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Mini wonders

The wet winter weather brings out an amazing array of fungi on local trees, including the elusive tiny blue *Mycena interrupta*, or pixie's parasol, captured here by Hubert Weisrock at Sanatorium Lake, Mount Macedon. More revealing pictures from Macedon Ranges Photographic Society on page 11.



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From the Editor's desk

Major new sport facilities

For a while it seemed like the day would never come, but a magnificent new stadium, pavilion, playground, fitness loop and barbecues have opened at the Macedon Ranges Sports Precinct in New Gisborne. As a community member not involved in the project, I thank everyone who was, especially the grassroots advocates who campaigned for decades for more indoor sports space and, with the council, secured funding for the shire's biggest-ever project from all levels of government.

The precinct feels like a new Gisborne because it is, and generations will benefit from the varied spaces for active and passive recreation.

At the official opening on 28 June, Tamara Collins, a community advocate for the project from the beginning, had this message for groups and volunteers advocating for a project: "It can be done: Persevere, make connections and good relations with your local council, and great things can happen."

Mount Macedon Fire Brigade's new station also opened in June and is a major upgrade to the brigade's facilities.

Grants, grants and more grants

Local community organisations and projects receive funding from so many sources, we are most fortunate. In this edition you can read about grants provided by GREAT, Gisborne Rotary Club, the council, Community Bank Gisborne (Bendigo Bank), the State Government, the Victorian Schools Garden Program, and even a large bequest made to St Brigid's Primary School by a former student. Congratulations to the many local residents (mostly volunteers) who are successful in securing funds and well done to all the organisations that are investing in our area.

Size matters not

With shiny new facilities opening up and so much talk about funding for more projects, it can be easy to think that the value of things lies in their size or monetary value. Fortunately, nature reminds us every day in this beautiful natural environment we live in that some of the most special things are free. And in winter, they can be minute, like the amazing fungi featured on this month's cover and on page 11.

Brrrr!

It's cold and wet outside as I write, and probably will be for a while. So to finish I will borrow words from Anne Fyfield's Macedon CWA update on page 23: Well folks, put on the coats, beanies, scarves and gloves and make the most of winter.

A hot cuppa and cosy corner to read this edition might also fit the bill.

Happy reading,

Corinne Shaddock

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Gazette at large

Jenny and Alan Shipp recently retired and were fortunate to travel to the UK and France for two months. Jenny said it was an amazing trip and one chilly day they visited Elean Donan Castle in Scotland with a little piece of home. Jenny will soon start helping the Gazette with social media.



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Member for McEwen Rob Mitchell, Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence and local state MP Mary-Anne Thomas at the opening.



Advocates from the beginning: Tamara Collins (left), Allan Spencer Stewart and Megan Condron celebrate the opening.



Community members visit the indoor stadium after the official opening.

Dedicated persistence of many sees its reward in sports hub at New Gisborne

Sports precinct officially opens

“Let the games begin” proclaimed mayor Annette Death at the official opening of the Macedon Ranges Sports Precinct Stage 1 on Friday 28 June.

A vision hatched nearly two decades ago by local parents frustrated by the lack of facilities for their children to play basketball and indoor netball has been delivered in grand style in New Gisborne.

Years of campaigning by the community and then also the council yielded support from all three levels of government and a dream became a reality.

“When you drive past there is no way to describe the feeling of pride,” beamed the mayor, speaking about the new state-of-the-art facility.

Cr Death said the precinct was the biggest capital works project in the shire’s history and praised the well-thought-through design and inclusion of features for both active and passive recreation.

Stage 1 includes a three-court indoor stadium with a cafe and plenty of storage, a natural turf oval and ad-

joining sports pavilion, a fitness loop, playground and barbecue facilities. This stage has cost over \$29 million, with contributions from the State Government (\$14.8 million), the council (\$14.6 million), Melbourne Water (\$377,590) and AFL Victoria (\$100,000).

The acting shire CEO, Rebecca Stockdale, officially opened Stage 1 and said community members had been instrumental in creating the dream and vision for the hub.

The Member for Macedon, Mary-Anne Thomas, echoed this sentiment and said it had been a pleasure to work with dedicated volunteers and community advocates Tamara Collins, Megan Condron and Allan Spencer Stewart, who had continued to work on the project since inception, despite their children outgrowing junior sport.

At least 30,000 users are expected to use the new precinct and bookings are already at 90% of capacity during peak times (4-10pm weekdays and all day on

weekends during school term).

From 15 July, Macedon Ranges Netball Association, Macedon Ranges Basketball Association, Gisborne Bulldogs Basketball Association, Sunbury Basketball Association, Macedon Ranges Futsal and Macedon Ranges Volleyball Association will start using the stadium.

Regular staffing and opening of the stadium during the day on weekdays is not yet in place but is planned.

The new oval will be used from next year’s football season, once the turf and ground have settled, and Gisborne Giants Football Netball Club will be the lead winter tenant. Gisborne Rookies Junior Football Netball Club and Gisborne Dragons Cricket Club will likely also be users.

Megan Condron said research showed that female participation in sport, especially in the teenage years, was directly linked to the availability of facilities and programs for females, and the lack of them for her young

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Mae

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The Giz Asaurus and his friend New Giz Asaurus (in white) show their support at the new sports precinct opening.

Sports precinct officially opens

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daughter two decades ago had made her angry; angry at the message being sent to her daughter and to all the young girls. Driven by this – and a dislike for housework – Megan teamed up with Tamara Collins and Allan Spencer Stewart, parents of junior basketballers and netballers, to find a solution.

She said that after early advocacy for increased facilities, it was clear that as long as different clubs competed with each other for funding and court space, they would never succeed, and thus the idea of the Macedon Ranges Sports Precinct was born.

Allan Spencer Stewart, whose daughters played netball...outside...in the cold and wet hence the desire for indoor space, said it had been the most incredible community campaign ever seen and everyone involved should be proud.

“We had a vision of a place where you would not only play but want to linger afterwards and watch people play,” he said. “The project’s business case included a full page [in small type] of groups involved and we made it a major issue at all government elections for 10 years.”

“Most of all it’s a project for community, all types,” said Tamara Collins.

Construction of Stage 2 of the precinct is targeted to start in early 2025. It is slated to add an additional three courts, amenities, AFL/cricket oval, two outdoor sports courts and more car parking and landscaping. Stage 2 is costed at approximately \$17 million, and the Federal Government has committed \$15 million.

Corinne Shaddock

Mount Macedon CFA gets new station

Mount Macedon Volunteer Fire Brigade has a new home which will better equip volunteers to respond to community emergencies.

The new Mount Macedon Fire Station features three drive-through appliance bays, dedicated male and female turnout facilities, a workshop, storage and cleaning facilities along with improved office, meeting room, and kitchen facilities.

Sustainable features include insulation, doors and window seals to prevent draughts, automatic air-conditioning systems, septic system, native plants, and water tanks holding up to 20,000 litres.

The State Government gave more than \$4 million to acquire the land and build the replacement station. Using generous donations from the community over the preceding years, the brigade contributed \$38,000 to the station’s construction, allowing improvements on the base design.

The new station was approximately 10 years in the making and initially focused on renovating the existing station. A design was developed by architecture students from the University of Melbourne with input from brigade members, community members and the CFA.

Member for Macedon Mary-Anne Thomas became a champion of the brigade’s cause and helped secure funding for improvements to Mount Macedon



The new Mount Macedon Fire Station, which was officially opened on 21 June.

CFA’s facilities in the state budget of 2018.

Following review by the CFA, it was agreed that a new station should be constructed on part of the site of the Victorian Emergency Management Institute as the existing station would still not be ideal, even after significant work.

The ceremonial first sod was turned by Mary-Anne Thomas in July 2022.

Nearly two years later, on Friday 21 June, Mary-Anne officially opened the new Mount Macedon Fire Station. Current and past members were invited to the event.

Mount Macedon Fire Brigade currently has 40 members with 28 in operational roles. The brigade moved into the new station in May.



Mount Macedon Fire Brigade members with Mary-Anne Thomas MP at the official opening of the new fire station.

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Crunch time for Gisborne hospital site

Macedon Ranges Council is seeking submissions from residents on an important zoning change in Gisborne involving the former hospital site.

Benetas, which merged with Macedon Ranges Health in 2018, wants the land on the corner of Hamilton and Neal Streets rezoned in order to build a retirement village.

The land was donated to Gisborne by the Dixon family in the 1950s on the condition that it always be used for medical purposes, and it is zoned Special Use.

Benetas has applied for the land to be rezoned to General Residential.

Retirement villages — sometimes called lifestyle villages — are residential, not medical.

At a council meeting last year, the council agreed to support rezoning, after discussions around the morality of overriding the Dixon family's wishes. On balance, the council view was that it was unlikely that a new hospital would be built in Gisborne, and therefore the practicality of making the area available for residential use outweighed the act of overriding the family's wishes.

After the closure of the hospital in 1997, the building was used for doctors' surgeries and allied health until these medical tenancies were cancelled by Benetas in 2020 to pursue the redevelopment plans.

The Oaks aged care centre, also managed by Benetas, is also on the land to be rezoned. The Oaks will be redeveloped but remain an aged care centre.

Zoning changes go to an independent panel for assessment. The changes must be shown to benefit the



The former hospital site, which Benetas seeks to have rezoned for residential use.

whole community, not just the landholder.

Significant questions for consideration are: Is there a demonstrable need in Gisborne for further high/medium-density housing? If so, is the need great enough to justify discarding the condition put on the land by the donor family? The Dixons were significant in Gisborne's history and very generous to the people of Gisborne. Third, is it certain that a hospital or other medical service would never require or seek to use the site?

The proposed change is contained in Amendment C147macr. The planning permit application is PLN/2022/354.

The closing date for submissions is Friday 12 July. Forward submissions to the council via email at strategicplanning@mrc.vic.gov.au, by post to 'Strategic Planning, Macedon Ranges Shire Council, PO Box 151, Kyneton 3444, or deposit in person at the council offices in Robertson Street, Gisborne.

NAIDOC Week events, 7-14 July



NAIDOC Week is held across Australia each July and is a time for all Australians to celebrate and learn about the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Celebrations will be held from 7 to 14 July and have the theme 'Keep the Fire Burning! Blak, Loud and Proud'.

Macedon Ranges Shire Council has organised three free events to celebrate NAIDOC Week.

Film screening

Luku Ngarra—The Law of The Land, Friday 5 July, 7-9.30pm at Kyneton Mechanics Institute.

This is an extraordinary story of one Yolngu man's 45-year life journey fighting for the political and spiritual freedom of his people. This event is in partnership with Macedon Ranges Truth and Reconciliation Group.

Film screening

The Last Daughter, Sunday 7 July, 1-3.30pm, Kyneton Mechanics Institute.

Trying to reconcile her fragmented upbringing, an Aboriginal woman searches for the white parents who raised her before she returned to her birth family.

Community and Family Day

Saturday 13 July, 11am-2.30pm, Riddells Creek Community Centre.

With a yarnning circle and fun activities for all ages. This event will be led by the Sunbury Aboriginal Corporation in partnership with Macedon Ranges Truth and Reconciliation Group and Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health.

Registration for all events is essential. Visit www.mrc.vic.gov.au/See-Do/Events-and-Awards/NAIDOC-Week for more information and to book.

Residents to be charged to take rubbish to tips from July

From 1 July, residents will be charged fees to drop off household green waste and general rubbish at council tips. Previously, these products could be deposited free because the waste charge in rates notices funded this service as well as the kerbside bin collection.



Why the change? The council says it is instituting a full cost-recovery system because the State Government has directed that councils are no longer able to recover the cost of delivering certain services through the waste charges in rates notices.

User-pays fees already apply to some types of green waste, to non-residents, to commercial operators, and to some other waste streams at the transfer stations.

Introducing user-pays fees now for green waste (leaf litter, lawn clippings and prunings that can be turned into mulch) and general rubbish — which is known as "comingled recycling" — aims to cover mulching and staffing costs, the council says. There will be no increase in the waste charge on rates notices in 2024-25.

There are 2000 or so residents across the shire who do not receive a kerbside service and have never incurred a waste charge in their rates, but have been

entitled to use the tip free. These residents will still not incur the waste charge, but will have to pay tip charge.

Consistent with several other local councils, the green waste disposal charge will be set by cubic metre and estimated by council staff, with a standard 6x4x1 trailer-load of green waste to cost \$13.80.

All the new fees will be listed on the council's website from 1 July.

Further detailed information about the change is available on the council's website, www.mrc.vic.gov.au/About-Council/News/News/Recovering-costs-at-our-resource-recovery-facilities.

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St Brigid's blessed by ex-student

St Brigid's Primary School received a registered post item from Ohio, US, recently, advising that a past student, John Walsh, had passed away and bequeathed \$US40,000 (almost \$A60,000) to the school. Doing some investigating, we discovered many connections between current staff and their families and John Walsh.

John attended St Brigid's with his brother Maurice in the 1950s. He was an angelus bell ringer, altar boy and student. Current staff member Jayde Turner shared this story with her nan, Fran O'Sullivan. Fran knew the Walsh family, and Jayde's pa, Colin O'Sullivan, had been friends with John's brother Maurice. Fran dug out an old school photo of the class, providing some more historical connections.

From this we discovered that Chek Stevens' mum Mel Kays was also in John's class. Chek also attended St Brigid's as a child and graduated in 1989, returning as a teacher. Mel advised that John had moved to the US and become a pilot.

Leanne Humphreys (current staff member) remembers that her mother, Lorraine Johnston, used to take her up to John's mum's house in Stephen Street to have her clothes altered. John was in the same class as Lorraine's brother, George. Leanne's nan, Margaret Higgins, was friendly with John's mum. Leanne's grandparents donated the large cross on the wall behind the altar in the St Brigid's church. Leanne graduated from St Brigid's in 1979 and returned to the community in 2020 as an education support officer.

Staff and students are working together to create plans



St Brigid's Grades 4-8, 1955. Back: Maureen Peavey, Joyce Higgins, Irene Moore, Glenys Morrison. Middle: Colin O'Sullivan, Barry Young, Norman Peavey, John Walsh, Maurice Walsh. Front: Imelda Gardiner, Margaret McArdle, Margaret Little, Mena O'Sullivan, Faye Christie, Irene Morrison, Lesla Patterson. Inset: John Walsh.

for a legacy item in honour of John Walsh. We truly have been blessed and remain very thankful for this kind and generous donation to our beautiful little school. There is something unique and special about St B's: the connections, the history and love continue beyond the gates and across the seas.

Mel Daly, principal

Stanley Park playground to stay as is

An amended plan for Stanley Park has been adopted by the council, keeping the current playground, after additional community input on the draft and information on residents' use and value of Mount Macedon's only public park was provided to councillors and council staff.

The Draft Stanley Park Infrastructure Master plan had featured a medium-term plan of removing the existing playground and replacing it with one of a smaller size south of the toilet block near the park's border with Salisbury Road.

Cr Dominic Bonanno put forward an alternative motion at a council meeting on 26 June which retains the

playground in its current location as well as the existing barbecue facility. It also specifies that the western section of the car park adjacent to the playground be incorporated into the playground. A notation will be added to the plan that when a proposed path next to the playground is designed, land for the playground area be maximised. Reference to a new playground in the north-east corner of the park was removed.

Local residents and members of the Mount Macedon Primary School community who frequently use the park were pleased with the outcome and support from their local councillors.

Prince Street cafe closes

Fallen Freight cafe in Prince Street, Gisborne, closed on 30 June after 18 months in business. The proprietors thanked customers for their support and commented that persistent objections had caused difficulties in sustaining the business.

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COUNCILLOR'S COLUMN

With Cr Dominic Bonanno

Hello all. Winter has certainly arrived and I hope you're keeping warm.

This time two years ago, I was excited to join councillors and council officers in turning the first sod on the Macedon Ranges Regional Sports Precinct in New Gisborne. A year later, we had a spanner thrown in the works when our building contractor went into voluntary administration and works paused for a period of time.

After a big effort by council officers, works recommenced with a new building contractor and as I write this, I am excited to be about to head over to the precinct on 28 June for the official opening.

Among many items Council is reviewing/progressing, I thought I'd highlight items of interest.

A petition was received from the Federation of Environment & Horticulture Macedon Ranges (FEHMR) on behalf of 74 residents to publicly acquire 18 Kilmore Road, Gisborne, for use as public native bushland regeneration and conservation.

Macedon Ranges Heritage Strategy 2024-34 is out for consultation – please see our website and email strategicplanning@mrsc.vic.gov.au with feedback

Council's budget for 2024-25 was adopted and included lighting for South Gisborne Tennis Club, and New Gisborne Tennis Club (funds allocated to develop concept and detailed design plans for two new tennis courts with LED lighting as part of the recently adopted Ross Watt Reserve Master Plan).

I had the pleasure of attending an Autumn Festival industry thankyou event in Woodend where I met business owners from across the shire who were instrumental in the success of our shire-wide autumn festival. Be sure to join in the Pie and Tart Trail next year if you missed out this year!

The Autumn 2024 Community Investment Evening was recently held in Gisborne where the Community Bank Gisborne & District awarded many community groups with grants. These grants go a long way to assist many volunteer groups achieve great outcomes for our community. A big thank you to the team at the bank, many of them volunteers themselves.

As always, if you wish to contact me, you can reach me on 0419 829 867 or at dbonanno@mrsc.vic.gov.au. Take care and see you around town!

Seen AROUND TOWN

New garden beds have been erected at the West entrance to the Gisborne Botanical Gardens.



Frost and frozen water bowls in a Gisborne garden on Wednesday 19 June. The day was reported as the coldest on record in the city and -3.8C was recorded in Macedon.

- Sale ad for 18 Kilmore Road, which is the subject of a petition to the council to acquire it for public conservation. The land is on the north-east side of Jacksons Creek across from Gardiner Reserve.



