more at risk eg. the elderly, young babies and those with existing medical conditions.

To prevent heat related illness, take a range of precautions on hot days:

- Keep as cool as possible. Stay in an air conditioned or a cool, well-ventilated place
- If outdoors, stay in shaded areas
- Drink plenty of water and avoid alcohol. Seek GP advice if you are on restricted fluid intake
- Limit physical activity / exertion
- Have cool showers or baths or use wet cloths to help cool the body down

Keep an eye out for those at risk – eg. the elderly who live alone. People and pets should never be left in parked cars.

Seek medical advice for heat related illnesses however one type, heat stroke, is a medical emergency. Such things as confusion, red dry skin, lack of coordination, difficulty breathing, fitting or collapse and unconsciousness may occur. Call 000 for ambulance immediately.

Fire risk policy

In order to keep patients and staff as safe as possible on **Code Red** fire risk days, the Practice will shut automatically. This enables everyone to activate their fire safety plans early.

On Code RED fire risk days the Practice will be closed

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Outside of our normal business hours contact
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Follow the Orange Art Trail

Talk about a FEBULOUS start to 2017!

The Macedon Ranges Art Trail continues its collaboration with Cope-Williams Winery with a not-to-be-missed exhibition of photography and sculpture over two weekends.

ARTWORK ORANGE will feature the work of six fine art photographers from Woodend, Hesket, Romsey and Lancefield. Each artist brings a different repertoire of techniques and subjects to what promises to be a fascinating high standard show.

The fine art photographers exhibiting are: Gordon Cope-Williams, Ralph Ewart, Alina Golovachenko, Deborah Mullins, Anna Thomas and Michelle Thompson. Sculptors Dawn Robinson and Chris Flenley will also display small and large works in metal, wood, stone and bronze.

In addition to the Cope-Williams event, three artists will open their studios in Woodend. Robin Baker will give pottery demonstrations on February 11 and 18 at Black Anther Gallery (rear of 42 Anslow Street). Drop by at 11am, 1pm and 3pm to talk to and watch Robin at work.

Ettore Di Pilla will show visitors the art of glass fusing at his Leadlight By Ettore studio, 329 Harpers Road, on February 11 and 12 from 10am to 3pm.

Painter Jenni Mills will open her studio door at 18

Stuart Drive on February 11, 12 and 18 from 10am to 3pm.

Kay Brabham, co-owner of Feeling Framed, is an expert at the very intricate scraperboard artform. Some of her stunning works will be displayed in the shop window (next to the post office boxes) during the duration of the MRAT event.

And don't miss Bakery Lane Gallery's latest exhibition at Colenso, which is open daily except Sunday.

ARTWORK ORANGE opens with a celebration on Friday, February 10 from 6.30pm at Cope-Williams, 160 Glenfern Road, Romsey. The exhibition can be visited on February 11, 12, 18 and 19 from 10am to 4pm.

Details about the open studios will be at the Visitor Information Centre or contact Nadine on 0439 399 838.

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Weeds & wildflowers

Last year we removed weeds from 17 hectares of public land around Woodend, restored 2 km of creek frontage and planted 800 indigenous plants near the Children's Park. The Thursday Crew continued work at Lake Earnshaw, which will be the site of this year's Trees for Mum planting in May.

After a wet winter, spring 2016 was a fantastic one for wildflowers in Woodend, so we commissioned a botanist to survey the Rail Reserve on Quarry Rd. Over 80 indigenous species were identified - with ground-flora of exceptional quality and diversity - including six orchids, various lilies, peas and grasses. The full plant list is available on our blog, and we'll be adding some recommendations for late and low-impact mowing, something we're

encouraging so plants can successfully develop and drop mature seed. Please consider this in your own garden too, particularly in very productive years.

In 2017 we'll be starting the year with a twilight working bee at the Children's Park on Friday 3 February, if not too hot. Come and lend a hand with some weeding or whipper snipping, or a bit of guard reinforcement or removal from 5pm, then join us for a BBQ at 7pm.

Keep an eye on our blog for location and timing of our monthly working bees. Non-members and newcomers always welcome, even for an occasional bit of community weeding. For information visit our website at woodendlandcare.wordpress.com, see our window outside Coles, send an email to woodendlandcare@gmail.com or call 5427 2312.

