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**PREMIERS – Gisborne Rookies U11A team celebrate their win.**



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## Scoring goals

The Gisborne Rookies Junior Football Netball Club and Gisborne Football Netball Club have proved to be powerhouses this season.

The Rookies collected six football premierships in August across two leagues (the

RDFNL and the EDFL) and one netball premiership in the RDFNL. Every Senior team – three football and five netball – has made at least the semifinals in the Bendigo Football Netball League starting on September 3.

Both local clubs have a large community of dedicated coaches, volunteers, parents and fans.

Special feature, pages 6-9.

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## From the Editor's desk

Spring is arriving and it feels so good!

With the 2022 junior football and netball season completed and the senior season finishing soon, in this edition we recognise the success of Gisborne's football and netball clubs, a large and important part of our community. The gleeful photo of the Gisborne Rookies' U11A team as Premiers on this month's cover projects just some of the energy winter sports bring to town.

A special football and netball feature on pages 6-9 celebrates the Gisborne Rookies' amazing six more premierships this year plus the dedicated coaches and captains of the Gisborne Seniors who have helped get every Gisborne Football Netball Club team into the semi-finals of the Bendigo Football Netball League this year. I thank Bryan Power, Chris Fleming and Darren Mitchell for their contributions to the feature.

Every month, many submissions highlight community groups' plans and desires to grow and engage more residents. This month's prime example is that the historical society is now on Facebook, which made me smile. (See page 21)

I have received an alarming number of scam texts and emails lately and it seems I am not alone. The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission's *Little black book of scams* provides helpful tips on how you can protect yourself from scams and may be a good resource for readers (story page 10).

Finally, the small committee that organises the Gisborne Carols by Candlelight is already busy working on the happy December community event and is seeking nominations for this year's local hero award. I'm sure the team would appreciate if many readers put a name forward (story page 4).

Happy reading,

Corinne Shaddock



## Block surprise

Gazette distribution manager Maxine Barker got very excited and jumped up to get this photograph when a 1960 *Gisborne Gazette* was shown in the first episode of *The Block* television series featuring Gisborne in August. The old newspaper had been found in the homestead.

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## A MINUTE WITH MAXINE

Nick Haslinghouse and I met for a coffee and he mentioned that he was going to Townsville to visit his sister. I told him that we had lived in Townsville for nine years because my husband Peter was the general manager at the Mercure Inn before we moved to Victoria and we had lived in the manager's residence at the property.

In the early part of 1996, in memory of my nan, I planted a jacaranda in the front garden. Then, in 1998, I became an Australian citizen and was given a callistemon (bottlebrush) by the Mayor of Townsville, so that was planted in the same area as the jacaranda.

Nick said he would take a *Gazette* with him and at right is the photo with him in front of the house with the jacaranda and bottlebrush.

I would like to welcome John Docherty, Deborrah Jepsen, Jeevannie Mirando, Bruna Niblett, Aslee Hayes, Christine Nowak and Louise Weller to the distribution family and to welcome back Barbara Vasilevski.

As Gisborne is growing, I am looking for more 'walkers' to deliver the *Gazette* to letterboxes. For more information, please contact me on the details listed above.



Nick Haslinghouse in Townsville

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St Brigid's students hand over their big donation to volunteers Rob and Cheryl on 19 August.

## Generosity and empathy know no bounds

St Brigid's Primary School students made an extraordinarily generous donation of goods to Gisborne Foodbank in August.

Foodbank volunteers Cheryl and Rob said the Foodbank was extremely grateful for the donation of about 250kg of non-perishables the school had collected class by class.

They were also moved by the way the students spoke about why they had collected the food. "They really understood about people less fortunate than themselves," Rob said. "We were very impressed with the way the kids spoke."

"The people who need help from Foodbank will be very grateful too."

## Climate action consult comes to the Mount

Over the coming months, Macedon Ranges Shire Council's Cool Changes program will be working with the Macedon/Mount Macedon community to develop a Community Climate Action Plan.

The program brings people together to collaboratively create a Climate Action Plan unique to their town. It is an opportunity to strengthen current projects and connections already forged over many years while creating a new, shared vision for climate action into the future.

The program has already been run in Gisborne, Riddells Creek, Woodend, Malmsbury, Lancefield and Romsey and has addressed key local issues such as community-owned renewable energy,



biodiversity protection and enhancement, sustainable and active transport, community education and waste reduction.

Council's Sustainability Officer, Justin Walsh, said the program was a great way to get the community talking about climate change. Previous participants had given it a great wrap, he said.

It kicks off with an online survey asking people to share their priorities for local climate action, which closes September 9. To complete it, go to [mrsc.vic.gov.au/Cool-Changes](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/Cool-Changes).

For further information or to register for subsequent workshops, contact Justin Walsh at [jwalsh@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:jwalsh@mrsc.vic.gov.au) or call 5422 0333.

## Author keeps track of Australian identity

Gisborne resident Keith Hallett has been absorbed by trains since childhood, when he responded to the magic of steam engines echoing through the hills in the Dandenongs, where he grew up. Over time, he became fascinated by the idea of how rail was intrinsically linked to the Australian identity.

Pandemic lockdowns gave him plenty of time to read and research, and the result is an engrossing book which was launched to a full house at the Gisborne Library in August: *Railways and Australian Identity*.

The book is described as "an exploration of the influence of rail on the Australian soul and the contribution rail has made to our national character". Just think about the question of why almost every state uses a different rail gauge and there you have one of many starting points for discussion.



Keith Hallett at the launch of his book on August 16.

Keith is a historian and retired teacher and volunteers with the Victorian Goldfields Railway. He has written a highly readable book that is a valuable social history as well as a gift for rail enthusiasts.

Published by Brolga Publishing and distributed by Simon & Schuster, the book is available through book retailers online at \$24.99.



Keith Hallett signs a copy of the book for Ken Reiter.

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## Council grants awarded

Twenty-one community groups have received Community Funding Scheme grants for 2022-23. Projects in the South Ward receiving funding are: \$12,000 to South Gisborne Tennis Club for accessible picnic setting and area; \$12,000 to Bullengarook Pony Club for arena upgrade; \$12,000 to Macedon and Mount Macedon Community House for landscape design; \$10,000 to Macedon Ranges Literary Association for 'Remembering Ash Wednesday' script development; \$5400 to IR Robertson Reserve for pavilion enhancement; \$3400 to Macedon-Woodend Scout Group for tents, camp cookers and barbecues.

## Bank grants and scholarships open

Community Bank Gisborne and District has three new funding opportunities for the local community.

The branch's spring grant round is open now until September 30. Application forms for grants and sponsorship for a community group or project can be downloaded from the branch website (search 'Gisborne Bendigo Bank').

The 2023 Loddon Murray Community Leadership Program is also open now and the branch will again offer a scholarship to a local adult accepted into the program. The part-time, intensive program is run by LEAD Loddon Murray. To be considered for a branch scholarship, applicants need to express interest in scholarships in the program application form at [www.leadlm.org.au](http://www.leadlm.org.au).

Finally, the branch's tertiary scholarships will open soon. Local students planning to start university or another tertiary course in 2023 are encouraged to apply.

For more information on any of these programs, email [mrcepublicrelations@gmail.com](mailto:mrcepublicrelations@gmail.com) or visit the branch at 11 Nexus Way, Gisborne.

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## Local Hero Award nominations open

The Bendigo Bank Local Hero Award is back and will be awarded at the Gisborne Carols by Candlelight on Sunday December 4. Nominations are being sought, so if you know of someone who has dedicated much to the Gisborne community and deserves recognition, please nominate them and let the Carols committee know about their community contributions.

The recipient of the 2019 Local Hero Award (the last time the award was able to be presented at Carols by Candlelight) was Lorna Howard, much-loved leader of St Paul's Playgroup for many years.

The award recognises those who have strengthened the community through their enduring contributions to community life.

Please send nominations via email to [mrcepublicrelations@gmail.com](mailto:mrcepublicrelations@gmail.com), or call Bronwyn Tacey of the Gisborne Community Carols Committee for further information on 0417 028 605.

Selection of the Local Hero is made by the Gisborne Community Carols Committee.



Tom Kenneally from HALT speaks.

# R U OK?

## Start a conversation this R U OK? Day

With R U OK? Day taking place on Thursday September 8, local people are being encouraged to start a conversation that could change someone's life.

Human connection is a powerful protective factor in preventing suicide and poor mental health and starting a conversation can potentially make a significant difference to someone who is not coping so well with life.

Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health, in partnership with Macedon Ranges Shire Council, invites the community to get involved. Sign up for a stencil kit which includes information and handouts on how individuals, businesses or community groups can share the R U OK? message. To register for a stencil pack, go to [www.surveymonkey.com/r/RUOKstencil](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RUOKstencil).

For queries, contact Matt Gleeson on 9744 4455 or at [healthpromotionsunbury@scchc.org.au](mailto:healthpromotionsunbury@scchc.org.au).

## Breakfast in support of tradies' mental health

PS My Family Matters and HALT (Hope Assistance Local Tradies) hosted a free breakfast in the Gisborne Business Park on August 19, to raise awareness of anxiety, depression and well-being in the trade community.

Tom Kenneally from HALT spoke openly and honestly about his personal struggles and highlighted that it is okay to start conversations about mental health for ourselves or a mate. Sixty-five people attended.

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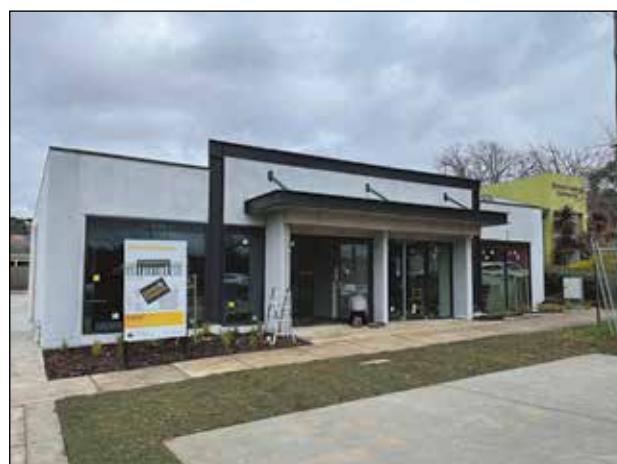
The new roundabout at Melbourne and Kilmore Roads in Gisborne opened on August 19, to the relief of many (especially nearby residents and those living on streets to which local traffic had been diverted since March 7).

The State Government is said to have invested \$12.5 million in the works. The project sadly included demolition of the historic bluestone bridge at the site which a number of local residents, the historical society and the council opposed.



Mary-Anne Thomas MP opens the roundabout with the project foreman on August 19.

The Gisborne service stations have been rebranded, with Caltex on Station Road becoming Ampol and Puma on Brantome Street (pictured) becoming Caltex.



Two new shops are coming soon on Hamilton Street, between Ann Maurie Salon and Simon Leong Optometrist. One will be a picture framer and photo lab, and the other an organic whole foods health shop.



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Rock Car Show and were "Highly Commended for High Quality Output — All Kinds" in the 'small sign business' category in recognition of the many different services it offers.

A spate of burglaries hit Bullengarook in August, some taking place while residents were at home.

The three largest oaks at the end of Goode Street were chopped down on August 11 to the dismay of some nearby residents.

Renovation of the Vic Tavern is due to be completed in November. The venue is remaining open during the works, with limited capacity.



Twelve new light poles were installed at Gisborne Tennis Club in August and should be operational soon. The new lights replace those removed in November 2020 after one light pole fell over (fortunately harming no one) and the others were checked and deemed not to be safe. The replacements were funded by the council.



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# JUNIOR PREMIERSHIPS

## Rookies on fire

The Gisborne Rookies scooped the pool this year, claiming one netball and six football premierships.



PREMIERS – Gisborne Rookies U13A



PREMIERS – Gisborne Rookies U15A



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## Gisborne girls create history

We are so very proud of the Gisborne Rookies Junior Football Netball Club Under 14 Girls and Under 16 Girls – both teams created history on August 14 by winning their respective grand finals in their first season in the Essendon District Football League (EDFL).

While the decision to move the female teams into the EDFL for season 2022 was a difficult one, every player has embraced the challenge, they have continued to develop their game and have built a close team bond.

Watching the girls play in the biggest game of the season was a privilege, and while both matches were highly competitive, the Gisborne girls maintained their composure, showed poise and took full advantage of their opportunities.

PREMIERS  
– Gisborne  
Rookies U14  
Girls  
EDFL 2022



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Playing in a new competition has not been easy, and the girls have continued to play fairly, with grace and persistence, and fully deserve this achievement.

Congratulations to Lily Skehan for being named best on ground in the Under 14 grand final, and to Alannah David for being named best on ground in the Under 16 grand final.

A big thank you to the coaching staff and all the volunteers for creating a highly engaged environment which has enabled the girls to play the game they love, and to the wider community for their continued support throughout the season.

The future of female football in Gisborne is bright indeed.

Darren Mitchell

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# SCORING GOALS



# SENIORS: FINALS BOUND

Every Gisborne Football Netball Club team – three football and five netball – has made the finals.

By Bryan Power

The Gisborne Football Netball Club has enjoyed an outstanding season with their three football teams and five netball teams all reaching the finals that will be played in Bendigo starting on Saturday August 27.

No team finished below third, so, win or lose on August 27, all teams will progress to the semi-finals on September 3.

The finals are played on a final-five format with top teams having a bye in the first week while second plays third in a qualifying final and fourth plays fifth in an elimination final.

The club also congratulates their two women's football teams that competed in the Essendon and District League this year. The Seniors, coached by Jason Peak, reached the elimination final in Division One but were knocked out by the Doutta Stars. In their first year in the competition the Under 18½ girls narrowly missed out on reaching the final four. Coach Rob Bretherton says there is an abundance of talent in this group of girls.

John Wood, who has been President throughout the past six years, is proud of the club's success, which he puts down to a number of factors: an outstanding group of generous volunteers, excellent coaches, very good role models, a strong committee, supportive sponsors and good connections with the junior divisions.

John says it is very rewarding to hear from so many parents how grateful they are that the club provides their sons and daughters with such great direction and supportive role models as they mature to become not only good sportspeople but also fine young members of the community.

The teams would love to have lots of people from Gisborne and the surrounding community barracking for them at the Queen Elizabeth Oval in Bendigo in their finals.



**Seniors:** Jack Reaper (Vice-captain), Rob Waters (Coach), Pat McKenna (Captain)



**Reserves:** Jacob Murphy (Captain), Mark Lamplugh (Coach), Matt McDonald (VCapt)



**U18s:** Luke Phelan (Co-VCapt), Darcy Lockens (Co-Captain), Rob Kerr (Coach), Cameron Freake (Co-VCapt)

## Football

**Seniors:** Rob Waters has led the coaching panel since 2020 having played for Gisborne for four years in the 1990s. He is pleased that 42 players have been given the opportunity to experience senior games this year. The focus on playing local youngsters has seen the average age of the team hover between 20 and 21, a remarkable figure

given the high level of football skills needed to be successful in a competition like the Bendigo League. The team, having finished on top of the ladder with 16 wins, had a bye on August 27.

**Reserves:** Coach Mark Lamplugh had a long and distinguished career with Lancefield FC and is a Life Member of that club. Since moving to Gisborne he has coached juniors and has now taken the reserves through to second place on the ladder with only one loss for the season. The Reserves played Strathfieldsaye in the qualifying final.

**Under 18s:** Coach Rob Kerr says the Under 18s are playing strong football and will go into the first week of the finals with a full list of players available. Having finished in third place, they played Golden Square in the qualifying final.

## Netball

With the exception of the Under 17s whose top place earned them a bye, the other teams are all played in qualifying finals.



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**A Grade:** Tarryn Rymer, a mother of two and a keen netballer, has had to contend with a ruptured Achilles tendon. She is in her first year of coaching the A Grade full-time. Tarryn is confident the team will do well and sees Kangaroo Flat and Sandhurst as their most dangerous rivals. The team finished third.

**A Reserve:** Coach Bronwyn Slater has been a teacher at Macedon Primary for 10 years. The youngest of her three children, Lulu, is playing with the Under 17s. The Reserves finished third and Bronwyn believes they are peaking at the right time.



**A Grade:** Tarryn Rymer (Coach), Madeleine Stewart (Captain), Polly Salter (Vcapt)

**B Grade:** Polly Salter coaches B grade and plays A grade. After six years in Brisbane working as a flight attendant with Qantas, Polly is happy to be back home in Macedon and working as a Pilates instructor in Gisborne. The team finished third and played Kangaroo Flat in the qualifying final.

**B Reserve:** Coach Shelley Farrugia lives at Riddells Creek with husband Darren (who is a former Gisborne footballer) and their three young children. The team finished second on the ladder.



**A Reserve:** Emily Zammit (Captain), Bronwyn Slater (Coach), Eloise Rodda (VCapt).

**Under 17s:** Coach Rylee Connell proudly reports that the team has had a great season, going through undefeated with 18 wins and will have a bye in the first week of the finals.

Saturdays are long days for Rylee who follows up her coaching by playing as a goal shooter with the A Grade team later in the day.