Preparations have started at the VCAT-approved 85ha subdivision west of Swinburne Avenue and Ross Watt Road slated to have over 700 houses, a childcare centre and neighbourhood shops.



The development will be called Rosalia Gisborne and is owned by ID Land.

ID Land has also developed much of the area around Willowbank Primary School.

Fire safety tips about home heating



Many fires that result in people dying start in bedrooms or lounge areas. Often this is due to improper use of electrical appliances or home heating. Electrical items in the home can include the power supply, fixed or portable appliances, power boards and extension leads.

During the colder months we see an increase in the use of heating appliances, gas and electric. If you bring a portable heater into a bedroom, be sure that it is well away from things that can burn, such as clothing, bedding and curtains, and always turn it off when you get into bed or leave the house.

If you are drying clothes in front of a heater of any kind, always keep them at least a metre from the heater.

If using a fire pit to stay warm outdoors it is important to never leave it unattended, watch children around fire at all times, and put the fire out with water when finished.

Remember to drink alcohol responsibly around fire to reduce the chance of injury to yourself and others.

Home fire safety tips for heating

- Book a licensed gas-fitter to check your gas heater
- Check chimneys, flues and fire boxes for cracks, rust and debris
- Check electric blankets for kinks in the wiring
- Check appliances for visibly frayed or damaged wiring.

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Tales of Old Gisborne

People made their own entertainment back in the 1940s and '50s

Eddie: Thinking back to the number of activities and functions organised by the locals, I consider myself lucky to have seen a time when the community, by necessity, largely had to make its own fun.

There always seemed to be large numbers of people in attendance even though the town population was so limited. Surely any function today would be bigger, but the difference then was that virtually the whole town went. Everyone shared the same experience together, and talked about it for weeks.

The Mechanics Hall was always the focal point for every gathering: balls, pictures, weddings and concerts. Many times, locals organised their own concerts. And there was community singing and everyone came.

Each year a troupe called the Concert for the Blind came. Imagine a tight-rope walker on the stage of the Mechanics Hall or a juggler on a unicycle, a fire-eating magician, all performing in such a confined space. But it's absolutely true, with the hall absolutely packed.

There were small dances in the church halls and in other towns in the district.

Peter: I enjoyed dancing. I learnt by dancing with Mum and Auntie Bertha. I went to dances in Gisborne and at Sunbury, Coimadaí and Bacchus Marsh. There were some blokes who never learnt to dance.

At the balls there were always young blokes who stood around at the back of the hall, too shy to walk across to ask a girl for a dance, although sometimes they'd join in when everyone got up to do the progressive barn dance.

Janice Keane taught the young blokes how to dance in the late 1950s.

Old Mrs McNamara, the one-man band, played at socials at the fire brigade shed. She played the piano accordion, mouth organ, cymbals and a drum — all at the same time. I never danced to her music.



With Peter and Eddie Gardiner

Eddie: The numbers at the full-scale balls in the Mechanics Hall were remarkable. Each group or club had their Friday night during the winter: the fire brigade, football club, tennis club, the Anglican Church and St Brigid's ran their Friday night ball. The committees would ensure that the Gisborne balls didn't clash with balls at Riddell, Sunbury and Macedon.

They were all with the same format: get the hall

ready, remove the seats, and polish the floor with a mixture of sawdust, kerosene and Palais Wax.

There was always a good muster of men to do this for all the balls. The kids' job was to slide a bag up and down the hall to polish the mixture into the floorboards.

Peter and I took our turn doing that. The floor had to be right because there were some serious swoopers in the community.

Foliage from up the mountain was the major decoration.

Ladies in long dresses, gents in suits. Music starts at eight o'clock. Supper after midnight so the Catholics could enjoy the meat pies and sausage rolls. Auto-trays laden with food — the cakes were all home-made. Piping hot coffee which had simmered for hours in the old kitchen with bags of chicory held in place while it bubbled. The aroma was something special.

The Bullard family were great community people and Mrs Bullard was in the kitchen at every ball. There was always an interest in how many glass cups exploded when the hot coffee hit the cold glass.

There were several district bands but the Kyneton Merrymakers and Tommy Hogan's Band from Bacchus Marsh were the most popular.

Allan Boardman, whose family ran the old *Gisborne Gazette*, was the main MC and in later years it was Harold Stringer, who was also a brilliant pianist. The most popular dances were the fox trot, modern waltz, Pride of Erin and the progressive barn dance.

The Belle of the Ball competition was always keenly contested.

After supper, more dancing until 2 or 2.30am and then clean the hall and replace the seats ready for the pictures on Saturday night.

The Gisborne Theatre ► page 21



Mechanics Hall Gisborne circa 1970s.



Wednesday 19 June saw us wake up to the chilliest morning in Macedon this year — with the temperature gauge in Victoria Street at -3.8 degrees.

Bendigo Bank has partly funded a bike repair station to be located at Ash Wednesday Park. This will be a welcome addition for both local and visiting bike riders.

Regular clean-ups are being carried out by Friends of the Res. A walk around the reservoir is a great

activity at this time of year.

Macedon Police have had numerous reports of cars speeding, especially in McBean Avenue and Waterfalls Road. Please be aware these areas will be a focus for police attention over the coming months.

It's great to see the bear back on the swing in the tree on Mount Macedon Road. He's all rugged up for our Macedon winter, even though his broly has already been blown inside out! Locals were very happy to see him back.

In only their second season, and not having lost a game this season, the Macedon Senior Women's Football team is proudly sitting on top of the ladder as we approach the halfway point of the season.

The men's Reserves and Senior teams are both sitting 6th on the ladder with the U/19 men enjoying second position on the ladder.

Between 1 and 21 June Macedon recorded 24mm of rain — much lower than the same time last year.

Macedon Primary School recognised the winter solstice with a lantern parade and bonfire at Middle Gully. This is a proud tradition at the school and we now all look forward to the days beginning to get longer.

Stay warm everyone and don't forget to pop in and see us if you have something to add to our column.

Anne and the team at Macedon Post Office



Melissa Kroker, new MRFEC manager.

Bright future ahead at MRFEC



Macedon Ranges Further Education Centre is thrilled to announce the well-

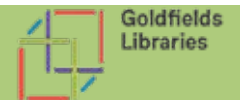
deserved promotion of Melissa Kroker to the role of centre manager. Melissa joined MRFEC two years ago as coordinator and has played a key role in developing community and business connections. As a local of Gisborne, Melissa is dedicated to creating opportunities for people to enrich their lives through connections and further learning. She plans to continue to provide an inclusive space for connecting and learning.

Explore the current happenings at MRFEC and what exciting courses are on offer for Term 3 at www.mrfec.net.au or via course guides available at the centre and around Gisborne.

Some highlights include **Barista**: Learn to make coffee from a real commercial coffee van. This course is on offer at Gisborne and Macedon; **Digital Devices**: Do you or someone you know have trouble with digital devices such as smart phones or tablets? This course is for you and them! **Creative workshops** such as silk scarf painting, floristry, macrame, pottery and more.

Got a suggestion for a course? Or feel you have skills or experience to share? We would love to hear from you; we are always on the lookout for new course ideas and tutors. Call the centre on 5428 3799 or email enquiries@mrfec.net.au.

What's happening at Gisborne Library



Compelling author talk on Aboriginal journey

We had Brenda Matthews speak at the library in June, and she was amazing.

She was a member of the Stolen Generation, and shared her powerful journey from when she was taken from her Aboriginal family and placed in foster care.

Brenda talked about her path to healing and reconciliation, and how she reconnected with both her birth and foster families. Brenda's warmth and resilience made the event inspiring and unforgettable.

If you have not read her book or had a chance to see the documentary, I highly encourage you to do so. *The Last Daughter* is available to be borrowed from the library and the documentary can be seen on Netflix. The documentary will also be screened free on Sunday 7 July, 1-3.30pm, at Kyneton Mechanics Institute as part of NAIDOC Week.



Brenda Matthews speaks about her life at the author talk.

Coming events

Saturday morning Minecraft — Come along to Minecraft Lab and enter our Minecraft world with other kids. There will be challenges, tests and lots of fun along the way. Laptop computers supplied. Suitable for ages 8-12 years. Saturday, 20 July, 27 July and 3 August, 10.30-11.30am.

Streaming Apps and Smart TVs — Just in time for the Olympics, join Mandy for a session to learn all about using streaming apps to watch catch-up TV, and find out what makes a TV 'smart'. Tuesday, 23 July, 11.30am-12.15pm.

Coming up in August, we also have the Gisborne Genealogical Group running sessions on how to use Ancestry.com and FamilySearch as part of National Family History Month.

"Using Ancestry.com" will be on Monday 5 August, 2.30-4.30pm, and "Using FamilySearch" on Wednesday



Sara Shaw and Brenda Matthews after the talk.

28 August, 2.30-4.30pm. Bookings are essential for these workshops.

Be sure to book your spot for all of these events at goldfieldslibraries.com/gisborne-events, or give us a call on 5428 3962.

Sara Shaw



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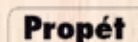
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Gisborne golfers love their birdies, as much as eagles and albatrosses

Two years ago, Pat Bell-Bird was playing golf in Shepparton. As fate would have it, Pat was shanking his drives, missing every fairway, so he spent the day playing among the trees. It was here he noticed several bird nesting boxes in the trees.



A light bulb went off in Pat's head: "Why don't we do this at Gisborne," he thought. This is the moment the nesting box idea was hatched.

Pat flew the idea past the committee Big Birds who, like all golfers, love birdies, eagles and albatrosses. They gave him the nod and pecked him to proceed. Pat then scratched around the front of the Gisborne Men's Shed, approaching former woodpecker Azza who happily accepted the project.

Committee member and a great bird, Roberta Henry, delivered a message to the Macedon Ranges Shire Council seeking support to assist with the implementation of this community project. Thankfully the council, who usually don't lay many golden eggs for the golf club, did not stick their heads in the sand and generously agreed to fund the project.

Wise old owl Colin Leech was appointed project manager. Whooo? Colin Leech, that's who. He determined they needed to find affordable materials so they could make as many nesting boxes as possible.

Maggie lover and Gisborne Golf Club's manager, Brett Campbell, told Colin to duck down to the Woodend

Sawmill, where Peter Barnard would look after them and take them under his wing. When Colin squawked about the cost to build the boxes using plywood, Peter laughed like a kookaburra. Peter supplied the materials at cost, in exchange for three nesting boxes for his timber mill.

As the crow flies, it didn't take long to get the materials back to Kevin Keating's nest, where a dozen old roosters from the Men's Shed got to work building the 28 nesting boxes. Fortunately, the old roosters were assisted by five spring chickens from the Gisborne Secondary College, as part of the Young Men's Shed program.

The boxes are designed to house parrots, ducks, kookaburras, rosellas and our iconic black and yellow cockatoo, aptly named Dusty. Fortunately, they will not house galahs, and we hope the galahs who sometimes wander zombie-like onto the driving range taking photos of kangaroos will respect the nesting boxes.

However, as we expect the community to swoop down to the course, the boxes will be strategically located around the course, where you can safely view the native bird life nesting peacefully, without some goose hitting you with a golf ball.

Can you pick the correct number of bird references in this story? The first five correct answers win a bucket of balls to use on our driving range.

Dom Hogan



The nesting boxes are delivered to Gisborne Golf Club.

Fishers navigating nature's challenges



A Calder Fly Fishing Club expedition on the Yarra River at Warburton was a testament to the resilience of friendship amid the trials of nature.

Our group, enthusiasts Pam, Dusan, Sean and Luke, embarked on a day of angling adventure against the backdrop of the Yarra's rushing waters and lush surroundings. The river presented us with a formidable challenge as the water ran high, making fishing tough regardless of the method employed. Despite our best efforts, only two fish graced our lines throughout the day.

Yet, amid the adversity, camaraderie flourished. As we cast our lines into the swift currents and compared stories of past expeditions, the true value of our journey became apparent. The Yarra, with its out-of-character high waters, challenged us to our highest levels of frustration. Despite the scarcity of catches, our spirits remained undaunted.

Whether with dry dropper or euro nymphing, we found solidarity in the shared struggles and through perseverance and mutual support, we discovered that the true reward of



Pam McDiarmid on the Upper Yarra.

our journey lay not in the abundance of catches, but in the bonds forged amid the ebb and flow of the river's currents.

Comment from member Andrew: "Great effort team CFFA. Congrats Pam, 'casting out' the challenge for a realisation that fly fishing is not just a sport for blokes."

If you are interested in fly fishing, email info@calderflyfishing.com.au or look us up at www.calderflyfishing.com.au/ or social media.

Dusan Ivanovic

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Fearless photographic fungi hunters make fabulous find



Picture: Colleen Mahoney



On a chilly morning in late May, the Macedon Ranges Photographic Society met at Lions Head Road car park, Mt Macedon, for a fungi photo shoot. With camera, flash and tripods in hand, the group of about 10 meandered around the Sanatorium Lake area.

While being mindful of the delicate nature of the fungi and the environment around them, the group captured many great images. The elusive pixie's parasol (*Mycena interrupta*) was located even though they are miniscule; the cyan blue cap can be as small as 0.8cm.

In July, the club is having a presentation and practical session on negative space which is related to minimalist photography.

In August, a fun in-house activity is 'anything goes', the only time we can submit images created by artificial intelligence. The results will be interesting.



Picture: David Aitken



Picture: Nicky Donald

The Macedon Ranges Photographic Society welcomes new members. The club meets on the first Tuesday of the month, followed by the next Monday, at Dromkeen in Riddells Creek.

Social chats start at 7pm with the meeting beginning at 7.30pm.

Please visit www.macedon-ranges-photography.org.au.

Sue Steward



Picture: Hubert Weisrock



Macedon Ranges Photographic Society members at Sanatorium Lake. Picture: John Spring



Picture: Neil Fowler

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Upgrades continue at Macedon/ Mt Macedon Community House

Anyone driving past Macedon & Mount Macedon Community House in Victoria Street, Macedon, will have noticed the landscape works transforming the property.

A welcoming entrance space is being created in front of the community house which is linked by all abilities access pathways connecting to indigenous, sensory, permaculture and kitchen garden precincts.

Concrete driveway access has been constructed and bicycle storage will be installed. Landscaping works are being undertaken by local business, Gingko Yards.

Following completion of the hard landscaping, volunteers will be required to assist in planting out and maintaining the garden beds. Enquiries about volunteering to join a gardening working bee can be directed to hello@mmmcommunityhouse.org.au.



Karen Goltz (left), acting vice-president Macedon & Mt Macedon Community House, with Minister Gayle Tierney on 27 June.

Macedon Community House's Landscape Design & Construction Project (Stage 1) has been funded by the State Government and Macedon Ranges council. Local businesses and organi-

sations have also made significant contributions to cover project costs, including the Garden Lovers Fair committee, SBJ Landscapes, Chisel & Hoe and Macedon Garden & Nursery Supplies.



Landscaping works are transforming the open space around Macedon & Mount Macedon Community House.

In more good news for the house, the Minister for Regional Development, Gayle Tierney and the Member for Macedon, Mary-Anne Thomas, visited on 27 June to announce that Macedon & Mt Macedon Community House will receive \$38,840 for a community capacity building project for local horticulture and permaculture education.

For more information on the community house, visit mmmcommunityhouse.org.

WHAT'S ON AT THE COMMUNITY HOUSE



Landscape Project

The landscaping is well underway with great work being undertaken by Luke and his crew. See www.mmmcommunityhouse.org/ for the latest news.

Canasta Club – Wednesdays 2-5pm

New players are welcome to drop in. Gold coin for tea and coffee

Happy House Singers – Thursday 11 and 25 July, 7.30pm

All welcome. Contact Gráinne at bgblack@aussiebroadband.com.au with any questions, or just come along.

Permaculture Group – Permies at the House – Drop in Fridays 10-12 noon

Check out our Facebook page [Permies@the House](https://www.facebook.com/Permies@theHouse) for those interested in permaculture and for past course participants to find out about permaculture activities such as produce swaps, book clubs and more.

Playgroup – Mondays 10.30am-12.30pm

New families are welcome to join our free playgroup on Mondays thanks to the support of Shared Table. If you are hoping to start a new group there may be other times in the week available. Email playgroup@mmmcommunityhouse.org.

Pregnancy Yoga – Wednesdays 12.30-1.30pm

For more information and to discuss pre-requisite requirements, please contact Loris at 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.

Craft Circle – Thursdays 10am-12pm

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

Our Community Street Library is open every Friday. No membership required, just drop by and browse our shelves for a book to borrow. You can also bring work from home as we are now connected to the NBN. Gold coin donation for tea and coffee.

Warhammer Sundays!

Every second Sunday starting 7 July, 3-6pm

Come along and play 40K, AOS and anything in between. All Warhammer players over 12 years of age are welcome.

Play, paint or build or come and see what Warhammer is about. Please bring your own supplies and terrain.

A person with a Working with Children Check will be present at all times.

\$5 donation appreciated. Contact: Warhammer.ranges@gmail.com or call 0452 147 362



Gisborne SES members with their new equipment.

Life-saving tools and support funded by Rotary



In a remarkable show of support, Rotary Gisborne has provided

nearly \$13,000 to enhance various community services.

The Gisborne Golf Club received a new defibrillator, replacing the one destroyed in their clubhouse fire, ensuring prompt emergency response for cardiac incidents.

Gisborne CFA will benefit from updated gas detection and safety equipment, modernising their emergency response capabilities.

SES Gisborne Unit now has a battery-powered chainsaw and pole-saw, making quicker and lighter work of removing fallen trees and debris during storms.

The Trauma Recovery Network, a Rotary-partnered mental health program, received funds to run a workshop for rural psychologists. This workshop will focus on the latest techniques for treating trauma from disasters such as bush-

fires, floods and catastrophic events, enhancing rural mental health care.

The 1st Gisborne scouts secured funding to attend the 2025 Jamboree in Queensland, which will provide valuable experiences for our young people.