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WePublish at Woodend Library

Create a customised book for your child or grandchild with the easy to use WePublish app. A fabulous and fun way to encourage reading.

iPads are supplied for this session on Thursday 2nd February. Book in at Woodend Library or www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au/events

Author talks in Kyneton and Castlemaine

Join Melbourne based author and GP Jacinta Halloran for a lively discussion of her most recent novel (set partly in 1940s Kyneton) with well-known Castlemaine author Carmel Bird. Set in an era of social constraint and profound scientific discovery, 'The Science of Appearances' follows the fortunes of twins Dominic and Mary, the inexorable pull of the past and the indelible bond we share with those who know us best. A tender, powerful and touching novel. Kyneton Library

Children's Programs

Come along to Storytime for 3 - 5 year olds at 10am

and Rhymetime for babies at 11.30am on Tuesdays. Toddlertime for 1 - 3 year olds is on Fridays at 10 am. All sessions will commence the week of February 6th.

Saturday Stories will be held on Saturday 11th February at 10.30 am. This is a great session for working parents, Grandparents or whole families to enjoy with children.

Local poets meet at the Library. Woodend poets including Ben Oost and Myron Lysenko will read from the recently released anthology, Shots from the Chamber. The poems will concentrate on celebrations and ruminations about life past and present in Central Victoria and the Macedon Ranges.

Please come and join in with your own 'local' poetry on Saturday 25th February 10am. Morning tea provided.



1000 Books Before School Help your pre-schooler get ready for school!

Children aged 0-5 are invited to join in the new statewide 1000 Books Before School program, now available at Goldfields Libraries. Sharing stories with babies and young children gives them a head start to develop literacy skills that will prepare them for school, and a life

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Participation is free. Once you register your child will receive a kit which includes reading charts and stickers. There are milestone rewards for 100, 250, 500, 750 and 1000 books, and you have free access to thousands of children's books through Goldfields Libraries so you'll never run out! Come into Woodend Library to register your child.

LULU COCKRAM | WOODEND
LIBRARYMANAGER

Macedon Ranges Scottish Country Dancers

Macedon Ranges Scottish Country Dancers will start another year of dancing on Thursday February 2 from 1.00pm to 3.00pm at Buffalo Stadium Woodend.

We are a small friendly group and beginners and experienced dancers are welcome to come and join us. After warming up we start dancing and all dances are walked through first.

Doctors say dancing is one of the best forms of exercise you can do, so come along and join us, have some fun and enjoy meeting new people.

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WOODEND BOWLING CLUB NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CLUB CHAMPIONS

During December and January we completed several of our Club Championship events, all resulting in some very close Grand Finals.

In the Ladies Singles, Lois Scott met Arlene Johnstone, with Arlene winning (for the second consecutive year) by just 2 shots.

In the Mens Singles, club veteran Norm Bickerdyke took on former President

Toby Barker, with Toby coming out the victor.

And, in the Mens Pairs, Tim White & Phil Nathan met Laurie O'Brien & Graham Muir. After a solid tussle, Banker & Bluey won by a mere 1 shot.

A great effort by all players and congratulations to the winners.

Other events still to be completed include the Ladies Pairs, Mixed Pairs, 21 Up and 100 Up.

NEW PENNANT SEASON ROLLS ON.

The Club has teams in both

Midweek (Tuesdays) and Saturday Competitions. Following the Christmas break the teams returned to competition in mid-January. Whilst the Division 1 teams on Saturday and mid-week are having a tough season, the Division 3 teams are both doing well, sitting high in the top four as we head to the finals in March.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GOLDEN ARM.

Woodend Bowls Club member Tim 'Golden Arm' White recently received a Commonwealth Bank Certificate of Appreciation for his valuable contribution to the Woodend Neighbourhood House Inc. A well-deserved recognition to one of the many great volunteers in our community.

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Check out our new website

We have recently launched our new website, which you can view on www.woodendbowlsclub.weebly.com. It contains details about all of the bowling activities the club provides, as well as all of the facilities we have to offer. And you can also follow us on Facebook.

For further information please call me on 0409 093 935 or email: admin@woodendbowlsclub.com. For barefoot bowls bookings please email: bookings@woodendbowlsclub.com.

Submitted by Mike Dornau, President Woodend Bowling Club Inc.