Rylee, who is a first-year teacher at St Anne's in Sunbury, finds her teaching skills benefit her coaching.



**B Grade:** Polly Salter (Coach) Taylah Ranieri (Captain)



**B Reserve:** Alicia Ward (Captain), Shelley Farrugia (Coach), Hannah Weier (VCapt)



**Under 17s:** Emily McDonald (Captain), Rylee Connell (Coach), Torie Skrijel (VCapt)

## Junior Clubs

**Rookies Football Netball Club:** President Jodie Bannon is delighted to say that (as celebrated on pages 6 and 7) once again the Rookies have had a great year, with football premierships won by the Under 11A, U13A, U15A and U17A boys. The Under 13Bs were runners-up. In netball the Under 13As were premiers and Under 11B and U17A were runners-up. In the girls' football the Under 14s and Under 16s were premiers.

**Giants Football Netball Club:** President Marcus Aquilina reports that of their 14 teams, the Under 13 Giants Orange footballers reached the grand final, as did the Under 13 Giants Silver netballers. The club continues to grow and for the first time fielded an Under 19½ football team this year.



The team lost the U13 netball grand final to the Gisborne Rookies, but Gisborne Giants player Jessica Kucic was voted Best on Court on the day.

## MATCH RESULTS – August 27

**Football:** Gisborne Bulldogs' Reserves 7-10-52 def Strathfieldsaye 7-7-49; U18 Gisborne 8-16-64 def Golden Square 9-6-60.

**Netball:** Gisborne A grade def by Sandhurst 48-33; Gisborne A Reserve def by Sandhurst 41-33; B grade went down by one goal to Kangaroo Flat 46-45; B reserve def Kangaroo Flat 49-44.



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## MEMBER'S MESSAGE

With Mary-Anne Thomas

It's so good to see works underway on the Macedon Ranges Regional Sports Precinct. With our community advocating for this project for so long, seeing shovels in the ground makes all the hard work of local clubs and volunteers worth it.

With more indoor courts, a new oval, car parking spaces and a new sports pavilion, this project will mean our clubs can train and play in their own back yard. I can't wait to join locals in touring the new facilities when complete.

It was also fantastic to join members of the Mt Macedon Fire Brigade to announce that works are getting underway on their new station at the Victorian Emergency Management Institute. The station will house three motor-room bays, a multi-purpose room with a kitchen, separate turn-out facilities for men and women, accessible amenities, a brigade office, a workshop and a communications room.

Importantly, the new station will also provide more room for the brigade's appliances to move around, helping it to respond to call-outs more quickly. I'm so thrilled Mt Macedon CFA's hard-working volunteers will soon have access to these brand-new facilities to help them continue serving our community.

Finally, I want to remind locals again that the Victorian Government is offering a '\$250 Power Saving Bonus' to every household that uses the Victorian Energy Compare website at compare.energy.vic.gov.au.

This website is the only free and independent online energy price comparison service available to Victorians. On average, people who switch deals save \$330 in their first year. Combined with the one-off 'Power Saving Bonus' payment, that means Victorian households could save up to \$580 a year. If you need a hand submitting your bonus application, please call my office on 5428 2138.

## Gisborne Olde Time Market

### Stallholder Profile



Sophie De Castro's donuts are gluten-free and vegan.

**OMG Decadent Donuts**

This month we are showcasing the beautiful donuts that are produced at the market by Sophie De Castro and her partner out of their very colourful and eye-catching marquee.

Sophie has been attending the Gisborne Olde Time Market for about 3½ years.

All the donuts are produced in the marquee on the day of the market and are gluten free and vegan. The sugars that coat the donuts are made from natural fruits, vegetables and spices.

The donuts come in 12 flavours with something to suit everybody's taste buds.

Sophie and her partner are both local to Gisborne and have two children who attend Gisborne Primary School.

OMG Decadent Donuts also attend the Woodend, Kyneton and Riddells Creek farmers' markets and

other locally run events where possible.

Decadent Donuts can be contacted on mobile 0409 719 215 if you would like to enquire about having them at your local event.

Karan Grieve, Market Committee

## Tips to avoid scams

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission has published a booklet to help people protect themselves from scams. Titled *The little black book of scams*, the free booklet outlines many popular scams that target consumers and small businesses in Australia.



Topics include the most common scams to watch out for, the different ways scammers can contact you, the tools scammers use to trick you, the warning signs, ways to protect yourself, and where you can find help.

Some of the golden rules are to always be alert that scams exist (especially when dealing with uninvited contacts from people or businesses over the phone, email or on a social networking site) and to delete and not open suspicious texts, pop-up windows or emails. If unsure, verify the contact independently and, importantly, don't use the contact details provided in the message sent to you.

To read or download a copy of the booklet, or hear it read aloud, visit [www.accc.gov.au/publications/the-little-black-book-of-scams](http://www.accc.gov.au/publications/the-little-black-book-of-scams) or call 1300 302 502.

Community Bank Gisborne & District also has some copies available.

## POLICE BEAT

with Acting Snr Sgt Jan Stroek, Gisborne



A/Snr Sgt Stroek

Macedon Ranges Police would like to thank all the residents who contributed to our recent community sentiment survey. You provided us with one of the largest community responses across Victoria and I can assure you that your concerns are heard.

You told us that your main concerns are speeding motorists, hoon drivers, thefts, burglaries and stolen vehicles.

These concerns don't come as a surprise to us and, with many of our members living locally, we share your sentiment with respect to these issues.

With support from specialist units such as the Macedon Ranges Highway Patrol and the Macedon Ranges CIU, we will continue to address your concerns and hold offenders to account.

Even though the survey is finished, we are always here to listen to community concerns and look forward to speaking to residents in person, either at the police station, during our patrols or at our monthly 'Coffee with a Cop'.



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# Macedon Seniors get new leader

Macedon Seniors Club held their AGM on August 9. After eight wonderful years, our former president, Robin Bishop, handed over the reins to Wayne Lawrence.

Wayne looks forward to his new role at the club and he welcomes any new members.

If you would like to join our club, please contact us on 0431 055 975. We meet every Tuesday at 11.30am at Tony Clarke Reserve, Macedon.

Jane Davies

*Robin Bishop shakes hands with new Macedon Seniors Club president Wayne Lawrence.*



## Australian-first literary festival heading to Macedon

The inaugural Mountain Writers Festival will take place in Macedon from November 4 to 6.

With the theme 'Nature. Place. Story', the Mountain Writers Festival will be the first Australian literary festival to focus solely on environmental and ecological writing, and the impact literature has on issues such as habitat, water, species and climate change.



Tim Flannery



Peter Garrett



Evelyn Araluen

The festival welcomes to the Macedon Ranges an amazing line-up of local and interstate writers, thinkers and performers including Australian music icon Peter Garrett, 'Barefoot Investor' Scott Pape, Stella Prize-winning poet Evelyn Araluen, internationally acclaimed climate scientist Tim Flannery, landscape architect Costa Georgiadis, climate campaigner and bestselling author Sarah Wilson, and Torres Strait Islander actor, director and writer Aaron Fa'aoso.

Led by award-winning local author Sonia Orchard, and supported by a dedicated collective of volunteers from across the Macedon Ranges, the festival team have designed an immersive program that includes author talks, panel discussions, and a local bush walk. The fes-



tival will also feature the first readings of a play in development to commemorate the night of Ash Wednesday, nearly 40 years ago, when 300 residents and their animals took shelter in the Macedon Railway Hotel as the bushfires raged outside.

Early bird tickets are on sale from September 5, register at [www.mountainwritersfestival.com.au](http://www.mountainwritersfestival.com.au) for early access. Tickets are limited so don't miss out.



Scott Pape



Costa Georgiadis

## Spring firewood season opens

Firewood can be collected in designated areas in state forests from 1 September to 30 November for the spring season.

Firewood cannot be collected outside these dates. This is to minimise risks to people, the environment and infrastructure during periods of highest fire hazard in summer.

If there is a high fire danger risk, the collection season may be shortened. Do not enter the forest on days of Code Red Fire Danger rating.

In addition, some firewood collection areas may close at short notice due to a planned burn.

There are restrictions on how much firewood can be taken. Check on [ffm.vic.gov.au](http://ffm.vic.gov.au)



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Are you or someone you know experiencing issues related to alcohol or drug use? Free help is on hand locally with Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health's experienced counsellors. People can either refer themselves or go through their GP.

There is currently no waiting list and the program can help individuals, couples or families impacted by someone's alcohol or drug use. There is also a specialist youth counsellor who works with young people aged 12 and over.

"The support we provide is based on each person's needs and goals," says Adam Stefano, Manager Community Mental Health. "Our clinicians can help people reduce or stop their use of alcohol and drugs and we can refer people to other services such as withdrawal units, housing support, financial counselling, or emergency financial relief."

Both individual and group counselling are available, and services can be accessed Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm. To find out more, call 5421 1666 or email [admin@scchc.org.au](mailto:admin@scchc.org.au).

## Device allows carers to see the world as someone with dementia does



Woodend Lifestyle Carers Group is joining forces with Dementia Australia and Village Connect-Macedon Ranges Shire Council to bring a greater understanding and empathy regarding the impact of living with dementia.

An event is scheduled for Thursday, September 22, as part of Dementia Action Week. On the day, technology will be available which was developed in Victoria by Dementia Australia, in conjunction with Deakin University, with the aim of helping the carers of people living with dementia to experience the world through their loved ones' eyes. It is known as EDIE (Educational Dementia Immersive Experience).

The Woodend RSL has kindly agreed to open its doors from 10am to 12.30pm and visitors will be able to talk to representatives from each of the participating organisations.

Morning tea will be available and the event is free to anyone who has a family member or friend living with dementia, who wishes to gain a greater understanding of what their loved one is experiencing.

Bookings are advisable, so if you are interested



A carer in action with the EDIE technology.

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## Village Connect events in September



Village Connect is a new service for older people provided by Macedon Ranges Shire Council. This month's activities include:

### Coffee and a chat, Gisborne

11am to 12 noon at 3 Little Pigs cafe, Gisborne, Tuesday September 13.

A free 'coffee cup' event for older residents, their families and carers. Come along to hear about how Village Connect can help you stay socially connected. Enjoy a chat with others in the local community and enjoy a free cuppa and cake.

### Pathways for Carers

Friday September 2, regular monthly stroll for carers in Kyneton Botanic Gardens (meet at the Barry Doyle Rotunda in the gardens, 9.45am). The group enjoys morning tea together afterwards. Free event.

Digital education sessions for over 55s Wednesday September 28 at Woodend Neighbourhood House.

- Scam Awareness – 10am to 11.30am. Common types of scams, how to detect scams, what to do if you have been scammed, and tips to stay safe.

- Digital Preparation – 1pm to 2.30pm. Preparation for a power outage or emergency: using 'Wi-Fi calling' and mobile hotspots, equipment that may be affected by power cuts, preparing your devices for an emergency, and creating an emergency communications kit.

Registration is essential for all events. Contact Abbey on 5422 0262 or email [villageconnect@mrc.vic.gov.au](mailto:villageconnect@mrc.vic.gov.au)

For more information about the program including sessions in other towns, visit [mrc.vic.gov.au/village-connect](http://mrc.vic.gov.au/village-connect).

## Wooling fundraiser helps get palliative care bed

A 'cuddle bed' for end-of-life patients and their loved ones was delivered to Kyneton Hospital recently, largely as a result of a fundraising run held at Wooling Hill, New Gisborne, late last year. Pictured are (from left) Susan Jennings from Central Highlands Rural Health; Sue Whitfield, Kyneton Health; Maree Cuddihy, CHRH; Troy Upfield, the owner of Wooling Hill Memorial Estate; and Lisa Fowler, sponsor, from Mount Macedon Realty.



# Mother Goose pre-school storytelling comes to Gisborne

The parent-child Mother Goose program for pre-school children started in Gisborne on August 22. Using stories, songs and rhymes, Mother Goose encourages the development of speech and literacy in infants and toddlers and helps with their socialisation, as well as enriching the bond between parents and their children.

The group is also a great way for parents to



connect with other families in the community and share ideas on parenting.

Within the rhymes, stories and songs, emphasis is placed on the interaction between the parent and child without the distractions of recorded music,

musical instruments or props, so that the skills learnt can be applied in any situation.

The program is on Monday mornings at the Manna Gum Family and Children's Centre, Robertson Street, Gisborne (enter via Neal Street).

If you are interested in coming along with your child, please contact Tracey Thiele on 5421 1666 or via [tracey.thiele@scchc.org.au](mailto:tracey.thiele@scchc.org.au).

## Chance to check out fly fishing at expo



The Calder Fly Fishing Association will be holding a 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Open Day at Buffalo Sports Stadium, in Woodend, from 10am to 4pm on Sunday October 2.

We are holding the open day to further promote the sport of fly fishing. We have attracted a great deal of interest and already secured the appearance of many well-known fly-fishing people. Among them, men and women world champions, specialist equipment suppliers, the Victorian Fisheries Authority, Wilderness Fly Fishing, and a not-for-profit group, Mending Casts, who promote fly fishing as a well-being therapy for people recovering from cancer.

Are you intrigued by the technique of fishing with a near-weightless fly using only the weight of the casting line and the flex of a matching fly rod? Interested in the knowledge required to 'match the hatch' or maybe you're a practising fly fisher who



Ben and Chris with Mangrove Jacks

would like to learn some more from the experts?

This will be your chance to watch up close and try casting and fly tying, peruse or buy latest equipment, attend expert presentations, and maybe buy a lucky raffle ticket for a fly rod, fly tying vise or other prize.

In August, our President, Ben Le Vagueresse, and Secretary, Chris Schrueder, were lucky enough to spend three days fishing in Cape York, taking advantage of a first prize won by Chris in the *FlyLife Magazine* Top Shot photo competition for 2022.

Further information on the club and updates on our events is available on [www.calderflyfishing.com.au](http://www.calderflyfishing.com.au)

Louis Bokor

## Open Day at Men's Shed

Every organisation of note has an annual celebratory day or week and, this year, Men's Shed Week is September 4-10.

This is the time you will most likely see a story on the television news about blokes in sheds fixing bikes or making toys. But Men's Sheds are about more than that and our Shed certainly offers much more, as our regular readers already know. Working on tools is just one option.

We'll be having an Open Day on Thursday September 8 from 10am until midday. Come along and find out what gets us out of bed in the mornings. Please bring a mask as that is one of our COVID-



safe measures and you can learn about the others while you are there.

By knowing more about our variety of activities, you will be better placed to help any man in your life if you think they could benefit from a bit more connection to their community.

If you are part of a local not-for-profit group, you could also chat with us about how we may be able to help you as part of our aim to be of service to our community. See you on September 8.



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## New tanker for Bullengarook CFA



Bullengarook CFA's long-awaited Tanker 2 went online in August.

We applied for a new community-owned tanker as part of CFA's 2019-20 Volunteer Emergency Services Equipment Program. After several

COVID-related delays in the production, fit out and commissioning of our new truck, it was delivered for crew familiarisation and testing purposes in early June. After intensive weeks of testing with our key brigade members, the truck was taken back to CFA HQ in Bendigo for final inspection and preparation.

It was returned to Bullengarook in late July and all operational members were put through training in its use. On August 11, the truck was officially put online and made operational.

The new tanker improves the brigade's capability to respond to local fires and incidents. It is equipped with the latest technology and equipment (including breathing apparatus) and state of the art safety features. It allows the brigade to provide the highest level of service to the community.

Tanker 2 is our primary appliance for car accidents, rescue, structure fires, non-structure fires and alarms. It forms a critical part of our capability and, best of all, it is community owned—so it will stay in the local area and not be sent away for campaign fires. If you see it out on a Sunday morning at the station, please feel free to stop by and check it out yourselves like the kids in the photo did!

*Simon Hayward*



A happy snap of the new tanker with firefighter Terry Marshall and Madeline and Anderson Hayward at left.



2nd Lieutenant Andrew Haywood, 3rd Lieutenant Phil Challis, Apparatus officer Steven Culos and Firefighter Terry Marshall assist with changing over from the old to the new truck.

## FRIENDS OF VISION AUSTRALIA AFTERNOON TEA

The Gisborne Friends of Vision Australia will celebrate its 90<sup>th</sup> birthday at an afternoon tea which will also be the final gathering of the Gisborne group which originally was the RVIB (Royal Victorian Institute for the Blind) Gisborne Auxiliary. It was formed at a meeting at the Mechanics Hall, Gisborne, in March 1932. Memorabilia will be displayed and there will be an attractive raffle.



Blindness. Low Vision. Opportunity.

A warm welcome is extended to present and past members and supporters to attend this significant event on Tuesday

September 27 at 2pm at the Gisborne Masonic Hall.

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Riddells Creek Nursery visit to Gisborne CFA.

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## ROTARY ROUNDUP

The Rotary Club of Gisborne proudly welcomed four new members at the meeting on August 2.

These wonderful people have joined a global organisation of over 1.2 million Rotarians in 36,800 clubs around the world with the mission of 'Service Above Self'.

