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Thinking sustainability

Guides Mabel, Alice and Hollie work on creating a village using natural materials.

Gisborne Girl Guides joined Woodend and Lancefield Guides on 20 February to celebrate Thinking Day and undertook the challenges involved in earning the Thinking Day

badge. The badge syllabus is a worldwide story with activities based on the theme of helping to reduce climate change in our own environment.

The girls had to explore the

local environment using their five senses and discussed the link between all living things on the planet.

The final challenge is for the girls to 'Walk the World' (they

will do it locally) to spread the message about caring for our environment and reducing the impact of climate change.

For meeting times and how to join Gisborne Guides, see notice on ►p29

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From the Editor's desk

Have you tried something new yet this year? I did and it blew my mind. I joined six other members of Macedon Tennis Club in a new team at Tennis Victoria Country Week in mid-February in Yarrowonga.

It was an amazing experience to participate in the largest lawn tennis tournament in the world and play tennis on courts drawn up on a football oval and cricket ground, against teams from around the state (many long-time Country Week veterans). The camaraderie and the organisation of the 1400 players were highlights for me, and I impressed myself with my stamina to play in some incredibly hot temperatures. The team photo below was taken in 35C heat after our final match.

Now that this middle-aged dog has shown it can learn new tricks, I'm keen to explore more new frontiers. Learning to live more sustainably has been on my list for years and I'm not alone. The Girl Guides on this month's cover are focusing on it, as is local baker and e-van driver Simon Matthee who shares some of his sustainability journey on pages 8 and 9.

Sustainable House Day on 19 March, organised by the Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group, looks like a great learning opportunity. And I look forward to reading Year 7 student Eliza Ransome's new column 'Caring for the planet' every month.

This edition also features initiatives that support the sustainability of local community groups, resident wellbeing and a peaceful society. The Macedon Ranges Community Volunteer Expo (page 13), new electronic scoreboard at Tony Clarke Reserve (page 12), new community chaplain starting in March (page 6) and Imam Alaa Elzokm speaking at the Peter Barcham Lecture on 6 March (page 38) are just some examples.

Last, but certainly not least, congratulations to Mount Macedon Golf Club on winning Golf Australia's Visionary of the Year in February for its successful 'Ladies Get Into Golf@MMGC' program. The club launched the program in the spirit of inclusivity and its resulting growth in female membership will surely be making it more sustainable too.

Happy reading,

Corinne Shaddock



This year's new Macedon Tennis Club Country Week team.

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A MINUTE WITH MAXINE

Maureen Lynch has been delivering the *Gazette* for five years.

She was born in Tallangatta, northern Victoria, and has eight siblings. Maureen moved to Gisborne in 2015 after living in Castlemaine for 30 years. She has two sons, two dogs (Molly (11) and Tino (10)) and two grand dogs (Maggie and Midnight).

Maureen called into the GREAT Centre in 2018 to volunteer and was greeted with open arms and could be seen most days typing and greeting tourists, and was a volunteer at the Gisborne Olde Time market each month, liaising with the stallholders. She was also a member of the GREAT (Gisborne Region Events Activities &



Maureen Lynch with Molly and Tino.

Tourism) committee. Maureen was a volunteer at the Gisborne and Mt Macedon Districts Historical Society until recently, archive typing.

She enjoys gardening, Pilates, quilting, walking her two dogs twice daily and listening to music and is learning to play the piano. Maureen would love to join a choir but remembers the nuns at her school asking her to mime.

Maureen is a 'social butterfly' and loves catching up with family and friends. When she moves to

Melbourne in the future, you can guarantee that she will be volunteering somewhere, so it will be Gisborne's loss and Melbourne's gain.

Maxine Barker

Gisborne Olde Time Market

Sunday
5 March

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Mt Macedon wins Visionary of the Year golf club title



Out of the destruction wrought by the Ash Wednesday fires 40 years ago, the Mt Macedon Golf Club phoenix has risen to be named

Golf Australia's Visionary of the Year for its 'Ladies Get Into Golf@MMGC' sessions.

This program has seen 120+ ladies participate in a novice skills program and seen the club's female membership grow from four to 36 in less than two years.

Thank you to all of those who voted for us, those members who directly supported the Sunday sessions, the ladies who participated in the program and co-ordinator Bruce Fraser who has been the driving force.

It was a delightful surprise for us to receive the award in an online presentation from an Australian player who has won more majors than any other Australian golfer, Karrie Webb.

Marcus 'Walrus' Ward



Above: Mt Macedon's lady golfers and members celebrate the club's award, which was presented online to Marcus Ward and Bruce Fraser (right) by Karrie Webb.

Gisborne Landcare restoring health to Bunjil and Howey Creeks



Gisborne Landcare is calling on the community for further assistance and support to build upon our Environmental Management Plan (EMP) objectives.

The Gisborne Landcare EMP largely focuses on the eradication of prohibited weeds and revegetation with endemic species along Bunjil and Howey Creeks.

Last year, Gisborne Landcare efforts concentrated on weed eradication and planting at the confluence of the two creeks on Fersfield Road. Works were also conducted at the Gisborne train station.

Gisborne Landcare is keen for new members to join its ranks to participate in planning and fieldwork. The group meets bi-monthly and hosts regular working bees in Gisborne.

"Come along and build upon our efforts to protect, restore and enhance the local environment," said Gisborne Landcare president Jackson O'Neill.

For more information, come to a meeting or working



Landcare group is well equipped for its work.

bee; there's always a home-made cookie and cup of tea on offer! Or if you wish to contribute financially, please contact gisbornelandcare@gmail.com

For more information, contact Jackson O'Neill on 0497 580 141 or at gisbornelandcare@gmail.com.



Picture: Golf Australia

ROTARY EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY 1st APRIL

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Mark your diaries! The fun starts at 10am on April 1 with activities and registrations for the Monster Easter Egg Hunts

Full details on page 12



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Residents north and south upset over developments

Developments on two sides of Gisborne are causing anger and anxiety among residents. They are at Ross Watt Road, New Gisborne, and the new phase of the Willow Gisborne development in the south of Gisborne.

Ross Watt Road: A 2021 application for a development of more than 700 lots at 89 Ross Watt Road is expected to be heard in the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) this month after the council, referral authorities (ie utilities and emergency services) and the developer could not agree on amendments to the plan.

The council refused a planning permit based on objections raised by the referral agencies relating to traffic, native vegetation, drainage and interface of the development with Rosslynne Reservoir and Jacksons Creek.

New Gisborne and Gisborne residents lobbied against the permit application from the beginning, and a large group of residents has put together a detailed and thorough submission to VCAT in support of the council's rejection of the development.

Their submission discusses "numerous errors of fact" in the developer's documentation, as well as "non-compliance with regulated requirements, clear conflicts and contradictions within reports, and obvious and unacceptable bias in findings and recommendations that favour the development."

Willow Gisborne: Residents in the area of Stephen's Creek, which courses north from Brooking Road through the new Willow development in Gisborne, have reported to Melbourne Water that no water is flowing as heavy machinery goes back and forth across the creek – they say developers were supposed to redirect the creek to protect the flow while earthworks were under way.

In addition, every tree on the creek between Drysdale Drive and Rothschild Road was removed in mid-February. This includes native trees that were



Plan of subdivision for Ross Watt Road

planted a few years ago.

The removal of the trees is heartbreaking for nearby residents who enjoy the birds and other wildlife for which the creek and trees have provided a habitat.

A resident said that one particular family of magpies had lived in the same tree near Buckland Boulevard for eight years. The male magpie raised 18 chicks in that time. Its home has been destroyed.

With no water source now for any birds in the area, the resident has asked people in the vicinity to think about putting bowls of water out in the garden for them.

Melbourne Water confirmed that the permit required that water flow be redirected before construction began and that a compliance check would be made.

An officer also said that as part of the permit conditions, vegetation was to be replaced after construction.

This is small consolation for current residents. One said, "I know the development of 600 homes is well underway but any native trees when eventually planted in the future will not be seen by me in my lifetime as it will be too long before they grow to maturity."

SEEN AROUND TOWN



The stadium is going up at a cracking pace at the Gisborne Sports Hub in Station Road, New Gisborne.



GISBORNE GOSS

Jason Marshall, who moved to Gisborne in January, almost lost his lower leg last month after he inadvertently knocked an axe from a high place in his shed and it fell and cut him. He shared his experience on the Gisborne Community Facebook page and encouraged other residents to be careful of storing dangerous objects in high places.

House #3 of the 2022 season of television show *The Block* in Gisborne, which was bought by Adrian Portelli for a reported \$4.25m after it failed to sell at auction, was raffled off through an online site recently and won by a couple from Ballarat.

Filming for a feature film took place at the Gisborne Motel and Sankey Reserve in February, possibly for a crime thriller called *Sleeping Dogs* starring Russell Crowe that is based on EO Chirovici's novel *The Book of Mirrors*.

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Autumn Festival to showcase a taste of the Ranges

Ticketed events are now on sale for the Macedon Ranges Autumn Festival, which returns in April.

The festival, which took out top spot in the Festivals and Events category at the 2023 Victorian Tourism Awards, celebrates the Ranges' vibrant food, wine, arts and culture scene in addition to the gardens and autumn leaves for which the area is famous at this time of year.

Additions to the festival this year are the **Autumn Tipple Trails**, including the **Tipple Train Trail** designed for visitors to be able to leave the car at home, jump on the train and explore a range of bars within walking distance of train stations.

Adding to the fun is the **Tarts and Tipples Passport**, which encourages festivalgoers to taste their way through the region and collect stickers along the way, allowing entry to a competition to win a Macedon Ranges getaway. Passports will be available at participating venues and can be printed from the festival website.

Other returning features include three separate **First Nations Events**, where participants can learn about Dja Dja Wurrung, Taungurung and Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Country; historical gardens in Mount Macedon collaborating on an **Autumn Gardens Trail** that will take visitors by shuttle bus from Centennial Park in Macedon

to see the famous gardens of Forest Glade, Viewfield and Duneira; the popular **Pie and Tart Trail**, with more than 30 cafes and restaurants in the region serving up their own original mouth-watering delicacies; the **Edgy Veg Trail** for lovers of plant-based delights, with participating cafes and restaurants offering a special plant-based dish for the publicly voted Edgy Veg Awards; the popular **Gardener Puppets**, visiting farmers' markets to share their produce with visitors; and a range of **artistic workshops**.

Visit visitmacedonranges.com/autumn-festival to buy tickets and plan itineraries.

Support for Cultural Diversity Week

Macedon Ranges Shire Council is proud to support Cultural Diversity Week,



Macedon Ranges
Shire Council

an opportunity for us to celebrate the value that cultural diversity brings to our community. It is held annually in March to coincide with the United Nations Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination on 21 March.

In partnership with Regional Victorians of Colour, the council is bringing together on 23 March in Woodend people from diverse cultures in the Ranges who will share their stories over morning tea that they have prepared. After the morning tea conversations, Sister Brigid Arthur, an advocate and fighter for the rights of some of the community's most vulnerable members, will speak about the Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project and the contribution that migrants, refugees and asylum seekers make to the community. This is a free event, but bookings are essential to comdevadmin@mrsc.vic.gov.au. All are warmly invited.

Thursday 23 March, 10:30am to 12.30pm at Norma Richardson Hall, 15 Buckland Street, Woodend.

On Saturday 25 March, the Multicultural Comedy Gala will be held at Kyneton Town Hall. The show, starting at 8pm, involves a lineup of six comedians touching on cultural identity in a concoction of comedy that pokes fun at what makes us all different but so much the same. Performers include Dilruk Jayasinha, Jeff Green and Tahir. Bookings via mrsc.vic.gov.au/arts-events or call 1300 888 802. Tickets are: Full \$59.90 and all others – seniors, concession, student, group 10+, youth (under 25) – \$54.90.



The chief of the Mt Macedon District Group of Brigades, Greg Snart, and long-serving member of Gisborne Fire Brigade Bruce Hawker, hold remnants from the Ash Wednesday fires outside the Church of the Resurrection at Macedon before the commemorative service held on 12 February.

Ash Wednesday commemorations

About 60 residents and CFA members gathered at Centennial Park on the hot evening of 16 February to quietly talk about the events of 40 years ago that devastated the Macedon and Mt Macedon communities.

Later that evening, almost 100 people packed the Uniting Church on Mt Macedon at a service of remembrance led by the Reverend Dr D'Arcy Wood, who spoke of the grief experienced because of the loss of life, homes and property, but also of how tragedy had inspired compassion, love and hope.

Three members of the congregation recounted their experiences on that night.

The Reverend Dr D'Arcy was assisted by the Reverend Deacon Jeanne Beale, who gave the sermon. *More details in Church report, page 38*

BOOK LAUNCH: 'Memories of Ash Wednesday'

The launch of the book is expected to take place in April and full details will be published in next month's issue. Production is well advanced and the book will go to the printer in March.

Bryan Power, who is the editor of the book, has collected 60 stories from residents who lived through the events of 16 February 1983 in the Macedon Ranges. The stories provide insights into the human responses to the dangers and terrors experienced on that dreadful day.

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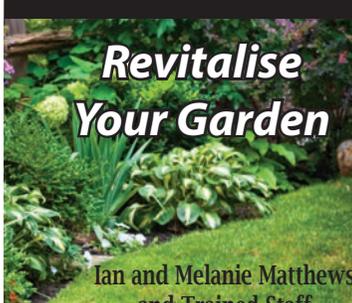
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CFA supports International Women's Day



The theme of International Women's Day this year (8 March) is "Embrace Equity", and Gisborne CFA implores readers to get involved

and encourage a gender-equal world that: is free of bias, stereotypes and discrimination; is diverse, equitable and inclusive; and values and celebrates difference.

Di Dale said Gisborne CFA was committed to inspiring its volunteers to maintain a safe and inclusive environment that embraced equity, so that it could continue to serve and collaborate with its communities with a high standard of excellence and professionalism.

Gisborne CFA volunteers Di Dale and Sandra Barrotta.



New community chaplain role to start in March

As many of us came to realise during the Victorian lockdowns, social connection, engagement and participation are integral to achieving positive wellbeing.

In response, some local residents known as the 'Gisborne Support Group,' are taking steps to strengthen social cohesion, networks and support structures.

They have rallied together to recommence a "Community Connector" (chaplain) in Gisborne.

The connector role, to be filled by Jane Williams, provides an avenue to offer pastoral and practical care to individuals, families and the broader community.

Ms Williams will provide support regarding key life psychosocial issues, spirituality, ethics and personal matters while facilitating connection to community organisations, businesses, health providers and welfare agencies.



Jane Williams

The connector role seeks to nurture meaningful conversations with Gisborne residents, grounded in respect, acceptance and sensitivity to other people's views, values and beliefs.

The connector initiative is formally starting in late March and is implemented by Korus Connect, a Melbourne-based charity providing pastoral care services throughout Victoria.

Ms Williams will work every Wednesday and be based in the Gisborne Uniting Church, beside the Gisborne Foodbank.

As a local resident, Ms Williams has a passion for the community. She brings a wealth of experience in serving the wider Macedon Ranges region.

Please reach out to the connector at Gisborne Uniting Church from late March onwards, to share the joy of living in our wonderful neighbourhood and experience our thriving community spirit.

For enquiries, contact Bronwyn Tacey, secretary, on 0417 028 605 or sbtacey@bigpond.com.

Suicide prevention group seeks volunteers

Are you someone who cares about wellbeing in your local community?



The Macedon Ranges Suicide Prevention Action Group

(MRSPAG) is putting out a call to action for passionate people to join forces with us to help improve mental health and emotional wellbeing in the Macedon Ranges community.

The group is committed to addressing the impact of suicide in our community. If you would like to learn more, and maybe consider joining MRSPAG, please come along to our community forum:

Date: Tuesday 21 March

Time: 6pm-7.30pm (followed by the AGM)

Place: Gisborne Mechanics Institute Hall, Hamilton Street, Gisborne.

The forum will be an opportunity to hear about

work being done locally and beyond to improve community mental health and to meet and talk with others who are interested in these issues.