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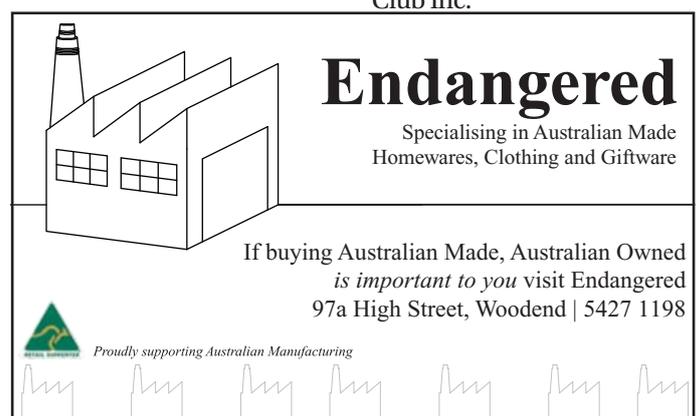
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Woodend based digital agency, 2 Dam Creative has been flying high in 2016. Their business growth has seen them servicing a global client base as well as opening a second office in Melbourne.

A highlight for the year for this local business was undoubtedly winning the Qantas Hackathon in conjunction with Melbourne based innovation consultancy EdgeLabs.

“The Qantas Hackathon is one of the most hotly contested digital events of the

Give your business a digital flying start in 2017

year. Ten teams from all over the country compete for 48 hours to solve a pain point for Qantas customers” said Steve Brendish, founder of 2 Dam Creative. “We competed against the smartest digital designers in the country and were thrilled to come out on top. Next step is to work with Qantas to bring our idea to life.”

Steve and the 2 Dam Creative team want to share their insights of how a winning

digital strategy and design could support other businesses.

If you have a website to build, an app idea to bring to life or you need help with your digital strategy for 2017, 2 Dam Creative can help with one of their half day workshop sessions which will be running throughout January and into February. Designed to help local businesses bring their ideas to life.

“This is a great time of year to plan out activity” said Steve. “We’d love to share the planning and design process that helped us win the Hackathon. We are offering local businesses a discounted rate to be able to achieve this.”

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- 4.....MACEDON CFA, BIKE RECYCLING
- 11.....WOODEND LIBRARY, SATURDAY STORIES
- 11.....HANGING ROCK, BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN
- 11.....POTTERY DEMO, BLACK AHTER
- 11+ 12.....GLASS FUSING, LEADLIGHT BY ETTORE

- 11+ 12.....OPEN STUDIO, 18 STUART DRIVE
- 12.....HANGING ROCK, MOTOR CLUB PICNIC
- 17.....WNC, COMMUNITY LUNCH
- 18.....MACEDON CFA, BIKE RECYCLING
- 18.....OPEN STUDIO, 18 STUART DRIVE
- 25.....MACEDON CFA FLEA MARKET

- 25.....WOODEND LIBRARY, LOCAL POETRY

MARCH

- 17.....WNC, COMMUNITY LUNCH
- 18.....DROMKEEN, LIT-FEST

APRIL

- 17.....KYNETON AIR SHOW

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CLUB HIGHLIGHTS & NEWS *by Grant Hocking*

Woodend Rotarians continued to have a great time over December and January including a short break and time with family and friends.

The first meeting back for 2017 saw a great turnout of members with 22 attending to hear about the planning and activities for Australia Day at Woodend RSL from 10.30 am on 26th January, and other upcoming events.

The new date for the Kyneton Air Show has also been announced as 23rd April 2017 and more details next month.

We also conduct a walking group every weekend (Walks occur around the Macedon Ranges providing the

opportunity to see more of the great area we live in with good company.

Over the last few weeks we have had 7-8 people per day and have been walking both Saturday and Sundays. Check out our walking group Facebook page or contact Grant Hocking 0429 802 722 to join in the activities via a weekly email.

The Rotary club continues to enjoy an interesting list of guest speakers and fun at our meetings and social activities. All meetings are on Thursday nights from 6.45 pm and occur upstairs at the Victoria Hotel Woodend unless otherwise specified. We always welcome visitors and people interested in supporting the community.

If you would like more information visit our webpage or social media sites below.

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Bike Safe Macedon Ranges has just launched our "Pass with Care" campaign aimed at encouraging all road users to be careful when overtaking other vehicles on the road. It's simply about leaving plenty of room and time to pass safely. It's particularly relevant to new users of our county roads which presents different challenges to the urban environment. Who knows what is around that corner? All it takes is a little impatience or lack of

concentration and someone's dad or mum, brother or sister, son or daughter could end up in hospital or worse. Nobody wants that kind of outcome.

We have placed billboards and posters across the Ranges to remind people of this simple message.

Maybe in 2017, we can all think about taking a little more time and care out on our roads? A few seconds just isn't worth the risk.