Rotary also contributed to the Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health Housing Project, addressing the dire need for housing the homeless in our region.

The Rotary Action Group Against Multiple Sclerosis received support for research aimed at finding a cure for MS.

Gisborne Foodbank was able to buy more fresh food, helping those facing hardship in the community have access to nutritious meals.

These grants highlight the dedication of local Rotarian volunteers who make such contributions possible. By backing Rotary's initiatives and events, the community helps create a safer, better place for everyone. To get involved, call 0408 870 635 for more information.

Barry Wills, president

Lions deliver for farmers – and hungry stock – in need

The Gisborne and District Lions Club in May provided \$5000 to Need for Feed Australia, a Lions project which provides emergency fodder to farmers impacted by droughts, fires and floods.

Need for Feed Australia was established in 2006-07 in response to what was the driest period on record and what became known as the millennium drought, which affected many farmers and rural communities.

During that period, reportedly three farmers per week around Australia were taking their own lives and many were walking off the land, unable to cope with circumstances beyond their control.

The recent Lions Club's contribution was directed towards costs incurred by Need for Feed Australia in acquiring 550 tonnes of oaten hay and 220 tonnes of cattle pellets in bulk bags heading to King Island, which is experiencing one of the worst droughts in its history.

About 25 semi-trailers with this precious cargo travelled along the Calder Freeway past Gisborne from Pental Island near Swan Hill through Melbourne



Gisborne Lions president Russell Walker and Graham Cockerell, chairman Need for Feed Australia meet at a Calder rest stop.



to Port Welshpool, where the fodder was then shipped to King Island.

It is understood that this is the largest single shipment of fodder from the mainland to anywhere in Tasmania.

The Lions Club relies on the community's support of its many fundraising initiatives, including the Lions Mother's Day Raffle, to enable it to assist those in need.

The winners of the raffle in May were Kirsten Fawcett (first), Alistair Doward (second), Margot Lowman (third), Sarah Bastian (fourth), Angelo Iannacone (fifth), Jill Matthey (sixth) and Bella Merrington (seventh).

Russell Walker

GREAT: the other side of the market



Gisborne people know and love their popular Gisborne market, run by hard-working volunteers on the first Sunday of every month.

But not many may know how much the community benefits from the market.

The market is run by the GREAT Association Inc (Gisborne Region Events Activities and Tourism). GREAT is a not for profit organisation which distributes funds to a wide variety of organisations in and around Gisborne.

In last month's *Gazette* the new fence at the Macedon Tennis Club was shown, and GREAT contributed \$7500 in December 2023 to help build that fence.

Since then, funds from the market have been used to help the Mount Macedon Dawn service, Macedon Community House, Gisborne Community Chaplaincy, the

Macedon Pony Club and the purchase of a new computer for the Gisborne Men's Shed.

One other project that GREAT is proud of is a new generator for the Gisborne RSL, to enable them to run their Anzac and Remembrance Day services and other uses. The generator is shown in use at the Anzac Day service this year. Fortunately, the RSL had not stored the new generator at their room in the Golf Club, so it was not lost in the devastating fire on 17 April.

Both GREAT and the market are looking for new volunteers to help with this worthwhile community work, so if you would like to know more, please do get in touch with us at GREAT at greatgisborne@gmail.com, or for the market, info@gisborneoldtimemarket.org.au.

Rick Arden, Gisborne Region Events Activities and Tourism (GREAT) Committee



The RSL's generator provides power to the Gisborne Anzac Day service in April.

Local groups winners in seasonal grants

Thirty local groups were awarded funding at Community Bank Gisborne & District's Autumn Community Investment Evening on 18 June. The branch team and its directors were delighted to be delivering again on their charter of reinvesting local profits back into the community.

Grants supported projects in the areas of arts, education, health & wellbeing, community infrastructure, emergency services, environment and sports and recreation.

Eight local emergency services were awarded \$2000 each and Willowbank Primary School received \$20,000 for a shade sail over the playground at Gisborne's newest school. Kate Crawshaw collected a \$10,000 grant for Mountain Festival 2024 which is coming up in Macedon in November.

Three large conditional grants were awarded for projects expected to deliver major benefits to residents in the next 12 months: \$30,000 to Gisborne SES to replace an ageing fleet vehicle, \$30,000 to Gisborne Football Netball Club to upgrade the lighting at Sankey Reserve and \$20,000 to Macedon Ranges Netball Association to add lights to more courts.

Board chair Mal Carter congratulated all of the recipients and thanked them for their commitment to the community. He also thanked the customers of Community Bank Gisborne & District who make the grant program possible as it is income generated by accounts at the Bendigo Bank branch. Mr Carter said the board contributed over \$400,000 to its community giving programs in the 2023-24 financial year.



*Pictures: Rebecca Baber
Community Bank Gisborne & District manager Sarah Barton (left) and board chair Mal Carter (right) with Tony Brancatisano (GFNC), Clay Reinking (Gisborne Rookies), Louise Gauci (Rookies), Debbie Brancatisano (GFNC) and John Wood (GFNC).*



Hollie Jackson (left, Willowbank Primary School), Angela Narayan-Butler (Riddells Creek Primary) and Ryn Anderson and Cass Zutelia (both Willowbank).



Community Bank Gisborne CEO Jo Irwin with Kate Crawshaw (Mountain Festival).

Federal MP lauds local volunteer spirit

The Member for McEwen, Rob Mitchell, has praised the volunteer spirit that is evident in Gisborne.

In a recent message following up National Volunteer Week in May, he said, "The spirit of a community is embodied in its volunteers. Gisborne is blessed with dedicated and selfless local volunteers that are integral to what makes our community as special as it is."

Referring to the Gisborne SES Unit, which he visited leading up to National Volunteer Week, he said the unit embodied the essence of community service.

"From responding to natural disasters such as floods and storms, to emergencies and making themselves the first line of defence in times of crisis, these individuals go way beyond what is expected of them every day," he said.

"I was lucky enough to catch up with Unit Controller Ross Evans and team members recently to thank them for their dedicated service."

"Volunteers are the backbone of the community and their dedicated efforts highlight the best we can achieve when we come together."

"Across McEwen, countless individuals contribute their time and skills to various causes, creating a network of support and solidarity. From local fire brigades and sporting clubs to charity organisations and environmental groups, volunteers are the lifeblood of the community."



Rob Mitchell MP alongside volunteers of Gisborne SES.

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There are many AEDs in local clubhouses and offices, but these are not accessible when these buildings are not open. To complement them, we have installed an AED next to the ATM outside Community Bank Gisborne & District in Nexus Way that can be accessed 24/7. Please help us in letting people who are regularly in the vicinity know about it.

This is the second public defibrillator the bank has placed this year (the first one is in Riddells Creek) and the fourth defibrillator we have funded in the past 18 months. St Andrew's Presbyterian Church and 1st Gisborne Scout Group both bought portable



Kristian Luketa by the defibrillator next to the Bendigo Bank ATM in Gisborne.

defibrillators with branch community grants. We also recently funded CPR training for volunteers of the Macdon Ranges Basketball Association.

Community Bank Gisborne & District is a locally owned, profit-for-purpose franchise branch of Bendigo Bank and we thank our branch customers for helping us make these investments in potentially lifesaving equipment and skills in the local area.

Dental Talk

with Dr Jacob Chan

A guide to cleaning between the teeth



This month, let's talk about how to keep the spaces between your teeth clean. It is crucial for bright healthy teeth and gums. Here are four effective ways to tackle those tricky spots:

Traditional Floss: The Classic



String floss is a timeless choice—reliable and portable. Simply wrap it around your fingers and slide it between each tooth. With a little practice, you can master the technique quickly.

Floss Handles: The Convenient Option

Floss handles hold the floss for you, making it easy to reach those tricky back teeth. Just grip the handle and guide the floss between your teeth. It is straightforward and hassle-free.



Floss handles: reusable (left) and disposable (right).

Interdental Brushes: The Precision Tools

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Water Flossers: The High-Tech Solution



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Different ways locals can obtain help

Need help finding services?

A free service is available to Macedon Ranges residents to help them access government and other services. It provides the opportunity for people to meet with someone in their home or another place where they feel comfortable, to discuss what support options are available to help improve their quality of life.

Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health's Connection Officer, Carolyn Colson, said there could be many barriers to people getting the help they were eligible for.

"Often people are not aware of the funding or the services that are available to them, or they might be unsure how to go about connecting with a service," she



said. "The barrier might be what they perceive as their lack of computer skills, or they might not feel confident picking up the phone."

Help might include contacting the National Disability Insurance Scheme, Centrelink, or looking at what groups and programs might be available in the local area for people to join.

The service is open to people under the age of 65.

To find out if you are eligible, contact Carolyn Colson, Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health, on 0491 174 550 or email admin@scchc.org.au.

Equipment van on the road

Macedon Ranges residents needing care in the home may now have medical equipment installed in their home more efficiently due to a new, larger van recently bought and fitted out by Kyneton Health due to the generosity of donors. The van will support the Macedon Ranges Community Nursing team who provide services to patients in their homes, including palliative

care, across the region. The new vehicle fits all of the necessary equipment without needing to disassemble and reassemble larger items so that vital care can start as soon as possible.

Funds were boosted by Troy Upfield's charity Wooling Hill Run event and event sponsorship from Lisa Fowler of Mount Macedon Realty.

For information about Kyneton Health's services, visit www.chrh.org.au/kyneton-health.

Shire Men's Sheds cluster together



Men's Sheds are all about connection. The column has mentioned previously that the reason behind the foundation of Men's Sheds is to improve men's health. Therefore, the main aim of a Shed is to connect men with each other and their community.

But connection goes much wider than that. Macedon Ranges Shire has six Men's Sheds and these sheds connect with each other as well.

Every three months, representatives from sheds in Woodend, Kyneton, Lancefield, Romsey, Riddells Creek and Gisborne meet, semi-formally, to swap ideas, experiences and information. A council officer is also usually present to hear about the Sheds' activities and pass on any relevant council news.

Recently it was our turn to host the meeting, attended by those pictured. Personal connections made at these meetings give us the opportunity to also be in touch in between meetings. The Gisborne shed has benefited in many ways including finding out about pro-



Representatives of Macedon Ranges Shire Men's Sheds.

ject ideas, interesting places to visit, sources of cheap or free materials and information about new equipment and safe-working procedures.

If you reckon you could benefit from a bit more connection, drop in for a chat over a cuppa or contact us via gisbornemensshed@gmail.com.

All invited to launch of special fitness and mental health program



The Macedon Ranges Suicide Prevention Action Group (MRSPAG) is excited to launch a new initiative called 'Mindful Moves'.

This program has been designed to improve the physical and mental wellbeing of the Macedon Ranges community.

The program will run for 12 months, with events to be held monthly at different locations

throughout the shire to ensure accessibility for all community members.

The first event is on Saturday 6 July, from 10am to 12 noon, at Buffalo Stadium in Woodend.

The Mindful Moves initiative is open to everyone and is aimed at promoting the benefits of physical fitness in mental health and wellbeing. It will feature low-impact circuit training.

The event at Woodend has been designed to suit people of all fitness levels and abilities. It will also provide an opportunity for social connection among participants in a fun, inclusive and supportive environment. As part of the event, there will be discussions about mental health and wellbeing facilitated by MRSPAG members and local professionals.

At the end of the session, there will be some healthy food options available and information about local support services. Fitness instructors and personal trainers who have joined the campaign will complete Mental Health First Aid training offered through MRSPAG, helping them to become better equipped to support their clients' mental health needs.

For more information or to become involved, please visit www.mrspag.com.au.

To book a free ticket for the launch event at Buffalo Stadium on Saturday 6 July, please visit www.events.humanitix.com/mindful-moves-launch-event.

Please read more about MRSPAG at www.mrspag.com.au.

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'Kindness to elders' event brings out the best in folk

Some of the shire's esteemed older residents were in the spotlight on 15 June for a 'Kindness to Elders' event at Jubilee Hall, Macedon, for World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.

Led by former Seeker Athol Guy AO were aged care advocate Janet Wood AM, former community football volunteer and advocate Jack Harris AM, 1960s pop singer and star of London shows such as *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat* Colin Cook, and long-serving financial adviser Bob Nixon. Each one told their 'Stories of Life'.

Scouts from 1st Gisborne and 1st New Gisborne and Guides from Gisborne, Romsey and Lancefield worked together setting up the venue and decorating, running a barbecue lunch and packing down.

CWA ladies from Gisborne Day Branch and Kyneton offered morning and afternoon teas and a soup lunch.

Special moments were the performance of Young Voices of Macedon and hearing Colin sing his 1960s hit single *Heart* accompanied by his son and band Mid-night Mantra.

Gisborne RSL awarded certificates to three Macedon children, thanking them for holding a fundraiser in the wake of the fire that destroyed their clubroom at the Gisborne Golf Club.

At the heart of everything was kindness to elders.

If you or anyone you know needs support, call the confidential helpline on 1300 368 821.

Lynda McClure



Jack Harris AM, Athol Guy AO, Janet Wood AM and Dawn Bamforth cut the cake on World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.



Gisborne RSL award presentation. Back (left to right): Bill Shumack, John Hike, Norman Smith, Daniel Hall, Bronte Daniel. Front: Ruby French, Penelope Moor, Levi French.



MEMBER'S MESSAGE

With Mary-Anne Thomas, MP

Hello Gisborne community.

I hope everyone is settling in for the cold Gisborne winter.

This month I have some great news for the Gisborne community.

Swimming is a favourite Australian pastime and a key part of our way of life. I am pleased that we are supporting the next generation of Dolphins with funding for the Gisborne Thunder Swimming Club to support their swim coach development plan.

I was also pleased to announce that the Gisborne and Mount Macedon Districts Historical Society has received a grant to chart the rich horticultural heritage of Mount Macedon. We all look forward to learning more from their wonderful work.

As a former teacher, I know how fruitful and rewarding teaching can be. I recently had the honour of meeting a fantastic teacher from Gisborne Primary School to celebrate their 40-year anniversary within the profession, at a whole school assembly. It's the tireless dedication of teachers like this who make Victoria the Education State.

This month the Community Pharmacist State-wide Pilot reached the halfway point with participating pharmacies such as Gisborne's Priceline and Hardy's UFS pharmacies ensuring people can get the basic care they need, without having to wait to get an appointment with a busy local doctor.

And a reminder to complete the Women's Pain Survey by visiting engage.vic.gov.au/inquiry-into-womens-pain-survey.

Best wishes to you all for July and the rest of winter!

Keep your water flowing; protect meter and exposed pipes

Greater Western Water encourages customers to take some simple steps to ensure their water meters and pipes do not freeze during winter.

A GWW representative, Jodie Hallam, said, "To prevent your water meter from freezing during frosty weather, cover it with an item that traps the air around it, like an old blanket, container, box or bucket."

If you have pipes above ground level, you can protect them by covering them with insulating material available in hardware stores, making sure these items can be easily removed in case meter readers or maintenance crews need access to the meter.

Never use hot or boiling water to thaw frozen pipes as this can crack pipes.



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Members needed for Climate Emergency Working Group

Are you interested in accelerating climate action across the Macedon Ranges? In a first for the shire, a Climate Emergency Working Group is being established to guide the implementation of the council's Climate Emergency Plan. You are invited to apply for a position in this exciting advisory group shaping climate action into the future.

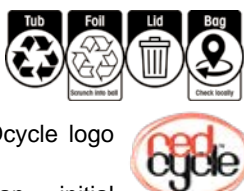
As a representative, you'll be joined by other key community sectors, as well as council staff, to inform and monitor the delivery of actions in the Climate Emergency Plan. To learn more, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/climate-emergency

Soft-plastic recycling coming to a bin near you

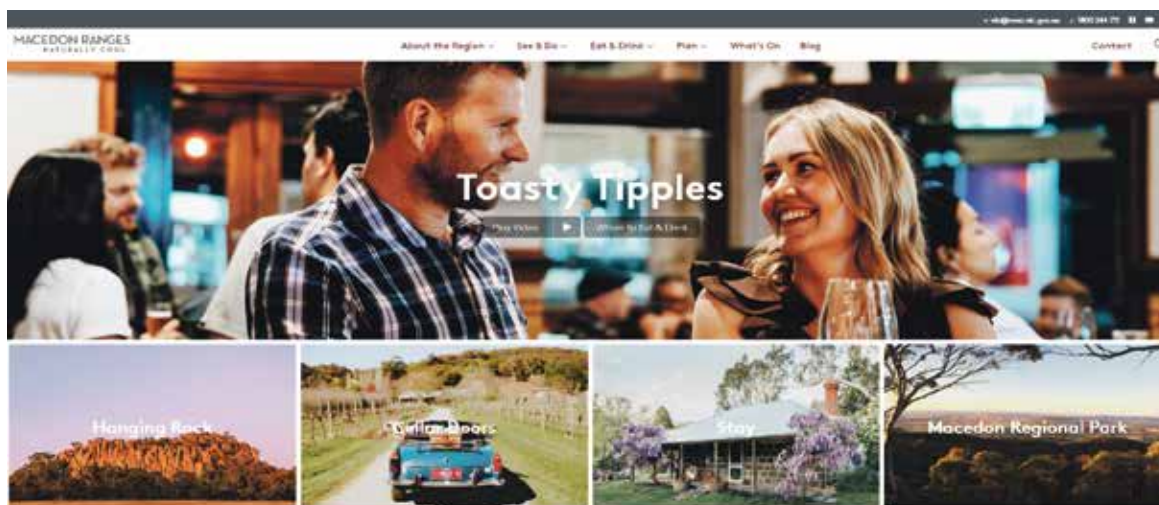
The council is launching a shire-wide soft plastics recycling collection pilot in July. The pilot program is an extension of the 12-month trial that took place in Romsey.

Residents and businesses using the kerbside collection service can recycle their soft plastic by collecting it in the council-supplied orange collection bag and, when full like a basketball, placing it in their recycling bin (yellow lid).

