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Indigenous round launched

Macedon Junior Football Club launched an Indigenous Round in May to coincide with the AFL's Sir Douglas Nicholls Indigenous Round.

The Junior Cats are the first club in the Riddell District Football Netball League to do so. Long in the planning, the round was ready to start last year but the club was thwarted by COVID.

Teams proudly wore an Indigenous jersey in their games at Tony Clarke Reserve on Friday May 20 and Sunday May 22.

The jersey was designed for the club by Aboriginal artist Nathan Leitch, a Quandamooka man from North Stradbroke Island in Queensland with strong ties to Victoria, having grown up in western Victoria on Gunditjmarra country.

The colourful design features the geography and topography of the Macedon Ranges.

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Macedon Under 13 player Darcy Town proudly shows the special jersey. Darcy writes about his experience in the first Indigenous Round on page 34.

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From the Editor's desk

The song says money makes the world go round but in Gisborne it's very often volunteers. Everywhere you look, especially in the *Gazette*, you will find clubs, community activities and other local initiatives that have been imagined, developed, and delivered by volunteers. The inaugural Indigenous Round at Macedon Junior Football Club on this month's cover is a great example of local volunteers leading the way in our community, and in this case the league.

The sod-turning ceremony of the Macedon Ranges Regional Sports Precinct (see page 3) is also the result of many years of advocacy by dedicated community volunteers.

Many local groups recognised and thanked their volunteers during National Volunteer Week in May and I take this opportunity to send a heartfelt thankyou to everyone who contributes to the *Gazette*. The time and energy you spend writing or organising submissions, taking photographs, producing the *Gazette* and distributing it are truly appreciated. I am humbled by the way so many of you go above and beyond the call of duty for the *Gazette* – like Betty Doolan who sent in this month's column while recovering from coronavirus.

Themed sporting rounds and weeks briefly highlight parts of communities but the real opportunity is to live the cause every day. Like every month, this edition is full of news and reports of local activities run by generous volunteers. I encourage you to acknowledge their efforts regularly and support them as best you can.

Happy reading,

Corinne Shaddock



Volunteers sell 'democracy sausages' to feed hungry voters and raise funds at Gisborne Primary on election day in May.

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A MINUTE WITH MAXINE

Margaret Keen has been delivering the *Gazette* for 15 years.

Margaret was born in Rippingale, Lincolnshire, UK, and married Terry in February 1968 in Pinchbeck, Lincolnshire. Two months later, they boarded the ship SS Orcades bound for Fremantle, Western Australia. Sleeping in bunk beds, it took four weeks and visited Rotterdam, Lisbon, Dakar, Cape Town, Durban and then after nine continuous days at sea they arrived in Australia.

They spent five and a half years in Western Australia before moving to Victoria. In 1976 they bought a block and built their home in Gisborne.

Margaret has three daughters and six grandchildren, and they all live in the Macedon Ranges.

Margaret was a familiar face at the National Bank in Gisborne for 16 years before she retired in 2001.

She enjoys gardening, reading, yoga, water aerobics, crosswords and is very pleased if she can solve the codeword in the Saturday Age newspaper.



Margaret Keen

She is a volunteer at St Paul's Anglican Op Shop. Before COVID, Margaret had holidays with her daughters including travelling to Greece, going back to the UK to see family and a train journey on the Ghan from Adelaide to Darwin.

She enjoys the autumn colours of the Macedon Ranges.

Maxine Barker

Sod-turning ceremony marks official start on long-awaited sports hub

A ceremony to turn the first sod, complete with golden shovels, on May 27 marked the putative start of construction on the long-awaited sports precinct in New Gisborne.

Representatives of the various sports groups who have worked tirelessly towards the new sports hub gathered to celebrate the start of Stage 1 of the project, with the contract being awarded to Lloyd Group.

Long-term advocate and former Macedon Ranges basketball administrator Megan Condron said that with more and more locals keen to play sport, the new facilities would allow clubs to grow and provide greater access to competition within the shire.

“For us it’s about having a home and giving our juniors a choice, so they don’t have to make decisions based on whether or not their parents are able to drive them out of the region,” she said.

The Mayor, Cr Jennifer Anderson, welcomed the contract announcement, highlighting the sports precinct as a key project for the shire. The facilities will enable competitions to be held on a regional level. Council chief executive officer Bernie O’Sullivan said current council-managed stadium facilities were already at or nearing capacity for competition purposes.

“The new sports precinct is a big-ticket item for



Sports club representatives, federal, state and local politicians and community advocates gather for the ceremony on May 27.



our growing community ... We thank the Victorian Government for their contribution towards Stage 1 and will of course continue with advocacy efforts to ensure we can deliver Stage 2 and see this project through to completion”, he said.

Stage 1 is scheduled for completion in late 2023. Stage 2 remains contingent on further funding.

Local artist shares Ranges life with America



Samantha Gardiner with her 'Catch me if you can' artwork.

Gisborne artist Samantha Gardiner has 10 artworks on exhibition in the town of Auburn, California. *No Boundaries* is a collaboration of four international 2D artists, from Spain, Italy, Germany and Australia combined with three US-based sculptors, all celebrating the universal language of art.

Samantha's *Catch me if you can*, a large mixed media artwork, is based on nostalgic happy memories of childhood, growing up in the Macedon Ranges when “life was simple and carefree”.

The autumn edition of *Art Edit* interior design magazine described this artwork as “a riot of

line and texture, layering stretches of colour with gestural strokes to create an abstracted patchwork of memory, intersected with concrete images and phrases. Using a vast array of mixed media in her practice, Gardiner’s compositions are complex, requiring time to properly unravel. This piece reveals a little more on every viewing.”

Samantha is honoured to have been invited by the Californian GGA Gallery to showcase her work. The exhibition runs until June 25.

One of the longstanding Gardiner family of Gisborne, Sam has had a love of art from a young age.

Cauliflower and Corner Cafe top Edgy Veg vote

The inaugural Edgy Veg Awards run during the autumn festival created excitement for the cafes involved and for residents to try the 19 plant-based dishes entered in the competition.

Nearly 500 votes were submitted.

It was a very close competition and special mention goes to Corner Cafe in Gisborne, whose lentil and rice-based “Mujadara” dish received an average 4.81 stars (out of five).

Paysanne in Woodend took the top gong with its Sautéed Cauliflower, receiving an average 4.89 stars. The owners were planning to donate the \$1000 prize to the Woodend Community Chest.

Salwa El Amin of the Corner Cafe learnt how to cook Mujadara from her mother and described the Lebanese dish as delicious, healthy, gluten free and vegan.

A combination of lentils, rice and caramelised onions, Mujadara is a regular item on the cafe’s weekday menu and is served with salad or yoghurt.



Saad and Salwa El Amin at their Corner Cafe in Gisborne.

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Right: Rosa Tullio (15 years at the shop), Dominic Aloï (owner) and Jan Wilkinson (15 years).



Far right: Gloria Aloï, Magda Hike and Joe Aloï (owner).

Gisborne losing its greengrocer

Just after reaching its 16th birthday, Gisborne Fresh fruit store and deli will be closing on June 5.

Brothers Joe and Dominic Aloï took over an existing greengrocer at the site on May 29, 2006, and have run it with Joe's wife Gloria and the help of their daughters, dedicated staff and many student part-timers since. Joe was a mechanic by trade and Dom an accountant but both had been helping their brother-in-law with market runs for his greengrocer so came prepared.

Gloria said they were received "with open arms" by the Gisborne community and are still grateful for that and continued customer support as Gisborne has grown and shopping options expanded.

In 2010, they expanded Gisborne Fresh to include a deli. Kylie Aloï and Emalee Clinch were instrumental in setting up then managing the deli side of the business. The business has been good to them and they carved out a niche offering unique, fresh products – many Italian.

Now 72 years old, Dominic wants to retire and it

is too much work for Joe and Gloria to run the shop on their own so they are calling it a day. They would have loved the shop to stay open for the community but have been unable to sell it.

Many customers have been sad when learning about the shop's imminent closure, calling it an "institution". Gloria said this was "beautiful to hear in the saddest way possible" and said she, Joe and Dominic thanked all their customers from the bottom of their hearts.

Gloria and Joe have been married for 38 years and for most of that time, Joe has woken up at 2.30am four days a week, to go to the market. Gloria expects Joe will keep waking up in the early hours regardless but she will remain happily asleep and enjoy a well-deserved lie in. ■



Rosa, Luigi, Maria and Salvatore Nicolazzo with staff on May 27.

New owners for pizza shop

After six busy years of making pizza for Gisborne, Luigi and Rosa Nicolazzo have sold the business. They said owning and operating Gisborne Pizza and Pasta was a wonderful experience and sent a big thank you to their dedicated staff past and present, and the many loyal customers who supported them from day one.

They got into the business after Luigi hurt his back as a stonemason. His back is better but Rosa's is now not so good plus they'd like to visit ill family overseas. Running the busy shop, they

haven't had a holiday in years. New owners Tony Dhimi and Gary Chahal look forward to keeping Gisborne Pizza and Pasta humming and introducing some new items to the menu. Originally from India, they met through each being a Smoking Joe's franchisee, so something in that direction may be coming our way. ■

Above: New owners Tony Dhimi and Gary Chahal look forward to meeting customers.

Highest town nominated for high honour

Mount Macedon was a finalist in the prestigious Victorian Top Tourism Town Awards in May.

Eighteen towns were chosen as finalists from 30 nominated destinations, with Mount Macedon named in the Top Tiny Tourism Town category in recognition of the nature-based experiences which Macedon Regional Park and nearby Hanging Rock provide visitors year-round.

The winners will be announced in July.

An inspirational two-day itinerary to experience the town and its surrounds, along with a promotional video, was submitted as part of the award process and can be viewed at www.visitmacedonranges.com/itineraries/mount-macedon-nature-escape/



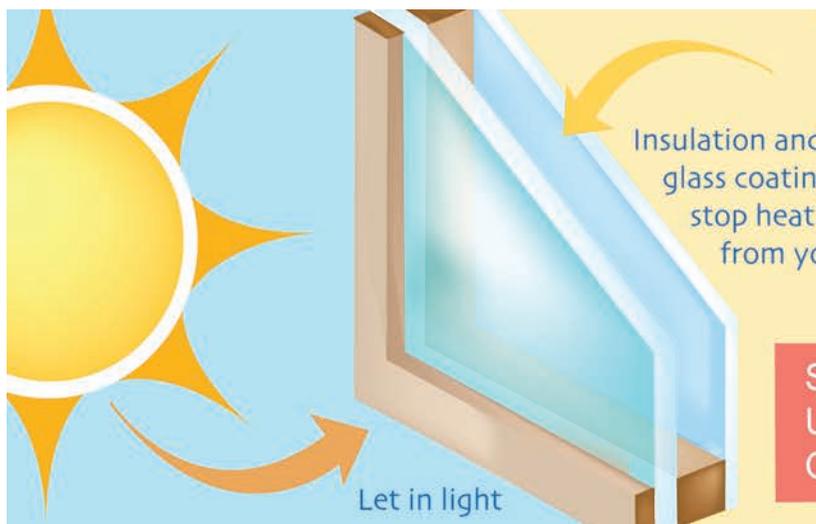
Junior dancer achieves sports award

Addison Goodall proudly displays her award.

Addison Goodall, 13, of Gisborne received a 2021 Victorian School Sports Award in April for outstanding sporting achievement in the primary school category. She was nominated by her proud mum last year, while she was in Grade 6 at Gisborne Primary.

Addison's main sport and love is dancing, which she has done at Carmel Amelia School of Dance since before her third birthday. She now helps with junior classes.

When she's not at dance class, Addison plays netball for the Gisborne Giants and was selected in the RDFNL U13 squad in May.



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Representatives of the lucky recipients of Community Bank funding gather with bank staff and board members at the presentation evening in May.



Many local projects receive funding in latest bank grants

Sixteen local projects will be funded by Community Bank Gisborne and District in its autumn funding round.

Initiatives receiving support span health and wellbeing, education, arts and culture, sport and recreation and community infrastructure.

The Community Bank is the locally owned and operated franchise branch of Bendigo Bank whose profits are reinvested in the community.

About 75 people attended the branch's Autumn 2022 Community Investment Evening at the Gisborne Church of Christ on May 16 and enjoyed hearing recipients speak about the projects the bank will be supporting at their club or group. Live music by Sage Roadknight, winner of the youth stage of the 2022 Macedon Ranges Music Festival (a grant recipient) impressed the audience.

The event was held on the first day of National Volunteers Week and all volunteers were thanked for their efforts and service to make Gisborne, Macedon and Riddells Creek even better places to live.

Chair Dominic Andreacchio said he volunteers for the community bank board because he sees how even a little funding can make such a big difference to so many in our community.

The smallest grant (\$2000) was a continuation of the bank's sponsorship of the Sustainable Food and Healthy Eating Program at Swinburne Avenue Kindergarten. The largest grant (\$35,000) went to three clubs using Tony Clarke Reserve – Macedon Football Netball Club, Macedon Junior Football Club and Macedon Cricket Club – for an electronic scoreboard at Tony Clarke Reserve which will benefit the sporting community and also the wider community as Tony Clarke is a Neighbourhood Safer Place in the case of an emergency.

The manager of Community Bank Gisborne & District, Sarah Barton, thanked the branch's customers for making the grants possible and her staff for their knowledge and customer care, and invited more members of the community to support Gisborne's successful Bendigo Bank branch.



Volunteer director David Gunn presents Bullengarook Pony Club's Rob Challis, Lisa Commadeur and young riders with a grant for arena fencing at the Bullengarook Equestrian Facility.



Ashley Cook (president MFJC) talks about the benefits an electronic scoreboard at Tony Clarke Reserve will bring the growing club. Pictured with MFNC president Andrew Dick.



COUNCILLOR'S COLUMN

With Cr Anne Moore

I'm typing this on the night of the election and it is clear that we now have a new prime minister. At a local level, CEO Bernie O'Sullivan clocked up his first year at the helm of Macedon Ranges Shire Council on May 10.

Councillors are working thru submissions made to Tree Management Policy, Dixon Field Master Plan and its revised layout, and submissions to the annual budget, with details from submitters to be heard at upcoming planning delegate committee meetings.

The annual autumn festival has ended and we have been having conversations on how we can improve issues raised by residents. This will be a work in progress to achieve a better outcome for the festival next year.

Mount Macedon has been announced a finalist in the prestigious Victorian Top Tourism Town Awards, so we wait with bated breath to see if our residents have voted them into first place. Good luck, Mount Macedon.

National reconciliation week began on May 27 and runs until June 3, however local events are being held until June 16. Visit www.mrsc.vic.gov.au/See-Do to learn more.

Applications are now open for Community Funding Scheme Grants 2022-23 for registered not-for-profit and local community groups. [See details on page 12.]

I would like to thank community members who over the past six months have made submissions to Council on documents and plans put out for feedback. It is taken into account and it is greatly appreciated. Your making a weekly check of the 'have your say' section of the council website will enable us to meet your needs and expectations

Lastly, a note on the Melbourne/Kilmore Road intersection 'upgrade'. It was extremely disappointing that demolition works began before the government planning panel report strenuously recommended protection of the 174-year-old bridge and channel, so important to Gisborne and its gold rush heritage. Sadly, irreplaceable local history is now gone forever.

However, the works are on track for completion on time and, like most residents and users of Kilmore Road, I will be pleased once we get access back.

If you have anything at all that concerns you, please contact your local councillors; that is one of the many reasons we are here 24/7 – to assist residents and ratepayers. Till next time, take care.

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Local pharmacist pulls walking boots on to trek for a cause

Ryan Alexander, manager of the two UFS pharmacies in Gisborne, will be embarking on a three-day, 150km trek with 40 other people this month in an effort to raise funds and awareness for brain cancer and the Mark Hughes Foundation.

The trek will start at the NRL headquarters in Sydney on June 29 and finish at the McDonald Jones Stadium in Newcastle in time to watch Mark Hughes' beloved Knights play the Titans.

Ryan is joining an initiative called "The Big Three" who started off as just three friends who wanted to raise money for worthy causes. This is the third iteration of the hike: the first raised \$106,000 for the Mark Hughes Foundation and the second raised \$130,000 for the McGrath Foundation and breast cancer research.

Ryan is excited about the opportunity to both raise funds for such a worthy cause and to join "The Big Three" trekkers. Brain cancer is the leading cause of death in children with cancer, and the survival rate for all people with brain cancer over a five-year period is only 22%.

There are around 2000 cases diagnosed every year, with about 100 of them being in children aged 0-14.

Mark Hughes played rugby league for the Newcastle Titans in the 1990s and 2000s. He was diagnosed with brain cancer in 2013. If you would



Ryan Alexander plans to trek 150 kilometres to raise funds for brain cancer research.

like to support the Mark Hughes Foundation, "The Big Three", and Ryan, donate at www.challenge.markhughesfoundation.com.au/page/RyanAlexander-91379388

All donations made on the link come with a tax-deductible receipt.

GREAT Association meeting

The GREAT Association (Gisborne Region Events Activities and Tourism) invites members and supporters to a general meeting to be held at the netball centre meeting room in New Gisborne at 6pm on Wednesday June 1.

TABLE 8 discussion group

Tuesdays 10.30 to 11.30am at Macedon Lounge, Victoria Street, Macedon.

Talk about the things that really matter. Make new friends face to face.

Open to all people. Have a cuppa...my shout! We will talk about many things but our focus for the next few months will be on 'kindness'.

Looking forward to meeting you. If you have any further enquiries, phone Carol Horman on 0431 186 575.

Heartfelt thankyou

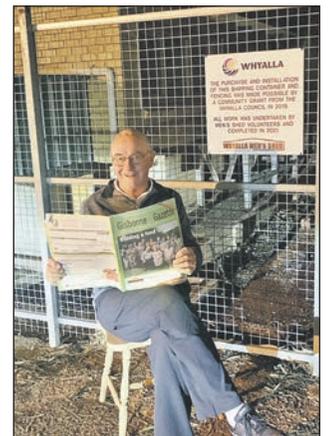
Gisborne resident Chris Rhodes has written to the *Gazette* to express her sincere thanks to three strangers who came to her aid after a serious fall in Hamilton Street, Gisborne, on May 6.

