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Mother Nature has put on another spectacular autumn in the district. Huge numbers of visitors came from far and wide to enjoy the autumn scenes in Macedon and Mount Macedon in April, and filled Honour Avenue on the weekends and public holidays when it was a pedestrian zone.

Gorgeous little Thrishvi Sanjay was one of many posing and photographed in the beautiful setting. Her family comes from Wyndham Vale almost every year to admire our local beauty.

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## From the Editor's desk

Autumn – a season of ups and downs: gorgeous days full of the splendid changing colours and light of nature, and the first bleak days of the winter ahead. That is certainly how my autumn has been so far.

### Highs and lows

The happiest sight was seeing the loving family of six-month-old Thrishvi Sanjay encouraging her to beam in a basket in the afternoon sun on Honour Avenue, Macedon, on this month's cover. It was pure joy in the moment, and the beauty of our area. Proud father Shankar Sanjay kindly sent us the photo.

The saddest moment of the past month for me and so many in the community was learning about the tragic destruction by fire of the Gisborne Golf Club clubhouse on 17 April, a true community hub and home also of the Gisborne RSL Sub-branch. The resilience shown by the golf club and veterans since the event and the strong support offered by local residents are a reflection of the community spirit we are so lucky to have in Gisborne. I have no doubt they will continue until a replacement facility is constructed.

It was sad also to hear that Betty Doolan, who wrote the 'Betty's Boop' column in the *Gazette* since 2011, passed away in April. I will never forget Betty's glee at receiving a *Gazette* long-service certificate and commenting that it had never happened in school. I will miss typing up Betty's handwritten column every month and smiling at the upbeat tales of her life and family, and notable events at Gisborne Oaks, which almost always included special food and gratitude to those who worked there. RIP Betty.

### Third places

The Gisborne Golf Club was one of many local clubhouses and spaces that provide an important 'third place' for members and visitors – a place to connect and interact with others outside work and home. Traditionally, third places were often churches and pubs and this month's history article by Phyllis Boyd OAM takes us on a pub crawl of some third places in 19<sup>th</sup> century Gisborne. Nonalcoholic options were already a thing back in the 1850s as the Temperance Hotel proudly sold only "sparkling Mount Macedon water".

### Coincidence and congratulations

What is the chance that two local ventures place seventh in national listings in the same month, or that two local 'Bindis' are celebrated in the same week? It happened in April and I congratulate the GREAT volunteers who run the Gisborne Olde Time Market for *Timeout* magazine ranking it the seventh-best market in Australia in April, Michael Dhillon and the team at Bindi Wines in South Gisborne for making seventh place in *The Real Review's* newest Top Wineries of Australia list, and Bindi-Lee Byrne for winning the 2024 Portraits on the Mount Portrait Prize (non-photographic).

The pin oaks on Honour Avenue are losing their leaves, but there are plenty of other trees in the area worthy of admiration during the final month of autumn. And with most of the seasonal tourists gone for another year, the autumn wonder is now a private show just for us. Enjoy.

Corinne Shaddock

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## MINUTE WITH MAXINE

Lou and Mick Maroulis have been delivering the *Gazette* in Gisborne for five years.

Lou grew up in Cheshire, England, and Mick was born in Alexandria, Egypt. When they were young, they both emigrated with their parents to Australia.

They have been married 49 years and have two sons, Conor and Lachlan, and one granddaughter, Jayda.

Lou and Mick moved from Melbourne to Kyneton due to Mick's passion for horses; he has been a strapper at Flemington, a trainer, breeder and an agister. Lou told me he bought a horse straight after the two boys were born. After selling the 24-hectare property, they moved to Gisborne six years



Lou and Mick Maroulis.

ago. Mick still cares for his horses daily in Heskett.

Lou's career path of teaching and literacy education lasted 42 years during which time she spent three years in New York. That is a story for another day.

Lou loves watching any ball sport, especially the Western Bulldogs in the AFL, and Mick supports Essendon. Travel plans were halted with COVID, but the couple went back to Europe in 2023.

Lou also enjoys reading and going to the gym and has just started being a proofreader for the *Gazette*.

Mick loves gardening and he says autumn in the Macedon Ranges is the best place in the world.

Maxine Barker



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# New green opens new opportunities at Bowling Club



The recently constructed second synthetic bowling green at the Gisborne and District Bowling Club was officially opened by Member for Macedon Mary-Anne Thomas on 5 April. A large crowd attended the opening, including Macedon Ranges Shire Council mayor Annette Death, councillors, bowling club members and their families and friends.

The new synthetic green, together with the existing synthetic green, will enable more bowls to be played year-round, the club estimating it will bring a 30 per cent lift in participation levels. It will also reduce maintenance costs for the club.

The \$568,336 project was jointly funded by the State Government (\$245,164), Gisborne and District Bowling Club (\$172,436) and Macedon Ranges Shire Council (\$150,736).

The club also funded new fencing, a retaining wall, drainage, concreting around the new green, a shade structure, seating, scoreboards and rink markers.

In recognition of the tremendous amount of work club chairman Russell Walker undertook to help deliver the new green and surrounding enhancements, including the new rear car park, the new green was named in his honour.

The first tournament played on the new green was held on Sunday 7 April with great success and was fittingly won by Russell Walker's team.



Gisborne Bowling Club members with Mary-Anne Thomas MP, who opened the green, and Macedon Ranges Shire Council mayor and councillors on the new green.



Russell Walker OAM with family members at the opening.

## Accolades again for local winery Bindi

Bindi Winery, in Melton Road, Gisborne, has, over its 34 years of production, achieved increasingly enthusiastic recognition by expert judges of fine wines.



Michael Dhillon

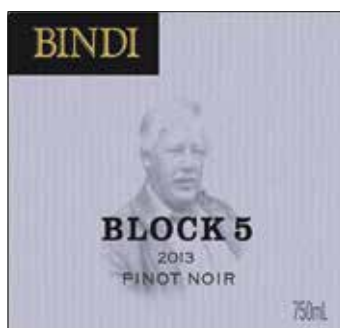
Led by the winemaking expertise and dedication of owner Michael Dhillon, Bindi Winery has gained an outstanding placing in the prestigious *The Real Review's* 2024 rankings, coming in as the fourth best winery in Victoria and seventh in Australia.

Bindi is placed above wineries in famous wine regions such as Margaret River, the Hunter Valley, McLaren Vale and the Mornington Peninsula.

Each year *The Real Review* assesses about 10,000 wines to establish their

list of the top 400 Australian wineries.

In another recent recognition by respected wine reviewer *Langton Classified*, Bindi's Block 5 Pinot Noir was placed among its top 21 wines in Australia, rubbing shoulders with great wines such as Penfolds Bin 95 Grange Shiraz. *Langton Classified* states that these wines are "the most highly prized of all Australian fine wines, representing generations of effort and character of place".



The label depicts Stuart Anderson, Michael's 92-year-old winemaking mentor.

Bindi's success was rounded out with two other wines in Langton's top 100.

I encourage you to go to the Bindi Wines website to learn more about this local treasure.

Bryan Power

## Gisborne parkrun to mark 1st birthday

Gisborne parkrun is a free, fun, fully inclusive 5km weekly event held at Dixon Field each Saturday at 8am.

It began in May 2023 and has grown in popularity with fantastic local and regional community support. Weekly attendance averages over 70 and the group continually welcomes new people to parkrun each week.

Parkrun will be celebrating its first birthday on 11 May, 8am, at Dixon Field. Everyone is welcome to come along and get involved.

If you wish to run, please register via the 'Dixon Field parkrun' Facebook page beforehand. Participants, please arrive by 7.45am on the day.

You'll never come last at parkrun as the group has designated tailwalkers who also ensure everyone's safety.

Tom Kovacs, event director

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Daylight reveals the complete devastation of the clubhouse early on the morning of 17 April. Picture: Chris Fleming

The fire lights up the night sky. Picture: Golf Club

# Heartbreaking triple bogey at golf club

At 2.40am on Wednesday 17 April, Gisborne Golf Club professional Matt Duncan received a call from Mark Testro.

"The clubhouse is on fire," Mark said.

Matt jumped in his car and headed to the golf course. On the way he called the club president, Alastair Boustead, and general manager, Brett Campbell, advising them of the situation.

Matt arrived at the golf course at 3am when the fire was at its peak. The entire clubhouse was engulfed in flames.

"All I could do is stand there, alone, in the darkness, watching everything we have all worked so hard to build burn to the ground," said Matt.

The president, Alastair, arrived not long after to be confronted by the terrible scenes.

"My first reaction was of sheer devastation and frustration. The club has been moving in such a positive direction, only for this to happen," Alastair said.

After watching the amazing efforts of the emergency services personnel, Alastair quickly transitioned into the mindset that this will now be an opportunity for the club.

"We can rebuild a clubhouse that not only meets the needs of the members but also provides a better facility



CFA members mop up lingering traces of the fire.

Picture: Chris Fleming

for the needs of the broader community," Alastair said.

As the day progressed, Alastair realised there was no time for additional grieving or wasting time on what could have been. "I started to address the immediate steps to make sure we could open the course again for members and to get temporary facilities in place so we

could commence operations."

The fire impacted more than the club members as the local RSL Sub-branch also used the clubhouse for meetings and to store their memorabilia and records. This has been the saddest part for both the golf club and RSL, as this was all lost. But the memories of our great times at the clubhouse will never be lost.

The next step is the establishment of one of the most important areas of the golf club; a hospitality space where we all get to enjoy the company of our friends after a round of golf or hitting a bucket of balls at the range.

One positive thing to come out of the ashes of this disaster is the support of the community, which has been overwhelming and nothing short of inspiring.

As the club embarks on the journey of rebuilding, the continued support of the community remains crucial. Whether through donations, volunteering, using the facilities or playing a round of golf, ongoing assistance of the community will play a vital role in restoring the Gisborne Golf Club to its former glory.

Gisborne Golf Club

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# Gisborne RSL grateful for overwhelming support



Our sub-branch sends out our sincere thanks to all those members of the community who have offered support and direct help to us following the fire and loss of the Gisborne Golf Club; our home and base for meetings and events.

We lost historic records, along with our extensive library of Australian military history, memorabilia, and other artifacts including three ADF flags. Many of these items are irreplaceable. Our objective now is to rebuild this collection and, hopefully, with some donations of Australian military memorabilia from our community.

The Mount Macedon Anzac Day Dawn Service Committee kindly collected donations for us at this year's Dawn Service.

Soon, we hope to confirm a temporary location to conduct our meetings and social gatherings.

We also thank those people who attended and supported the annual Anzac Day commemorative service at the cenotaph in Hamilton Street, Gisborne. It was wonderful to have a current serving member of the RAAF and former Gisborne resident, Corporal Ellen McCormick, present her Anzac Day address. The cenotaph was as always, dressed in dozens of memorial wreaths laid by individuals and many organisations from within the Gisborne and district community.

Our sub-branch is also grateful to the Gisborne and surrounding community who so generously, once again, supported the annual Anzac badge sales. We acknowledge the tremendous support we received from Coles, IGA, Foodworks and Aldi in Gisborne and Mr Coffee in Macedon. Other local businesses also assisted with the preparation of our Anzac Day program, from printing to wreaths.

Funds raised from badge sales are used to provide welfare support to both veterans and their families in times of need or crisis. If you are a current or serving member and you need advice or help, please do not hesitate to get in contact with RSL. To access 24/7 emergency support, you can call Open Arms – Veterans and Families Counselling on 1800 011 046 for immediate, free and confidential support.

The Gisborne RSL sub-branch is progressive and inclusive to all members of the community. While all former and current serving members of the ADF can automatically join RSL, our sub-branch provides membership for affiliates, emergency service personnel, and a category for volunteers and social members. If you are interested, please contact our branch secretary on 0487 278 681 or at [admin@gisbornersl.com.au](mailto:admin@gisbornersl.com.au).

*Darren Grevis-James, president*

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▲A funster in a T-rex costume on Hamilton Street near the Gisborne fountain brought joy to many students (and parents) on the first morning of Term 2. The sign said, "HAPPY BACK 2 SKOOL".

*Picture: Renae Jacobs*

## Seen AROUND TOWN

►Many local residents showed their support of veterans by buying Anzac badges in April, including this young girl in Gisborne Village Shopping Centre.



◀After 15 years jointly running the business, brother and sister Brad and Clare Eshuys (right) handed over the Mt Macedon Trading Post to Damien and Sarah Leatch in April. Damien and Sarah live locally and survived the onslaught of autumn visitors with a smile, a great start.

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## Residents flock to local services

# Anzac Day commemorations

### Gisborne

Record numbers attended the commemorative service at the Gisborne Cenotaph on Anzac Day, including many families and representatives from local schools and clubs. Corporal Ellen McCormick of Gisborne, an active member of the Royal Australian Air Force, gave an impressive address about her experience serving the nation.

The event was reported on Channel 9 news on Anzac Day, highlighting the strong support the local community has provided the Gisborne RSL Sub-branch after the devastating loss of its room and memorabilia in the Gisborne Golf Club fire on 17 April. Gisborne RSL member Carlie Prictor said the support had been overwhelming.

### Mount Macedon

Over 1000 people braved the cold and wet weather to attend the dawn service on Mt Macedon which had the theme, 'Honouring Every Role, Every Sacrifice'.

Sacred Heart College Kyneton school captains gave a special tribute to the late Robin Funston of Gisborne, a long-serving member of the veterans' community and former president of the Gisborne-Macedon Ranges RSL Sub-branch.

Gisborne Secondary College school captains told the story of Joyce Strawhorn from Kyneton who served in three forces in WWII: the Women's Air Training Corps, the Women's Auxiliary Australian Air Force (WAAAF), and the Australian Women's Army Service.

Braemar school captains shared the story of 99-year-old Joy Daymon from Woodend North who served as a Flight Mechanic in the WAAAF from 1943 to 1946. Joy herself delivered Binyon's *Ode to The Fallen* with Flight Lieutenant Paul Liistro.

The Mount Macedon Anzac Day Dawn Service committee will donate a proportion of the funds it has raised online and on the day to the Gisborne RSL Sub-branch to help them re-establish following their losses in the recent fire at the Gisborne Golf Club.

### Macedon

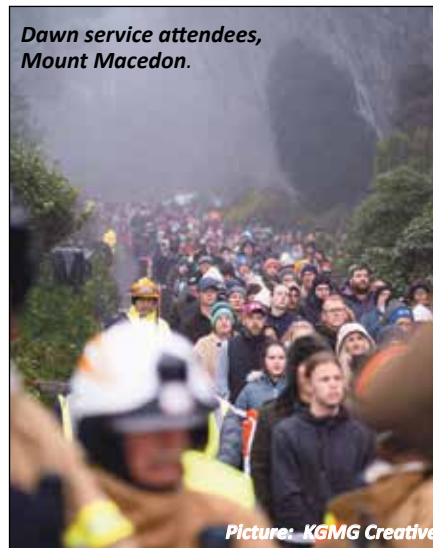
A special service was held before the senior football match at Tony Clarke Reserve on 25 April. Woodend RSL vice-president Alan Mitchell-Lappin represented local veterans.



Bugler Gary Andison plays Reveille at the atmospheric dawn service at the Mt Macedon Memorial Cross.  
Picture: Chris Fleming



The sun rises as Joy Daymon delivers Binyon's 'Ode to The Fallen' with Flight Lieutenant Paul Liistro.  
Picture: KGMG Creative



Dawn service attendees, Mount Macedon.  
Picture: KGMG Creative



Gisborne RSL members at the service. Picture: Chris Fleming



Senior netball and football captains of Macedon and Diggers Rest clubs lay a wreath before the senior football game.  
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ADF members in the service. Corporal Ellen McCormick, centre, gave the address. Corporal Nicholas De Ryck (from Brisbane) is next to Ellen and raised the flag after the minute's silence.



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# Tales of old Gisborne

## The Gisborne cows

with Peter and Eddie Gardiner

**Eddie:** We kept a couple of cows at any one time in the big yard behind our house in Aitken Street. Mum and Dad and our eldest brother Alec milked the cows but from the age of 10 I took over, and later our sister Mel joined in.

If no one was available Dad would send Jack McKay up from the garage, Jack was an apprentice motor mechanic. Among many talents he milked cows and taught us kids to milk them properly.

**Peter:** I never learnt to milk. Eddie would be outside helping Mum to milk the cows because he was smarter than me.

**Eddie:** The cows were Peggy, Mary, Daisy and Polly. They were all black polls except for Polly who had horns. We made butter with a Cherry's churn and over the years we had three different separators, all hand-operated: the job of separating the cream from the milk seemed to take forever.