There will be time to mingle and chat over refreshments.

Whether you can offer one-off help with events, such as our annual walk, or longer-term help, for example with our social media, we would love to hear from you. Please come to the forum or, if you'd like to get in touch directly, drop us a line at info@mrspag.com.au. Submitted by Kathy Bell

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Cool-ER Changes — collaboration for climate change

Over the coming months, six workshops will explore and develop theme-based actions to mitigate, adapt and strengthen the council's response to climate change shire wide. Join us in for these solutions-focused, collaborative workshops and help address the climate emergency in our own backyard.

The first two workshops are:

Cool-ER Changes: Workshop 1 – Nurturing nature; Thursday 16 March, 6-8:30pm, Gisborne Community Centre.

Healthy ecosystems means healthy people. Bringing together indigenous knowledge with modern experience, we will explore solutions to ensure our land and waterways will flourish.

Cool-ER Changes: Workshop 2 – Climate ready communities; Thursday 30 March, 6-8.30pm, Kyneton Library.

How do we develop a 'climate-ready community'? From sustainable houses, building and development, to connecting and enhancing our food systems... In this workshop we want to bring the farmers to the families they feed and explore all things sustainable, local, low-carbon living.

Light vegetarian dinner provided. For information and to register, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/Cool-ER-Changes.

Community Choice Awards

Residents and visitors are invited to nominate their favourite Macedon Ranges business that is committed to delivering excellent customer experiences, in the inaugural Telstra Macedon Ranges Community Choice Awards.

An extension of the Business Excellence Awards program, the Community Choice Awards seek to recognise and celebrate those who go above and beyond in their day-to-day delivery of goods and services.

Nominations will be decided by popular vote in each of the five categories, for excellence in:

Customer Service – Agribusiness and Primary Production

Customer Service – Health and Wellbeing
Customer Service – Hospitality and Accommodation

Customer Service – Retail and Service
Customer Service – Trades and Manufacturing

Nominations are open until 24 March. Voting will be open from 1 April. For more information visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/business-awards



Resource recovery news

Since the launch of the four-bin system in 2020, Macedon Ranges has seen some of the highest diversion rates of waste from landfill in the state. Evidently, residents in the shire have embraced the new system and are passionate about recycling and reducing their environmental footprint.

Residents are reminded that a few small acts can have a big impact when sorting waste, such as:

- Remembering to put your recycling in the bin loose (no plastic bags)
 - Putting food-soiled paper packaging, such as pizza boxes and paper towels, in your FOGO bin
 - Only putting glass bottles and jars in your glass bin (no ceramics, Pyrex, light-bulbs or other glass)
- not putting batteries and e-waste in your general waste, but dropping them off for free at transfer stations.

The council's 'Let's get sorted' guide can help residents sort waste properly. Download a copy at mrsc.vic.gov.au/lets-get-sorted.



Compost deliveries are back

Deliveries of FOGO compost and mulch to residents have been resumed. Delivery sizes and costs are:
Three cubic metres: \$146.30
Six cubic metres: \$182.60

To book delivery, call the customer service team on 5422 0333 or call in to the council offices in Robertson Street. To learn more, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/compost

Free fitness classes for Women's Day

Council pools and fitness centres will recognise International Women's Day on Wednesday 8 March with a "Day of Wellness" and free entry to group fitness classes at Gisborne, Kyneton and Romsey. Programs include virtual fitness as well as instructor-led, land-based or aqua aerobics classes.

For information, please contact Gisborne Fitness Centre on 5428 3318 or email gfc@mrsc.vic.gov.au

Village Connect events for over 55s

Information Session 1 – Scam

Awareness: Thursday 16 March, 10:30-11:30am, Kyneton Town Hall.

Anyone can be a target of phone scams or false information online, but there are things you can do to protect yourself. Hear from NBN community ambassador Janeen Stewart who will share up-to-date information on scam trends and what you can do to protect yourself.

Information Session 2 – Digital

Devices 101: Thursday 16 March, 12-1pm, Kyneton Town Hall.

Devices such as smart phones and tablets are a way to strengthen our connections with family and friends. NBN community ambassador Janeen Stewart will share information on how to access wi-fi hotspots and answer your connectivity questions. Learn about using 'Wi-Fi Calling' and mobile hotspots; what happens to the NBN network during a power cut; what technology is available in the shire to ensure you are getting the most from your service.

If you are over 55 and want to join these free sessions, call the Village Connect Team on 5422 0333 or email villageconnect@mrsc.vic.gov.au

Pathways for Carers

This is an opportunity for carers of older people, people with a disability or mental illness to walk together, and to learn more about services and supports available. The next dates are Friday 3 March and 14 April. Meet at 9:45am at Barry Doyle Rotunda (2 Campaspe Crescent), Botanical Gardens, Kyneton.

The walks are free but registration is required. Contact Abbey on 5422 0262 or visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/village-connect.

Education sessions for dementia

Thursday 9 March, 10am-12pm at Woodend RSL, 32 Anslow Street.

Dementia Australia, in collaboration with the Woodend Lifestyle Carers Group and the council, are running a free Educational Dementia Immersive Experience (EDIE) session for carers and family members of people living with dementia. The session aims to enhance knowledge of dementia through virtual-reality technology, allowing participants to see the world through the eyes of a person living with dementia. To register, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/EDIE or call Dementia Australia on 1300 526 576.

Register your pet

Council pet registrations renewals are due by 10 April. You can renew in person at council offices, by mail, BPay, or online. For information visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/pet-registration or call 5422 0333.

Environment events

There are many opportunities to get involved in autumn environment events.

- **Nest box monitoring webinar.** Wednesday 1 March, 6:30-7:30pm.
- **Pollinator Farm Walk – Promoting pollinators on your farm.** Sunday 5 March, 10-11:30am, Sedgewick.
- **Understanding and Managing Soil Biology on your Farm.** Wednesday 8 March, 10am-2:30pm, workshop, Tylden.
- **Dung Beetles.** Thursday 30 March, 10:30am-12:30pm, Romsey workshop; Thursday 30 March, 6:30-8:30pm, Goornong property.
- **Healthy Landscapes – Equiculture workshop.** Friday 10 March, 9:30am-3pm, Malmsbury.
- **Fencing and troughs.** Thursday 16 March, 10am-12pm, Kyneton.

To find out more about any of these events and to register, visit www.mrsc.vic.gov.au/environment-events

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Sustainable sourdough man

What is a sustainable business?

To me, a sustainable business seeks to minimise its negative impact on the environment and community while maximising its positive impacts on the environment and community.

I also believe that it is more helpful to think of sustainability as a journey in a business or at home. We are never going to be perfect, but we are always seeking to take steps towards minimising our environmental footprint and being the best community members we can be.

How does the Millett Road Maker approach sustainability?

The Millett Road Maker is a manufacturer, which means we take resources (electricity, grain, water etc.) and turn them into bread and crumpets.

Our goal in operating our business is to provide our community with high-quality, healthy baked goods and do that with the least negative environmental impact and maximum positive impact.

With this in mind, we have always spent time analysing our resource inputs (mainly electricity, grains, water, packaging and delivery resources) to ensure we are using the best options.

For example, our electricity usage: We are asking: Where is it coming from? Can we adjust our baking schedule to take advantage of solar power? Can we charge our electric delivery van using only our generated solar power? If not, can we ensure we draw from the grid when excess or renewable electricity is available?

Another example is our grain: we want to make our sourdough products for the best health outcomes by mainly using whole grains and sourcing them from the best farms. I have developed relationships with biodynamic and organic grain farmers and millers in the Wimmera and Murray Valley and often visit their farms to learn about how the grains are being grown and best used.

These considerations are balanced with what our customers want and need and how I can provide this with the best value!

What started you on the sustainability pathway?

Before starting the Millett Road Maker in 2016, I worked in and around small businesses. Through this journey, I have always believed that a successful business needs to positively impact the communities it operates in.

To put it simply, I want to be able to look my neighbours in the eyes and know I'm doing right by them.

It's a natural progression, then, to want to operate your business in a way that does not negatively impact the community and our environment, either directly or indirectly.

From there, it has been ingrained (pun maybe intended!) into every step and every decision of our business.

Simon Mathee is the owner and head baker at the Millett Road Maker, a small sourdough bakery in South Gisborne baking and delivering sourdough loaves and crumpets throughout the Macedon Ranges. The Millett Road Maker was awarded the Champion of Social, Environmental, or Sustainability Principles in the latest Macedon Ranges Business Excellence Awards.

Corinne Shaddock asked Simon a few questions about his approach to sustainability.



Simon Mathee with his electric van which is a big part of his sustainability efforts.

What has been the hardest part?

I reckon the hardest part is wrestling with the cost-benefit equation of these questions. Often I am presented with a choice between what is easy and what my gut says is right for our business and community. For example, it would be easy to source cheap and nutritionally-poor flour. Instead, filling our stores with the best organic and biodynamic grain to mill, and flour, provides much better options for our customers and wider environment health, even if it is more expensive and has a shorter non-preservative-filled shelf life.

Luckily, most of the time, these hard choices come with their own rewards. The smell of milling bio-dynamic spelt or rye grain for each bread batch is a pretty special afternoon indulgence, and I always look forward to my

regular grain purchasing road trips, where I get to stop in at regional bakeries, walk in fields of grain, or watch a harvest if I'm lucky.

What has been the most surprising?

Our transition to an electric delivery van has been far easier than I had imagined.

When we started looking at options to make our deliveries more sustainable, there was very little information or examples of anyone operating electric vans in Australia.

I had to base most of my research on experiences in London and continental Europe, where electric vans have been on the market since 2013 and are now commonplace.

When we transitioned to our current electric van (a Renault Kangoo ZE), it was the only option available on the market. Luckily, it fell perfectly within our requirements for the range, and the fuel savings offset the higher purchase price. So on paper, it all seemed to make sense, but without local knowledge to rely on – there is always uncertainty.

I'm thrilled to report that the transition has gone exactly as planned. Our van's capabilities won't suit everyone, but it fits our requirements perfectly, and we have not looked back.

As the industry progresses and Australia catches up with electric vehicles, more electric van options are coming to our shores. There is also far more local knowledge on electric vehicles generally, so going forward, businesses should be able to make the transition with far more confidence than I had.

What's next on your sustainability journey?

Our next big challenge is our packaging. We are always looking for ways to make our packaging more sustainable and to reduce the strain on the shire's garbage and recycling systems. With the current movement away from plastics and the packaging industry offering more options for biodegradable packaging, I believe we will soon be able to remove plastics from our packaging use entirely.

What can other businesses do to improve sustainability?

While I'm no expert, I reckon that for anyone at the start of their sustainability journey, most businesses' low-hanging fruit is their source inputs and waste outputs.



Simon (right) discusses a grain crop with Steve from Burrum Biodynamics.

installing solar panels, battery storage, or transitioning your fleet vehicles to electric vehicles. I would highly recommend contacting the Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group (MRSRG) for advice on these topics.

Chatting with other nearby businesses about what they are doing and what their input/waste outputs are can also yield surprising results.

When chatting to our farmers' market neighbours, Dreaming Goat Dairy, we found that their whey is a waste product to them, but an awesome input for our bread – providing a delicious texture and added goodness.

So for the past few years, we've been picking up their whey and mixing it into one of our loaf products.

What advice do you have for people who want to have a more sustainable business or house but don't know where to start?

When it comes to using renewable energy and reducing overall energy usage, I think it's often best to start by looking at your energy use. Energy monitors such as PowerPal can show you how you use energy, which will determine your best options.

For example, if you are out at work all day, solar panels might not be the best option, as you're not there when the power is being generated. It might make more sense to look at upgrading your insulation, double-glazed windows, or electric battery storage. These options will all reduce your energy use when you are using the most.

That is just one example of many. The first step is to connect with the Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group which you can find running the Woodend Farmers' Market, or even the 'My Efficient Electric Home' Facebook page, which is always discussing energy-efficient home options.

Don't worry if the journey feels long, because every step of every person counts.

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CARING FOR THE PLANET

With Eliza Ransome

Welcome to my new column about taking care of the environment and little things we can do to help.

This month is all about plastic pollution and its effect on our reefs and oceans.

Leaving rubbish on the ground can affect the ocean because it can blow onto the beach then into the water with the wind. Sea creatures such as turtles, fish, dolphins, seabirds, oysters and mussels can be affected if they digest these plastics. It will end up in their digestive system clogging everything up, causing sickness and possibly death.

Seabirds and fish mistake plastic for small creatures or plants that they eat, meanwhile turtles often mistake it for jellyfish.

What can we do to help reduce plastic pollution? Pick up plastics and rubbish whenever we can and put it in the bin or recycling. Try to make sure not to drop any plastic or other rubbish and try to put your rubbish in the correct bins.

We can also try to reduce the amount of plastic we produce and use. At the supermarket, an easy way to reduce plastic is to put your apples and other fruit and vegetables straight into the trolley or basket instead of into the small plastic bags, which are thin and can blow away easily.

Try to buy recycled products and avoid single-use plastics, and try to find groceries and other items that are in paper bags or glass jars instead of being wrapped in plastic.

Another thing you can do while shopping is bring your own reusable material bags, instead of buying cheap plastic bags that end up in the garbage or clog up your space at home.

If we all try to reduce our plastic use it will help sustain our beautiful oceans and reefs, and our marine animals and creatures can live in a healthy plastic-free environment.

• Eliza is in Year 7 at Alice Miller School



'Artist House', Lancefield.

Sustainable houses open on 19 March

Sustainable House Day helps people make their homes more comfortable, more energy-efficient and cheaper to run. On Sunday 19 March, the Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group presents an Open House event featuring four homes across the Ranges.

Sustainable House Day



South Gisborne: A small off-grid home created from an old portable school building with added insulation, secondary glazing, draughtproofing, worm farm wastewater treatment, food gardens, solar, batteries and solar hot water.

Woodend North: Lucy and Robin's house. Solar, battery and electric vehicle saving the owners about \$3000 a year on electricity and petrol. The solar system, battery and EV will be available to view.

Lancefield: Artist House. A 120-square-metre modular home built for \$250k (2018). Features uPVC windows and doors, ceiling, wall and underfloor insulation, recycled and reused materials.

Kyneton: Hempcrete Cottage. The builder will be in attendance to explain construction methodology and the benefits of hempcrete.

See the homes, talk with their owners and pick up some tips to improve your own home. Free admission, booking required. For tickets and more information, see the group's website (mrsg.org.au/events-calendar/2023/3/19/sustainable-house-day).

Get involved! We are looking for volunteers to welcome and direct visitors on the day. If you can help out for a couple of hours, please contact us by email at susthomes@mrsg.org.au

Submitted by Sue Barker, MRSG Sustainable Homes Action Group



MEMBER'S MESSAGE

With Mary-Anne Thomas

Here we are in autumn in the gorgeous Macedon Ranges!

Some fantastic grant and leadership opportunities are open right now and seeking applications.

A reminder that the Change Our Game Community Activation Grants program which helps sport clubs and eligible organisations with up to \$10,000 grants to run initiatives that promote participation by women and girls is open until March 6. Visit changeourgame.vic.gov.au.

The 2022-23 Country Football and Netball Program is open too and I encourage local clubs to liaise with the Macedon Ranges Shire Council about opportunities to apply. We love our football and netball in Gisborne and surrounds, and it's important to support clubs to meet demand and welcome new participants. Grants of up to \$250,000 are available to redevelop and build new ovals and netball courts, install LED sports lighting, and build new or redevelop existing pavilions. Visit sport.vic.gov.au.

The amazing women in our community bring experience, expertise and energy to so many of our local organisations. Giving women tailored governance training and mentoring for roles on community and government boards, the Women's Board Leadership Program is a fabulous scholarship opportunity to enhance skills and have impact in the community. Details are at vic.gov.au/womens-board-leadership-program

Have a wonderful month of March.