All soft plastic items that carry the Australasian Recycling Label (ARL) – Return to Store symbol or REDcycle logo are accepted in this trial.



Residents can collect an initial information pack free from the council offices (Robertson Street, Gisborne) which includes a letter, fact sheet and 20 orange collection bags. Additional bags can then be purchased for a fee as required.



Free advertising for local tourism businesses

Tourism operators in the Macedon Ranges, can have a free listing on the Visit Macedon Ranges (VMR) website, reaching 400,000+ visitors annually.

Run by the council's Visitor Economy team, the website is complemented by VMR social media pages (Facebook and Instagram) plus a monthly eNewsletter

reaching even more potential visitors from near and far.

To create a free listing or update an existing listing, visit visitmacedonranges.com/sign-up.

Have an upcoming tourism event? List it here: visitmacedonranges.com/list-your-tourism-event.

Residents and business owners can continue to take excess soft plastic to resource recovery facilities (the tip) for free.

A recent audit revealed that up to 70 per cent of the contents of general waste bins are soft plastic. By recycling soft plastic separately, residents can divert soft plastic from landfill and significantly reduce the contents of their general waste bin.

The soft plastics collected in the pilot program will be sent to specialist processors in Victoria to make new plastic products, supporting our objectives to reduce waste to landfill, reduce emissions and reduce litter.

Village Connect coffee catch-ups



Are you 55 years or older, and looking to connect with others locally? The council's one-hour Village Connect coffee gatherings welcome new residents, individuals living alone, or those navigating life changes who are looking to strengthen connections with other like-minded individuals in the community. The next round of nearby coffee catch-ups are from 10.30-11.30am on 2 July at Riddells Creek and 18 July in Gisborne. Bookings are essential. Visit: mrsc.vic.gov.au/village-connect or call 5422 0333.



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Kindergarten vacancies still available for 2024 term

If you are still looking for three and four-year-old kindergarten in 2024, Council still has limited vacancies available. Online registrations for three and four-year old kindergarten in 2025 are also now open.

For information or to register online, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/kinder-rego or call our enrolment officer on 5422 0239

July Environment events

Paddock tree information session

2-4pm, 5 July, Lancefield

Learn about the importance of paddock trees. Expert speakers will cover paddock trees' function in our landscape, different tree species, effective management and protection of paddock trees and grazing management for paddock trees.

Large tree and hollow identification in bushland reserves

10am-12pm, 11 July, Barringo Reserve, New Gisborne

Do you want to explore the large habitat trees in our bushland reserves? We are running a series of large tree surveys where you can join us for a fun and educational walk that will help us gather information to create a database of large habitat trees throughout the shire.

Planting the right plant

29 July, Lancefield

It's such a shame when you go to so much effort to prepare and protect your plantings, to see them sometimes fail. This session will take you through why, starting with understanding the Ecological Vegetation Class (EVCs) for your property, which is important.

Selecting the correct native tree/shrub/groundcover for the area is key to increasing the chances that all the effort of planting will see success.

National Tree Day – Planting at Hanging Rock

10am-12pm, 31 July, Hanging Rock, Woodend

To celebrate National Tree Day on 28 July, we welcome you to our community planting day to improve the biodiversity along Smokers Creek, Hanging Rock.

To register for events, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/environment-events.

Healthy Landscapes program

Starting in August, the council will again be running its successful Holistic Grazing Management short course, which is part of the Healthy Landscapes program.

For information and to register, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/healthy-landscapes.



Mount Players prepare Australian classic



The next production by the Mount Players is the blackly comic drama *Family Values* by well-known Australian playwright David Williamson. It will be directed by David Runnalls.

The set is being built and the seven cast members are busy rehearsing, with opening night on Friday 16 August.

A classic Williamson play, with crackling dialogue, perceptive insight, and fierce humour that skewers hypocrisy, *Family Values* is like your worst family Christmas lunch, where deeply held beliefs are pulled apart and long-held resentments resurface.

There will be nine performances over three weekends from Friday 16 August to Sunday 1 September.

Bookings can be made online via www.themountplayers.com, or if you need assistance or have any queries, please call 5426 1892.

Karlana Santamaria

CRAFT CORNER

with Mary-Beth O'Brien

A reader emailed me with a very special request to assemble a rug from crocheted granny squares retained five years ago on the death of her mother. The reader's mother, an accomplished crocheter and knitter, had provided family, friends and community with many examples of her fine work over the years.

The reader asked about creating a cherished memory for years to come from the dozen granny squares. How about a wall hanging, I suggested, and she enthusiastically embraced the idea. I am now in the process of matching wool and locating backing to assemble the piece and am thrilled to be able to create a permanent reminder of a lovingly handcrafted life skill.



I took much delight in visiting the Bendigo Woollen Mill recently and taking in the treasure trove of wool and wool products. In the past five years I have regularly received the tantalising BWM sample card via the mail. The assortment of choices at BWM is extraordinary with prices varying in range.

The Crochet and Conversation group continues to draw a crowd on the first Monday of each month at 2.30pm in the Gisborne Library. All skill levels welcomed.



Jo Hoyne models 'art to wear' in the 2023 parade.

Art to Wear parade 2024



The Gallery's annual Art to Wear Parade is on again at Jubilee Hall, Macedon, on Saturday 13 July, 1pm to 3pm.

In the tradition of this annual event, there will be a wonderful array of unique handmade clothing, jewellery and other accessories created by 20 talented makers from all over Victoria.

You will be offered the Gallery's famed champagne and afternoon tea. Our models will appear in knits, felts, woven materials and painted silk and wool. The parade will include hats, scarves and jewellery as well as innovative recycled pieces.

All garments not sold on parade day will be featured at The Gallery Mt Macedon during July.

Tickets are \$30, available online only through TryBooking at www.trybooking.com/CRJGL.

Doors open at 12.30pm.

For enquiries, contact Colleen Weste on 0419 009 030, via www.thegallerymtmacedon.com.au or email info@thegallerymtmacedon.com.au.

Sue Anson, 0413 581 632

Young Voices choir celebrates elders



It was a pleasure and honour for Young Voices of Macedon to take part in the 'Be Kind to Elders' Day and a community celebration held at Jubilee Hall, Macedon, on 15 June. The choir entertained elders and all others with a program that featured two Beatles songs sung a capella in three parts and a rousing rendition of *It don't mean a thing* by Duke Ellington.

As a contrast, the older Cantabiles sang the beautiful Kyrie from *Messe brève* by Delibes, a work which will be the centrepiece of the annual concert in September. Our Vivo group also showed their ability in singing *I met a bird*, a fun song with lots of quirky moments and actions.

We are also very pleased to announce the award of a grant of \$2400 from the Community Bank Gisborne and District, which will make possible the contribution of string players in our performance of the Delibes Mass in September. We are immensely grateful to the bank for this grant.

Our choir looks forward to a workshop with the Kodaly Association in July. Then later in the year we will be hosting a workshop and performance with Yarra Voices, a youth choir from Fitzroy.

Young Voices is a non-auditioned choir for children from the age of six which aims to provide quality music education by way of choral singing in a friendly and inclusive environment. Rehearsals are held at the House of the Rock Church, 247 Station Road, New Gisborne. New members are welcome. Visit yv.macedon.org.au

Dianne Gome

KYNETON TOWN HALL



Garage Girls
7pm, Friday 26 July.

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Gisborne Singers relax with annual cabaret



What comes to mind when you see the word 'cabaret'?

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Cabaret originated in France in the 1880s, as a small club where patrons were grouped around a platform, performing poetry, plays, songs and comedy, providing commentary on the conventions of polite society.

From the original Chat Noir and later the fabulous Moulin Rouge, cabaret spread across Europe, later appearing in America as the nightclub.

So why do the Gisborne Singers perform a mid-year cabaret concert each year?

Their cabaret provides a necessary contrast to their classical music repertoire. In April-May, the Singers gave outstanding performances of baroque repertoire, and in November will undertake the breathtaking Mahler Symphony No 2, *The Resurrection*.



The Gisborne Singers cabaret.

The cabaret provides a relaxed, entertaining and absorbing evening together, sharing music, songs, food and drinks, with friends and family, in a small venue. It is an opportunity to sing the music of recent times, with

different syncopation, to sing with less restraint, perhaps using a different voice.

This year's theme is songs of Stage and Screen and includes items from *The Wizard of Oz*, *Rent* and *Toy Story 2*. And there are individual acts, always a delight, sometimes a surprising revelation of a voice, acting or movement agility, or a born comedian.

By the time you read this, the concert's cabaret will have been held, and the Singers will soon be starting Mahler rehearsals, energised by a particular union of music, singing and friendship.

Mahler's *Resurrection* will be performed with the Bendigo Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Luke Severn, in one performance; November 24 at 2.30pm at the Bendigo Ulumbarra Theatre. Don't miss it!

Tickets are already selling well, and a sell-out is expected.

Oh, and if you love cabaret, and love beautiful uplifting classical choir music, the

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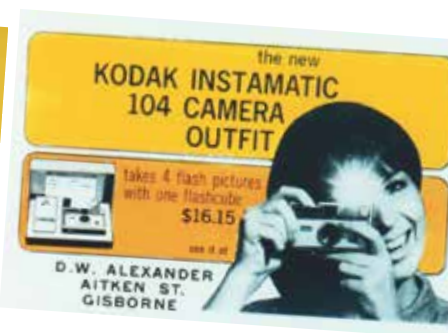




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LOCAL HISTORY



Advertising slides shown at interval. Green Gables was on the site of today's Ampol service station. Alexander's was a chemist in Aitken Street.

The Gisborne Theatre

As recorded by Ross King,
 cinema pioneer and historian.
 Edited by Phyllis Boyd OAM

Pictures were screened from the bio box above the entrance door of the Gisborne Mechanics Institute for many years. Weekly newspaper notices for the pictures appeared as early as 1925, and during the 1930s, Gisborne was part of a travelling show circuit of RC Burns, later used by Gallas and DaValley in 1941-42.

During the Second World War, the Mechanics Institute was taken over by Lincoln Mills and used as a clothing factory towards the war effort.

In the 1950s and early 1960s, Edgar Beer and his wife restarted and operated the show, but ceased as television, which was introduced in Australia in 1956, took hold, closing the Gisborne Theatre in 1964. Many suburban picture theatres also closed their doors and smaller country shows followed when regional television was introduced a few years later.

Advertisements in the *Gisborne Gazette* in June 1956 advised that *The Maggie* and *The Long Memory* would be shown on WIDE screen, with Cinesound News from 7.50pm, followed on July 7 by *The Country Girl* starring Bing Crosby, Grace Kelly and William Holden, together with selected shorts and cartoon, *Tweet Music*. "Reservations may be made by ringing the theatre at Gisborne 170 after 4pm on days of screening", the ads noted.

Cinema pioneer Ross King, who had trained with Hoyts Theatres for a few years and recently qualified as a cinematograph operator (projectionist), was keen to try his hand at running his own show as well as his day job, although the consensus at the time was that films were finished and television would completely replace the cinema.

His love of movies had begun when, at an early age, he was taken to the Moonee Ponds Theatre by his parents where he was totally fascinated by the coloured lights and the moving curtains



Inside the hall: View of Mechanics Institute entrance and bio box viewing ports.

covering the screen. Always the entrepreneur, when his brother received an unwanted birthday gift of a film-strip projector, Ross took over its operation by inviting his neighbourhood friends on Friday nights to view film strips in the family lounge room. He later took over the sleepout in the back yard, put up curtains and showed his films there.

Searching for a suitable venue within an approximate radius of 30 miles [50 kilometres] from Melbourne in



Mechanics Institute Gisborne 1960s, showing the 'Gisborne Theatre' sign and film posters at left.

1966, Ross King headed towards Bacchus Marsh, but noted, passing through Gisborne, that the Gisborne Mechanics Hall had previously been used as a theatre.

At that time, to obtain current releases of films, it was necessary to be that distance from the major theatre chains. Following an enquiry at a nearby Gisborne shop, King contacted Edgar Beer and bought his projection equipment for £100, even though it was in rather poor condition. He also contacted Keith Robinson who was Gisborne Shire Secretary, to be advised that the cost of renting the hall each Saturday night was £12.

Much work was required to restore the Gisborne Mechanics Institute to make it suitable for screening films once more.

On a Saturday night in January 1967, the Gisborne Theatre reopened, filled to capacity, showing *Goldfinger* supported

by *Stowaway in the Sky* and *School for Vikings*. The weather was fine and mild and the income from ticket sales was \$86, with admission prices for adults 60 cents and children 30 cents.

As business improved, King bought more modern equipment from the Point Lonsdale hall, which had ceased screening films.

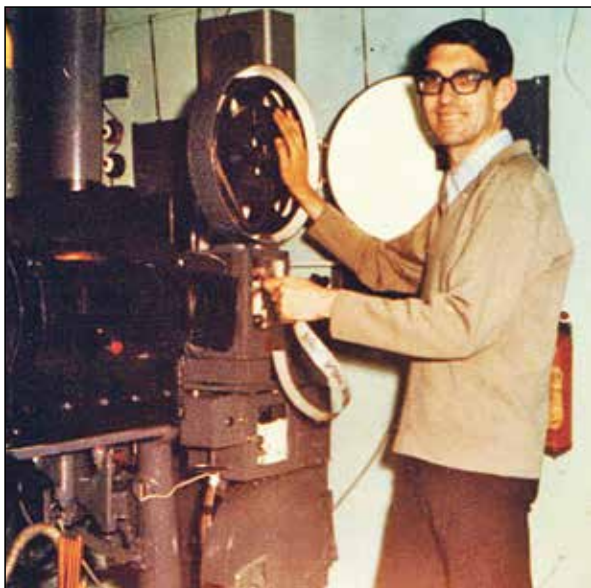
In 1967, the village of Gisborne was very much a small country town of about 600 residents. The Calder Highway ran through the centre of the town, where heavily laden trucks frequently lost their loads as they tried to negotiate the sharp right-angle bend outside the Telegraph Hotel and the Mechanics Institute, distracting audiences from whatever was showing on the screen.

A few incidents at Gisborne Theatre with possums and bats provided a mixture of amusement and anxiety for both the patrons and for King and his assistants.

After about 18 months, audiences again began to wane and it became increasingly difficult for King to cover costs. It was also becoming more and more difficult to obtain successful films at a reasonable rental, as most programs were rented on the basis of between 35% and 60% of

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The Gisborne Theatre



Ross King threads a film in the projector.

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booking office receipts, a practice that hastened the demise of many small independent theatres.

Ross King ran the Gisborne theatre for a little over two years, with his last screening held on Saturday 26 April 1969, showing *Phantom of the Opera*, with supporting feature *Frankenstein Meets the Wolf Man*.

Two later attempts to revive 'pictures' at Gisborne by other exhibitors were both shortlived. However, those two years in Ross King's life beginning as a 22-year-old were a great learning experience and he continued to teach audio-visual media in the TAFE sector for many decades.

King returned to Gisborne in May 2001 when he again showed films at the Mechanics Hall during a weekend of celebrations following the launch of the coffee-table book *Pictorial Gisborne* by the Gisborne & Mount Macedon Districts Historical Society.

GISBORNE THEATRE MEMORY...

A former Gisborne resident, the late Charlie Flack, recalled in an interview a time that he had snuck into the pictures in Gisborne in 1932. The film was 'censored', he said, which at the time meant no one under 21.

A policeman came in looking for people to help in a search, saw Charlie and threw him out because he was under age. Charlie recalled seeing a woman from Couangalt quickly throw a blanket over her young children when she spotted the policeman.

Gisborne Genealogical Group events



Australia is a country of immigrants – most people (or their ancestors) have come from somewhere overseas – usually Europe or Asia.

Everyone had a different experience on their journey to this country; for some it was a short journey, for others it took months, travelling on precarious sailing vessels. This will be the topic of the next meeting of the Gisborne Genealogical Group on Thursday 25 July, at 7.30pm in the Family History Room adjoining the Gisborne Library. All welcome.

Saturday Workshop

The next Saturday Workshop will be on July 6. Mary Henry will lead a discussion on Irish Research. 10am-12 noon, Family History Room. (Free for members, \$10 visitors).

DNA Group

The DNA Group (DIG) will meet on Saturday July 20 at 10am, Family History Room. All welcome.

Family History Month

August is National Family History Month. Our annual seminar will be held on Saturday 24 August, 9.30am-4pm. The topic this year is the Gold Rush. Geoff Hocking (Goldfields historian, author and artist), and Adrian Hem (Chinese Museum, Bendigo) will present in the morning sessions. Professor Keir Reeves will speak in the afternoon session. Morning and afternoon tea is provided. Please book with Lorna on 0402 091 034 or email lorna_jackson@bigpond.com. Cost \$25 (\$20 members).

More details are on our website – www.ggg.org.au

Also, during Family History Month we will be conducting two workshops in conjunction with the Gisborne Library: "Using Ancestry.com", on Monday 5 August, 2.30-4.30pm, and "Using FamilySearch", on Wednesday 28 August, 2.30-4.30pm. Bookings are essential for these workshops. Please book with the library via goldfieldslibraries.com/gisborne-events.



Lyn Hall

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The Veterans Card – Victoria has now become available for eligible veterans, with discounts applying from 1 July. The digital Veterans Card – Victoria entitles all ADF members to benefits and discounts including \$100 off light vehicle registration, no-cost trailer and caravan registration, free marine licence, and a fishing licence exemption. All past and present ADF members living in Victoria are eligible to apply. This includes those on active duty, veterans, and reservists. Eligible ADF members can apply, store and show the card in the Service Victoria app on a smartphone or apply online at service.vic.gov.au.

If you are a current or serving member and you need advice or help, please don't hesitate to get in contact with RSL. To access 24/7 emergency support, you can call Open Arms – Veterans & Families Counselling on 1800 011 046 for immediate, free and confidential support. You can also make contact by email at veterancentral@rslvic.com.au

A further option if you need help to navigate the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) system or find out more about RSL wellbeing programs, is to call 1300 MILVET (1300 645 838).