**Peter:** I never learnt to do that either.

**Eddie:** We always had plenty of milk even if a cow kicked the bucket over or put her foot in it because we forgot to put the leg rope on. A couple of times a year we'd move the cows to a paddock in Fisher Street or to one behind the police station in Hamilton Street.

After school, we, as 10-year-old kids, would bring them back across Hamilton Street (which was then the highway) except when there were races in Kyneton and the traffic was too heavy.

We always remembered to watch out for the bees which periodically swarmed in the head of the Henry Howey monument. But on most mornings Mum would just turn the cows out the gate and later say to us, "They went that way."

The Mortons, who lived at the cemetery, also had cows. One of them was named Charlie because she was born on the same day as Prince Charles – 14 November 1948. Often, we would find the Gardiner and the Morton cows together.

After school we had the daunting task of finding



Many years later, Eddie directs Peter on how the separator works.



Two of Eddie's mates from the 1940s, Bob Morton and Rob Funston.

the cows and bringing them home to milk. Mum would let them out to feed in the morning; our job was to find them. Us and other kids on bikes all doing the same thing. So much of our lives were spent looking for Charlie and her friends. They travelled miles in any direction and could be anywhere.

One of their favourite places was along the creek from the Kilmore Road bridge. On one occasion they disappeared for a week. We eventually found them in the Fersfield Road area; it was then just a big overgrown paddock.

One time we found all the cows together on the old Calder Highway up past the now motel site. The complete herd and the chasers all came together as towards town we chased them.

'Cricket' Roberts was on a horse and then the inevitable happened – the herd stampeded. Turning off the highway with the posse in pursuit, the cows

thundered down Howey Street and then they had to turn into the narrow Calthorpe Street. Bob Morton and I had come that way and knew there was a small boy – Bobby Woods – playing in a sand heap at the edge of the road. We were terrified. When we got there, he was gone. Hearts pounding, we looked for him, expecting to find him trampled in the grass. Luckily, he must have gone inside.

Bob and I vowed, "Never again with a horse."

Other cows in Gisborne were owned by the Fitzgerald family. Those cows were kept in paddocks in Cherry Lane and milked in sheds there. Then the milk was brought down to a dairy and house situated in what is now Aitken Reserve.

The milk was processed there before being delivered around Gisborne from a horse-drawn cart. People left out a billy with the required coins in it. The milkman took the coins and then ladled the milk into the billy. Some years later the milk was delivered in bottles.

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# Toot toot... steam rally is coming

The Annual Steam and Vintage Machinery Family Fun Day promises a great time for the whole family at the Gisborne Steam Park in Webb Crescent, New Gisborne, on Sunday 19 May.

There will be children's activities and live steam and vintage machinery on display as well as the ever-popular tractor pull competition, with entrants hailing from across Victoria.

The club's outdoor train rides will be operating as will the large HO scale indoor model railway layout.

Committee member Anthony Davis said club members have worked throughout the year to produce what promises to be another great local event with lots to see and do for the whole family.

"From camel rides to vintage car and truck exhibits, the day hosts a range of displays to keep the family entertained."

Parklands Animal Farms, which has a long association with the event, will be in attendance with its popular petting zoo as well as a range of market vendors with wares



One of the vintage pieces of vintage machinery that will be on display on 19 May.

to sell. A host of food vendors will be on site for lunch and snacks providing a range of food and drink options.

Admission is \$15 per person, children under 16 free. Vintage car exhibitors are also free, but their passengers must buy tickets at \$10 per person. EFTPOS is available at the gate. The event will run from 9am to 3pm.

Sunday May 19  
Webb Crescent  
New Gisborne  
9am - 3pm



We had a wet start to April... From 1 to 17 April, Macedon had 100mm of rain, 80mm falling on Easter Monday night.

Exciting things are happening at the Macedon and Mt Macedon Community House with landscaping and community garden works beginning. We look forward to seeing the garden developing and growing over the next few months.

Andrew Bloomfield has been appointed as Principal of Macedon Primary School. We welcome him to our wonderful Macedon community and wish him all the best with this role.

Congratulations to Jodi Schumann and Shaun Breaden on the birth of Otis, baby brother for Jessie.

We were saddened to hear of the passing of Peter Axton. Peter was well known within the community, particularly for his involvement with the golf and cricket clubs. Condolences also to the Almond family on the recent passing of John. Many people would have known John for his carpet-laying skills and sense of humour. John was also well known for his involvement in 4WD clubs.

Football and netball at senior and junior levels are off to a flying start. Good luck to all teams involved. Macedon Auskick is in full swing and it is not too late to still join. Auskick is held at Tony Clarke Reserve on Saturday mornings 9.30-10.30am.

Macedon's O'Farrell family recently returned from, Glasgow, Scotland, where Charlotte and Angus competed in the World Irish Dancing Championships. Angus is the current Australian champion for 16-year-old boys and placed 11<sup>th</sup> at the world championships. Congratulations to them both.

Macedon Ranges Seed Savers Group has left seeds for collection at Macedon Post Office. These are free, so pop in and grab some to get your spring garden started.

It has been great to see so many visitors in town for the autumn festival. There are still lots of leaves falling, so happy raking!

Wishing all the mums a Happy Mother's Day on 12 May.

Anne and the team at the Macedon Post Office



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# Author talk: In conversation with Melinda Ham



When Canadian-born Melinda Ham and her husband, Mike, lived and worked as foreign correspondents in Africa and India, they witnessed a never-ending parade of natural disasters, civil unrest and refugee crises. They saw human suffering every day. It left its mark.

Melinda's response to the memory of that heart-ache has found voice in *The Lucky Ones*, a narrative spanning four continents and seven decades, relating tales of survival from Poland and Tibet, Vietnam and Iraq, Afghanistan and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The people in these stories have endured trauma, terror and abuse along the way, in their journey to safety in Australia. They come from disparate backgrounds, yet they share common sentiments: gratitude for the country that gave them sanctuary, respect for the freedoms they now enjoy, and a determination to live successful lives.



Melinda Ham with her book *The Lucky Ones*. Melinda will be speaking on 11 May.

Melinda Ham has drawn the threads of these separate stories into an entrancing and deeply moving testament to the power of hope and human resilience. She will be signing copies of her book and appearing in conversation with Macedon Ranges author and photographer Kathy Mexted.

The event is sponsored by Macedon Ranges Rural Australians for Refugees. Admission is \$20 with all door receipts to be donated to the support of refugees and asylum-seekers in Australia. Tickets are available through the Trybooking website.

The talk will be at Norma Richardson Hall, 15 Buckland Street, Woodend, on Saturday 11 May at 2-4pm. Bookings at [www.trybooking.com/CQTRF](http://www.trybooking.com/CQTRF).

Ant enquiries, call Mary on 0417 569 942.

Andrew Grimes, MRRAR



## COUNCILLOR'S COLUMN

With Cr Rob Guthrie

Autumn is a beautiful time of the year with leaves changing colour and many tourists visiting the Macedon Ranges to experience that natural beauty. We hope that many residents also attended Autumn Festival events, including concerts celebrating locally based artists that were organised in towns across the shire.

### Golf Club fire

We were shocked and disappointed to hear of the fire that destroyed the Gisborne Golf Club building, which is also home to the Gisborne RSL Sub-branch and used by a number of local groups. Although this is a private facility, council will provide assistance and advice where appropriate to support these groups in their recovery.

### Budget

We have been working on the Budget and Council Plan for 2024-25 and, like everybody in the community, are experiencing rising expenses related to providing essential services and maintaining infrastructure. This includes construction costs, where some goods have increased over 16 per cent in one year. This is limiting our capacity to invest in community amenity and improve services. We are committed to ensuring financial sustainability, including ongoing efficient service delivery, and finding innovative solutions to these challenges. Thank you to the 117 residents who submitted responses to the budget and attended the submitters committee meeting.

The budget will be tight as many efficiencies and savings have already been sought and exhausted. Some projects in the South Ward are included and the draft budget will be adopted at the council meeting on 22 May.

### Grants

Council provides a number of funding schemes to community groups including the Events and Festival grants, Community Funding Scheme, Small Project Grants, Australia Day Grants, Environment Support Group Grants and Neighbourhood House Funding Program. Details and guidelines are available on [www.mrsc.vic.gov.au](http://www.mrsc.vic.gov.au) and we encourage all groups to submit applications.

Please call me on 0419 309 953 or email [rguthrie@mrsc.com.au](mailto:rguthrie@mrsc.com.au) if I can be of any assistance.

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Gisborne Fire Brigade members with monks at the Lao new year celebration.

## Cultural experience for Gisborne CFA



The Gisborne Fire Brigade was invited by the Wat Mai Buddhavongs Lao Buddhist Society to celebrate Pi Mai Lao, the Lao New Year, in South Gisborne on 7 April.

Pi Mai Lao is the biggest holiday of the year in Laos, is rooted in Buddhist tradition, and is believed to be a time of renewal and purification.

During Pi Mai Lao, community members clean their houses, perform charitable acts, and participate in religious ceremonies including a water pouring ceremony and a sand stupa.

During the water pouring ceremony, community members pour water over Buddha statues and onto the hands of senior community members as a sign of respect. It is believed that the ceremony cleanses and blesses individuals.

The sand stupa represents the housing of spirits that it is believed will take wishes up to Buddha. Pi Mai Lao is also an opportunity for community celebration including traditional Lao food, music and dancing.

Many attendees enjoyed engaging with Gisborne firefighters and inspecting one of the Gisborne fire tankers while the firefighters enjoyed the warm Lao hospitality and sampling traditional Lao treats.

Anthony Whittall



Monks Kham Phou, Phan Lissasak, Thongsy Vilayphon and Woody by the sand stupa (stupa translates roughly to heap).



Monks seated during the service.

## Lions free skin cancer check results

### First skin check for many



In the March edition of the *Gazette*, members of the community were offered the opportunity to have free skin cancer checks by the Lions Mobile Skin Check unit, which was visiting Woodend.

Over two weekends during April, 229 skin checks were carried out with 33% of the checks performed ending up with referrals to clients' GPs for further action. While early detection of skin lesions potentially saves lives, it is disappointing to report that 45% of the clients who visited the unit had never had a skin check before.

The Gisborne and District Lions Club provides significant funds each year to programs associated with those in need locally, and across Victoria and Australia. The Lions Club is able to support these programs from its various fundraising activities such as the Lions Easter Raffle and the upcoming Lions Mother's Day Raffle and Lions barbecue at the steam rally.

The Easter Raffle results were as follows: 1st (ticket no. 0864) Vicki Thompson; 2nd (0879) Frank Murone; 3rd (1032) Richard Newton; 4th (1273) Mike Damino; and 5th (0968) Jill La Salle.

The Lions Club is extremely appreciative of the community's support of these fundraising activities.



The Lions Skin Check Awareness Unit that visited Woodend in April.

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# Bank scholarships help 18 start study

Daniel Takos will be buying a new computer that will let him get all the apps he needs for his Associate Degree in Engineering at RMIT, thanks to receiving a Community Bank Gisborne & District Early Tertiary Scholarship.

Dan is one of 18 local young people whose commencement of tertiary study this year is being made simpler and less stressful by a Community Bank Gisborne scholarship. Many other recipients plan to buy new technology with their bursaries or put the funds towards their commuting costs or course fees.

Eva Vella, who is studying Dentistry at La Trobe University Bendigo, will be buying loupes (small specialised magnifying glasses) with her scholarship.

The scholarship recipients are Daniel Takos, Renee Birkett, Jessica Matheson, Ezz Zarb, Eva Vella, Amy Keane, Sakura Butler, Ryan Haque, Hunter Williams, Hayley McIntosh, Anika Williams, Lara Vicente, Yuki Butler, Charlize Lewis, Nixon Stuart-Higgs, Hannah Raynor, Grace Hallet and Blaise O'Brien. They are studying a wide range of courses – from Arts, Communication, Science, Engineering, Dentistry and Pharmacy to Pathology, Nursing, Animal Behaviour and



Community Bank Gisborne & District Early Tertiary Scholarship recipients with branch manager Sarah Barton (sixth from left) and board director Rebecca Thorpe (at Sarah's left).



Creative Direction and Styling. Branch manager Sarah Barton said the staff and board of Community Bank Gisborne & District, the locally owned branch of Bendigo Bank, were thrilled to support so many young people and thanked the branch customers whose banking made the \$60,000 scholarship program possible. Community Bank Gisborne & District runs a profit-for-purpose banking model and has now provided 49 tertiary scholarships.



## MEMBER'S MESSAGE

With Mary-Anne Thomas, MP

Hello Gisborne community. It's always a great pleasure to be out and about in our wonderful community but never more so than during the autumn season when the Macedon Ranges are so stunning in their beauty.

I was delighted to officially open the new synthetic green at the Gisborne and District Bowling Club during April. Named for club chairperson, Russell Walker OAM, the green was funded with \$245,000 from the Victorian Government Local Sports Infrastructure Fund, \$150,000 from Macedon Ranges Shire Council and an extraordinary \$172,436 raised by club members. The new green will allow year-round use and increase participation. Congratulations to all at Gisborne Bowls Club!

Premier Jacinta Allan visited Gisborne last month so that we could open the new outdoor play area at Goodstart Early Learning Centre in New Gisborne.

A \$200,000 State Government Building Blocks grant has funded extensive works including soft fall areas, paths, sensory gardens and sandpits – so much joy for our smallest Gisborne residents.

And a reminder to complete the Women's Pain Survey by scanning the QR code on my ad on page 32, or visiting [engage.vic.gov.au/inquiry-into-womens-pain-survey](http://engage.vic.gov.au/inquiry-into-womens-pain-survey).

Best wishes to you all for May!



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Goldfields Libraries **What's on at Gisborne Library**

**Documentary: The Lost City of Melbourne (PG) – Wednesday 8 May 1-2.30pm**

In the 1850s, Melbourne was the fastest-growing city in the world – a centre of film culture with its hotels, restaurants and cafes world renowned. Sadly, attempted modernisation in the 1950s destroyed much of the city with buildings deemed too Victorian. Rare archival film and photography reveals the former glory of the lost city of Melbourne.

Bookings required.

**Curious kids in the library – Wednesday 15 May 10.30-11.15am**

Storytime welcomes back special guest Angela from the Discovery Centre, Bendigo for more science-based Storytimes for curious kids. Ages 3-5 years.

**Parenting in the modern world: tech strategies for families – Wednesday 22 May 1-2.30pm**

Tech is part of our reality but setting boundaries around its use is not always easy. Hear about current research, reflect on tech use in your family – considering the challenges and opportunities, and explore strategies to create a safe and happy tech environment.

Suitable for parents and carers of children aged up to 10 years. Presented by Catholic Care Victoria.

Bookings required.

For bookings visit [ncgrl.vic.gov.au](http://ncgrl.vic.gov.au) or phone 5428 3962.

**Home Library Service**

Do you find it hard to get to the library due to illness or disability? The library has trained volunteers who are able to deliver books and other library items once a month.

If you would like to volunteer with or receive the Home Library Service, please contact Goldfields Libraries Community Based Services for more information, on 5449 2790 or at email: [homelibraryservice@ncgrl.vic.gov.au](mailto:homelibraryservice@ncgrl.vic.gov.au).

**Students can unlock inner barista brilliance**



Want to unlock your inner barista and explore the world of coffee?

That's exactly what Isabel recently did when she attended the Macedon Ranges Further Education Centre barista course in Gisborne!

Isabel's coffee journey began with a simple passion for the tantalising aroma and complex flavours of freshly roasted coffee.

Her passion led her to enrol in the seven-hour Barista Course facilitated by Rafael Fabris of Rafael's Coffee in Lancefield.

Isabel sought to further explore her understanding of the interesting and complex world of coffee, starting with green beans, roasting principles and how to master the perfect espresso shot.

And was it worth it? Yes! Not only was Isabel's appetite for knowledge and crafting the perfect coffee taken to new heights, she is now employed as an aspiring barista extraordinaire!

Whether you're an aspiring barista, a coffee enthusiast, or simply eager to master the art of crafting the perfect cup, a Macedon Ranges Further Education Centre barista course will meet your needs.

For further information and more courses visit [www.mrfec.net.au](http://www.mrfec.net.au).



Isabel Obermoser and barista tutor Rafael Fabris.