She says their kindness and support were very much appreciated until ambulance personnel could take over, and it is very reassuring to know that we have such caring people in the community.

Gazette at Large

Doug Markham reads the *Gazette* outside the Whyalla Men's Shed in April.

Once a shed man always a shed man, Doug is also a devoted reader of the *Gazette*.



Recycling bins at Gisborne Library

Recycle those pesky batteries (and more) at the library

Gisborne now has a central point where you can recycle all those difficult to dispose of items.

Labelled buckets have been set up at the Gisborne Library to take

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Local profile: GEORGINA SMITH

Passionate about books and teaching

Georgina Smith – with her unique hair, big voice and welcoming smile – has been a passionate deliverer of library services at Gisborne for the past 17 years.

Following her move from London to Mount Macedon in 2001, Georgina, an avid reader, soon became a frequent visitor at the library and before long the then librarian, John Bourne, impressed with Georgina's sharp mind, energy and enthusiasm, invited her to fill a part-time position.

Georgina happily accepted and it became "the best job I have ever had. I wake up every morning looking forward to my time at the library."

Georgina particularly enjoys engaging with the children and shares their delight as they discover the joy of reading. "There's nothing better than having a young child proudly reading to me from a book they love."

The range and quality of children's picture books these days make the introduction to reading so much easier now. However, Georgina laughs as she claims that she is kept poor because she is constantly buying these picture books for her three grandchildren.

These experiences with children rekindle happy memories for Georgina of the times her mother took her six kids (Georgina is number three in the family) to the Violet Town Library every week and of her time at the small Boho South State School where the teacher, Mr Levey, encouraged her love of books and reading.

Following high school at Euroa, Georgina moved to Camberwell with her sister where she worked as a clerk at the office of the Victoria Teachers' Union. Georgina met her future husband Brendan at a 21st birthday party organised by her oldest sister who had known Brendan from their student days at Monash University.

Georgina and Brendan set off to London where they both worked for Exxon Mobil for four years. Then came the horror of 9/11 which saw in New York the death of two parents from their daughter's school and the fears in Britain of possible missile and gas attacks. With three young children it was time to return to the safety of Australia, and finally to the peace and security of Mount Macedon from where their children Cassie, Arielle and Zachary attended local schools.



Georgina with one of her favourite picture books.

Following the lockdowns of the last two years the library is gradually regaining its visitor numbers and Georgina is delighting once again in face-to-face contact with the parents, their babies and the little people.

At the other end of the age range, however, Georgina is always pleased to hear readers' comments about books or videos they have borrowed. She herself is, of course, a great source of recommendations and two authors she is currently enjoying are Deriva McTiernan and Emma Viskic. McTiernan is an Irish-born solicitor who moved to Perth WA with her husband and once there successfully took up writing crime fiction. Viskic is a classical musician based in Melbourne and her crime novels have won many awards.

Give these authors a try – and be sure to let Georgina know what you think of them!

Bryan Power



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE LIBRARY?

The Bluey Story Walk that was set up during April throughout the Gisborne gardens was a great success. There were some teething problems unfortunately, with a bit of vandalism which was very frustrating, but once it was fixed, lots of families thoroughly enjoyed it. We were lucky enough to have some beautiful autumn weather for families to do the walk.

We also had some successful Easter school holiday programming, including some beautiful Easter pom-pom wreaths that the children made. The library was buzzing with people over the holidays, with Lego, a find-and-seek Peter Rabbit game and our outdoor area keeping the children entertained. Keep an eye on our Facebook and Instagram pages as well as our website for the next round of school holiday fun.

COMING UP

We have some great things coming up in June for adults, including a movie screening of *Babakiueria*, a role-reversal satire on colonisation, on Friday June 3 at 11.30am as part of National Reconciliation week.



A still from *Babakiueria* (as in 'barbecue area').

The new version of the movie *Death on the Nile* – based on the book by Agatha Christie – will be our latest book club movie on Wednesday June 8 at 1pm.

An 'Introduction to Instagram' class will take place on Tuesday June 14 at 11.30am and 'Such sweet sorrows' – a history of chocolate talk (with samples) on Tuesday June 21 at 5pm.

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Community supports Lions fundraisers

The Gisborne and District Lions Club has recently conducted several fundraisers aimed at generating funds to be provided to those in need. The fundraisers were extremely well supported by our local community. The events were the Lions' Easter and Mother's Day raffles, and a barbecue at the Gisborne Vintage Machinery Society Steam Rally.



The Lions' Easter raffle winners were first prize Tegan Dolling; second Arthur Griffin; third John Davies; fourth Brenda Jones and fifth Mariah Smith.

The Lions' Mother's Day raffle winners were first prize Philip Bush; second Helen Halliwell; third Lynette Overstead; fourth Di Fitt; fifth Kate Lasslett and sixth Kasey Hogg.

The Lions Club is extremely appreciative of the local businesses who supported these fundraising events by contributing prizes for the two raffles.

Gearing up for Christmas festival

The Lions Club has begun planning for the Bendigo Bank Lions Gisborne Festival which will be held on Friday December 9.

The festival has not been able to be held for the past two years due to the adverse impact of COVID-19. If anyone in the community would like to assist the Lions Club in delivering this significant community event, please contact Ross Sapwell, club president, on 0417 305 590.



Santa will join the Gisborne Festival, which returns in December.



Jean Dixon is seated with the most recent Singers. From left: Sue Trimble, Frances Wearne, Dianne Barker, Elaine Murphy (pianist) and Shirley Purves.

Jean Dixon reaches 30 years of song

When the Gisborne Nursing Home opened in 1989 a request went out to the community for activities to support the residents' wellbeing.

Jean Dixon and the late Anne Duggan started the Singalong Program, known as the Red Cross Singers.

The Singers continued fortnightly from 1989 to February 2020 when COVID changed everything.

On April 28, Jean received her 30-year certificate and badge. It was presented to her by Lisa Newman, Volunteer Coordinator at Macedon Ranges Health-Benetas.

Biggest Morning Tea raises \$1000

A delicious morning tea in support of cancer research was presented and hosted by St Paul's Anglican Guild and the Gisborne Friends of Vision Australia on May 19.

Held in the Gisborne Masonic Hall, guests listened to local naturopath Leisa Blanch who spoke on cancer-related support and recovery.

With approximately 50 in attendance, \$1000 was raised for the Australian Cancer Council. This local event has been running for 18 years and over this time has raised in excess of \$10,000.

Appreciation is extended to Baker's Delight and the Gisborne Flower Shoppe for their support.

Elaine Millar



Speaker Leisa Blanch



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Shanleigh Meldrum and Toriana Collins at Stadium Stomp Melbourne, with Ember the crisis response dog.



SES volunteers helping out all around town

As COVID restrictions have unwound and we return to our new normal, Gisborne SES has been almost overwhelmed with requests for support at events, school and scout visits, and other activities.

Alongside our usual emergency duties, Gisborne SES supported the Macedon Ranges Music Festival, a performance of *Alice in Wonderland* at Bolobek,

the dawn service at the Mount Macedon Memorial Cross and Gisborne Vintage Machinery Society Steam Rally with car parking.

We have attended Gisborne Rotary Club's Easter Egg Hunt and a host of school and scout visits with displays and presentations including the Gisborne Golf Club Women's Gala Day.

Members took part in the MCG Stadium Stomp stair-climbing event, in which – whatever course is chosen – there are thousands of steps to run; Women in Rescue for International Women's Day, and even took part in a demonstration for the launch of the 'Driver Reviver' campaign.

Gisborne SES Unit

Supermarket managers donate to Foodbank



Coles managers with donations for Gisborne Foodbank.



Last month we were delighted to welcome the Coles regional management team when they paid the Gisborne Foodbank a visit, showering us with over \$1300 worth of produce and groceries and over \$600 worth of gift cards.

The Coles V105 team are a group of progressive managers who have a focus on sustainability and community support. Their visit to the Foodbank gave us the opportunity to discuss ways in which we can work together to benefit the local community.

Foodbank volunteers were able to provide an insight into the need for food support in the Macedon Ranges and we encouraged the managers to reach out to other food support organisations in their areas.

Coles is working towards zero food waste which is a major part of the training for their management team.

We thank the Coles managers for their generous donations to the Gisborne Foodbank and for engaging with us to look at ways that they can support the wider Macedon Ranges community.

The Gisborne Foodbank is open on Wednesdays and Fridays from 10am to 3pm. Please contact us on mobile 0492 850 520, email info@gisbornefoodbank.org.au, drop in on Wednesday or Friday, message us via Facebook (@GisborneFoodbank), or visit our website (<https://www.gisbornefoodbank.org.au>).

Julie Ireland

St Paul's Op Shop Jottings

St Paul's Op Shop is always in need of men's clothes to meet demand, especially with the colder weather now here. If you have any surplus men's clothes in good, clean condition, your donation of these would be much appreciated.

We are also struggling to meet demand for clean blankets and doonas. Our shop is warm and cosy, and we have a wonderful staff of volunteers to assist you with all your needs.

For the winter reader there is a great range of adult fiction and non-fiction and children's books are also available. Our sister op shop, Charity's Secret on Station Street, Riddells Creek, is open on Thursday,

Friday and Saturday morning and they too have a huge range of clothes, books, bric-a-brac and toys.

This month we feature Janine Sanders, our shop coordinator for many years.



Janine Sanders

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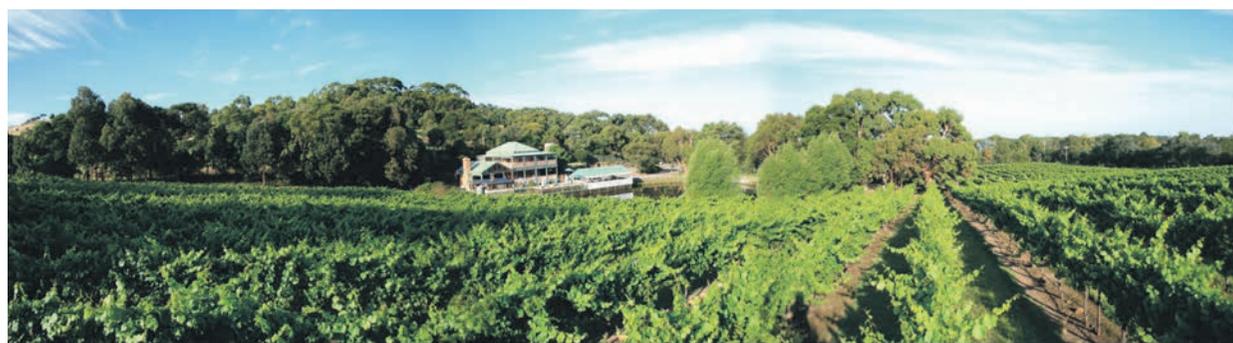
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Refugee Week – Putting you in the Picture



Mark Chew with 'Football under the Acacia Tree'.



As Refugee Week approaches, volunteers at Macedon Ranges Rural Australians for Refugees are preparing a busy schedule of events to be held in Woodend.

It begins on Sunday June 12 with an exhibition by Mark Chew at 2pm. Mark has worked throughout Asia, the Pacific and Africa, photographing the lives of ordinary people in extraordinary circumstances.

He will display some of his work and speak about his time at Kakuma refugee camp in northern Kenya. One lucky patron will win a print, signed by Mark, of his *Football under the Acacia Tree*, taken at Kakuma.

Saturday June 18 sees an appearance by refugee advocate Sister Brigid Arthur. She is renowned as an engaging and passionate speaker and should appeal to all those interested in issues of social justice. Time: 2pm.

Friday June 24 features a screening of the film *Scattered People* at 6:45pm. It tells the story of two musicians, devotees of Western music, who fled persecution in Iran and sought asylum in Australia. The film contains interviews with icons of the Australian music scene including Missy Higgins, John Butler, Archie Roach and Baker Boy.

The venue for all three events, Norma Richardson Hall, is at 15 Buckland Street, Woodend, and entry for each is by donation only.

Patrons are reminded that proof of COVID vaccination may be required and bookings are essential through the Try Booking website. Booking codes are:

Mark Chew
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Sister Brigid Arthur
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Film Night
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Another youth gets licence with volunteer driver help

Getting that all-important driver's licence is one of those rites of passage most teenagers aspire to when they turn 16. The law requires the budding driver to have 120 hours' practice with a licensed supervisor in the passenger seat. For any family, that takes serious dedication to the task and the ability to have the learner drive at all opportunities. Even then, it is not easy to rack up those hours.

So, what happens for the young person who cannot afford driving lessons and does not have access to a car and supervising driver? That's where the TAC L2P program comes in, helping young people to gain the practice needed to get their licence.

This program is made possible by the efforts of volunteer mentor drivers and local sponsors, as each program must fund part of its program locally. In Gisborne, Community Bank Gisborne & District helps fund the vehicle lease.

Jaylyn, an L2P learner driver,



recently got her licence after being supported by volunteer Diane Selby of Gisborne.

"The program is a great idea," said Jaylyn. "Previously I had to pay for lessons, and I couldn't afford it. It was awesome that I found this program and met such lovely people to be able to help me."

Diane said, "It's been a pleasure meeting and mentoring Jaylyn, and I'm super pleased that she passed her test. It's given me a lot of satisfaction as a volunteer for the L2P program and has given me the opportunity to help local young people".

Learner driver places are now available in the Macedon Ranges program. Interested young people can contact Macedon Ranges L2P Program coordinator Denise at the Salvation Army on 0409 246 416. For more information on the program, search 'L2P' online.



Jaylyn and Diane, happy after Jaylyn's successful driving test.



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Bringing colour and fun back into community – and raising money too

For a group of locals, it was time to bring some fun back into the community with a night of entertainment at the Mount Macedon Hotel.

'Satin and Lace' was the theme for the evening, with people swapping the casual look of the past two years for high heels, jewellery and fur and feathers for the ladies, while the men brightened the night with colourful shirts.

The idea of local resident Annie Mann, who also owns the Ann Maurie Salon in Gisborne, the evening also raised funds for Victoria Police Blue Ribbon Foundation.

"Our night of fun was a feel-good night for the community," Annie said. "Locals getting together, supporting a local business [the hotel], and most importantly putting some fun back into our lives."

Leading Melbourne DJ Darren Watson kept the guests entertained and prizes were presented to those judged to have gone to the most effort to get into the spirit of the evening.

The prizes, donated by Paper World and Victoria Police Blue Ribbon Foundation, were presented by David Mann, chairman of the Victoria Police Blue Ribbon



David and Annie Mann and Aaron and Stephanie Wood.

Foundation. \$1000 was in turn raised for the Victoria Police Blue Ribbon Foundation on the night.

"We are proud to be part of this very special community, it is such a beautiful place to live," added Annie.

A call-out to help the homeless



Gisborne Rotary Club is seeking donations of toiletry items for homeless people.

Look for our collection bins out front of IGA, in the library, in the GREAT office on Hamilton Street, and at Bendigo Community Bank where you can donate basic personal hygiene items such as soap, face cloths, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, packs of disposable razors, shaving cream, sanitary napkins and small towels.

In particular, we are currently very short of deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste and shaving items, so please throw something extra in your shopping basket each week to deposit into the collection bins.

People in crisis or facing family violence are often forced to leave home with very little, so the Care Packs provide essential hygiene and dignity. For people struggling financially as well, these things are among the first to be cut.

Recently our club put together another 140 Care Packs from donated goods, which will be given out to homeless people and others doing it tough.

We are pleased to announce that the Macedon Ranges police are also now giving out Rotary Care Packs when they encounter people in need, which fits in nicely with the state's new Neighbourhood Policing initiative. They join Gisborne Rotary's other distribution partners, Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health (with locations in Kyneton, Woodend, Romsey, Sunbury) and the Gisborne Foodbank.

If you can help or want to find out more, please call 0407 777 344 or email gisbornerotary@gmail.com.

Barry Willis



Officer In Charge of Gisborne Police, Senior Sergeant Amanda Cohen, accepts Care Packs from Gisborne Rotary President Lyn Robinson.

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Community Funding grants open for '22-23

Council's annual grants program is open for applications until June 27.

The Community Funding Scheme provides funds to not-for-profit community groups for programs and initiatives that benefit the shire and meet local needs in line with Council goals.

Applications will be accepted online via the grants administration system SmartyGrants. Council is providing support to help individuals learn how to use the SmartyGrants platform.

Community groups and not-for-profit organisations are encouraged to discuss their project ideas with a Council officer as soon as possible.

For more information call 5422 0333, email grants@mrsc.vic.gov.au or go to mrsc.vic.gov.au/grants.

Local ideas help to set open space priorities

Community members who shared their views in a survey on future priorities and levels of service at parks and reserves are already shaping Council's new Open Space Strategy.

A total of 165 people responded to the survey, creating valuable data on how they use open spaces and their views on investment priorities in the shire.

Subsequent consultation activities revealed a range of community preferences, perceptions and values.

Members of the Open Space Community Assembly met on May 14 and 28 to deliberate on how Council should prioritise investment in open space and to make recommendations to help guide the development of the strategy.

A summary of all feedback raised will be presented to councillors in June.

If you would like to receive regular project updates, please register at mrsc.vic.gov.au/open-space or call the Strategic Planning team on 5422 0333.



Kyneton Town Hall lights up in support of Ukraine

Macedon Ranges Shire Council lit up Kyneton Town Hall in the Ukrainian colours every evening from May 6 to 12 as a sign of solidarity and support for the people of Ukraine. The action was the result of a motion that was unanimously passed by councillors at May's Council meeting.

Bullengarook resident Victor Zablockyj, who has family and friends in the Ukraine, said the lighting up of the building and other motions passed at the meeting were a heart-felt show of support from the Macedon Ranges community for the Ukrainian people.

How to manage autumn visitors



HAVE YOUR SAY on Council's Autumn Leaves Management Plan for 2023.

The plan aims to manage the environmental and social impact caused by high visitation to the Macedon and Mount Macedon townships during autumn.

To have your say, complete the resident and business survey open from Tuesday June 7 until Sunday June 26, or attend one of two community drop-in sessions.

You can find a registration link for the community drop-in sessions and the resident and business survey on Council's website mrsc.vic.gov.au.