Gisborne RSL is open to all former and current serving members of the ADF. Our sub-branch also provides membership for emergency service personnel, family of veterans, volunteers and social members. If you are interested, please call our branch secretary on 0487 278 681 or by email at admin@gisbornersl.com.au



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Darren Grevis-James, president

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Country women have got together since time immemorial...

...and first made an official CWA branch in Gisborne in 1947



Christine Edwards

Gisborne CWA members had a special meeting on 3 June to celebrate the 25th birthday of the current iteration of the local CWA, so here is a little

history of the branch I have found. The information is from minutes of Gisborne CWA sent to me by the archivist of the association, Marion Dewar. The writing was a little hard to read at times, but this is what I have learned.

The earliest record of Gisborne CWA was a meeting at the Scout Hall on Tuesday 9 December 1947. The group president, Florence Green, read a notice from the [old] *Gisborne Gazette* calling a public meeting to discuss the possibility of forming a branch.

The first official meeting was held at the Scout Hall on 12 February 1948 with 16 members. Mrs Jessie Cox was elected president, Mrs Walker secretary and Mrs Benson as treasurer. Gisborne residents might recognise some of the names of early members: Mesdames Benson, Dixon, Tweddle, Campbell, Frith, Gardiner, Worcester, Heard, Brady and Grant — all now street names in and around Gisborne. The Mrs Gardiner was Norrie Gardiner, the aunt of John DeLai, the husband of one of our former members.

The first meeting talked of forming a bushfire auxiliary and a market stall. They were charged 6 pence for their cup of tea at meetings.

As we, in the past, have had to bring along something special on the day, they had competitions for the prettiest button, the prettiest doily and coat hanger and bloom. A card game would also be held after some meetings.

At the meeting on 23 April 1948, there were 30 members present. Their bank balance was 21 pounds, 11 shillings and 4 pence, and a glove-making demonstration was given by a Mrs Duffield. Their May meeting was held in St Brigid's Hall with 30 in attendance and the state president spoke on CWA activities. June saw 20 members from Macedon visit to see a millinery demonstration, which they said was interesting and instructive.

In August 1948, members from headquarters came out to give a slipper-making demonstration. Their



Gisborne CWA members had a special meeting on 3 June to celebrate their 25th birthday. A few ladies were on the sick list and some were travelling to warmer weather, but those present on the day enjoyed the cake and camaraderie.

competition for the meeting was "who could fit the largest number of articles in a matchbox, with no two items being the same" — sounds like fun to try.

The AGM of 1948 saw finances of 9 pound 18 shillings 10 pence, with one pound in petty cash. In October they asked headquarters to supply sugar for jam making but in February of '49, the Colonial Sugar Company refused to supply members with the extra sugar. There was a suggestion that CWA join other organisations in a mass protest over the waste of fruit. This would have been just over three years after the war so maybe sugar was still in short supply.

The AGM of 1949 saw 30 members and the president-elect was Mrs Theresa Kays.

In February of 1959 the branch was meeting in the Presbyterian Hall and the AGM of 1969 was in the home of Mrs Euphemia Gladwin in New Gisborne. From there, as numbers dwindled, the women continued to meet in members' homes.

Our former member Fay DeLai, who will be 86 in September, joined the Gisborne Branch in 1972 when there were only six members, and it was not viable to keep going. Fay joined Macedon branch for a few years.



Exhibition (highly recommended), and we went on a rather chilly group walk in Woodend.

Our usual branch meeting was a highlight with a speaker from Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health who told us of the great work they do in our community and how we can assist.

Now that July has arrived, some of us are off to a trivia night which should be a fun experience — let's hope we can get a few answers happening! Another Association Day is coming up at Craigieburn — we always enjoy these outings to other branches.

The 'Big One' for us is our Christmas in July — always lovely to put up the decorations and set the hall up for our delicious Christmas lunch. We usually have some fun activities as well. Again, our Central Highlands Walk will be happening. We always rug up for the walk and thaw out in the coffee shop after our exercise.

Well folks, put on the coats, beanies, scarves and gloves and make the most of winter.

Want to join in our activities or just to know more about CWA? Call me, Anne Fyfield, on 5426 2210 for more details.

The Gisborne branch folded for 27 years until a new Gisborne Day Branch formed in 1999.

Present members Kathy Page, Helen Hallett, Kerrie Buskes, Edie Gundy and Lyn Heddles are still active today, having given 25 years; not far behind are Val Jarred, Osija Anolak and Sandra Gwinnett on 24 years.

All having been dedicated to raising funds for local charities, lobbying government and all with a bond of friendship and goodwill.

At present we have 22 members and another couple of ladies interested, so let's hope our branch will prosper into the future.

Christine Edwards

Macedon CWA news

Each month seems busy at CWA and June was no exception. Macedon branch attended the CWA State Conference, had a day in Bendigo to see the Paris

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FOR THE GREEN THUMBS

Diversity of fungus at Daly Nature Reserve



We were surprised to find the intriguing fungi pictured at right in Daly Nature Reserve recently, and it was only one of many types of fungi seen this season.

Known as Dyer's polypore, *Phaeolus schweinitzii* is used — as its common name suggests — as a yellow dye for wool. During its blooming stage its colours can vary from cream to light brown and yellow-green, all darkening with age. They grow on conifer tree roots, which is where we saw the one photographed, growing on rotting roots of a conifer felled last year. Please note they are not edible.

Behind the scenes, our committee has been working

with Macedon Ranges Shire Council Environment team on future management plans for the reserve. This plan guides working bees for many years to come and ensures the reserve is nurtured and reserved as a conservation area.

The Friends of Daly Nature Reserve welcome newcomers to our working bees, held each second Tuesday in the month; sign-in at the scout hall, Howey Street, from 9.30am, finishing with a cuppa at 11am. It is gentle exercise, we work in groups, gloves and tools are provided. We do advise sturdy footwear.

Enquiries to dalynaturereserve@gmail.com.

Friends of Daly Nature Reserve



Huge fungi seen in Daly Nature Reserve.

Celebrating what happens after five years of no dogs in Mt Gisborne reserve



Protecting the environmental values of the special Mt Gisborne Bushland Reserve requires understanding what is on site and recording the impacts of both

welcome and unwelcome visitors over time.

The Friends of Mount Gisborne have observed an increase in birdlife and local native fauna. Recently, we spotted a koala (20 years ago they were regular visitors). A survey of the hollows in some of the old trees revealed that many were in use as habitats, and included a special sighting of a Nightjar.

This progress coincides with the fifth year of the reserve being declared a no-dog zone under the Council's Dog and Cat Policy 2019. As many of us know, even the scent of domestic dogs can deter native fauna and birds from nesting and breeding in the area.

There are many spaces available for dog walking and exercise; there are 15 in Gisborne alone, easily found on the council website. It is heartening to see the mob of kangaroos and rock wallabies becoming less inclined to retreat from the reserve now there are no longer dogs disturbing them. Currently visitors brave enough to enjoy walking to the summit have the chance to watch the mob lazing in the winter sun not far from the track in their favourite sheltered spots.

This winter, the Friends of Mount Gisborne committee, with the help of Landcare facilitator Ammie Jackson, will be exploring new ways to document the reserve's biodiversity. We will be learning to use the iNaturalist app to assist in this effort. By spring, we hope to invite visitors to join us for a Wildflower Walk and learn how to contribute to the iNaturalist database.

Stay tuned for more information. If you are interested in joining our efforts, please contact us at friendsofmountgisborne@gmail.com. Stay warm,

Jayne Guilmartin, President, Friends of Mount Gisborne

What's growing at Gisborne Garden Club



"I think that I will never see a poem lovely as a tree": this line from Joyce Kilmer's poem *Trees* applies so well to the Macedon Ranges.

Autumn brings colours ranging from yellow to pink and every shade of red. Gisborne Garden Club's May visit to the Forest Glade gardens in Mount Macedon, which were ablaze with colour from the trees and the wonderful garden flowers, was indeed memorable.

Members were delighted to see both the English and Japanese gardens including the bonsai house, the wonderful statues, bridges, bending trees forming tunnels to walk through, the ponds, the fern gully

and so much more.

These historic gardens are recognised as among Australia's finest private gardens and cover an area of about 14.5 acres. The visit was well worth the trip, and I am sure will feature again in our future events program.

I am pleased also to announce that after much decision making and investigation, the 2025 program is almost ready to be circulated to members. We are very pleased with it and hope members will be too as there are some interesting new additions.

Spring is not so far away and may it be a little warmer. For information on the club, please ring me, Jeanette, on 5420 7303.

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Vet Talk

By local vet
Dr Caitlin (Horwood) Retchford



It is Vanuatu, but not as we know it, and I'm exhausted.

Inspiration is always closer than you think, though. It's community I value, and today I am feeling grateful to have the chance to live by my values of "giving back". I've just returned from the trip that tried not to happen. With Air Vanuatu going into liquidation, our flights were grounded, supplies were short, and our planned veterinary team was cut in half on an already ambitious project to provide free veterinary treatment to remote Vanuatu villages.

We strove ahead with a pilot program, performing outreach dog-desexing surgeries. These communities desperately need help to address roaming dog population control, animal health and zoonotic disease awareness. Healthy dogs also means a safer environment for kids to grow up in. As a vet, I can only spey one dog at a time, but as a team we made inroads into the goal of collective contribution towards the greater good. In two weeks we



Dr Caitlin Retchford performs surgery in Vanuatu.

performed 248 desexings, in a makeshift outdoor shed, and treated hundreds of animals against ticks, fleas and worms.

Many of the village kids turned up every day after school, their curiosity rewarded with front-row seats.

Some quietly viewed the surgical action (known locally as "snip snip") up close, while others gleefully assessed the progress of their dogs, seemingly intoxicated, under various stages of anaesthetic recovery. All of them witnessed our message of washing hands for hygiene, and giving medicine to make the dogs healthy.

I heartily thank Gisborne Soccer Club, my Gisborne Library Book Group and my Bullengarook Landcare friends for further rewarding these kids with donations of a complete kit-out of sports uniforms and balls, which I dutifully carried in lieu of personal baggage.

The keen young boy who shyly announced that he will be an animal doctor won my heart. Values have no price tag.

That's surely my inspiration for next time.

Railing against the mundane

RUEFLECTION



Thoughts on living and learning with Rue Kelly

Astronomical rents, the short supply of housing and rising cost of living, see many university students and twenty-somethings forgoing 'the move'. Suffice to say, mum and dad, you're stuck with us a while longer!

Along with this, three-hour return train commutes from the Macedon Ranges to our study/work destinations in Melbourne or Bendigo are the norm. On balance it is the only way, considering use of transit time for

tasks, our planet and personal savings.

First semester in, I have come to adjust to the travel routine, although more often than not it seems there is nothing routine about it.

Public transport is exactly as the name suggests, with every facet of social and unsociable thrown into the open while tracking forward at speed. It's a spectator sport of both the ordinary and extraordinary; silence, laughter, books, chatter, laptops, greetings. The odd pot plant or balloon, uniforms, costumes, vomit, perfume, sweat and snoring. Blank stares, knowing glances, gruff responses, puzzled amusement and, of course, rampant mobile phone use ... so much phone use.

Our trains may not have the accordion players witnessed in France, the lack of mobile phone conversations heard in Japan or even the incredible, well, 'everything' of India, but moments of fascination and delight can be found among the overarching monotony. It is all in the way you frame the picture, with a view to the smallest of observations; the clutching of a bag or tweak of the nose, and an ear for whispers or merely what you have no choice but to hear. You are gifted a chance to discover the diversity of life, the human spirit and, if you are really up-skilling your analytical interpretations, an observation of your truest self.

Use this 'on-track' time wisely, use it positively, and you too will find glimmers of joy and humour in our transitional solo-unity. See you at the station.

Dogs on leash on all footpaths



New signs and decals are popping up near designated dog off-leash areas of the shire to remind dog owners that all footpaths in the shire are dog on-leash, even those in designated off-leash areas.

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES



Take a walk on the wild side with Chris Humfrey.

Animals

Australian animals wildlife workshops at Jubilee Hall, Macedon.

10.30am and 12.30pm, Tuesday 9 July and Thursday 11 July. Also 2.30pm Wednesday 10 July.

The show lasts one hour 15 minutes. Tickets are \$30. For more information and to buy tickets, go to www.wildaction.com.au or ring Wild Action on 0419 385 245.

Shadow creatures

Shadowland – Creative kids school holiday program, Kyneton Town Hall.

10am and 2pm, Wednesday 10 July and Thursday 11 July

Interactive workshop for children to design, create and play with their own shadow creatures inside the different shadow worlds of 10 domed tents. Artist and designer Lynne Kent will facilitate the workshops.

For tickets, go to www.mrsc.vic.gov.au/See-Do/Arts-Culture.

Dance

Dance holiday program Buffalo Stadium, Woodend.

9am-12pm, Monday 8 July – Wednesday 10 July

For children aged 6-12 years. Over three sessions, children will learn hip-hop, acrobatic and acting skills with a qualified professional.

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Learn to swim

Intensive Learn to Swim Program, Gisborne, Gisborne Aquatic Centre.

Intensive swimming programs:

Four-day program, 1-5 July (no lesson 3 July).

Five-day program, 8-12 July.

To enrol in lessons, call 5421 1452.

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE



Find 10 differences between the two drawings.

Artwork by Eliza Ransome.

Pool fun

Pool inflatable, Gisborne Aquatic Centre.

Featuring obstacles, climbing hills and slides. Will run on various days throughout the holidays. Free with pool entry. See Gisborne Aquatic Centre's Facebook page for updates.

Netball for boys

MRNA Boys School Holiday Netball Clinic, Indoor sports complex, New Gisborne.

Friday 5 July 9am-12pm. Free for boys aged 7-16 years. Please register at macedonrangesnetball.com.au/men-boys.



Gisborne Toy Library Games Day

Gisborne Toy Library, 71 Robertson Street, Gisborne.

9.30am-11am, Tuesday 9 July

Free and for all ages. Board games and puzzles, toy library exploration, morning tea. For more information, contact Gisbornetoylibrary@yahoo.com.au or visit their Facebook page at facebook.com/GisborneToyLibrary.

JOKES & RIDDLES

Why did the chewing gum cross the road?

It was stuck to the chicken's foot.

If at first you don't succeed, sky diving is not for you.

What do you call a nose without a body?

Nobody knows.

Doctor, Doctor, I can't stop trembling.

I'll be with you in a couple of shakes.

What is the centre of gravity?

V

What's the best thing to take when you're run down?

The number of the car that hit you.

Who invented fractions?

Henry VIII

If you like licking the beaters of your cake mixer, make sure the motor is turned off.

QUIZ

- 1 The Spitfire was a fighter plane first used in which war?
- 2 Who wrote *The Cat in the Hat* and *Green Eggs and Ham*?
- 3 In *The Lord of the Rings*, what sort of creature is Frodo Baggins?
- 4 Acorns are the seeds of which tree?
- 5 What is the difference between 35.4 and 21.9?
- 6 What is the capital of Queensland?
- 7 In the Harry Potter series of books, what is the name of the giant wizard at Hogwarts?
- 8 What is the green substance in plants that is involved in photosynthesis and gives them their colour?
- 9 Completely surrounded by Rome, what is the world's smallest country?
- 10 What number does the Roman numeral LVII represent?

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Macedon Primary gets dancing shoes on again



In the first week of May, we announced at assembly that we would be holding a school disco later that month. We had not had a school disco since before the pandemic shut our fun school events down, so excitement was in the air.

On 24 May the night arrived, and the red carpet was rolled out. Everyone was dressed in their funky and fabulous outfits.

There was a cool DJ playing some great tunes, there were crazy lights, an amazing smoke machine and even crazier dance moves.

There was popcorn and water for everyone and at the end of the night some helpers collected all the bottles which we took to the container deposit scheme. We donated the money to the Australian Conservation Fund. It is important that we consider the environmental impact when we host these events. It was a fun night and everyone enjoyed it. There was a huge mess to clean up, but it was definitely worth it.

Our favourite quote from one of the students was "It was the best night of my life!"

A red carpet entry for the first school disco since the pandemic stopped such school events.



Excited students at Macedon Primary's school disco.



Eliza, Summer, Alexia and Oscar (inset).



We got the grant!

Students' talent gets funding for new grass

For the past six weeks at St Brigid's Primary School, Year 6 students Eliza, Alexia, Summer and Oscar on the Student Representative Council (SRC) have been working on applying for a grant to get 300 square meters of turf grass.

Our grass area is less grass than dirt, and the SRC knew this had to be rectified. Our SRC went above and beyond and created not only a video to accompany our application but a song and persuasive text.

After many weeks of tireless work and lots of waiting, the SRC discovered that St Brigid's had won this amazing grant to change our play spaces.

A huge thanks to the Victorian School Garden Program and HG Turf, who thought us a worthy recipient of this changemaking gift. A big thank you to all the adults who helped us including our Principal, Miss Mel, our Vice-Principal, Keena, and our teacher Emma; we could not have done it without their help.

Here is an exclusive peek at our persuasive text; "We are writing to explain why our school deserves to win the prize of 300 square metres of grass. Our school is well-equipped but lacks greenery, which is crucial for creating a healthy and conducive learning environment.

"Winning this prize would not only decorate our school, but it would also promote the health and well-being of our students."

And an exclusive peek at the lyrics to our unreleased song:

"We need some graaaass / some green and some light / to give us a place to run, to play, and to thrive / its not too much to ask / its a simple thing / just some grass to make our little hearts siiiiiing."

We are now working on another grant to get a new water bubbler for our grass area and there will be updates soon about how this is going.

For more information head to our schools Insta and Facebook account for an inspiring video.

SRC members Alexia and Eliza



What's happening at Mount Macedon Primary?



On 29 May the 5/6 students went on City Camp. We went for three days and two nights. The first activity of the day was a visit to ACMI (Australian Centre for the Moving Image).