**AGM – Monday 20 May 7:30pm**

All committee positions will be vacated at the AGM and nominations taken. We would love to hear from any people interested in joining our committee before then; please email [secretary@mmmcommunityhouse.org](mailto:secretary@mmmcommunityhouse.org) if you wish to discuss becoming part of the team.

**Canasta Club** Wednesdays 2-5pm. New players welcome to drop in. Gold coin for tea and coffee.

**Community Choir** Thursdays 9 and 23 May, 7.30pm. Everyone welcome. Contact Gráinne at [bgblack@aussiebroadband.com.au](mailto:bgblack@aussiebroadband.com.au) for more information.

**Permaculture Group** – Drop in - Fridays 10-12 noon. Check out our Facebook page *Permies @ the House* for those interested in permaculture and for past course participants to find out about permaculture activities.

**Playgroup** – Mondays and Wednesdays 10.30-12:30pm. New families welcome to join our free playgroups on Monday and Wednesday mornings. Email [playgroup@mmmcommunityhouse.org](mailto:playgroup@mmmcommunityhouse.org)

**Pregnancy Yoga** – Wednesdays 12:30-1:30pm. For more information and to discuss prerequisites, please contact Loris at [loriscassar@gmail.com](mailto:loriscassar@gmail.com).

**Over 55s Yoga** - Wednesdays 6:30- 7:30pm. For more information and to discuss prerequisites, please contact Loris at [loriscassar@gmail.com](mailto:loriscassar@gmail.com).

**Craft Circle** – back to Thursdays 10am-12 noon. Bring your own sewing, knitting or craft project to the community house and meet creative, like-minded locals.

**Library Drop in and Co-working space** – Fridays 10am-1pm

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initial help to young people who are in a mental health crisis situation or in the early stages of a mental illness, and covers various mental health problems experienced by young people.

Participants must attend all four sessions to qualify as a first aider.

The cost is \$31.50 for Macedon Ranges residents, and \$210 for non-residents.

The course starts on commencing 15 May. Bookings are essential.

Visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/youth-mental-health](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/youth-mental-health) or call 5422 0333 for more information or to book.

## Rainbow shopfronts urged



Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health and Macedon Ranges Shire Council are calling on Gisborne businesses to display the rainbow flag in the leadup to this year's International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Interphobia and Transphobia (IDAHOBIT) on 17 May.

The Macedon Ranges will join people across the country in a display of colour to celebrate the LGBTIQ+ community.

Also being offered is an online education session for businesses on how to create a welcoming and inclusive space for LGBTIQ+ staff and customers. The workshop takes place on Tuesday 7 May at 6.30pm.

To register your business to join the training, go to [sunburycobaw.org.au/idahobit-2024](http://sunburycobaw.org.au/idahobit-2024) or contact Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health on 5421 1666 or email [healthpromotion@scchc.org.au](mailto:healthpromotion@scchc.org.au).

## Personal trainers wanted for innovative physical, mental health fitness program

The Macedon Ranges Suicide Prevention Action Group (MRSPAG) is excited to announce a new initiative called Mindful Moves, designed to improve the physical and mental wellbeing of the Macedon Ranges community.



As part of this initiative, we are putting out a call for personal trainers and fitness instructors to join the team and contribute to this groundbreaking program.

Mindful Moves is a monthly fitness and mental health program that aims to create a positive impact in the community. Each session will feature circuit training led by local personal trainers, along with discussions on mental health and wellbeing facilitated by MRSPAG members and local professionals.

The program will also offer mental health first aid training for trainers, helping them to become better equipped

to support their clients' mental health needs.

By joining Mindful Moves, personal trainers will benefit from

- Paid sessions and free mental health first aid training
- An opportunity to engage with the local community
- A chance to be part of a pioneering program that integrates fitness and mental health support.

The first session is scheduled for July, with events planned across the Macedon Ranges throughout the year.

If you are a qualified personal trainer or fitness instructor with a passion for community wellbeing, we would love to hear from you.

For more information, or to express your interest in participating, please contact MRSPAG at [info@mrspag.com.au](mailto:info@mrspag.com.au).

## Common medicines without trip to GP

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## OBITUARY

**Elizabeth Patrica (Betty) Doolan**  
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Staff and residents at The Oaks were deeply saddened when told of the death of Betty Doolan on 4 April. Betty lived for the past 16 years at The Oaks and was loved by all the staff and had many friends there.

In 2011 Betty volunteered to write a monthly column for the *Gisborne Gazette* about the happenings at The Oaks and in the intervening years she never missed an edition with her always cheerful, generous and positive contributions which she named 'Betty's Boop', a reference to her collection of Betty Boop dolls.

Betty lived in North Melbourne for most of her younger years with her parents William and Mona Leighton and her brother Valentine. She attended St Michael's Primary school and then St Aloysius Ladies' College.



Betty Doolan

Betty met Brian Doolan at a dance and they married in North Melbourne on 20 September 1952. Betty loved spending time with Brian travelling to small towns in Victoria before the birth of their first child Judith in 1953. Their second child Gary followed in 1956.

Betty worked for the Transport Department for many years both at the Exhibition Building and later at the Taxi Inspection Depot in Port Melbourne.

After living in North Melbourne for many years Betty and Brian moved to Jacana. Her grandchildren have fond memories of visiting Nan and Pa, with the apricot tree loaded with fruit and the cubby house packed with toys.

In 1998 Betty lost Brian suddenly and she showed the family how strong she was. She remained at Jacana until 2004 when she suffered a traumatic

injury and lost her leg. Amazingly, she faced this head-on and regained her life and independence. She said the accident, as bad as it was, led her to find a love for patchwork quilting, writing her Betty Boop column for the *Gazette* and being nominated for Senior Citizen of the Year which saw her attending Government House.

Betty was Nan to six grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. She wrote in her diary how thrilled she was to have great-grandchildren. Each one of them treasures a patchwork quilt that was made by Betty.

Betty enjoyed heading into Gisborne and was a frequent sight heading up and down the streets in her wheelchair. She enjoyed going to church at St Brigid's and to the Gisborne Market where she was sure to find a trinket or a statue to add to her collections.

Betty will be remembered with gratitude for her deep love for her husband, children, family, and friends. Betty was farewelled at a Requiem Mass at St Brigid's on 12 April.



## Farewell to our 'manager'

The Men's Shed members were saddened to hear of the passing of Betty Doolan. Some of us at the Shed had a special connection with Betty and we send our condolences to her family.

In 2016 some Shedmen began volunteering their love of music with residents of the Gisborne Oaks. These Friday-afternoon singalongs in the Grevillea wing have continued ever since, aside from some interruptions due to COVID.

In the very early days, without consultation, Betty appointed herself as our manager. So in addition to her *Gazette* column duties, she was now also The Oaks version of Colonel Tom Parker, Brian Epstein or Glenn Wheatley.

Each week as we walked through the dining room, Betty would be 'holding court' and we would get a reprimand for not making any money.

At the beginning she proclaimed her cut would be 25% and gradually raised her fee until late last year it reached 110%. We never made any money and so neither did Betty!

We love what we do and get paid in smiles.

If you think a bit of simple Shed music could interest you, pop in and ask for Michael or Gary.

The Shed, in Lyell Street, is open on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 9am to 12 noon.

*Men's Shed team*

## A fond farewell to Betty from the Oaks

Betty was such an important part of our Gisborne Oaks community for over 17 years, and brought a great deal of love, laughter and compassion to our home, forming many friendships during her time here.

Betty passed away peacefully on Thursday 4 April in the presence of her loving family.

Betty loved writing this monthly article about her experiences,

and updating you on her own life. She enjoyed visiting the Gisborne community and returning to our home with stories to share.

We will all miss Betty terribly, she was a breath of fresh air in our home, always taking the time to warmly welcome new residents.

Betty did not miss a week without having her hair done with our in-house hairdresser, who will miss Betty's

chats. It was such a special time for them both to catch up.

It was an honour and privilege to be involved in Betty's life and care for her. We will cherish the moments we all shared together.

Rest in peace, beautiful lady, you will be fondly remembered by the local community and all at Gisborne Oaks.

*Christine Curry and Kim Brcan,  
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## Rules remain on burning off

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Burning off remains prohibited on land 2000 square metres or less. A permit is required for burning off on land between 2000 and 4000 square metres.

When burning off, residents are reminded to ensure burn piles do not exceed the size suited to their land as set out in the local laws; ensure burnoff is away from overhanging branches that could catch fire; ensure there is extinguishing equipment on hand; check for wildlife that may be nesting in burn piles; and ensure smoke does not cause a hazard to road users or nuisance to neighbours.

Free green waste disposal is available at the council's transfer stations in Woodend, Kyneton and Romsey.

For detailed information on burning off and permit requirements, visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/burning-off](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/burning-off) or call 5422 0333.

## Works in Gisborne

### 1. Crossing upgrades

Nine pram crossings in Gisborne and 10 in New Gisborne will be upgraded to meet Disability Discrimination Act requirements and improve safe access for pedestrians.

A pram crossing is a modified section of kerbing that allows prams, shopping trolleys, wheelchairs and similar wheeled devices to move smoothly from the footpath to the roadway. These works are expected to be completed by the end of May.

### 2. Station Road footpath construction

The Station Road, New Gisborne, footpath works involve construction of a 1.5m-wide, 165m-long concrete footpath along the west side of Station Road.

The footpath connects with the existing path on the south side and will link to a future proposed path to Ferrier Road. These works are expected to be completed by mid-June.

### 3. Howey Street footpath renewal

A section of footpath along Howey Street, between Aitken Street and Brantome Street, will be renewed. The works, which will improve access to and from nearby schools, will include a spoon drain along the footpath, and the kerb and channel being reconstructed at crossovers to improve drainage of this section of Howey Street. Works are expected to start in early May and be completed by early June.

## Council grants now open

The Community Funding Scheme and Events and Festivals grant programs are now open.

If you have an idea for an event or a project that will benefit the community in the Macedon Ranges, we would love to hear from you. For information, visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/grants](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/grants) or call 5422 0333.

## Grant troubleshooting clinic

Wednesday 8 May, 10am-12pm

Romsey Hub, 69 Main Street, Romsey.

The council will be running a free troubleshooting workshop to help community groups interested in applying for funding through the council's grant programs. This will be an opportunity to better understand the grant guidelines to strengthen your application, and seek support and advice on areas you may be struggling with. Bookings essential. Visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/grant-workshops](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/grant-workshops).

## Reconciliation Week events coming up

The council will host and support several events and activities during National Reconciliation Week from 27 May to 3 June.

This year's theme is 'Now More Than Ever', a reminder that the fight for justice and the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people must continue, Reconciliation Australia says.

Keep an eye on the council's website for details of events: [mrsc.vic.gov.au/reconciliation-week](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/reconciliation-week).



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## 'Stand for council' sessions

Council elections are on the horizon for October this year and to support potential candidates, the council and the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) will hold a Candidate Information Session on Wednesday 15 May from 6.30pm to 8.30pm at Kyneton Town Hall.

The session can be attended either in-person or online, with registrations essential via the Municipal Association website's 'Stand For Council' section.

The council will also have two informal candidate sessions in Gisborne on 23 May that will include some recorded material from the MAV. These informal sessions will not be available online.

You can attend the day session, 12 noon-2pm, or the evening, 6.30pm-8.30pm.

## Webinars for small business

Sage HR Consulting will provide a series of one-hour interactive webinars on current topics around issues that employers face. Receive valuable information, plans and tips for you to use in the day-to-day running of your business.

### 1. Reassess to Progress

Monday 3 June, 2pm

This will give you an understanding of the current position for business owners in relation to your needs and goals, what is currently effective and which areas require improvement.

### 2. Introduction to Emotional Intelligence

Tuesday 18 June, 10.30am

Learn about emotional intelligence and how emotions can influence thoughts, behaviours and interactions.

### 3. Cultivating clear workplace communication

Wednesday 10 July at 2pm

Gain an understanding of your current communication styles and channels and help create a positive communication culture.

To register visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/business-events](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/business-events).

## Recognising our volunteers

In recognition of National Volunteer Week which runs from 20-26 May, the council is showcasing volunteers with the aim of encouraging other individuals to participate in volunteer work within the shire.

We interviewed volunteers working in varying roles, highlighting the different volunteer opportunities available in the Macedon Ranges.

You can read the interviews and learn about volunteering opportunities available through the council at [mrsc.vic.gov.au/volunteers](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/volunteers).

## Sustainable Home webinars

The council is excited to release our Sustainable Homes webinars which were hosted alongside Renew earlier this year. The webinars cover the topics of:

All electric homes

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Designing and retrofitting our homes for resilience

These recorded webinars, plus Q&A sessions, are a great resource for those looking to electrify their homes and lifestyles. These webinars are available at [mrsc.vic.gov.au/sustainable-living](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/sustainable-living)

## Healthy Landscapes event – 'Growing the community'

This showcase evening will bring together land managers from across the region that have, and want, to make their land healthier by using fewer chemicals and creating healthier soils and waterways.

The evening will feature a panel discussion of leading local farmers and land managers sharing the stories of their journeys.

Caring for land, requires healthy, happy people who are willing to grow a biodiverse environment for healthier livestock, native plants and animals. The event aims to inspire positive change and create a sustainable future, while empowering land managers to enhance their stewardship of the land.

This evening is for everyone: whether you run livestock or grow multi-species crops. Anyone who wishes to understand the quiet regeneration happening on the land and in our community is welcome.

Kyneton Town Hall, 24 May, 6.30-9pm. A light meal is included. To book your free ticket, visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/environment-events](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/environment-events) or call 5422 0333.

## Reducing the wildlife road toll

In February, the council hosted the Reducing the Wildlife Road Toll community forum. Council officers welcomed representatives from Bendigo and Hume City Council amid a crowd of about 60, including concerned residents and wildlife rehabilitators.

The speakers presented a valuable overview of the problem, particularly here in the Macedon Ranges. Council is looking forward to working with our partners to help improve wildlife safety and outcomes. As a result, at the Australian Local Government Association's National General Assembly in July, the council will submit a motion calling on the Federal Government to include wildlife trauma and fatalities metrics in federal road safety funding models. The council will also write to federal and state ministers advocating this point.

Recordings and a forum report are now available on council's website at [mrsc.vic.gov.au/living-with-wildlife](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/living-with-wildlife)

## Active Kids sports program

Learn correct sporting techniques and skills to develop confidence and knowledge of sport. Children use a range of equipment from soccer, netball, hockey, basketball and more in this program, learning skills for catching, rolling and throwing in a relaxed, fun environment.

Sessions are held from 10 to 10.45am on Wednesdays at Buffalo Sports Stadium in Woodend for children aged 3-5 years. Parent/guardian participation is required.



# Portrait power at the Gallery



The Gallery Mount Macedon is thrilled to announce the winner of this year's non-photographic portrait prize, Bindi-Lee Byrne.

Bindi's winning entry, *Holly*, was a popular winner. Everyone agreed that it was a beautifully executed portrait of a young girl. Using charcoal, Byrne creates an air of mystery and won from a very strong field, showcasing various mediums, including for the first time in our competition, 'digital painting'.

Highly commended awards went to Nicolle Gallus, Rebecca Boulton and Geordie Gem Williamson. Ella Byass won the Paul McGrath Best on Canvas award.

The portraits will be on display at the Gallery until Sunday 5 May.

Congratulations to all who entered, and a big thank you to Community Bank Gisborne for once again supporting this event and sponsoring the prizes.

After our very successful non-photographic portrait prize in April, The Gallery is hosting a photographic portrait prize in May. Simultaneously, Gallery members will display photographic portraits of themselves from various stages in their lives which highlight aspects of their practice and/or inspirations. This is a very different type of exhibition, introducing some of our artistic Gallery members. Both exhibitions will open on Saturday 11 May.

Gallery members are preparing for our two big external events, the Woodend Winter Arts Festival in June and the Art to Wear Parade in July. Keep your eye out for information on how to get involved with these events.

The Gallery is open 10am to 4pm, Friday to Tuesday, at 684 Mount Macedon Road, Mt. Macedon.

Sue Anson 0413 581632, Jo Hoyne 041 848 582



◀ Bindi-Lee Byrne beside her winning portrait, 'Holly'.



▶ Rebecca Boulton with her highly commended portrait of Janine Mohammed.



◀ One of the photos of Gallery members that will be on display in May. See the exhibition to find out who it is.



Some of the works in the Phoenix show in April.

## Phoenix Macedon Ranges Art and Craft Group news



Thank you to all those who attended our first exhibition of the year over the weekend of 6 and 7 April; we really appreciate your support.