National Reconciliation Week event

The council will be holding an event on Tuesday June 7 as part of National Reconciliation Week, which runs from May 27 to June 3. The theme for the week this year is 'Be Brave. Make Change'.

Reconciliation Action in our Community is a community round-table event that will be held from 7pm to 9pm at the Woodend Community Centre.

This event will involve an interactive discussion with community members who have expressed an interest in being involved in local reconciliation action. The evening will include a Dja Dja Wurrung Welcome to Country and cultural education talk as well as guest speakers including Macedon Ranges Shire Mayor, Cr Jennifer Anderson, Vic Say from Castlemaine Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation, and Dennis Batty, a Taungurung man and member of Council's Reconciliation Action Plan Implementation Committee.

Round table conversations will follow the presentation to discuss the issues raised and to share ideas. Interested community members can nominate themselves to continue this work and consider how these ideas can be put into action in the mid-to-long term. The event is free, but bookings are essential. For more information go to mrsc.vic.gov.au/RW2022 or call 5422 0333.

Psychologist speaks on storm recovery

Where Are We Now? A Storm Recovery Conversation with David Younger, clinical psychologist

The past 12 months have been very challenging for many people. The storm that swept through the Macedon Ranges on June 9 last year was for some a stressful experience while for others it was frightening. It also left widespread destruction. In combination with COVID-19 and lockdowns, it started to feel like life just kept throwing curve balls.

This talk is a community information evening focused on the needs still felt by storm-affected residents. Disruption, stress, delays, tiredness, fatigue, uncertainty about the future, and a realisation that there is still a lot of work to do, are all experiences that ring true for some residents.

This session will be facilitated by David Younger, a clinical psychologist and an expert in the area of natural disasters and emergencies. David has worked with many communities and individuals after severe weather events and disasters. David brings a commitment and a sensitivity to the experiences and needs of those who join the sessions. Everyone is welcome and privacy will be respected.

Wednesday June 15 at Woodend Community Centre. Tea, coffee and snacks from 5.30pm, session starts at 6pm. RSVPs are required. Register at mrsc.vic.gov.au/storm-support.



Psychologist David Younger



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Secondary College students cook for healthy hearts

VCAL students from Gisborne Secondary College have been busy in the kitchen giving jar sauce the boot and learning to cook nutritious meals with a three-week cooking series.

The cooking classes were based on the cooking videos of YouTube comedian 'Nat's What I Reckon' and delivered in partnership by Expert Eats, Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health, Healthy Heart of Victoria and Macedon Ranges Shire Council.

Nat's brand of funny and straightforward cooking videos encourage people to avoid processed foods and learn to cook from scratch.

Nat appeared via live stream to help launch the program, and gave a talk to participating students about his philosophy on food and looking after yourself.

Over three weeks in May, students cooked Nat's recipes in the classroom and at home using produce packs provided by the project team. The classes are led by Expert Eats culinary nutritionists Jen Beachey and Jess Malcolm. The Expert Eats team provide hands-on skill building and education on the role of diet in mental health and wellbeing, and how young people can best fuel their bodies and minds.



From left: Jessica Malcolm (Expert Eats), Emma O'Brien (Macedon Ranges Shire Council and Healthy Heart of Victoria), Rhani Dean-Talbett (Sunbury Cobaw Community Health) and Jennifer Beachey (Expert Eats)

Cool Changes Gisborne – We have a (draft) plan!

Thank you and congratulations to all the hard-working volunteers who have successfully created a draft Gisborne Climate Action Plan.

During May, participants in the Cool Changes program created a shared vision for future climate action in Gisborne. We are eager to have a diverse range of voices and perspectives in this plan and now invite commentary from the wider community.

To review the draft, contact Justin Walsh at juwalsh@mrsc.vic.gov.au. Consultation closes on July 10.

REMINDER: Business Awards

Self-nominations for Macedon Ranges Business Excellence Awards close on Friday July 8.

Find out more at mrsc.vic.gov.au/business-awards or contact 5422 0333.



Part of Dalton Street Reserve, Gisborne.

Feedback sought on Dalton Street environmental plan

HAVE YOUR SAY

The Dalton Street Reserve Network in Gisborne is a mix of bushland and open grassy areas near the golf course, and includes a section of Marrum Bulok Creek.

The Reserve Network is an important public open space for local residents. The site has significant flora and fauna values including remnant grassy forest, wildflowers and rich bird life.

Council has been working with residents and ecologists to develop a plan for the Dalton Street network of reserves and is inviting feedback on the draft Dalton Street Reserve Environmental Management Plan. The plan will help improve the biodiversity values of the area by guiding revegetation projects and bushland enhancement works over the next ten years or more.

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One grant works to help two groups in Macedon

As for many organisations in the community, lockdowns and restrictions had a wide-reaching impact bringing many challenges.



One thing acutely impactful for Macedon Kindergarten was the inability to carry out fundraising in a way we were accustomed to and on which we have come to rely over the course of many years for many day-to-day expenses and necessary updates.

It is for this reason we were very grateful to Community Bank Gisborne & District (Bendigo Bank) for the grant we received to upgrade some very old shelving which was becoming a hazard for staff to move and was no longer fit for purpose. Additionally, for a large set of new wooden blocks to replace a much loved but very old set. Without this contribution, this likely would not have come about for some years. The quality items are sure to spend a long life within the kinder.

A secondary and unexpected benefit of receiving funds for these items has been the possibility to donate the old items to Macedon Community Centre for use in developing plans for a new playgroup. We understand they plan to engage a willing Men's Shed to aid in the restoration of these items. We know how much work that committee has put into getting this up and running so we are especially pleased to be able to help out.

Not having had personal involvement with the Community Bank prior to this experience, I was pleasantly surprised to learn that it is a public company owned by local shareholders and overseen by a volunteer board of directors. It was established to provide an independent revenue stream for community development in the Gisborne, Macedon and Riddells Creek area and so profits are directly returned to the community. Thank you very much for the generous contribution to the kinder.

Claire Berry on behalf of Macedon Parents Committee



The new shelving and toys at Macedon Kindergarten are a hit.



Claire Berry (left) and Halisa Roberts with James Sheawick of Community Bank Gisborne & District at their grant meeting.

HISTORICAL HAPPENINGS

Come to our 'Show and Tell'

All members, friends, and interested persons are invited to the Historical Society's General Meeting on Sunday June 26 between 2pm and 4pm at the Gisborne Court House. Our "Show and Tell" will enable society members and visitors to bring and speak about treasured items of interest to us all.

Pictorial Books of the local area will be on sale.



MEMBER'S MESSAGE

With Mary-Anne Thomas

It was wonderful to return to New Gisborne Primary School to inspect their new music pods and facilities, completed as part of the State Government's \$3.1 million upgrade package.

I was so pleased to meet students and staff to hear they've also been enjoying their new synthetic oval. With the works package also funding improved drainage throughout the school, students and staff can enjoy better facilities inside and outside the classroom right through the winter months.

I want to thank all the staff at New Gisborne Primary for hosting me, and I'd particularly like to thank student leaders Eve, Katelyn, Skye, Oscar, Alana, Michael and Tahlia for giving me a tour of their wonderful school.

In other news, it was fantastic to join Veterans Minister Shaun Leane to announce the delivery of \$810,000 for works to protect the heritage and cultural significance of the Mount Macedon Memorial Cross.

Built in the 1930s, Mount Macedon Memorial Cross Reserve is a major attraction but increasing visitor numbers are putting pressure on this landmark's environment and infrastructure. The funding will mean more people, local and visitors, can enjoy the Cross on Anzac Day and throughout the year. I want to thank the Mount Macedon Memorial Cross Committee for their hard work and commitment to this project.

Stepping up in pursuit of pedestrian safety

Stop, look, listen and think – it's a road safety catch-phrase we are all familiar with, but one that police cannot stress enough, particularly when it comes to pedestrian safety in school zones.

As Officer in Charge at Gisborne, one of the biggest issues I hear about from members of our community is the dangerous driving behaviour around school zones at school times.

National Walk Safely to School Day, held on May 20, is an initiative that reinforces safe pedestrian behaviour. However, drivers also have an important role to play when it comes to pedestrian safety, including adhering to speed signs and driving responsibly through school zones.

As a mother of small children, I fear that the happy childhood memories I had of walking to school won't be a reality for my children, due to the



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with Snr Sgt Amanda Cohen
Officer in Charge
Gisborne Police Station

danger presented by distracted, erratic, speeding drivers.

As a police officer who regularly receives reports of dangerous driving through school zones, I am constantly considering whether we, as an organisation and as a community, are doing enough.

My police units are tasked to attend and patrol school zones on a regular basis to maintain a police presence, but also deliver enforcement when required.

My officers are always there to listen to concerns from the community and investigate reports of any incidents. However, maintaining pedestrian safety requires a whole of community response.

Dangerous drivers are not just out-of-towners speeding through unfamiliar roads, they are often members of our own community running late for work or distracted by their mobile phone.

It's time that each one of us put the safety of pedestrians first when behind the wheel.

It's as simple as slowing down and being aware of your surroundings, especially when you're entering a school zone.

Driving a few extra kilometres over the speed limit or looking at your phone for a few seconds is never worth the risk.

It only takes a split second for a child to be injured or a life to be lost.

CWA branches get together



The CWA Association Day, at which Blume's Fashions was a highlight, was well attended with a few guests and many members from other branches in attendance.

Thank you to Bunnings and Gisborne Peak Winery for donations towards the lucky door prize and raffles. I'm sure most ladies left with a full tummy after a sweet and savoury lunch, some new clothes and a raffle prize.

After Carolyn Walker talking to us about the Days for Girls charity last month, I am pleased to say we were able to donate \$500 towards their work. They are teaching health care and supplying reusable sanitary care kits for girls in developing countries so they do not miss out on school.

Seven of our ladies have recently tackled a first aid course, something we hope we do not have to use, but will stay with us in case of emergencies. This came about through a community service grant supported by our federal MP, Rob Mitchell. There will also be a few of our members doing a safe food handler's course as well.



Christine Edwards

Our next meeting is Monday June 6, 10am at Gisborne Secondary College, and Coffee, Craft and Chat on Monday June 20 at the same venue. Hope to see you there.

Christine Edwards

Probus members visit Chanel exhibition



Gisborne Probus Club members were treated to an informative talk about

Gabrielle Chanel's creative process upon arriving at the

Chanel exhibition in Melbourne last month. Chanel devoted herself to dressing women for comfort and ease of movement that enhanced and considered the female form. She did this by changing the drape and construction of the fabrics. The exhibition also included jewellery, bags and other accessories to flatter the modern women.



One of the Chanel exhibits at the National Gallery of Victoria exhibition.

The guest speaker at our May meeting spoke very informatively on Parkinson's disease, outlining how it affects people, frequently asked questions and resources available to those with Parkinson's.

We are looking for a "tea lady/person" to set up and prepare morning tea at our monthly meetings. It is a paid position and you don't have to be a member to apply.

We meet on the first Thursday of the month in the Senior Citizens room at the Gisborne Community centre at 10am. For further information, contact our president, George Peart, on 0419 610 811.

Dianne Egan

Genies explore the 'why' of family history



Family historians know that genealogy is much more than a simple hobby. But why do people trace their ancestors? Why do

we spend so much time and effort researching our family history? What are the motivations, benefits and challenges for individuals? Why does genealogy bring out such passion in people and how does it help us find self-identity? These are some of the questions we will look at during our June meeting to be held on Thursday June 23, 7.30pm at the Uniting Church, Gisborne with the topic 'The Psychology of Genealogy'. Visitors are always welcome. Please stay for supper and a chat.

The next Saturday Workshop will be on June 4 at 10am in the Family History Room adjoining the Gisborne Library. Guest presenter Kathleen Neale will help us to decipher old handwriting. Bookings are essential for the workshops and can be made by calling Lorna on 0402 091 034. Cost is \$10 for GGG members, \$15 for non-members.



Lyn Hall

Forthcoming workshops are 'Using Trove' (July 2), and 'Local History and Genealogy' (August 6).

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Chamber Poets return

The Chamber Poets' public poetry readings are coming back by popular demand post-pandemic, and the poets welcome people to attend their return event at Woodend RSL on Saturday June 11.

The event will include a special performance by the Woodend Warblers, three featured authors and the usual fare: resident band Black Forest Smoke, the open section, afternoon tea of soup and scones, raffle and open bar.

An impressive line-up of featured poets from across the state will be launching their latest publications including Alice Wanderer with *Lips Licked Clean*, Kevin Brophy with *In This Part of the World*, and Myron Lysenko with *A Ghost Gum Leans Over*.

While there is usually only one featured poet, this event is incorporating several to make up for missed presentations over the past two years. The Woodend Warblers will start off the event with some Ukrainian songs as a show of solidarity for the war-torn country and its people.

Chamber Poets was founded by Myron Lysenko in 2013 and supports established and emerging poets from the Macedon Ranges, Melbourne and beyond.

Myron says, "I am thrilled to have Chamber Poets returning and being able to provide a space for poets to share their latest works. In troubling times poetry becomes more relevant and these are menacing times indeed, what with the pandemic, climate change, war and the nuclear threat."

Following the return event, Chamber Poets will meet on the second Saturday of each month from 1pm.

Entry is a donation of \$5 or \$10 at the discretion of the person attending.

Savoy Singers bring marvellous melodies to Gisborne

The Savoy Singers will perform a concert at the Gisborne Uniting Church on Sunday June 19 at 2pm. The Singers have been providing entertainment to a huge variety of community and fundraising groups for more than 45 years.

The troupe's origins stem from Melbourne's Savoy Opera Company, and most of the current members have performed in principal roles with Savoy Opera and other leading musical theatre companies.

The group has an extensive repertoire of musical theatre ranging through Gilbert and Sullivan, Cole

Porter, Rodgers and Hammerstein, Bert Bacharach and many others.

The Singers last performed at the Uniting Church in 2018, and group spokesperson James Johnson said, "The reception and response from the audience was wonderful and we look forward to performing once again for the people of Gisborne."

Tickets are \$25 adult, \$20 concession/student and may be bought at the door or from Maree on 5428 3852. Afternoon tea will follow the concert.

(Social distancing and fully vaccinated rules will apply).



The Savoy Singers perform on June 19 at the Gisborne Uniting Church.

Woodend Art Group show

The group hold its winter art show annually over the Queen's Birthday Weekend.

Paintings both framed and unframed, felt work, silk scarves, sculpture, pottery, photography and

more will be available to be viewed and purchased.

Saturday June 11 to Monday June 13, 10am-4pm at Woodend Railway Station Gallery, Woodend. For more information, call 0409 193 369.

Gearing up for One Act Play Festival and more



The Mount Players

Hard to believe we're in June already! The theatre is gearing up for its 17th Annual One

Act Play Festival. On the weekend of July 16 and 17, theatre companies from Melbourne and regional Victoria get together for a weekend of one-act plays. Plays are adjudicated and awards presented at the conclusion on Sunday afternoon.

Patrons are invited to come for a session (three short plays) or nestle in for the weekend and enjoy all performances. Food and bar facilities available. Tickets at the door. For session times visit www.themountplayers.com or call 5426 1892.

Our third production has been cast and is now in rehearsal. The Tarantino thriller *Reservoir Dogs* has been adapted for the stage with a full female cast. Creative director Craig Lenaine-Smith will put his own special touch on this classic with live music on stage and special effects. Warning though – it is not for the fainthearted as it contains violence, coarse language and sexual references throughout. Definitely for mature audiences who enjoy a contemporary performance. The show will open on August 21.

Our fourth production this year will be *When The Rain Stops Falling*, an Australian drama by Andrew Bovell. The story spans four generations of dysfunction in one family with secrets, abandonment and searching for answers. Auditions are on July 23 and 24. For a script and full details on the play, contact director Vicki Smith at stagestruck58@me.com. Karen Hunt

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As the cold weather sets in over Macedon, the members of our arts collective are holding a wintry-themed exhibition in June. Come into our warm gallery and enjoy their inspired art pieces.

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The choir sings as witches in *Dido and Aeneas* at the Bluestone Theatre, Kyneton. Picture: Anne Diver.



"Come away fellow sailors come away..." Ken Tacey solos in *Dido and Aeneas*. Picture: Anne Diver.

Gisborne Singers perform Dido and Aeneas to sell-out audiences



Making a triumphant return to public performances, under the talented and visionary leadership of artistic director Luke Severn, the Gisborne Singers recently presented Henry Purcell's opera, *Dido and Aeneas*.

Held on Sunday May 1 and 8, the choir, as they had never been seen before, put on four exciting performances of what is the oldest English opera, in the appropriately historic Bluestone Theatre at Kyneton.

Local mezzo-soprano of international acclaim, Kristen Leich, was magnificent in her portrayal of



Luke Severn

Dido, while tenor Joshua Erdelyi-Götz excelled as Aeneas.

The production gave an amazing opportunity for small solo parts within the choir and the newly formed Macedon Ranges Chamber Orchestra, an initiative championed by Luke and The Gisborne Singers, provided wonderful backing. The work was a great source of achievement for choir members, being a different genre, requiring singing from memory, and being a liberating opportunity for self-expression.

Rave reviews followed the first two concerts resulting in a sell-out for the final two.

The choir always welcomes new singers (especially tenors and basses). Enquiries: www.gisbornesingers.org.au or phone 0408 156 263.

Alison Kinghorn



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Kyneton Town Hall June performances

Oozing magnetism from every pore, rock royalty Tex Perkins and Matt Walker will grace the Kyneton Town Hall for one night only on Saturday June 11 at 8pm.

The set is a mix of new songs and old favourites, including tracks spanning Perkins' career and discography. To the joy of fans, Perkins and Walker play a mix of hits: *The Honeymoon is Over*, a crowd favourite delivered as artfully and with as much intensity as its release in 1993, while the Beasts of Bourbon's *This is not the Way Home* takes the audience on a nostalgic journey, and Dark Horses gets a nod with a spine-tingling rendition of *Please Break Me Gently*.