Rotary's commitment to this mission is channelled through five avenues of service which form the foundation of club activity. These are Community Service, Youth Service, International Service, Club Service and Vocational Service. The Rotary Foundation's aim is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill and peace through the improvement of health, support of education and the alleviation of poverty.

Rotary is made up of men and women across all vocations and cultures. It is a non-political, non-religious global organisation focused on improving



Pam Brown, Sue Wild, Lyn Robinson, George Szatkowski, Chris Wild.

the wellbeing of local and international communities. Simply by turning conversations into actions members meet to get together and help others in the wider community.

If you would like to find out more of what the Rotary Club of Gisborne is achieving, please give me a call and I can answer any questions. We are a highly motivated group making change and welcome new members. We meet on the first and third Tuesday of the month at the Telegraph Hotel.

Lyn Robinson, President, 0407 777 344

## Antique fair to raise funds for East Timor



The Kyneton Antique Fair on September 3 and 4 is the major fundraising event of the year for Macedon Ranges Friends of East Timor.

All funds raised will support projects to improve the lives of our friends in Turiscai in the remote mountains of East Timor.

There will be more than 20 dealers attending the fair. Indulge yourself in antiques for every taste: fine china, jewellery, linen, glassware, silverware, militaria, furniture and much more.

There is lots of parking adjacent to the venue, so it won't be far to carry all those amazing purchases. Experience some tasty refreshments and Timorese coffee which will be available on site.

**Where:** Quambi Stadium, Sacred Heart College (enter via Begg Street).

**When:** Saturday September 3, 10am to 5pm and Sunday September 4, 10am to 4pm.



Back in the early '90s, mad cow (Creutzfeldt-Jakob) disease tore through Britain. Anyone living there at that time has been unable to donate blood in Australia.

But all that has now changed. In July, the Red Cross announced the change. So, in the spirit of giving, I rolled up my sleeve and made an appointment. This was my experience...

First, I was welcomed by a lovely lady at reception. She took my details and I completed a questionnaire; usual questions such as medical history, drug use, sexual history, recent travel, etc.

Next, with a friendly triage nurse, in a private cubicle, we discussed the process and my answers. I was nervous about him pricking my finger for the iron level test, but it didn't hurt at all (I may have mentioned I'm terrified of needles).

The clinic was decorated with Union Jack bunting, a celebration/welcome to us 'mad cows'. They also had scones with jam and cream on offer (another nod to the British inclusion).

But to the main event: the kindest nurse ever took such care. She said she wanted my first experience with them to be a good one, as that way I would come back.

She was so careful: an anaesthetic wipe later and I didn't even feel the jab. The actual donation took about 15 minutes, pain-free.

The best bit: afterwards, I was told I "had to" eat chocolate and chips (it helps replace salt and sugar in your system) — best day ever!

I was shown to a buffet of chips, chocolate, biscuits and scones and told to seat and eat — fantastic! I will definitely return.

'Mad cows' no more... Rest assured, this is an easy and rewarding experience. A big thank you to the staff at the Sunbury Pop-up Donor Centre.

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## WHAT'S ON AT GISBORNE LIBRARY?

The library has a jam-packed spring program with many events and activities happening.

**Crochet and Conversation** will be held on the first Monday of every month from 2 to 3pm. Are you new to crochet or would you like to learn? Are you working on a project and feel like company? Then come along to this friendly group to share your love of all things crochet. BYO supplies or your current project. Spring sessions are on September 5, October 3 and November 7.

You may also be interested in **Tea and Tech**, where you can get together with others over a cuppa, bring along your phone, laptop or tablet and let us help you solve your tech problems. Get help and try some fun and useful skills in a relaxed session on Tuesday September 13 from 11.30am to 12.30pm.

Over the years, the travels and studies of **author Kirsty Manning** have taken her through much of the world. Her interesting life is apparent in the richness of her historical novels. Kirsty's new book *The Paris Mystery*, set in 1938 Paris, is filled with glamour and mystery and will delight new fans and old. Kristy will be at Gisborne Library on Friday September 16 from 11am to 12pm.

September sees the Victorian Youth Fest, a month-long celebration highlighting the contributions and achievements of young Victorians. Gisborne Library staff know that young people love cake, so to say thank you to the young people in our community, we are offering a **Take and Make Cake in a Mug** activity. Come and collect a donated mug and mug cake-mix kit. Ages 15 to 25 only and limited kits. Take a photo enjoying your cake for our 'socials.'

**The Movie Club** film *The Drover's Wife* will be shown on Wednesday September 14 from 1pm.

Author Troy M Williams will be **In Conversation** chatting about the *Realms of Shadowblood* trilogy on Saturday October 1, 11am to 12pm. The *Shadowblood* trilogy is a breathtaking fantasy in an astounding constructed world. If you love sci-fantasy, book into this special session.

Coming up later in spring: the Tiny Art Show, Teddy Bears Sleepover and Peter FitzSimons.



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## CWA success in Tallangatta

Thank you to Helen Ryvitch for representing Gisborne branch as Chairperson of the state creative arts committee and running a successful event in Tallangatta recently. We came third in the branch aggregate for a branch of 17-30 members and all of our ladies who had entries in the crafts, being Judy, Val, Kerri D, Helen H, Helen R and Allison, came away with certificates.

Our country of study for the year is Malaysia and at our meeting Osija gave a talk on the capital, Kuala Lumpur, its modern side with the Petronas Towers and the more traditional side of the markets and botanical gardens. Kerri D and I had a few photos of trips long past into the Malaysian countryside that we were able to display.



We are having an op shop tour on Wednesday, September 7 and getting ready for the Daffodil Festival in Kyneton on September 10 and 11. There are five branches involved in the festival at the Masonic Hall in Yaldwin Street, with craft, cakes, plants and more for sale. Morning and afternoon teas and lunches will be available on both days and are always very popular.

Coffee, Craft and Chat was abuzz with chatter and distribution of donated fabric and wool to make items for Melbourne showbags and entries for next year's Creative Arts.

Next meeting is September 12, 10am at Gisborne Secondary College Stadium with Coffee, Craft and Chat the following week.

Christine Edwards



Above: Vietnam Veterans' golf day at Gisborne Golf Club on August 18. From left: John Beaty, Wal Cusworth, John Wood, Michael DeLargy, Rob Funston, Daniel Hall, Pierre Durand, Jan Field and Douglas Goodson.

Left: Vietnam Veterans Day ceremony on Mt Macedon.

## A special day for Vietnam veterans

Macedon Ranges RSL clubs marked Vietnam Veterans Day (Thursday August 18) with two occasions in August.

An early morning ceremony by the Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia was held near the Memorial Cross on Mt Macedon on Wednesday

August 17 and a golf day was held at Gisborne Golf Club on August 18.

Pierre Durand hosted an exhibition of 'Vietnam-era' artifacts for the Gisborne RSL at the Gisborne Golf Club on the golf day, which attracted much interest from viewers.



# Probus enjoys Christmas in July



Gisborne Probus Club celebrated Christmas in July at a luncheon at the historic Sherwood Receptions in Greenvale on August 21. It is a beautiful building and the main reception hall is built in the Tudor style.

We started with drinks and canapes which was lovely as it gave us a chance to socialise before sitting down to enjoy our delicious lunch.

Diane Barbie, our trip organiser, gave a talk on the history of Sherwood Hunt Club in Greenvale. The property hosted the cross-country equestrian event at the Melbourne Olympics in 1956, plus many other horse-related events and activities. Unfortunately, due to the busy road and other reasons, the property is being sold and the site will become an industrial estate.

On August 7 some Probus Club members had their first chance to attend a performance at the Kyneton Town Hall in a long time. The show was *The Carpenters Songbook* and those who attended very much enjoyed the music and the memories it evoked.

Probus meets on the first Thursday of the month in the Senior Citizens Room at the Gisborne Community Centre Hall at 10am.

For further information you can contact our President, George Peart, on 0419 610 811.

Dianne Egan



Probus Club of Gisborne members enjoy Christmas in July.

## Rooms for hire with all technology needs

Macedon Ranges Further Education Centre is happy to offer the community some new options when running meetings and workshops in Gisborne. When rooms are not in use by the centre, they are available for hire at reasonable prices, including some that have an option of hiring large-screen TVs. MRFEC is pleased to share these resources and, as a not-for-profit, the revenue helps support the centre in offering a large range of "Learn Local" classes for our community. Three rooms are available with a capacity of up to 16 seated at tables or up to 28 in auditorium layout. The computer



Jacqui Marshall teaches bookkeeping on a smart TV at MRFEC.



lab has up to 10 seated places with individual PCs running on Microsoft 365. Optional Extras package includes a 55-inch or 75-inch smart TV, a video conferencing camera system with high-definition and a speakerphone to run video conferences, virtual classes or presentations.

Complimentary wi-fi and tea and coffee are included with room hires.

We have very competitive rates and offer discounts to community groups and not-for-profits. Contact MRFEC on 5428 3799 or email [enquiries@mrfec.net.au](mailto:enquiries@mrfec.net.au) for more details.

Monica Smyrek, Manager



Gisborne Genealogical Group ran a very successful Celtic Day Seminar on August 27. Attendees included (from left) Tricia McLay, Joy Roy, Susie Zada, Lyn Hall and Fran Thiele.

## Workshop and bus trip in line for Genies



The Gisborne Genealogical Group has a number of activities coming up, the first being a workshop on Saturday September 3 in the 'family history room', adjoining the Gisborne Library. The topic is "Improving your computer skills" and it will be run by Julie Dworak.

The cost is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members.

The workshops are held on the first Saturday of the month from 10am to 12 noon. Please book with Lorna by phone on 0402 091 034.

On Saturday September 10, we are having our last outing for the year, travelling to Bendigo to use local resources and visit areas of interest, including the Chinese Museum. For more information, and to book, please contact Mary by phone on 5428 3887.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday September 22 at 7.30pm in the Uniting Church, Brantome Street, Gisborne. Julie Dworak will be speaking about calendars — Roman calendars, Julian calendar, Gregorian calendars, how calendars have changed over time, and how this affects dates in our family history. It should be an interesting topic. Visitors are always welcome at our meetings.

For more information, check out our website [www.ggg.org.au](http://www.ggg.org.au). Lyn Hall



## KAT'S KORNER

with Kat Buttigieg

### For the love of words

The Macedon Ranges is home to many authors, poets and songwriters. If you have a love of words, you are not alone, and there is an assortment of ways to support your passion here.

**Mountain Writers Festival:** Coming up from November 4 to 6 is a festival in Macedon based on the theme, 'Place, Story, Nature.' The event will feature over 20 speakers, including poets, writers, singers, television presenters and more. Visit [mountainwritersfestival.com.au](http://mountainwritersfestival.com.au) for more information.

**Chamber Poets:** Chamber Poets takes place on the second Saturday of each month from 1pm to 4pm at the Woodend RSL. A featured poet or two share(s) some of their work, there is an 'Open Section,' where anyone can get up and read their poetry, and resident band Black Forest Smoke always plays a few tunes as well. The cost is a \$5 or \$10 donation at the discretion of the attendee.

**Join a book club:** Whether you join a book club or create your own, this is a great way to ensure you are reading regularly and meeting up with like-minded people. The local libraries can point you in the direction of an existing book club and lend your club special book club sets of books. For more information, please visit [www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au/bookclubs](http://ncgrl.vic.gov.au/bookclubs).

**Join a writing group:** If creative writing is your thing, consider joining or creating a writing group. Reach out via local Facebook groups to see whether there is one in your area that you can attend.

**Volunteer at the Gazette:** If writing or editing is your thing, the *Gazette* would love it if you could spare some time to assist in producing our community newspaper. Alternatively, if you or your child are part of a local club or organisation, you could volunteer to write regular articles for the *Gazette* to update the community on what is happening with it.

**Wordle:** Lastly, you can do this anywhere in the world, but I can recommend doing the daily Wordle problem via *The New York Times* online to get your word-nerd fix!

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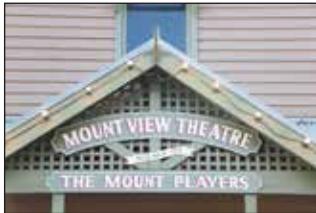
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## Players to issue 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary book

This year The Mount Players proudly celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and, after a couple of years of hard work by a dedicated group, will launch their own book in October.



Pre-orders are open for book on 'the first 50 years'.

The book follows the group from humble beginnings as a travelling music hall to having their own home in the old Presbyterian Church in Macedon, which was sadly lost in the Ash Wednesday fires in 1983, to where they are now, the gorgeous Mountview Theatre.

The Players have entertained for 50 years without a break (even after losing their original theatre) bringing an incredibly high standard of theatre to their stage. From intense dramas to hilarious farces, black comedies and memorable musicals, the group has gone from strength to strength.



*Reservoir Dogs*, with an all-female cast, is running at the Mountview Theatre until Sunday September 4. True to the movie but with flipped genders, the show features live music and plenty of action. 15+ due to stylised violence, swearing, explicit references.

The book will consist of 250 pages filled with photos, stories, shows and, of course, the history of how the theatre has become an iconic place that so many locals adore. And a space that plays a huge role within the local community and beyond. This publication will ensure its history, characters, stories and shows are never forgotten.

If you would like to find out more about this beautiful book or indeed pre-order a copy, we invite you to contact Karlana at [karlanasanta@me.com](mailto:karlanasanta@me.com)

See you at the theatre!

Karen Hunt

## KYNETON TOWN HALL SHOWS ~ SEPTEMBER

**Fred Smith and the Urban Sea Shanties Community Choir.**

**Saturday September 10, 7.30pm**

This performance is a culmination of months of choir rehearsals under the guidance of choral leaders Andrew Price and Seija Knight, producing a witty and moving live performance with singer-songwriter Fred Smith and his four-piece band.

For tickets call 1300 888 802 or visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/shanties](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/shanties)



Fred Smith Band

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## Dive into spring at the Gallery

During September at The Gallery Mt Macedon we celebrate the coming of Spring. We have titled it *Spring Fling*. As an art collective of 25 members, we enjoy coming together to welcome in spring, days of warmth as buds burst into life after a long cold winter.

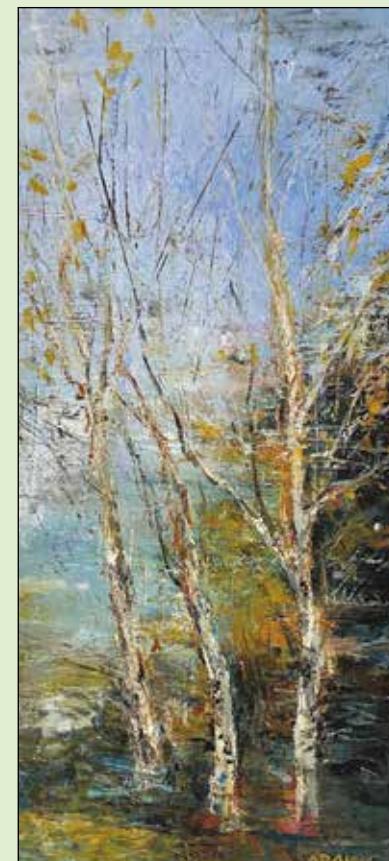
Come into the gallery to share our creativity, to see how we use colours, textures, forms in all mediums, inspired by nature and our beautiful local gardens as they emerge with new growth.

Gallery hours are Friday to Tuesday, 10am to 4pm. Website [www.thegallerymtmacedon](http://www.thegallerymtmacedon).

Colleen Weste



Daffodil by Diane Dawe



Birch Trees painting by Marian Alexopoulos



# Chamber Poets invite musicians

Lovers of spoken word will gather again on September 10 for a spoken and musical Chamber Poets event and to see featured performer Lauren Lee Williams, who is a noted poet and acclaimed singer.

The last event featured Amanda Anastasi, whose work centred on climate change, and Tru Dowling, whose verse novel was set in Castlemaine. Dowling said of the event, "What a warm, open room of word-lovers, talented poets, musicians and performers... I'll be back!"

Lauren Lee Williams of Maldon will preview songs from her forthcoming album, *She Blew Into Town*. Williams is a Tamworth Country Music Festival prize-winning songwriter whose music is influenced by bluegrass, country and Cajun. She was a major



Lauren Lee Williams

figure in the Melbourne poetry scene from the early '80s to mid-2000s before she picked up a guitar and moved to Central Victoria.

Resident Chamber Poets band Black Forest Smoke will support Williams with a handful of their quirky compositions. Local singer-songwriters are encouraged to come along and perform an original song in the open section and in this way the afternoon will be vibrant with both original poetry and original songs.

Chamber Poets will be held on Saturday September 10, from 1pm to 4pm, at the Woodend RSL, 32 Anslow Street. The cost is \$5 or \$10 donation at attendee's discretion.

Queries to Myron Lysenko at myronpoet@hotmail.com

## Master-ful illustration of sport as art



Members of the Macedon Ranges Photographic Society enjoy meeting with other community groups in our local area.

Recently, the Gisborne Masters Football Club invited our club to take photos of on-ball activity when the Bulldogs took on the Sunbury Kangaroos at Gardiner Reserve.