As a multimedia group, our current members produced and displayed unique works covering a wide range of arts including pottery, painting, papercraft, woodwork, glassware, jewellery, and textile art including weaving, thread painting and knitted items. Above is a photo of some of the works on display at the exhibition and sale over the April weekend.

The raffle, which we have at every exhibition, was won again by a local person.

Our next exhibition will be on the first weekend in December, to coincide with the Christmas Olde Time Market on 1 December.

If you are an art or craft person and would like to be involved with other artists, we invite you to join our group by contacting our long-time member Kay Beale on 9744 2646 or visiting our website [phoenixmrac.com](http://phoenixmrac.com), or our Facebook page.

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Dianne Egan

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## HAVE A LAUGH

If my artist partner feels sad, I give him a shoulder to crayon.







Darren Gregor and Vicki Smith in rehearsal for *Looped*.  
Picture: The Urban Sparrow

## Keeping you 'in the loop' on Mount Players events



The Mount Players

The Mount Players' second production for 2024 opens on 10 May and runs until 26 May.

Based on a real event, *Looped*, a comedy by Matthew Lombardo, takes place in the summer of 1965, when an inebriated Tallulah Bankhead needed eight hours to redub, or 'loop', one line of dialogue for her last movie. Though Bankhead's outsized personality dominates the play, the sub-story involves her battle of wills with a film editor named Danny Miller, who has been selected to work that particular sound-editing session. The playwright uses a great deal of theatrical licence, offering us a hilarious yet sympathetic guesstimation as to what may have happened in that room on that day. Fun, funny and seductive, this play is sure to appeal to many.

A special Mother's Day matinee on Sunday 12 May will offer complimentary bubbles to all the mums and delicious treats at interval. Tickets via our website.

Auditions for *Jasper Jones* (our third production) will be held at the theatre on 4 and 5 May. Bookings essential with the director, David Runnalls.

For full details about this beautiful Australian play and to book an audition time, go to our website [www.themountplayers.com](http://www.themountplayers.com) or call 5426 1892 for assistance.

See you at the theatre!

Karen Hunt

## Still time to catch second show



The Gisborne Singers are mid-way through their first concerts of the year. On 28 April the audience was treated to a triumphant performance of grand and ceremonial classical works at Our Lady of the Rosary Church in Kyneton. Under the baton of artistic director Luke Severn, with much-loved soprano Merlyn Quaife as soloist, the choir was backed by the Macedon Ranges Chamber Orchestra. The melodies and harmonies of famous composers Mozart, Haydn and Handel rang out with a rich depth of sound from notes reverberating off the historic bluestone walls and pillars.

Music lovers can catch the second concert at St Mary's Anglican Church in Sunbury on Sunday 5 May at 2.30pm. St Mary's has different acoustics from Kyneton and is a lovely new and comfortable building complete with cafe. Address is O'Shanassy Street, Sunbury. Tickets are \$55 full, \$45 concession, under 12 free, with tickets available at the door.

On 15 May the choir will start rehearsals for its mid-year cabaret to be held on 22 June. Repertoire will include pop and Broadway favourites. If you are interested in joining the choir, new members are always welcome. We rehearse from 7.30pm to 10pm on Wednesdays at the Gisborne Uniting Church in Brantome Street, Gisborne.

Enquiries: [www.gisborne.harmonysite.com](http://www.gisborne.harmonysite.com) or phone 0408 156 263.

Alison Kinghorn



The Gisborne Singers perform in Kyneton on 28 April.

## Photo opportunities for buffs



Macedon Ranges Photographic Society recently went to Serendip Sanctuary, near Lara. An oasis for birds and wildlife, the wetlands and open grassy woodlands make an ideal area for photography buffs.

Last month, the club held an in-house workshop. Club member Steve, a professional portrait photographer, presented a slide show that introduced us to the theory of portrait photography. Dromkeen was transformed into a studio, with backdrop screens, lights, deflectors, models and props. Our models, April and Jaime, were fantastic sports and extremely patient while photographers were able to put theory into practice.

New to many members was using an off-camera flash, attaching it to the camera hot shoe and working out manual settings for the best exposure. It was a great workshop.

The society meets on the first Tuesday of the month, followed by the next Monday at Dromkeen, 1012 Kilmore Road, Riddells Creek. Social chats start at 7pm with the meeting beginning at 7.30pm. Please visit [www.macedon-ranges-photography.org.au](http://www.macedon-ranges-photography.org.au).

Sue Steward



'Serendip Emu' by Allan Chellingworth.



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## The magic that happens at Chamber Poets

Hosted by local poet Myron Lysenko, Chamber Poets is a much-loved open mic poetry event, regularly attended by guests from Melbourne, Bendigo and further afield, as well as from around the Macedon Ranges. They come to read and share their creative thoughts, whether they are acclaimed 'real poets' or just local people with something to say.

We are very proud that Chamber Poets is approaching its 100<sup>th</sup> session in June, so it is time to remind everyone of what this regular Woodend event offers.

Chamber Poets is held on the second Saturday of every month, sometimes with a particular theme. In February (around Valentine's Day) 'love poetry' gave us a taste of the many different kinds of love, whether good, bad or just plain crazy. In April, to celebrate International Haiku Day, a group of passionate haiku poets came up from the city to share their stunningly clever and often witty miniature poems with us.

Entertainment is also provided by local band Black Forest Smoke. Eccentric, playful and often very moving, their songs are very popular with the poetry crowd.

The next Chamber Poets session will be held at 1pm on Saturday 11 May at the Woodend RSL. Entry is \$10 (or \$5 concession) – we're a bit old-fashioned and only take cash! The bar will be open, and hot drinks and



Gael Elliot reads one of her poems.

delicious soups, cakes and snacks are available.

After the always-popular Open Mic section, our featured reader will be Kyneton poet Anne Gleeson, whose gentle and often humorous poems have been widely awarded and admired. Come along and see what all the fuss is about.

Jenny Zimmerman

## Art and about 1

Participating artists Craig Lidgerwood and Megan Jones at the Artanica botanic art exhibition at the Mount Macedon Horticultural Hall on 21 April.



## Out and about with Gisborne CWA



Our last meeting, when the Gisborne Secondary College stadium was unavailable, was held at the Bacchus Marsh CWA rooms in Darley. At a small cost we were provided lunch after our meeting in their bright and spacious cafe, which was enjoyed by all.

Our meeting was full of discussion for the Creative Arts weekend which was held in the middle of April and our Association Day, to be held on Monday, 13 May. We will be holding a trivia quiz for all visiting branch members to vie for lots of prizes.

On 8 May we are travelling by train to Bendigo Art Gallery to see the Paris exhibition and lunch at the GPO restaurant. It will be a day to relax and enjoy each other's company.



Christine Edwards

I met up with a dozen members from our group for our monthly walk in Heathcote a couple of weeks ago. We walked across a very wobbly suspension bridge and followed McIvor Creek to the Valley of Liquidambar, but we were a little early for the change of colour. We finished with a cool drink at Palling Bros. Brewery and apart from seeing the sights of a new town it was nice to communicate with members from other branches.

Our meeting will be delayed a week next month to 20 May, 10am, at the stadium at Gisborne Secondary College.

Christine Edwards

## News from Macedon CWA



Our Central Highlands Group of CWA Branches had a busy and enjoyable weekend on 20 and 21 April, when we held our Creative Arts Exhibition at Lancefield Hall. It is always inspiring to see the beautiful items our members create and the delicious display of baked goods and preserves.

We thank all who supported this event and hope you enjoyed the display and the refreshments on offer.

Our next fundraiser will be held on Saturday 11 May at our hall in Mount Macedon Road, Mount Macedon. This will be a very special High Tea.

We are fortunate to have as our guest speaker Dr Ngaire Elwood AM. Dr Elwood was made a Member of the Order of Australia in Australia Day honours this year for significant services to medicine, particularly through stem cell research. We would love to have you join us to hear this prestigious speaker as well as enjoying a delicious high tea. Book through Trybooking: [www.trybooking.com/CQNQK](http://www.trybooking.com/CQNQK).

Stay safe, enjoy the lovely autumn trees, and get your winter woollies ready.

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# Probus Club enjoys 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration

A very special meeting of the Gisborne Probus Club was held on 4 April as we were celebrating 30 years of Probus in Gisborne. Our club started on 22 March 1994 and our first president was Ron Smith, for 1994-1995. Ron's wife Ruth Smith attended our celebration and with our life members Trish Kays and Wray Taylor cut the anniversary cake (as seen in the photo), which we all had the pleasure of enjoying at our Special Morning Tea after the meeting.

Barry Wills from Gisborne Rotary and Janet Peace the Deputy Mayor of the Macedon Ranges Shire Council were also able to join us in our celebration. The club received a 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Congratulatory Certificate from Probus South Pacific Ltd which was signed by the chairman, Michael Ransom and chief executive officer, Silvana Martignago.

We meet on the first Thursday of the month in the Gisborne Community Centre Hall (old Senior Citizens Room) at 10am. If you want to experience



*Trish Kay (life member), Ruth Smith and Wray Taylor (life and present member) cut the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary cake.*

being a member of our club you are welcome to join us at our next meeting on 2 May. You can contact our president, Susan Denheld, on 0419 530 041 for further information.

*Dianne Egan*

## Art and about 2



Esta and Tom Christensen perform at the Bullengarook Hall on 21 April.

The event was part of the council-run 'Live and Local' program during the autumn festival and benefited artists and patrons, and raised funds for local halls.

## 'Crochet and Conversation'

### CRAFT CORNER

Mary-Beth O'Brien

The 'Crochet and Conversation' group met at 2.30pm on the first Monday of each month at the Gisborne Library and is without doubt the place to be through these chilly autumn and winter months.

So, grab your calendar, diary and make room to join us with your thoughts, ideas, crochet hook, wool and pattern, if you have one, to explore crochet through conversation. All ages and skill levels are welcomed.

Winter is the time to start a big crochet project. That blanket, throw or rug offers comfort through the cooling months as well as shelter from a drop in temperature.

Beanies, hats, scarves and gloves or mittens are also

welcomed by all and add a dash of colour to anyone's fashion trove in the gloomier months.

A new fad that crafters are enjoying is gathering for a film night. Crafters take their latest project and as the movie begins to roll, the lights are dimmed but the crafting can continue.

Crafters are also taking projects with them on public transport, meeting together to exchange ideas and updates on progress.

So, feel encouraged next time you leave the house to take whatever you are working on with the idea to meet those who also enjoy crafting.

An idea to keep in mind: keep a craft bag for travel with a project you can continue to work on as you move around.

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## Welcome to our pub crawl

By Phyllis Boyd OAM

In the 1850s, business was booming in the hotel industry and the newly proclaimed township of Gisborne noted that most visitors were entering the town via the new road known as Mount Alexander Road, later the Calder Highway and now the Calder Freeway. Many hotels, coffee tents and stores sprang up along this new road to the goldfields, some providing accommodation only, while most offered food, alcoholic and soft drinks and a place to rest.

Let us begin our trip by climbing aboard the horse-drawn carriage at the bottom of the hill on the Mount Alexander Road near Gap Road.

Our first stop is at the coffee tent believed to have been run by John Lock, six miles south of Gisborne. Here we could find food, 'sly grog' as well as a hot drink. This was a timely spot to quench the hunger and thirst of those weary travellers, many on foot, as they neared the top of this steep incline.



Coffee tent possibly run by John Lock, rendered by artist S.T. Gill.

We now stop five miles from Gisborne at the National Hotel, built in the early 1850s. The main U-shaped building covered an area of about 48 squares and contained 17 rooms, two large double fireplaces, a passage about 22 metres long with rooms leading off on either side, and a dining room that was about seven metres by six.



The National Hotel, South Gisborne.

Early owners of the National included Francis Arthur and Joshua Coop, then Robert Short who bought the hotel and adjoining land in February 1862. Short was a blacksmith by trade, a wheelwright and engineer and he built a blacksmith's shop next to the hotel where he also

had traction engines, chaff-cutting, threshing machines and road making materials.

Part of his land contained a rocky outcrop of bluestone and Gisborne Shire records of the mid-1860s show that he was paying rates on a small quarry that was being worked on the northern boundary of the hotel property. Much of this bluestone was used in the blacksmith's precinct of the site, some of which now makes up paving at the pioneer wall in the Gisborne Pioneer Park.

Back in the coach, we continue our journey until we reach the Carriers' Arms Hotel at the top of the hill on the right, before entering the Gisborne township. Built in 1853, this two-storey building contained a bar, tap room, bar parlour, private parlour, front parlour, assembly room, dining room, kitchen with good oven and outhouse, servants' room and seven bedrooms on the second floor. Advertised for sale in June 1855 when William Hassell was proprietor, it offered "Commodious yard with a well and force pump, having pipes laid to the front of the house, extensive stabling for 30 horses and a good-sized garden. This hotel commands an excellent trade which from rapid improvements to the township of Gisborne is likely to improve, as all conveyances to and from the diggings stop here." Unfortunately, this hotel was destroyed by fire in 1858.

A little further down the hill, in Calthorpe Street, we find the Farmers' Arms Hotel, also a two-story hotel, built by a Sergeant Reilly. It was listed in the *Police Gazette* in 1861 with Archibald McPherson as publican. Records indicate that this hotel was delicensed soon after the opening of the railway in the 1860s. It then became the private residence of James Levack until his death in 1905 and then the home of the Dohoney family.



The double-storey Farmers' Arms Hotel, Calthorpe Street.

Let us now alight from our carriage and cover the remainder of the pub crawl on foot, so that the carriage can continue on to the goldfields.

We now pay a visit to the Mount Macedon Hotel, built in 1847 by Elizabeth and Thomas Gordon. (Elizabeth Gordon was the daughter of Andrew Ritchie who later built Ritchie's Hotel in Aitken Street. As no licensing details have been located in court records for Ritchie's Hotel, it possibly provided accommodation only, or perhaps referred to the Bridge Inn.)

Mount Macedon Hotel, constructed from stone quarried on the site, was built as a 'gentleman's hotel',

servicing brandy to the gentry. When Thomas Gordon died in 1855, and as Gisborne did not have a formal cemetery, he was interred in the grounds of the hotel, remaining there until 1867, when his remains were exhumed and reinterred in Gisborne Cemetery. This hotel was delicensed in 1867 and renamed Macedon House, and became a respected boarding house for many decades, then a private residence, restaurant, home of the Gisborne Bowling Club and Montessori School.

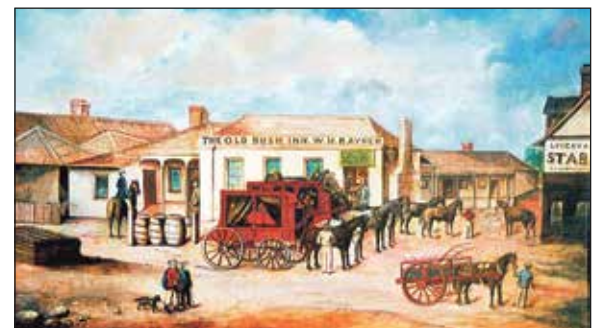
Although it has stood vacant for many years, it was built to endure the shocks of time and still stands proudly, although a little derelict, at the gateway to Gisborne.



The erstwhile Mount Macedon Hotel in Gisborne (now Macedon House).

We will now pop into the Bush Inn, built in 1840 and after which, for a time, the township took its name. This slab and shingle public house was on Hamilton Street where the Bush Inn Buildings currently sit, and became a popular, noisy haunt for local farm workers and passing squatters, and a stop-over for weary travellers, with stabling for bullocks and horses. The building was about 11m long by 3½ wide, with an addition in the rear running the length of the structure. The exterior and division walls were whitewashed canvas. The sitting room which opened onto the verandah was about 4½ metres long, with a table in the centre on which stood a large bell for service of food and drinks and just one tallow candle in a candlestick. Four sofas were in this room where people rested and slept if they could above the noise of rowdy occupants.

The Bush Inn also became a private residence before being demolished about 1875.



Painting of the Bush Inn, depicting early 1860s.

Lastly, let us complete our journey with a glass of 'sparkling Mount Macedon water' at the Temperance Hotel on Hamilton Street that was built in the 1850s

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## Welcome to our pub crawl

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for the benefit of members of the Temperance Society who had pledged not to indulge in the 'demon drink'. This was a substantial two-storey building that provided accommodation and served meals and 'soft' drinks only. It was later renamed the Gisborne Coffee Palace, before becoming a private residence until it was demolished in the 1970s.