We also went to three other activities and then went to City CYC, which is where we stayed. We then got ready for a musical, *Wicked*.

On the second day we went to the Lume digital art gallery, the Vic Market, and ice skating. On the last day, we did two activities, both about *The Big Issue*.

Our school competes in different sports. First, we had district football. Afterwards we did soccer and lastly netball. Basketball is coming up next term.

In the last week of term, the Grade 5s went on an excursion to Gisborne Secondary College. We got to experience lots of different sessions such as drama, humanities, and much more. It was great.

On 20 June there was a lantern parade at school for the shortest day of the year. We had dinner in the hall first, then we gathered everyone up to start walking up the road to the Trading Post. It was great fun.

The Foundation and the 2/3 classes went to the Werribee Zoo on 26 June. Both grades are learning about animals for their inquiry. They had lots of fun.

Mirra and Matilda, Grade 5

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Willowbank STEM Night a winner



Willowbank Primary School had a fantastic night on 12 June, where all our families came together after school to do heaps of fun STEM activities like pom pom launchers, paper helicopters, milk that separates and lots more.

My favourite was probably the pom-pom launchers, they were so fun and also really, really easy. The way you make it is first cut a hole in the bottom of a cup, then cut the bottom off a balloon and sticky tape it to the hole in the cup. Then put a pom-pom in and voila! You have one.

After, I went to the tie-dye paper towel activity. You could draw whatever you wanted then put water on it and watch how far the colour travelled.

STEM Night was the best!



Imogen Kennedy
2NG



▲Lottie and her dad Scott.

►Clara builds a tower on paper.



Plenty of variety at Global Village Learning



There is a never a moment that we don't take advantage of; our community is always doing something to create special and personalised learning opportunities for our young learners.

Our afternoon projects and Friday clubs focus on learning and work areas that our young people select to work in, similar to that of an 'elective'. This term we have had some great outcomes as a result of these projects. Projects saw our young learners work to create community events, and design and make props and decorations for these, code robots to create shapes, write letters and run an obstacle, follow recipes to create a dish and use ingredients harvested from our own garden.

They also learnt new and exciting circus skills, advocated within our council for animals that were vulnerable or endangered, and design, built and dressed hand puppets. This is not even all of it; the list of skills and learning seem endless and we feel grateful to be able to support our learners in their interests.

Amid all of this, one favourite during our wetter months is exploration of the grounds and what fun we can find, and oh, what fun we can find!!

We look forward to our upcoming Edventure week and end of term celebrations with our Enchanted Winter Forest evening.

Bec Ramage
Cycle 3 Guide



A circus skills session in action at Global Village Learning.

Gisborne Primary gets netball fever



The Gisborne Primary School girls' and boys' netball teams headed to Eric Boardman Stadium in Sunbury on 14 June. The Gisborne teams played in the first games, all coming out on top to start the day.

Heading into the last round of games before the finals, all our teams had a chance to win, but only the girls B team prevailed, winning all games in their pool.

It came down to the grand final for the Bs and they pulled it off, winning with a last-second goal to hit the front by one. Both the girls A team and boys team won their place-determining games, to come third overall. Thank you to everyone who helped coach and support on the day.

Remy W and Lachie S, Year 6 Writers' Club



B team winners – Harlow D, Lily D, Isobel G, Leah S, Sadie S, Emma F, Mia N, Josie F, Louisa B.

Biggest Morning Tea

The Year 6 Community Leaders planned the biggest morning tea for our school on 18 June. They held a bake sale, selling different types of cookies that the Year 6 students and families had baked for us.

Each cookie cost \$1, with each grade coming up one at a time so the lines were not too packed. Our students raised \$694.50, but then we had a very generous mystery donation of \$105.50, which brought our total to a whopping \$800. All of this money has been donated to Cancer Council Victoria. Thank you to everyone who bought a cookie or donated.

A very special thanks to the community leaders and teachers for planning this special day.

Riley C and Roxy W, Year 6 Writers' Club

Bullengarook's Project Ready students shine



Students from Sunbury and Macedon Ranges Specialist School in Bullengarook gave an inspiring presentation about their experience in the Project Ready employment-readiness program in May.

The students spoke at the annual general meeting of Central Ranges Local Learning and Employment Network, the organisation that runs the program.

The students shared their experiences in helping others in the community, learning how to volunteer, building confidence and meeting new people, along with working towards a Certificate II in Active Volunteering.

Project Ready trainer Wendy Hopkins said the stu-



Bullengarook students receive certificates at the employment network AGM.

dents worked hard on their presentation and it was amazing and well received by the audience.

"Audience members shared with me afterwards..."

how well the students presented, and that they were the 'stars of the show', she said."

Participant Chelsea Aquilina said afterwards, "I was very relieved to have accomplished what I was so nervous about, but I got through it and I was so proud."

Elyse Stancic, also a participant, said "I think Project Ready is a great way to gain the confidence to achieve your goals."

Project Ready aims to prepare young people for the workforce by equipping them with essential employability skills and knowledge. The program has run at Gisborne Secondary College for many years

and was introduced at Bullengarook this year. It is partly funded by Bendigo Bank Gisborne.



New Gisborne Primary School choir at Warrina Aged Care.

Choir entertains residents at Warrina



On 7 June, New Gisborne Primary School's choir and singing group visited Warrina Aged Care in New Gisborne.

Our groups were formed early in term two with a group of wonderful singers. We practise during lunch times with Ms Preaudet and Ms Coote, rehearsing songs and polishing our performance skills. All of our hard work paid off when we performed for the residents at Warrina

The Years 3-6 choir did a wonderful job of singing first. We sang *Try Everything*. We knew the audience enjoyed the singing when they began smiling and clapping to the beat. We even received some thumbs up.

Next, the singing group sang *A Million Dreams*. The residents also enjoyed this song and we felt proud of ourselves. Next up was Taliya singing a solo, *Halle-*

lujah; it was a beautiful, sweet, soft sounding performance and we all thought she did a wonderful job.

Afterwards, all of us singers went around the room, spoke with the residents and even received high fives. We introduced ourselves, and they made us feel great when they congratulated us on our performance. The residents told us that our visit made them very happy.

Thank you to Warrina Aged Care for being so welcoming and letting us perform. Thank you also to our teachers who came with us and supported us. We hope to be able to visit Warrina again soon.



Florence

Quinn

Florence and Quinn, Year 5 reporters

Being imperfect is perfect



The artwork created by our children at Holy Cross leaves us in awe and fills us with pride for the incredible creations produced during art classes.

Our talented art teacher, Kathy Shelton, skilfully guides our children through various techniques and fosters their creativity.

Our latest art display showcases the results of four weeks of preparation, focusing on the Japanese art of 'Kintsugi.'

The Year 5 and 6 children were tasked with painting an abstract self-portrait using the colours of either a sunrise or a sunset. They then tore their paintings to symbolise difficult or sad times in their lives. In Japanese philosophy, the value of an object lies in its imperfections, which is represented by the tearing.

Next, the students selected a unique vessel for their artwork — no two vessels were the same. This aspect of the philosophy celebrates our imperfections rather than hiding them. Using gold paint, the children re-assembled their vessels, embodying the essence of Kintsugi, which roughly translates to "golden joinery".

In our personal lives, Kintsugi can inspire us to embrace our flaws and accept them as part of our journey. The repaired cracks in the pottery symbolise the healing process. Life's difficulties may leave scars, but



One of many amazing student Kintsugi artworks.

our resilience and ability to heal can ultimately lead to personal growth.

Our children have expertly created powerful art pieces which reflect each of them as unique individuals.

Aoife McCarthy, principal



CAPTAIN'S RAP

with Louisa Cawood



Louisa Cawood

Hello and welcome to this month's Captain's Rap! This term we had so many exciting things happen throughout the school, such as our whole school assembly that focused on our success as a school and the implementation of the School-Wide Positive Behaviour System. Student awards were presented and, as it was held during National Reconciliation Week, we unveiled the First Nations polo shirt that has become a new addition to our college uniform. Stylish.

The Year 11s have felt the pressure late in the term completing their mid-year exams as have the year 10s, sitting their first exams under major exam conditions. Our Year 12 students also sat the General Achievement Test (GAT) on 18 June. No pressure.

The Japanese students were particularly excited to head off on the Japan trip, where they spent two weeks travelling around Japan learning about its culture and history.

The Year 7s had their fun 'Ancient Day' learning about the ancient worlds of Rome and Greece, getting to dress up and experience a little of what life was like in the ancient world, and the year 8s also experienced their own Medieval Day.

School sports have been busy. And I mean busy, with regional cross country, senior basketball and netball, and junior netball and badminton, with more upcoming sports and teams to compete against other schools or within school.

As we reach the end of Term 2 and a much-needed holiday, we can't wait to see what's in store for Semester 2.

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1st Gisborne Cubs and Scouts get ready to cook 's'mores' outside the Scout Hall.

News from 1st Gisborne

The past month has seen the different sections of Scouts joining together to learn new things and have fun together. The Joeys visited the Cubs section for a bike maintenance night where they learnt how to do a simple bike safety check and repair and change a tyre (some of the leaders, namely me, learnt a thing or two as well!).

During the term the Joeys looked at 'Famous Figures' and recently learnt about the escape artist Houdini. What better way to experience that than to have an 'escape room' at the hall. Everyone managed to escape the hall.

The Cubs had a 'Campfire Night' with the Scouts on a very chilly evening in Gisborne. They learnt about fire lighting and cooked some delicious 's'mores' over the campfire — a gorgeously gooey campfire treat made with biscuits, chocolate and marshmallows that leaves you wanting 's'mores'.

The Scouts did a night hike on Mt Macedon and joined the Venturers for a mountain-bike ride around Hobbs Road loop track. They also ran an e-sports night which included Minecraft to build a scout camp and had fun kart racing on Playstation. If you think you would like to give Scouting a go, either as a leader or a Scout, please email us at info@1stgisborne.com.au for more information.

Carolyn Goode (Joey Leader)

Deconstruction night at Macedon-Woodend group

Once a year we have a noisy night of power tools, hand tools and the occasional hammer. The Scouts pull apart old appliances, assisted by leaders and a parent or two.

This year's victims were a couple of dishwashers a washing machine, a computer, a printer and a jigsaw.

The group was first introduced to the tools and learned how to use them safely. Then we laid out a big tarp and they took turns with the tools under supervision. Along the way the adults helped describe the parts, how electricity works and about motors, pumps, switches and control boards. They had so much fun it was hard to get the tools out of their hands at the end of the night.

Through the process we discussed what could be recycled and what was going in the rubbish. Some of the big parts are going to be repurposed as parts of some forts for an upcoming nerf gun war.

If you are or know a young person interested in trying Scouts, call Mark on 0429 678 670 or look up the Macedon-Woodend Scout Group website.

Mark Baeten



Taking apart old machines...

...yields lots of interesting parts!



Cub Scouts learn what it's like to manage without sight.

1st New Gisborne activities and news

1st New Gisborne Cub Scouts enjoyed their recent weekend at Camp Warringal, on Mt Disappointment. The fun at the camp followed their participation with Scouts and Joeys in the Gisborne Anzac Day March.

Joey Scouts held a special 'Mothers' night at the church. Mums were treated to home-made lemonade and Mother's Day cards.

Engineering consultants recently completed an acoustic report, checking noise levels from Scout activities in and around the new scout hut. This report is the final requirement before the council's decision on our application to expand the number of weekdays on which we are able to open our wonderful Scout Hut. Once we have approval, we will be able to fit out the hut with toilet, kitchen and storage facilities. Donations for the fitout are tax-deductible.

Scouting offers great programs, challenges and opportunities for young people aged 5 to 18. Our trained and enthusiastic adult leaders offer a proven program. We welcome parents and children coming along to have a look. We meet on Wednesdays, 6.30 to 8pm, and Venturers are on Fridays. Children are always welcome to try out Scouting. Contact 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



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Joeys Jack and Zoey enjoy 'pick up spaghetti sticks'.

Blackhill Reserve walk with the Ramblers

Hello from the Ramblers.

The first Friday in June had the Ramblers meet on a cold and dull day in Gisborne for our weekly walk. Our goal was to walk the Blackhill Reserve near Kyneton. Amazingly, as soon as we crossed the Dividing Range at Woodend, the clouds cleared and the sun broke through.

Although at first the wind was chilly, as the walk progressed the breeze dropped and the temperature rose to be like a spring day.

After the walk and refreshments at the reserve picnic tables (in shirt sleeves) we returned to a very dull and cool Gisborne. It shows how the Great Dividing Range can affect the weather between two places just 30 kilometres apart.

Fabulous views are to be had on this walk. If this is new to you, please make the effort, you will be well rewarded. The photo below is taken from the Ridge Track.

The reserve has a base circuit loop, which has no hills, on a wide gravel track and is suitable for everyone. Additionally, a hilltop ridge track which requires a little more effort in the climbing department (no crampons or oxygen cylinders necessary!) will give great views from the top as well as proximity to some spectacularly large granite boulders.

Fancy trying the walk?



View from Blackhill Ridge Track.

WALK

**Blackhill Reserve
Kyneton**

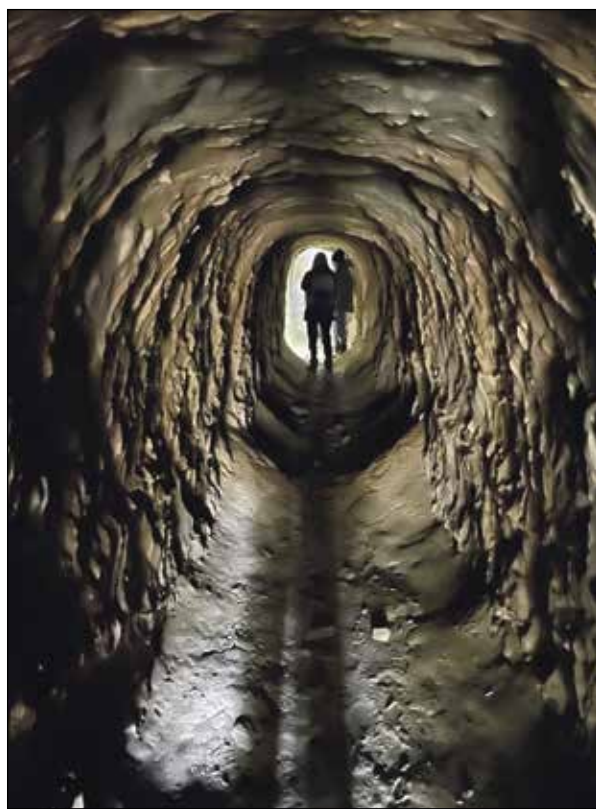
Getting there (from Gisborne): Drive towards Kyneton on the Calder Highway. Take the second Kyneton turn-off and turn right towards (C326) Redesdale/Heathcote. Drive for approximately 7km then turn right into Ennis Road.

The reserve is about 700m from the turnoff.

The tracks are well signposted along the way, so further description here is unnecessary.

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

Charles
(gisramblers@gmail.com)



A mining tunnel on the Vaughan Springs walk.

Bushwalking Club takes in history with its scenic views



Although chilly, the weather has been wonderful for our great walks over the past month.

We did an amazing 21-kilometre circuit of the Three Lost Children's and Sailor Fall Trail at Daylesford. The story of these children is pretty sad and it is amazing how far they travel. You can do a shorter version of this trail which is well worthwhile, and take the time to learn the history.

Vaughan Springs just past Fryerstown was another adventure back in time. There are lots of old gold mining relics, bridges, tunnels and Chinese market garden sites. We all were dazzled by the engineering feat of the Cornish Hill chimney and its innovative approach.

There is beautiful forest and scenery along the Lodon River and we were followed by a large wedge-tailed eagle that had us in awe at its gracefulness and spectacular colours.

It was disappointing that there was no gelati at the top of Italian Hill but a great walk with great company!

There's nothing like a good cuppa after a winter walk, which we all enjoyed.

Remember there is no such thing as bad weather, just bad preparation, so layer up and get out and walk our wonderful region — better still, come and join us and learn as you 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's 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.

Deborah

Park walks on Mt Macedon

For some years now, Parks Victoria has been organising Park Walks on Mt Macedon. These walks introduce novice and experienced walkers to the Mount.

The guided walks are held twice a month with a choice of two walks, both offering a wonderful experience for both walkers and leaders.

Walk number one is the Macedon Sanatorium Eco Trail Park Walk which is approximately 4.5 kilometres and is easy walking — a good introduction to both bushwalking and the Mt Macedon area.

The second walk, the Mt Macedon Memorial Cross Group Hike, is longer (9.5km) and a little more challenging, and affords views over the area that are worth the trek.

Walkers come from near and far looking for an experience and some will contribute interesting and relevant experiences of their own along with asking questions that may be easy or difficult to answer. I was once asked by a pre-schooler if I was the one that taught the feral goats and deer how to rut!

The leaders are all trained by Parks Victoria and have an extensive knowledge of the area with a love for walking. The interaction with the walkers and telling them about the flora and fauna has been a gratifying experience. Along with Ken and a few others, I have been leading these walks since their inception but am sadly passing my leadership badge on to others as I'm moving away.

So, if you would love to learn more about your local area and enjoy a free guided walk, you may like to join one of the walks. Go to the Parks Victoria website and look for Free Walks in this area. You need to book but they are free and open to all comers. Any potential leaders would be warmly welcomed to join the group also by contacting Parks Victoria.

Janeen Edward



Scan for volunteer park walk leader expression of interest form.



Janeen and Ken ready for a walk.

Gisborne Guide achieves top award



This month we are excited to report that one of our active members Tayla Lovitt has been presented with her BP badge. BP represents both being prepared and the initials of Baden-Powell, the founder of Scouting.

The BP Emblem is the highest award in the Guide section and takes several years to achieve. The award requires the utmost effort for every badge as well as taking part in patrol, unit, region and state events. An emphasis of the award is on living the Guide Promise and Law.