Documentary on women's homelessness available

The *Under Cover* documentary on homelessness in women mentioned in the October 2022 *Gazette* article on Robert Pradolin titled 'Shelter Seeker' is now available on ABC iView at www.iView.abc.net.au/show/under-cover.

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Macedon Cemetery seeks volunteers to join its team

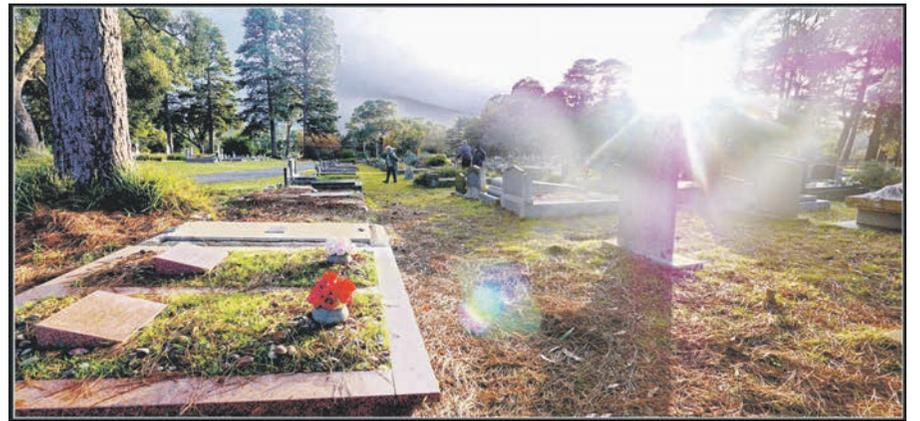
Are you a neighbour, gardener, history buff, green space enthusiast, cemetery enthusiast or a local seeking to get involved in the community? If you have the desire and some time, Macedon Cemetery is looking for individuals to join its volunteer team.

As a volunteer, you will have the opportunity to contribute to your community, learn about local history, and help maintain the cemetery grounds. The cemetery is managed by volunteer trust members from the local community, who have been appointed by the Department

of Health and Human Services.

Macedon Cemetery is of historical significance as a substantially intact mid-19th century cemetery which has strong associations with both the early and continuing history of Macedon and Mt Macedon.

"Volunteers are a crucial part of our team at Macedon Cemetery," said Sharon Bondy, chair of the Macedon Cemetery Trust. "Their support helps us to preserve, restore, enhance, and share Macedon Cemetery." Volunteer roles, include gardening, historical research,



Macedon Cemetery in the early morning, by John Spring

helping to input data into the digitised cemetery records, content creation for social media and hosting walking tours.

If you are interested, please email

macedoncemetery88@gmail.com or message us via our Facebook page. We look forward to working with you.

Submitted by Sharon Bondy

Gisborne Foodbank is here to help



With interest rates continuing to increase, it is understandable that some families in our community may be juggling lots of expenses that can at times be overwhelming.

Thinking about buying food is usually the last thing on the list after rent/mortgage, power, water and other household bills have been paid. The Gisborne Foodbank is here to help.

We are here to support you by providing food and general household items, with compassion and absolutely no judgment, until such time as your financial situation improves.

We are lucky to have so much support from our wonderful community. Hundreds of people donate to the Foodbank every month; people who understand that we all need assistance from time to time and who want to help make life easier for their fellow community members.

Please do not hesitate to contact us so that we can help.

The Gisborne Foodbank is open on Wednesdays



Gisborne Foodbank volunteers Lorna and Lynne are here to help families put food on the table each week.

and Fridays from 10am to 3pm. If you need assistance with food and general household items, please contact the Foodbank on 0492 850 520, drop in on a Wednesday or Friday, message us via Facebook (@GisborneFoodbank) or visit our website (www.gisbornefoodbank.org.au).

Julie Ireland

St Paul's Op Shop jottings

St Paul's Op Shop is open again, with the volunteers well rested after a lovely summer break, ready to help you find the perfect pre-loved treasure.

This year, though, there is a noticeable difference, with the always-smiling and always-helping Graeme Millar no longer with us. Graeme wrote this monthly article for many years, and we fondly remember his amazing contribution to St Paul's as we start 2023.



Much missed: Graeme Millar

Many in the community know our little shop well, but we would love more of you to discover our 'old-fashioned' style and service. Did you know that many of our adult clothes and shoes are only \$2, and children's clothes and shoes are \$1?

Located on the corner of Brantome and Fisher Streets, opposite St Brigid's and Gisborne Primary schools, the op shop is open on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10am to 1pm and Wednesday to Friday from 10am to 4pm. We are always looking for home decor items, clothing (especially men's clothing) and shoes that are in good condition.

So what are you waiting for? Donate what you no longer need, come and find a bargain or pop in and ask us about volunteering.

Karlana Santamaria



Thank you to the Gisborne & Surrounds Community for the support you have given us over the past 22 years.

It has been a labour of love for us and the best part was meeting people like you!
Bob & Barbara Nixon

Visit our GPW website for an update on where we are going
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Bob will continue to operate his financial services offices in Gisborne and Sunbury.

Mark the diary for Rotary Easter egg hunt

The Rotary Club of Gisborne Easter Fun Day is being held on Saturday 1 April at Jacksons Creek Reserve — in the park behind Coles at the end of Brantome Street.



The fun starts at 10am with activities and registrations for the Monster Easter Egg Hunts. These will be held in three stages for different age groups: under five years, five to eight years and nine to 12 years.

The first hunt will start at 11am sharp. Egg Hunt entry is \$5 per child.

There will be a life-sized Easter Bunny for photo opportunities which will be part of the fun.

Other activities planned include Easter egg painting and egg



and spoon races for a gold coin donation per participant.

All entries for our primary school children's Easter colouring competition will be on display, with a big Easter egg prize for each category winner. Entry forms for the colouring competition will be distributed in the weeks before to primary schools in the area. Otherwise call 0407 777 344 for forms and any other inquiries.

Refreshments including soft drinks, barista-made coffee, a sausage sizzle, ice cream and Gisborne Scouts' freshly cooked pancakes will be available.

All funds raised will be used to support humanitarian and community projects.

Submitted by Barry Wills, Rotary Club of Gisborne community service director

EASTER EGG HUNT
SATURDAY 1st APRIL

Jacksons Creek Reserve
Brantome Street
Gisborne (behind Coles)



Jason Davies (MFNC), Gisborne Bendigo Bank manager Sarah Barton and Shane Nicholas (MJFNC) by the electronic scoreboard installed at Tony Clarke Reserve, Macedon.

Lions continues to give in spades



The Gisborne and District Lions Club recently contributed \$10,000 to flood relief in Victoria. This contribution would not be possible without the community's support of the club's fundraising efforts.

The club sold Lions Christmas Cakes and raffle tickets in the popular Christmas Wheelbarrow Raffle to help raise money. Please continue to support the various Lions Club fundraising activities which enable the club to direct funds to those in need.

An incredible six cartons of stamps have recently been collected by the Lions Club and forwarded to the Australian Lions Children's Mobility Foundation. The foundation uses the proceeds from the sale of the stamps to obtain walking devices that get children out of their wheelchairs and onto their feet.

The majority of the stamps collected came from Wilton Le Feuvre, the father of Paul who lives in Mt Macedon. Further, Steve Earley from Gisborne provided his family collection to the Lions Club.

You can still support this important program by dropping off your stamps at the collection point in Hardy's UFS Pharmacy, Brantome Street, Gisborne, or sending them to the secretary, Gisborne and District Lions Club, PO Box 807, Gisborne.



Paul Le Feuvre, whose father Wilton contributed his extensive collection from around the world.

News from Community Bank Gisborne



The Community Bank Gisborne team was excited to see the electronic scoreboard go up at Tony Clarke Reserve in

February, to which it contributed \$35,000 to support Macedon Football Club, Macedon Junior Football Club and Macedon Cricket Club.

Does your group have a project in mind but not enough money to make it a reality? The autumn grant round is open from 1 to 31 March and community groups are invited to apply for funding for projects that will make Gisborne, Macedon or Riddells Creek even better places to live. Eligibility criteria and the application form can be downloaded from bendigobank.com.au/Gisborne.

Funding for projects of all types and sizes will be considered. Email mrcepublicrelations@gmail.com with any grant-related questions.

The bank will soon be inviting applications for scholarships for local 14-to-17-year-olds to attend the 2023 Magic Moments Youth Leadership & Business Summit in Sydney from 1 to 5 July. The five-day residential program has received rave reviews from students sent in the past. Interested students should contact their school or email mrcepublicrelations@gmail.com for an application form. Interviews will be conducted at local secondary schools before the end of Term 1 or early in Term 2.

We look forward to announcing the bank's 2023 tertiary scholarship recipients next month.

Until then, have a marvellous March from the team at Community Bank Gisborne, your locally owned the operated branch of Bendigo Bank.



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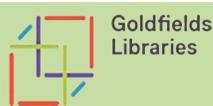
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Here are some events at Gisborne Library in March/April.

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Identifying and avoiding scams – Tuesday 21 March, 11.30am-12.30pm

Learn how to protect yourself from being scammed and what to do in the unfortunate case that you are the victim of a scam. For older adults (50+).

Sustainable House Kits

Show and tell – Saturday 25 March, 11am-11.45am

Join Sue from Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group to learn how increasing the energy efficiency of your home makes it more comfortable for you, cheaper to run and better for the planet.

Find out how the library's new Sustainable House Kits work and how to reserve one for use in your own home. Bookings required.

Craig Castree: A simple urban life – Tuesday 4 April, 5.30-6.30pm

Experienced horticulturist Craig Castree believes in producing and creating his own food in place of over-processed, commercially produced food that is laden with sugar, salt and fats. He will inspire you to rethink the way you shop, cook and eat in order to make your own healthier staple foods. Book sales and signings of *A Simple Urban Life*. Bookings required.

Writing Workshop with Lee Kofman: Write what makes you blush – Thursday 6 April, 1-3pm

Find the courage to write about what matters to you and work through any ethical issues involved, using practical exercises and strategies to make literature out of the uncomfortable. Bookings required.

For bookings for any session, visit www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au or phone 5428 3962.

Keep your eye out on the library's school holiday program coming soon.

There's lots on offer in local further education

Macedon Ranges Further Education Centre (MRFEC) offers over 40 courses with more to be added through the year.

Due to popular demand, self-defence for women will be offered through the year.



The next class is on 9 March at 6.30pm for over 18s. A mum and daughters' session is being planned so contact the office to express your interest and get more details.

Do you know someone who needs a little guidance with their digital device? 'Digital devices knowhow' starts on 20 March for three sessions, 9.30am-12.30pm. We have a friendly and supportive tutor.

Looking to refresh or build your skills in Microsoft and business-related topics? Check out all our options including Xero, Bookkeeping and Microsoft Excel, Word, and 'introduction for newbies'.

A free community morning will be held on 23 March at 10.30am-11.30am. On offer are fresh scones from Top of the Range tea rooms and a cuppa and a friendly chat. Call 5428 3799 to register by 20 March for catering purposes.

For more information go to the MRFEC website, Facebook page or contact MRFEC on 5428 3799 or email enquiries@mrfec.net.au



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Macedon Ranges Community Volunteer Expo

Buffalo Stadium, Woodend
Sunday 19 March, 11am-2pm

The Rotary Clubs of Gisborne, Macedon Ranges, Woodend, Kyneton and Daylesford are proudly sponsoring the Macedon Ranges Community Volunteer Expo. This event will showcase the amazing work that so many different volunteer organisations within the Macedon Ranges do.

Have you thought about volunteering? Volunteering looks different to each person. Some people are looking for a club to join and a regular meeting to attend. Others like the idea of volunteering for an hour a week or month. You might find what you are looking for at the Macedon Ranges Community Volunteer Expo.

Maybe you require assistance and would like to find an organisation that can help



Rotary



you. By coming along to the expo you may be able to find the support you need. Volunteer organisations attending include Gisborne Foodbank, Days for Girls, Neighbourhood Houses and Macedon Ranges Further Education Centre.

If your organisation would like to attend the expo or you would like further information, please contact rotarymacedonranges@gmail.com.

There will be food and drinks available on the day. The combined Rotary Clubs of the Macedon Ranges look forward to this community celebration and acknowledgement of the valuable work that all the volunteer organisations in the region undertake in the community.

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U3A offers range of interesting courses

U3A (University of the Third Age) is a not-for-profit organisation supported by Macedon Ranges Shire Council and open to Macedon Ranges residents who have retired from full-time employment. U3A offers a range of social and learning activities.

The Gisborne U3A closed some time ago and the nearest U3A is the Kyneton branch.

The tutors are dedicated volunteers who live in the area and are keen to share their knowledge and experience. No educational qualifications are required or given, and the aim is to make the sessions entertaining and informative.

Kyneton U3A says one of its exciting courses this year is Unity and Disunity in the USA presented by Christine Hardy, assisted by Paul Reid. Both are former teachers with an extensive knowledge of US history and politics. Christine will use her historical knowledge to demonstrate where American history, since 1774, has led it to where the society is today. She will also cover Australian history to explain how our similar origins led to vastly different results – why is America so different from Australia now? Join the course to find out.

Another new course is Crafts – Old or New. Bring along something that you are already working on, perhaps knitting, embroidery, scrapbooking or clothing repairs. Spend a couple of hours doing your craft and chatting with friends.

There are many other courses to choose from and something to suit everyone. Courses include the subjects of apartheid, poetry, folk dancing, French, film club, and propaganda. Check out the U3A Kyneton website, www.u3akyneton.org.au/courses, to see the full range of options.

New members are always welcome and can join via the website. If you need assistance, Roni will be pleased to help you. Further information about U3A Kyneton can be found at www.u3akyneton.org.au, by emailing members@u3akyneton or calling 0439 360 763.

Film society gets reel rolling for the year



The society's March screening will be *The Quiet Girl*.



The Macedon Ranges Film Society opening screening for this year was held in our 'home' at the Norma Richardson Hall, Woodend. Members were treated to new and improved cinema-standard projection. The Hall administration has installed a new drop-down wide screen and this is complemented by the state of the art 4K blu-ray projection equipment.

The members were delighted with the February screening of *The Full Monty*. The film provoked much discussion over supper and a glass or two of wine.

Our screening in March is the 2023 Irish film *The Quiet Girl*. This

delightful film is set in the Irish countryside in 1981, has been well received by reviewers and promotes the power of love for a child. In April, the scene is set in rural Italy with the acclaimed film *My House in Umbria* starring Maggie Smith.

The committee has chosen a full program of curated monthly screenings. The program may be found on the MRFS website. The film nights are held at 7pm on the second Friday of the month in the Norma Richardson Hall, Woodend. The society has fixed members' subscriptions for 2023 at the same fee as last year: \$70. New members are most welcome.

Contact can be made by emailing mrfilmsociety@gmail.com or by visiting our website, www.mrfilmsociety.org.
Neil Aplin

Probus Club has day out at sculpture park

Our first outing this year was on 16 February and 36 members and friends went by bus to the lovely Mica Grange Garden and Sculpture Park. We all thoroughly enjoyed our time there.

On arrival we were met by the owner, Bede Gibson, in front of a magnificent 300-year-old Yellow Box gum tree and given a brief history of the park and our itinerary for the day. It started with a delicious morning tea on the deck overlooking the pastures and rolling landscape. Next, we enjoyed exploring the gardens and sculptures displayed in various parts of the grounds. This was followed by a lovely light lunch in the Studio after which it was unfortunately time to return to home.

If you want to learn more about the Probus Club of Gisborne you are very welcome to join us, on the first Thursday of the month in the Gisborne Community Hall (old Senior Citizens Room) at the Gisborne Community



Probus members enjoy lunch on the deck.

Centre at 10am. Our next meeting will be on 2 March followed by the AGM for the 2023-24 Probus year. For further information you can contact our president, George Peart, on 0419 610 811.
Dianne Egan

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Abstracts opens on 7 March

 *Abstracts* is a new photographic exhibition by New Gisborne photographer Martin Leitch, to be held at The Gallery Mount Macedon during March. When Martin looks at the environment that surrounds him, he sees things that most of us do not observe. His photographs unveil a different way of looking at the built and natural environments, framing his view of the world with abstract meaning and graphical interpretation.