Temperance Hotel, Hamilton Street. The edge of the Telegraph Hotel can just be glimpsed at far right.

Please join us as we continue our pub crawl along Aitken Street in a later local history story.

# News from the Gisborne genies



The next meeting of the Gisborne Genealogical Group will be held on Thursday 23 May at

7.30pm when Katie Wood will speak about the University of Melbourne Library. Supper will follow Katie's talk.

On Saturday 4 May, Fran Thiele will conduct a workshop on Victorian Land Records at 10am – this is by popular request following Fran's talk last year.

On Saturday 18 May the DNA Group will meet at 10am, led by Julie Dworak. Both of these sessions are free to Genealogy Group members, \$10 for non-members. All meetings and activities are held in the Family History Room, adjoining the Gisborne Library.

At our AGM held in March, Mary Henry was awarded the Member of the Year. Mary is a very knowledgeable genealogist, having researched her own and other family histories for over 40 years. She has been involved with the Gisborne Genealogy Group for more than 30 years.

Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to six members for 10 and 15 years of involvement with the group. Congratulations to Lorraine Broad, Kath Ritchie, Dawn Knighton (all 10 years), and Pam Goodman, Wendy Hebbard and Doreen Green (15 years).

The elected committee for 2024 is Heather



Mary Henry (right) receives her 'Member of the Year' award, pictured with Lyn Hall.

Tumber (president), Lynley Hall (vice-president), Julie Dworak (secretary), Lorna Jackson (treasurer), along with Mary Henry, Wayne Jones, Mary Ritchie, Doreen Green and Fran Thiele. Thank you to past committee members Pat Gordon, Pat Morgan and Peter Moore for their contributions while serving on the committee.



Lyn Hall

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# FOR THE GREEN THUMBS

## Daly promotes use of native flora



We met a steady stream of happy customers last month

who were collecting free native plants for their gardens. This was made possible through a joint grant from Macedon Ranges Shire Council and Community Bank (Bendigo Bank).

Nearby neighbours of Daly Nature Reserve were invited to take part in our 'Nature's Stepping Stones' project designed to encourage the use of local native flora, which in turn will enhance the habitat link running through Gisborne connecting Jackson's Creek, Bunjil Creek, Daly Nature Reserve and out to the Pyerete biolink. Native flora supports native animals, birds, butterflies, dragonflies and much more.

All the plants were supplied by Grow Local of Woodend and we are grateful to all our sponsors.

Gently ease new native plants from their pots after a light watering and water in again after planting. Water crystals and native plant fertiliser will give them a good start.

Inclement weather stopped our last working bee. We hope to catch up when we meet on 14 May. We meet every second Tuesday each month at 9.30am. It is not only weeding! Come and join us to find out more if you have an hour to spare. The kettle is on by 11am.

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

*Friends of Daly Nature Reserve*



Native plants are given away at Daly Reserve.



Crowds mass on Honour Avenue, Macedon, in late April to grab the last of its glorious autumn colour.

## What's growing on at Gisborne Garden Club



Garden Club members visited the Chin Chin Farm in Chintin on 13 March. The hosts were Sonia and Stuart who gave us an interesting and entertaining talk on how the farm came to be, and their philosophy, which begins by looking after the soil and remediating the land.

Members were shown the lavender fields which had recently been harvested. After picking a small amount of lavender we moved back into the tipi tent where Stuart had set up a small tabletop distiller.

Sonia produced the tastiest afternoon tea which included lavender sweet buns, chocolate cake, a biscuit dip unlike any other, and more. We finished off

with a lovely choice of different-tasting cups of tea. By this time the distiller had done its work (and we were surprised by the amount of lavender oil produced from a small amount of the plant); the perfume of the lavender oil was wonderful.

On the way out we visited the little shop which sold an assortment of goods made from the farm produce including honey. Sonia and Stuart have been very successful and have won awards over the small time they have been farming.

This visit was extremely pleasant and one from which we learnt so much from our hard-working, delightful hosts.

*Jeanette Andrewartha*



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# Cold weather tips to keep pooch perky



We are over halfway through autumn and winter is coming... does your dog prefer to sleep in front of the fire when temperatures drop, or love being outside in the cold – rain, hail or shine? It does not matter, but as dog owners there are some important things we can do to make sure our four-legged friends stay healthy and safe. Lots of dog owners believe that dogs can tolerate the cold because they have fur, which is not necessarily the case. Here are some tips to make winter better for them:

1. Make sure your dog has access to shelter from the elements and warm bedding, such as straw or blankets if sleeping/spending long periods outside
2. Increase energy intake rather than fat content so your dog does not gain weight over winter but maintains body condition
3. Ensure fresh water is available at all times to protect their skin from drying out
4. Whether an inside dog or an outside dog, your dog still requires regular exercise for physical and mental health. Twenty minutes daily will encourage good circulation and muscle tone.
5. Regular grooming will maintain a healthy coat; do not trim
6. Some dogs need to wear a jacket/coat/jumper for extra warmth
7. Dogs are more susceptible during colder months to illness as their immune system is a little lower... like humans
8. Take care around fires, heaters, and other heat sources. Sitting or sleeping too close can cause dried out skin or burns



Luna enjoys the autumn sun.

9. Paw care is important, watch for frostbite and clean paws after walks to remove road salts which can cause stomach upsets

April saw 10 new member puppies join us. For more information on the club, visit [www.macedonranges-dogclub.org.au](http://www.macedonranges-dogclub.org.au) or our Facebook page, or email [info@macedonrangesdogclub.org.au](mailto:info@macedonrangesdogclub.org.au) and we will contact you.

Carol, instructor/treasurer MRODC

## Vet Talk

### Is your dog drinking too much?



By local vet  
Dr Caitlin  
(Horwood) Retchford

You may notice something is amiss if your pet has a sudden change in their daily drinking habits, constantly lapping at the water bowl and then going back for more. But how much is too much?

Drinking excessive water can be a sign of serious disease, including diabetes, kidney failure, hormonal abnormalities, or even cancer. Yet sometimes it is hard to tell if you are imagining the change or if it is real.

So, let's define it and measure it. Put out a large bowl of water of a known amount, and simply measure how much is gone at the end of a 24-hour period (same time each day).

Do this three days in a row, to allow for changes in daily food intake, or environmental conditions, or your dog's excitement about seeing you spend so much time focusing on her water bowl. You now have three measurements of '24-hour water intake'.

If you like figures: a rule of thumb is that a 10kg dog drinking 1 litre per day is drinking too much.

As we gather this free information, it can direct us to early intervention or diagnosis of potential problems. Or you may be reassured that your dog was just playing in the water bowl.

If drinking is truly excessive, the next step will be a simple urine test with the vet to follow up and find out what's going on.

## Reminder for dogs to be kept on-leash in public

The council's local laws officers are concerned about an increasing number of reports for dogs off-leash when being walked in public places.

Dog owners are reminded that Macedon Ranges is an 'on-leash' shire where dogs must be always on-leash,

unless in one of the designated off-leash areas. Dogs must also be under effective control at all times, whether in an off-leash area or not.

Council officers patrol for possible breaches, and



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dog owners not adhering to the requirements may face fines for not complying with the council's Dog and Cat Control Order 2019.

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# KIDS' CORNER

## JOKES & RIDDLES

**What's orange and sounds like a parrot?**

A carrot.

**Is chicken soup good for your health?**

Not if you're the chicken.

**Doctor, Doctor, can I have a second opinion?**

Certainly. Come back tomorrow.

**What do you call birds falling in love?** Tweet hearts

**What sort of animal is a slug?**

A homeless snail

**Studies have shown that people who have more birthdays live longer.**

**How are genes inherited?**

When my older brother grows out of them.

**I told the librarian I wanted to borrow a book that was very deep so she gave me *Twenty Thousand Leagues under the Sea*.**

## WHAT AM I?

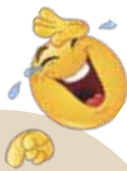


Upside down, this creature looks a bit like the emu on page 12—but it isn't! What is it? Picture: Graham Down (A duck.)

## SPOT THE DIFFERENCE



Drawing: Eliza Ransome



### JOKE OF THE MONTH

I needed a password that was eight characters long so I picked 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs'.



Pippa and Ollie helped their Nan, Dianne Harper, and Pop Trevor deliver the Gisborne Gazette over the April school holidays.

## KIDS' QUIZ

- 1 In which city does the Australian Senate sit?
- 2 Which Australian animal is a monotreme with a venomous spur on its back leg?
- 3 A hexagon has how many sides?
- 4 Which word means both the sound a dog makes and the outer part of a tree?
- 5 What is the product of 6 and 12?
- 6 What is a long, thin, cylindrical, solid, pasta called?
- 7 Does New Zealand have more sheep or people?
- 8 Which Melbourne bridge collapsed during its construction in 1970 killing 35 construction workers?
- 9 What is the capital of Germany?
- 10 The Ashes cricket tests are always played between which two countries?

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## Flu shots for children

If your child is aged between six months and five years, you can book them in to receive the flu vaccine free via the council's immunisation program.

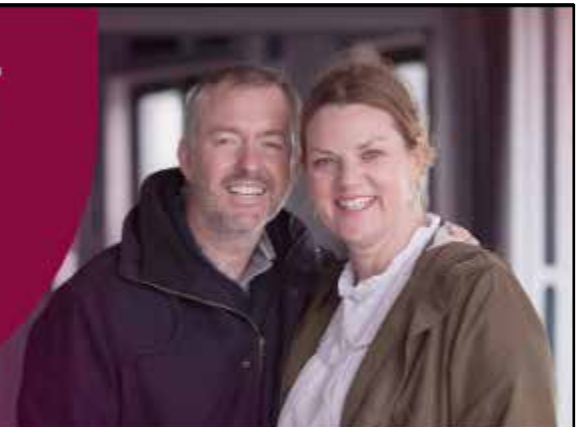
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## St Brigid's Primary



The students of St Brigid's participated in a colour run on 25 March. Each class took turns running around the school while getting sprayed with many colours.

Parents and teachers had an awesome time spraying the students with colour. The goal of the colour run was to raise money to get a roof over our basketball and netball courts.

In the end, we raised over \$3000. It was a great day and by the end of it everyone was covered in rainbow chalk. To make the day even better, Miss Mel, Miss Petrina and Miss Turner had slime poured all over them! Some Year 6 leaders had the privilege of pouring the slime on the teachers.

The teachers did not enjoy the gooey feeling of slime on their clothes and in their hair.

Parents were not too unhappy to have rainbow children in their cars at pick up.

Overall, it was an awesome experience, and we all hope to be able to do it again sometime in the future.

*Elsie Spurling, school vice captain*



*Ughhh... Miss Mel, Miss Petrina and Miss Turner get slimed on St Brigid's colour run day...*



*...And Donna Wallace, Gisborne Primary's PFA president, is slimed by students as part of their colour run fun as well.*

## Gisborne Primary

Gisborne Primary School held a whole school colour run on Wednesday 27 March. Leading up to the run we raised money for the school. The colour run was set up on the oval and had three colour blasting stations and six obstacles – leaping onto a giant mat, stepping on coloured hula hoops, frog jumping, hurdles and more! We all got to be blasted with coloured chalk and if you did not want to be blasted, you could run the obstacle course, but just get covered in bubbles instead.



A few weeks before the colour run our parents and friends association president promised us that if we raised over \$10,000, selected students could slime her. Amazingly, we raised more than \$20,700! Everyone had a great time at the colour run.

*By Madison B, Year 6 Writers' Club*

### Purple for epilepsy

On 25 March, Gisborne Primary School supported people with epilepsy by bringing a gold coin donation and wearing a touch of purple to school. Students also participated in purple-themed activities at lunchtime. This day is about increasing awareness of epilepsy

and raising money for people who have this condition. The reason we wear purple is because lavender is internationally recognised as the flower for epilepsy.

*Lily D, Year 6 Writers' Club*

# COLOUR FUN



*St Brigid's: totally chalked up, but happy.*



*Year 5 students at Gisborne Primary covered in chalk dust: Noah, Hunter, Isaac and Lachlan.*



# School camp experience is gold

Last term New Gisborne Primary School's Year 6 students journeyed to Ballarat to be involved in a once-in-a-lifetime experience.



Students first visited a museum filled with artefacts from the Victorian gold rush in the 1850s.

They even got to visit the official Eureka flag that flew over the battle of the Eureka stockade.

After that extraordinary experience students later ventured to the one and only Sovereign Hill. On arrival, students, teachers and parents walked down to the park to eat lunch. Afterwards, they all panned for gold in a small creek nearby.

Once night fell, everyone visited the sound and light show. It began with a short movie about the beginning of gold. Soon they would take a bus-like vehicle to the back of Sovereign Hill to see a light show about Bunjil. Then everyone watched a storyline about the Eureka stockade.



New Gisborne Year 6s pan for gold in costume on camp at Sovereign Hill.

## 1850s school

After breakfast the next day they all headed off to costume school. Each class had their own Sovereign Hill teacher. Teachers, parents and students found themselves in costumes to begin

a roleplay. Each class had their own school and teachers, who were called 'ma'am' back in the 1850s. After the amazing day, students visited costume school again and did the roleplay one

last time. Later, students had shopping time to buy whatever they wanted such as lollies, candles and many other things. Then it was time to leave. We were all sad to leave such an extraordinary

experience but also happy for the amazing experience of Year 6 camp.

Judd Johnson, Year 6 reporter and house captain



Judd

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# Out-of-this-world learning at GVL

During term 1 we followed our new learning design model with a focus interest on space. Wow, did this take us out of this world. From discovering more about rockets and spaceships, planets, and comets to creating and exploring light years away.

Our young learners decided which part of space they wanted to learn about and worked both individually and in small groups, as well as alongside their guides, to build a whole new world within our community that we could later share with the broader community.

From building factual posters, Canva designs, Merge Cube fun to hold the world in your hands, creating stickers and dioramas, 3D models, and even a to-scale rock solar system on the oval;



our busy learners and guides created an evening under the stars, dressed in costumes, sharing knowledge and their work, space junk and even a planetarium.

Our community even made their way through a wormhole to discover more about the planets. This is where our young people blasted off on a journey through space and, one at a time, stood up and gave us lots of planet facts.

The night was an amazing success and seeing the faces of accomplishment and pride across the community of the young and older, was very memorable.



Night talk: talking about Creating a whole new world.

Bec, Cycle 3 Guide



# Holy Cross together to remember

As autumn colours spread across the Macedon Ranges, the Holy Cross school community embraces the season with gratitude for where we live. From celebrating Easter to commemorating Anzac Day, we come together to cherish the traditions and beauty of this time of year.

The children have listened to the significance of the Lone Pine tree, a powerful symbol of resilience, sacrifice, and remembrance associated with Anzac Day. Tracing back to the Gallipoli Peninsula during World War I, where, amid the chaos of battle, this solitary pine stood as a beacon of hope for soldiers. Despite the devastation of war, it endured, becoming a symbol of hope and endurance in adversity.

In 2014, inspired by the book *The Lone Pine*, children from Holy Cross wrote to the Australian War Memorial in Canberra because they wanted to plant a tree in remembrance of the courage and sacrifice of those who served.

To their great pride and surprise, a sapling that was propagated from seeds collected from the original lone pine arrived. It was cared for in a pot by the children until it was large enough to be planted in front of a flagpole at school. It is now a focal point and a living memorial to honour the fallen.

We gathered at the lone pine before Anzac Day as a school community to remember the bravery and resilience of those who served and sacrificed in conflicts both past and present.



*The school gathers in front of the lone pine to commemorate Anzac Day.*

*Inset: Ten years ago – student Larissa Lo Giudice with the lone pine at its planting in 2014. It has grown a lot in ten years!*

*School captains Rose Lye, Charlotte Lloyd, Alex Ward and Ethan Spiteri in front of the school's lone pine.*



## CAPTAIN'S RAP with Louisa Cawood



*Louisa Cawood*

Hello everybody and welcome back to this month's Captain Rap.

We are back to school after a much-needed two-week break, which I am sure all the Year 12s will agree with, and we have jumped straight into

SACs (School Assessed Coursework).

This term we began with our prospective parents Information Evening, where Tyler had the opportunity to talk about his experiences attending GSC from Year 7 all the way to Year 12.

We also had the Anzac whole school assembly on 24 April, when we, as a school, paid our respects to those who served our country. At the Mt Macedon Dawn Service on Anzac Day, Tyler and I had the privilege of voicing the memories of an inspirational individual, Joyce Strawhorn, telling her story during World War II.