A fast shutter speed was required to capture the action. There were multiple moving elements to consider: the players, the ball and even the splash of muddy puddles.

There is a level of difficulty involved to reduce blur and freeze the scene. Club members were able to practise their skills to achieve the perfect shot.

Does getting out and about, taking photos with like-minded people interest you? Perhaps you would like to come along to an organised walkabout.

For more information about MRPS, please visit [www.macedon-ranges-photography.org.au](http://www.macedon-ranges-photography.org.au). New members are very welcome.

The Macedon Ranges Photographic Society 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.

Sue Steward



Image by Nicky Donald



Image by Cherry Cole



## Excitement grows for performance of Beethoven's Ninth

The Gisborne Singers' annual donor drive, held through the Australian Cultural Fund, ended on June 30, with a fundraising total of \$12,100. The Gisborne Singers thank all donors for this wonderful contribution toward our opera *Dido and Aeneas* in May and our inaugural *Symphonia Choralis* festival to be held on December 10-11 at the Ulumbarra Theatre, Bendigo.

The festival will showcase the Bendigo Symphony Orchestra and massed choir conducted by Luke Severn, in a performance of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony (*Ode to Joy*) featuring world-class soloists Merlyn Quaife AM, Kristen Leich, Michael Petruccelli and Teddy Tahu Rhodes.

This seminal piece of music was Beethoven's last symphony, and the first to incorporate choral music, considered radical at the time.

Being completely deaf when it was premiered, Beethoven was unaware of the thunderous applause the music received until a soloist turned him to face the enraptured audience.

The intake of choirs and individual singers has begun but it is not too late to join.

The participant fee, which includes all workshops and concerts, is: concession/ student \$150, full \$170.

Book now at [www.trybooking.com/CAGDQ](http://www.trybooking.com/CAGDQ).

For more details, please email [events@gisbornesingers.org.au](mailto:events@gisbornesingers.org.au) or see Facebook: [@gisbornesingerssymphoniachoralis](https://www.facebook.com/gisbornesingerssymphoniachoralis).

Concert tickets are available through Bendigo Venues and Events online; \$45 concession/student, \$55 full.

Choir practice night is Wednesday from 7:30pm to 10pm at the Gisborne Uniting Church, Brantome Street, Gisborne.

Enquiries: via [www.gisbornesingers.org.au](http://www.gisbornesingers.org.au) or phone 0408 156 263.

Alison Kinghorn



Beethoven could not hear the audience applaud at the premiere of the Ninth.

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# Gisborne Old Boys' and Girls' Association

## PART TWO

By Phyllis Boyd OAM

Following the first meeting of the Gisborne Old Boys' and Girls' Association, it was suggested that the co-operation of the Progress Association of Gisborne be requested. On 8 August 1914, a request was received to change the annual meeting date [from 21 April] to 26 January, and that the building of a cairn on which to place a tablet be approved. [The tablet would mark the settlement of Henry Howey.]

On 29 October, the secretary was asked to seek permission from the Gisborne Shire to build a cairn opposite the Commercial Bank. Gisborne Shire minutes for 4 December 1914 read: "From H M Hussey on behalf of the Old Boys' Association, applying to purchase 20 stones on the New Gisborne Road for a cairn to be erected opposite the Bank – Permission was given on the motion of Councillors Farrell and Bird."

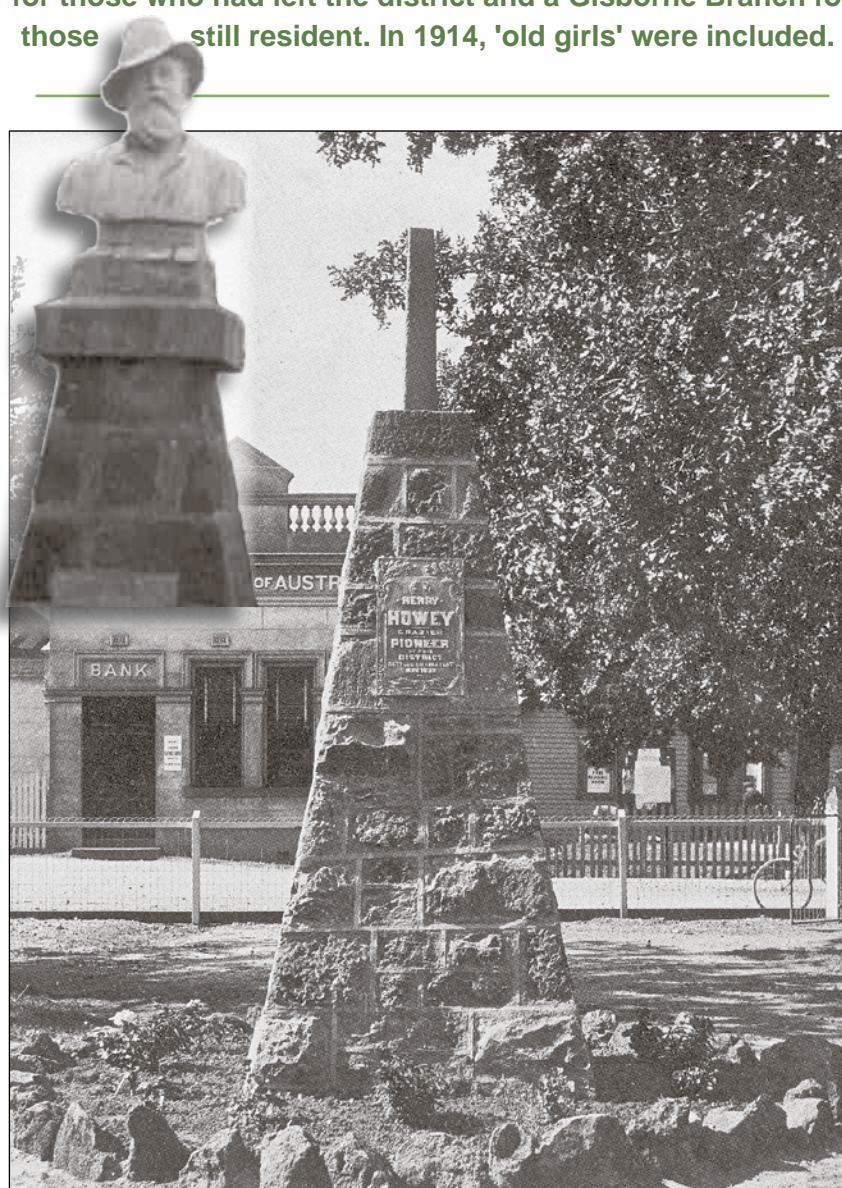
On 16 December 1914, the association agreed to change their reunion date to 26 January, and arrangements were made for activities for the school children of the district on that day.

A payment of six pounds was made to Peter Fitzpatrick for the creation of the cairn. The press from Gisborne, Woodend and Sunbury were invited to the unveiling of the cairn on 1 February 1915 at 3pm, as well as local representatives of parliament and Gisborne Shire Council.

At meetings of the Old Boys and Girls Association between 1921 and 1923, discussions took place regarding the purchase of a painting of the Old Bush Inn and eventually a payment of three pounds was approved. (This painting now hangs proudly in the Gisborne Court House).

From 1922, minutes of the association indicate that it was looking to fund the purchase of a bronze bust of Henry Howey to be placed on the top of the cairn. On 9 January 1926, a letter from a brass founder was received regarding the bust and the following month, a letter was received from the solicitor for the Howey estate, Raynes Dickson, advising that the bronze bust would not be ready before 1 March 1926.

In 1912, a group of former residents of Gisborne met in Melbourne to consider forming an 'old boys' organisation. The following year it came to fruition, with a Melbourne Branch for those who had left the district and a Gisborne Branch for those still resident. In 1914, 'old girls' were included.



The original stone cairn and (inset) the cairn topped with the bust of Henry Howey.

It was not until 17 January 1927 that plans were being made for a number of dignitaries to be present for the unveiling of the bust to be held on 31 January, this being the 15th anniversary of the annual visit to Gisborne by the Old Boys (and Girls).

### From *The Age* 31 January 1927

"GISBORNE Monday – the weather was ideal for today's Old Boys' celebrations. At 9.30am fully 30 laden motor cars assembled at the Gisborne Mechanics hall and drove to Watson's

Hill, three miles on the Melbourne side of the town, and awaited the Melbourne Branch of the Old Boys' Association, which arrived in eight motor cars. The whole then formed into procession and passed through the town from three different viewpoints.

Calling at the local cemetery, a minute's silence was observed by about 300 people in honour of the pioneers interred there. A return was made by way of the Gisborne Higher Elementary School, which was inspected.

"A combined meeting of the Gis-

borne and Melbourne Branches of the Association was held in the Mechanics Hall and was attended by about 50 members. At 1pm, a picnic luncheon was tendered to the visitors and their friends who numbered about 200. At 1.45pm, the children's sport commenced in the gardens reserve, at which about 300 children ... took part, the Old Boys providing money and medals for the winners of the various events.

"Later in the afternoon, about 500 people gathered at the Howey monument. Councillor [Frank] Oakley, President of the Gisborne Branch, was in the chair. The Shire President, Councillor Paul Brady, welcomed the visitors. Mr Raynes Dickson, Solicitor to the Howey family in England, presented the bust of Henry Howey to the Gisborne Branch of the Association and Mr James Hall, President of the Melbourne Branch ... returned thanks for it.

"Mr [William George] Gibson, Postmaster-General, himself an Old Boy, was asked to unveil it. Mr Gibson spoke at considerable length on the Howey family and the grand old pioneers and gave much credit to the members of the Association for their grit and patriotism. Messrs Angliss and Russell Clarke, MLC, also spoke of the generosity of the Howey family in giving such a magnificent bust of the pioneer to Gisborne.

"At 7pm the Mechanics Hall was crowded when prizes were given by Mr [Albert] Dixon, Secretary of the Melbourne Branch, to the duxes of seven district schools. Songs and recitations were interspersed with speeches of a patriotic and humorous nature, delivered by Mr J Hall, Mr F Oakley, Mr Pollard MLC and others."

In April 1944, the Gisborne Old Boys and Girls dissolved the association due to a lack of interest; assets or funds were disbursed at the discretion of the current members. Books and records were donated to the Gisborne Mechanics Institute Library, the framed portraits were given to families of the pioneers and the painting of the Old Bush Inn was left in the custody of Humphrey Campbell Dixon, whose descendants later donated it to the Gisborne & Mount Macedon Districts Historical Society.



## HISTORICAL HAPPENINGS

The Gisborne & Mount Macedon Districts Historical Society is now on Facebook.

We are building our Facebook offerings and are sure that they will provide an effective way to keep people more informed of the society's activities and what we offer. Search in Facebook for "Gisborne and Mt Macedon Districts Historical Society".

The stables situated behind the Gisborne Court



House are open from 10am and 2pm each day.

We have recently hosted evening visits from scouts from Woodend, Macedon and New Gisborne.

The society is seeking membership from local businesses and companies.

Those interested can gain further information by emailing the society at [history@gisbornemountmacedon.org.au](mailto:history@gisbornemountmacedon.org.au).

## REFLECTIONS

with Warwick McFadyen

As I was walking the streets of Gisborne, the thought entered my mind, ah the swings and roundabouts of life. What directions will they take you?

In Gisborne, there's plenty of them to give pause for thought.

Leave aside the swings for the moment, from a standing start of two major roundabouts not so long ago, the growth in the circular traffic lanes in town has grown in, I'm guessing, a direct ratio to the growth of the town and its surrounds.

For years I had a bet with myself as to where the first lights would go in. I thought it would be the four-way intersection of Brantome and Robertson streets. I lost to the pedestrian lights in Aitken Street and then the traffic lights on Station Road.

Still, it's only a matter of time for the former: if not the recipient of lights then surely another roundabout. And this is not an anti-roundabout rave. I'm all in favour of them. But it seems that when something is gained, sometimes something is lost. You can call it progress, I can call it sad. Which leads me to the latest installation at the corner of Melbourne and Kilmore roads. Months in the making, it opened mid-August. There was an official opening. It was a big roundabout in a little town, after all.

The traffic, no doubt, will flow more safely, and that's a good thing. But here's the bad thing: in the driving into the future, a part of the town's history was destroyed. It wasn't a grand mansion, it wasn't a site of cultural significance. It was just a bridge, a little bluestone bridge. It was built in 1874, replacing a previous, less sturdy structure in the same place. The bridge had its supporters. It was approved for a heritage overlay, but too late, too late, the heavy machinery put paid to that.

Earlier this year local member Mary-Anne Thomas told the ABC: "We know many locals are passionate about Gisborne's heritage, and that's why we're working with a stonemason to ensure every bluestone block removed is treated with care and respect and will be designated for re-use on the project."

So when we drive around the roundabout, marvelling at its infrastructure, we may see, at a glance, those bluestones, now nestled into its pavement and kerbside. Let's treat them with care and respect.

## Vale Caroline Mary Richardson

**20 May 1930 – 9 August 2022**

Mary was born in the village of Harefield, not far from London, to Thomas and Florence Tucker. She had an elder sister, Betty. Florence died in late 1931, and Thomas remarried and had a further three children, Janet, Margaret and Tom.

Mary was educated at Harefield School, then won a scholarship to Ealing Technical College in 1944. She studied shorthand, typing and bookkeeping, leaving in 1946 to begin work at Harefield Rubber Company, known as Bell Works. She married Peter Richardson in March 1951, and left work shortly before the birth of her first child, Linda, in 1958, and returned to work in March 1962, a year after the birth of her second child, Tony.

The family moved to Australia in 1963 for a two-year term with Peter working in the Sydney office of Martin Baker Aircraft Co, manufacturers of ejection seats for military aircraft. Peter and Mary bought a milk bar business, which Mary ran during the week with Peter helping out after hours and on the weekends.

Returning to England in 1965, but with a view to permanently emigrating to Australia, the family settled in Melbourne in 1971. Mary was employed as Registrar at Whitehorse Girls' Technical school from 1973, until its merger with Box Hill Technical School (now Box Hill Institute), where she was Business Manager.



Caroline Mary Richardson

Peter died suddenly in May 1983, while Mary was studying part-time for a Post Graduate Diploma in Educational Administration, which she received in October that year.

Mary 'retired' in 1988, and returned to England for an extended holiday but soon found work at various locations, finally being appointed domestic bursar at St Edmund's College, Cambridge. This role included responsibility for college finances at a time when the College was expanding, with new accommodation wings to house increasing numbers of students. She was also elected a Fellow of the College.

In 1997, Mary retired from full-time work, but maintained her connection with St Edmund's and the wider university community with some part-time work with the Cambridge Society. Her son, Tony, had a brief stint living and working in the UK, but after he returned to Australia in 2007, Mary decided to return also. She settled in Gisborne, where her son lived, and quickly became a part of the community. She was active in Probus and the Macedon and Riddells Creek Senior Citizens.

Mary passed away peacefully on August 9 at her home. She is survived by her daughter Linda, son Tony, granddaughter Sara, and great grandsons Xavier and Max.

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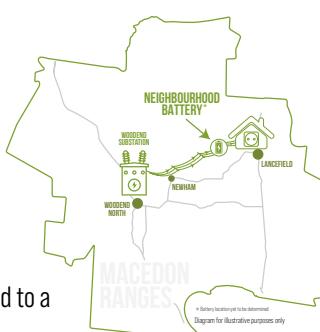
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## Celebrating seniors in the Macedon Ranges – nominations open

During the statewide Seniors Festival in October, Macedon Ranges Shire Council will present 'celebration boxes' to 25 older residents who have made significant contributions to the community.

The celebration boxes will contain a selection of edible goodies from local businesses and a special cookie.

This is an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of older residents. Those over 65 (or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged over 50) are eligible to be nominated.

If you know someone who has made a difference, make sure you nominate them.

Nominees will be considered on the basis of their contribution to the community, and how they demonstrate active ageing and promote a positive image of older people.

Nominations close on Sunday September 18. To submit a nomination, visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/seniors-festival](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/seniors-festival) or call 5422 0333.

## Get involved in Autumn Festival 2023

Last year's Autumn Festival was a success, drawing visitors to the Macedon Ranges to enjoy the farmers' markets, live music park pop-ups and street entertainment, open gardens, workshops, food trails and more. The festival offered the perfect opportunity for local businesses and the community to showcase all that is great about this area in autumn.

If you would like to get involved in next year's festival, make sure to subscribe to the Autumn Festival Management Newsletter for key event and food trail submission dates and sponsorship opportunities.

For information, visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/autumn-fest](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/autumn-fest).



*Mayor Jennifer Anderson and Melissa Baker, manager of Woodend Neighbourhood House, with a party kit.*

## Party kits available for hire

Gisborne, Woodend and Riddells Creek are participating in a trial to help prevent single-use party ware from ending up in landfill every year. Choose to refuse disposable party ware by hiring a reusable party kit for \$10 from the Macedon Ranges Further Education Centre in Gisborne or the Neighbourhood Houses in Woodend or Riddell.