His images are aimed at creating a stunning focal point or curious conversation starter by challenging the viewer to come to their own interpretation through close examination of the subjects.

This exhibition presents a small selection of Martin's work on high-quality framed archival papers, acrylic and aluminium.

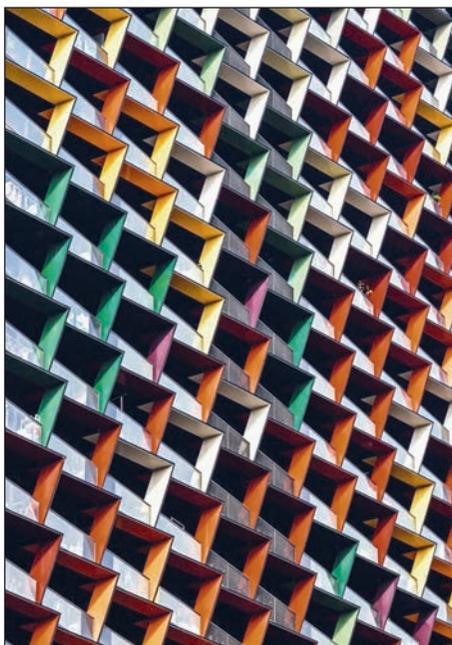
Images from his Salt Collection depict the natural environment in ways the viewer would not normally experience. Photographed at Lake Tyrrell, these selections invite the viewer to arrive at their own interpretation of what they see. The exhibition also includes images from his Balcony Collection. These were photographed in Melbourne with the intention of highlighting the graphical impact of architecture on the urban environment. However, on closer inspection, these images also give the viewer hints of the daily lives of their occupants.

For more information contact Martin Leitch on 0400 695 088 or Sue Anson 0413 581 632.

You are invited to view the *Abstracts* exhibition at The Gallery, 684 Mt Macedon Road, Mt Macedon (behind the Trading Post), from Tuesday 7 March to Saturday 1 April (closed Wednesdays and Thursdays).



What is this? by Martin Leitch



Balconies by Martin Leitch

Lots of laughs promised at *The 39 Steps*



The Mount Players

The first production for the year opened on 24 February but you can still catch it before its final performance on 12 March.

The 39 Steps is an adaptation of the original film presented as a BBC Radio Play in front of you (the live studio audience). A classic story with lots of action, accents and comedy with two people creating the live sound effects on stage...everything from smashing glass to punching lettuces will have you giggling the whole way through.

John Rowland (*Too Many Crooks*) has created this radio play for the stage and lets you experience just how they were produced way back when. Bring the family as it will appeal to all age groups. To book your tickets go to www.themountplayers.com or call 5426 1892.

At the AGM on 13 February members gathered for a social time as well as being able to reflect on their successful year in 2022. After the hardships of the previous two COVID years, the theatre was able to pick up momentum and get back to doing what they do best: bringing a diverse range of shows to life at their Mountview Theatre. With the line-up on offer for 2023 it is sure to be another successful year. The second production opens in May; more about that next month.

See you at the theatre!

Karen Hunt



Works from Phoenix art and craft group's December show.

Phoenix Macedon Ranges Art & Craft

We would first like to thank all those who attended our December exhibition. We appreciated the kind remarks on the variety and quality of the work by our members and thank patrons for their support.

Our next exhibition is on the weekend of 1 and 2 April; the Saturday from 10am to 4pm and Sunday 9am to 3pm. The Sunday coincides with the April Gisborne market. The exhibition will be in the old Court House in Gisborne, where you will have the chance to view all the artists' work and to buy a one-of-a-kind item at a reasonable price.

To find out more about our history, work and the next exhibition, visit www.phoenixmrac.com. If you are interested in joining our group, you can contact our long-time member Kay Beale on 9744 2646.



Mount Players' executive committee. From left: John Taranto (vice president), Craig Lenaine-Smith (president), Bernadette Tonna (treasurer) and Jenny Heriot (secretary).

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Long-time chorister farewelled



Margaret Brockman was officially farewelled at the Gisborne Singers' Christmas Party in December before her move to Tasmania in February. At the party, the choir performed Margaret's favourite folk song, *Scarborough Fair* (aptly arranged by Margaret), and presented her with a farewell gift.

Margaret will be very much missed at rehearsals for her musical knowledge, tuition, attention to correct pitch, timing and dynamics, not to mention her enthusiasm and passion. A life member of the Gisborne Singers, Margaret has arranged a huge amount of music for the choir, most noticeably the now official reduced score of Sir Karl Jenkins' *Cantata Memoria*.

The choir was delighted to learn that Margaret plans to practise remotely and will return for our performances of Mozart's *Requiem* on April 30 in Sunbury and May 7 in Kyneton.

At our first practice for the year we were overjoyed to be joined by many former choristers returning to the choir and a large group of new faces. Our first performance will be the annual Lancefield Relay for Life on March 4. This is a special event for us with an amazing atmosphere. In other news, the planned tour of Europe in October will not go ahead due to low numbers willing to commit in the still unsettled times.

Choir practice night is Wednesday from 7:30pm to 10pm at the Gisborne Uniting Church, 23 Brantome Street, Gisborne. It's not too late to join for the Mozart. Singers are welcome to come join a practice.

The choir is non-auditioned and the ability to

read music is advantageous but not essential.



Margaret Brockman with Luke Severn at the Christmas Party last year.

read music is advantageous but not essential.

Enquiries: www.gisbornesingers.org.au or phone 0408 156 263.

Alison Kinghorn

KYNETON TOWN HALL SHOWS

Daniel Champagne 8pm, Saturday 11 March

With more than a million streams on Spotify for his song *Indigo*, Daniel Champagne has been praised for being naturally adept at some techniques that others can't master. He is regarded as a leading light in acoustic music, with a reputation for jaw-dropping performances and making crowds buzz.



Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow

7:30pm, Friday 28 April

The ultimate comedy trip returns. Australia's biggest comedy festival is hitting the road for a huge 25th year. Featuring the best and brightest of the 2023 Melbourne International Comedy Festival in a jam-packed show that's sure to leave the nation laughing.



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Recipients of Young Voices' long-service award badges

Young singers in good voice



The year has started well for Young Voices of Macedon, with four new singers and new teacher Peter Hagen.

The children are working on repertoire, featuring songs by Australian composers Paul Jarman and Dan Walker, to perform at Choralfest at Montsalvat in early May. Although it has not been held for three years, Choralfest is always a much anticipated and enjoyable event for our choir.

It is pleasing to report that eight of our children – Jude, Josie and Harriet Barnes, Dorothy and Henry Chisnall-Parker, Amelia and Monty Clark and Orson Pillay – were recently awarded long-service badges, having been choir members for three years. Not only that, they toughed out the

challenges of Zoom rehearsals during that period, helping to produce the impressive CD *Zoomtime* in late 2021. Our choir leader for 2023 is Josie Barnes.

It is well documented that singing in a choir has a wide range of benefits for children: musical, intellectual, social and emotional. It can play a vital role in a child's development and the friendships made at choir are an important feature of the experience.

Parents and children from the age of six years are welcome to come to a rehearsal (Thursdays from 4.15 to 5.45 pm at Norma Richardson Hall, Buckland Street, Woodend) to observe and try out.

For further information visit www.yvmacedon.org.au or phone 0437 941 690.

Dianne Gome



Hoverfly and Bees by Ron Mathews

Mt Macedon
by Jenny Orford

Local area snapshots take many forms



Recently, members of the Macedon Ranges Photographic Society went to the Midsumma Festival which featured the Pride Parade down Fitzroy Street, St Kilda. The photo opportunities were endless, with so many people and businesses supporting the LGBTQ+ community.

Closer to home, online platforms are a valuable tool, creating an environment within the club for uploading images. Information is shared about set-up, camera settings and techniques used to produce the shot. Then in return, being able to receive valuable feedback and constructive criticism from other members encourages improvement.

Not everyone post comments, but everyone enjoys scrolling the diverse photo gallery.

Some of the platform

titles include Macro, Land-scape, People Portrait and Birds. The forum encourages members to get out with their cameras and snap away.

The three photos with this article are from a selection that were all taken within the Macedon Ranges, some taken on an iPhone on a daily walk.

On 13 March at our tech meeting, our guest presenter will be Adrian Whear. Adrian is a documentary and street photographer and he will share tips on sharpening our storytelling skills when embarking on the world of street photography.



Kookaburra by Deborah Mullins

The society welcomes visitors and new members.

The club generally meets on the first Tuesday of the month, followed by the next Monday at Dromkeen in Riddells Creek.

Social chats start at 7pm with the meeting beginning at 7.30pm. Please visit www.macedon-ranges-photography.org.au.

Submitted by Sue Steward

News from Macedon CWA



February came and went rather quickly. We had a fun day giving our CWA Hall a good tidy up. It is amazing how much 'stuff accumulates' in cupboards, etc. A couple of op shops will benefit from our efforts.

Please be aware that our hall on Mount Macedon Road is available for hire. Carmen on 0417 101 397 will be happy to provide you with details.

At our February Branch meeting, we watched a video presentation on bio hand technology which has been supported by CWA at state level. We are proud to support this technology which has been life changing for many people.

Keep an eye out in late March for our Easter Egg Raffle sellers on Mt Macedon. We would be grateful for your support. Our March meeting will be held on 21 March at 1pm at the CWA hall on Mt Macedon Road.

For more information, please call Anne Fyfield on 5426 2210.

Anne Fyfield

Busy year ahead for Gisborne CWA



Christine Edwards

Our February meeting was well attended with lots of discussion about the year ahead.

The local Creative Arts Exhibition is in Lancefield on 29 and 30 April. This will be a busy weekend with lots of craft items, cookery, flowers and photography

to view, plus lunches and morning teas to prepare. May will see our Association Day, where we will be inviting Central Highlands branch members to attend high tea with us. The state AGM and conference is in June, then July sees the State Creative Arts in St Arnaud.

We have fingerless gloves to knit for competition, which will all be donated to those less fortunate, and knitted teddies to go into show bags for the Royal Melbourne Show.

Our next meeting is on 6 March, a week earlier than usual because of the long weekend, at 10am at Gisborne Secondary College stadium.

Coffee craft and chat is on 20 March and we invite all ladies in the community to join us for a cuppa and see what we are up to, at the same venue.

Christine Edwards



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Commerce in the Macedons

Early-to-mid-20th-century traders' documents relating to the villages of Macedon and Mt Macedon give a great insight into the breadth of the many businesses that operated. Phyllis Boyd OAM concludes this look at the traders of 'the Macedons'.

Part 2 – Mount Macedon
also known as
Upper Macedon

The Mount Macedon Store was established in 1888.

In 1909, W H Maclennan advertised 'The Mount' ladies walking shoes for 10 shillings a pair. His paperwork included the line "...I want to supply your wants so that you won't want". Tampling and Grant kept this slogan and included a photograph of the waterfall in future advertising, after they succeeded Maclennan, and advertised that they also were grocers, bakers, ironmongers and produce merchants on invoices dated from 1910 to 1912.

From 1913 to 1918, William Byrne ran 'Post Office Stores' as a general merchant and expanded in to "drapery, fancy goods and stationery". This business was taken over by Cyril Blyth from 1918 to 1930, adding "fresh fish daily" to the goods he supplied.

Samuel Eric Greenbaum (generally known by Eric) was the authorised newsagent who also supplied confectionery, cigars and tobacco as well as other goods from 1931 to 1939.

Frank Bellhouse was a builder and contractor in the early 1900s, Thomas Dunn



was a carrier and cab driver from 1906, while George Tolley offered his services as house painter and decorator in 1907, charging sixpence for one pound of paint.

From 1907 to 1914, brothers Joseph and George Manassa, who were tailors from Syria, were also drapers and ladies costumiers and sold boots, shoes and suits to

order. A verbal anecdote about Joseph holds that when a client had not paid his account for a suit, Joseph remarked, "If I'd known he wasn't going to pay, I would have charged him twice the price!"

Finlay Phillip McInnes ran Mount Macedon Bakery from 1913 until 1929; his son William was proprietor until 1940, after which the business passed to G A Symons.

The Waterfalls Hotel in

Upper Macedon was owned by George Arthur Moore in 1914, and, by 1928, the hotel had been renamed the Oriental Hotel.

By 1925-26, Ralph Ronalds had the motor garage and advertised as a cab proprietor and carrier. On one of his overdue invoices, he stated bluntly, "Please kindly favour or further action will be taken".

By 1959, John McLarty advertised that he was the

owner of the Mount Macedon Service Station.

M Norton advertised as an authorised carrier in 1936, when the Cogger Bros were also offering a motor service.

Mrs R H Dunn's letterhead and order books, held by the Historical Society, show that she was the proprietress of Mount Macedon Laundry from 1944, servicing the many large homes and guest houses that operated in the district.

HISTORICAL HAPPENINGS

Stables exhibit: The Stables, situated to the rear of the Court House, are once again open and house a new display which is attracting wide interest.

Exhibits include colourful components of the Gisborne TOWN (Take off weight naturally) organisation which began operating locally in 1999, as well as historical agricultural and local items, including a model of Caroline Chisholm's Gisborne shelter.

The Stables, which housed the magistrate's horse and gig, and the original gaol are open daily from 10am to 2pm.

Cemetery Walk: The Historical Society will conduct a Gisborne Cemetery Walk on 29 March. Graves of historical interest will be selected and individually discussed. Those interested are asked to meet at the cemetery gate at 5pm. Our previous cemetery walk at Macedon was very well attended.

Open Meeting: An open meeting of the society will be held at the Court House at 3pm on 19 April. All are welcome to attend.

The Court House is open each Wednesday for people to request research and view exhibits.

► The TOWN exhibit in the Stables.



▼ New historical exhibit in the Stables.



News from Gisborne Market



The first market of the year was on New Year's Day, so we had a smaller market given the date and possible headaches of our stallholders and market goers.

Despite it being a public holiday, stallholders indicated that they had a good trading day and that crowds were constant throughout the day. The weather was good so this certainly helped in bringing crowds out.

The February market was once again a full market with large crowds throughout the day and again we were blessed with beautiful weather. It was wonderful to see Gisborne alive with tourism and the benefits this brings to our local businesses.

The market committee acknowledges that for one day a month Gisborne is extremely busy, but the benefits to the town and the Macedon Ranges Shire are undeniable and much needed after COVID lockdowns, which saw many businesses suffer.

The market has now employed a traffic management company to place signs around Gisborne on market days and also two traffic controllers at the entrance to the football oval on market days. This is now required by any group that uses roads owned by the Department of Transport.

This has placed a financial impost on the GREAT (Gisborne Region Events Activities and Tourism) organisation but we have no other options.

The market is run by a volunteer committee who receive no financial payment for the work they do each month. This includes the many hours between markets that it takes to organise stallholders etc.



Many tourists as well as local people visit the market.

We are always looking for more volunteers to assist us on market day, so if you have been thinking of doing some local volunteer work, please give us a thought. We can be found in the market office next to the library on market days from 9am to 2pm. We are also in the GREAT office in Hamilton Street on Monday, Thursday and Friday from 9.30 to 11am.

The money earned by the market is given back to community organisations that are in need of financial assistance. Community groups can apply for financial assistance by requesting an application form via email to greatgisborne@gmail.com and this will then be reviewed by the committee to ensure the request meets our funding criteria.

All requests will be treated equally and without bias. We look forward to assisting more community groups in 2023-24.

Karan, Olde Time Market Committee

Events and activities of Gisborne genies

The March meeting of the Gisborne Genealogical Group will be our AGM. It will be held in the Uniting Church, Gisborne, at 7.30pm on Thursday 23 March.

We hope for a good attendance of members, and visitors are always welcome. Annual reports will be read, office bearers elected and a number of awards presented. There is always a degree of excitement when the Member of the Year is announced — who will it be this year? Following the AGM, we invite those present to talk about their grandmothers. For me, it was hearing their stories that created my interest in family history. As always, there are bound to be some interesting stories shared.