Looking ahead, with our newly appointed house captains, we will have an explosion of school spirit at our school athletics day on 14 May. Students throughout the school dress up and participate in events to score points for their house team, and those who do not compete help to cheer on their teammates whether it is through their outfits or cheering from the sidelines.

There will also be great competitive spirit especially through the Year 12 cohort as the drive to win best-dressed is high ever since the swimming carnival, when the 'Lorax girls' won dressed as O'Hare, the O'Hare delivery man, the Once-ler and the Lorax himself. The production crew are excited as the dance, music and drama captains have developed their very first production 'boot-camp' and are eagerly waiting for its approach in week 5 this term, on 17 and 18 May.

We started the year with a fantastic Term 1 and can't wait to see what Term 2 will bring.



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## News from 1st New Gisborne Scouts

New Gisborne Cub Scouts are looking forward to their upcoming weekend at Camp Warringal, on Mt Disappointment near Whittlesea. This will follow on from their participation in the Gisborne Anzac Day March. Joeys are camping too, at Treetops camp near Riddells Creek.

Our Scouts are busy preparing for the 2025 Australian Jamboree at Maryborough in Queensland. Qualifying for the Jamboree means lots of camping while the fundraising for the Jamboree is a big task all by itself.

Community service activities such as the Good Friday Royal Children's Hospital appeal and the Anzac Day march are very important to our young people and the camps are a great reward.

We are in the final stages of obtaining council approval to fit out our Scout Hut with a toilet block, kitchen and storage facilities. Donations are tax-deductible.

Scouts offers great programs, challenges and opportunities for young people aged 5 to 18 years, all with trained and enthusiastic adult leaders and a proven program.



*Cub Scouts Lauren and Tyra collect donations for the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal.*

We meet Wednesdays, 6.30-8pm, Venturers Fridays. Children are always welcome along to try out Scouting. Contact our group leader Russell Barker on 0400 297 025 or russell@jeem.com.au to learn more. For Venturers call Tracey on 0407 098 032.

*John Frearson*

## Camping high on agenda for 1st Gisborne

Term 2 is off to a flying start at 1st Gisborne Scout Group. Camping has been high on the agenda in many sections while the glorious autumn weather lasts. Just as well 1st Gisborne is well stocked with lots of tents.

Members of the youngest section of Scouts, the Joeys, went to a 'Winnie the Pooh'-themed District Camp at Treetops Scout Camp in Riddells Creek from Friday 26 to Sunday 28 April. Attending a campout is a crucial part of the Joey Scout experience.

The Cub Section headed to Camp Warringal at Whittlesea North in late April. The theme for their camp was 'Hogwarts Wizarding', based on the Harry Potter books.

The Scout Section also camped in April, mid-month at the Blackwood Scout Camp.

Members of 1st Gisborne Scout Group, along with other Scout groups and community organisations, were invited by the Gisborne Macedon RSL Sub-branch to participate in the Gisborne Anzac Day March on Thursday 25 April. It is an honour and a privilege to march with the veterans. There is always a large contingent of scouts and leaders who come along to help set up the chairs and shelters and join in the march and this year was no different.

If you think you would like to join in the fun and give Scouting a go, either as a leader or a scout, please email us at [info@1stgisborne.com.au](mailto:info@1stgisborne.com.au) for more information.

*Carolyn Goode (Joey Leader)*

## Guiding offers many opportunities



I have been a Gisborne Lightning Girl Guide for almost 14 years and an assistant leader for five. I joined as a shy girl passionate about exploring, making a difference, and having adventures. As a Guide, I have enjoyed camping, cooking, and knot-tying, which taught me leadership, teamwork, and service.

As an assistant Girl Guide leader, I find it very fulfilling to contribute to the community by donating to food banks or participating in events like the Anzac Day parade.

It is also essential to create a supportive and inclusive learning environment. Whether the unit is working towards earning badges, planning a camping trip, or discussing Girl Guide history, all these moments bring us closer and create strong bonds.

Girl Guides is more than just an organisation. It's a source of inspiration, friendship, and the tools to navigate the world with confidence and compassion.

It has shaped my values, ignited my passions, and given me the confidence to take on new challenges. As I continue this journey, I am grateful for every moment spent as a Girl Guide and an assistant leader, knowing



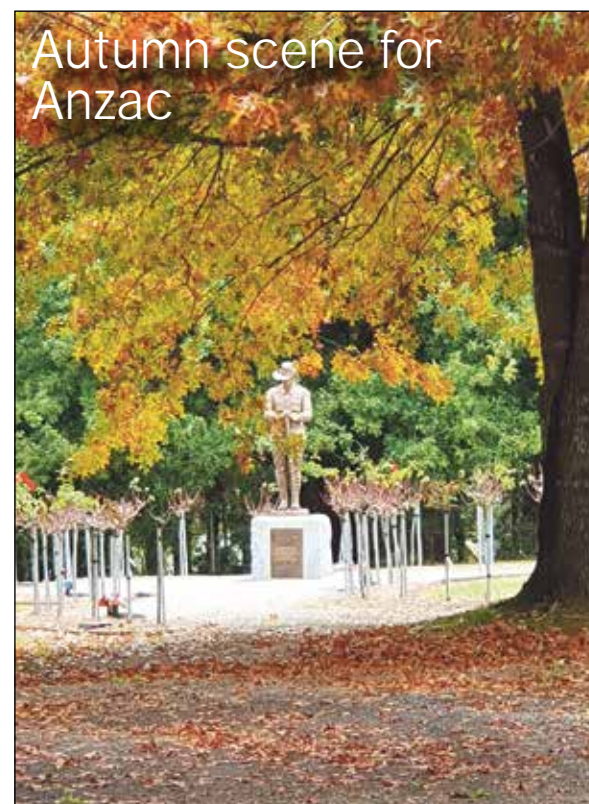
*Gisborne Guide assistant leaders Erin Visagie and Dale Brown.*

that I am part of something significant and impactful.

If you want to join Girl Guides, contact Deb on 0409 542 619 or register an expression of interest on the Girl Guides website, [www.guidesvic.org.au](http://www.guidesvic.org.au).

Girl Guides meets on Thursday nights from 5pm to 6.30pm at the hall in Daly Reserve, Howey Street, Gisborne.

*Erin Visagie*



*A local cemetery visitor took this beautifully framed autumn shot of the dedication to soldiers in April.*



# Diverse nature of club's walks highlighted



Autumn is a great time of year for bushwalking with the bush fresh from recent rain and the colours starting to change. We had some wonderful walks last month, with the first being a picturesque walk in Blackwood along the Lerderderg River following the Great Dividing Trail. Elizabeth took us on a two-part walk giving walkers options. The club offers a diverse range of walks and options to cater for all levels, and this was a wonderful example along forested hillsides in the morning and tracks with large tree fern canopies in the afternoon.

Our 'Bring a friend day' took us through the back blocks of the Bullengarook bushland with wide tracks and great views across the Macedon Ranges.

One of the friends, Noel, obviously enjoyed the day, stating,

"As a 'friend' I joined today's walk with no expectations other than enjoyable scenery and some exercise. What a surprise! I was immediately drawn into a diverse gaggle of entertaining, gracious and eclectic bushwalkers who were as friendly as they were varied. A mere walk turned into engaging and stimulating conversation among genuine people.

"Thanks to every one of you for accepting me as one of your own, even for a couple of hours, and providing me with a wonderful experience."

Other activities included walks at Fryers Ridge, Taradale, Nolan's Picnic Ground, Blackwood and a Macedon at sunrise walk.

If you would like to give bushwalking a try, you can join us as a casual participant for \$5 (insurance coverage) and see if it is for you. For details about the Gisborne Bushwalking Club, please contact Deborah on 0400 693 111 or Gail on 0419 374 603. Our website is [www.gisbornebwc.org](http://www.gisbornebwc.org).

Deborah Jepsen



A relaxing moment for bushwalkers on 'Bring a friend day' last month.

## LOCAL WALK

## South Gisborne

### Bullard/Watersons Roads South Gisborne

Distance: approximately 6km.  
Level: Easy.

An easy 'there and back' walk with picturesque views. Bullard Road is tree lined for the first part, then transitions to an open country aspect along Waterson Road.

**Getting there:** From Gisborne, drive along the Melton Road and turn right into Bullard Road (next turn after Hobbs Road). Park off road, in front of the archery course of the Bacchus Marsh Bowmen.

**Directions:** On reaching the emu farm, follow a sharp left descending turn in the track. This track continues until it opens up onto Waterson Road. Continue along the road (now in open country),



View from Waterson Road, South Gisborne.

past the winery until the road ends at the gates of a private property. Retrace the route to your car.

Waterson Road was named after the Watterson family who lived on this road in the early 1900s.

## Hello from the Ramblers

Usually, published next to this piece is the Gisborne Bushwalking Club column.

You may have wondered about the difference between the two walking groups, which, as I am now, confronted with writer's block, gives me something to waffle on about!

The Ramblers tend to have shorter walks (up to 10km) and always on a Friday whereas the Bushwalkers generally take longer walks, mainly at the weekend and can range further afield.

The bushwalkers are an affiliated group requiring an annual membership; the Ramblers are a loose group of walkers without fees and official regulations.

Many of the Ramblers are also members of the bushwalkers and vice versa, and as such, there is no competition between the two groups.

Fancy a walk?

I have detailed an easy walk below that you may care to try at your leisure.

Details of our weekly walks are emailed out to our mailing list. If you care to join the list, there is no cost or obligation, you can walk with the group on Fridays or solo at your preference.

Charles ([gisramblers@gmail.com](mailto:gisramblers@gmail.com))



# A great sport! Nothing fishy about this story



Ladies, if you are recently retired from work, looking for a fascinating hobby to take up, then I have the perfect answer for you. Fly fishing! A most interesting hobby on many different fronts.

First, you learn that casting a fly line is quite a graceful and artistic endeavour. Although an accurate cast to a fish is essential to catch it, a big cast is not always necessary.

Second, you can learn how to tie your own flies; wet flies that sink, dry flies that float – mostly replicas of actual insects inhabiting the aquatic locality. It is an art that proves satisfying when you, having used feathers and shimmering threads beautiful to look at, attract a hungry fish and you catch it with a fly that you tied.

Third, you can join in fishing trips locally or further afield. This is the best way to develop your skills at the habits of fish, selecting the right fly and landing your fish. It may seem daunting at first but soon you will enjoy the exhilaration of catching your fish – using a barbless hook – enabling you to catch and release it and possibly capture an image for your brag book.

I joined the Calder Fly Fishing Club a few years ago to support my grandson's interest. You could not meet a friendlier group of people. Their monthly meetings invite interesting speakers. Fly-tying nights are held regularly and fly-casting instruction from time to time.



A 6lb tiger trout caught recently by Pam McDiarmid on a GGFF (Girls Gone Fly Fishing) weekend.

There are also opportunities for women to have a guided weekend away as a group to be guided in the finer points of the sport. These weekends are great fun as well as an opportunity to catch great fish.

Why not look up our website for times and location and come along and meet club members.

[www.calderflyfishing.com.au](http://www.calderflyfishing.com.au) [www.facebook.com/calderflyfishing/](https://www.facebook.com/calderflyfishing/) [www.instagram.com/calderflyfishing](https://www.instagram.com/calderflyfishing).

Pam McDiarmid

# Turning crisis into opportunity



According to the news we are in a cost-of-living crisis, an extinction crisis, a health crisis and a climate emergency, and yet there is a solution that can help tackle all of these issues – it's called the renewables revolution.

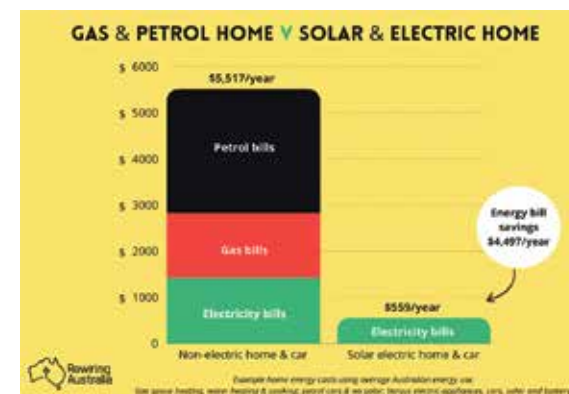
Using solar and wind to power our machines by electricity will lower the cost of our energy bills and create a world with fewer greenhouse gases and less air pollution, in which all the earth's creatures can survive.

Getting off gas will improve our health (12% of all childhood asthma is attributed to gas in the home, Queensland University research says) and reduce our utility bills by one.

Forty per cent of Australia's greenhouse gases come from our homes and the government has put in place a range of rebates to help us transition to more efficient systems that use electricity, and more rebate incentives to encourage us to invest in cost-saving rooftop solar to generate our own power and with a battery become energy independent.

The Go Renewable Energy Group (GREG) project volunteers from the Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group have carefully selected trusted partners to offer the community high quality rooftop solar, home batteries, hot water heat pumps and reverse-cycle air conditioning at sensible prices.

If you would like to learn more about how to reduce household energy bills, come to hear GREG's guest speaker, Chantel Gilbert of Bluegum Electrical Solutions. She will speak on 'Installing Solar: The Secret to a \$0 Electricity Bill' at 11am on Sunday 5 May at the Mechanics Institute, Gisborne. There will be a Q&A and information that will enable people with no available capital to get involved in the renewables revolution and save money. Book your place by calling Stephen on 0415 821 481.



Graph showing difference achievable by going all-electric.



## GISBORNE GOSS

Congratulations to Angus O'Farrell of Macedon who placed 11<sup>th</sup> at World Irish Dance Championships in Glasgow in April in the 16-17-year-old boys' category.

Congratulations also to 17-year-old artist Charlie Jackman of Gisborne for being named as a finalist in the 7NEWS Young Achiever Awards (Victoria) in the ethical business category.

Proudly autistic, Charlie founded Charlie by Art with his mum Susanne West, and sells greeting cards and framed prints of his art at the Corner Cafe and HM Collective in Gisborne, online and at markets. Charlie would love your vote for the People's Choice

Award before all winners are announced on 14 June. Go to [bit.ly/4d8tOnW](http://bit.ly/4d8tOnW) to vote.

More congratulations go to local seated shot-putter Michael Smith, who placed third in the national championships in Adelaide in April. Michael's first success in the sport was the cover story of the May 2022 Gazette.



Charlie Jackman

Farewell to Janine at Priceline who retired on 26 April. Janine's smiling face has been seen at Priceline in Gisborne for the past four years, but she has spent 44 years in total in the industry.

RT Edgar's old office in Hamilton Street has been leased and...you guessed it, it's going to be another place to get your nails done.

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# AROUND THE GROUNDS



## Thunder swims in Country All Junior Comp

Twenty eager Gisborne Thunder swimmers took to the pool in the 2024 Country All Junior Competition at MSAC in Melbourne in mid-March.

The annual event sees the top eight swimmers in each age group and event from their district compete against the other districts in country Victoria. The two-day competition featured heats on Saturday and finals on Sunday, providing an amazing opportunity for our junior swimmers to show off their talents.

We congratulate all our swimmers on a successful event, with a number swimming at MSAC for the first time and many achieving personal best times to close out the long course season. We would like to congratulate Mitchell, Max, Zoe, Charlotte M, Samuel and Angus in particular for successfully qualifying for the finals.

The swimmers now embark on the short course sea-



Some of the Gisborne Thunder swimmers at MSAC: (L-R) Mitchell, Melody, Quinton, Samuel, Max, Ava.



son, and we look forward to seeing continued success in the pool.

If you are interested in competing in some fun and friendly competition, please enquire about our monthly club nights held on the first Saturday of each month. The only requirement is to be able to swim 25m.

For more information visit our website ([gisbornethunder.org](http://gisbornethunder.org)) or have a look at our Facebook (Gisborne Thunder Swimming Club) or Instagram (@gisbornethunderswimming).

Tess, club captain

## Petanque club scores Easter national medals



Mt Macedon Petanque Club members continued on their winning way at the Australian National Petanque Championships held at Easter in Adelaide. Playing in temperatures well over 30 degrees for the whole weekend, Rhonda Shears and June and Terry Hunter all came away with medals.

June and Rhonda won the 60 Plus Women's Doubles gold medal. The pair won the same event two years ago. June and Rhonda also teamed up with Agnelle Edouard from Sydney to win silver in the 60 Plus Women's Triples (bronze medal last year). Terry won a silver medal in the 60 Plus Men's Triples event for the second year in a row.