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Farm Management Deposit and Offset Accounts

Primary producers often have years of high income and low income caused by factors such as drought, flood, fluctuating livestock and grain prices etc. Farm management deposits (FMD) are a system by which Primary Producers can manage the risks associated with inconsistent cash flows.

The FMD system is in place to smooth out taxable income from year to year. If in a year of high income, a sum of money is placed into a FMD account then it is a deductible expense in that tax year. When the money is withdrawn from the FMD account it is treated as assessable income.

There are eligibility criteria that need to be met before you can utilise a FMD. Some of the criteria includes:

- Must be a primary producer
- Must use a FMD provider
- Minimum deposit of \$1,000
- Minimum withdrawal of \$1,000
- The maximum deposit amount for each primary producer from 1 July 2016 is \$800,000.
- Must hold deposit for 12 months to claim a deduction (Exceptions apply)

FMD accounts can now also be used as offset accounts against business debt. This will decrease the business interest cost.

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A year of change ahead for carers in the Macedon Ranges

2017 promises to be a year of significant change for carers of loved ones with a mental illness. The introduction of the NDIS in May this year will see the biggest change in disability service delivery for three decades. 'The NDIS is due to impact the Macedon Ranges in May this year,' said Mike Hamer, vice president of PS My Family Matters. 'Like all change, it will take some time to get used to. There have been mixed reports of the program from the various trial areas, especially in relation to the acceptance rates for those suffering from psychosocial disability, as it is now known.'

PS My Family Matters is committed to support carers and families as they engage with service providers and

register for assistance. 'This is a time when many carers will be accessing a lot of new information. We're here to help carers as they manage their day to day issues and engage with the NDIS' said Mike. 'It's a new space for all of us, but we'll do what we can to support Macedon Ranges carers, as best as we're able.'

If you'd like to talk to PS My Family Matters about the NDIS, or any other aspect of caring for a loved one with a mental illness, please call 0475 269 965.

PS My Family Matters will also be running its regular Coffee for Carers get together at the Kozy Café, Neal Street Gisborne at 10am on the 15th February. All are welcome.

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Under Permanent Water Saving Rules you can:

- Water your garden or lawn with a watering can, bucket or hand-held hose with a trigger nozzle at any time
- Water your garden or lawn with a watering system such as a sprinkler only between 6pm and 10am
- Wash your car with a bucket, hand-held hose with a trigger nozzle or high-pressure cleaning device at any time

Things that can help you achieve Target 155 include shorter showers, only washing clothes when you have a full load, and mulching your garden.

Western Water will be at the Macedon Ranges Sustainable Living Festival in March, offering advice about Permanent Water Saving Rules, along with plenty of water-saving tips and giveaways.

Friends of Macedon Ranges Libraries Inc Annual General Meeting 2017

This will be held on Tuesday 21st February in the wonderful surrounds of the Stoneman library at Duneira, Officer Lane, Mt Macedon

Morning tea will be served at 10.30am followed by the official business of the AGM. The morning will conclude with a talk by author and antiquarian bookman Stuart Kells.

Stuart is an author and antiquarian books authority. His published work includes the critically acclaimed biography of Kay Craddock, 'Rare', 'Penguin and the Lane Brothers' and 'Australian Book Collectors'. He speaks regularly and enthusiastically on the history and value of printed books, including at Clunes Booktown, Melbourne Rare Book Week and Duneira. Beyond the field of rare books, Stuart has a PhD in Law from Monash University, and a B.Comm and an M.Comm, both with first class honours, from the University of Melbourne.

He will talk about some treasures in the library and his forthcoming book Libraries of Wonder.

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Have your say on the location of new bicycle racks in the shire

Cyclists are being asked to help identify potential locations for new bicycle racks in the Macedon Ranges.

Macedon Ranges Shire Council has allocated \$30,000 in the 2016/17 budget to a bike rack installation project and is asking residents for suggested locations by Tuesday 28 February.

The new bike racks will be in addition to those currently in Kyneton, Woodend, Gisborne, Riddells Creek and Romsey.

Mayor, Cr Jennifer Anderson said an increase in parking for bikes would help in creating a 'bicycle-friendly' shire.

"Our region is lucky

to have a wide range of great cycling tracks to explore," she said.

"In 2014, we identified a need to increase the number of bike racks in the shire through our Walking and Cycling Strategy, and we've allocated funds in this year's budget to accommodate that.