Lyn Hall

The first Saturday Workshop for 2023 will be held in the Family History Room, adjoining the Gisborne



Library, on 4 March at 10am-12 noon. The topic will be 'Using Newspapers.com'. This subscription internet site covers newspapers worldwide. I have found a lot of wonderful family information using this site. Please book through Lorna: details are on our website, www.ggg.org.au.

Our first outing for the year will be a visit to the State Library of Victoria on Saturday 25 March. We will travel to Melbourne by train. A tour of the SLV has been organised at 10.15am. There will then be time for individual research.

It has been some years since we visited the library as a group, and there have been many changes. If you would like to join us, please contact Mary Ritchie by calling 5428 3887.

Lyn Hall, president



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'Puppy Pride' returns for second joyful event

After the success of last year's inaugural 'Puppy Pride', Kyneton's Botanic Gardens will once again host an event to celebrate all things canine and bring together the LGBTIQA+ community, their friends and their families. The organisers at Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health are putting a call out for puppy superstars – those dogs that love to perform, do tricks or who have a unique feature that needs to be shared.

Puppy Pride, held with the support of Macedon Ranges Shire Council, is on Sunday 26 March from 12 noon. The afternoon will start with a group dog walk to the Botanic Gardens where there will be food and market stalls, activities, competitions and plenty of space to spread out the picnic rug.

The focus will be on gathering together, enjoying the natural surroundings and appreciating the many ways dogs improve our health and wellbeing. For more details email puppy.pride@scchc.org.au or call 5421 1666.



Puppy
Pride
2022



BETTY'S BOOP

With Betty Doolan

It seems love was in the air at the Gisborne Oaks on Valentine's Day. The LEP room looked like a very flash restaurant, the tables all with small roses on them. Couples who live at the Oaks together and another resident whose partner lives elsewhere all were invited to a Valentine's luncheon (you can see them on page 36).

And of course other residents joined in with a beaut menu and we each received a chocolate heart. Of course, it was a red heart. That said, I am not a great believer in St Valentine's Day; it shouldn't be one day to celebrate a love — love should be every day.

With the days being beautiful to be out in the garden for residents, the LEP (Life Enhancement Program) group and residents could be seen busily planting vegetables and flowers in the raised garden beds. This will be a very colourful sight when all the seeds do their job.

One of our discussions was about women and what they have achieved over the many years. Childbirth was number one as the best achievement of most women's lives.

We all agreed that Helen Reddy singing *I Am Woman* says it all.

Easter is fast approaching, although eggs and hot cross buns have been in the shops since Christmas.

Stay cool and safe.

The importance of strength training as we age

I've always avoided the weights area at the gym over the years. People staring at themselves in the mirrors hoping for a transformation into Arnold Schwarzenegger felt a bit intimidating to me. Lifting weights always seemed about bulking up rather than healthy muscle building.

As I get older, long walks, getting up off the sofa and climbing the stairs do not seem as easy as they used to when I was younger. And I am sure the shopping bags are getting heavier when I carry them in from the car.

So, what is going on here? Age-related mobility limitations are a fact of life for many of us. In addition to making everyday tasks difficult, research has shown that mobility limitations are also linked to higher rates of falls, chronic disease, earlier than necessary admission to care facilities such as nursing homes, and mortality.

Strength training can benefit older adults by: **Increasing bone density**, by increasing muscle mass. More muscle means more strength, better balance and an increased metabolism.

Enabling better balance and functionality: having strong muscles contributes to better



By Julie
Ireland

A regular
article about
general health

daily function. After all, activities such as sitting down in a chair, reaching up to get something from a shelf or even tying shoelaces all require balance, flexibility, and strength. For older adults in particular, these benefits translate into a reduced risk of falls or other catastrophic injuries;

Improving body composition: maintaining muscle mass is important to decrease the chances of obesity, especially as we age;

Improving quality of life: older adults who participate in a regular resistance training routine often see improvements in their psychosocial wellbeing.

Maybe my impression of lifting weights has been a bit misguided!

You do not need to 'pump iron' seven days a week to reap some benefits from strength training. Incorporating some light resistance exercises into your current fitness program is a great way to get started.

Talk to your health professional or the trainers at your gym for advice about a program best suited to your needs and fitness levels.

Take care of yourselves.



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FOR THE GREEN THUMBS

Year starts on high for Daly Nature Reserve

We began 2023 on a high when we were presented with an award at the Council's Australia Day ceremony. We were joint winners in the "Healthy Community – Healthy Environment" category.

The brief was, in our case, looking after the local environment, being inclusive of all age groups, coordinating with similar-minded groups.

We will be continuing to work with Macedon Ranges Council environment team on major projects as well as conducting twice-yearly nature walks with Gisborne Primary School. We have already approached another local school about informing their students of the importance of conserving the natural environment and in particular, Daly Nature Reserve. Our long-standing friendship with 1st Gisborne Scouts stands firm.

We are putting together a monitoring program, photographing the reserve every three months from 29 landmarks. This will record seasonal and annual



Members of Friends of Daly Nature Reserve at the awards ceremony.

changes to the landscape. At 9.30am every second Tuesday of the month we hold working bees, which end around 11am with a cuppa and social chat. There are many different tasks, nothing too strenuous. Newcomers are most welcome. Enquiries to dalynaturereserve@gmail.com
Friends of Daly Nature Reserve

Celebrating Australia's eucalypts



Our local eucalypts have become background or borrowed landscape as though we are afraid of them. Why have we become too afraid to own and represent Australia the way Australia intended? Here's a deeper dive into the essential services these tree groups provide to us.

Did you know that the tannin, oils and sugars in the leaves clean and purify our water as no other species does? Conversely, many introduced species have proven problematic for waterways, blocking them with the mass leaf drop. This drop causes mass rot, which is the main contributor of pollution in our waterways. Eucalypts come in all shapes to suit a variety of landscape situations.

There's nothing on earth like their freshness. The natural antiseptics they release into the air are world renowned. To have healthy eucalypts, of course you need to have their maintenance crew: possums, koalas, birds, and a suite of insects all contribute to a healthy canopy. Ensuring there are enough eucalypts helps balance the distribution of the maintenance crew. It is a delight to see them all working together, truly an Australian scene.

FEHMR, fehmrinc@gmail.com

Garden Club news



Dear gardening enthusiasts, and so begins another year of social gatherings by the Gisborne Garden Club.

Members of the club gathered recently for our first meeting in 2023. A warm and sunny Wednesday saw 35 members and nine prospective new members come together to admire the garden of one of our long-term members and see the amazing results she has been able to achieve over two years, redeveloping her Gisborne garden.

After buying the property, many large trees and shrubs were removed and replaced with a tasteful array of border plants and a small birch grove.

Among the plantings was a beautiful border of catmint (nepeta) surrounding a bed of roses as well as



Gisborne Garden Club members recently visited this redeveloped Gisborne garden.

groupings of Calamagrostis x acutiflora 'Karl Foerster' and other native grasses along the fence borders.

The front garden too, was totally redeveloped with a variety of roses, agastache and penstemons, adding

much colour to this summer garden. The standout plant in the front garden is a beautiful cut leaf maple and cotinus coggygrea smoke bush with its distinctive purple foliage.

Much of the dramatic success of the new planting can be attributed to the hard work of the owner and the preparation of the ground.

To assist with weed control and moisture retention, the ground around the plants was covered with cardboard or newspaper and a subsequent layer of coarse woody mulch.

If socialising with other keen gardeners appeals to you, the Gisborne Garden Club meets on the second Wednesday of each month between the hours of 1pm and 3pm. For further information you can contact me, Bernhard Sucher, on 0424 038 474.



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JOKES & RIDDLES

What do you call two banana skins on the floor?

Slippers

I had to stop working in the shoe shop. It was so tedious and sole destroying.

What sort of music do balloons hate?

Pop music

When my boyfriend told me to stop acting like a flamingo, I had to put my foot down.

Why is six afraid of seven?
Because seven eight nine.

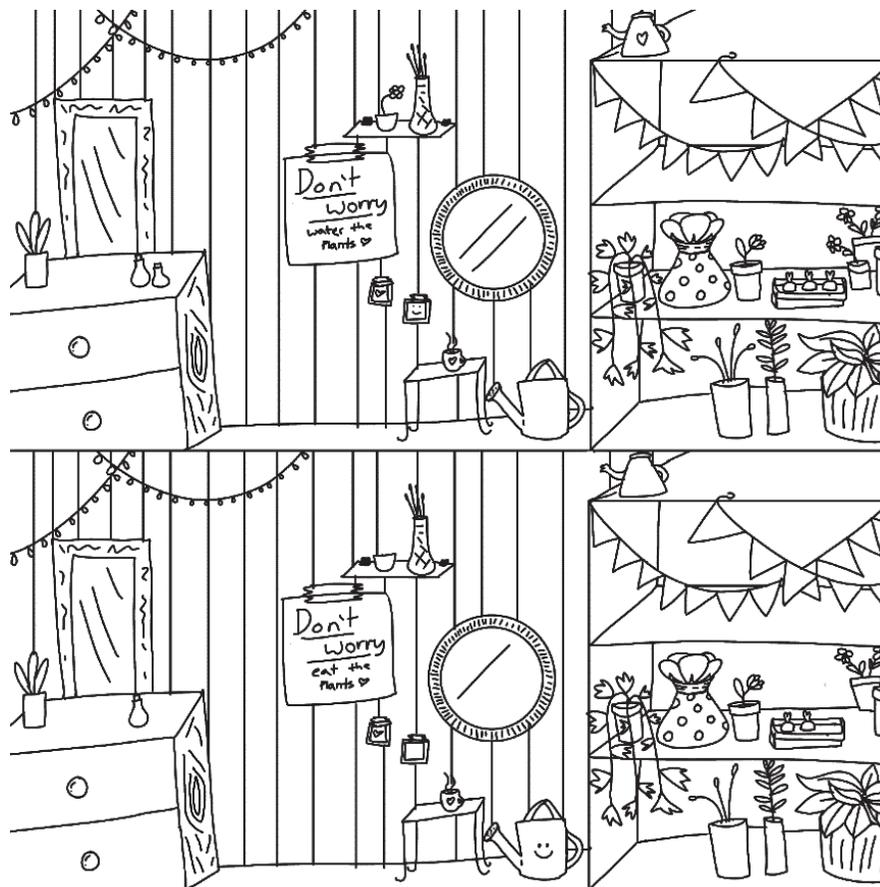
He thought that he'd forgotten about his boomerang, but then it came back to him.

How do you stay warm in any room?

Go to the corner — it's always 90 degrees.

Did you hear about the robbery in our backyard today? Two clothes pegs held up a pair of pants!

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE



Drawn by Eliza Ransome

Can you spot 10 differences between these two pictures?

JUNIOR QUIZ

1 Sapphires are usually shades of which primary colour?

2 Who played Hermione Granger in the Harry Potter movies?

3 What is the capital of Western Australia?

4 Which iconic Australian bird is known as the laughing jackass?

5 On which continent would you find the South Pole?

6 What is the largest organ inside the human body?

7 In chess, each side has how many queens?

8 What word means both a writing implement and an enclosure for pigs?

9 Which bushranger was captured near the Victorian town of Glenrowan?

10 In which year were the Olympics held in Sydney?

Answers page 39

Bring a favourite teddy and enjoy the picnic



New Gisborne Playgroup is holding our annual Teddy Bears' Picnic Open Day.

Join us on 26 March at the Ross Watt Children's Hall from 10am to 12 noon.

All pre-school-aged children and their families are welcome to come along and enjoy this free event.

Pack a picnic, bring your fav-ourite teddy and get ready for a fun morning of play!



Please register your attendance via newgisborneplaygroup@gmail.com.



Kindergarten Vacancies 2023

Still thinking about kindergarten this year? Did you know kindergarten is free in 2023?

Three-year-old kindergarten

Council has places available at:

- Macedon Kindergarten (8:30am – 4pm, one day a week)

Four-year-old kindergarten

Council has places available at:

- Manna Gum Family and Children's Centre
- Swinburne Avenue Children's Centre (8:30am – 4pm, two days a week)

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WILLOWBANK
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Willowbank Primary School rolls into its second year this year and welcomes a new contingent of keen starters to help build its future.

• Hayley, Riley and Addison



FIRST DAY



▲ Austin and Addison



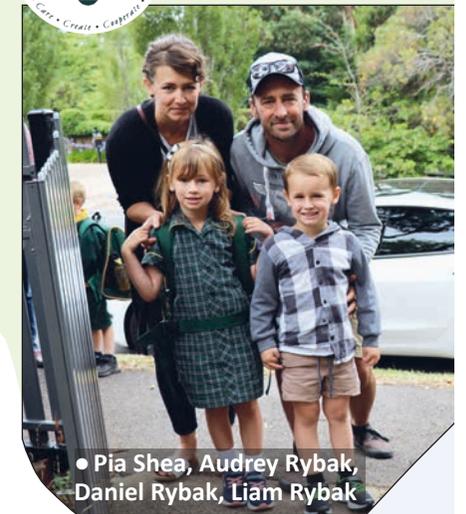
▲ Louis and Olivia Desormeaux



◀ Ethan and Kathryn



◀ Marnie and James



• Pia Shea, Audrey Rybak, Daniel Rybak, Liam Rybak



▲ Matt and Violette



▲ Violet and Aaron



▲ Alex and Michelle



Gisborne PS
2023 is the 170th year for Gisborne Primary School, and a new group of pupils is eager to be part of its history.



• Flynn, Lucy, Natalie and Mark

AT SCHOOL



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◀ Callan, Beckett and Lachlan Glenister

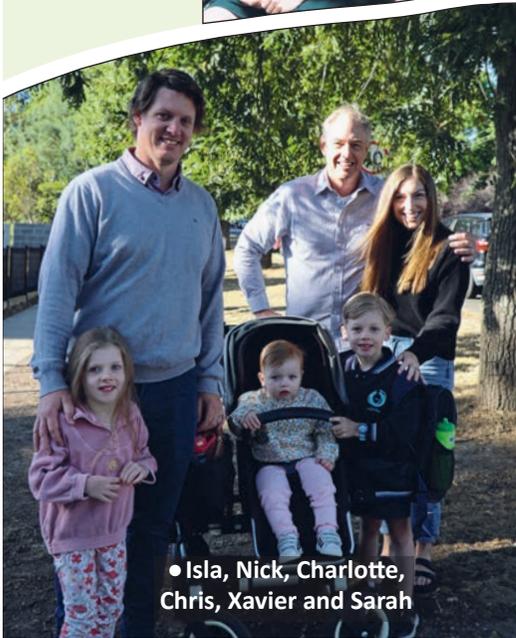


● Scarlett, Kirsti, Airlie, Aaron and Jasper Edmunds



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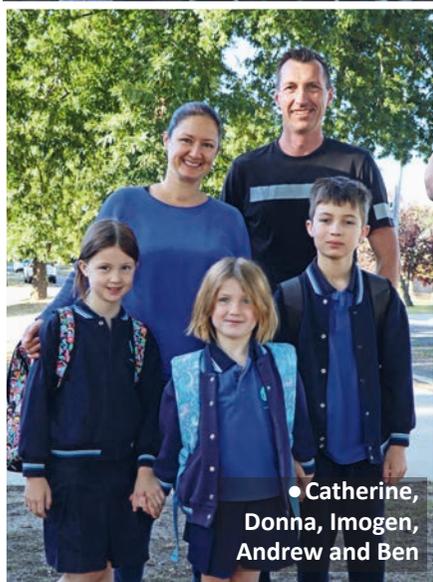
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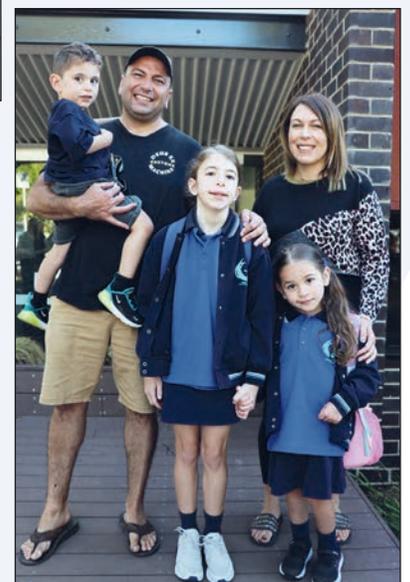
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▲ Cooper, Michael, Shelby, Lucy and Jewel



SCHOOL'S IN

Leading the way at Gisborne Primary



Hi, my name is Ryder and I'm really looking forward to being one of four school captains at Gisborne Primary School. One of my passions is sport and my favourite sport is football. I play footy for the Gisborne Giants and play basketball for the Gisborne Bulldogs.