Locally, four teams headed to Nagambie for their Open Doubles competition on 14 March. Best results were Danny Green and Rhonda Shears in eighth place.

Two teams from the club will be going to Halls Gap on 21 April to compete in the annual North and West Cup hosted by the Grampians Petanque Club. Seven clubs from the North and West region will take part in the event.

If you are interested in playing petanque, call in to our club grounds behind the Ampol Service Station in Gisborne. Playdays are held every Wednesday 2-5pm and Saturdays 10am-1pm on the second and fourth



June Hunter, Terry Hunter and Rhonda Shears with their medals at the Australian National Petanque Championships in April.

Saturday of the month. For enquiries please go to our website, [mtmacedonpetanque.org](http://mtmacedonpetanque.org), and for updates visit our Facebook page.

Alison Kinghorn

## Croquet club titles underway



The majority of members recently began competing for the club championships. The first week required players to play off for the two trophies.

The top players are now playing for the Gladys Dobson Club Champion title, and those knocked out in the first week are competing for the Helen Shirley Memorial Shield.

The second round was played the week of 15 April and further rounds will continue each Wednesday until the champions are found.

The club hosted 16 Trakmaster Caravan Club members to an afternoon of croquet followed by afternoon tea. All had a good time and some of them should take up this great sport as they showed natural ability.

If you would like to try a super, friendly way to get easy exercise with a challenge, please come on down on any Monday, Wednesday or Saturday morning. The club is at Dixon Field just past the tennis club.

Lyn Robinson



Healthy competition on the croquet court. Sue Wild plays Olwyn Snape in the foreground.

## Orienteering in Macedon Regional Forest



Come and try orienteering and have fun exploring the forest on Sunday 26 May.

Parking is available at Campey Road and Middle Gully Road, Macejon. Registrations are from 9.30am, orienteering starts from 10am to 11.30am, and courses close at 1pm.

The cost is \$12 for adults and \$6 per child; families \$30.

Courses cater for beginners to advanced.

Pre-entries preferred. Further details can be found at [www.centralhighlands.weebly.com](http://www.centralhighlands.weebly.com) or contact the club at email [centralhighlandsorienteers@gmail.com](mailto:centralhighlandsorienteers@gmail.com).



# A time for reflection



As we all take stock of the fire that destroyed our iconic golf club house, it's a good time to reflect on what the Club House meant to its members and the community.

Playing golf is fun, but golf is more than just playing. The social interaction and enjoyment we experience with friends after a round is an important part of the whole golfing experience.

The club house was the heart and soul of the club, and nothing compares to the feeling of unity, companionship, and being part of a special group when you walk through the clubhouse door. But it was a special place not only for its members. The clubhouse was a regional hub for so many clubs, businesses, charities, schools and community groups.

Many regional sporting clubs held their presentation and award ceremonies there. Rotary International held a dinner with 120 Rotary members from the US and Canada. We had 500 children attend the Christmas Photo with Santa. Mary-Anne Thomas and Paul Mecurio held a trivia night in addition to the weekly trivia night we held each Thursday.

Special memories have been created for so many who have held their weddings, engagements, and birthday parties at the clubhouse. We also honoured and celebrated the lives of many loved ones in a beautiful, peaceful environment.

Charity organisations, business and community groups have used the clubhouse to raise over \$70,000 in the past 12 months. Charity days such as the Pink Lunch, Rotary Day, Property Industry Foundation day, Horvat Financial Seniors Day, Royal Childrens Banksia Ward, Powercor Golf Day, Macedon Ranges Suicide Prevention and Tee off for Breast Cancer have been held at the clubhouse.

Like the phoenix, we will rise from the ashes and rebuild the clubhouse to serve our members and local community. We thank everyone for their support, and we hope to see you down at the club playing a round or just hitting a bucket of balls on the driving range.

*Dom Hogan*



Two of the many junior teams playing this season for Gisborne Soccer Club.

# Soccer season kicks off



The 2024 soccer season for MiniRoos and Juniors kicked off on 21 April.

Gisborne Soccer Club has once again experienced growth across all age groups and is excited to be supporting more female participation as players and coaches.

*Erin O'Reilly, vice-president*

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# Winners are gridders



Congratulations to South Gisborne Tennis Club's C1/2 Voltage and C2 Lightning Junior teams on being the 2023-24 summer champions!

Both finals were terrific matches with C1/2 fought out to the last point. Well done by all our junior teams who played in the finals.

The winter comp got under way at the end of April, and we look forward to many more battles. The club junior championships will be played on Sunday 21 April and with many registered it will be full-on day. All the best!

There is an opportunity to join the Thursday afternoon All Abilities coaching lesson. This is a group lesson instructed by Jeremy from the Spark team.

Any ability player would be most welcome to come along and have a go. There's plenty of fun, meet new friends and who knows, your inner Rafa, Kyrios, Sabalenka or Coco may just shine through.



Summer 2023-24 season junior premiers from South Gisborne Tennis Club: Above, C1/2 Voltage: Tate, Alex, Jack, Clare and Grace.



C2 Lightning: Alicia, Maxx, Max, Sam and Ramona.

Contact Gail through club website [www.sgtennisclub.com.au](http://www.sgtennisclub.com.au) for more information. Don't forget to warm up before you play as the mornings become cooler.

Gail Scott

## Macedon Tennis Club 'Fence Fiesta'

Come and help Macedon Tennis Club celebrate the completion of its fence renewal project.

The 'Fence Fiesta' runs from 5.30pm to 8pm. Food and drink trucks will be there; pael-

la, crepes and more. EFTPOS available. Or BYO food and drinks if you prefer.

Bring the family for Friday night fun. Open to club members, guests and members of the Macedon Ranges community – all welcome!



## Lowest grade takes highest honour

Congratulations to the Macedon Leopards for winning their D-Grade Junior summer comp and being premiers. Looking forward to seeing you in the winter season!

Jasmine Hurley



D Grade premiers from Macedon Tennis Club: Cienna Hurren, Teddy Dusting, Yuka Pannam, Asha Taylor-Duncan, Rupert Richards, Hector McGauchie.

# Giants to launch Indigenous Round this month

The Gisborne Giants Football Netball Club will host an Indigenous Round this month.



aims to promote learning, awareness and respect through storytelling to the club's playing

The Indigenous Round games will be on Friday night 24 May for the senior teams and Sunday 26 May for the junior teams, across Gardiner and Sankey Reserves and the Macedon Ranges Netball Association courts in New Gisborne.

In a first for the Giants, all senior and junior teams will play wearing a special-edition, Indigenous-designed football jumper or netball dress.

The incredible designs were created by Ky-ya Nicholson Ward, a vibrant young Wurundjeri woman. Ky-ya is a talented artist who most recently designed the Melbourne and North Melbourne AFL Indigenous playing jumpers.

Ky-ya has named this design Mundanai (pronounced as moon - done - eye). Mundanai is a Wurundjeri word translating to 'embrace' and illustrates the approach the club will have towards the Indigenous Round and towards First Nation's people and lands in our community. The Indigenous Round will be known as Mundanai Round.

The design of the jumper and dress

groups, their families and supporters.

Key highlights of the design are its references to Wurundjeri country and the bushlands surrounding Gisborne, including sacred Macedon Ranges sites. It honours and respects the history and spirit of sacred Wurundjeri lands, highlighting that we live, play and learn on traditional country.

Gisborne Giants club president, Brad Gauci, said, "Participation in community sport is our main purpose at the Giants.

"We are a community club, and it is important for us to embrace and respect the many cultures and beliefs within our club, as well as in the wider Gisborne community.

"The Gisborne Giants welcomes and respects all people, regardless of background, and we are committed to supporting all cultures that shape our community.

"We are thrilled to be staging Mundanai Round and look forward welcoming the Gisborne community to be part of it on the weekend of 24 to 26 May."



The Gisborne Giants Indigenous Round netball uniforms and football jumpers.

## Giants RDFNL senior launch: community information evening



The Gisborne and surrounding community are invited to attend the Gisborne Giants community information night on 15 May at Baringo Food & Wine Co, New Gisborne.

The club will share updates on our new home at the Macedon Ranges Sports Precinct, 2025 RDFNL senior netball and senior men's and women's football programs, uniforms, sponsorship and membership programs, and opportunities to be a part of this exciting time in local history.

We look forward to sharing this exciting news with you all, please RSVP your attendance (with number of people) by email to [secretary@gisbornegiantsfnc.club](mailto:secretary@gisbornegiantsfnc.club).

The evening starts at 6:30pm.





# SPORT IN PICTURES



▲ C grade netball Macedon v Riddell, 6 April.



▲ The winning Gisborne bowls triples team of Peter Williams (skip), Russell Walker and Alan Higgins with tournament sponsor Ian Layton (second from left), after the first major bowls tournament played on Gisborne and District Bowling Club's new green on 7 April.



▲ Junior netball, Macedon v Gisborne Giants, 14 April.



▲ U16 Macedon v Rebels, 20 April.



U9 Gisborne v Eynesbury, 14 April.



▲ U13 Saints v Melton, 21 April.



▲ Round one huddle for a Gisborne Soccer Club junior team. Picture: GSC



◀ U16 Saints v Possums, 20 April.





▲A day for jumping at Macedon Pony Club, 7 April.



▲Macedon Pony Club, 7 April.



►Seniors, Macedon v Riddell, 6 April.



▲Seniors practice match, Gisborne v Sunbury, 6 April.



◀Bradley Bernacki in action, Gisborne seniors practice match against Sunbury, 6 April.



U15 Macedon v Gisborne, 14 April.

Pictures by Chris Fleming.  
Available to order at low cost from  
Madisons of Gisborne,  
Hamilton Street.



U15 Macedon v Gisborne, 14 April.



U19 practice match, Gisborne v Sunbury, 6 April.



## Vale Roger Jones

Well known local resident Roger Jones OAM passed away on 4 April after a long and distinguished career in the service of his community and country. He was 92.

Roger served in the Australian Army for 21 years, rising to the rank of colonel. Following that, he made a career in the field of emergency management that included time as director of the Australian Counter Disaster College at Mount Macedon.

A memorial service will be held at the Church of the Resurrection, Macedon, on 1 May at 11.30am.



Roger Jones



The Bubble Fairy who came along to entertain children at the April Market and was the contribution of GREAT (Gisborne Region Events Activities & Tourism) to autumn festival festivities. This month's market is on Sunday 5 May.

## QUIZ

1. When Mt Vesuvius erupted in 79 AD it buried Pompeii and which other city?
2. Which Australian animal was featured on the old 2 cent coin?
3. Sedimentary, metamorphic, or igneous, what sort of rock is marble?
4. In what year did the Duke of Wellington defeat Napoleon at Waterloo?
5. The number sequence which begins 0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, has what name?
6. Which country operates the Mawson Research Station in Antarctica?
7. During which war was the tank first used?
8. A 1948 film starring Humphrey Bogart is *The Treasure of the...* what?
9. Baghdad is situated on the banks of which river?
10. Who wrote the book *Moby Dick*?

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## Historical Happenings



The extensive Anzac display of uniforms, war records and memorabilia in the Gisborne Court House will remain open each Wednesday from 10am

to 4pm until 15 May. Entry is free.

A reminder that the exhibit 'Nurses, Medicine and Caring in the Macedon Ranges', featuring memorabilia from all the Macedon Ranges historical societies, will open at Kyneton Museum on Friday 10 May and continue until 15 September.

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# Parkrun to celebrate first birthday

Parkrun is a free, fun, inclusive, five-kilometre weekly event held every Saturday at 8am at Dixon Field. It is organised by volunteers and promotes a happier and healthier community.

We will be celebrating our first birthday on 11 May. People of all fitness levels are welcome at parkrun. You can volunteer, walk, jog, or run, and many families and friends attend parkrun together. You can bring a pram, your kids, and even your dog.

The parkrun idea started in England in 2004 and now has locations across the world. It began in Australia in 2012 and there are now over 480 parkruns in the country. See [parkrun.com.au](http://parkrun.com.au) for further details.

Besides Gisborne, there are parkrun groups at Sunbury, Melton (Toolern Creek), Bacchus Marsh (Peppertree), Lancefield, Woodend (Campaspe), and Greenvale (Woodlands Historic Park).

Gisborne's first parkrun was held on Saturday 13 May last year and the event has grown in popularity with fantastic local and regional community support. Our weekly at-



Dixon Field parkrunners are ready to celebrate on 11 May.

tendance averages over 70 and we continually welcome new people each week.

You'll never come last, as we have designated tailwalkers who also ensure everyone's safety.

If you would like to join parkrun you only need to register once, on the parkrun website, and you will receive your free weekly parkrun time and event statistics via email.

Giving back to the community as a parkrun volunteer is also fun and a great feeling, and participation in any way at parkrun is very rewarding.

If you would like to join us on 11 May, please arrive by 7:45am, and see our 'Dixon Field parkrun' Facebook page beforehand. Everyone is welcome to come along and have fun! Tom Kovacs, event director

# Mark the diary for World Elder Abuse Awareness Day event

On Saturday 15 June, join the Girl Guides and Scouts from the Macedon Ranges for a show of kindness and respect as they host 'Stir a Cuppa with an Elder' for World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) in Macedon.

The event will be at Jubilee Hall from 10.30am. Proudly supported by the CWA and Men's Shed, everyone is welcome to participate in this day of praise for 'elderhood'. There will be cakes, cuppas, barbecue, stalls and entertainment until 3.30pm.

Purple is the colour given to World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. The colour is associated with rarity, insight and wisdom, all to be found in elders.

The United Nations began World Elder Abuse Awareness Day in 2011 as a day when individuals and organisations highlight the importance of older people, their rights, and the value they bring to society. Remembering the value and role in life of older people by showing kindness and respect helps prevent the mistreatment and harm that sometimes occurs to them in their communities.

We have long relied on elders to fulfil essential roles such as volunteering, caring and providing for other vulnerable members of the community.

Contact co-ordinator Lynda Cameron for further information on 0418 770 366.



A purple ribbon is tied around a tree in Gisborne to signify WEAAD last year.

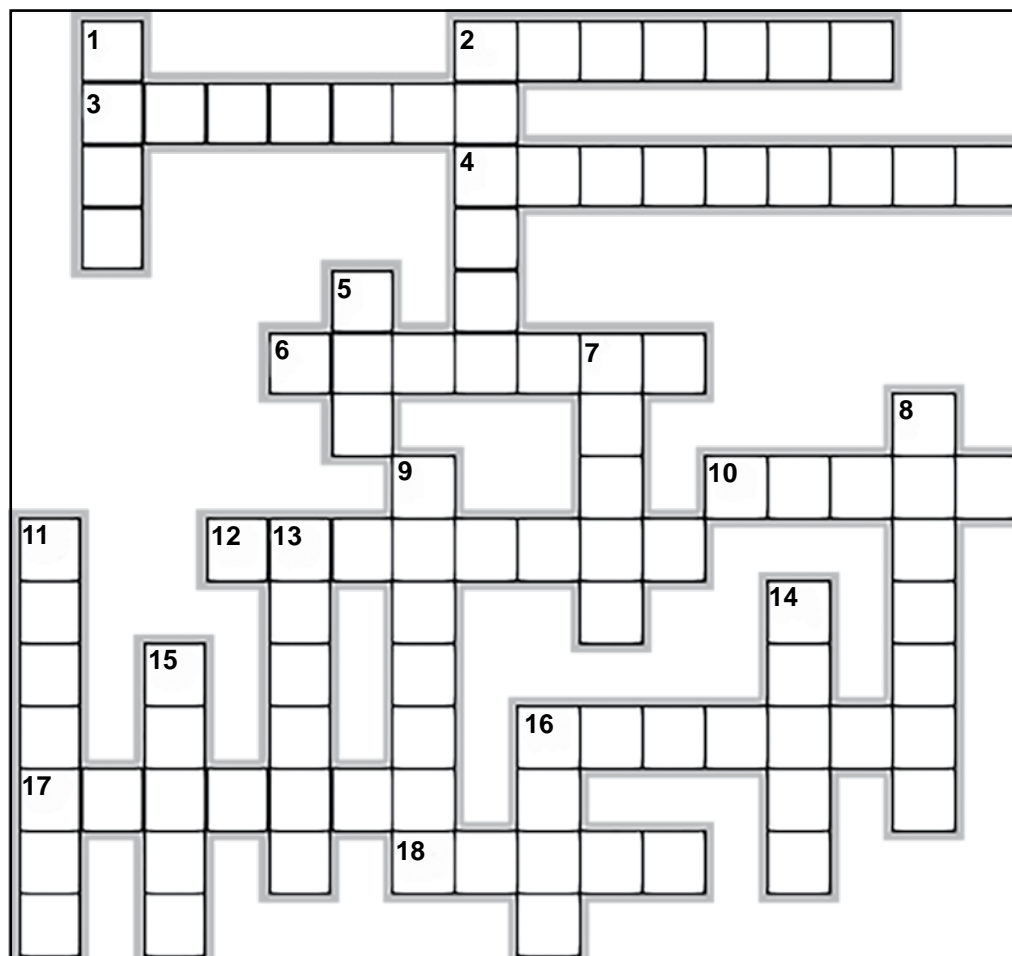
## CROSSWORD

### Our solar system

Questions compiled by Chris Antoniou.