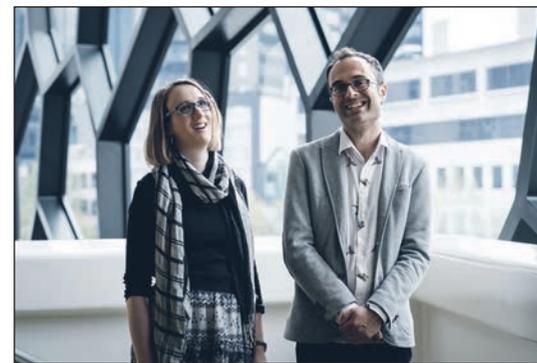


Tex Perkins and Matt Walker

CLASSICAL

If classical music is your choice, then *Peaceful Piano* is a double-bill tour featuring Australia's foremost neoclassical pianist/composers, Nat Bartsch and Luke Howard. Scheduled for Friday June 24 at 7.30pm, this is a performance not to be missed.

To buy tickets, call 1300 888 802 or visit www.mrsc.vic.gov.au/buytickets.



Luke Howard and Natalie Bartsch. Picture: Brett Scapin

Q: How did the artist fill in his CV?

A: Drawing from experience.





Women's trailblazer,



Edited by Robin Godfrey

Blanche Ross Watt, daughter of Thomas Ferrier Hamilton and Elizabeth *nee* Stephens, was born at 'Elderslie', New Gisborne, in 1861 and spent her childhood there.

In 1897, she married Thomas Riddell Ross Watt, he having been president of the Gisborne Shire in 1896. They had one daughter, Katherine Elisabeth.

Following the untimely death of her husband in 1919, Blanche Ross Watt became involved in public affairs. She became a Justice of the Peace, being one of only seven women to be appointed in Victoria.

She was elected to the Gisborne Shire Council in October 1925, and was voted their president in September 1931, the first female shire president in Victoria.

The Wall Street crash of 1929 led to a worldwide economic depression and the collapse of the Australian economy. At its worst in 1932, unemployment in Australia reached 32 per cent. It took almost 10 years for the Australian economy to recover from the Great Depression, affecting people deeply for decades to come. It also radically changed economic thinking and policy in Australia.

A few days after her election as president of the Gisborne Shire Council in 1931, Blanche Ross Watt wrote an article titled 'The Country Knows the Way Out', which was published in *The Herald* in Melbourne. This article was published on September 5, 1931, two years after the Wall Street crash and one year before the worst effects of it were to hit the Australian economy.

The following is extracted from her article and gives an insight into her success in being elected president of the shire council.

While she does speak from a position of privilege, and while her article betrays some of the colonial attitudes of the time, there are also parts of it which could have been written today.

BLANCHE ROSS WATT:

A community leader at a time when such roles were firmly the preserve of men.

In these days, when everyone is having a shot at guessing what is wrong with the country and what can solve our problems, we hear a lot about the 'road to progress'. And it seems to me, as a countrywoman, that progress lies along the road we have come! We have to go back a bit to find it. Ahead of us, unless we change radically, there lie only further troubles.

Our politicians, our economists also, seem to be busily engaged in treating symptoms, instead of the disease. It is all very well to consider our difficulties as part of worldwide troubles; the temptation about such a point of view is that we are inclined to wait for the world to give us a lead before we act ourselves.

There's a lot we can do at home to bring about better conditions, but we don't help much merely by talking about it. Action is wanted.

I believe we depend too much on governments. We have got to get down to tin tacks in this trouble, and that means that people have got to think as individuals and use the splendid character and independence we have inherited from our pioneer forebears.

We are in danger of degenerating into spineless, nervous creatures, scared of taking a step in the dark until some gov-

ernment or other lights a lamp.

I remember my mother when I was little. She was well served indeed, but she had many and fixed duties such as thousands of bridge-playing women in these days would have shied at like frightened horses. Her birth and education, her position in the village, imposed these duties upon her.

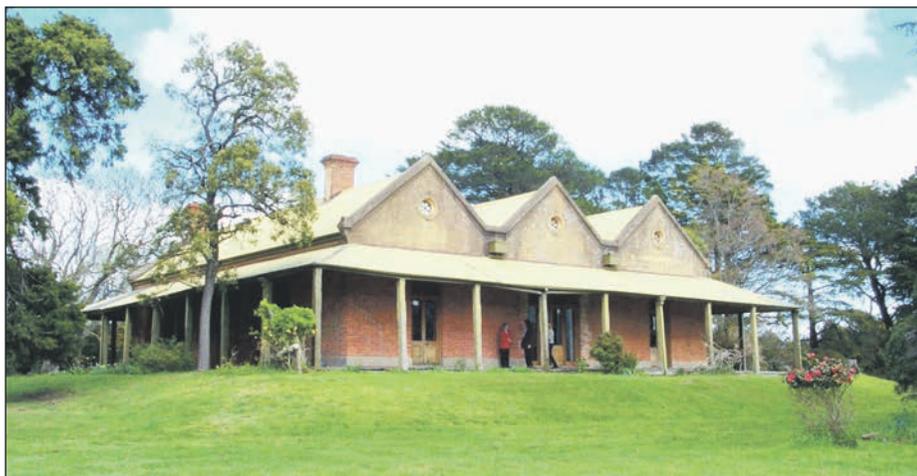
In those days of scattered population, of no hospitals and doctors, she used frequently to ride 30 miles to minister to a villager whose baby had to be helped into the world, or to nurse through an outbreak of scarlet fever where her knowledge and authority stood between mothers and sheer panic.

Nothing came amiss to her, and the little community that grew up about our homestead looked to her, and to women like her, for leadership in trouble. Women like that helped to build this country, in spiritual things, while their menfolk attacked the wilderness and made the land productive.

No country can have a standard of living greater than it earns. Just now we are not earning much, and we have to go back in our desires. The country women are giving a lead that others may well follow.

I don't want to begin the old, stale argument that women are as good as men. We have won our right to be considered on an equality, and no one really questions that right in so many words.

I have been struck, however, with the fact that few men fail to be unpleasantly surprised when their considered arguments fail to convince women. There is an air of finality about a man who is 'laying down the law' that is infinitely diverting to an intelligent woman. He still feels



Picture: Robin Godfrey, 2000

'Elderslie', New Gisborne, childhood home of Blanche Ross Watt.

Blanche Ross Watt

that there is something unseemly in being challenged by one who belongs to what, in his heart of hearts, he still regards as 'the weaker sex'.

May I be excused, therefore, for suggesting that it is the women of Australia who have the key to the lock of the door that looks out on prosperity. It is women who condition the 'standard of living'; women who can best sweep away the foolish idea that a high standard somehow necessarily includes motor cars, bridge parties, the latest fashion, high-priced clubs and movies twice a week.

It is supposed to be a fashion for the older generation to sneer at the younger. It is a fashion I do not follow, but I

am bound to say that, from a very intimate knowledge of young and old in the country, I doubt very much whether the young have half the fun they pretend to do. They are so sophisticated that simplicity bores them, and yet only a return to simplicity can help us get through the next few years without grumbling. I wish some of the city folk could see how the farmers in my district are facing up to things. They have had bad luck. Poor prices have knocked them back, but have not disheartened them ... There is a sort of drawing together of country people in misfortune.

Class distinctions are practically ended; bridge parties are giving place

to meetings of women of all sorts and conditions for practical purposes. Hospitals are in need, as they never were before; and women are working for them as never before. In the country, too, we are making our own pleasures. In Gisborne, dances are frequent, and the people have a high old time, quite in the old way. Farmers are selling their cars, and jaunts to the city are less frequent, so they depend more on local amusement. I have found the loss of cars is not an unmixed misfortune. The farmer is returning to horse and buggy as to an old love.

"One thing is," a farmer confided to me, "I won't have to take the missus out for a run every day as I used to."

He saw his car go with no regrets.

We have our unemployed problem, but even here you get little grumbling. Friendliness and understanding make for mutual help. "It'll all come right in the end," they are saying.

Summed up, it comes to this. Let us give up the extravagant ideas we can't pay for, and get back to the simplicity of making our own fun, and bearing our own troubles.

Let governments concentrate on solving problems of the state and not of individuals. We'll all be the stronger for a dose of old-time independence. We will regain our belief, not in Australia alone, but in ourselves.

Starting the original 'Gisborne Gazette'

Edited extract from the *Gisborne Gazette*, Friday June 10, 1892

"There was a representative gathering yesterday at the office of *Gisborne Gazette* of residents of Gisborne and surrounding districts favourable to establishment of a local newspaper.

A building in Aitken Street, next to Mrs Morand's Gaythorne Hotel, had been fitted up as a newspaper and general printing office, and the machinery, which has been in position for some days past, was ready to be set in motion. [This building was in the area of Aitken Street between today's Foodworks and the fairy shop]

The proprietor, Mr Thomas Shorthill, explained briefly the machinery, and his object in founding the *Gazette*. Mrs Louisa Thomas, the wife of Mr William E P Thomas, manager of the Commercial Bank, Gisborne, started the machinery, and printed the first number of the *Gisborne Gazette*.

The machinery having been set in motion, several were printed, and the company were invited to partake of refreshments.

The Shire President, Cr Robert Allen, said he wished to propose a toast of success to the *Gisborne Gazette*. He thought that the new venture should be supported by everyone throughout the shire. The *Gisborne Gazette* had his best wishes for its success, and he would do his best to help it on. He then proposed "Success to the *Gisborne Gazette*."

Mr Henry Dixon said he was a very old resident of Gisborne and



The original Gisborne Gazette masthead

In June 1892 – 130 years ago – the *Gisborne Gazette* began publication. Prior to this, Gisborne had been served by various district papers, but none at home since the shortlived *Gisborne Express* in the 1850s-60s.

remembered the first newspaper being started about 32 years ago. The paper was very successful until the railway was completed. The latter, as was well known, left Old Gisborne in the cold, and after its opening an exodus of residents set in. Soon after, the proprietor of the paper thought it advisable to move also; so the paper ceased to exist.

A new order of circumstances had now arisen. Gisborne was recovering and even extending; several new buildings had been put up and others were in the course of erection. He thought the prospects for the new paper were very bright. Its establishment gave him personal pleasure, and he was glad to see so many people present to witness the

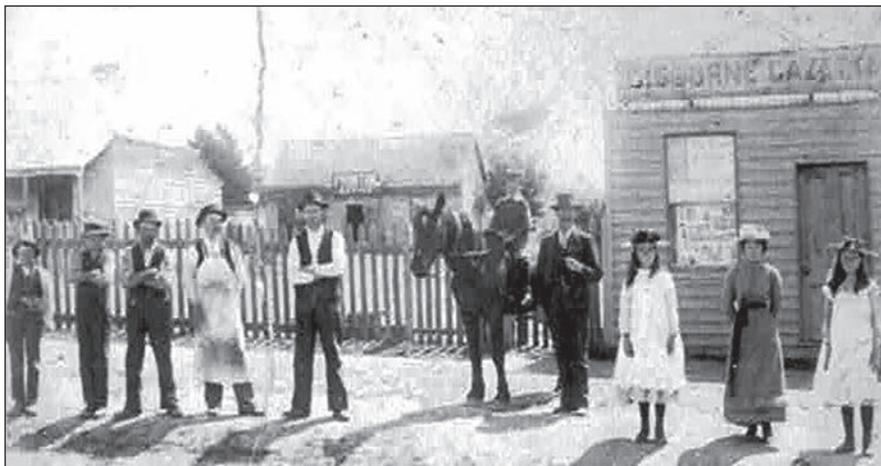
starting of the machinery.

Mr Shorthill said that a newspaper was different from every other kind of business, as, if properly conducted, it should be a reflection of public opinion in the district. It would be his aim to so conduct the *Gazette* that it would be worthy of the support of the people. The *Gazette*, while reserving the right to criticise the public men, or to approve or condemn their actions, would be careful to avoid personalities, and would truly represent all sections of the community without being identified with any particular section.

Mr William Thomas, manager of the local branch of the Commercial Bank, proposed the next toast of "The Commercial Interest of Gisborne." He alluded to the present depression in trade, and expressed his opinion that it was now beginning to pass away, and he thought next spring would see the end of "the winter of discontent".

Cr George Woodworth said that Gisborne was improving, as a lot of new houses were being built. There was one great disadvantage Gisborne laboured under – that of not being sufficiently well known. The *Gisborne Gazette* would prove of great benefit to the district, and materially help to make the town and district better known over the colony.

The gathering was a representative one. Most of the Gisborne Shire Councillors were present together with the leading men of the town. The proceedings passed off pleasantly amid cordial expressions of good wishes from those present."



Gisborne Gazette office and staff with unidentified others, possibly family members of editor Thomas Shorthill.



Picture: James Holgate



Picture: Sue McBratney

Motors, machinery and making memories



Macedon Ranges
Photographic Society

The members of the
Macedon Ranges
Photographic Society

love to get out and about as a group and visit all kinds of venues. Sometimes the members will go to events, gardens, beaches, parks, exhibitions, and often travel far and wide for photographic opportunities, looking for something a little different each time.

A recent outing was a real pleasure for those who attended because it was so close to home. Organised by the Gisborne Vintage Machinery Society, the Steam and Vintage Machinery Rally was a photographer's dream.

With shiny machinery and reflective surfaces, steam and mist for effect, rugged-looking tractors, model railway displays and interesting people to see, it was a wonderful opportunity for the photographers to explore.

Some of the photographers stood back to take in the whole experience, the varied sizes and colours of the tractors, the people around them and the environment around the displays. Others looked for the smaller scenes, a piece of machinery or a detail that others just might walk past.

The Macedon Ranges Photographic Society welcomes new members. The club generally meets on the first Tuesday of the month, followed by the next Monday at Dromkeen in Riddells Creek. Social chats start at 7pm with the meeting beginning at 7.30pm. Please visit www.macedon-ranges-photography.org.au.

Colleen Mahoney



Picture: James Holgate



Picture: Sue McBratney



Picture: Sue McBratney

REFLECTIONS

Warwick McFadyen

It was the twinge that, if it didn't break the camel's back, gave rise to a lump of pain in mine.

I was carrying a box to the car. That's all. Just a box. Well, not an empty box. Actually, it was a box of record albums. I had carefully calibrated the number of albums by the approximate weight I reckoned was easy enough to transport. Yeah, that feels OK, I concluded, lifting it a couple of centimetres off the shelf. So I walked to the car with my box of albums, as I've done many times in my life.

Ping. If it could have spoken, that's what the twinge would have said. Pings can be deceptive. I carried two more boxes to the car, just to show the ping that what I started I meant to finish. This was childish of me, but it was only a ping after all, I thought. But then for the next 24 hours the pain alternated from dull to sharp and back again.

I didn't need to move the albums at all. Leave it all for the removalists, my wiser one had told me. No, I insisted. These are fragile and valuable, the record collector in me replied. I could see from the half smile in reply that I was being indulged in my half logic. Fragile, yes. Valuable, hmm.

I could argue that there were pieces of 120gm of vinyl from my teenage years which made them personally valuable. Why, here was Neil Young's *Journey Through the Past*, the soundtrack to a film that never troubled audiences much. I tell myself I must have the only copy still in existence. It has never been released on CD. And here's Richard Clapton's first album, *Prussian Blue*, with Clapton's signature on it from when I asked him to sign it after an interview a few years back.

Pieces of music, pieces of time in a life, or time in a bottle. That's the sentimental strain to the logic of keeping hundreds of vinyl albums. You pick up, say, Young's other neglected classic, *Time Fades Away*, and think, 'I remember where I was, how old I was, and who I was when I bought it.' Looking back though, the who I was bit was somewhat fluid.

This isn't an argument against progress and the streaming of music, though payments to musicians are criminally low (Nils Lofgren once posted a cheque he received for his songs. It was a couple of dollars.)



If there is an argument for Spotify and other streaming services, it's that you are never going to feel that twinge from lifting the service from one spot to the boot and then out again at the new home. There might be a twinge for the inferior quality of the music. But that's progress eh? Lighter on the back and lighter on the sound quality.



As for the moving of the albums, I'll take it easy. Now where's that Jackson Browne...?

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Stars align for mental health conversations



Actor and Macedon Ranges resident Stephen Curry got his first job when he was 10 years old, sweeping the floor of his local barbershop. It was, he recalls, the first time he heard men opening up about their worries and concerns.

Curry makes this observation during a conversation in a barbershop with another local film and television identity, Shane Jacobson. The pair address mental health as part of a series of short videos promoting a new campaign in the Macedon Ranges dubbed *Cut The Silence*.

The concept came from Gisborne resident and advertising creative Mat Garbutt and was backed by Macedon Ranges Suicide Prevention Action Group (MRSPAG), and funded by North Western Melbourne Primary Health Network.

Cut The Silence recognises that barbershops have traditionally been one of the few spaces in which men can talk about how they are feeling and identifies them as gateways to professional support services for men at risk of experiencing a mental health crisis.

Danny's and Nor'West Barbers in Gisborne are two of the businesses that have signed up to the campaign and they have received training on how to identify and talk to customers who appear to be struggling with their mental health. While they do not take the place of mental health professionals, they



Picture: Paul Rovere

Gisborne barber Danny Ciantar can work on many levels.

have information and resources to guide customers towards help if they want it.

Shane and Mat rallied some high-profile Macedon Ranges friends for the videos including comedian Tom Gleeson, mental health advocate Jeremy Forbes, former AFL player Matt Dick, musician Pat Devlin and garden designer Paul Bangay.

All the interviewees emphasise the importance of checking in with friends. They want to normalise asking another man if he's okay, and acknowledging their courage to answer that they are not.

The *Cut The Silence* videos can be found at www.mrspag.com.au/cut-the-silence

For 24-hour crisis support call Lifeline on 13 11 14.

Free Mental Health First Aid courses for volunteers

Macedon Ranges Shire Council's storm recovery team has obtained State Government funding for community volunteers to complete Mental Health First Aid training free of charge.



In the past 12 months there have been a number of severe weather events across the Macedon Ranges and it is not unusual for people affected by emergencies to experience distress (eg feelings of anxiety and sadness, hopelessness, difficulty sleeping, fatigue, irritability or anger and/or aches and pains).

Many people are not knowledgeable or confident to offer assistance.

Mental Health First Aid teaches people the skills to help someone they may be concerned about.

Each two-day session will train volunteers who work closely with the community. Lunch will be provided.