This year, I hope that all students at GPS have their voices heard and also, I would love to see this school grow and improve. I hope that everyone at GPS has an amazing year.

Hi, my name is Felicity. I enjoy reading and writing stories. I also do gymnastics and scouts. I am really excited about being one of the school captains at GPS this year. I know I am a good role model and someone that students and teachers can rely on.

Hi, I'm Adele and I am one of the four school captains for Gisborne Primary School. When I was younger it was my dream for kids to look up to me as a leader, so when I was awarded this role, I was absolutely thrilled. I'm friendly, kind, confident and here if you need me. I hope everyone enjoys 2023.

Hi, my name is Zach and I am privileged to be a leader



Gisborne Primary School's captains for this year: Ryder, Zach, Felicity and Adele.

at this school. I hope that this year will be a great year for us all to spend time with others and learn lots. I will be caring, kind, responsible, respectful, resilient and always strive to do my personal best. I'll show respect

to everyone's ideas and opinions and treat everyone equally. I hope I can support all the students and teachers here at GPS and promise to work hard to be an effective leader that you will be proud of.

Art competition

Macedon Ranges Shire Council is inviting all school-aged and preschool-aged children to help raise awareness of the impact of single-use plastics on the environment by entering a new competition. The competition closes on 6 April.

For information, please visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/singleuseplasticscomp.



A selection of reptiles will soon make Montessori their home.

Montessori to welcome slippery new species



We have had a great start to the year, lots of excitement and a very eager school community. It has been wonderful to welcome many

new students across all of the classes.

To begin the new year, we have created learning hubs — each of these hubs have the opportunity to come together and work in a more flexible learning style — this allows us to really suit the needs, interests, strengths and capabilities of each student. This has been a positive transition with the collaboration of all students and guides. Each hub has come up with their individual name based on group discussions and votes.

Students across our learning hub "The Hive" have been working with one of our families to create a reptile room — yes, you read that right, a reptile room.

The entire school community is waiting in anticipation to meet the newest scaly, cold-blooded friends to our Cycle One building. Tanks and enclosures are already being moved in to ensure the right environment is created to suit the needs of the newest residents.

The students have come up with the animals they would like to have and our parent volunteer, Leanne, has organised students into groups of animal keepers. Our keepers are learning about the animals they are responsible for and have a list of weekly duties they need to fulfil. Members of our school community who wish to visit the animals will have one of our animal keepers to guide them and discuss the importance of how we care for our new members — for the safety of everyone.

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All welcomed at Holy Cross

We welcomed our new preps to the Holy Cross family on 30 January. Having the whole school to themselves, the preppies were excited to explore all of the learning spaces.



After welcoming the staff and children to the 2023 school year, it was time to get together as a school community. With perfect weather for a picnic, on Friday 10 February we officially welcomed in the new school year with a Smoking Ceremony and Welcome to Country.

It was a privilege to have Uncle Bill Nicholson perform our very first Smoking Ceremony at Holy Cross. We were also grateful that Mayor Annette Death could join us on the night. The experience was both moving and educational for everyone in attendance. It was great to see our children sharing their knowledge on Indigenous culture and history during the event and in the conversations afterwards.

Thank you to our PFA and volunteers for providing a barbecue on the night and creating a welcoming environment for our new and current families.

We are really looking forward to our year together, with many learning experiences planned which will see the children engage deeply with the world around us. We will also continue to live out our vision 'Leading us to God's mountain' as we work together as a community of faith.

Kellie McDonald



Maisy Magill and her Prep buddy Bella after the Smoking Ceremony.



Ava Grace Van Der Merwe on her first day of Prep.



CAPTAIN'S RAP

with Rue Kelly



Rue Kelly

Welcome to the first Captain's Rap for 2023! I'm looking forward to keeping you up to date with what's happening at Gisborne Sec-ondary College.

As you'll be hearing from me a bit over the next year, I'll introduce myself a little.

I love travelling to different countries and learning about their cultures, I hate the sound of cracking knuckles, and I wish I had an answer to the question a lot of Year 12s dread hearing... so what are your plans for next year? Let's see if I have an answer by the time of my last submission.

Year 12s started the year heading to Lake Dewar for the inaugural 'Apollo23 Camp'. The three days were jam-packed with lectures and workshops, team-building activities and even an impromptu 'Just Dance' extravaganza... the teachers excelled, outshining the students. By the end of the trip, we had united, built up momentum and were ready to face the demanding, but memorable and rewarding year ahead.

Back at school we welcomed the Year 7s, who have been allocated their first locker and are slowly learning their way around what seems to them an endless maze of corridors.

Despite the wintry snap they had an awesome day at Funfields connecting with their new peers and teachers.

Meanwhile a group of Year 8 and 9s have had the exciting opportunity to be involved in the Blue EDGE program. In partnership with Victoria Police, the program combines physical training, mentoring and life skills for an empowering journey of personal development.

In other news, our very own Broadway stars have started preparing for this year's school production, *Freaky Friday*, which should be a smash hit.

The energy around school has been palpable; I can't wait to see what we achieve this year.

Council programs for secondary students

Fitness for teenagers

Gisborne Fitness Centre offers a teen gym program to all secondary school teenagers, in which young people can learn to use gym equipment correctly with personalised programs and instruction from qualified trainers.

Exercise is not only important for physical fitness but is also beneficial to mental health.

Teen Gym can be accessed at Gisborne Fitness Centre from Monday to Thursday, from 4 to 5pm, or at Kyneton Sports and Aquatic Centre on weekdays from 4 to 5pm and Saturdays from 10 to 11am. For information, call Gisborne on 5428 3318 or Kyneton on 5421 1477.

School immunisations

Consent cards have recently been distributed to secondary schools for the free school-based immunisation program.



If you have a child in Year 7 or 10, look out for immunisation

information and a consent form coming home with your child. Students who are eligible for vaccination must return the form to school completed and signed by their parent or guardian. Take time to talk with your child about vaccination — why it's important and how you both feel about it.

If you wish to decline the immunisation, you can return the consent section of the form to the school, marked as 'declined'.

If you have any questions not answered by the information provided, please contact your GP or the council's immunisation service on 5422 0333.

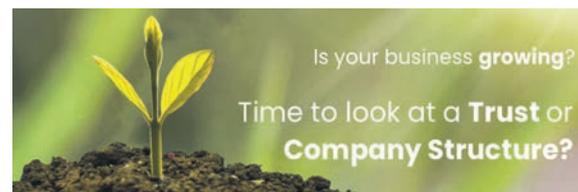
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Vet Talk

The eyes have it

with Dr Caitlin Horwood



We call Ratu "The Squinter".

He has trouble accommodating his eyes to the harshness of direct sunlight as he has a condition called iris atrophy. Iris atrophy is quite common, and occurs as a gradual ageing process in dogs.

It is not hereditary, nor is it painful and no treatment is required. The colourful irises are affected, so the eyes appear irregular.

Two muscle groups (the dilators and the sphincters) work to control the enlargement and constriction of the pupils respectively. Normally they can widen the pupil in dim lighting, and close it right down when it is bright. With age, these muscles begin to weaken, and you may notice the coloured iris looking rough, thin, or even having holes in it.

To compensate for too much light getting through his pupils, Ratu shuts his eyelids to reduce the glare, hence his apparent squinting. When the dogs are out in full sunshine or at the beach, he'll nuzzle into his canine companion Nuku and rely on Nuku to direct the play.



Ratu squints in daylight.

Nuku leads the way with Ratu squinting in the background.

Pampered pooches pile in for purposeful obedience training



Luna, Shelby and Ebony

Wow, what a start to the new training year... more than 25 new members and fur babies: welcome.

Summer is still here for a few more weeks and we all know that we can have hot weather into March/April. The biggest threats to your dog whenever the weather is warm are dehydration or heatstroke.

Being dehydrated can make your dog very sick and can quickly become life-threatening. Acting fast may reverse any damage.

So, what are the important signs to look for?

Extreme lethargy; sunken, dry eyes; dry nose and gums; excessive panting; loss of appetite.



A few symptoms of heatstroke are an elevated body temperature (between 38 and 39 degrees Celsius is normal); excessive drooling/panting; dehydration; rapid heart rate; reddened gums; urinating tiny amounts or not at all; muscle tremors/seizures/staggering; vomiting blood.

If you suspect serious dehydration or heatstroke, contact your vet.

For information about Macedon Ranges Obedience Club, visit www.macedonrangesdogclub.org.au, our Facebook page, or you can email info@macedonrangesdogclub.org.au.

Carol,
Instructor/Treasurer MRODC

The price we pay for country living

I read with interest a thread on the Macedon Ranges Community Facebook page; the discussion revolved around fruit trees and the mystery of disappearing fruit. Cue Miss Marple...

Many local gardens seem to fall victim to unknown assailants, these late-night villains stripping fruit trees of their precious bounty all in one go.

From the online discussion, it is obviously a common problem. Some suggested a "two-legged" culprit, but this was ruled out by others whose gardens had had the same issue but were not accessible to passers-by.

Rosellas and the ever-destructive cockies received many nominations. Any day is a good day to blame a cockie for damage. I've also now learnt a



MACEDON MUSINGS

With Belinda Carlton-Doney

new name for cockatoos: sky bogans! Love it!

Foxes and hares had a finger pointed their way, possibly not at the same time due to conflict of interest.

Rats rated high on the list. There seem to be loads of these furry pests around lately. Apparently, they take fruit away to eat, hence no evidence left behind. Local friends and I often discuss rats and ways of "helping" them along to alternative pastures (not a conversation I have with my city sisters — they wouldn't cope).

Some locals have seen fruit bats in the area. After reading that, I was convinced the next night I was witnessing a cloud of bats flying past. My husband assured me they were myna birds and to get my eyes checked.

Possums, lorikeets and crows all rated a mention. All have different ways of dealing with the fruit and leftover stones. I did not know birds were so creative in criminal escapades.

Finally, a shout out to deer. I had no 'I deer' they were this close to town.

Quite an impressive list of suspects. How lucky they all are that we take the time to nurture and grow fruit, just for them. Wildlife living the dream in the Ranges.



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1st Gisborne were in for a soaking start to 2023

Everyone at 1st Gisborne is pleased to be back in the swing of things for 2023. All sections have started the term with lots of fun-filled activities and have plans for many more.

The Joey section has decided to dedicate this year to the classical four elements: earth, water, air and fire.

With lots of warm weather to be had during Term 1, 'Water' seemed a good place to start. To that end, the Joeys joined the Cubs for a canoeing activity on The Res at Macedon and a 'Water fight' night at the Scout Hall.

With water-pistols and wet sponges in action, there was not a dry scout uniform in sight by the end of the evening.

Later in the month, the Joeys will be hunting for water creatures in Jackson's Creek – I wonder what we will find.

Also this month there will be sailing day at Sandringham which members of all sections, from Joeys through to Rovers, are invited to attend. Activities will include beach games, paddle boarding, sailing and kayaking – lots of fun to be had.

In the other sections, Cubs started the term with a games night and now they are learning all about navigation. The Scouts went on a walk with the Central Highland Orienteers and the Venturers had a movie night followed by a Lego night the next week.

Some of the leaders from 1st Gisborne joined leaders from other groups in the Macedon District to attend



The Joeys have fun getting very wet on water-fight night.

an archery course at Rowallan Scout Camp. We now have 23 leaders in our district who can safely lead archery.

As you can see, there is lots of fun to be had in scouting. There is something for everyone. If you are interested in joining, either as a Leader or a Scout, please email us at info@1stgisborne.com.au for more information.

Carolyn Goode (Assistant Joey Leader)

News from New Gisborne (Church of Christ) Scouts

Our 2023 Scouting is well underway. Joeys and Cub Scouts have visited the CFA, Cubs and Scouts have looked forward to our February Anglesea Beach Camp while Venturers have been preparing for the annual "Anything Goes" camp in Gippsland. And we've already started planning our Annual September Snow Camp at Mt Baw Baw.



It's a time of change with new leaders being invested on February 19 at the Church of Christ. Group Leader "Skipper" (John Frearson) will hand over to incoming Group Leader Russell "Rusty" Barker.

We meet on Wednesdays, 6:30 to 8pm; Venturers Fridays. Contact Group Leader Russell Barker on 0400 297 025 or russell@jeem.com.au to learn more.

John Frearson



Joeys and Cub Scouts visit the Gisborne CFA.



GISBORNE GUIDES

Girls aged seven to 12 years interested in trying Guiding can phone Deb on 0409 542 619 for details.

Gisborne Girl Guides meet on Thursday nights between 5pm and 6:30pm.



Scouts on their hike to Mt Towrong.

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Sometimes, scenes on our bush walks are rubbish



The Ramblers have been active over the past month, with walks at Gisborne, Bullengarook, Mt Macedon and near Taradale. We generally try to have a ratio of three 'local' area walks to one 'outside'. With the remains of storm damage (from nearly two years ago) and current fuel reduction burns in the Ranges, this is not always possible.

Sadly, there is much more rubbish to be seen in the bush. This was very evident on Hobbs Road, Gisborne, where a collection of mattresses had been left. This is a situation which is likely to get worse as the population increases. The expensive dumping charges at the Woodend transfer station do not help.

While this sounds like a soapbox lament, the rubbish is still being dumped (along with the soapbox!) to the detriment of the bush.

Detailed below is the Hells Hole loop walk at Mt Macedon. Regular readers of the *Gazette* will realise the walk has been published before. This is because only the straightforward tracks can be described; the majority of our walks are too complex (although not necessarily any more difficult) for my descriptive powers. Details of other walks can be had by joining our mailing list or joining us for a ramble on Friday at 9.15am near the duck pond, Dixon Field, Gisborne.

Joining our mailing list will give you the weekly walk details, with a screenshot map and a gpx file which can be downloaded to a smartphone tracking app or GPS device. There is no charge for the service as we are not a club.



There is no set program: walks are decided based on the weekly weather forecast and emailed out the Wednesday before.

Charles (gisramblers@gmail.com)



Charles echoes the thoughts of many about rubbish being dumped in the bush.



Bushwalking club members at the Geelong foreshore.

Bushwalkers' latest walks

Thankfully the new year has brought us some perfect walking weather and members enjoyed a number of wonderful walks in February.

The first excursion was a fabulous walk around Geelong with 11 walkers, led by Pierre and Margaret. We started with a walk along the picturesque foreshore and its many attractions. We then moved on to the Geelong Botanical Gardens, enjoying the magnificent plantings, both old and new. We finished up at the National Wool Museum for a reminder of the major industry of the early white settlers. All attractions are well worth a trip to Geelong.

Our second outing was a History Walk of Melbourne, when 13 walkers had the good fortune of tapping into Keith's knowledge of early Melbourne, including the



magnificent buildings from the boom times. Keith is an avid historian of early white settlement with an appreciation of the effect on the First Nation peoples.

His many anecdotes made the 1800s period come to life and we all learned many, sometimes humorous, facts about Melbourne. Our favourite part was a visit to the Little Lon area and hearing Keith's many tales of this once bawdy area. Some walkers completed the day by attending the free concert at the Sidney Myer Music Bowl.

If you are interested in joining us on a walk or require further information, please contact Margot on 0438 260 792, or Gail on 0419 374 603. Our website is www.gisbornebwc.org.au.