Council is supporting these centres to be part of the Party Kit Hire program by sponsoring party kits. Each kit consists of mugs, plates, bowls, cutlery sets, placemats, a cake stand and more.

You can make bookings via [partykitnetwork.org/australia](http://partykitnetwork.org/australia) or directly through one of the three participating centres mentioned.

To find their opening hours, visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/Neighbourhood-Houses](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/Neighbourhood-Houses)

## Free workshops for small business

Council is offering two free in-person business workshops facilitated by Small Business Victoria in Gisborne during September and October.

### Micro Business Health Check, Wednesday September 14, 9.30-11.30am

This workshop will provide tools to help you understand how regular self-assessment of your micro business will set you up to identify key issues before they arise.

### Strengthening Business Practices, Wednesday October 5, 9.30am-12.30pm

This workshop aims to help small business owners looking for short-term, constructive advice to support business recovery as well as tools for longer-term future crisis planning. Workshops will be held at the Gisborne Council offices, Robertson Street. Bookings are essential. For information go to [mrsc.vic.gov.au/business-events](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/business-events) or call 5421 9654.

## Council selling compost

Council is offering delivery of Australian standard FOGO compost within the shire.

Delivery sizes and costs are:

Three cubic metres: \$146.30 GST included

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To book compost delivery, contact Customer Service on 5422 0333 or visit your nearest council offices.

## Check out Council kindergartens: tours available for 2023 enrolments

Would you like to take a look at the Council kindergartens before registering your child for kindergarten or before your child attends in 2023?

Our kindergartens are now offering tours where

educators will be available to answer your questions.

Tours are limited to six adults per tour so bookings are essential. You are welcome to bring your child/children with you on the tour.

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## Are your bins contaminated?

Council's Waste Compliance Officer is out and about on collection days checking bins for contamination and providing feedback to help residents sort waste correctly. The wrong things in the wrong bin can lead to entire truckloads being taken to landfill.

Some common mistakes are bagging recycling items together (many people gather their recyclables and glass items in plastic shopping bags then dispose of them, bags and all, in the bins. These bags are not recyclable); putting plastic packaging along with food in FOGO; disposing of nappies in the recycling; using non-compostable liners in FOGO, and putting ceramics in the glass-only bin.

To help you sort material into the correct bins you can:

- Pick up a free Bin Fridge Magnet from the Council offices in Robertson Street (open Monday to Friday 8.30am-5pm), from Macedon Ranges Further Education Centre in Hamilton Street (Monday to Thursday 9am-4pm), or Gisborne Library (Monday to Friday 9.30am-5.30am, Saturday 9.30am-12.30pm).
- Buy certified compostable liners from Council offices and transfer stations, available at cost price. Caddy liners – 7-litre \$4.90 per roll, 8-litre \$9.50, 240-litre FOGO bin liners (x1 roll of 12) \$11.15
- Download Council's Waste App or view the 'Waste A-Z of what goes where' at [mrsc.vic.gov.au/Waste-Index-A-Z](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/Waste-Index-A-Z)



*The wrong things in the wrong bin can lead to entire truckloads being contaminated and taken to landfill.*

## Grants may apply to '16 Days of Activism' projects

Council is supporting the Respect Victoria and Safe and Equal organisations to deliver this year's 16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence campaign starting on November 25. 16 Days of Activism is an international campaign, with this year's theme being "Call it Out Everywhere".

If your group has an idea related to the 16 Days campaign, please contact Council on 5422 0216 to dis-

cuss it because it may be eligible for a Small Project Grant. Council's Small Project Grants program is open throughout the year to support community-led projects and initiatives that benefit residents. Community groups may apply for grants of up to \$1500 once per year.

Applications related to 16 Days of Activism should be submitted before September 21.

For information visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/grants](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/grants)



## OUNCILLOR'S COLUMN

With Cr Dominic Bonanno

Hello all. Well, it sure has been a wet winter and I'm hoping by the time you're reading this we're all enjoying some sunshine.

Among many items discussed in our August scheduled Council meeting, I thought I'd highlight two items of interest:

1. Gisborne Futures Project – Council noted the Phase 3 Consultation Report and endorsed further actions to progress work to update the draft Gisborne Futures plans. We endorsed the proposed draft boundary for further investigation that will include areas 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 outlined in the Gisborne Futures Phase 3 Consultation Report as the maximum future development scenario, noting that these areas may be modified subject to further work on the plan with no further areas to be included.

If you wish to stay informed on the Gisborne Futures Project, you can register your details via the [mrsc.vic.gov.au](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au) website to receive quarterly project updates.

2. Community Satisfaction Survey Results – Disappointingly, the results showed a decline across most categories. The overall performance index for Council shifted four points negatively compared with last year. We understand there is room for improvement and, rest assured, councillors, the CEO and the executive team are focused on improving these results for 2023. Focal areas will include, but not be limited to, planning and building permits, sealed roads, and footpaths.

And finally, after much work, it's great to see the Melbourne-Kilmore Road roundabout open, providing a safer and better experience for drivers and pedestrians alike.

As always, if you wish to contact me, you can reach me on 0419 829 867 or [dbonanno@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:dbonanno@mrsc.vic.gov.au).

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# PETS

## Secondary College students give some pets a treat

Gisborne Secondary College's Year 12 VCAL students have been busy in their workshops building animal shelters as part of a study unit described as a self-directed complex occupational health and safety project.

Through this project, the students wanted to give back to their community, and Macedon

Ranges Health has happily accepted two pet shelters built for recipients of its Home and Community Care Program for Younger People.

This program supports people who need assistance with daily living due to impairment relating to mental or chronic



Bernice Mathers, MRH's coordinator of the Home and Community Care Program for Younger People, visits Gisborne Secondary College to accept the donation of a dog kennel and cat gym from Lily, Sean, Brock and Reuben.

illness or a short-term health need. It focuses on keeping people independent and safe in their own homes – and that includes the wellbeing of their pets.

Both recipients were thrilled to have received such wonderfully crafted havens for their precious pets.

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## Vet Talk



Most people understand the concept of diabetes – having high blood glucose levels, to the extent that the insulin in our bodies cannot cope with metabolising it.

In humans, diabetes often occurs within the complexities of genetics and diet, at higher risk with obesity and too much sugar. Dogs also suffer from this disease, but their syndrome tends to be Type 1 or "not sugar dependent": they simply do not produce enough insulin.

Insulin is secreted in the pancreas, to balance the effects of glucose. When there is no insulin being produced, we must step in with injections to replace it. Dogs usually tolerate the injections well, especially

## The diabetic dog

with Dr Caitlin Horwood-Skelton

if administered with their twice daily meal, as diabetic dogs are always feeling hungry.

Looking out for the condition initially, people may notice their pet is eating well but actually losing weight, drinking excessively, or they may have a white cloudiness in the eyes as an indicator that diabetic cataracts are occurring. A simple urine or blood test will confirm an excess of glucose in the system.

The prospect of injecting your pet at home may seem daunting, but if you suspect diabetes, don't delay in getting the condition diagnosed early, rather than allowing the complications of untreated disease to occur.

In this way we can find a balance towards giving our diabetic dogs a long and healthy life.

## Some amazing facts about dogs



The August new members' induction at Macedon Ranges Obedience Dog Club was cold but we had lots of new puppies join us.

There are thousands of interesting facts about dogs – here are some of my favourites:

- In the dark, dogs use their whiskers to pick up changes in the air currents (this helps them 'see' better)
- They don't see only in black and white, they can see blue, yellow, green and grey too
- Their noses are always wet to help absorb certain scents (they lick it to taste the scent)
- A dog's nose print is unique, just like our fingerprints
- Their urine is acidic enough to corrode metal
- Dogs can sense drops in barometric pressure and shifts in static electricity fields, which is why they know when a storm is coming
- There is a breed of dog, the Norwegian lundehund, that has six toes on each paw
- Dalmatians are born pure white; the first spots usually appear within three weeks
- Three or more pugs are called a grumble
- Stealing a Pekingese in imperial China was punishable by death
- Most dogs' paws smell like corn chips.

Visit the club's website ([www.macedonrangesdogclub.org.au](http://www.macedonrangesdogclub.org.au)), our Facebook page ([facebook.com/MacedonRangesDogClub](https://facebook.com/MacedonRangesDogClub)) or email us ([info@macedonrangesdogclub.org.au](mailto:info@macedonrangesdogclub.org.au)) and we will contact you.

Carol, instructor/treasurer



A grumble of pugs

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## JOKES & RIDDLES

Doctor, doctor, please help me. I've just swallowed my mouth organ.

**Well, aren't you lucky you weren't playing a piano.**

What stays hot in the refrigerator?  
**Mustard.**

Knock, knock! Who's there?  
**Luke.**

**Luke who?**

**Luke through the keyhole and you'll see.**

Waiter, what do you recommend tonight?  
**I recommend you go somewhere else; the chef is on strike.**

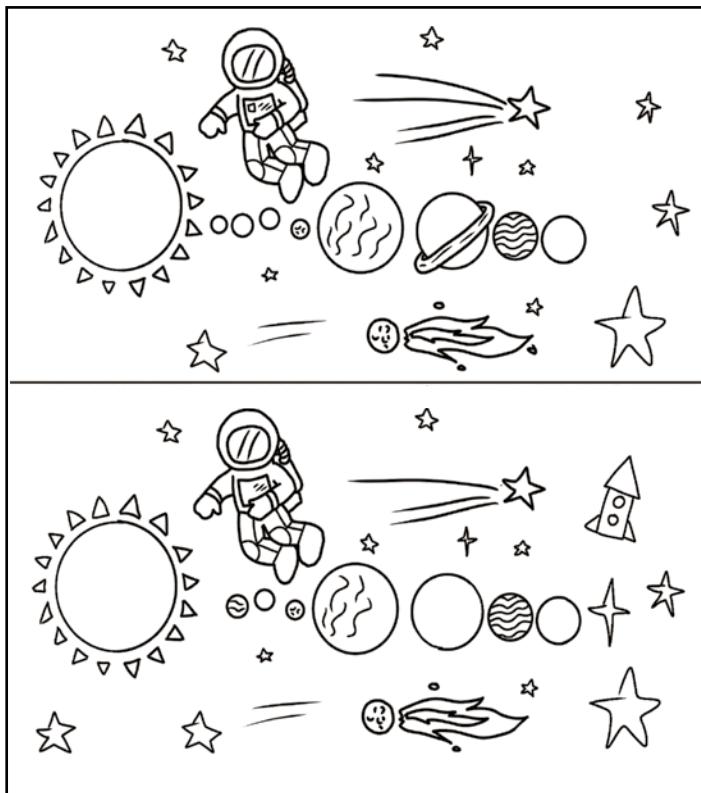
Oh, teacher, I don't think I deserve a zero for this assignment.

**I agree, but it's the lowest mark I can give you.**

Never forget a friend — especially if they owe you money.

Two chimps got into a hot bath. One chimp said, "Oo-oo-oo-ah-ah-ah!" to which the other chimp replied, "Well, turn on the cold tap!"

## SPOT THE DIFFERENCE



Drawing by Eliza Ransome

**There are ten things that are not the same in these two pictures. Can you find them all?**

## QUIZ

1. Who won the AFL Premiership in 2021?
2. What colour is a 'black box' flight data recorder?
3. Who painted 'The Last Supper'?
4. In which war were the ANZACs first deployed?
5. Who is said to have got the idea of gravity by watching an apple fall from a tree?
6. What is the capital city of Japan?
7. How many stars are on the US flag?
8. What colour do you get if you mix red and blue paint?
9. From the *Toy Story* films, whose catch-phrase is "To infinity and beyond!"?
10. Animal, vegetable or mineral: which is haematite?

## Gisborne Toy Library seeks library and committee members

The Gisborne Toy Library, based in the Manna Gum Centre in Robertson Street, is a not-for-profit association operated wholly by a volunteer committee and volunteer toy librarians who, since 1987, have been providing local families with access to a wide range of toys, games and educational aids for children aged from birth to about eight years old.

One of the toy library's stated purposes is to help enrich the play experiences of members' children, grandchildren and other children in care, at affordable prices and with a saving to the environment, as borrowed toys can be reborrowed and returned to the toy library once your little ones have lost interest or outgrown them (and then borrow others!).

The committee consists of a President (Kimberley Norman), a Secretary (position currently vacant), a Treasurer (Melissa Lopez) and other general committee members who hold various roles (Adam Lopez, Cassi Cunningham, Kristen Desmond and Kim Browning).

As two committee members are taking maternity leave at the end of the year, we would love to hear from anyone interested in joining the committee (noting that committee members' memberships are reduced to \$1). Please contact us by email ([gisbornetoylibrary@yahoo.com](mailto:gisbornetoylibrary@yahoo.com)) or Facebook ([facebook.com/GisborneToyLibrary](https://facebook.com/GisborneToyLibrary)) if interested.

Prospective new library members should note the library offers 12-month memberships, trial memberships and even gift vouchers.

Please see our Facebook page and the "What's On" section of the *Gazette* (page 39) for borrowing sessions each month.

*Adam Lopez,  
Publicity  
Officer*



## This month's Gazette layout team

*St Brigid's Year 6 students Xav, Bazzi, Sophie, Amelia M, Amelia H and Molly helped the editor put together this edition of the Gazette.*

*They cut out the submissions, sorted them by section in the paper, laid them out on assigned pages, glued them in then carefully put the 40-pages together to be used in production.*





## New Gisborne celebrates Indonesian Independence Day



All students in Foundation to Year 6 at New Gisborne recently celebrated Indonesian Independence Day.

We discussed and revised the history and importance of Independence Day and how the day is celebrated throughout Indonesia.

The people of Indonesia gained their independence from the Netherlands on August 17, 1945, after 350 years of Dutch rule. We talked about the coat of arms, the Garuda Pancasila, and how the number of feathers represented the date of independence.

This day is celebrated every year with festivities and getting together with family and friends to prepare and eat traditional Indonesian food. Independence Day is a national holiday in Indonesia and flag raising ceremonies, parades and fireworks are held in cities



Foundation C students dressed to celebrate Indonesian Independence Day.

and villages throughout the country. Children and adults participate in many games on this special day, including egg and spoon races, sack races, 3-legged races, tug of war, eating rice crackers or prawn crackers hanging from string with their arms behind their backs and climbing greasy poles. Another popular event is decorating bikes in the colours of the Indonesian flag.

Prue Dawson

### Milo's first birthday

As part of our Little Learners Love Literacy program, the Foundation students have learnt the letters of the alphabet and their most common sounds.

To celebrate this achievement the Foundation students recently celebrated Milo the Monkey's birthday in style. Students participated in many fun activities including a scavenger hunt, a photo booth and writing a birthday card for Milo. They even had a special visit from Milo himself! A big thank you to the Foundation teachers for going above and beyond to create fabulous memories for our students.

Bec Brennan



A special day for Milo too.



### Preps living their best life at St Brigid's



The Preps at St Brigid's have been learning about animals and what they need to survive.

We have been learning how to classify animals in different ways and have begun to use the research process to investigate different types of animals.

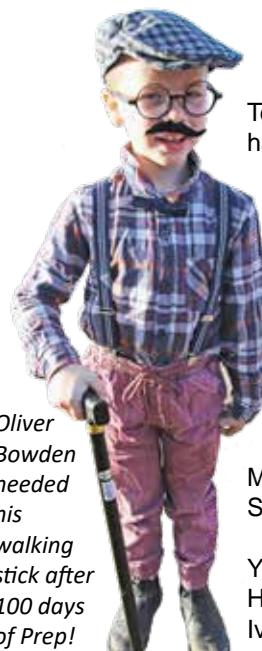
As part of this learning we had a wonderful day at the Melbourne Zoo where we got to be "wild explorers" for the day.

We also had a jungle theme for our 100 days of Prep. We transformed our classroom into a jungle and took part in counting and pattern activities, cooking and making small jungle habitats in jars.



Photo 5208 - Max Taylor  
or Photo 6555 - Luke O'Shannessy

## Holy Cross cooks up an experience to remember



Oliver Bowden needed his walking stick after 100 days of Prep!

Term Three is always jam packed! We have celebrated our Prep children being at school for their first 100 days, and we are now in the midst of pruning our vineyard. Fundraisers have been well supported by our community which has seen new sports equipment purchased and line marking updated for the basketball and netball courts. Excursions and incursions have been enjoyed and camp planning is underway.

We also had a visit from Rob Mitchell MP who presented us with new flags that our School Captains take pride in raising each day.

We are super proud of a small group of Year 4 children who participated in the Sacred Heart Junior Chef competition. Gabriella, Ivy, Harley and Rose learnt some valuable



cooking skills and the importance of teamwork. They were well supported by their families who all enjoyed the pancakes and pasta made by our young chefs.

We would like to thank Belinda Briganti who worked with our team so that they would feel confident cooking in front of a large audience in the final round, which had local chefs attend to judge their final dish. It is an experience that they will always remember.

We are looking forward to celebrating Book Week and Father's Day. The children will dress up as their favourite book character on the same day we also celebrate our dads with a Father's Day breakfast!

How much more can we fit into the remainder of the term? Stay tuned!