Tayla joined Gisborne Guides in 2018. On her journey she has earned and been presented with her Bronze Endeavour and Junior BP badge.

Tayla then took on the challenge of earning her BP badge. She was required to undertake 18 challenges from six sections: Promise and Law, Giving Service, Outdoors, Patrol System, World Guiding



Deb Fleming, leader (left), with Tayla and her parents, John and Ceri Lovitt, and sister Holly. Tayla's mum made the cake, which reflects Tayla's badge sash.

and Traditions. She also participated in a State camp and Stradbroke camp as well as unit camps and Region activities.

Special thanks to her family for supporting Tayla and her journey through Guides. Her mother Ceri was a Guide also and earned her BP badge in 1997

so it is an exciting time for the family. Congratulations, Tayla, your Guiding family are very proud of what you have achieved.

This month we welcome Lucy who has joined our unit. If you are aged 7 to 12 and would like to try out Guides,

then go to the Girl Guide Victoria website and register an expression of interest or phone Deb on 0409 542 619. The unit meets on Thursday nights between 5pm and 6:30pm at the hall in Daly Reserve, Howey Street, Gisborne.

Deb Fleming



Spoiler alert

Proud mum Meredith Clark caught her son Kade Osborne making the perfect spoil in the Gisborne Giants U13 game against Kyneton Tigers on 2 June.



Gisborne Football Netball Club's Under 17s, with Tarryn (fifth from left).



Tarryn Rymer

PROFILE: Tarryn Rymer – netball coach

Tarryn is the coach of the Gisborne Netball A Grade team, following in the footsteps of her mother, Noelene, who built the A Graders over many years. Noelene's service is honoured in the club's Hall of Fame.

Tarryn sparkles as she says, "My family have a passion for the Gisborne Football Netball Club. It is like a second home to us."

"Our family goes well back in Gisborne," says Tarryn. "Dad's parents Fred and Doss owned the Telegraph Hotel at one stage. My dad, Robert, was the publican at the hotel and he played footy with the club."

"I am the youngest, by far, of the five girls in my family. My older sisters — Kylie, Amanda, Paige and Alicia — either played netball for Gisborne or were involved in the club administration."

"I first played for Gisborne Under 17s way back in 2004 when I was only 14. Over the years I graduated to play in the A Grade team as a wing attack and now,

at the age of 33, I play with the A Reserve team. We are undefeated at this point of the season."

Tarryn attended St Brigid's and Salesian College and went on to study at Victoria University, graduating with a teaching degree. "I have taught at Riddells Creek Primary since 2013," says Tarryn. "I love it there. It's a great school."

With coaching, playing, teaching and raising two young sons — Tallow, 4, and Sunny, 2 — Tarryn's life is busy and she acknowledges the wonderful support of her husband, Darcy Rocard, that allows her the time to commit so much to her love of netball.

Tarryn is pleased with how the season is going. The A Grade team is sitting second, and with experienced injured players set to return, she is confident that they will compete strongly in the finals. All of the other teams are also well placed at this stage to feature in the finals.



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AROUND THE GROUNDS



Never say never! Ladies win mid-week trophy



It was an exciting result in the MDLTA (Mountain District Ladies Tennis Association) finals for the combined South Gisborne and Bullengarook Section 3 team on coming away winners. Kathy, who had never won a grand final, and Leanne, who had never played competition in a team environment before, were over the moon about the result, along with Marissa, Robyn and Lorraine. Congratulations ladies, up to Section 2 you go. Our Section 1 team was runner up for the third season.

We all will be back again in mid-July for the spring competition.

Thinking you may have Tuesdays free? We are always looking for ladies to join us. The MDLTA is a local competition and currently has teams from Sections 1 to 4. The spring season starts up in July.

Maybe Pickleball session times and days are more to your liking? Come down to the South Gisborne Tennis



Section 3 Premiers: Kathy Van Emmerik, Marissa Juergens, Leanne Wall, Robyn Hudson and Lorraine Hay.

Club on Monday at 11am or 6.30pm, or Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 11am. All equipment is supplied. Cost is \$15 per person.

Sean, Marita, Nicole and Josephare four members who have embraced the cold to play Pickleball. They enjoyed get-

ting back into sport, the no judgment, no outlay for equipment.

Mario, Elodie and Jeremy from team Spark were all eager to assist them.

Follow us on Facebook or look us up on at www.sgtennisclub.com.au.

Gail Scott

Thunder celebrates its swimmers



Gisborne Thunder Swimming Club recently held its 2024 presentation night.

Swimmers enjoyed the chance to ditch their bathers for more glamorous attire and celebrate the end of another great season.

Achievements from across the season as well as our recent club championships were awarded. Categories included age group champions, fastest strokes, club nights, stroke levels, coaches' awards, and swimmer of the year.

The pinnacle award, Swimmer of the Year, recognises a swimmer and their outstanding achievements across the season. This year's recipients worked tirelessly at training sessions and have excelled at competitions. Congratulations to Mitchell C, junior recipient, and Angus S, senior recipient.

The 2024-25 leadership group has been announced: congratulations to club captain, Caitlin G, and vice-captains Dylan K and Emily W. They play an important role at the club mentoring younger swimmers, supporting running of club nights, and representing the club at formal events.

To further support our swimmers, we are raising funds to send coaches to competitions, both in-house and around the state, which will give them the extra support needed at events. If you are looking for a charity to donate your container funds to, please look us up.

We are small in comparison to other clubs but what we lack in size we make up for in spirit, and always seek new members. To find out more about the club and what we have been up to, be sure to follow us on social media.

Caitlin G, club captain

Gisborne Tennis Club mid-year update



The Gisborne Tennis Club has been a hub of activity recently. The Annual General Meeting was held on 21 May, the MDLTA Tuesday Ladies competition has just finished and the Thursday night competition is now wrapping up.

The Section 3 Tuesday Ladies' team fought hard to win the knockout semi-final against Melton South but unfortunately lost the grand final against the South Gisborne/Bullengarook team.

The Section 1 Thursday night team had a convincing win over Woodend in

their grand final on 27 June; congratulations to all!

Their new seasons begin in Term 3 and teams are being finalised. If anyone is keen to join, it is not too late to get in touch via our Facebook page, website, or by emailing membership@gisborne-tennisclub.com. The tennis ladies are still having a social hit on a Thursday from 1pm. This is a great way to meet people, get some exercise and join a team for some friendly competition.

In Junior tennis news, we are halfway through the season and four of nine teams are in the top four on their respec-

tive ladders. It has been wonderful to see the improvement across all teams and the camaraderie between players.

Two of our Saturday Open teams are in a similar position to our Juniors, and our Victoria Men's Pennant Gisborne team is placed third. We wish all our teams the best for the remainder of this competition season.

To stay up to date with all the happenings at the Gisborne Tennis Club, we encourage you to follow us on Facebook.

Katrina Buttigieg

Why is that building named...? Judy Trimble Pavillion, Gisborne Tennis Club ►page 37

Things are hopping at Mt Macedon Golf Club



Mt Macedon Golf Club's May Monthly Medal coincided with the third round of the club championship.

Jerome Langmaid (73-11-62) was good enough to claim the medal from Matthew Willis (68-5-63) and Alex Fraser a further shot back (65-1-64).

Congratulations to Alex Fraser on being crowned 2024

Club Champion, having carded three solid rounds of golf and successfully defending last year's triumph.

Winter has since arrived at Mt Macedon. Brave (or silly) early starters have confronted at times bracing conditions,



Locals enjoying Mt Macedon Golf Course.

with windchill showing us who is boss. A wise woman once said, "It's not bad weather, it's just bad clothing."

The local kangaroos don't seem to feel the cold.

The June Monthly Mug 'o the Month

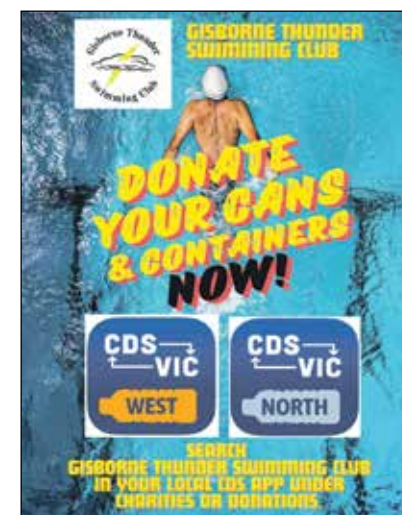
was determined in a four-way countback.

Mark Burrage (9) with 35 stableford points was the beneficiary of the countback formula, beating Mili Peniamina (31), Peter Sinclair (7) and Karl Pongracic (23) who each carded 35 stableford points.

MMGC welcomes new members and green fee players.

Our new membership begins on 1 July. Our modest fee structure is unchanged from last year. Phone 5426 1650 or drop in. Visit mtmacedongolf-club.com.au.

Tony Littman



Gisborne's 'Come and Try' day gets a crowd



Gisborne Golf Club hosted its first Come and Try Golf day on Saturday 1 June. It attracted 34 participants including families, couples and individuals, one of whom had driven from Bendigo.

After a few words of welcome and an outline of activities, they all enjoyed introductory sessions on putting, chipping and the long game on the driving range.

The clinic was organised by women's co-captains Sharon Kemp and Nancy Inglis, with the support of our resident professionals Kom Pertama and Callum Wilkinson who both provided coaching.

Helen Flentje, Roberta Henry, Dom Hogan and Johnny Orwin were on hand to help and provide support and encouragement. The afternoon was clearly a great success and a lot of fun.

Since the initial event, several participants have been sighted at the driving range, hitting balls and having lessons with our golf professionals. How great is that.

And due to its success and the feedback from partic-



Thirty-four participants had a go at golf at Gisborne on 1 June.

ipants, the club will schedule similar activities for men, women and families in the spring and summer.

The club has also started four-week beginner coaching courses for women, men and families to learn more

about one of the greatest, challenging, social sports in the world. To avoid missing out on these fantastic, relaxed and friendly events, keep an eye out on our socials and website. *Sharon Kemp, women's co-captain*

Petanque club in Ashes win



The Ashes is a friendly tournament held between Gisborne-based Mt Macedon Petanque Club (MMPC) and Woodend Hanging Rock Petanque Club. This year's event was hosted by Woodend Hanging Rock on 18 May, and Mt Macedon was the victor. Woodend Hanging Rock were great hosts and provided delicious warming soups for lunch. The best female player for MMPC was Caroliza Job and best male player was Danny Green.

The following weekend, MMPC went to Maldon to participate in another friendly event. This time, teams were randomly picked from both clubs so that teams consisted of a mixture of players from each clubs. This is a great way for players to get to know members of other clubs.

The hosts also provided a great lunch. Individual awards were given out based on number of games won. Maldon players came first, second and third, with Bob Bossner from MMPC coming fourth.

The first round of the Golden Boule was held on 1 June. Mt Macedon travelled to Smythesdale and won the day, 20 points to 10.



Mt Macedon Petanque Club members with the Ashes trophy.

This was the first of five rounds held over the winter. If you are interested in trying petanque, call in to our club grounds behind the Ampol Service Station in Gisborne. Playdays are held every Wednesday from 2-5pm and Saturdays from 10am-1pm on the second and fourth Saturdays.

For enquiries, please go to our website, mtmacedon-petanque.org, and for updates visit our Facebook page.

Alison Kinghorn

Croquet season silverware presented



The Macedon Ranges Croquet Club recently held a celebration of all of our champions for the 2023-24 season. Club captain Gill Punshon presented trophies and medals to the winners. Morning tea followed before play got underway.

Elizabeth Payne was the club champion after the championship rounds in April. She also took the medal for most 'jump shots', which is when you are able to get your ball to jump over an opponent's ball that is sitting right in the hoop. Very hard to do and something all players aspire to achieve.

Olwyn Snape won the Aggregate Champion Trophy, which is awarded to the player who wins most hoops over the whole season on club days every Wednesday.

Our newly appointed president, Terry Goodley, won the Helen Shirley Memorial Trophy named in honour of our much-loved member who passed away recently. Helen's husband, John, and daughter, Susanne, were on hand to present this inaugural trophy to Terry.

Liz Harnden won the medal for the most 'hoops in one', which is where a player is able to run their ball through the next hoop in one shot. Also hard to achieve and, a bit like a golfing hole in one, it causes great celebration on the court.

Lyn Robinson



Liz Harnden, Elizabeth Payne, Terry Goodley, Olwyn Snape and Gill Punshon.

Looking for a fun, family friendly, social sport?

Give table tennis a try. It will keep your mind and body sharp, flexible and engaged.



So whether you are new to the game, on the comeback trail, or perhaps wanting to play table tennis with your partner, kids or mates, come and join our friendly association as we welcome new, current and past players to our upcoming Winter-Spring competitions for all ages and skill levels.

A come and try practice evening is scheduled for 21 August from 7.30pm to 9.30pm.

Competition pennants start on 28 August from 7.30pm onwards. Group and one-on-one coaching sessions are also available. Location: Macedon Community Centre at Tony Clarke Reserve, Waterfalls Road, Macedon.

For more information please contact Stan Thomas on 0437 508 338 or Kay Thomas 0407 508 333, or email stthomas@gisbornets.com.au.



SPORT IN PICTURES



U13 Possums v United, 1 June.



U18 Macedon v Giants, 15 June.



Reserves Gisborne v Strathfieldsaye, 1 June.



Girls' football, Macedon v Lancefield, 25 May.



Futsal in action, 31 May.



U18 Gisborne v Kangaroo Flat – through for a goal.

Senior football – Gisborne v Kangaroo Flat, 15 June.



U17B Gisborne v Melton South, 16 June.



C Grade Macedon v Lancefield, 25 May.



Junior netball umpires go pink for breast cancer research: Jocelyn Howlett, Issy Kays and Aysa Erdogan, 25 May.



Under 19 Macedon v Lancefield, 25 May.

Pictures by Chris Fleming
Copies may be obtained from Maddisons of Gisborne, Hamilton Street.

Seniors group invites new members

Macedon Seniors meet every Tuesday at 11.30am for lunch and a laugh at 40 Street Bar and Grill in Macedon. New members are always welcome. Call 0466 698 228 or email macedonseniors@gmail.com for more information or to join the next lunch.



Club president Wayne Lawrence and vice-president Ray Jamieson did a wonderful job cooking the barbecue at a recent club outing to Centennial Park.



Team members (from left): Kristen Cooper, Margi Petzki, Karen Fletcher-Gass, Eriko Pannam, Junko Mishima and Liz O'Connell. Absent: Sherryn Bulic.

Premiers

Congratulations to the team above who won the Section 2 grand final for Sunbury in the Northern Suburbs Ladies Tennis Association late last month. Margi, Eriko, Junko and Liz are from Macedon and also play in the Mountain District LTA.



Pickleball underway at South Gisborne.

Keen to try Pickleball?

Played worldwide by fast-increasing numbers of players, Pickleball is now available at the South Gisborne Tennis Club. The club has sessions on Mondays at 11am or 6.30pm, or Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 11am. All equipment is supplied. The cost is \$15 per person.

St Paul's Op Shop Jottings

The winter months are always a challenge to keep up with the requests for blankets for both humans and pets. If you have any clean, usable blankets excess to your needs we would be very grateful to receive them. If you or someone you know is in need of crutches, we have a pair which can be borrowed from our shop, just ask at the counter.

This month we talked to our volunteer Kay and asked her about her experience volunteering.

"Having lived in Gisborne for over 40 years, but recently moved, I still have many ties in the area and one of them dear to my heart is the op shop," Kay said. "I always look forward to catching up with old friends and working with a great group of ladies.

I originally became interested in the op shop when my mother passed away. She enjoyed working at her church op shop and I thought I would continue the tradition in her memory. It was the best decision I've made."

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

Janine Sanders, coordinator



Kay

Large government grants awarded to local projects

A variety of local projects have been awarded State Government funding.

The largest four are

- \$1.13 million allocated to the Mount Macedon Plantation Restoration Project to restore native vegetation in about 70 hectares that were previously managed as a pine plantation
- \$487,000 to Macedon Kindergarten for relocation of children's toilet and bathroom areas
- \$50,000 to Mount Macedon Memorial Cross Reserve committee of management for new interpretive facilities at the Cross.
- \$13,000 to Gisborne and Mt Macedon Districts Historical Society for their project on 'The Horticultural Heritage of Mount Macedon'.

Other recipients include

Global Village Learning school, New Gisborne, and Goodstart Early Learning New Gisborne – IT equipment grants.

Gisborne Thunder Swimming Club – \$730 for their Swim Coach Development Plan.

Roadwork update

Pavement, resurfacing and line-marking works on Black Forest Drive between Macedon and Woodend have been paused until dryer, warmer weather returns in spring.

Work will continue on intersection improvements at McBean Avenue, Macedon, as well as South Road and Spencer Road, Woodend.

Motorists are encouraged to look out for changed traffic conditions at times (including short 60kmh zones) and follow the directions of onsite traffic management.



GISBORNE GOSS

A staff member at Gisborne Primary recently reached 40 years of service in the public school system. The dedicated individual was congratulated by Mary-Anne Thomas MP at a school assembly but wishes not to be named.



Congratulations to Rob and Ailene Patterson who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in June.

The heritage (and sadly still bright pink) house at 47 Hamilton Street formerly occupied by Middy's Electrical, which changed hands just a couple of years ago, is on the market again with an asking price of between \$2.5 and \$2.7 million. The property has approval for a childcare centre.

QUIZ

- 1 From which part of the Andean fever tree do we get the anti-malarial drug quinine?
- 2 Who directed the film *Taxi Driver*?
- 3 Which two countries share the island of Hispaniola?
- 4 The first phonograph had records of what shape?
- 5 Of which country is Ulaanbaatar the capital?
- 6 Which is the largest island of Japan?
- 7 Which Australian Prime Minister had the nickname "the Little Digger"?
- 8 What is the capital city of Canada?
- 9 How many wings does a flea have?
- 10 Which aircraft company makes the A380?