Where: Woodend Community Centre and Library

Session 1: June 22 and 23, 9am to 4pm

Session 2: July 13 and 14, 9am to 4pm

Session 3: September 14 and 15, 9am to 4pm

Places are limited. Please contact recovery@mrsc.vic.gov.au to book.

Free community immunisation sessions available



Council offers a range of **free** immunisation services, including the flu jab.

Sessions are held in Gisborne on the first Thursday of each month, starting in July.

Please note, Council does not administer COVID-19 vaccines. For information regarding

these vaccines visit coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccine.

Sessions in Gisborne for the rest of the year are 9.15-10.15am on July 7, August 4, September 1, October 6, November 3 and December 1 at Manna Gum Family and Children's Centre, 71 Robertson Street.

For information on sessions in other townships and eligibility, go to mrsc.vic.gov.au.

The next session is at Riddells Creek Community Centre from 9.30-10am on June 21.

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Celebrating international men's health week



By Julie Ireland

A regular article about general health

International Men's Health Week is celebrated every year in the middle of June and provides an opportunity for all of us to recognise and promote the importance of the health and wellbeing of the men and boys in our lives and in our wider community.

Men in Australia live on average four years less than women, with the last nine to 11 years of their lives likely to be in poor health. However, the news is not all doom and gloom – only 30% of a man's overall health

is determined by his genetics; 70% is controllable through lifestyle.

Some health facts that can significantly contribute to the good health and wellbeing of men and boys – **Nutrition:** 5-7 servings of fruit and vegetables daily can start the ball rolling to a healthy eating plan; **Activity:** men who exercise regularly can lower the risk of heart attack by 25%; **Sleep:** Men who sleep 7-8 hours a night have about 60% less risk of fatal heart attack than those who sleep five hours or less; **Drinking:** in moderation. More than 10 drinks a week almost doubles the risk of type 2 diabetes; **Mental wellness:** social connection has been found to be associated with a 50% reduced risk of early death.

The theme of Men's Health Week is 'Building Healthy Environments for Men and Boys' and focuses on creating physically, mentally and emotionally healthy environments in the home, workplace and social settings. We are very fortunate to have an active Men's Shed network in the Macedon Ranges which has been effective at engaging with socially isolated older men in our community. The Gisborne Men's Shed recently won a national Men's Shed award for their amazing work connecting men with each other and their community.

So, let's take the time this month to celebrate the awesome men and boys in our lives and continue to encourage them to look after their health and wellbeing.



Roger and Peter in problem-solving mode.

The humble cuppa It can make everything look a little better



"The telling of a story, like virtually everything in this life, was always made all the easier by a cup of tea", according to Alexander McCall Smith.

The Australian Men's Shed Association refer to it as "solving the world's problems, two cups at a time".

The recent Royal Commission into Victoria's Mental Health System made 65 recommendations. The 15th recommendation was headed "Supporting good mental health and wellbeing in local communities".

The report uses the phrase 'social prescribing' whereby to aid good mental health, instead of referring someone to a specialist or a pharmacy, the prescription is to engage with "a diversity of local leaders and community members to guide and lead efforts to promote social connection and inclusion in Victorian communities".

That is exactly what our Shed is all about and we have been doing it since well before the Royal Commission was even thought of. The humble cuppa at The Shed sets the scene for a diverse range of discussions from health and politics at one end right through to vegie growing tips and next weekend's footy at the other.

To enhance your perspective on any of these topics, feel free to drop in any Monday, Wednesday or Thursday morning.



BETTY'S BOOP

With Betty Doolan

I remember a Mother's Day long ago when I was a little girl. In a shop I saw a little gold brooch with the word "MOTHER" on it.

So I sold my lovely little frog tea set to the lady across the road, a Mrs Fraser. I took my money to the shop and a Mr McMaster counted the pennies. He said I was lucky the brooch was "on special" and I had enough pennies.

But on Mother's Day things were different. My mum was so angry – first, that I had sold the little frog tea set without asking if I could, and then spending money that was needed at home. Mum never wore this little brooch but each Mother's Day it would be brought out and put in the middle of the kitchen table. No I have this little brooch and I look at it, and I know Mum was right.

I'm sorry this column is so short, but I'm afraid I have had coronavirus.

Stay safe,

Betty

Sculpting a win



Gisborne residents Margot and Gary Sanders are travelling north again, and came across this amazing sculpture at Aramac, Queensland, made out of barbed wire and left-over farm machinery. And they snuck a copy of the Gazette under the bridle for a winning touch.

Local door-knock survey highlights mental health needs



Shannon Sharkey, Jacqui Wilkinson, Emily Wolsey and Andrew White of the Macedon Ranges ACDC team.

A number of Gisborne residents may remember being door-knocked a few months ago as part of a door-to-door mental health and wellbeing survey.

The survey has now been collated and has found that one in four householders in the Macedon Ranges say they are living with mental health issues, with nearly two thirds experiencing anxiety.

The Assisting Communities through Direct Connection (ACDC) Project spoke with and provided information to 665 householders in Gisborne and Romsey, 330 of whom then completed a survey of their experiences with mental health and accessing support.

Bill Gye, CEO of Community Mental Health Australia, who manages the ACDC Project, said the findings gave an important insight into the community,

and the issues identified should be addressed.

"The fact that one in five householders said that they would benefit from more support for their mental health indicates that many people do not take that important first step or may not know where to go," he said.

"This data allows local planners to get a better idea of what supports are missing, or what local services need to do to be seen to be more accessible or appropriate."

The project employed people from community organisation HMS Collective who went door-to-door between October 2021 and February this year.

Jacqui Wilkinson from HMS Collective said the pandemic had significantly affected regional Victoria.

"Many people expressed that they had faced challenges both before COVID-19 and as a result of COVID-19," she said.

The survey found that of householders who were interested in getting more support, nearly a third indicated a preference for alternatives to hospitals, which is significantly higher than other sites the ACDC Project has surveyed.

"I hope this report will be used to guide further mental health and wellbeing services into the local area. Several householders mentioned lengthy wait times, and no services available locally (most are in Melbourne) as big factors as to why they don't or can't see someone for help," said Jacqui.

The final report, with recommendations, is due for release late this year.

Vet Talk

with Dr Caitlin Horwood-Skelton



Oh no. Not the box!

It's no secret that we are uprooting our entire vet clinic (almost on schedule), and moving to a new premises, a block down the road, this month.

My sister and her two cats are also moving house, on the same weekend, and she has asked me: "How can we reduce their stress?"

People and pets feel the stress of change in different ways, but relocating is a big one for all of us.

The most important way to address this is trying to keep some normal routines while everything else around is changing. Consistent feeding and toileting routines are paramount for pets.

If your pet is "crate trained" (they settle in a pen or cage as a bed, which becomes their comfort safety zone wherever they are), this really helps them cope with the chaos of a move. Ensure their crate or pen is undisturbed by the shifting around them.

For cats, they often prefer to hide in a quiet dark room (eg the bathroom) with their bed, crate, food and litter, while you shuffle furniture and boxes around the rest of the house. Set them up with the exact same scenario in your new home, until they are ready to venture out of the room.

There are simple, over-the-counter natural products (pheromone sprays or food supplements)



Wolfgang chooses his safe spot during the move.

which can improve relaxation and reduce the body's response to stress. Start using these in your pets' environment weeks before you actually move, and continue in your new home.

Good luck to us all!

Caitlin

Foods you can share with your pooch



May started with another group of new members at induction.

Last month we looked at food that is not good for your dogs; this month, some human foods they can eat.

Peanut Butter – full of protein/health fats, niacin, vitamin B and E. Unsalted. making sure it does NOT contain sugar substitutes such as Xylitol which can be deadly.

Chicken – human grade fed raw or cooked, always boneless, skinless, no spices/marinades. Cooked bones should never be fed.

Cheese – if your dog is not lactose-intolerant, cheese is great used as a treat or a training tool. Cottage cheese is high in protein, calcium and is easy to digest.

Carrots – high in fibre and vitamin A, chewing raw carrot is good for teeth.

Yoghurt – full of protein, calcium and digestive cultures, is great for digestive health. Use live active cultures but non-fat, lactose free, no sweetener/flavour.

Pumpkin and sweet potato – fresh/cooked, full of fibre and vitamin A; great for a sensitive stomach.

Eggs – fed raw including shell or cooked, are full of biotin, protein, riboflavin, and selenium.

Green beans – great for weight loss, high in fibre/low in calories.

Salmon – omega 3 but must be cooked.

Apples – full of phytonutrients, vitamins A and C. Skin on but remove the seeds, they contain traces of cyanide.

Oatmeal – for dogs not sensitive to grain. Packed with vitamins and minerals, a great source of dietary fibre.

Visit our website www.macedonrangesdogclub.org.au, Facebook page or email info@macedonrangesdogclub.org.au and we will contact you.

Carol, Instructor/Treasurer MRODC



Reminder – Pet Registrations

Pet Registration renewals were due on April 10. If you have not renewed your pet's registration, be sure to do so right away.

It is an offence in Victoria to not renew your pet's registration annually, and fines may apply.

Council's Local Laws officers will follow up with pet owners who are not complying.

If your pet's registration was current last year, you should have received a renewal notice in the post. If you did not receive it, have lost it or have any questions regarding payment please contact the customer service team on 5422 0333.



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QUIZ

- 1 After whom is the state of Victoria named?
- 2 Which bridge in Australia was opened in 1932?
- 3 Porridge is made from which grain?
- 4 How many people make up a quintet?
- 5 What is the capital of Mexico?
- 6 In which year were the Melbourne Olympics held?
- 7 Which planet has the moons Phobos and Deimos?
- 8 How many years are there in a millennium?
- 9 What is the largest sand island in the world?
- 10 Which is the only horse to have won the Melbourne Cup three times in a row?

Answers page 36

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE



Can you find 10 differences in the pictures?

Submitted by Eliza Ransome

JOKES & RIDDLES

I always choose my own clothes.
That's weird, I've got moths that chew mine.

What do you get when you feed your cat a lemon?
A sour puss.

Why did the cow jump over the moon?
Because the milker had cold hands.

What is wrapped in cling wrap and lives in a bell tower?
The lunch pack of Notre Dame.

Doctor, doctor, I think I'm a goat.
Good heavens, how long have you thought that?
Ever since I was a kid.

Jenny, give me a sentence with "gruesome" in it.
When I was little I was short but then I gruesome.

I didn't know that Captain Cook found Australia.
I didn't even know it was lost.

Darren, your homework is in your father's writing.
I know Miss, I borrowed his pen.

He's a man of rare gifts. Hasn't given one in years.

Swinburne learns about being water-wise

The children at Swinburne Avenue Kindergarten recently took part in an informative incursion by Greater Western Water.

Presenter Michelle introduced the children to Sammy the Snake, explaining that he reminds us of a hose and trigger nozzle. The children learnt that using a trigger nozzle to water the garden is an excellent way to save precious water.

Michelle also brought along Frances the Frog who had some great water-saving tips. Through song, role play and movement, the class also explored the importance of drinking water, where water comes from and why we should not waste it.

Visits such as this play an important role in the ongoing teaching and learning experiences around sustainability and the environment.



Matilda understands the importance of drinking water from her drink bottle.

Shannon Ingleton



Water-wise presenter Michelle introduces Sammy the Snake.



From left: Darcy, Poppy, Eliza, May, Aidan and James.

This month's lay out team

This friendly group of Grade 6 students from Mount Macedon Primary helped lay out this edition of the *Gazette*. They like looking at the photos and learning about different things in our "happy" community newspaper. If they had to work at a newspaper, a few would be photographers, other journalists and one would enjoy putting everything together on the computer in production.



Macedon Ranges
Shire Council

Kindergarten registrations open for 2023
Online registrations for three- and four-year-old kindergarten in 2023 are now open. All of Council's kindergartens in the Macedon Ranges have highly qualified and experienced early childhood teachers and educators and, with their beautiful natural features and outdoor play areas, are rich in nature-based and creative learning experiences. The two kinders in Gisborne are Swinburne Avenue and Manna Gum Children's Centre.



Register online by June 30 at mrsc.vic.gov.au/kinder-rego or call 5422 0239.



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SCHOOL'S IN



Willowbank PS focuses on STEM

This term at Willowbank Primary School we are learning about STEM for our Investigations unit. STEM means Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.



Summer D.

We started learning about STEM as a whole school by participating in some different STEM activities in our P-6 buddy groups which was lots of fun. For the rest of this term, we are going to be learning about the design process in our classrooms where we will be planning, producing and evaluating our own design projects.

Summer 3/4JK



Above and below: Young students at Willowbank learn about science, technology, engineering and maths.



What's happening at Mount Macedon?

The waterfall of tourists has died down to just a trickle, as the autumn leaves have all fallen and swelled into a brown mush on the damp ground.

The rain is falling on the area, making the dark clouds roll in. The weather is getting colder and some mornings see a frost.

The Grade 6 jackets have arrived and everyone is very excited. It has a bell and native animals to represent our area. I think all the Grade 6 students are very excited to finally be at the top of the school and be leaders.

We are already in Term 2, and it has been busy.



Our intensive swimming program has already come and gone. It was lots of fun but also tiring. We are all improving on our swimming skills and being safe in the water, in case we are ever in danger.

We have also had the District AFL Carnival where Mount Macedon teamed up with Macedon Primary. It was a great day of football for all.

NAPLAN has also kept our Grade 3s and 5s busy over the past couple weeks, but everyone is now excited to get on with the rest of term.

Eliza Ransome



Macedon Primary students get the hang of shot put

◀ Jessica gets the lean.

Erica focuses intently on the throw. ▶



Macedon Primary enjoys house athletics



What a great day we had! The windy and cold morning of April 29 was full of flapping colourful ribbons, fun and enthusiasm for sport.

All the kids loved the day and had a fantastic time with their friends

Macedon Primary School's year three to sixes arrived at a cold and windy Dixon Field for the House Athletics. Students participated in hurdles, long run, 100m sprint, discus, shot put, long jump and triple jump.

We were all very nervous to participate in the activities, but we all gave it our best go! Jade and Erica in year six especially gave it a great go with Erica winning first place in the 100m sprint and the triple jump. Jade also won the hurdles, beating all the boys and girls with the fastest time.

For the boys in year six, Andrew did a fantastic job coming first in long run, hurdles, shot put and long jump.

Over the course of the day there were wins and losses, but everyone was so proud of each other and encouraged each other throughout the day. Every student was so positive and passionate to do their activity.



▲ Scarlett masters the throw, impressing Mrs C.

"It was a great day! I loved all the fantastic effort and encouragement!" said David Oxworth, Macedon Primary's PE teacher.

We would like to thank all the parents and guardians who came to help on the day, it wouldn't have been possible without you.

By Andrew, Lucy, Ava, Abbie and Hannah

A whole lot of learning and exploring going on



Our Cycle 1 (three-year-old, four-year-old and prep) classes have had a strong start to term two, exploring and learning about the sea-

son of autumn, primary colours to make secondary colours, rhyming words, letter formation, starting sounds being at the beginning of a word and then blending sounds to make 'cvc' words (a word that is made up of a consonant, vowel and consonant sound eg cat, tip, man, hut).

The students use a variety of materials in a Montessori classroom to aid them in learning language, reading and writing. Before students learn the names of the letters, they first learn the sounds and formations of the letters. We use sandpaper letters to allow a child to see and feel the formation of the letters, as well as trace these with two fingers, saying the letter sound on completion.

With the use of this material, the students hear the sound, see its representation in the form of a letter, and feel the way it is written as they trace – multiple senses to explore language and help students to understand and know the sounds of each letter.

The tracing of the letters as they learn the sounds will assist students when they begin to write. From tracing them, to using a pencil to write them, the use of the sandpaper letters develops a good pattern for handwriting. Other students might be working with a moveable alphabet; this consists of the entire alphabet and allows children to find the sounds/letters to make cvc words. Normally, students have images or objects that they can say the names of and sound out to help them make these three-letter words.

As children become more confident with their language work and they begin to form the letters they have been learning, they begin to write these words into the workbooks. Writing is the last step that a student will take part in when learning letters.

Rebecca Ramage



Learning about letters and writing at Montessori.



Gisborne Primary School's happy winning girls' team.



Thumbs up for the performance of Gisborne Primary School's winning boys' team.

Gisborne Primary stars dominate interschool footy

During Term 1, the students from Years 5 and 6 tried out for the elite Gisborne Primary School football team.

The players went through three practice matches until the teams were selected.

On May 9, in perfect football conditions, both teams walked down to the grounds where we would be spending the day, the girls at Dixon Field and boys at Sankey.

Unfortunately our coach, Mr Goodyear, could not make it on the day, so a big face in local footy generously gave up his time to come down and coach the boys.

Both our teams managed to make it through to



their grand final, with an initial struggle from the boys in a tough clash with Braemar College, only winning by a few goals.

In the grand finals the boys played New Gisborne and the girls played Braemar. The boys won comfortably against New Gisborne with a score of 37 to 7 and the girls put on a mighty performance, thrashing Braemar 71 to 0.

Both teams displayed an exceptional effort and represented our school proudly. We now move on to division level finals.

Cooper Izzard – Year 6 Writers' Club

New Gisborne's kitchen garden cooks mix up a treat



New Gisborne Primary School's Kitchen Garden program is back, with the Year 4 students cooking, gardening, investigating science and STEM topics.

The first class back in the kitchen impressed us all with their skills and teamwork. It was an experience I fully enjoyed. Not only was it entertaining and educational, but it encouraged other students to taste new meals.

On the day of the program we were accompanied by adult helpers to assist us in making vegetable pasties. These are pastries with potato, sweet potato, peas, cheese, carrot and egg filling. Sesame seeds are sprinkled on the top after the pastries are filled.

For this task, we were put into groups of four. Each person in the group had a job to do: grate the potato, break the eggs, stir the mixture and put on the sesame seeds. It was challenging work but we managed fine.

When we had completed our recipe, we spooned the vegetable mix into the pastry discs and closed them. Lastly the helpers put them



Alex, Edith, Emme and Madi working up a delicious pastie meal.

in the oven. I think that the activity was worth it. Vegetable pasties are delicious and healthy. They have a ton of scrumptious ingredients, and though the insides are mushy, the outsides are crunchy and delicate.