"We know cycling is great for the environment and our health. It gets people away from screens into the outdoors, and contributes to less cars on the road; which are both great outcomes.

"I'd encourage cyclists and residents in the shire to get in touch with Council to let us know

where you'd like to see new bike racks installed and why."

To share your ideas via our short online survey, or to find out more visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay

You can also send a written submission to dfrank@mrsc.vic.gov.au or PO Box 151, Kyneton, 3444.

Submissions close

Tuesday 28 February 2017.

Following community consultation, Council will collate a list of possible locations, with priority locations determined by their projected use and need. Details on the final locations for the new bike racks will be available on Council's website, mrsc.vic.gov.au

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Woodend Art Group is planning another year full of artistic endeavours

Throughout the summer period various workshops, held in our rooms at the Woodend Railway Station, were enormously successful. Helen Cottle took a large group through the techniques of watercolors and has promised to come back in Term 1.

Following on we saw Marysia Jarosinska introduce a group to Monotype Printing and Richard Chamerski gave a terrific class using the new water-soluble oils. Keri Adcock once again showed her skills at using acrylic, and Carol Carter took a group of young students through a Drawing Class.

Folio Club: Drawing classes for 7-14 yo students after school from 4pm to 6pm resume on February 6. Tim Jones classes on Mondays and Tuesdays, Contact 0417 587 278. Kathy Medburr classes on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Contact 0403 332 344.

Daniel Butterworth: We are seeking expressions of interest for weekly classes by acclaimed artist Daniel Butterworth. Please ring Di on 0488 627 448 or contact president@woodendartgroup.org.au for more information.

DIANA FITT

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a message from our Mayor, Cr. Jennifer Anderson

Happy New Year to everyone

Every time a new council is elected, we need to create a new Council Plan, and Health and Wellbeing Plan, by the 30th June of the first year in office.

For the first time we are starting early on this consultation phase, and to help with this, we have created an online survey that is open until the 12th of February:

Head online to our webpage: [Help_us_plan_the_shires_future](#)

It has some Rank the order of importance" items, followed by open questions about what

you think Council could improve, does well, should do less of, or more of.

Written submissions of your ideas are also acceptable, and for those without ready access to the Internet, or who prefer paper copies to work with, these are available at our libraries and service centres.

The more we hear from you now, the more the plan is likely to include what you see as important for the future of the Macedon Ranges.

This is only the first of our community consultations: watch out for future opportunities to be involved in this process over February to April.

We need your help!
Thank you in advance,
Jennifer

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WOODEND SUPPORTS ASYLUM SEEKERS

On a sunny Saturday morning in Woodend, shoppers outside Coles enjoyed sausages in bread, listened to Irish music and shared some Christmas generosity with some of society's most dispossessed people.

At its biannual food-collection day, local group Macedon Ranges Rural Australians for Refugees asked the community to donate food and toiletries to be taken to the Asylum Seekers Resource Centre in Footscray. These items will be shared out to hundreds of individuals and families who are without income while they wait to be assessed as refugees. Because the assessment process has become extremely slow, people can wait many years in limbo, not able to work or collect welfare payments, and are dependent on food drives such as this one.

Organiser Rosie Baker said that "Three full car-loads of food was collected, and over \$700 was raised through donations as well as the sale of sausages. This demonstrates that compassion for refugees and asylum seekers is as strong as ever. People are glad to



Jenny and Rosie are thrilled with Woodend's support via food

have an opportunity to do something, whether it's the donation of a tin of soup or a whole trolley full of goods."

Group member Jenny Zimmerman commented: "Several passers-by stopped to tell me their own stories of refugee parents or grandparents who had found safe haven in Australia during times of war and violence in other parts of the world. I hope that Australia can continue its proud history of making welcome those who are forced to flee their homelands. Our vibrant, multicultural society has been formed by people from all over the world, and refugees have contributed enormously."

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SPORTS CLUBS ENCOURAGED TO APPLY FOR NEW GRANTS

Woodend sports clubs will be able to open their doors to more members with funding from the State Government to buy new equipment and help coaches and officials learn new skills.

Member for Macedon, Mary-Anne Thomas encouraged applications from local clubs for the third round of the \$4.6 million Sporting Club Grants Program.

The Sporting Club Grants Program is made available to make sport more accessible and inclusive, increase local participation, stimulate local economies, and build sustainable sport and recreation and volunteer opportunities.

This provides grants of up to \$1000 to clubs across Victoria to buy new team uniforms or equipment.