Janeen Edward

Local Walk

Hells Hole Track
Mt Macedon



View at the start of Hells Hole track.

Distance: 7km

Level: Easy

This is a great bush walk, with some spectacular trees in their heights. The track is wide and safe, with no severe gradients. Views are restricted due to tree cover, but, due to recent pine harvesting, about 1km of Barringo Road after leaving Hells Hole track is rather open to the elements.

Directions: From Gisborne, drive up Mount Macedon Road towards the summit. Do not take the road to the memorial cross, but take the next turn right for Days/Sanitorium Lake picnic grounds. This is Barringo Road.

Do not take the left turn to Days picnic ground

but continue along Barringo Road for 1.5km until a left turn indicates Sanitorium Lake. Park off road at this junction; the walk begins from here.

Look for a gate opposite to the lake road indicating Zig Zag track. Follow the track downhill for about 1.3km before reaching a signpost for Hemphills track (Zig Zag track transitions to the Moola track at this point). Walk along Hemphills track for approximately 1.5km; continue past the right turn to Mt Towrong to a cross road.

Link tracks are to the left and right and Hells Hole track is straight on. Walk Hells Hole track until it ends in a junction after about 1.5km. You are now back at Barringo Road. Take the left fork to return to your car.



Youngest fishers show good form

This report recognises the efforts of club members' children demonstrating their interest and success in fishing (not only those fishing with fly, but who will surely advance to the fly skills required to fool a fish later).

If you'd like to know more about the Calder Fly Fishing Association please visit www.calderflyfishing.com.au.

Louis Bokor

► *Mark Hobbs' daughter Tameka, 11, of Gisborne, caught a small trout on fly in three hours on the Steavenson River.*

◀ *Norm's son Thomas, of Gisborne, caught a nice brown in the Goulburn River.*



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SPORT IN PICTURES



Macedon v Gisborne – Steve Coleman, 4 February

Right: U18 Girls – Gisborne v Macedon – Eliza Patterson Lade, 3 February.

Far right: Division 1 Macedon v Gisborne, 4 February

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Gisborne v Bacchus Marsh – A terrific action shot from photographer Chris Fleming as Adam Mooney’s innings ends on 4 February, though bad luck for Adam.



McIntyre Cup – Gisborne v Diggers Rest – Spencer Jones bats for Gisborne, 5 February



U18 Girls’ – Gisborne v Macedon – Gisborne’s Georgia Weier taps the ball, 2 February.



McIntyre Cup – Gisborne v Diggers Rest – Jarryd Vernon juggles a close ball, 5 February



Macedon v Gisborne – Tough break for Gisborne’s Alex Clark, 4 February



Alani and Elke ready to race at Gisborne Little Athletics, 3 February



Varli mid-flight on the long jump at Gisborne Little Athletics, 3 February



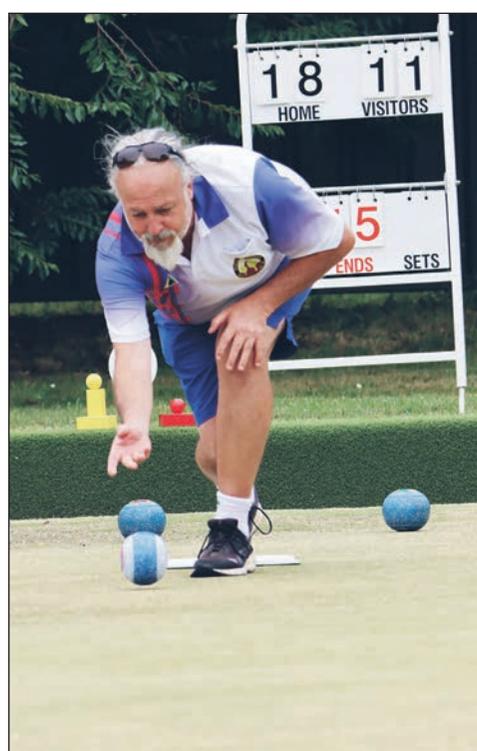
Gisborne Tennis Club coach Glen Chapman with students Mila and Evan, 3 February



Macedon v Gisborne – Barry Wylie of Gisborne Bowling Club, 28 January



Macedon v Gisborne, 4 February – Steve Coleman rolls the arm over.



Macedon v Gisborne, 28 January – Steve Graham of Macedon, smooth on the piste.



Division 3 Macedon v Woodend – Macedon's Mel Atherton is fully focused, 4 February.



Relay runners in state titles



It's been an exciting time for Gisborne Little Athletics, with four teams representing the club at the State Relay Championships in early February.

All the competitors and coaches put a lot of time into training for this event and the club is very proud of their achievements: the U11 Girls were 16th; U11 Mixed Boys and Girls team was 8th; U12 Boys were 16th; and U10 Girls were 22nd.

Following this event, Gisborne had a record number of athletes competing at the Western Metro Region Track and Field Carnival at Corio, Geelong, on 18 and 19 February. Each athlete could enter a maximum of five events. We are looking forward to sharing some promising results from this carnival next month.

We now have 10 athletes competing in 20 track and field disciplines at the State Carnival in Albert Park this month.

If you are interested in Little Athletics, come down to Dixon Field on a Friday afternoon (from 5pm) to see what we do, try some athletics and meet our athletes and committee. New members are always welcome. *Sophie de Castro*



Gisborne Little Athletics' U11 Mixed Relay team placed eighth in the state championships.

Macedon Ranges Croquet Club off and shooting

The new year of croquet has started well with the courts looking good and our members getting back to play on Mondays, Wednesdays (Club Day) and Saturdays.

Those who have played in the first rounds of the Club Championship have appreciated the support from fellow members who came to watch.

The Round Robin to decide the Club Champion for 2023 will be played on 1 March.

After the general meeting on Wednesday 8 March, there will be a light morning tea.

We are delighted that our member Elaine Murphy has been awarded an OAM in the Australia Day Awards. Her honour is for her contribution to education and the arts over a long period. Congratulations, Elaine!

March will be a busy month, with a Social Day on 15 March and the 'What's Fresh' trophy for the Kyneton Challenge to be played in Gisborne on 24 March.

Two teams of two players will play pennant this year.

Watch out for the Easter Raffle outside IGA later in March. This is our major fundraiser for the year. It will be drawn on Saturday 1 April. *Faye Armstrong*



Lesley Ritchie, Paul Ritchie, Gary Jones and Gayle Hobbs enjoy a game of barefoot bowls in Macedon on 3 February.

Friday night barefoot bowls fun at Macedon

Looking for some fun at the end of a busy week and don't know what to do?

Why not join us at Macedon Ranges Bowling Club for a fun night for the whole family playing barefoot bowls?

On the first Friday of each month in summer, we open the greens from 5.30pm (weather permitting) for all to enjoy lawn bowls in a relaxed and fun environment, finishing the night with a barbecue, build a burger or sausage, and salad. Bowls are supplied and you just need to come and enjoy our great game. Cost for the night including food is \$20 per person and \$10 per school-aged child.

Drinks are available at bar prices (no BYO) and we have EFTPOS facilities onsite.

Macedon members are only too happy to assist with some pointers in the art of bowling.

Our picturesque green is at Tony Clarke Reserve on Waterfalls Road, Macedon, and is a great way to spend a summer's night with family and friends. Our next Barefoot Bowls nights will be Friday 3 March and Friday 31 March.

To ensure your place, please book your rink by the Wednesday before the session by contacting Helen Kennedy on 0402 812 550 or via our website, macedon-rangesbowls.club. Please advise dietary requirements when booking.

We look forward to seeing you on the green.

Helen Kennedy

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From left: Peter Williams (bowls director), Ian Layton (from sponsor Layton Homes), Glenn Johnson, Ethan Johnson and Tim Rodgers (winning side from Glenroy Bowling Club) and Russell Walker (chairman).

News from Mount Macedon Golf Club

First, a massive thank you on behalf of the club to all those who voted in support of Mt Macedon Golf Club's nomination as Golf Australia's Visionary of the Year for the 'Ladies Get Into Golf@MMGC' program. The program has been an unqualified success with over 120 ladies participating over the past 20 months, and we are thrilled that it took out this award. Congratulations to coordinator Bruce Fraser for his commitment to engaging women in golf.

January's Sunday afternoons were when our most recent Ladies Get Into Golf four-week program culminated in a modified ambrose competition and the drawing of the raffle prize. Congratulations to Amber K, who took home a club membership and a new set of ladies' clubs. Robyn K and Jaime O also walked away with club memberships. The March program is already fully booked as more and more Macedon Ranges ladies come out to play.

The December Monthly Medal was a playoff between Sam White and Tony Carter with Tony being successful.

The January Monthly Medal was won by Mick Doyle with a score of 65.

The Medal of Medallists was held on 25 February for the qualifiers.

January's Mug of the Month was won by Peter Semmens with 39pts, while the February mug was taken out by Bruce Fraser with a great score of 41pts.

Our 2022-23 Singles Matchplay is getting tight with semi finals this month. Tony Littman is taking on Mark Shepherd and Marcus (RMC) Ward is up against Patrick Doyle.

Walrus



Amber K is all smiles with her raffle prize.

Gisborne's triples tournament

The Gisborne and District Bowling Club held a very successful triples tournament in late January.

The tournament attracted 18 teams, with players coming from Essendon, Glenroy, West Coburg, Melton, Seymour, Harcourt, Kyneton, Woodend and Gisborne bowling clubs.

Following four games and a final series, the ultimate winners were from Glenroy Bowling Club, runners up from Kyneton Golf Bowling Club (S Taylor (s), C Schmit and P Williams), third from Gisborne Bowling



Club (K Jarrod (s), P Wellington and S Lawless) and fourth was a composite side of P Williams (s), M Coleman and P Holtzthane.

The skips from the winning sides with the highest winning margin for each game were: Game 1 – D Noonan from Seymour VRI Bowling Club; Game 2 – G Candy from Gisborne Bowling Club; Game 3 – R Walker from Gisborne Bowling Club; and Game 4 – P Canavan from West Coburg Bowling Club.



Lachlan Wallace bats big for Gisborne in the U11 match against Sunbury on 24 February.

Dragons push towards finals

The GDCA season is quickly coming to a close and the finals period will kick off soon.

As usual, the Gisborne Cricket Club is well represented in the finals race. Our McIntyre Cup team sits on top of the ladder undefeated as it defends its title from last season.

Our two Club Grade teams are also looking toward finals, which will be a great outcome. One of these sides is our father-daughter team and the other is our father-son team, so it is good to see them getting some wins as well as having lots of fun along the way.

Our junior boys and girls are also close to the end of another successful season with lots of development, participation and fun being had by all.

Andrew Headberry



Gisborne's Peter Sankey makes 100 not out against Macedon on 18 February.

VALE Ian H Bennett

3 April 1946 – 1 February 2023

Living a couple of hundred metres from the Fire Station, Ian joined the Gisborne fire brigade in 1968. From that time, he developed a life-long passion as a volunteer fire-fighter, administrator and innovator.

Ian and his family maintained one of the six FRS phones in the town prior to the introduction of the EAS paging system which we currently use today.

After university, Ian taught science at Gisborne Secondary College. The Brigade took advantage of his chemistry knowledge by getting him to provide hazardous materials training (there wasn't much in the way of personal protective clothing or equipment back then) and he was the go-to person for all hazmat matters.

Over the years Ian served nine years as the Brigade secretary, Mount Macedon Group communications officer and secretary of the Region 14 VUFBA Council.

The innovator and administrator in Ian are best exemplified by his time as Region 14 VUFBA Council secretary where he successfully pushed to amalgamate the Rural and Urban Region 14 Councils into one entity, the precursor to today's Volunteer Fire Brigades Victoria. Ian was awarded a VUFBA Gold Star for his service to the association.

During his term as the Mount Macedon Group communications officer, Ian was heavily involved in the response and recovery from the Ash Wednesday



Ian Bennett

fires that devastated the group area.

As a Gisborne Shire councillor and fire-fighter, Ian was in a unique position to influence key decision makers, and so he did. Ian was instrumental in

the development of the Gisborne Emergency Services where all four local emergency services now reside.

Ian was most known for being able to turn 1-hour meetings into 3-hour meetings by encouraging robust debate on even the most mundane issue. It generated the members being far more considered on motions and issues effecting the Brigade.

One memorable issue was the effectiveness of roadside burning. The Brigade was proposing a motion to ask the MFPC to get the council to do road side burning. Ian questioned whether roadside burning actually reduced the start of or reduced the impact of fires. Whilst there was no scientific evidence on either side of the debate, it was eventually resolved to send a letter.

Such was Ian's influence and impact on the Gisborne fire brigade that he was awarded with Brigade Life Membership in 1995.

Ian left the Gisborne brigade in 1997 and took up residence in Gembrook where he continued to serve CFA and the community.

Women of the Ulysses

Female members are an essential part of our Macedon Ranges Ulysses group.

Many, not just ride motorcycles, but also lead rides and some hold important rolls in the committee, including the position of President at times.

They are treated with respect, supported and encouraged in the way any member should be.

The women bring colour and class to the group, and it most certainly would not be the same without them.

So, if you're a female rider wishing to ride as an equal, come and join the Ulysses 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,



Picture: Matt Dridan



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 muttering about the Government and planning our escape at the Saturday morning Tyre-Kick in Gisborne, so be sure and say hello. Check us out online at www.mrub.org.au or join us on Facebook for the latest news.

Matthew Dridan

Valentine's Day at the Oaks

Lifestyle staff Kim, Lidia and Ashlea held a special Valentine's Day lunch for the married couples at the Oaks, with David providing entertaining music, playing the guitar and singing.

Advice from the three couples on how to have a happy relationship was to respect one another, listen and communicate well. The said it was important to share interests, but it was also okay to have time apart to focus on your own interests.



Glen and Karen. Karen visited Glen for the meal, and they both enjoyed the celebration.



Phoebe and Ralph dance. The happily married couple say they do everything together.



Kim, Lidia and Ashlea helped the couples celebrate their love.

Cliff and Anne have been married for 74 years

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Running in locations across the West of Melbourne and Victoria, the Sons of the West program is FREE for all men over 18. A space to come together with other locals, Sons of the West is an opportunity to challenge yourself, try something new and make your health a priority!

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Starting Tuesday evenings from 7th March in Sunbury



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Sons of the West is an inclusive program and welcomes all who identify as men, from all cultural backgrounds and abilities, to get involved.

Tips to help if you are a supervising driver

A free presentation for anyone supervising a learner driver is being given at Gisborne Secondary College on 21 March.

The one-hour session will cover a range of topics, with practical information and helpful tips on how the Graduating Licencing System (GLS) works, taking a staged approach to learning, choosing a safe vehicle, reducing your learner's risk of crashing on their Ps, and helping you and your learner stay calm and driving safely. Learners are encouraged to attend with their supervising driver, helping them develop a good foundation for a lifetime of safe driving.

The event is supported by Department of Transport and Planning, the TAC L2P Program, Bendigo Bank Gisborne and Gisborne Secondary College. 'More than a licence – Everything a Supervising Driver needs to know', Tuesday 21 March at 7pm Barcham Theatre, Gisborne Secondary College Bookings: bit.ly/3IkD1uA



Marching to a different beat

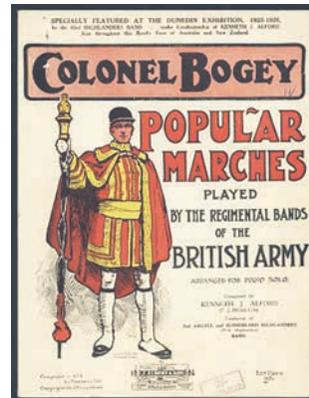
As I was waiting in a line of cars stopped to let the schoolkids cross in front of St Brigid's one morning, something quite uncalled for entered my mind: Colonel Bogey.

I say uncalled for in the sense of unbidden. The *Colonel Bogey March* formed a tiny part — which in direct reversal of its importance loomed large — in my primary school days.