This is a perfect family meal. You should try to make it at home.

Edith, Year 4 reporter



Edith



CAPTAIN'S RAP

with Oscar J.



Oscar J.

This term at Gisborne Secondary College started off with our annual Anzac Day traditions.

School captains Bridget and I attended and spoke at the Mt Macedon dawn service while vice-captain Sienna laid a wreath at the Gisborne Anzac Day service on behalf of the school.

The following day Gisborne Secondary also held its annual Anzac assembly. During the assembly Sienna shared a poem titled *On this Hallowed Day* by Stewart Elliot. This was followed by Bridget and Charlotte who read *To stay or go* by Matron Kathleen Best.

Charlie also shared the story of Ricky Morris from *Telling the forgotten stories of the Indigenous servicemen in the First World War*. We were lucky to have Dr Frank Donovan OAM join us and share his song with us, followed by further Anzac traditions such as The Ode, a minute's silence, and the Rouse bugle call.

After Anzac day, the Year 12s and teachers engaged in another annual tradition, which is our teachers versus students netball game. The teachers got off to a quick start but then the Year 12s' stellar defence slowed them down. However, it wasn't enough to win the game, and the teachers came out on top.

Many students credit their win to a questionable adherence to the rules and biased referees; and with the teacher v student basketball game upcoming, students are bound to come back with a chip on their shoulder.

Reflecting back on that special day for mothers



May was all about mothers and all the special women in our lives at Holy Cross.

Children were busy making cards, buying gifts from the Mother's Day stall and the mums celebrated with afternoon tea at school.

It is always nice to stop and reflect on these special people in our lives.

We hope all the mums enjoyed their special day.

Thomas Fairmaid was creative for his mum.



Kellie McDonald



Caleb Ogle made a special card for his mum.

Emily Beven wrote all the things she loves about her mum.



Oliver and Charlotte Lloyd with their mum.



Grade 3s with their Mother's Day cards



Thomas McCormack with his mum and nana.



Mel and Grace Lye at the Mother's Day afternoon tea.



KAT'S KORNER

with Kat Buttigieg

5 ways to be more sustainable

Being sustainable and eco-friendly can seem like an overwhelming task at times but even if we all do just a little, we can make a difference or might encourage others to do the same.

1. Be food smart: There are lots of ways to limit food waste and help the planet. You can grow your own vegetables, attend a food swap at your local markets, commit to eating fewer meals with meat, or try and use up leftovers from the pantry or fridge each week.

2. Think before you buy: Before you buy something, consider whether you really need it at all or if it needs to be new. Could you get it at an op shop, find a secondhand one in a Facebook group, or borrow from a friend? You can hire dresses for a fraction of the cost for a night out, for example.

3. Think before you throw out: Can you mend the clothing, repurpose the item or give the object away to someone who needs it before you throw it in the bin?

4. Recycle all the other stuff: We are lucky in the Macedon Ranges to have bins for glass, recyclables, green and regular waste. Did you know you can also drop your soft plastics to your local supermarkets and waste stations? You can also recycle bottle lids, bread tags, mobile phones, batteries, and toothpaste amongst other things at some of our local neighbourhood houses and libraries.

5. Surround yourself with likeminded people: There are many great local groups which champion sustainability, such as Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group, Macedon Ranges Seed Savers and Eat More Veg Action Group. Follow them on Facebook or visit their stalls at local farmers markets for more great tips.

During World War II one credo was "Use it up, wear it out, make it do, or do without". This is something we can definitely learn from in today's world of fast fashion and consumer culture.

Happy thrifting, borrowing, swapping and making!



Guest speaker Athol Guy is flanked by some of the young beneficiaries of the new flying fox in Ash Wednesday Park, Macedon, at the official opening of the equipment.

Reader's query: can you help?

"In the Gisborne Salvos store recently I found a small glass stein with the etching 'Freddie 1934'. Back home, I retrieved my father's almost identical stein. It was etched with, "After you Chas 1934".

My Dad would have just turned 21. He would have been living in Mornington. The two steins appear to have been etched by the same engraver, given the date coincidence. I am curious if a 'local' donated the stein to the Salvos, and do they know who Freddie was?"

If you can help with any information, please phone Julie on 0400 213 862 or email ericwedward96@gmail.com.



The history behind two etched beer steins is a mystery.

Nominations open for this year's Youth Awards

Tell the Macedon Ranges Shire Council about the inspiring young people you know by nominating them for the annual Youth Awards, which celebrate and recognise the achievements of young people in the shire.



Nominations open on Monday June 6 and can be for any young person, or group of young people, aged 12 to 25 years who lives, works or attends school in the Macedon Ranges.

The Award categories are

Willpower: young people who show character and perseverance, especially in the face of adversity.

Good deeds: young people who give their time and energy to activities that support the wellbeing of another individual, group or community.

Pure imagination: young people pursuing their passion for creativity through the arts.

Nicely played: young people kicking recreational and physical activity goals.

Skilling it: young people excelling in a mentorship program, workplace or business.

Well aware: young people who shine a light on important issues/social causes, and raise awareness in the community.

Submit a nomination by emailing youth@mrcs.vic.gov.au.

Nominations close 11.59pm on Sunday July 31.

Winners will be announced on October 6.



MACEDON MUSINGS

With Belinda Carlton-Doney

Welcome to winter! If you're looking for inspiration to walk outside on these chilly days, perhaps this will help. The Australian Museum has a fun app called Frog ID available free from your app store.

The information gathered helps the museum understand the distribution of Australia's frog species. They can learn more about frog populations and the health of our environments.

So how does it work? Really simple. Download the app, step outside, and the fun begins. Via the app, you make a 40-second recording of any frog call you may hear. Tick the boxes as to location, eg: rural, backyard, waterway etc. There is the ability to take photo if you wish... then hit submit.

Once submitted, your recording is analysed by the museum's experts and the data logged. You receive a very friendly email, detailing what you have captured. So far, I've recorded many of the *Crinia signifera* species, a couple of insects (how embarrassing) and one croaky friend (even more embarrassing, this did not fool the experts).

By recording calls from the same area again and again, the experts can track frog populations and any changes that may occur.

The Frog ID team also then send you monthly newsletters. These provide interesting conservation news, discoveries, photos and events.

A bit of fun for when the kids are out there puddle stomping and a perfect way to help ignite their interest in our environment. Okay... maybe big kids like me too. So if you see me standing in the middle of nowhere, phone held out, you know I'm not taking selfies. I am recording frogs!

Have fun with the app.

Avoid the big chill: prevent a frozen water meter



As Victoria enters the chillier months, it's a good time to protect our water meters and pipes for winter.

Greater Western Water (GWW) has some simple tips to reduce the risk of your water meter freezing, so you can avoid short-term inconvenience and potential damage.

GWW's general manager, Operations and Delivery Solutions, Louise Meadows, says, "On cold nights, cover your water meter to trap the air around it. A bucket, cardboard box, hessian bag or old tyre do the job well."

To avoid exposed pipes from freezing, you can protect them with insulation found at hardware stores.

In the event that your pipes or meter freeze, it is best to allow them to thaw naturally. If you can't wait, pour lukewarm water over the frozen meter or pipe. Never use boiling water as this increases the chance of pipes splitting.

If your water meter breaks, contact GWW on 13 44 99 to arrange for a replacement. Visit gww.com.au to find out more.



Daly in review in light of World Environment Day

Friends of Daly Nature Reserve

We celebrate World Environment Day on Sunday June 5 and with this we look back on all of the environment restoration that continues to return Daly Nature Reserve into an ecological asset, highlighting to visitors the importance of our environment.

While there is still a lot of restoration work to do, comparing the currently mowed area with the natural restored areas shows some of the difference in levels of biodiversity, conservation and educational values.

Last year's cultural burn and follow-up works have had a great impact on those areas, with a big reduction in weeds allowing spaces for native grasses to flourish and better environmental outcomes. We regularly discover new plant species rising from the seed banks in the reserve.

We would like to thank the council's environment team for their expertise and efforts to enhance, restore and improve Daly Nature Reserve and for



Young eucalypt grows beside spears of indigenous grass.

their involvement in our guided nature walks for Gisborne Primary Grade 3 students, which have become highlights on our calendar.

Tuesday June 14 at 9.30am is our next working bee. You are most welcome to come along and work alongside this friendly group.

Enquiries dalynaturereserve@gmail.com

Friends of Daly Nature Reserve

Garden Club news



Hello fellow gardeners. The Gisborne Garden Club had another successful meeting when 28 members braved the cold for a walk around the wonderful garden of Forest Glade in Mount Macedon.

A big thankyou to the generous and talented members who again provided delicious cakes for afternoon tea. We are so lucky to have such a generous group of members who never cease to surprise with their culinary delights. Thank you also to the staff at Forest Glade for helping the club set up tables and providing power to run the hot water urn.

Here we are in the middle of autumn and witnessing an unusual weather pattern for this time of year. A quick look at the Bureau of Meteorology website confirms the continuing La Niña effect of above-average rain and a warming of day and night-time temperatures.

In my garden, this has meant above-average plant growth and that deciduous trees are hanging onto their leaves a bit longer than in the past. Fortunately for me, this has allowed me to delay my planting that should have been completed by Easter.

Now it's time to prepare for winter and potential frosts for which I will be constructing a greenhouse for orchids, begonias and other frost-tender plants. It's also time to prepare the vegetable beds for spring planting so, let's get to it!

The Gisborne Garden Club meets at various venues on the second Wednesday of each month and you can contact me, Bernhard Sucher, on 0424 038 474 for more details. Stay warm and dry.

Bernhard



Shhh.... keep silent and enjoy the beauty of Forest Glade in true peace.

Calling citizen scientists! You can help critically endangered bird

The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) is calling on volunteer citizen scientists and bird enthusiasts to monitor the elusive plains-wanderer (*Pedionomus torquatus*), so that scientists can build an accurate picture of the species' population health.

Volunteers can help conserve the endangered species from anywhere with an internet connection.

"DELWP has been using bioacoustic recorders, or song meters, to listen for plains-wanderers since 2017, in partnership with the Trust for Nature, Parks Victoria, Museums Victoria, North Central Catchment Management Authority and the Northern Plains Conservation Management Network," environment officer Aaron Grinter said.

"Thanks to an upgrade of this monitoring platform, the job of identifying plains-wanderers is so quick



Plains-wanderer in a paddock.

and simple, anyone can help.

"It's easy for people to participate. After a short training session, all you need to do is go online, look at, or listen to, audio files and confirm whether the

sound is a plains-wanderer – not a sheep or cow.

"We have hours and hours of recordings we couldn't possibly sort through without the help of volunteers. Citizen scientists are critical to improving our understanding of plains-wanderer populations in the wild. Data from the song meters tells us where plains-wanderers are and – more importantly – where they are breeding. This helps to inform land management decisions, ensuring we maintain ideal habitat conditions to support their fragile population."

This year the State Government injected \$67,000 to support plains-wanderer recovery projects, including the song meter program. This program is also supported by the North Central Catchment Management Authority through Landcare funding.

To register interest in volunteering for this project, go to forms.office.com/r/sB66XZBeSX.



A range of subjects for Guides



Gisborne Girl Guides are excited to be back in the Hall and began the term by completing their Anzac badge which included making biscuits.

The girls are now working on the Creative Arts badge and the Queen's Jubilee badge. They have painted, made bead necklaces and developed skits to act out.

For the Queen's badge they will

learn about the role of the monarchy, investigate their family tree and participate in a high tea.

For their first activity the girls decided to create gowns using a box of scrap materials. Congratulations on your great designs.

This term we have welcomed Tilly to our Unit. If you are aged seven or older and would like to come and try Guides, call Deb on 0409 542 619 for details.



Deb Fleming

Members of Gisborne Girl Guides parade in their gowns.

News from 1st Gisborne Scout Group

The past month has been a busy one for the 1st Gisborne Scout Group.

We have finally moved back into our hall at Howey Street after many months of repairs to the building. Newly painted, with cupboards and storerooms having had a 'spring clean', it is great to be back. Many thanks to the booking officer at the Bullengarook Hall for her support in facilitating the use of the community hall and grounds for 1st Gisborne Scouts while we were 'homeless'.

The theme for the Joey Scouts for this term is looking at the 'superheroes' in our lives — our mums and dads, teachers and doctors, scientists who have made great discoveries for the benefit of humanity, or even a favourite character in a book or movie. The Joeys enjoyed bringing along their superhero mums (or special person) to a Mother's Day night of fun and games, and dressed up as their favourite superhero for Superhero Book Week.

The Joeys are also looking forward to camping under canvas at end of term and learning about bushcraft.

The Cubs have been on a walk around Sanatorium Lake at Macedon and the Scouts had an enjoyable evening of cooking and eating the fruits



Top: Scouts from 1st Gisborne ready to collect for the Royal Children's Hospital in April.

Above: Joeys let their Star Wars' side shine: Lightsabers and "the force" at the ready.

of their labours. The Scouts have also been learning about first aid this term and the Venturers hiked up to the Cross at the top of Mount Macedon, topped off with a sausage sizzle on the Mount.

If you are interested in joining Scouts, either as a Leader or a Scout, please email us at info@1stgisborne.com.au for more information.

Carolyn Goode,
Assistant Joey Leader



New Cub Scouts with their New Gisborne scarves: William, Fletcher, Massimo and Elias.

New Gisborne (Church of Christ) Scouts

This month we welcomed Will, Elias, Massimo and Fletcher to Cub Scouts. Their Investiture ceremony included their Scout Promise and the award of their New Gisborne scarves and associated badges.

We have just received the wonderful news that our youth members Maya and Harrison have been approved for the Queen's Scout award, the most valued individual honour in Scouting. The two Venturers have worked hard since starting their Scouting journey at New Gisborne some years back and more recently with the Macedon Ranges Venturer Unit.

We look forward to the formal presentation ceremonies both in New Gisborne and at Government House later in the year.

We continue work on our expanded Scout Hut project and have nearly completed the engineering design for the building permit. The increased project has been made possible thanks to additional State Government funding.

Donations for the fit-out made through Scout HQ are tax deductible and most welcome.

Through these challenging times we remember our Law and Promise, living out "love thy neighbour". Our thoughts and prayers continue for all frontline COVID workers.

We meet on Wednesdays 6:30–8pm, Venturers on Fridays. Contact Group Leader "Skipper" (0450 922 787 or johnfearson@mac.com) to learn more.

Walkers find sights to impress



The autumn leaves gave walks a colourful outlook for the Gisborne Bushwalking Club during May.

Our first outing for the month was a circuit walk led by Elizabeth and Laraine between Castlemaine and Chewton, mainly along the Leanganook Track. Highlights for the 15 walkers were visiting the Burke and Wills Monument, the Pennyweight Children's Cemetery and the Garfield Water Wheel. The weather was kind, and a yummy afternoon tea was enjoyed at a local Castlemaine cafe.

The club held its half-yearly meeting, which is for planning walks and events from July to December. We are all looking forward to celebrating our 40th anniversary with a luncheon in July, where a book compiled by Nigel outlining the club's activities over these years will be launched.

The calendar offers some fabulous walks, including a camp, along with social outings. The evening concluded with a light supper and lots of chatting.

For the second walk of the month, George, our president, led an easy 10km walk along the Yarra



Bushwalkers by the impressive structure for the old Garfield Water Wheel.

River Art Trail which included a visit to the grounds of the Heidi Gallery where a Craft Market was full of tempting goodies. The highlights of the art trail are the information boards along the way detailing how the artists depicted the particular scene back when their work was painted. The weather was not the kindest but didn't dampen the walkers' spirits

as they enjoyed the afternoon tea provided by George and Ann at the end of the day.

If you wish to join us on any walks or require further information about the club, please call either Margot on 0438 260 792 or George on 0419 610 811. Or check out our website at www.gisbornebwc.org.au.

Janeen Edward

Discovery rides take in best of autumn



May brought about the last of the great autumn rides for members of Maldon Ranges Ulysses Branch (MRUB). And where better to start than the picturesque township of Gisborne, with its spectacular 140-year-old English oak and elm trees in their full autumn splendour.

From here, our typical day rides took in several of the other picturesque towns in the district

One recent ride took in the Trentham 'National Motoring Heritage Day' followed by lunch at Maldon and some great live street music before making our way home.

So be sure to sidle up for a chat during our Saturday morning gatherings in Brantome Street, Gisborne. Don't be shy, that's why we are there!

Whether you are looking for adventure (or just trying to avoid the housework like the rest of us), our ride calendar is full of monthly Saturday lunch rides and Sunday trips plus special annual events, all in the context of weekly Saturday morning tyre-kicks in



Picture: Richard B

A cheery group during a Sunday ride in May.

Gisborne, Wednesday road rides and Tuesday dirt and dust outings. Here's a great chance to meet new friends with a common interest.

Check us out online at www.mrub.org.au or join us on Facebook for the latest news.

Matthew Dridan

Hello from the Ramblers

By the time you are reading this, we will be officially in winter and finally the lawns will stop growing. In the 34 years I have lived in Gisborne, I cannot remember a wetter year, this the only time the lawns have been emerald green throughout.

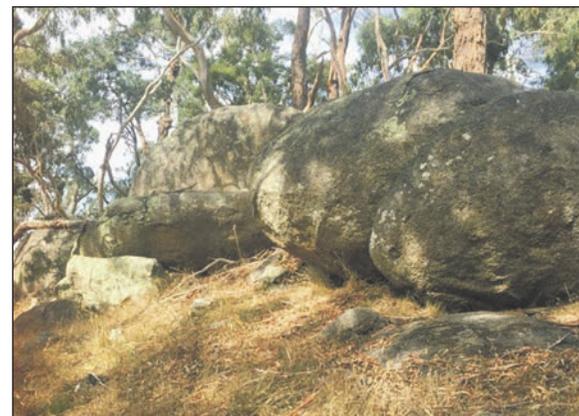
This has also been evident when the Ramblers are bushwalking, with tremendous growth in the understory plants. While the cooler wetter days may not seem very welcoming, the bush can be spectacular, with the wattles, heaths, banksias and grass trees looking their best and the eucalypts emitting that wonderful refreshing scent.