Answers page 39

Why is that building named... ?

2. The Judy Trimble Pavillion – Gisborne Tennis Club

Continuing an occasional series revealing the people behind the names that adorn local clubhouses, sportsfields and reserves.

Way back when Judy Trimble first arrived in Gisborne 51 years ago, the Gisborne Tennis Club was a club of four courts situated where the netball courts are now, at Gardiner Reserve.

Judy was a very good player and quickly joined the A-grade competition. She and her husband Allan met on the tennis court in 1959, and the family story began.

Over the years, Judy spent a lot of time with the club's juniors; organising them, taking them to competitions, helping the club's coaches with teaching.

In 1988, a big flood swamped the courts and destroyed them. The two asphalt ones cracked and buckled and the two en-tout-cas (clay) courts washed away downstream. The small old wooden clubhouse was effectively destroyed by all the water flooding across Gardiner Reserve.

The council was eager to move the courts away from future flooding. After much internal debate, the club made



Judy Trimble (holding bouquet) at the opening of the clubrooms in the early 2000s. With Judy are the members of her family, including her now-deceased parents.

the decision to move to Dixon Field and eight courts were built there, on the site of Gisborne's old tip. Initially en-tout-cas courts were put in, later being converted to synthetic.

With her boundless energy, Judy was heavily involved, alongside other members, with getting the club reestablished. The courts were built by professionals,

but the rest of the work – landscaping, fences etc – was done by volunteers. Judy's husband Allan recalls the fencing job particularly clearly as it was done in winter and he remembers how cold it was as they worked.

In 1979, Judy and a player from Macdon, Barbara Southall, formed a mid-week ladies tennis competition, and the

Mountain District Ladies Tennis Association was born. The mid-week comp, which currently has four grades playing, has a more social element to it than the other competitions. The home team provides a light lunch for the visiting team in the clubhouse after the match.

Which brings us to Gisborne's clubhouse. There was not one. When the tennis club moved to Dixon Field it was the only occupant of the grounds, and the only facilities were a brick toilet block.

After extensive planning, the present clubhouse was built. The club wanted to recognise Judy for her work and dedication and named the clubrooms in her honour, but this was kept secret from Judy until the official opening.

It was a great day, Allan remembers. Club members, local dignitaries, the state MP at the time, Joanne Duncan, were there. The sign on the clubhouse was finally unveiled to great applause, and Judy was very chuffed at the honour. The whole Trimble family were. Finally, after the last stragglers had left the celebrations and the Trimbles were the only ones left, Judy turned to Allan and said, "Is that how you spell pavillion?" (It wasn't). Maybe the French spelling, they decided. The family loves this story, and loves the honour bestowed on Judy.

After playing tennis since childhood and later golf up until a year or so ago, Judy's health has let her down lately, so she has turned to croquet for relaxation.

Pip Butler

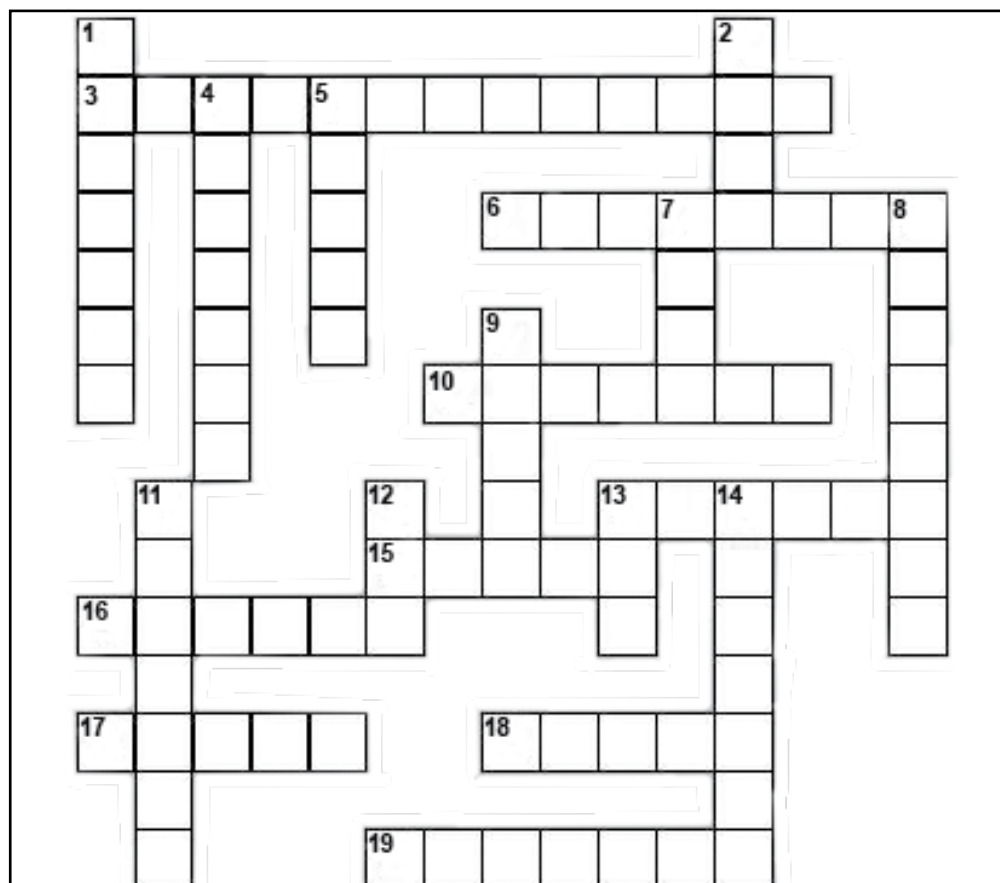
CROSSWORD

The Human Body

Questions compiled by Chris Antoniou.

ACROSS

3. CPR stands for Cardio Pulmonary _____
6. Condition caused by a lack of Vitamin D
10. The word 'renal' refers to which organs?
13. The hardest and driest part of the human body
15. The largest blood vessel
16. Red blood cells are created in bone _____
17. The scapula is another name for the shoulder _____
18. The longest bone in the human body
19. Fingernail protein



DOWN

1. Along with the biceps, which other muscle moves the upper arm?
2. Light and colour are sensed in the retina by rod and _____ cells
4. The longest nerve in the human body
5. Myopia affects this sense
7. Another name for the patella is the _____ bone
8. Reactivation of the chicken pox virus in older people
9. The largest internal organ of the human body
11. Rubella is also known as German _____
12. The mandible is also known as the _____ bone
13. The smallest bone in the human body is found in which sensory organ?
14. Common name for the analgesic acetylsalicylic acid.

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Friendship and fundraising



Churches are more than places where we come to worship God, they are also places that provide care for their members and for the wider community.

A popular event in the Anglican Parish is the annual Trivia Night. Each year in mid-winter, the parish hosts a themed trivia night with the aim of lifting the spirits with a fun-filled night that tests memories, knowledge and game playing. This year's theme is 'The Groovy 1960s'. Parishioners are currently searching their wardrobes and op shops to find bright coloured clothing, flares, fringed jackets, flowered headbands and anything that will invoke a flavour of 1960s fashion.

A silent auction is also held at the event, hosted in the comfortable and spacious surrounds of Jubilee Hall, Macedon, which will be decorated to reflect the 1960s theme.

The proceeds from the evening are used to support parish programs and the charitable services identified in the parish's annual program of charitable giving. The parish supports local, national and international charities. Included in the parish's commitment are support for Dementia Care – Woodend Carer's Group Fund,



A night of fun for all on 6 July.

Gisborne Foodbank, Gisborne Emergency Community Relief and Local Youth Mental Health Support.

The Trivia Night will be held on Saturday 6 July, starting at 7pm. Community members are welcome to join in this fun evening and support our fundraising efforts.

Tickets are \$25 per person and can be purchased by contacting the Parish Office on 5428 4038 on Tuesday or Thursday between 9.30am and 3.30pm. Come along and enjoy the fun and friendship.

Rev'd Dr Alan Smith

Acting Vicar, Anglican Parish of Gisborne.

Uniting Church in Australia addresses future



The Uniting Church in Australia is addressing historic events at this time.

The 47th anniversary of the formation of the Uniting Church from the Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational churches was celebrated on 22 June.

Then on 11 July, the 17th triennial National Assembly meeting will open with the historic installation of Rev Charissa Suli as the 17th President of the Uniting Church in Australia, with the UCA being the largest Australian Christian denomination to elect a person of colour as national leader. Charissa, of Tongan heritage, will be the youngest person to serve as president and is the fourth woman.

After four years' work, a report titled *Act2: The Gift of the Spirit*, will go before the assembly members for consideration and the wider church. This is the most significant piece of work carried out on the life and future of the Uniting Church since union in 1977. The Uniting Church has a diversity of beliefs and practices, ways of doing things and thinking about what it means to be one Uniting Church.

The final *Act2* report has three integrated sets of proposals focusing on a vision for life that gives communities of faith, discipleship and mission a vision for a network, for a flourishing theological culture and education, and a vision for sharing our life and commonwealth.

The outcomes of the *Act2* report consideration will inform the next National Assembly meeting in 2027, the 50th anniversary year of the Uniting Church, as it moves into its second half century.

Neil Tweddle, 5426 2045

Days for the world to embrace



A big tree on Hamilton Street decorated for World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.



Last month, did you notice the trees embraced by big purple bows? You might have thought someone was celebrating a big birthday. But no! It was a way to make us curious and discover World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, a time to do exactly what that title says.

The weekly newsletter of our congregation always contains a list of significant dates, many of which are designated as international days.

The very first of these was Human Rights Day, launched on December 10, 1950. It was an outcome of the terrifying loss of rights and life itself over the years of World War II. And to this day, the winner of the Nobel Peace Awards is announced on that day.

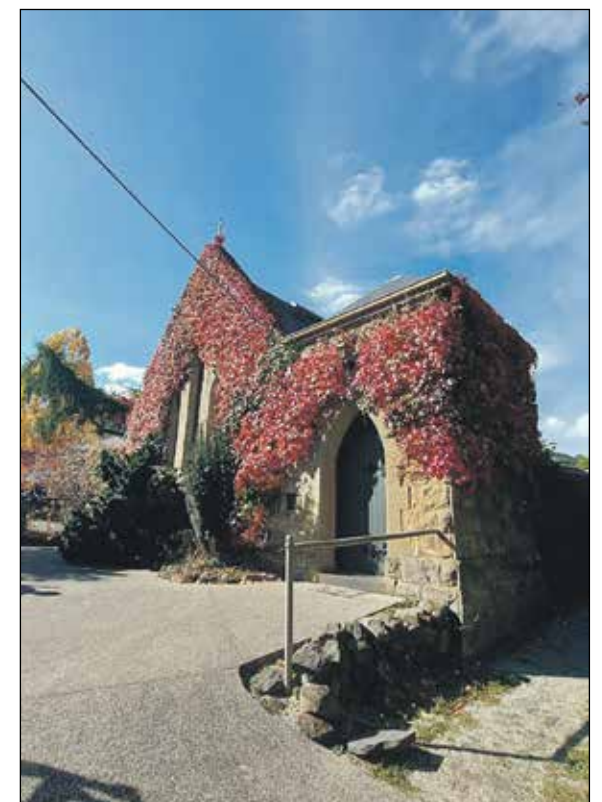
It is easy to be cynical about the plethora of designated 'world days' since 1950, a cynicism readily dispelled if you check out the origin and intention of even one of these. So rather than 'if you don't know, look away', take up the invitation to know more. Three cheers for the invention of the worldwide web which gives us easy access to such information.

Our thanks go to the *Gazette* readers who responded to our congregation's call for stamps to be released from their under-the-bed boxes and put to a good cause. It was great to hear stories of families who used stamp collecting as a way to find out more about Australia and the wider world.



We can report that already this year the Uniting Church Sammy Stamp project has raised \$40,642. While this amount is closer to the widow's mite than to the offering of the rich, be assured it is used carefully, efficiently and quickly for emergency relief. And perhaps, as stamp use declines the value of these tiny squares will increase.

Janet Wood



Mount Macedon Uniting Church.



100 YEARS AGO

From the pages of the old *Gisborne Gazette*

JULY 1924

The Footballers Ball. The ball in aid of the Gisborne Football Club, which was held in the Mechanics hall on Tuesday night, was a pageant of great brilliancy and gorgeousness, far surpassing anything of the nature ever held previously on the hall, and was attended by an unusually large number of devotees of the light fantastic. The program ... was drawn up by Mr. Dick Gardiner, who also specified the rules governing the various dances and to him many thanks are due. All who attended said it was the best and merriest night they have ever known in Gisborne and it must have been so, because the clock tolled the hour for retiring at four a.m., and there were lingerers still in the hall. *Gisborne Gazette*, 4 July 1924

Gisborne News Items. (1) On Monday evening, as Cr. McGregor was coming along the Melbourne road towards Gisborne, he was surprised to find two men with a furniture van busily loading up with some of the Council's tree guards, which they had pulled to pieces. He asked them what they were doing and they said "making a brake block". He ordered them to at once tip out the timber they had in the van or he would have them arrested. Without demur, they did so and proceeded towards Melbourne.

(2) What appears to have been a bold attempt to burglarise the Gisborne Post Office took place last Tuesday night. One of the windows was broken, evidently with the intention of entering the building, but Mrs. Brocchi, wife of the local postmaster, hearing the noise, switched on the electric light and came onto the verandah, which put an end to the efforts of the marauders.

(3) Rather a surprise was caused at the Gisborne Mechanics club on Tuesday evening, when the caretaker, Mr. Fitzgerald, discovered that the club's money box had been opened and money to the value of £4/10s or thereabouts had been stolen. Such occurrences are happily few and far between in Gisborne and are not attributable to any of the residents. The police should ascertain what new comers or strangers we have about and who and what they are, how they get their living and so forth. Melbourne and suburbs is, according to the daily papers, simply overrun by thieves and juvenile criminals and perhaps some of them have been driven into the quiet of this orderly town. *Gisborne Gazette*, 25 July 1924

Riddell News. Mr. H.V. McKay is steadily transforming the appearance of the country between Riddell and Sunbury. He has already secured the major portion of what was known as Clarke's run {Rupertwood}, on which only a few shepherds were employed in bygone days. This land is now cut up into farming areas of convenient size and upon each subdivision, Mr. McKay is erecting concrete dwellings, substantial outbuildings and secure fences. *Gisborne Gazette*, 25 July 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 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

BOTANIC GARDENS working bee every Thurs 9.30am-10.30am
 0439 887 178 infogisbotgard@gmail.com
BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP 1st & 3rd Tues 10.30am,
 Canteena, Gisborne. Enquiries, call Lesley 0484 691 226
BUSHWALKING CLUB Various locations 0402 088 491 or
secretary@gisbornebwc.org.au

CAR CLUB (Mac Ranges & District Motor Club) 1st Wednesday,
 8pm, Steam Park, New Gisb. 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

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
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

LANDCARE: Gisborne Landcare working bee every 4th Sat,
 place to be confirmed each month, gisbornelandcare@gmail.com
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
MASONIC LODGE 2nd Thurs 7pm Masonic Hall Aitken St

MASTERS AFL Wed 6.30pm all year round Sankey Reserve
OBEEDIENCE DOG CLUB Sun 9am Riddell Rec Res
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
PHOTOGRAPHIC SOC 1st Tues & 2nd Mon 7pm Dromkeen,
 Riddells Ck 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 for confirmation of venue)
ROTARY (Macedon Ranges) 1st Tuesday, 6.30 dinner, 7.45 meeting
 Baringo Food & Wine 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
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 Sat 9.30-11am
 71 Robertson St

ULYSSES GROUP 3rd Tues 6pm Sunbury FC
secretary@mrub.org.au

VINTAGE MACHINERY Working bees 1st Sun of month, 8.30am
 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,
 New Gisborne; yv.macedon.org.au or sdggome@patash.com.au

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Screening times: 3pm Wednesday
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CLASSIC FILM FESTIVAL

Date	Film
Wed July 3, 3pm	<i>On The Town</i> 1949 classic musical, Gene Kelly and Frank Sinatra
Fri July 5, 7pm	<i>Citizen Kane</i> 1941 Orson Wells masterpiece
Sat July 6, 3pm	<i>The Man Who Shot Liberty Vallance</i> 1962, John Wayne, James Stewart

Wed July 10, 3pm	<i>The Sting</i> 1973, Robert Redford, Paul Newman
Fri July 12	<i>Breathless</i> 1960 French New Wave crime drama
Sat July 13, 3pm	<i>North by Northwest</i> 1959 classic Alfred Hitchcock.

AND

July 17-20	<i>Rachel's Farm</i> (Australia 2023)
July 24-27	<i>The Father</i> (UK 2020)
July 31 to Aug 3	<i>The Salesman</i> (Iran 2017)

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QUIZ ANSWERS

- | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------|
| 1 Its bark | 6 Honshu |
| 2 Martin Scorsese | 7 Billy Hughes |
| 3 Haiti and the Dominican Republic | 8 Ottawa |
| 4 They were cylindrical | 9 Zero |
| 5 Mongolia | 10 Airbus |

KIDS' QUIZ ANSWERS

- | | |
|----------------|-----------------|
| 1 World War 2 | 6 Brisbane |
| 2 Dr Seuss | 7 Rubeus Hagrid |
| 3 A hobbit | 8 Chlorophyll |
| 4 The oak tree | 9 The Vatican |
| 5 13.5 | 10 57 |

CROSSWORD ANSWERS

ACROSS

3. Resuscitation
6. Ricketts
10. Kidneys
13. Enamel
15. Aorta
16. Marrow
17. Blade
18. Femur
19. Keratin

DOWN

1. Triceps
2. Cone
4. Sciatic
5. Sight
7. Knee
8. Shingles
9. Liver
11. Measles
12. Jaw
13. Ear
14. Aspirin



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