Grants of up to \$2000 are also available to expand the skills of coaches and officials, and clubs can receive up to \$5000 for initiatives that strengthen their operations and sustainability.

“Programs like these give communities like Woodend the chance to come together and play their favourite sport, learn new skills, and reach their potential” she said.

Applications for the next funding round are now open and close on 15 February 2017. For more information or to apply online, visit www.sport.vic.gov.au.

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Epidemic results in little-known art works

The New Year is now upon us with ADFAS planning an exciting lecture series for 2017. Before this commences, however, we have two events to bring to your n

The exhibition brings together the art of Georgia O’Keeffe, Margaret Preston and Grace Cossington Smith for the first time.

February - Thursday 16, Arabia Felix - Secret Treasure Chest of Yemen and Oman, Cope-Williams Winery, Romsey (Members and guests event)

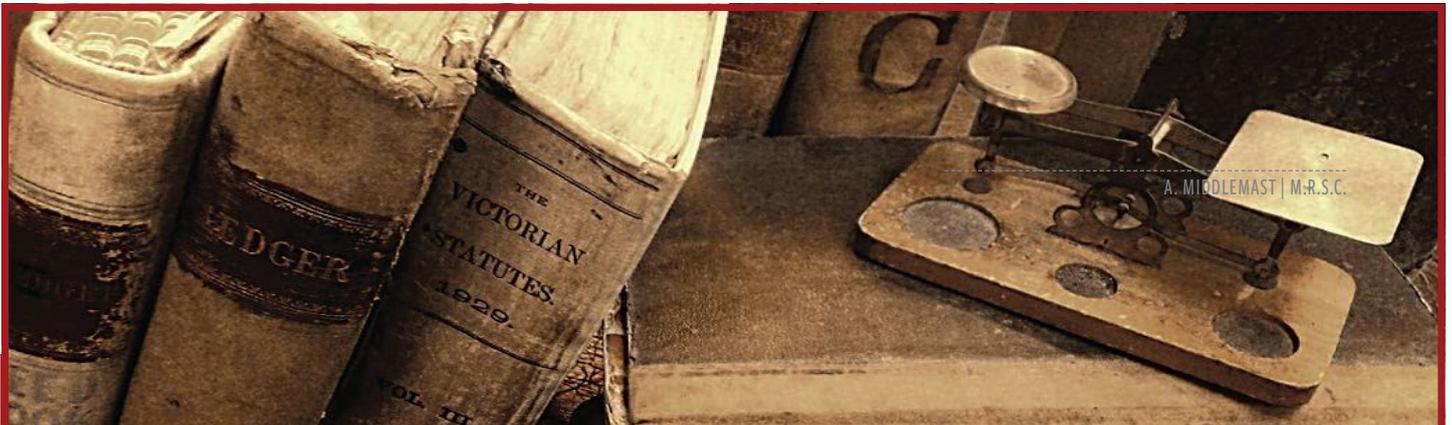
Popular NADFAS lecturer, Chris Bradley, is presenting this illustrated lecture. Chris will bring to life the landscape, architecture and history of this now oppressed

country. The event will begin at midday with a light lunch, a glass of wine and an opportunity to view treasures of the Gallery that has replaced the Royal Tennis court. Please mark the event now – a booking form will be out shortly.

March - Thursday 2, Sarah Deere-Jones, The History of the Harp, Kyneton Town Hall

Our lecture series begins with UK NADFAS lecturer Sarah Deere-Jones, who will musically illustrate The History of the Harp. Sarah is a scholar, composer and performer on the pedal harp. She will show the evolving sound and repertoire by performing on her own antique instruments.

BY DIANA EDWARDS (ADFAS COMMITTEE)



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WOODEND PONY CLUB SHED PROPOSAL

Council is seeking community feedback on behalf of the Woodend Pony Club on a proposal to construct a large shed at the Woodend Racecourse Reserve.

The Club has been approached by a local resident offering a donation of a 64m x 30m shed valued at \$300,000. It would be used as an indoor riding

facility by the Woodend Pony Club and other riding groups, and is commonly referred to as an Indoor Riding Arena.

The shed is proposed to be located on top of an existing ménage in front of the old Woodend Racecourse grandstand, within the equestrian area of the reserve. The area in question is Crown land

managed by Council.

Based on information provided by the Woodend Pony Club, the shed would be available for use Monday to Friday from 9am-6pm, and on weekends from 8am-6pm, depending on the type of event.