The group managed walks in outer Gisborne, Bullengarook and Kyneton over the past month. A new walk for the group and enjoyed by all was a visit to the Bald Hill Reserve. A general description is given in our accompanying article [see below].

If you would like more details of the Ramblers and our walk plans, please email gisramblers@gmail.com.

Charles

Walk Bald Hill Reserve



Distance: Varies, can be up to 7km

Level: Easy

This is a great scenic walk. No special footwear is required, average runners are fine, hiking poles unnecessary. Single width tracks, undulating through bushland with some open areas.

Getting there: From Gisborne, drive up the Calder Freeway, taking the turnoff (C326) to Heathcote. Turn right after 300m into Pipers Creek Road. After about 3km, turn left into Mount St Marys Lane. The reserve is about 600m on the left with a parking area near the entrance.

At the entrance, there is a map of the reserve indicating the track layout. There is no correct route – just wander at will. Highlights of the reserve are the granite boulders, the views from Bald Hill itself, the granite quarry and remains of the military target range. The ascent to Bald Hill is very easy and oxygen cylinders are not required!

A download of the Ramblers' 7km route map is available on request to gisramblers@gmail.com.



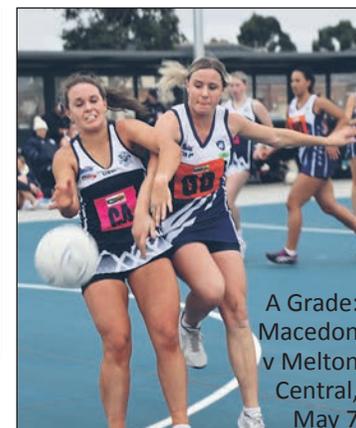
SPORT IN PICTURES



U11: Possums v Rebels, May 14



A Grade: Gisborne v Sth Bendigo, May 14



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v Melton
Central,
May 7



U15: Gisborne Giants
Orange v Diggers Rest,
May 15



U19: Macedon v Woodend, May 21



C Grade: Macedon v Woodend, May 21



A Reserve:
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U13: Macedon v
Possums, May 14



U11: Saints v Possums, May 14

Pictures by Chris Fleming



U13: Giants v Giants, May 8



U13: Giants Orange v Giants Silver, May 8



Seconds: Macdon v Woodend, May 21



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U15: Gisborne v Diggers Rest, May 15



U15: Gisborne v Woodend, May 8



Juniors: Gisborne Rookies v Sunbury Kangaroos, May 1



U15: Gisborne v Melton Central, May 15



U18: Gisborne v South Bendigo, May 15



U13:
Possums v
Rebels,
May 21



Gisborne Golf
Club pro Matthew
Duncan has a
practice.



Junior Cats launch first Indigenous Round of league

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The club also embraces Indigenous culture through dedicated polo shirts and beanies.



The president of Macedon Junior Football Club, Ashley Cook said, "As a club we are really proud of our Indigenous players and are grateful to play each week on one of the most the picturesque grounds in Victoria, Tony Clarke Reserve, at the base of Mt Macedon and on Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung country.

"We see this special round as a chance to educate our club about Indigenous culture right through from our U9 to U18 players, as well as parents, friends, families, and even touching the broader community."

Linc Yow Yeh, U17s coach and proud Goreng Goreng/Bayali South Sea Island man, with strong ties to Turrabul/Jagera and Darumbal country, gave an Acknowledgement of Country at a ceremony on Sunday May 22. Linc said the Sir Doug Nicholls Round was a wonderful acknowledgment and recognition of not only his work, but the work of many Indigenous players, families and people involved with Australian Rules Football.

"It also is great recognition to linking of Aussie Rules back to the traditional Aboriginal sport of marngrook," said Linc. "Macedon Junior Football Club shows its support, recognition, and pride by unveiling brother Nathan's wonderful design on the jumpers, and I know my boys and family are keen to endorse it, strongly supported by the club, players, supporters and families."

Macedon Junior Football Club is committed to celebrating Indigenous Round annually as a platform to acknowledge the contribution of Aboriginal players to AFL across all levels, promote awareness of local Indigenous culture and heritage, and help to educate the local junior football community.

A player's experience

Sunday May 22 was a beautiful day, the sun was shining and the sky was blue. All of the teams from the Macedon Cats football club played in an Indigenous match at Tony Clarke oval, although some age groups played on different days.

Everyone wore a special jersey with an Indigenous design on it to show our respect to the Indigenous people living in the Macedon Ranges. The jersey's design was a bird's-eye view of Macedon and the different colours on it showed the different levels of the beautiful mountains.

Before the game started our team watched the under 11s and they did amazing playing their game. The under 13s then played and they did a really good job and won. The scores were 81-1.

After that there was a speech with the person who designed the Indigenous jersey and they talked about what it meant. There were some other Indigenous people too who also talked. When the speech was over the Macedon Cats sang the Macedon Cats song.

Awards were also given to the people on the team who played the best, but I think that it would have been very hard to choose who the awards went to because everyone played a great game. Everyone had such an amazing time.



By Darcy Town, U13 player



Tracey Calnan (who coordinated the day) joins a player in enjoying a pink cupcake for a cause.

Macedon Ranges Netball Association news



PINK DAY: We held our annual Pink Day on May 21 to support Breast Cancer Network Australia. The weather was absolutely beautiful, and it was fantastic to see so many of our netball community dressed in pink and supporting a fantastic cause. We had 160 pink cupcakes available to sell on the day and these did not last long. The pink socks, hair spray, ribbons and pink lady tattoos were embraced by all which was great! Thankyou Tracey for coordinating.

We are also pleased that our eight player shelters have finally been installed and look amazing. We are grateful to Gisborne & District Community Bank for the sponsorship to allow us to complete this long overdue project. Players and coaches are enjoying a little shelter from the elements.

Our Ladies Midweek Competition comes to an end in June, and we do have some spaces available for new teams to enter for the season starting in Term 3. If you are interested in entering a team, please contact Tracey admin@macedonrangesnetball.com.au.

For anyone interested in learning how to be an umpire, we are hosting an 'umpire in the field' course on June 18. Registrations can be found on the Netball Victoria training portal.

Finally, I would like to thank all the volunteers – whether on the MRNA committee or helping at club level, it takes volunteers to get the kids on the court. And volunteers help keep the competition going so well. We are also incredibly grateful to have received a grant to be able to put our volunteers through first aid training.

Katie Duoba, MRNA President

Call-out for netball registrations



Ladies' netball competition is played on Tuesday nights from 7.15pm. You can enter as an individual or a team.

The new season starts in July; fees are \$7 per game, and registration per player is \$20 per season (2021-22 prices).

For more information, see mrsc.vic.gov.au/buffalo-sports-stadium



Ronan Yow Yeh has the ball in the inaugural Indigenous Round under 13s match at Macedon.



Second placegetters in the NW Challenge Cup: MMPC Marvels Paul Green, Alison Kinghorn, Vincent Ruiz, Doreen Green and Lindsay Kinghorn.

Second place in North West Cup



Ten members from Mt Macedon Petanque Club recently went to the Grampians for the annual North West Challenge Cup. Fifteen teams from the Grampians, Pyrenees, Woodend Hanging Rock, Smythesdale, Ballarat, Bellarine Peninsula, Mt Macedon and Maldon competed before a magnificent mountain backdrop at Hall's Gap on April 24. Of the two MMPC teams competing, the Marvels finished second overall, with the Grampians Club winning again and retaining the right to host the event next year.

On May 1, Maldon hosted the first "friendly" competition between our two clubs. Using a random draw format, winners were individual players not teams. Mt Macedon players Caroliza Job and Bob Bossner finished second and third respectively, with Doreen Green winning a mystery prize.

The Golden Boule round robin event between four North West clubs this year will begin on June 18.

New members are always welcome to the club. Wednesday playdays are held from 2 until 5pm at our grounds behind the Ampol Service Station in Gisborne. Coaching sessions for those wanting to improve their skills are held from 1pm to 2pm on the Wednesday falling on the same day as our Saturday sessions. Saturday playdays run from 10am to 1pm on the second and fourth Saturdays. COVID-safe policies remain in place.

For enquiries please go to our website: mtmacedonpetanque.org and for updates visit our Facebook page.

Alison Kinghorn

Student dancers sought for Tuesdays



There is availability for new students wanting to join fun Tuesday dance classes at the Gisborne Community Centre in the following age groups:

4pm-5pm: Studio2MIX 5 to 6 years

5pm-6pm: Studio2MIX 6 to 7 years

6pm-7pm: Studio2MIX 8 to 12 years.

For more information, please call 5427 3411 or go to mrsc.vic.gov/dance

Youth trumps everyone in Gisborne Golf Club Championship



Last month saw the golf club crown possibly it's youngest winner of an honours board event.

James McKibben, all of 16 years old, triumphed in the AJ Harlock Mid-week Championship.

The championship, decided over three consecutive weeks, was won with rounds of 42, 37 and 34 stableford points.

A couple of years ago, I photographed James' father after a hole in one on the fourth hole. Richard might have been crowing about that, but James has well and truly trumped his father on that one and gained family bragging rights. Brilliant win James, and an exceptional winning total.

In other news, the golf club has been delighted to have received a new projector for their function services, courtesy of the Gisborne & District Community Bank (Bendigo Bank) initiative to support local clubs. The club continues to expand its dining and functions operations after the COVID hiatus.

As the federal election has now passed, here is a topical golfing joke: "You know a person is (golf) obsessed when they think the Green Party is something to do with the improvement of the golf course."

Peter Barker



James McKibben

Taking a speccy



Gisborne's Sam Graham makes a flying leap to take the mark against South Bendigo on May 14. The game was a convincing win for the Seniors who, as the Gazette went to press, were on top of the BFNL ladder.

Macedon Ranges Croquet Club

The Club Championship final was played on April 29. After five games the winner was Heather Dawn from Penny Krstev. The Championship Medal was presented to Heather by club captain Gill Punshon at the AGM on May 18. Congratulations Heather!

Following the AGM and general meeting, the members adjourned to the Victoria Tavern for lunch. This was the last event for season 2021-22. Election results were: Noeline Richardson, president, Denise Carter, treasurer and Krystyna Dean, secretary. Thank you to those ladies for remaining in these roles and keeping our club running so well. Thank you, too, to the many other members who have agreed to take on the other various roles needed for the smooth running of the club.

The 2022-23 season will start on September 7 when our new club champion will run the first hoop. Members are asked to arrive at 9.30 for a 10am start. Members are asked to update their Working with Children records with Elaine prior to the new season beginning.

2022 is our 30th anniversary year and celebrations are being planned.

A reminder that annual fees are due by June 30. Enjoy the winter break.

Faye Armstrong

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Club captain Gill Punshon presents the Championship Medal to Heather Dawn.

The monster brown trout of Moorabool!

I decided to jump in the car and head to Moorabool Reservoir to put into practice some tips and techniques I had learned the week before on an Advanced Lake Fly Fishing course at Millbrook Lakes. Normally favouring the High Country rivers, my intention was to improve my lake fishing.



CALDER FLY FISHING ASSOCIATION

After a few casts to a calm little spot, I noticed the odd bow wave rippling across from where the calm met the current. I cast my orange beaded McGoo fly, let it sink, and started a "figure eight" hand retrieve of the line, bringing the fly back to me with a few pauses.

After retrieving maybe 10 to 15 feet of line, I felt what I can only describe as a freight train run into my fly and take it rocketing in the opposite direction. I got my first glimpse of the "golden nugget" attached to the end of my tippet. My instructors' voices flashed in my head, "don't death grip it, get him to the reel, rod up high touching your hat".

I screamed out to my friend Herman who managed to run a good 100-metre sprint while hurdling through the bush and fallen timber to help me net the big guy.

After a lot of amazement, a few photos and even more laughs, we got him back in the water and on his way.

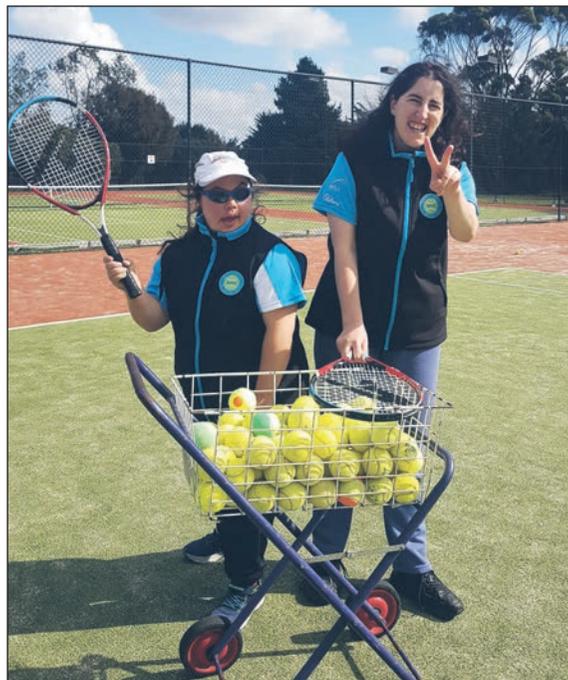
Words can't describe what it's like to land probably a once-in-a-lifetime 9lb (4kg) fish that was both a reward and inspiration.

For more information on the Calder Fly Fishing Association, visit www.calderflyfishing.com.au



Mitch Siddle

Mitch and his monster brown trout.



Emma and Anna wearing the new apparel.

New gear for South Gisborne girls

The South Gisborne Tennis Club All Abilities female participants were thrilled to hear their submission in the Women In Sport and Cadbury sports apparel grant for females was successful.



Emma and Anna (pictured), Sarah, Mary and Gail put together a video submission in which the ladies spoke about inclusiveness and barriers when it came to playing in a team environment when not competing in a recognised competition.

After getting to wear their new gear, the levels of pure enjoyment and camaraderie have accelerated.

Watch out fellas, the ladies are up and about. The All Abilities tennis program is open to all in the community and provides a safe, fun environment for those wishing to experience the game of tennis. Contact Gail on 0403 760 272 or look on the club website www.sgtennisclub.com.au for further information.

Good luck to Tuesday ladies' teams the Opals and the Suns in their finals. The Tuesday MDLTA next season begins in July. Ladies interested in playing contact the club. Stay healthy!

Gail Scott

Active Kids sports program



Learn correct sporting techniques and skills to develop confidence and

knowledge of sport. The children use a range of equipment from soccer, netball, hockey, basketball and more, and learn skills for catching, rolling and throwing in a relaxed fun environment.

Sessions are held Wednesday mornings at Buffalo Stadium in Woodend, from 10am to 10.45am. For children two to five years. Parent participation is required. Costs: Casual visit \$11 or 10 pass \$99. For more information, email buffalo@mrsc.vic.gov.au

Auskick fun in the sun



Gisborne Auskick in May: Ned, Darcy and Clara with coaches Matt Stirling and Nick Morcombe.

KIDS' QUIZ ANSWERS

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| 1. Queen Victoria | 6. 1956 |
| 2. The Sydney Harbour Bridge | 7. Mars |
| 3. Oats | 8. One thousand |
| 4. 5 | 9. Fraser Island, Queensland |
| 5. Mexico City | 10. Makybe Diva |

'BRING A FRIEND TO TENNIS' day



Macedon Tennis Club

Tuesday 28th June 2022

10am till 12 noon

Kids welcome!

**Promoting Ladies tennis in the Macedon Ranges

Come and join in the fun...

Coaching clinic, Tennis Victoria giveaways, coffee van, racquets available for use and plenty more. And best of all...

IT'S FREE!!!!

Contact Lauren for details regarding this event or playing competition in the Macedon Ranges

Ph: 0402 318 040

MT MACEDON GOLF CLUB RESULTS

Mt Macedon Golf Club gratefully acknowledges the generous sponsorship of these recent events and congratulates the winners



New Gisborne Dental House April Monthly Medal: Tony Littman

Matt Willis Electrical

May Mug o' the Month: Gary Liddy



CROSSWORD

Words starting with the letter 'G'

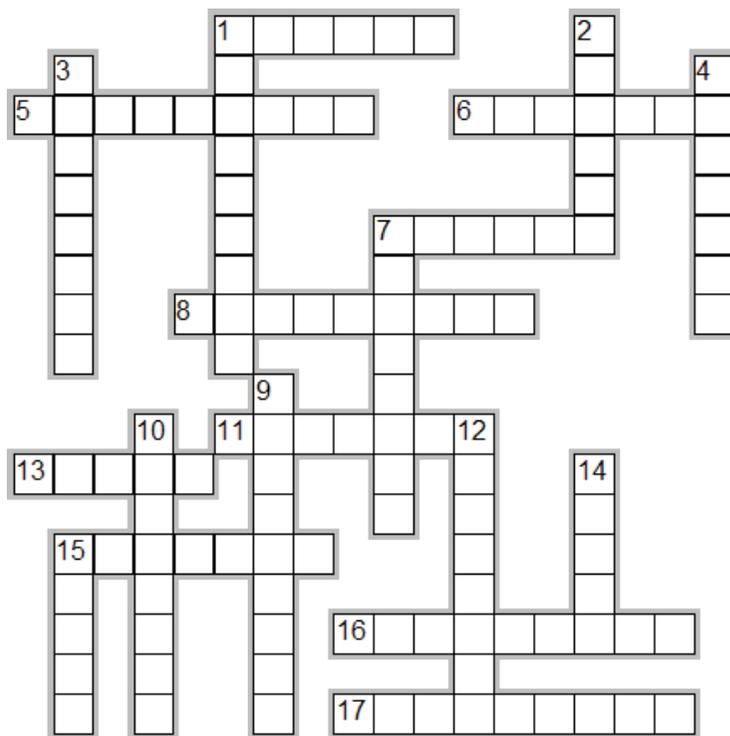
Questions compiled by Graeme Millar

ACROSS

1. Australia's 19th Prime Minister.
5. The largest island in the world.
6. A Hungarian stew seasoned with paprika.
7. Happy, Dopey, Sneezzy, Bashful, Doc and Sleepy. Who's missing?
8. One who fought in Roman arenas.
11. The home of the AFL Cats.
13. Near the NSW border, this Victorian town has the same name as a city in Italy.
15. Australia's only female Prime Minister.
16. The only British possession on mainland Europe.
17. Where is Britain's Royal Observatory?