Every Monday morning the entire school would assemble on the asphalt to hear the principal, Mr Fowler (only ever Mr Fowler), a moustachioed fellow of imponderable years to our small minds and large eyes, tell of... I can't remember what now.

It must have been important to why were all assembled there each and every Monday morning. And then at assembly's end, it would boom from a large loudspeaker hooked menacingly over the verandah railing: *Colonel Bogey's March*. And off we would pretend march to our respective classes. Why march? Who knows. A regimented step was a regimented mind? Quite possibly.

And after the music ended we would be seated at our desks, pencil to hand, or if in the older years, inkwell filled, staring towards the blackboard, not yet chalk marked, and above it what else but a picture of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II,



REFLECTIONS

Warwick McFadyen

forever radiant and reigning over us.

The March was composed in 1914, the first year of WWI, by Lieutenant F J Ricketts under the pen name Kenneth Alford, who was an army bandmaster. It was spectacularly successful for its time and subsequent decades.

After the march passed to war and the parades, and its rendition by the common whistle, it made its way into film, debuting, quite naturally, in *The Bridge Over the River Kwai* in 1957, and has managed to thread its way into the ears ever since, even appearing in the seminal '80s' teen film *The Breakfast Club* in 1985.

But to the young minds standing at assembly at a little public primary school, it wasn't so much music to our ears but the march of another time, foreign and uncomprehending. It was the past and they did things differently there.

Time itself marches on, and now there is a new cohort of kids starting school around the country who if they are lucky will never have to high-step it to dear old Colonel Bogey.

CROSSWORD Words starting with the letter 'N'

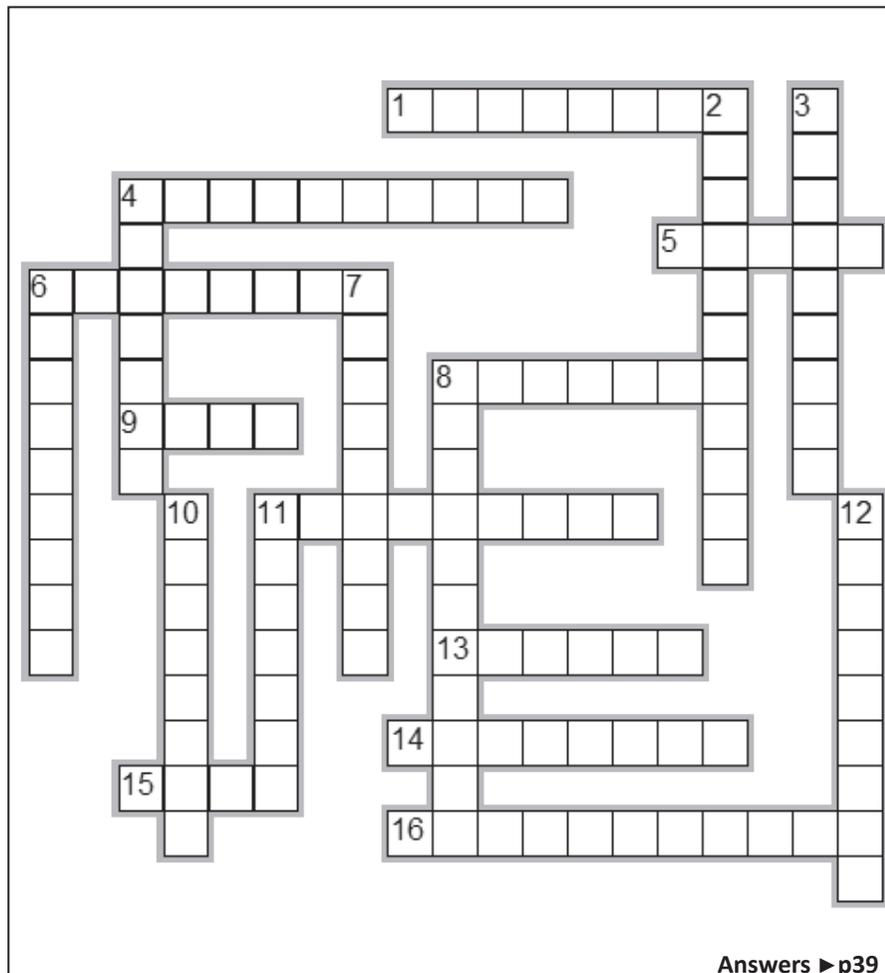
Questions compiled by the late Graeme Millar and his daughter Heather

ACROSS

- This element forms nearly four fifths of the atmosphere
- Trent Bridge Cricket Ground is in this city in England
- The first US president to resign
- French military leader of the early 1800s
- The capital city of Cyprus
- The world's longest river
- A person who lives in your vicinity
- Country that borders Finland, Sweden and Russia
- Victorian town with a statue of race-horse Black Caviar in main street
- Where in the human body you find the jugular vein
- Early race of man in Europe, becoming extinct over 20,000 years ago

DOWN

- The study of coins or medals
- To settle by bargaining
- Eighth planet from the Sun
- Indigenous landscape painter
- The world capital of country music
- Founder of modern nursing
- The eleventh month of the year
- Island off the east coast of Australia
- Second-largest city in NSW



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QUIZ

- The Wars of the Roses were between the houses of Lancaster and which other house?
- Which car manufacturer made the Yeti?
- Which singer/songwriter was born Reginald Dwight?
- The tiger is native to which continent?
- Around which planet do we find the Galilean moons?
- What kind of product is Stilton?
- Proverbially, a stitch in time saves what?
- In electronics the word "transistor" was made up from a combination of which two words?
- What number does the Roman numeral XXVI represent?
- Which is the only muscle in the human body to be attached at only one end?

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Mount church packed for Ash Wednesday service

The Mount Macedon Uniting Church was overflowing for the Ash Wednesday 40th anniversary commemoration service on Thursday evening, 16 February 2023.

Rev D'Arcy Wood led a moving service that remembered the events and outcomes of that day, the outpouring of help and support from far and wide and the resilience of the community in recovering, rebuilding and continuing to grow. A number of people impacted on that day participated.

A brief history of the Mount Macedon Uniting Church, which was destroyed then rebuilt to re-open in just 14 months, reflected the strength and resilience of the whole community. The church was shared with the Anglican congregation for six years until the Church of the Resurrection was completed.

Over 80 people were present, including the Rev Graham Hall, the minister at the time and driving force behind the recovery of the congregation and rebuilding of the church. A great many people wanted to talk to him.

The mayor and other councillors, both Macedon and Mount Macedon CFA brigade captains and other CFA members as well as people from Gisborne, Bendigo,



The Rev'd Jeanne Beale, from Presbytery of Port Philip West, the Rev'd Dr D'Arcy Wood and the Rev'd Graham Hall.

Romsey and the suburbs joined locals at the event.

Donations of \$661 to support the two local CFA brigades were received.

We are privileged to have been able to provide this opportunity to so many to remember and reflect on that day 40 years ago. We hope it brought comfort to anyone who still suffers as a result of their experiences.

Neil Tweddle, 5426 2045



St Brigid's Parish Gisborne – incorporating St Ambrose Riddells Creek and St Patrick's Macedon.

2023 Sacraments

Bookings are now open for Holy Communion (Year 4 students) and Confirmation (Year 6 students). Please email gisborne@cam.org.au for details.

St Vincent de Paul

A new chapter of SVDP has recently been established in Gisborne. If you are in need of assistance, whether it be by way of food vouchers or perhaps furniture, please call 1800 305 330.

Normal Weekend Services: Saturday 6pm St Brigid's; Sunday 8am St Ambrose; Sunday 9:30am St Patrick's; Sunday 11am St Brigid's.

World Day of Prayer

A Combined Church Prayer morning for Taiwan is to be held on Friday 3 March at 10am at House of the Rock Church, 247 Station Road, New Gisborne. All welcome.



We remember

As the sun set on February 12th, and again on the 16th, the words of the ancient hymn "Phos Hilaron" came to mind: the lights of evening round us shine.

Through the vista of the great Memorial window in the Church of the Resurrection, the lights continued to change, with the reds and golds becoming more dominant.

As the external spot began to take hold of the enclosing darkness, the reds and golds gave way to the deepness of green and blue.

Walking between Centennial Park and the Church on the Thursday evening, noting the memorial cairn and the splendid Avenue of Honour, the words of the Ode of Remembrance came to mind: "at the going down of the sun, and in the morning, we will remember them. Lest we forget."

The gathering of over 100 people on the Sunday, and many others on the Thursday remind us that we still remember 40 years since the red steer raced through the area.

A grass fire to the south of Gisborne on the Friday continued to remind us that what author Colin Thiele AC called "The February Dragon" is always but a mere breath away.

Bringing together the Churches of the Mountain, with the Macedon CFA in attendance, we remembered.

Memories are precious but can also stir up past hurts.

You are not alone.

If we remember but just one thing from where we have been, the lights of evening shine on all of us, be not afraid.

Rev'd Dennis Webster

Finding common ground



GISBORNE UNITING CHURCH

World War I had many consequences. One was the bewildered horror felt by many that allegedly Christian nations had waged war against each other. Among the various peace movements that flourished – or tried to – between the wars, some Christian leaders and thinkers began to build a framework for how dialogue could be achievable between hostile parties... hence the growth of Councils of Churches including Australia.

In Victoria, dialogues which began between Christian denominations soon also included people of other faiths. Hence we look forward to the visit of Imam Alaa Elzokm as this year's Peter Barcham lecturer.

His topic is the common ground between Christians and Muslims in Australia. It is about how we talk with each other rather than about each other. Some common ground has already been found in the way various faith communities joined in flood relief over these past perilous months. Another has been open days at mosques and churches.

On Monday March 6 at Gisborne Uniting Church from 7.30pm you can hear more. Free admission and supper to follow. Enquiries to Janet or D'Arcy Wood on 5428 6700.

The late Peter Barcham would be very pleased. His interests were wide — as the first Principal of Gisborne Secondary College where a hall bears his name, as a devoted musician, an active Probus member, a lover of paddle steamers ... and he even knew how to put a boat in a bottle. Peter was also a keen practitioner of dialogue with others and a builder of community. In this year, the 40th anniversary of the Ash Wednesday fires, we remember Peter and others who pulled this community back together after its trial by fire.



Imam Alaa Elzokm

Janet Wood



Crafting together is a sociable way to help others.

Come and join Gisborne Presbyterian Craft Group

The Presbyterian Church craft group is seeking new participants who would like to meet new people in a friendly, supportive and fun environment and who like crafting, particularly quilting. We meet on the first and third Thursdays at the church hall, 9.30am to 3pm.

Over the past five years, we have donated at least 120 quilts annually to charitable organisations including hospitals, domestic violence shelters, St Kilda Mums, the Salvation Army and food banks.

Bring your craft project and machine, etc, and your lunch for the amount of time that suits you. If you do not have a current project you would like to work on, we have quilt kits available to make gift quilts. Even if you do not sew, we encourage other crafts and have people willing to assist and teach a new skill if you choose. We welcome you to come and 'check us out', have a coffee and a chat to see whether we have something that you would like to participate in.

We will be having a Quilt Show in October to showcase our achievements and would like to include your efforts in the display. For information, please contact Glenys on 0424 383 016, Marsha on 0428 843 959 or Marion on 0448 887 657.



100 YEARS AGO

From the pages of the old *Gisborne Gazette* (mostly)

MARCH 1923

Riddell News — There have been three threshing machines at work in the district and there is an enormous amount of grain in the comparatively new settlement of Red Rock. Thousands of bags of grain are ready for delivery into the local railway station, also many thousand tons of chaff, as the chaff cutting plants have been at work also.

The yield of grain at some places is over 20 bags to the acre. At many of these farms ploughing started immediately the hay and crop left the paddocks, showing the value farmers now place upon throwing the soil up to the fertilising influences of the sun. It is not very many years since this now prosperous and productive district was a sheep run engaging four shepherds. Now there are dozens of houses, numerous employees and thousands of pounds worth of produce and stock.

Gisborne Gazette, 2 March 1923

Country Cricket Week — The second annual Country Cricket week, inaugurated by the Victorian Cricket Association, will be resumed today, when 48 teams from country centres will compete. A great deal of organisation has been carried out by the VCA officials, and only fine weather is required to bring the tournament to a successful issue. It is particularly gratifying to know that the Marsh-Gisborne combination has achieved such excellent results. On the first day, they were drawn against a powerful side in Bendigo, and evidently our men were a little astray on the strange wicket, and were all out for 102. Bendigo responded with 8 for 186 declared. For the second innings, the Combine put together 85 for 5. Bendigo thus gained 3 points.

The Argus, 5 March 1923

Pictures at Gisborne — On Easter Monday night, the residents of Gisborne and district are to have the opportunity of witnessing pictures screened in the high-class style of the city picture theatres. The occasion will be the grand opening of a regular weekly show to be conducted by Mr Johnston, a well-known suburban picture show proprietor who ... has secured an extended lease of the Mechanics' Hall and has arranged with the shire council to supply the electric light for the pictures.

A special main has been provided by Mr Johnston to transmit the electric current direct from the power house to the hall and the Mechanics' committee is providing up-to-date accommodation for the machine and operator. The opening production will be the William Fox masterpiece "Over the Hill", a picture that has excited the admiration of picture lovers wherever it has been shown. Mr Johnston is to be commended for opening with such a high-class production, and if residents support his enterprise in anything like fair measure, Gisborne will be assured of a weekly entertainment second to none.



WHAT'S ON REGULAR MEETINGS

New members always welcome

ADULT RIDING CLUB (Gis) 2nd Saturday of month IR 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
BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP 1st & 3rd Tues 10.30am Gisborne Golf Club

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 Goonawarra Golf Club, Sunbury

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

OBDIANCE DOG CLUB Sun 9am Riddells Rec Res

PETANQUE 2nd & 4th Sat 10am behind Caltex service station, Station Rd, Gisborne 0439 887 178

PHOENIX ART & CRAFTS Saturdays as required 0409 121 025

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOC 1st Tues & 2nd Mon 7pm Dromkeen, Riddells Ck

PONY CLUB Bullengarook 1st Sunday Rec Reserve

PONY CLUB Gisborne 1st Sunday Robertson Reserve

PROBUS 1st Thurs 10am 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 12.30pm 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@mrsppag.com.au

TABLE TENNIS Wed 7.30pm Tony Clarke Res, Macedon

THUNDER SWIMMING CLUB 2nd Sat 5pm Gisborne Aquatic Centre

TOY LIBRARY Every Tues 9.30-10.30am; Sat 9.30-11am 71 Robertson St Sunbury FC

ULYSSES GROUP 3rd Tues 6pm Sunbury FC

VINTAGE MACHINERY Working bees 1st Sun of month, 8.30am at Steam Park; meetings last Friday of month, 7pm at Steam Park

WRITERS GROUP Last Sat of month 2-5pm Woodend N'hood House

WRITERS (Scribes & Scribblers) 2nd Tues 10am-12 Riddell N'hood House

YOUNG VOICES Thursdays 4.15-5.45pm Norma Richardson Hall, Buckland St, Woodend, 5426 4801 or sddgome@patash.com.au

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Crossword answers

ACROSS	11. Neighbour	4. Neptune
1. Nitrogen	13. Norway	6. Namatjira
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5. Nixon	15. Neck	8. Nightingale
6. Napoleon	16. Neanderthal	10. November
8. Nicosia	DOWN	11. Norfolk
9. Nile	2. Numismatics	12. Newcastle
	3. Negotiate	

Quiz answers

1. York	6. Cheese
2. Skoda	7. Nine
3. Elton John	8. Transmitter and resistor
4. Asia	9. 26
5. Jupiter	10. The tongue

Kids' Quiz answers

1. Blue	6. The liver
2. Emma Watson	7. One
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5. Antarctica	10. 2000

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MARCH

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8 to 11 <i>Mrs Harris Goes to Paris</i>
15 to 18 <i>The Villa</i>
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	<i>Casablanca</i>
No film Saturday 25 March	
29 <i>Phantom of the Opera</i>

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