Lighting is not currently part of the proposal but may be installed at a later stage, which would provide an opportunity for evening use of the facility. The building will be leased to the Woodend Pony Club to manage, with Council determining the conditions of the lease.

Council is seeking feedback to determine if the community believe

a shed of this size, and the proposed materials (Colorbond 'Classic Cream') and usage are appropriate in this location. Please note that this project, if it proceeds, will NOT require a planning permit, so this will be the only opportunity to provide your feedback on the proposal.

For more information and to view concept plans and an aerial location, visit Council's website at mrsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay. Comments on the proposal must be submitted via email to dfrank@mrsc.vic.gov.au and will be accepted until 5pm Monday 28 February 2017.

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LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR CFA BRIGADES AND FOOTBALL CLUBS

A new leadership program will give local CFA brigades and football clubs a hand in making their organisations more welcoming and inclusive of women and families.

Former Sydney Swans player Luke Ablett has signed up to help run the program with Macedon Ranges Shire Council and City of Greater Bendigo. Called 'The Rural Challenge Project', it aims to work with local organisations to promote gender equality and the prevention of violence against women.

With the help of experienced facilitators like Luke Ablett, Council

will deliver a series of free workshops that will strengthen the capabilities of leaders from CFA brigades and football-netball clubs to actively promote a family-friendly culture and a positive future for the organisation.

Luke will speak at two information nights in Woodend on the 17 February and Bendigo on the 22 February about the benefits of participating in the project.

Mayor, Cr Jennifer Anderson said she hoped to see a strong turnout from local CFA and football club leaders at the information sessions.

"This project will bring many benefits to our local clubs and CFA brigades—it's a chance for leaders in our community to take a stand on an important social issue, while making their club or brigade more female and family-friendly.

"Community organisations that promote and foster a culture of equality are more likely to attract members and volunteers," said Mayor, Cr Jennifer Anderson.

The project is open to anyone at the executive level from football-netball clubs and CFA brigades (committee, management team, coaches, and captains). Both

male and female leaders are invited to attend.

The project is a partnership between Macedon Ranges Shire Council, City of Greater Bendigo, AFL Goldfields, AFL Central Victoria, Women's Health Loddon Mallee and CFA District 2. It is funded by the Municipal Association of Victoria's Local Government Preventing Violence Against Women Grants Program.

For any questions or to RSVP to the information night contact Jessica Crofts on 5422 0217 or jcrofts@mrsc.vic.gov.au for more information.

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Prepare for grassfire

THE REASONS ARE BLACK AND WHITE

If you live in a suburb near grasslands, you're at risk of fire. If you live directly next to parks or paddocks and a grassfire starts, walk at least two streets back. If you live two or more streets away, stay where you are, grassfires are unlikely to spread into built up areas. Stay alert and monitor conditions. Don't drive, visibility may be poor, accidents are likely, and you could block emergency services.

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WOODEND TOWNSHIP IN GREAT DANGER!

This is not meant to be a scare tactic, it is actually the truth.

If you didn't know, we live in one of the most dangerous fire prone regions in the world. However, it came to our attention at our stall at the recent Woodend Farmer's Markets that many people believe that it is only those who live on larger properties who are in danger if there is a major bush fire in the area.

They believed that because they live in the township of Woodend, they are not in danger. This is far from the truth

Embers are not selective

There are three major ways that property can be damaged or destroyed during a bushfire: ember attack, radiant heat and direct flame contact.

Ember attack occurs when burning leaves and bark are thrown up into the air and then blown by the wind ahead of the actual fire front. In the case of a major fire these embers can actually travel several kilometres ahead, dropping to the ground with the potential to start new spot fires before the major fire actually arrives.

Of course, if you live in the township you have greater protection from the spread of the fire in terms of radiant heat and direct flame contact because of the natural barriers and a lower amount of surrounding fuel.

However, embers are still a significant danger. If the fire is near a township these embers are going to land wherever they want ... on your grass, in your gutters, on timber decking, near leaves that gather in corners around your house and near woodpiles.

Clean up around your house

Wherever you live, you need to reduce the amount of 'fuel' on and around your house or property.

Clearing volatile fuels such as grass, undergrowth, fallen leaves, bark, dead branches and twigs will lower the intensity of a fire. The most volatile fire fuel is dry material, smaller in diameter than a pencil.

Remove over-hanging branches and clear leaves and twigs from roof gutters. Isolate potential fire sources such as incinerators or rubbish pits. Move wood piles and other flammable materials away from the house.