Our Junior chefs, Ivy Streek, Rose Lye, Gabriella Briganti and Harley Gaunt.

## Creators come together at Macedon



Creative Club is a special weekly activity run by the fabulous Mrs Tulloch at Macedon Primary School. We all love it. This is the first amazing year of Creative Club and it has been awesome.

Yarn bombing has been a big part of Creative Club. Yarn bombing is when you knit or crochet patches and attach them all together to wrap around something. Everyone can do it. Even the little Grade 1s are great helpers who sew the patches together. The activity has taught all of us fantastic skills in teamwork.

The reason why we started yarn bombing is because we all wanted to brighten up our school. This seemed like a very effective way to do it. We plan to wrap the yarn bomb around a tree near the beautiful art room. So, when you stroll towards art class, you will see a bright yarn-bombed tree and see how creative we all can be.

*Jessica Frankenberg*



*Everyone can play a part in yarn bombing.*

## News from Gisborne Primary

### Year 5 camp took action



On August 3, the Year 5s took off to Lady Northcote camp in Bacchus Marsh. When we arrived, we started by having a talk about the rules, what we would be doing and the thing we wanted to hear about most...cabins! There were plenty of things to do, from basketball courts to gaga pits.

The activities were a lot of fun, especially the canoeing. Other activities we did were frisbee, golf, low ropes, flying fox, archery, orienteering and, to finish off the camp, a group activity. We had such an amazing time.

*By Melia S, Year 5 Writers' Club*



*Canoeing was a most popular activity.*

Then, at the second meeting, they met in person and began testing soils and designing the garden. On the third and final visit, they all grabbed a set of tools and got their hands dirty, planting trees and gardens of all sorts.

We are hoping to create a habitat to support all sorts of native wildlife around the area. The future will be very bright for the little critters that choose to make our retaining wall their home.

*By Felicity M, Year 5 Writers' Club*

### CERES wildlife program

Over the past two months, a group of 30 kids from Gisborne Primary School has been working on a project to make a wildlife reserve on the retaining wall. They have met three times altogether. The first time was on zoom, discussing what has to happen.



### YOUNG BEAT

with Asher Kroon

## TO THE MOON AND BEYOND

The Artemis Project is a new project created by NASA to put humans back on the moon and eventually establish a moon civilisation. The moon civilisation will also act as a 'petrol station' for rockets when humanity begins to make its way towards Mars.

NASA aims to put the first lady and the first black person on the moon by 2024 and has already begun research and testing.

By the time you read this article, NASA will have already sent off the first of many rockets. This particular rocket is called Artemis-1 which is intended to test NASA's brand new Space Launch System (SLS) and the Orion spacecraft, which will be carrying two-to-six crew to the moon later this decade. Artemis-1 will also contain a series of satellites to perform scientific tasks as well as scouting the lunar surface for a spot for the crew to land in the future.

The Artemis Project as a whole has so far cost \$US35 billion (about 50 billion Australian dollars). The SLS costs roughly \$US2 billion (\$A2.9 billion) each time just to launch one rocket. The SLS is an amazing invention as it allows rockets to reach space without needing to put heaps of boosters on it. The SLS is able to generate a total of four million kilograms of upwards thrust capable of propelling a rocket into space in about eight minutes, which surpasses the previous system (Saturn V) which could generate a total of 3.4 million kilograms of thrust.

It truly is a great time to be alive as we get to witness humanity doing incredible things and expanding our knowledge of space and the universe around us. NASA ideally wants pilots aged 40 to 50 as they will often have more experience and training, so, by the time we're ready to go to Mars, maybe you can pioneer the expedition!

## Experts welcomed back into Mount Macedon Primary

It has been great to have people back in our school to offer learning experiences this year. There have been many incursions and many opportunities, to hook our interest in different subjects.

Visitors have included the touring theatre company Meerkat Productions, Western Water (for Foundation), a parasitologist from Melbourne University and a member of the CFA who maps fires.

The Meerkat Productions team who came and gave a presentation to the whole school was excellent in keeping us entertained, as well as preparing us for our own school production. Production is a fun and exciting way to express our creativity.

They performed *Stellerphant*. This production



showed us how to use expression, volume and actions, which helps us to take these ideas and skills into our roles in our school production.

Western Water paid a visit to the Foundation class. They taught the students about the water cycle, the importance of water, and how you shouldn't waste it. They learnt it in a fun way with characters like Sammy and Francis. They had a lot of fun and learnt a lot from the experience.

We also had a visitor from the CFA who maps fires. She came into the 5/6 class to share what she does. She maps fires, floods and lots of other things

for the CFA. She taught us how to use coordinates, and how to communicate where a fire is and where it is likely to go.

We really enjoyed this lesson, and it helps us learn the importance of her role for the community.

Recently, the Grade 5/6s welcomed a parasitologist into the classroom. He taught us about parasites and organisms. He taught us about the world under the microscope. It caught our interest and made us wonder about the world we cannot see.

All these visits have been exciting and important to our learning and curiosity. We all enjoyed the visitors and hope they come again soon.

*Eliza R*

## Learning about hard, soft, squishy and slippery

Our Infant Community is the youngest classroom at Gisborne Montessori School, offering sessions for students from approximately 2½ years to 3½ years old.

Over the past month, they have enjoyed exploring many aspects of the winter season – lots of puddles, frost and ice on leaves and across our yard and puddles frozen over; negotiating their way across hard, soft, squishy and slippery surfaces. More recently, these students are enjoying colours and rainbows, using science week to further extend their interests in this area.

We focus on helping our students to begin what is often their first independent journey out of the home and away from their families. Our students work under the Montessori curriculum which aligns with Victorian Early Years Learning and Developmental framework.

Lessons and work are introduced to



Fun in winter puddles at Montessori.

each child when they show interest and when they are ready.

Our classes aim to prepare each student for their next journey within the school, following their lead and working to guide and show, not do. "Do not tell them how to do it. Show them how to do it and don't say a word. If you tell them, they will watch your lips move. If you show them, they will want to do it themselves," was Dr Maria Montessori's philosophy.

To learn more about our classes from the Infant Community through to our Cycle 4 adolescent program, please contact the school, or we invite you to come and visit for our school tour.



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## CAPTAIN'S RAP

with Bridget H



There has been plenty happening at Gisborne Secondary College in the past month – and not just studying!

During NAIDOC Week, the school was lucky enough to have Perry Wandin of the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people conduct a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony which was well received among the school community.

More recently, the performing arts department presented this year's student- driven showcase, *Change*, which was made possible with hard work from teachers, alumni and students alike. Just as expected, the performances were spectacular (those who attended would agree).

The school's Mt Hotham Ski Camp is going ahead this year with students across the senior

school taking a week to get their fix of skiing and snowboarding.

But it doesn't stop there – a Semester 1 Awards Ceremony was held in recognition of the hard work and achievements of individuals in Year 10 – congratulations to all students who attended.

Our Project Ready students and Student Representative Council were thrilled to meet Mary-Anne Thomas MP to discuss what they'll be doing for their community project and ask questions about funding and planning in our local area, as well as seeking some insights into who inspired her career choices and who her biggest role model was. All participants enjoyed a highly engaging session with our local MP and now Health Minister.

As we get through the end of Term 3, Oscar will keep you updated with the latest news at Gisborne Secondary.



How many kids does it take to hold a python?



## Wildlife action at Willowbank

On August 10, we had an interesting incursion from the Wild Action Zoo. First, we saw a shingleback lizard; its name was Stumpy and he was a very scaly lizard. Next we saw an eastern long-necked turtle and its name was Terry. He had a really hard shell that protects his body from other predators. We also saw a really slimy frog; its name was Kermit and he could jump one metre high.

Some wild creatures were soft and furry.



Then we saw another really cool and huge lizard. Next, we saw a python named Martini and I even got to hold it (it was non-venomous). Did you know that the python has a tongue in a fork shape?

Next, we saw a freshwater crocodile. His name was Steve and he was not dangerous because he had a band around his mouth. He felt kind of scaly — it was so cool! My favourite part was holding the really cool python.

Jesse M, Year 2

# Special guest a highlight of Garden Lovers' Fair

Gardening Australia guest presenter and horticulturist Tammy Huynh will headline the Garden Lovers' Fair to be held on Saturday and Sunday October 1 and 2 at Bolobek in Macedon.

Awarded Horticulturist of the Year in 2021 by the Australian Institute of Horticulture, Huynh will speak at 12 noon on both Saturday and Sunday, sharing her experience in helping homeowners revamp indoor spaces with plants that stay alive and thrive.

## OPEN GARDENS

The Mount Macedon and District Horticultural Society has joined Open Gardens Victoria to open two privately owned gardens, Lewisham and Durrol, over the Fair weekend in addition to the garden at Bolobek.

Lewisham in Macedon provides a wonderful welcome to spring. The house and garden are a total concept in the romantic image of Victorian Gothic. Stylish bridges, which span the lakes and ponds, link the wide lawns containing hedged garden beds, pergolas, arches and various forms of garden art.

Durrol is a step back in time. A quintessential example of a hill station property and integral to the Mount Macedon area, Durrol is nestled amongst other gardens of outstanding cultural significance. The gardens date back to the early 20th century and



The popular fair was last held in 2019.

incorporate an enclosed garden by noted garden designer Edna Walling.

### Shuttle buses

Due to limited parking at Lewisham and Durrol, free shuttle buses will operate from Bolobek to each garden, departing every 30 minutes from 10:30am until 2:30pm.

### Garden design seminar

As part of the Garden Lovers' Fair, a garden design seminar will be held at the Horticultural Society's

hall in Mount Macedon on the afternoon of Friday September 30. Presented by Michael McCoy, host of the ABC's *Dream Gardens* TV series and landscape designer Amanda Oliver, the seminar will provide insights into a wide range of garden styles and forms. Places are strictly limited.

This year's Fair will feature more than 40 stallholders – both new and the much-loved, including rare plants and bulbs, gardening tools and equipment, botanical art, bare-rooted and grafted trees, perennials, garden sculptures and producers of local food and wine.

### Garden Lovers' Fair details

Dates: Saturday October 1 and Sunday October 2

Time: 10am to 4pm both days

Venue: Bolobek, 370 Mount Macedon Road, Macedon

Tickets: \$16 adults (under 15 free) online via [www.gardenloversfair.com.au](http://www.gardenloversfair.com.au) or at the gate over the Fair weekend.

Tickets to the Lewisham and Durrol open gardens and the garden design seminar can be purchased via the Fair's website.

## Citizen science in Daly Nature Reserve



If you have a smart phone you can install iNaturalist, a worldwide citizen science project. We use it in Friends of Daly Nature Reserve to record our observations in the reserve.

All iNaturalist requires is a photograph or sound, the location, time and date. You will be prompted to make an identification and iNaturalist helps, offering suggestions. No need to worry, just make your best guess. Other users will confirm or offer an identification.

If you record a sighting in the reserve you will be protecting wildlife there as well as increasing your own environmental knowledge.

Try iNaturalist at home, it could be a family project. For more information you can enquire via our email address or catch up at the AGM where we can demonstrate how it works. Come along and enjoy a PowerPoint presentation, learn how to identify the different varieties of wattle found in the reserve, and enjoy tastings of food with wattle as the main ingredient.

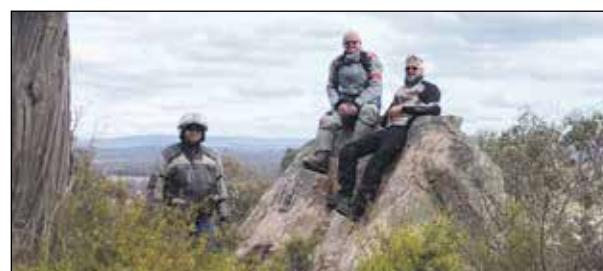


Bulbine lily (*Bulbine bulbosa*) is easy to find in spring.

1pm start, at the scout hall, Howey Street, Saturday September 10. The AGM will follow at 2pm, and we finish with a cuppa and raffle.

Enquiries [dalynaturereserve@gmail.com](mailto:dalynaturereserve@gmail.com)

Friends of Daly Nature Reserve



Heathcote lookout. Picture Matthew Dridan

## Riding the roads less travelled with Ulysses



Within the surrounding district lies a labyrinth of quiet country roads waiting to be discovered. These roads ultimately link up with major provincial towns. Taking the time to ride them respectfully can pay dividends as pockets of pioneering history and places of interest are revealed.

Recently a small group of riders set off to discover the back roads between Gisborne and Heathcote, arriving just in time for lunch, making a round trip of 250km primarily on gravel roads and over a six-hour period. In addition to the spectacular countryside, they saw huge granite boulders and some fine examples of early farm buildings in the district.

So, if the neighbour's barking dogs are driving you up the wall, get on your bike and come join the Ulysses group on an adventure. We accommodate a wide variety of riding styles and the members have accrued a wealth of life experience to share.

Our Ride Calendar is full of monthly Saturday lunch rides and Sunday trips, plus special annual events, and Wednesday road rides. Here's a great chance to meet new friends with a common interest. You'll find us huddled like emperor penguins at the Saturday morning Tyre-Kick in Gisborne, so be sure say hello. Check us out online at [www.mrub.org.au](http://www.mrub.org.au) or join us on Facebook for the latest news.

Matthew Dridan

## Garden Club news

Hello fellow gardeners.

The weather in our district has been challenging to say the least. So it was that only the most intrepid members of the Gisborne Garden Club visited the wonderful garden of one of our members on Mount Macedon for the August meeting. Though it was a bit cool, some said "freezing", members were rewarded with an abundance of hellebores in flower as well as the expected jonquils dotted throughout the winding paths of a beautifully designed cold-climate garden.

The garden was completely destroyed by the Ash Wednesday bushfires in 1983 and has since been recreated under the surviving tall deciduous trees, the ideal location for the masses of hellebores. Paths now wind past camellias and rhododendrons just coming into flower, underplanted with several of the genus Galanthus (snowdrops), daphne, violets and crocuses.

As well as the eclectic plantings, the garden also featured a number of ornaments which make this garden a wonderfully interesting and inviting place, a credit to the owner, and we were very grateful to share and enjoy this labour of love. As with most gardens, spring is eagerly anticipated, with some deciduous trees and shrubs already in bud, just waiting for some warmer weather.

The Gisborne Garden Club meets at various venues on the second Wednesday of each month and if you wish to join the club or have a look at our meeting program, you can contact me, Bernhard Sucher, on 0424 038 474 for more details.

Bernhard



## New Gisborne (Church of Christ) Scouts update

It has been a busy time for leadership development among the youth members at New Gisborne.

A packed hall of friends, family and well-wishers saw new Venturers Maya and Harrison presented with their hard-earned Queen's Scout awards on August 6. A wonderful acknowledgement of the development and achievements of two fine young people. We look forward to the formal presentation ceremonies at Government House later in the year.

The following weekend and a few kilometres away at Treetops Scout Camp, Cub Scouts Eli, Lucas and Edie enjoyed the challenges of a leadership camp. It's never too early to learn and practise critical leadership skills. Coming soon, some of our older Scouts will attend the Macedon Ranges Leadership Camp at Rowallan Scout Camp.

We continue work on our Scout Hut project and hope the slab will be laid early into fourth term. Donations for the fit-out made through Scout HQ are tax-deductible and most welcome.

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

*John Frearson*



Harrison and Maya cut their Queen's Scout Cake.

## News from 1st Gisborne Scout Group

It has been another fun and action-filled month for the scouts of 1st Gisborne.

The Joeys went to a combined sleepover at the Woodend Scout Hall with Joeys from other scout groups in the Macedon region in preparation for the state-wide Kangaree to be held at Lardner Park from September 30 to October 2. A Kangaree is like a condensed version of the famous Jamboree for Scouts. It is a brief time away from home where the youngest members of the scouting movement get to experience the fun of participating in various outdoor adventure activities like rock climbing, canoeing, rope mazes and more. It is always lots of fun where the Joeys get to sleep under canvas, make new friends and try new things.



Cub Scouts from 1st Gisborne participate in planting trees at Spavin Lake in Sunbury.

The Cub section have been practising their leadership skills by having a Cub-run night of fun-filled games. They have also been doing lots of work with ropes and knots and went on a Region Adventure Day at Bacchus Marsh with other scout groups.

They also joined the other sections of Scouts in a tree-planting day at Spavin Lake in Sunbury on a cold and windy Saturday morning.



1st Gisborne Cub scouts pack into one of three new tents funded by grant from Community Bank Gisborne & District (Bendigo Bank). The scout group was grateful for the \$2000 equipment grant, which also went towards a new roof for their eating shelter.

Everyone got to plant a tree, learn how to care for our waterways, train your dog and, best of all, enjoy a free hot lunch.

The Scouts had a great time putting their knot and rope skills to good use at a camp where they built bridges across raging creeks with old tyres and ropes and had fun with some target practice using catapults they had made from logs tied together with rope.

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

*Carolyn Goode (Assistant Joey Leader)*

## A blizzard of activities for Scout Group



Macedon-Woodend Scout Group  
[www.macedonwoodendscouts.com](http://www.macedonwoodendscouts.com)

Scouting in the Macedon Ranges continues its vibrant activity program for our youth. This season has seen our members participate in a wide, creative array of activities and accomplishments.