#### ACROSS

2. The discoverer of the four largest moons of Jupiter.
3. When the Moon is directly in front of the Sun as seen from the Earth.
4. A meteor which reaches the ground.
6. The largest planet in our solar system.
10. The only moon with an appreciable atmosphere.
12. Vesta is what kind of body in our solar system?
16. The planet closest to the Sun.
17. The first person in space, Yuri\_\_\_\_\_
18. The only planet that does not have a name from ancient mythologies.



#### DOWN

1. The surface of Venus is hot enough to melt which metal?
2. 1960s US program of spacecraft with a crew of two.
5. Largest member and centre of the solar system.
7. Buzz Aldrin's real first name when he walked on the Moon.
8. Famous comet that returns every approximately 76 years.
9. Outermost planet.
11. The first spaceship to fly past Uranus.
13. Planet with the most prominent ring system.
14. Planet demoted in 2006.
15. The name of the first lunar module to land on the Moon.
16. Also known as the red planet.

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## Op shops: opportunities for the many



It has been a grim few weeks. Sometimes it seems the only way to cope with all the ills of the world and those in our own communities is to retreat into some private wilderness. Yet there's a very old ditty, sung by many of us years ago in Sunday Schools across the country: "Jesus bids us shine with a pure clear light, like a little candle burning in the night." It finishes with "you in your small corner and I in mine." So sometimes it's okay to be in a corner and we can meet amazing people in this corner.

One of the agencies of the Uniting Church is named, unsurprisingly, Uniting. Its charter is to unite us in the common purpose of health and wellbeing for all. The latest newsletter has stories of projects which might seem like corner store stuff but actually are models of how to make a difference.

One of these stories is about the humble op shop – from Brunswick to Bendigo, Glenroy to Geelong, Wangaratta to Woodend, Uniting op shops work on the motto of 'discover, donate, volunteer, make a difference'.

It is easy to discover items in ward-



Recent donated items bringing opportunities at Op Shop – Uniting Care in Woodend.

robes and cupboards, unloved and not needed for years. It is more challenging to think before that next step of donating them. If I have not used/worn this garment for years, why would it appeal to someone else? Honest answers to self are needed. Op shops are not the substitute for a skip.

When we do donate useful items to op shops, we join the cycle of genuinely helping others, of course, by having goods affordable to the needy but also

by supporting op shop profits going back into the community. The Woodend op shop has given funds to the local CFA and SES as well as for sports equipment for school children and settling-in necessities for refugees.

Other op shops, in Gisborne and beyond, give, give and give.

So being in a small corner can be okay as long as we don't just stare at the wall. It is when we face out that we can make a difference. *Janet Wood*

## St Paul's Op shop jottings

Looking for an inexpensive present for Mother's Day? Come in and have a look around for something different. We recently had a large collection of porcelain owls donated to us here at St Paul's Anglican Op Shop, as well as some great Mr Men 'Movember' T-shirts with tags.

We always have a supply of birthday and all-occasion cards and we are a drop off point for the Foodbank in Gisborne.

This month we talk to our shop volunteer Avan.

"I have been volunteering on a Tuesday at St Paul's Op Shop for a few years now," she said. "[I have] lived in the Macedon Ranges since 1974, apart from



Op shop volunteer Avan.

a few years in Portarlington [when I] worked in the Cancer Institute Op Shop in Geelong. It has been great catching up with a lot of familiar faces who regularly come to get their bargains in our 'proper op shop', as many customers like to call St Paul's.

"I am lucky to work with very friendly, capable ladies and we have a lot of fun with our customers, which makes the experience both worthwhile and enjoyable."

If you would like to follow us on Facebook, just search St. Paul's Op Shop, like and follow our page and you'll get all the info you need to visit us and get the scoop on what's happening in the shop.

*Janine Sanders, coordinator*



St Brigid's Parish Gisborne – incorporating St Ambrose Riddells Creek and St Patrick's Macedon Parish Priest: Fr. Vincent Nguyen

### 2024 Sacraments

Registration is still open for Sacraments to be celebrated in 2024.

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Holy Communion available to Year 4 and above and Confirmation available to Year 6 and above.

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Parish Secretary: Tammie Dalglish

Office hours: Tuesday and Thursday 9am to 5pm.

Website: [www.@cam.org.au/gisborne](http://www.@cam.org.au/gisborne).



The original St Brigid's Church in its later schoolhouse days.

## St Brigid's preparing for 150-year milestone

Preparations are underway to plan an event celebrating the milestone of 150 years since the consecration of St Brigid's Church.

A working party is required to oversee the planning of this celebration. If you would like to be involved in this event, please contact the parish office to register your availability at email [lancefield@cam.org.au](mailto:lancefield@cam.org.au)

The first St Brigid's church in Gisborne was built in 1855, a simple timber structure which later did service



as the schoolhouse. The present brick and cement church was erected in 1874 and officially opened in early 1875.

According to newspaper reports at the time, the plans for the church were prepared under the supervision of Daniel John Buckley, a teacher at St Brigid's school, who was there until about 1890.

The new church was opened by the Catholic Archbishop of Melbourne, Dr Goold.





# 100 YEARS AGO

## MAY 1924

**Neglected Public Buildings.** The condition of ruin and decay into which buildings have been allowed to moulder for some years past seems to be in keeping with the condition of main roads. It took 10 years of reports, inspections and promises by those responsible before an effort was made to renovate and restore the Gisborne Court House to a presentable appearance. Now, ... the condition of the police station, lock-up and stable with their decaying roofs and unpainted woodwork which surround the court building present a notable contrast, which is not at all creditable to the Public Works Department.

*Gisborne Gazette, 2 May 1924*

**Departure of Mr Kettle – Victoria's oldest resident.** Everyone in the district will regret to hear that our much esteemed townsman, Mr. Henry Kettle, senior, has left Gisborne to reside elsewhere. Mr. Kettle has been idolized by all residents and particularly by the Old Boys' Association... The reason for this is due to the fact that he is the oldest Victorian native now alive and, like the sturdy old pioneers, has had his day and done his bit towards placing Victoria in the proud position she holds today. Mr. Kettle was born somewhere close to the corner of Flinders Lane and Swanston Street, way back on 14<sup>th</sup> July, 1838. He was baptized by the Rev. William Waterfield, somewhere about the site of the present Bull and Mouth Hotel, Bourke Street, Melbourne, on 29<sup>th</sup> July, 1838.

*Gisborne Gazette, 9 May 1924*

**Gisborne School Notes.** During her visit to Gisborne, Miss Flynn, Inspector of secondary schools, conferred with the Chairman of the High School Committee, Mr. Swinburne, and the Head Teacher in regard to the future of the school. Our thanks are due to Mr. J.N. Edwards of Heidelberg for suggestions re colors, badge and motto for the Higher Elementary School (H.E.S). Colors chosen are maroon and silver and the school badge will consist of a silver or nickel shield with maroon letters G.H.E.S. in monogram form. The hatband will be of maroon with a silver stripe on both edges whilst the motto selected is "Operate pretium est", which means "It is worthwhile."

*Gisborne Gazette, 23 May 1924*

**A Wonderful Potato Crop.** Mr. Duncan McPherson, our local harness maker, [who] is known in Gisborne as well as the G.P.O., put in three-quarters of an acre of potatoes last planting season, near his residence at the long ago delicensed old Mt. Macedon Hotel [Macedon House]. The crop was purchased in the ground by an expert, Mr. Harry Morrow, who had his eye to business. He dug the tubers himself and to the surprise of everyone except Mr. Morrow who well knew what he was doing, the ... crop yielded about 140 bags of potatoes. If there is another district in Victoria which can show a better result, all we can say is that it deserves first prize.

*Gisborne Gazette, 30 May 1924*

## WHAT'S ON REGULAR MEETINGS

We are updating our list of regular meetings. If your group has been left off, please email [gisbornegazetteeditor@gmail.com](mailto:gisbornegazetteeditor@gmail.com) with details.



- ADULT RIDING CLUB** (Gis) 2nd Saturday Robertson Res, 5th Gis.
- ADULT RIDING CLUB** (Bullengarook) 2nd Saturday Rec Reserve
- AMATEUR RADIO CLUB** 3rd Saturday 10am Woodend RSL. [www.mrarc.org.au](http://www.mrarc.org.au)
- BOTANIC GARDENS** working bee every Thurs 9.30am-10.30am 0439 887 178 [infogisbotgard@gmail.com](mailto:infogisbotgard@gmail.com)
- BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP** 1st & 3rd Tues 10.30am, Gisborne Golf Club
- BUSHWALKING CLUB** Various locations 0402 088 491 or [secretary@gisbornebwc.org.au](mailto:secretary@gisbornebwc.org.au)
- CANCER SUPPORT GROUP** last Wed of month Gis Golf Club
- CAR CLUB** (Mac Ranges & District Motor Club 1st Wednesday, 8pm Steam Park, New Gisb [secretary@mradm.com.au](mailto:secretary@mradm.com.au)
- CARERS GROUP** (Mac Ranges) 2nd & 4th Thurs, 1pm Woodend RSL Cherry 5420 7132 (Note: 4th Thurs carers only)
- COMMUNITY GARDEN** Wed 9.30am Church of Christ (Facebook for updates)
- CROCHET & CONVERSATIONS** 1st Mon 2.30pm Gisborne Library
- CROQUET CLUB** Wed & Sat 10am Dixon Field Noeline 0426 500 516
- CWA GISBORNE** 2nd Monday 10am Gis Secondary College
- CWA MACEDON** 3rd Tues 1pm & 7pm 5426 2210 662 Mt Macedon Rd
- DALY RESERVE WORKING BEE** 2nd Tues 9.30am Scout Hall, Daly Res [dalynaturereserve@gmail.com](mailto:dalynaturereserve@gmail.com)
- FILM SOCIETY** 2nd Wed Norma Richardson Hall, Woodend 0402 299 153 or 0407 012 140
- FLY FISHING CLUB** 4th Wed 7.30pm MR FEC Gisborne [info@calderflyfishing.com.au](mailto:info@calderflyfishing.com.au)
- FRIENDS of JACKSONS CREEK** working bees 3rd Sun 10-noon
- GARDEN CLUB** 2nd Wed various venues Jeanette 5420 7303
- 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
- HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY** (Mount Macedon & District) 1st Tuesday 8pm, Mount Macedon Horticultural Hall, 583 Mt Macedon Road [mountmacedonhorticulture.org.au](http://mountmacedonhorticulture.org.au)
- LIBRARY: TODDLERS' STORY TIME** 10.30am Mon, Wed & Thurs; **BABIES GROUP** Fri 10.30am 5428 3962
- LIONS CLUB** (Gisb) 1st Thurs of month, 7.30pm 247 Station Rd
- MARTIAL ARTS** Thurs from 6pm St Brigid's Hall; [gisborne@junseikan.com.au](mailto:gisborne@junseikan.com.au)
- MASONIC LODGE** 2nd Thurs 7pm Masonic Hall Aitken St
- MASTERS AFL** Wed 6.30pm all year round Sankey Reserve
- OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB** Sun 9am Riddell Rec Res [macedonrangesdogclub.org.au](http://macedonrangesdogclub.org.au)
- PETANQUE** 2nd & 4th Sat 10am behind Ampol service station, Station Rd, Gisborne 0439 887 178
- PHOENIX ART & CRAFTS** 1st Thursday [phoenixmrac.com](http://phoenixmrac.com)
- PHOTOGRAPHIC SOC** 1st Tues & 2nd Mon 7pm Dromkeen, Riddells Ck [macedon-ranges-photography.org.au](http://macedon-ranges-photography.org.au)
- PONY CLUB** Bullengarook 1st Sunday Rec Reserve
- PONY CLUB** Gisborne 1st Sunday Robertson Reserve
- PROBUS** 1st Thurs 10am Susan 0419 530 041 Mechanics Inst.
- QUILTERS** (Gisb) Wed 7pm Room attached to Gisb Library
- RAMBLERS** Fridays 9.15am Tennis Club Dixon Field
- ROTARY** (Gisborne) 1st & 3rd Tues 7pm Telegraph Hotel (email [gisbornerotary@gmail.com](mailto:gisbornerotary@gmail.com) for confirmation of venue)
- ROTARY** (Macedon Ranges) 1st Tuesday, 6.30 dinner, 7.45 meeting Baringo Food & Wine [rotarymacedonranges@gmail.com](mailto:rotarymacedonranges@gmail.com)
- RUNNING GROUP** Tues & Thurs 9am, 6pm, Sun 8am Gisborne Aquatic Centre Craig 0417 775 785
- RSL** 1st Mon 1.30pm Gis Golf Club 5428 2233
- SENIOR CITS** (Macedon) Tues 11am Tony Clarke Res [macedonseniors@gmail.com](mailto:macedonseniors@gmail.com)
- SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCERS** Thurs 1-3 Buffalo Stadium Woodend, 5427 1100
- SPINNERS & FIBRE GROUP** Wed 12.30 Rec Reserve Bullengarook Kerrie 0406 719 557
- SUPPORT AFTER SUICIDE** 2nd Mon each month, even if public holiday, 7-8.30pm Newham Mechanics (1292 Rochford Rd)
- TABLE TENNIS** Wed 7.30pm Tony Clarke Res, Macedon Stan 0437 508 338
- THUNDER SWIMMING CLUB** 2nd Sat 5pm Gisborne Aquatic Centre Peter 0402 088 491
- TOY LIBRARY** [gisbornetoylibrary@yahoo.com.au](mailto:gisbornetoylibrary@yahoo.com.au) Sat 9.30-11am 71 Robertson St
- ULYSSES GROUP** 3rd Tues 6pm Sunbury FC [secretary@mrub.org.au](mailto:secretary@mrub.org.au)
- VINTAGE MACHINERY** Working bees 1st Sun of month, 8.30am at Steam Park; meetings last Friday of month 7pm Steam Park 0419 393 023
- WRITERS** (Scribes & Scribblers) 2nd Tues 10am-12 Riddell Neighbourhood House 5428 7836
- YOUNG VOICES** Thursdays 4.15-5.45pm House of the Rock Church, New Gisborne; [yv.macedon.org.au](http://yv.macedon.org.au) or [sdggome@patash.com.au](mailto:sdggome@patash.com.au)

## Baringo Film Club

Screening times: 3pm Wednesday  
7pm Friday, 3pm Saturday

Date	Film
May 1 to 4	<i>The Old Oak</i> (English drama)
May 8 to 11	<i>Coup de Chance</i> (French thriller)
May 15 to 18	<i>Master Gardener</i> (American drama)
May 22 to 25	<i>Empire of Light</i> (Romance/Drama)
May 29 to June 1	<i>Uproar</i> (NZ, Comedy/Drama)

PLEASE NOTE. The Friday Session will continue at 7pm for a 12 month trial.

Snacks are available in the adjoining restaurant prior to the film on Fridays.

[www.baringofilmclub.com](http://www.baringofilmclub.com)

## QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Herculaneum
2. The frill-necked lizard
3. Metamorphic
4. 1815
5. The Fibonacci sequence.
6. Australia
7. World War 1
8. Sierra Madre
9. The Tigris
10. Herman Melville

## KIDS' QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Canberra
2. Platypus
3. Six
4. Bark
5. 72
6. Spaghetti
7. Sheep
8. Westgate Bridge
9. Berlin
10. Australia and England

## CROSSWORD ANSWERS

### ACROSS

2. Galileo
3. Eclipse
4. Meteorite
6. Jupiter
10. Titan
12. Asteroid
16. Mercury
17. Gagarin
18. Earth

### DOWN

1. Lead
2. Gemini
5. Sun
7. Edwin
8. Halleys
9. Neptune
11. Voyager
13. Saturn
14. Pluto
15. Eagle
16. Mars





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