Walk around your house now and see where leaves and twigs gather. There will be places where the wind will push falling leaves. These are exactly the same places where

embers are likely to gather as well.

Everyone needs a fire plan

One of the most important things we all need to do is prepare and practice a clear Bushfire Safety Plan, particularly whether you are going to stay or go.

Will you have time to leave the area safely? When will you go? Where will you go? What will you take? Who will you tell? What about your pets? Will you know in which direction the fire is travelling?

If you can see the fire it's probably too late to leave. You should not attempt to leave your home at the last minute, when radiant heat is at its peak. The vast majority of deaths in bushfire involve people caught in cars or on foot. Once the fire is close, visibility will be very poor and travel will be hazardous. Fallen trees, power lines, abandoned cars or even firefighting vehicles may block roads.

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

The Woodend CFA is a volunteer emergency service, committed to Creating a Safer Community. Submitted by 1st Lieutenant Mike Dornau, Woodend CFA



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RESIDENTS URGED NOT TO BE COMPLACENT DURING FIRE SEASON

Macedon Ranges Shire Council's roadside slashing program is almost complete, with nearly 1,000km of Council roadsides slashed.

Fire prevention inspections on properties across the shire are also nearing completion, with more than 600 Fire Prevention Notices issued to property owners across the shire. Compliance with Fire Prevention Notices is above 90 per cent.

"I'd like to thank property owners who have been working hard to keep their properties fire ready but also remind everyone that it's important not to become complacent."

Council's Acting Manager of Community Safety, Michael Dyt said that the compliance rate is a great result, with more property owners than ever taking proactive action.

"Due to the wet conditions leading into summer and over the last couple of weeks, the growth of grass and fuel load will be greater than recent years so don't forget that even if you have already complied with your Fire Prevention

Notice, you must maintain the requested standard through the Fire Danger Period," he said.

Likewise, Council will monitor regrowth on roadsides over the coming weeks and if appropriate will complete a second cut in high risk areas.

Council's Fire Management Officer will continue to issue Fire Prevention Notices to properties where needed and, given the time of the year, the timeframe to complete works will be reduced. If the notice is not complied with, Council will be forced to complete the work required and the property owner will be charged with associated costs, in addition to a \$1,554 fine.

"Preventing fires is everyone's responsibility and a well maintained property will help to reduce the risk of fire to you, your neighbours and local communities," Mr Dyt said.

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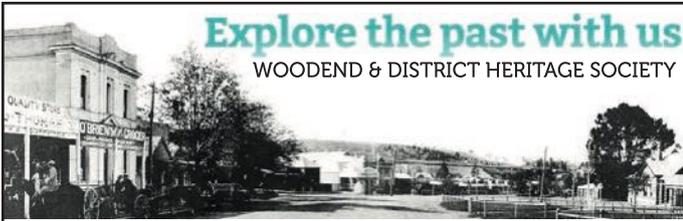
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RACING AT WOODEND

Woodend Racecourse, showing the area in the foreground, and with spectators along the rails.

The Woodend & District Trotting Club, which had its first race meeting in December 1943, was de-registered in 1949. An

application for registration of a new trotting club to be known as The Woodend Trotting and Racing Club, was made in 1950, with operation expected to commence in the 1951 season.

The Chairman was Mr.C.T. Earnshaw. The date of the photo is unknown, but from the hats



the men are wearing, it is suggested that is in late 1940s. The training track, in the background, was extended by Mr Grinter (of horseshoe fame), at a cost of 10,000 pounds. Victor

Wilson, Proprietor of the Woodend Star, was one of the locals very involved in trotting in Woodend.

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CALL FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE OVER GOLF CLUB VANDALISM



Macedon Ranges Police are on the look out for a person or responsible for senseless damage caused at Woodend Golf Club on December 22.

A vehicle has entered the course blatantly tearing up the green.

Police are appealing for public assistance to bring the perpetrator/s to justice. Woodend Golf Club has been left disappointed by the extensive damage to the south eastern corner of the course..

Surrounding neighbours



have heard noise but not sighted the offenders or their vehicle.

If anyone has any knowledge of the incident please

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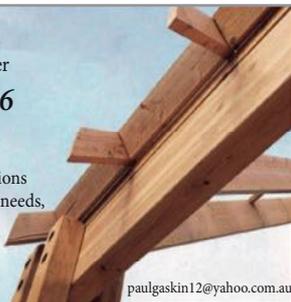
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