From skiing at Falls Creek, to Masterchef pizza making nights, exploring chemistry with microscopes and solutions, campfire cooking and hiking in the neighbouring bush, Lego masters and deconstructing household appliances to see how electrical machines work – the winter activities have been educational with tonnes of fun thrown in.

The Scouts have accomplished the annual Scout hike, a visit to the local Historical Society, evening soirees at Day's Picnic Ground, and awarded two members their Australian Scout Medallion by the foot of the iconic Macedon Cross – well done to Oscar and Samuel. At present, the Scouts are into building their own billy carts each week, in order to race them officially in spring. Our Venturers likewise are aiming high, with planning underway for their Central Australian trip.

Scouting relies solely on the volunteerism of our Parent Leaders who offer their time and expertise to run this program. We recommend parents consider



Macedon-Woodend Scouts, leaders and parent helpers at Falls Creek.

volunteering in their local Scouting branch such as ours, to make a contribution to our community and have a genuine impact in the lives of young people. It is an engaging, rewarding experience for everyone.

For more information Macedon-Woodend Scout Group that is based in Macedon, visit [www.macedonwoodendscouts.com](http://www.macedonwoodendscouts.com)

*Jane Walduck*

## Guides tackle Treetops camp



Several members of Gisborne Girl Guides recently headed off to Treetops campsite in Riddells Creek to join 55 other girls and 15 leaders from the River Region in the 'Mess, Mischief and Mayhem' camp.

The girls participated in a variety of activities including the very muddy commando course, low ropes, science experiments, robot games, campfire singing and crafts. They had a fantastic weekend and came home tired but with wonderful memories and new friends.

Congratulations to Emmy and Emily who have now made their Promise and received their sash.

If you are aged seven or older and would like to come and try Guides then phone Deb on 0409 542 619 to arrange a visit. We meet on Thursday nights between 5pm and 6.30pm.

*Deb Fleming*



Isla tests her acrobatic skills on the commando course.

## Get to know region's important pollinators

Spring has sprung and our gardens are beginning to buzz with butterflies, flies, bugs and beetles. We have a publication to help you identify these beneficial insects: *Your Guide to the Insects of Central Victoria*.

This handy booklet is in the same format as Council's flora, weeds and bird guides, and features more than 220 local insect species in full colour. The guide features insects that are likely to be observed in local gardens and nearby bushland—with a surprising number of native bee species, moths and native flies.

The guide is available at the Council offices in Robertson Street or online at [mrsc.vic.gov.au/insects](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/insects).



## Ramblers news for September



Hello from the Ramblers. We have been fortunate of late, managing our weekly walks before the seemingly never-ending rain sets in!

The indications are that yet another La Nina is developing, promising a wetter summer to come.

Over the past month, the Ramblers have managed walks at Riddells Creek, South Gisborne, Trentham and Sunbury and welcomed some new people to the group.

We have a mailing list now of just on 120 and it tends to grow with each edition of the *Gazette*! However, we have never exceeded 30 on any walk. If everyone turned up, we would look like a demonstration!

I have described a local walk, Canning Park Drive (below), which you may care to try. This is an easy, open walk with scenic views to Mt Macedon.

If you would like more details of the Ramblers and our walk plans, please email [gisramblers@gmail.com](mailto:gisramblers@gmail.com)

Charles

### WALK

#### Canning Park Road near Woodend

Distance: Approx. 5 kilometres  
Level: Easy

This is a pleasant scenic walk. No special footwear is required, average runners are fine, and hiking poles are unnecessary as the wide dirt tracks are easily travelled and gradients gentle.

##### Getting there

From Gisborne, drive up the Calder Freeway and take the first exit to Woodend. Canning Park Road

## Walkers enjoy a hint of spring



In early August a group of GBWC members enjoyed a great day hiking in the You Yangs Regional Park. On the one sunny day between days of rain and cold, we set off to enjoy a series of three trails, starting with the East West Circuit which took us up towards Flinders Peak to look down upon the Bunjil Geoglyph, created in 2006 by sculptor Andrew Rogers.

From the peak we enjoyed great views towards Geelong and Corio Bay. We then enjoyed the picturesque 'ancient volcanic rock' scenery of the West Walk around the mountain, and the natural gardens of the winding Northern Ranges track. Then it was downhill and onto the Branding Yard track from which we could access the close-up experience of the massive Bunjil sculpture. Thanks, Daniela, for a great 14km walk!

In mid-August David and Marian led a leisurely and picturesque walk near Greenvale, at the Woodlands Historical Park, a pre-colonial, cultural landscape of the Wurundjeri people. From the homestead the walk led along the billabongs of the Moonee Ponds Creek trail, and up to the Gellibrand Hill for great views of the city, the bay, the Great Dividing Range and the Melbourne Airport. On the way back there was time for an



A stop for refreshments atop Flinders Peak.

exploration of Weeroona Aboriginal Cemetery, and the Back Paddock nature reserve, for endangered wildlife.

At the end of the month, a great day of 'basic navigation' (map and compass reading) was led by Brian Smith, in 'the wilds' of Macedon. Lots of fun. Thanks, Brian.

We'd love to see more walkers enjoying our lovely part of the world...rain or shine! Call Margot on 0474 707 939, or George on 0419 610 811. Our website is [wwwgisbornewc.org.au](http://wwwgisbornewc.org.au)

Margaret Muehlheim



Sheila and Brian in Tasmania.

## Vale Sheila Smith

27 February 1937 – 28 July 2022

With sad hearts we gathered to farewell Sheila Smith on August 10.

Sheila was one of the founding members of the Gisborne Bushwalkers and her husband, Brian, is still an active leader and mentor for many members. Sheila, an adventurous person from a very young age, continued to explore many parts of the globe with Brian during their nearly 60 years together before finally settling in Macedon in the 1970s.

Sheila was a very active member of the club, leading walks, editing the newsletter for a period and, in recent years, helping out as an elf on the famous Christmas walk morning teas. She was an inspiration to others to join the club and find their own adventures outdoors. Sheila will be missed by many and our thoughts go out to Brian and Sheila's family.

Janeen Edward



is the first right turn after leaving the freeway. The road turns sharp left and continues for just under two kilometres before a junction with Blackmore Road. Park off-road here to begin the walk.

Follow the road, keeping to the left as the road transitions to Walkers Road. (There is a much more pleasant walking track to the left and adjacent to the road). Along Walkers Road, great views to Mt Macedon are to be had but, unfortunately, road noise from the nearby Calder Freeway is evident.

Continuing along Walkers Road, the tree line is reached and the road noise fades. Eventually a junction with Tweddle Lane is reached. Turn left and walk until reaching a four-way crossing. Turn left (this is Blackmore Road) and walk approximately 2km back to your car.



# SPORT IN PICTURES



Giants v Riddell U13, August 20



Giants v Riddell U13, August 20



U13: Gisborne Rookies v Melton Central, August 20



Gisborne Rookies U15A  
Best on Ground in  
the grand final,  
Ijaz Gulum.



Voted Best on Ground on grand  
final day and also Best & Fairest  
for the season, Rookies U11A  
player Bailey Freeth (right) holds  
the Premiership cup aloft with  
captain Xavier Walsh.



U17A Gisborne Rookies v Macedon, August 20



U13B: Gisborne Rookies v Romsey, August 20



U17: Gisborne Rookies v Macedon, August 20



11 and Under: Gisborne Rookies Blue v  
Melton Central, August 20



U13: Under: Gisborne Rookies Blue v Melton  
Central, August 20



Rebels v Kyneton, August 20



Possums v Macedon, August 6



Saints v Kyneton, August 20

U15: Saints v Macedon,  
August 6U13 Saints v Rebels,  
August 13

Pictures both pages  
by  
Chris Fleming



B Grade: Gisborne v Kangaroo Flat, August 27



Reserves: Gisborne v Strathfieldsaye, August 27

A Reserve: Gisborne v Kangaroo Flat,  
August 27

A Grade: Gisborne v Sandhurst, August 27

B Reserve:  
Gisborne v  
Kangaroo  
Flat,  
August 27



## Gisborne Masters enjoying play

The Gisborne Masters Football Club hosted the Sunbury Masters Football Club on August 7, for both an Over 45s and an Over 35s game.

Both games were played in the true masters' spirit with plenty of skill on show. The games were hard fought to the end, but unfortunately for the Gisborne boys Sunbury got up for the win in both matches.

The day was made more enjoyable for Gisborne thanks to the Macedon Ranges Photographic Society taking the time out of their weekend to take photos for us during both games. The photos turned out well and have created plenty of banter between the players over their action shots and exploits on the day (you might spot a couple in the



Gazette's Arts section.

We would sincerely like to thank the Photographic Society and we look forward to working with them again.

Check out the Gisborne Masters Football Club's Facebook page for updates on what we are up to in the community.

We are always on the lookout for new players, so if anyone is thinking of playing or even just having a run for fitness, come on down to Sankey Oval on a Wednesday night from 6.30pm. We train all year round and look forward to seeing you there.

Go Doggies!

Cameron Gamble



*Over 45s.  
Images John Spring*



*Over 35s.*

## Macedon Junior girls' make place in history



Female football at the Macedon Junior Football Club made history this season with the addition of the inaugural U15W team, and the U19W making their first ever grand final in their second year in the competition.

The club is passionate about providing a fun, safe and inclusive environment for our female players, encouraging beginners through to more experienced players who contribute to the development of the teams.

On an individual level, the club congratulates Lulu Slater on being voted league best and fairest in the U19W and Lilli Collins for equal runner up. Congratulations also to Ivy Wills on league equal third in the U15W competition, an amazing feat in her first year

*Awards: U19W RDFNL Best and Fairest Lulu Slater, equal runner up Lilli Collins, and U15W equal third Ivy Wills, all playing with Macedon.*



*U19s: grand finalists in their second year in the comp.*

of playing Aussie rules.

The U19W team made the club proud, eventually going down in the grand final but giving it their all.

They look forward to next year and backing it up, hoping to hold the cup in 2023!

The U15W team was exciting to watch, with all players being new to the game.

Their development throughout the season was off the charts and they will be a team to watch moving forward.

Many thanks go to the committee for their support of our female teams and the team managers, Bron Slater and Frank Lilley who did an enormous amount of work behind the scenes so our players could take the field.

If you would like more information about female footy at the Cats, contact Tamara on 0411 017 185 or tamaracollins8@bigpond.com.

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### MT MACEDON GOLF CLUB



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

**Sean Smyth** SGA Solutions Agri Business June Monthly Medalist  
**Luke Malone** Jumbuck Sheepskin and Leather July Monthly Medallist  
**Lachlan O'Gorman** Calderlink Industries August Mug o' the Month

## Secrecy vital as committed clubman awarded life membership

Gisborne Cricket Club long time president Andrew Headberry was awarded Life Membership after his nomination was ratified at the AGM in July.

"Headers" nomination had to be done in a slightly unconventional manner as the club constitution stipulated nominations are tabled to the committee. As this included the president, the committee knew if he saw it coming he would try and head it off, so we had to take a slightly more covert approach involving former presidents and the life membership sub-committee.

His nomination was then announced at the end of season presentation night celebrating Gisborne's historical win in the McIntyre Cup.

As president he also had MC responsibilities for presentation night, so towards the end of the evening the microphone had to be hijacked under false pretences to announce the nomination.

A genuinely surprised, typically humble (and slightly emotional) "Headers" accepted the award and then tried gallantly to stay focused on the rest of proceedings.

Apparently it threw him off his game more than getting hit for consecutive sixes (which has been known to happen) and the remainder of the night didn't quite go to script



Andrew Headberry (right) is presented with life membership by club secretary Jim Hynes.

Under his balanced leadership, tireless work and passion for delivering the club's inclusive values, Gisborne has grown into a successful club which is now the largest in regional Victoria. The upcoming season will be his 10th as president and the club's 166th year.

Dean Markham

## Dragons getting ready to roar

Gisborne Cricket Club is shaping up for another great season as we move into spring.



Kicking off in October, the club offers the chance for people of all ages and abilities to have a game of cricket and get involved in a great community club with a supportive atmosphere. Registrations are now open for seniors, juniors and blasters. To find out more, go to [playcricket.com.au](http://playcricket.com.au)

and search for Gisborne Cricket Club.

As reigning premiers, our first X1 will start the season as favorites in the top-grade McIntyre Cup. With the return of versatile skipper Jarryd Vernon and continued improvement from our young stars the Dragons will be hard to beat.

**Girls cricket:** The club has U13, U15 and U17 girls' teams and warmly welcomes new players. Contact [Lorenward4@gmail.com](mailto:Lorenward4@gmail.com).

First up in a busy news month for the Gisborne Golf Club is Matt Horvat, a long-time member and valued sponsor who had a hole in one on the long par three, 12<sup>th</sup> hole.

The August monthly cup was won by Jason Lock, with net 70. It was his first monthly cup win since he was 15.

Linda Lanham won the women's medal with an excellent net score of 69. Well done, two good scores in difficult winter conditions.

Last month, the *Gisborne Gazette* women's competition, played over three midweek games, was won convincingly by Jacqui Nelson. The presentation had to be delayed due to illness and has been rescheduled for September 14.

A replacement for the general manager's position has been announced, and the club welcomes Brett Campbell. Brett has been working in the Pro Shop, and has been a sales and account manager in the food service industry prior to the golf club.

Last year was the club's 100th anniversary, but due to the COVID restrictions, celebrations had to be postponed. There will be a celebration fourball tournament on September 10 when a commemorative crystal vase will be the prize. A dinner celebration is also planned.

Peter Barker



New general manager Brett Campbell

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## Ladies boost Mt Macedon Golf Club



On a delightfully sunny Sunday afternoon (yes there has been at least one), and thanks again to Bruce Fraser, it was a welcome back to our ladies for a four-hole ambrose that saw them par all four holes, just missing a lipped out birdie on the fifth care of an excellent Danielle pink ball putt.

As a consequence of the success of the 'Ladies Get Into Golf@MMGC' program, the Dalhousie District Golf Association has welcomed our nomination as club of the year. Further, MMGC is nominated for the Victorian Community Group Awards.

July's Monthly Medal was taken home by Broadford Golf Club member Luke Malone.

Young up and comer, Lachlan O'Gorman has continued his purple patch by taking out the midweek gentlemen's August Mug of the Month.

Despite the weather, the course is holding up remarkably well. Consistent fields continue to generate three grades on Saturdays and two grades on Wednesdays. Well done to those hardy members who continue to



Chris Zollo (left), Danielle Cleal and Clare Crosby prepare for their approach shot to the green under the guidance of Bruce Fraser.

support the competitions.

At the time of going to press, Peter and James Semmens were to take on Geoff Pickles and Bryce Singh for the title of winter pairs matchplay champions.

As our Annual General Meeting approaches, congratulations to the outgoing Management Committee, led by

President Matt Willis, on another successful year for 'Our Hidden Treasure on the Mount'.

Interested in becoming a MMGC member? Go to our website at [www.mtmacedongolf.com.au](http://www.mtmacedongolf.com.au) for options. Or contact the club by email or 54261650 for any queries.

*Walrus*

## Female cricket expanding at Macedon



Macedon Cricket Club is growing its girls and women's cricket program after a successful 2021-22 season. The growth is happening on and off the cricket field with new girls' teams, the appointment of female head coaches and appointment of women to the club's leadership committee.

Last season the club entered a girls-only team in the Under 13s and a women's team in the Gisborne District Cricket Association female competitions. Both teams had exceptional seasons with the younger girls learning the game and experiencing the thrill of match competition while the women's team were unbeaten throughout the summer and won the GDCA Kookaburra Women's League premiership trophy.

"The U13 girls had a wonderful first season," said Emily Wilkinson who will be sharing the U13 head coaching responsibilities with Bella Shaw this season. "There was so much excitement and such a great spirit amongst the girls."

"Emily and Bella's progression to head coaching responsibilities is another step forward for the Macedon Cricket Club," said Amy Miles, who joins with Kym Riley as the first women on the club's management committee. "Last season we provided opportunities for our U17 girls to complete the Cricket Victoria coaching program and take an active role in coaching our U13 girls. This season we're going another step and appointing our first female head coaches for our U13 girls' team."

The club is seeking girls and women to join the U13, U15, U18 and senior women's teams.

The club emphasises that success for the women's and girl cricket program is not defined by wins and losses but through growth in membership and the positive spirit in which the game is played. "We're competitive on the field," said Amy, "but we're competitive whilst still being respectful and encouraging not only to our team mates but also the opposition. We want to be known as a team that plays community cricket with enthusiasm, passion and respect."

The age-tiered competitions will be played on Friday evenings starting mid-October and the women's competition on Sunday afternoons.

Membership enquiries for the junior girls' and senior women's teams are very welcome. For information email [macedonwomenscricket@gmail.com](mailto:macedonwomenscricket@gmail.com).