DOWN

1. ANZACS landed here on April 25, 1915.
2. A band of stars encircling the heavens.
3. A present or a gift of money for services rendered.
4. A small species of cucumber used for pickling.
7. A serious eye disease causing tension and hardening of the eyeball.



9. The study of the earth's physical divisions into mountains, seas etc.
10. Victoria's longest river.
12. A city on the east coast of New Zealand's North Island.
14. Actor born as Archibald Alec Leach. Better known as Cary
15. In golf, the area around the hole is called the

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BRAINBUSTER

1. Who wrote *To Kill a Mockingbird*?
2. What is the second-lightest element?
3. Which two of Henry VIII's wives were executed?
4. How many eyes does a bee have?
5. Who made the first telephone call to the moon?
6. What is the unit measurement of wind speed?
7. What is the capital of Romania?
8. Hydrophobia is a fear of what?
9. Where is the pituitary gland?
10. What is a male swan called?

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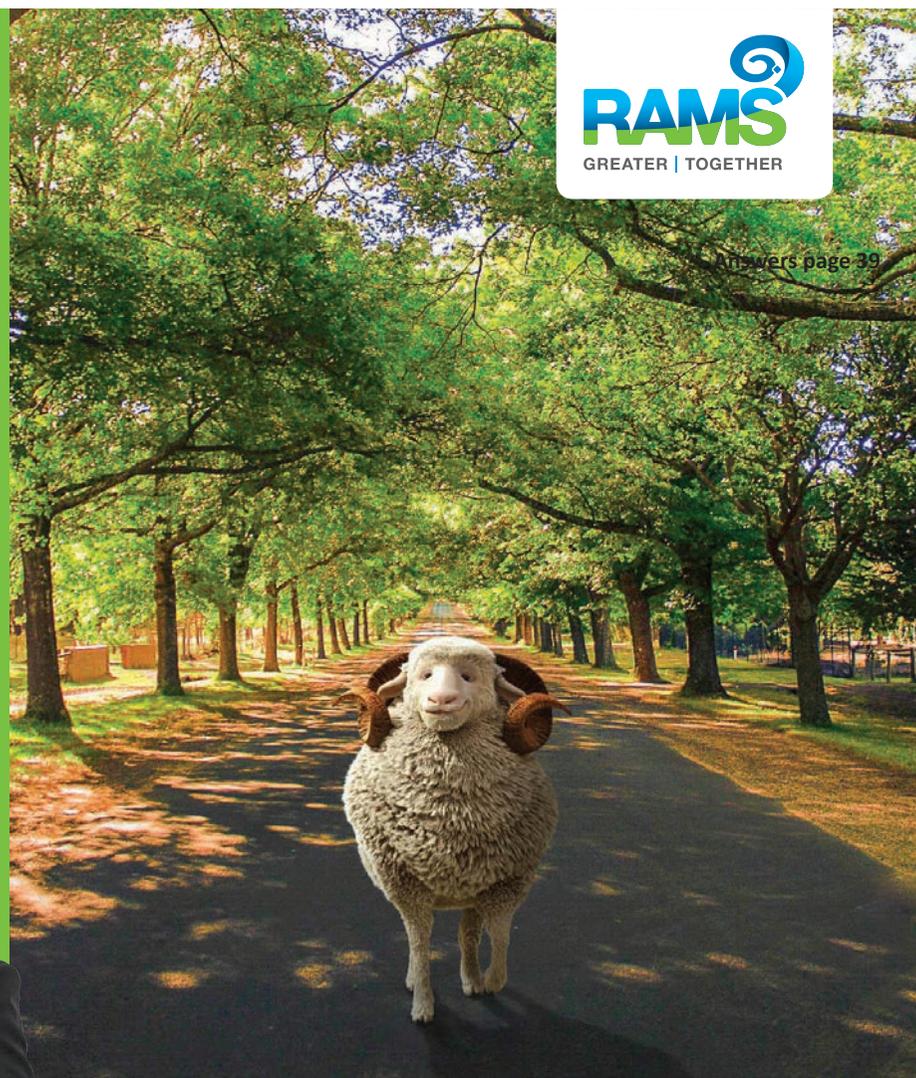
RAMS loves the Macedon Ranges.

Chris and the team at RAMS Gisborne have been supporting the home ownership dreams of Macedon Ranges locals for more than 20 years. Speak to the team to see how they could help you too, because home loans are what we do.



RAMS Home Loans
Shop 7, 50 Aitken Street, Gisborne

Chris Lee
5420 7951



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Anglican church farewell to a popular parish helper

Popular associate priest and psychologist Fr Jeff Berger has announced his retirement.

Together with his wife Karen, they will be leaving the shire soon.

Within the parish life, the running of a parish is enhanced by retired and senior priests lending a hand. Fr Jeff's assistance has been held in high regard within the parish.

The Bergers have been involved in the life of the shire as a priest, consultants and counsellors.

The Bergers are respected across the wider community.



Karen's cakes and a keen eye with the needle will be sorely missed.

Fr Jeff is a fine preacher and often a sympathetic ear for many.

Both Karen and Jeff have journeyed with people during the highs and lows of life.

Jeff and Karen's ministry will be celebrated amongst us on the Feast of Pentecost, June 5, at St John's, Riddells Creek (beginning at 10am).

Pentecost is the fulfilment of the Passion of Jesus.

The promised one, the Holy Spirit, is sent, and the Gospel of Jesus begins its long journey from Jerusalem to all points of the world.

The Church traditionally makes Pentecost a day of joy.

The parish joins many in the shire to thank Jeff and Karen for all they have contributed.

All are welcome to be with us at St John's.



Congregation and community members gather to hear the latest advice on protection from infections from a team of experts.

The spine of communities: volunteers

GISBORNE UNITING CHURCH

At the time of writing, it's National Volunteer Week and a national election. By the time you read this the latter will have been decided and the volunteers who make our community work are continuing to do what they do best — volunteering.

A challenge to any Gisborne is to count the number of organisations in our area reliant on volunteers which feature in the *Gazette*. I ran out of fingers by page 5 in its last edition.

Volunteers have been part of Christian communities from the very beginning. St Paul categorised these when he wrote of the particular gifts of particular individuals. No one can do everything but everything you do can be valuable.

And so, some members of our congregation contribute funds to support people far and near. Some are skilled in cooking delicious meals for those who can not do that for themselves. Some are always available to listen to the distressed.

Our church facilities also house voluntary groups who make a continuing contribution to support others. There's the Foodbank, whose inspiration is international and whose work is local.

Another is Days for Girls, an inspired work to help girls and young women manage their health and hy-



giene and so reduce the terrible toll of days lost from schooling.

Scripture often talks of widows and orphans — that is, of those who have lost means of support. The early church spoke of 'a new ethnos' where one's obligation was not just to one's family or even to those of one's kind but to all and sundry. This meant compassion expressed in concrete ways.

In the second century CE there was a terrible plague across the Roman world. Possibly it was a virus not unlike our wretched COVID-19. It probably came from the interactions between the 'wild' and the urban world.

It came, devastated communities, and went. Records indicate that there were people who placed themselves at great risk by caring for those who were stricken.

Many volunteers still work on the front lines, a phrase drawn from war but applicable to those who have fronted — and confronted — the worst that a virus can do.

Many volunteers now work on other 'front lines': to save this beautiful area of the world and its insect life, its fauna, its bush. The health of our community depends on them all.

Janet Wood

Mount Uniting Church welcomes Samoan youth



The Samoan Youth Group from St John's Essendon led the service at Mount Macedon Uniting Church again on May 15. It was wonderful to welcome such enthusiastic young people.

The mass singing of a Samoan hymn, with harmonies, was a highlight, as was the young people role-playing the gospel story. Afterwards, we enjoyed fellowship over a barbecue lunch. We plan to have more visits from these young people.

For Anzac remembrance, Ruary Bucknall presented to both the Thistle Club and Men's Group on the first bombing of Darwin in 1942, marking the 80th anniversary.

Often claimed to have been covered up, the bombing was reported but overshadowed by other events such as the fall of Singapore. Ruary reminded us that Darwin was bombed several times, as was much of the northern coastline from Broome to Townsville, and even Sydney Harbour was attacked.

The autumn leaves are nearly gone but our church is still a popular backdrop for photographs. Now the camellia hedge is starting to bloom beautifully.

Our Sunday service is at 10.30am weekly, Men's Group meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 10am and Thistle Club the last Wednesday at 2pm. We welcome new members and visitors.

Neil Tweddle, 5426 2045



The Samoan youth group lead the service on May 15.



100 YEARS AGO

From the pages of the old *Gisborne Gazette*

(NB Copies of the old *Gisborne Gazette* from 1922 are not currently available to examine. Other newspapers are substituted.)

JUNE 1922

News in Brief

The Bullengarook Slate Co. is dismantling its machinery at Gisborne and transferring it to Glenmaggie, where it will operate on the slate deposits on Mr. D. Flynn's property.

From *The Argus* June 1, 1922

Trains Collide – Mishap at Macedon

There was an exciting scene at Macedon about half-past 9 o'clock last night, when the 6.50 passenger train from Bendigo collided with the rear of a goods train that was shunting near the station. A hospital train and a breakdown train were immediately manned at Spencer Street. When further news came to hand however it was learned that, though several passengers had been greatly shaken, nobody was severely injured and the hospital train was not needed. The stationmaster (Mr Thomas Gamble) seeing that a collision was imminent, had signalled to the driver of the goods train to get in motion. The driver promptly got the goods train under way, and it was moving when the collision occurred.

From *The Argus* June 2, 1922

Education Advertisement

Clyde Girls' Grammar School, Woodend Head Mistress: Miss Henderson

At Mount Macedon, 2400ft above sea-level, 172 acres, golf links, tennis courts, sports grounds, permanent water supply. The aim of the school is to supply a thorough education and to ensure that all the girls' occupations, both work and play, should tend to the building up of the character and formation of good habits.

From *The Australasian*, June 17, 1922

Local Building Projects

The Mount Macedon State School is to be enlarged at a cost of £765, and the work is to be done by H.S. Pretty and Co. [Horace Stanley Pretty] of Gisborne.

From *The Herald*, June 23, 1922

Hunting

The Oaklands Hounds will meet at Gisborne today, at 2 o'clock. A special train will leave Spencer Street at 11.35, Sunbury at 12.35 and Riddell at 1.20, returning from Riddell at 4.50.

From *The Argus* June 23, 1922

Mount Macedon Covered

On the coldest day of the year to date, recorded at 37 degrees, the heaviest fall of snow that has fallen for many years began at eleven o'clock. The hills in the neighborhood are covered and the whole of Mount Macedon is under snow.

From *The Herald* June 29, 1922



WHAT'S ON REGULAR MEETINGS

New members always welcome

*** NB: Check with organisations re COVID restrictions ***

ADULT RIDING CLUB (Gis)	2nd Saturday	I R Robertson Res
ADULT RIDING CLUB (Bullengarook)	2nd Saturday	Rec Reserve
ANGLING CLUB	2nd Wed 8pm	Railway Hotel Macedon
BOTANIC GARDENS working bee	every Thurs 9.30am-10.30am	
BRIDGE CLUB	Mon 12.30, Tues 7.15, Thurs 12.30	St Mary's Church Hall, Woodend 5420 7595
BUSHWALKING CLUB	Various locations	0438 260 792 or 0419 610 811
CANASTA CLUB	1.30pm every Mon except first Mon of month	Parish centre (behind St Pauls Church, Gisborne)
CANCER SUPPORT GROUP	last Wed of month	MRH
CAR CLUB	1st Wednesday 8pm	Steam Park, New Gisb
CARERS GROUP (Mac Ranges)	2nd & 4th Thurs, 1pm	Woodend RSL 5420 7132 (Note: 4th Thurs carers only)
COMMUNITY GARDEN	Wed 9am	Church of Christ
CROQUET CLUB	Wed & Sat 10am	Dixon Field
CWA GISBORNE	2nd Monday 10am	Gis Secondary College
CWA MACEDON	3rd Tues 1pm & 7pm	662 Mt Macedon Rd
DALY RESERVE WORKING BEE	2nd Tues 9.30am	Scout Hall, Daly Res
FILM SOCIETY	2nd Wed Woodend Neigh'hood House	5427 2323
FLY FISHING CLUB	4th Wed 7.30pm	MRFEC Gisborne
FOCUS CLUB	2nd Fri 12 noon	Gisborne Golf Club
FRIENDS of JACKSONS CREEK working bees	3rd Sun 10-noon	David Tunbridge 0415 534 477
GARDEN CLUB	2nd Wed various venues	0424 038 474
GENEALOGY GROUP	4th Thurs 7.30	Family Hist Rm, Library
GIRL GUIDES	Thursdays 5pm	Gis Scout Hall
GISBORNE SINGERS	Wed 7.30pm	Gisborne Uniting Church
HISTORICAL SOCIETY	open Wed 10am-4pm	Court House
LIBRARY: TODDLERS' STORY TIME	Mon 10.30am, Wed 10.30am	
LIONS CLUB (Gisborne)	First Thurs of month, 7.30pm	247 Station Rd
MARTIAL ARTS	Thurs from 6pm	St Brigid's Hall; gisborne@juseikan.com.au
MASONIC LODGE	2nd Thurs 7pm	Masonic Hall Aitken St
MASTERS AFL	Wed 6.30pm	Sankey Reserve
MT MAC & DIST HORT SOC	1st Tues 8pm	Horticultural Hall
MUFFINS 'N' MORE	2nd Tues 10am-noon	Uniting Church
MUMS' GROUP	2nd Mon 9.30-11.30am	49 Fisher St
OBDIANCE DOG CLUB	Sun 9am	Riddells Rec Res
PETANQUE	2nd & 4th Sat 10am	behind Caltex service station, Station Rd, Gisborne 0439 887 178
PHOENIX ART & CRAFTS	Saturdays as required	0409 121 025
PHOTOGRAPHIC SOC	1st Tues & 2nd Mon 7pm	Dromkeen, Riddells Ck
PONY CLUB Bullengarook	1st Sunday	Rec Reserve
PONY CLUB Gisborne	1st Sunday	Robertson Reserve
PROBUS	1st Thurs 10am	Mechanics Inst.
QUILTERS (Gisb)	Wed 7pm	Room attached to Gisb Library
RAMBLERS	Fridays 9.15am	Tennis Club Dixon Field
ROTARY (Gisborne)	First & third Tues evening,	email gisbornerotary@gmail.com for confirmation of venue
ROTARY (Macedon Ranges)	1st & 3rd Monday	Baringo Food & Wine
RUNNING GROUP	Tues & Thurs 6pm, Sun 8am	Gis Aquatic Centre
RSL	1st Mon 2pm	Gis Golf Club 5428 2233
SENIOR CITS (Macedon)	Tues 11am	Tony Clarke Res
SPINNERS & FIBRE GROUP	Wed 12 noon	Rec Reserve Bullengarook
SUPPORT AFTER SUICIDE	2nd Monday each month, even if public holiday, 7 to 8.30pm	Newham Mechanics Inst. (1292 Rochford Rd) E: peersupport@mrspeg.com.au
TABLE TENNIS	Wed 7.30pm	Tony Clarke Res, Macedon
THUNDER SWIMMING CLUB	2nd Sat 5pm	Gisborne Aquatic Centre
TOY LIBRARY	Every Sat 10-11am; first & third Wed, 8.45-9.30am, second & fourth Fri 9-10am	71 Robertson St
ULYSSES GROUP	3rd Tues 6pm	Sunbury FC
VINTAGE MACHINERY	Working bees 1st Sun of month, 8.30am at Steam Park; meetings last Friday of month, 7pm at Steam Park	
WRITERS GROUP	Last Sat of month 2-5pm	Woodend N'hood House
WRITERS (Scribes & Scribblers)	2nd Tues 10am-12	Riddell N'hood House
YOUNG VOICES	Thursdays 4.15-5.45pm	Norma Richardson Hall, Buckland St, Woodend, 5426 4801 or sddgome@patash.com.au

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Baringo Film Club

Baringo Film Club showings

3pm Wednesday | 3pm and 6pm Saturday

Dates	Film
JUNE	
1 to 4	<i>The Man in a Hat</i> (Comedy)
8 to 11	<i>Delicious</i> (Historical/Comedy)
15 to 18	<i>The Girl on the Train</i> (Drama/Thriller)
22 to 25	<i>Sometimes Always Never</i> (Bill Nighy) (Comedy/Drama)
29 to July 2	<i>Boy Erased</i> (Drama/Teen)

For membership details see www.baringofilmclub.com

CROSSWORD ANSWERS

ACROSS			
1. Gorton	13. Genoa	3. Gratuity	
5. Greenland	15. Gillard	4. Gherkin	
6. Goulash	16. Gibraltar	7. Glaucoma	
7. Grumpy	17. Greenwich	9. Geography	
8. Gladiator	DOWN	10. Goulburn	
11. Geelong	1. Gallipoli	12. Gisborne	
	2. Galaxy	14. Grant	
		15. Green	

BRAINBUSTERS ANSWERS

1. Harper Lee	Nixon
2. Helium	6. Knot
3. Anne Boleyn and Catherine Howard	7. Bucharest
4. 5	8. Water
5. US President Richard	9. In the brain
	10. Cob

CUT THE SILENCE

IT'S TIME TO GET MEN TALKING



Look for this window sticker



CUT THE SILENCE is a new local campaign to get men talking.

Scan the QR code to see actor Shane Jacobson chatting to some high profile Macedon Ranges men about looking after themselves or a mate who is struggling.

Five of our local barbers have participated in Conversations for Life training and have information to guide customers to help if they want it.



Scan this code to see the videos.

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Danny's Barber Shop
5C Hamilton St, Gisborne
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Nor' West Barber Shop
30 Hamilton St, Gisborne
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COMMUNITY LAUNCH EVENT

Live music, food provided
Monday June 13 (Queen's Birthday)
1pm to 5pm at Macedon Railway Hotel

Tickets: <https://cut-the-silence.eventbrite.com.au>

Initiative supported by Macedon Ranges Suicide Prevention Action Group (MRSPAG), Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health and funded by North Western Melbourne Primary Health Network.

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