## Big weekend of petanque



Mt Macedon Petanque Club

Mt Macedon Petanque Club competed in the final round of the Golden Boule tournament in Maldon on August 13. The winner of the inter-club competition will be announced in September when all clubs come together for lunch and some social games.

The day after the Maldon trip, 10 players travelled to play in the Camberwell 60+ Mixed Triples event.

Mt Macedon had a great start with all teams winning the first round. Best final result was third place in the Principale to Vincent, Alison and Lindsay.

As the last game for third place was untimed, the team did not finish playing until 7pm, the last game going for 2½ hours. It's easy to see why timed games have become popular in the competitive petanque world!

June, Terry and Rhonda also finished in the Principale with Danny in the Consolante. Bronwyn, Mary and Bob also competed.

The club is now preparing for its annual Mixed Triples Tournament on Sunday October 9, when competitors will come from all over Victoria. Games start at 9:30am so feel free to drop by for a look. We're always keen



Cold and tired, but happy third place-getters: Vincent Ruiz, Alison and Lindsay Kinghorn.

to attract new members.

Wednesday playdays are held from 2 to 5pm at our grounds behind the Ampol Service Station in Gisborne. Coaching sessions for those wanting to improve their skills are held from 1 to 2pm on the Wednesday falling on the same week as the Saturday sessions.

Saturday playdays run from 10am to 1pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays. For enquiries, please go to our website, [mtmacedonpetanque.org](http://mtmacedonpetanque.org), and for updates visit our Facebook page.

*Alison Kinghorn*

### MACEDON RANGES running club

## Start running and get to 5km in eight weeks

Kick start running with the Macedon Ranges Running Club's Start Running Group (SRG) program.

This program provides training to a non-runner with basic fitness to run five kilometres in eight weeks.

The club is a fun community running group catering to all ages, women and men, and varying levels of running ability, experience and confidence.

The spring program starts on Monday September 5 and runs for 13 weeks: eight weeks working up to 5km, plus five weeks to 10km. The Gisborne group meets outside the Aquatic Centre on Tuesdays at 9am or 6pm, Thursdays 9am or 6pm, and Sundays at 8am.

Locations and times for other towns can be found at [www.macedonrangesrunningclub.com](http://www.macedonrangesrunningclub.com)

Membership costs \$10 for an individual and \$15 for a family.

# Eager to jump out of the starting blocks at Bullengarook Pony Club

Showjumping returned to Bullengarook last month for the first time in three years with an incredible turnout for the Bullengarook Pony Club President's Cup Showjumping Day.

More than 140 riders, young and old, came from as far as Warragul, Torquay and Numurkah to compete. Riders were happy to be out competing once again after the COVID interruptions.

"There were plenty of smiles and laughs, and this is so much more important than the colour of the ribbon you win!" said Emma Jackson, Club District Commissioner, adding that she was "very proud to be part of a little club with such a big heart. With only a few volunteer families, we pulled together a great event for the community".

Club President Rob Challis said that the club owed the success of the day largely to the local business community who supported the running of the event, via donations of both cash and prizes. Special



Ingrid Jackson goes over the jumps on Karlana Take That.

Credit JHM Photography

thanks to major sponsors Total Tree Solutions, Aus-connect Electrical Services, Wally's Mini Diggers, RT Edgar & Horseland Sunbury.

A special mention also to the Bendigo Community Bank in Gisborne who supported the recent upgrades to the facility through the funding of Arena Fencing to improve the safety of the grounds.

## Croquet season starts with full event calendar

Our members are so looking forward to the new season beginning on Wednesday, September 7.

Festivities will begin with the club champion, Heather, running the first hoop. The Macedon Ranges mayor has been invited to attend.

It has been a long, cold, wet winter which has left our courts too wet to play on, so there is great anticipation that spring will be the start of a great season.

Twenty-three members were able to catch up with each other at Stoney's in Bacchus Marsh in August.

On Wednesdays there's been lots of fun and laughter in the clubhouse with several members playing games including canasta and Farkle, and even a showcase of personal items by Elizabeth.

It would be wonderful to welcome new members this year. Just call in on our usual playing days of Monday, Wednesday and Saturday.

There will be 'Come and Try Croquet' sessions during Seniors Week in October. Dates will be published in the October Gazette.

NDCA Pennant competition begins on September 8. We have three teams ready to compete this year.

Our first Social Day for the season is on September 21 when other clubs will join us to play and then enjoy our usual delicious afternoon tea.

An international event, the MacRobertson Shield, will be played from November 12 to 29 at Victorian Croquet Association headquarters in Cairnlea. This will be an exciting event with teams from Australia, New Zealand, the US and the UK competing.

Faye Armstrong



## Vale Thomas Stockdale

20 February 1998 – 03 July 2022

Thomas Stockdale was the eldest of Martin and Hayley's four children and grew up with his sisters Renee, Alison, and Julia on their family farm in New Gisborne. Thomas attended the Gisborne Montessori and then New Gisborne Primary School before going on to Braemar College, a school he was particularly proud of, for his secondary education.

Family was extremely important to Thomas, and family times were treasured whether they were gatherings for Christmas or smaller celebrations for a family birthday. He was planning to host the family Christmas dinner this year, in his own home, which he had just bought in Riddells Creek.

Holidays were also special times, and these were spent with his parents, siblings, and grandparents. Various family combinations enjoyed several overseas trips, Celtic folk festivals, and countless four-wheel driving trips in the outback. These times were loved by all and have left the family with great memories.

Another interest he shared with his family was Scouting. He joined 1st Gisborne Scout Group as an eight-year-old cub and went up through the ranks of Scouts and Venturers.

He achieved the highest award at each level including the Mawson Scholarship in leadership and the Queen's Scout Award. Thomas remained committed to Scouting beyond his youth journey and became a much-loved Cub leader

for five years. Ikki Stockdale (his Scouting name) will be remembered as a doer, a young person who had a desire to lead and see others get the opportunities he had.

Outside Scouting, Thomas worked for and achieved his Bronze, Silver, and Gold Duke of Edinburgh Awards. He walked the Kokoda Track with his father as part of the Gold level.

An interest in mobile phones, connections, and cabling saw Thomas establish his own company as a licensed data and security installer. This company, Yo-Yo Services, became his hobby. With a wealth of knowledge on regional connectivity, he was always happy to help people sort out their IT and internet issues and was frequently up for a chat.

While busy with family, Scouting, and Yo-Yo services, Thomas trained



Thomas Stockdale

and worked as a nurse. Starting his studies as a personal care attendant, he progressed to a medication-endorsed enrolled nurse then attained his Bachelor of Nursing degree. He did his degree, full-time, through Charles

Darwin University because it offered online lectures which he could access at any time to fit with his full-time shifts at the Royal Melbourne Hospital. Two days before he died Thomas received a message to say he had passed the last unit of his course (Distinction) plus a letter from the dean congratulating him on outstanding results and the dedication he had shown to his nursing studies.

Thomas died suddenly on July 3. His funeral was held at Braemar College. His family wishes to thank the community for their support during this time. In just 24 years Thomas packed so much into his life and was able to touch so many lives. He is remembered as an all-round caring, generous and kind person – a real inspiration.

Submitted by Hayley Stockdale

## BRAINBUSTER

1. Name the star that is nearest to our planet.
2. How many permanent teeth do adults have?
3. True or false: Budapest is actually made up of two cities, Buda and Pest?
4. What is the abbreviation for Trinitrotoluene?
5. Westpac Bank was formed from the merger of which two banks?
6. Name Australia's Governor-General.
7. Who is the patron saint of England?
8. Name the only two countries in South America without a coastline.
9. Why is the date 1 July 1851 important in the history of Victoria?
10. Who wrote the 1918 children's classic *Snugglepot and Cuddlepie*?

Answers ► p39

## Gardening for the future of the earth



Churches are among a range of organisations that cook meals for the homeless and give food and other necessities to those on the margins of society. The current surge in demand is daunting. Australia is a rich country; that so many people in it live in poverty is nothing less than a disgrace.

The Uniting Church in Tecoma in the Yarra Ranges has provided an example to us all. It has a 'hospitality coordinator' who is responsible for the 'Food is Free' program. An essential source for this food is a large community garden in the church grounds. The combination of growing food, giving food and receiving food is exciting.

Growing fruit and veggies needs a range of skills: knowing what and when to plant, sourcing seeds, nurturing them and then the fun of the harvest.

The Uniting Churches of the Macedon Ranges have joined others in the wider community in growing and giving to others and doing this with a concern for the health of the earth. Out with chemicals, in with a care for all the creatures (large and small) who promote nature's growth.

Vegetable beds are set up within the grounds of the Riddells Creek Uniting Church. Members of the community are invited to use their insights and skills to make this a place of harvest.

There's a beautiful hymn by one of the best hymn writers of the past century, the late Shirley Murray of



*Community garden in the grounds of the Riddells Creek Uniting Church.*

New Zealand:

"Touch the earth lightly,  
 "use the earth gently, / "...  
 "nourish the life of the  
 world in our care: / "...  
 "gift of great wonder,  
 "ours to surrender, / "...  
 "trust for the children tomorrow will bear."

A contribution to this light tread is a free event to be held at the Gisborne Uniting Church, Brantome Street, on Tuesday September 13 from 10am to 12 noon. The topic: "Gardening for the Future of the Earth."

*Janet Wood*



## Great events at Mt Macedon Uniting Church

There have been two very successful events at 'the Mount Church' recently.

The Thistle Club held a most enjoyable Christmas in July lunch on July 27 with over 30 members, partners and friends. The new digital piano provided beautiful background music. The quiz was pretty tough, with the winners getting only 10 correct answers for the 20 questions. Even someone who waited for the answers to be read out could only get 16 right! It was a great afternoon of relaxed fellowship.

The Men's Group was then engrossed by and with a demonstration and discussion on war-gaming by and with John Almond, a keen local war-gamer and military history buff, on August 2. He showed some of his model figures and how they are closely styled and painted for the clothes, helmets and weapons of the respective armies. He also described how battles are reenacted. Napoleonic war battles are very popular amongst the gamers.

The congregation is enjoying the music from the new Roland digital piano during services. Its versatility is amazing as we learn more about its features.

The Thistle Club ladies meet on the last Wednesday afternoon monthly and the Men's Group on the first Tuesday morning each month. Visitors are most welcome to both activities.

Neil Tweddle may be contacted in relation hereto on 5426 2045.

*Neil Tweddle*



*'Show and tell' at the Mt Macedon Uniting Church Men's Group war games session.*

## Anglican Parish of Gisborne's welcome to spring



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GISBORNE

Macedon | Riddells Creek | Gisborne

Welcome to September, which officially heralds the beginning of spring, although not necessarily much warmer weather yet.

According to the great poet Alfred, Lord Tennyson, "In the Spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love." However, I suspect many a young man's fancy, and the fancy of many young women and older people, may well be turning to football finals, both AFL and local, or tennis finals or the end of the netball season; if not, then the start of the cricket season, with training already having begun for the Gisborne Cricket Club players.

This started me thinking of all the volunteers who keep our grassroots community teams running and how some of them will be looking forward to a slightly quieter time, whilst others are gearing up for the next season.

There may be some paid positions at our larger clubs, however, mostly these payments are not enough to make a living and those filling these positions do it more for love than money.

Jesus spoke of "where your treasure is, there will be your heart" (Luke 12:34). For all of you groundskeepers, coaches, canteen helpers, washers of clothes, scorers, umpires, club committee men and women, managers, sponsorship seekers and parent drivers, your hearts are in your clubs, as you treasure your teams.

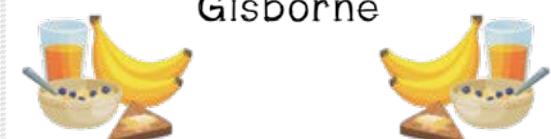
And our community is a better place for it. "Carn the ..."

*The Rev'd Dr Alan Smith*

## FREE BREAKFAST

Macedon Ranges  
 Seventh-day  
 Adventist Church

18 Barringo Road New  
 Gisborne



9-9:30am

Saturday mornings

Contact Melissa on 0413 871 921



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## WHAT'S ON REGULAR MEETINGS

\*\*\* 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
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	Mon, Wed & Sat 10am	0426 500 516, Noeline Richardson 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@junseikan.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
OBEDIENCE 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	Senior Cits room, Gisborne Community Centre
QUILTERS (Gisb)	Wed 7pm	Room attached to Gisb Library
RAMBLERS	Fridays 9.15am	Tennis Club Dixon Field
ROTARY (Gisborne)	First & third Tues 7pm	Telegraph Hotel, 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@mrspag.com.au
TABLE TENNIS	Wed 7.30pm	Tony Clarke Res, Macedon
THUNDER SWIMMING CLUB	2nd Sat 5pm	Gisborne Aquatic Centre
TOY LIBRARY	Every Mon 9.30-10.30am; Thurs 3.30-4.30pm, Sat 9.30-11am	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 sdggome@patash.com.au

New members always welcome

## WHAT ELSE

### IS ON



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#### OCTOBER

1	Troy Williams author talk at library	16
2	Fly fishing expo in Woodend	13

## KIDS' QUIZ

- |                      |                   |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Melbourne Demons  | 6. Tokyo          |
| 2. Orange            | 7. 50             |
| 3. Leonardo da Vinci | 8. Purple         |
| 4. World War I       | 9. Buzz Lightyear |
| 5. Sir Isaac Newton  | 10. Mineral       |

## BRAINBUSTERS

- |   |                        |
|---|------------------------|
| 1. The sun                                      | 6. David Hurley        |
| 2. 32   | 7. St George           |
| 3. True   | 8. Bolivia, Paraguay   |
| 4. TNT  | 9. Separation from NSW |
| 5. Bank of NSW and Commercial Bank of Australia | 10. May Gibbs          |

## Baringo Film Club

3pm Wednesday | 3pm and 6pm Saturday

### SEPTEMBER

- 7 to 10 ..... *What We Did on Holidays* (Comedy)
- 14 to 17..... *Death on the Nile* (Drama/Thriller)
- 21 to 23 ..... *Grease*
- 28 to Oct 1.... *Spotlight* (Drama/Documentary)

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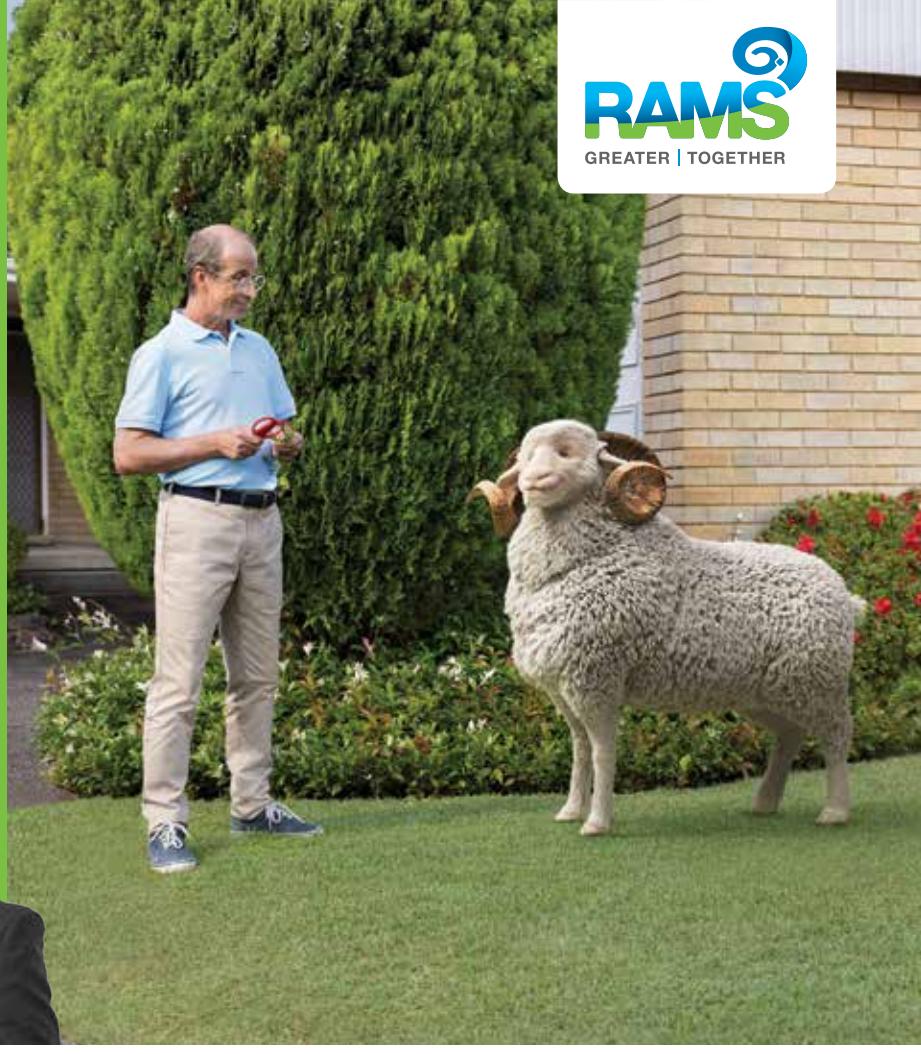


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