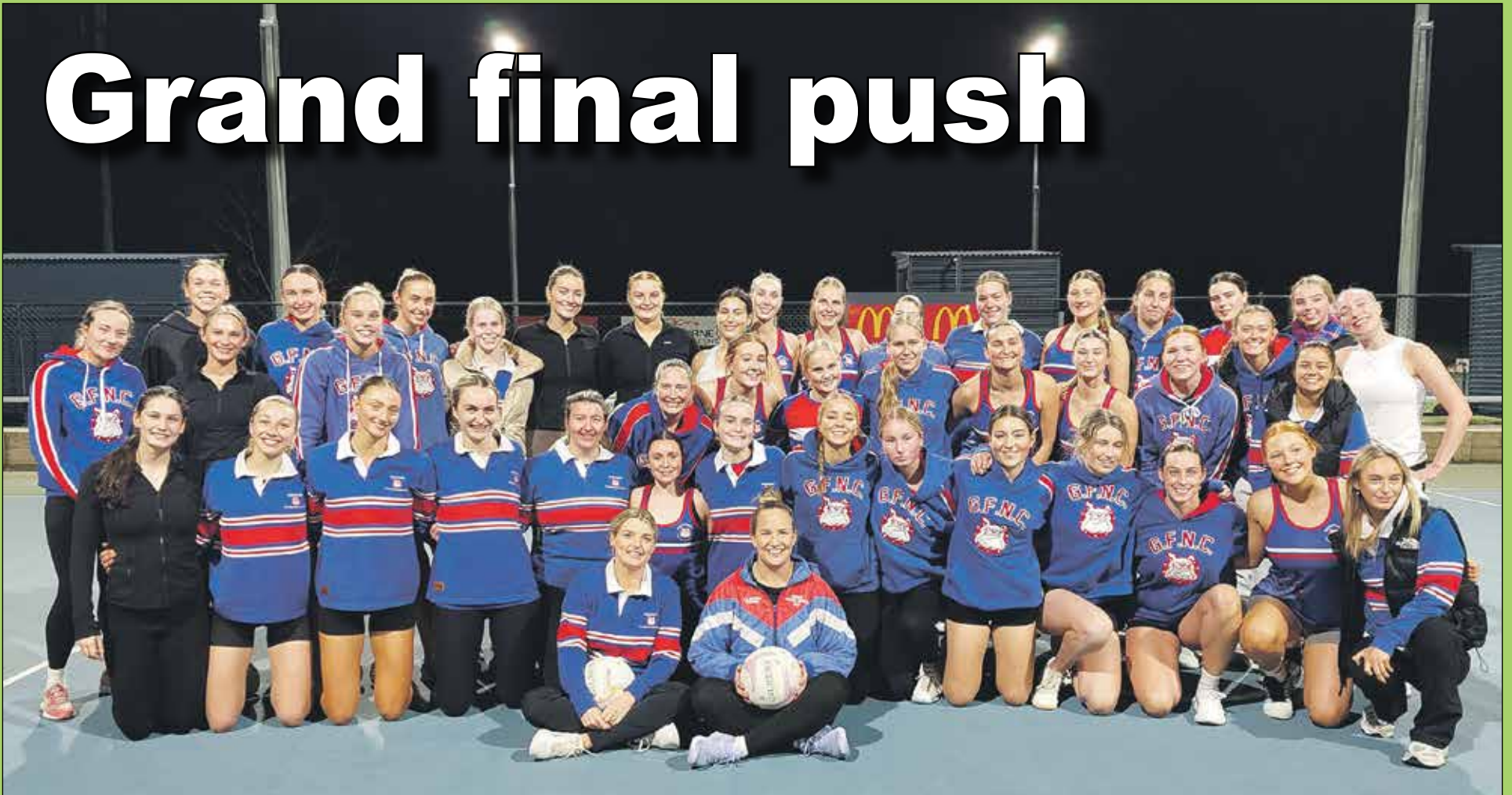


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## Grand final push



All the Gisborne Football Netball Club netball teams got together before training at New Gisborne in August.

It was great to capture this photo of the Gisborne netballers on their training night of 15 August as they stepped up **their preparation for the finals in the Bendigo Football-Netball League.**

**These fit young women are great role**

**models in the Gisborne community. As the photo shows, their energy, dedication and happy amiability shine.**

They enter the next few weeks with high hopes and you can read their coaches' **comments on their finals' prospects on**

**page 31. On page 30 you will find the thoughts of the football coaches as they, too, gear up for finals.**

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## From the Editor's desk

Spring is finally here! How delightful it is to see the sun and feel its warmth and to watch the flowers and trees come into blossom after such a sharply cold winter. (Are the winters getting colder or is it just that I'm getting older?)

September brings with it the football and netball finals and you will find lots of coverage in this edition of these two sports that mean so much to the Gisborne and Macedon communities. Already there have been premier-ships won by the Macedon women's and girls' teams and also by the Rookies and the Giants. You will see from their photos in this edition that 'winners are grinners'. Macedon and Gisborne will have teams competing in both football and netball finals in their respective leagues. All of the Bendigo League finals are played in Bendigo but for those who can make the trip, your support will be much appreciated by the Gisborne players. The Macedon matches will be played locally, so make an effort to be there to cheer them on.

In October the 2024 council election will be held. See the notice on page 13 if you are considering becoming a candidate.

Two major events in quite different fields of interest will be worth considering for your attendance in late September and early October.

The first is the Victoria Top Teams Trophy Showjumping Day to be held at IR Robertson Reserve in Couangalt Road, South Gisborne, on Sunday 29 September. Top riders from Victoria, NSW and South Australia will put on a great show. Entry is free. See page 32 for more details. The second event is the National Insect Expo that will take place in Woodend on 4 to 6 October. This exhibition has attracted a lot of interstate and overseas interest so should be a great opportunity for those of you who want to learn more about the seemingly limitless varieties of these creatures. To find out how to obtain tickets see the article on page 17.

It has been, as always, a pleasure to work with the many contributors who have filled this edition of the *Gazette*. My thanks to them all. Corinne will be returning to edit the October issue.

Bryan Power



Gazette at large

Gary Sanders "reading" the *Gisborne Gazette* at Mt Augustus in Western Australia. Gary and wife Margot (both valued members of the *Gazette* distribution team) climbed the mount — the largest inselberg rock in the world at 717 metres.

The climb is 12.5 kilometres return. The mount is located inland from Carnarvon and made of sandstone and conglomerate rock.

Gary and Margot hope that all is well in Gisborne and that we are managing to keep warm!

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## MINUTE WITH MAXINE

September is the month that the *Gazette* celebrates its 18<sup>th</sup> birthday and we will be having our annual reception on 18 October. October will also be the *Gazette's* 200th issue.

The following people have been delivering copies of the *Gazette* to letterboxes for a variety of years and will be presented with certificates of thanks at the reception.

Five-year certificates — Penny Alsop, Barbara Boyd, Dianne and Peter Egan, Trevor and Dianne Harper, Lou and Mick Maroulis, Jacqueline Nixon, Lynda Wenzel, Leonnie and Peter Wellington.

Ten-year certificates — Maxine and Peter Barker,

Dom and Gillian Cafari, Anne Ciesielski, and Keith Hallett.

Fifteen-year certificates — Chris and Deb Fleming, Lucy Padovani, Corinne Shaddock, and Vicki Thompson.

I cannot believe that I have been the *Gazette* distribution manager for five years. I am thoroughly enjoying it.

To all our distributors, please look out for the invitation with the October delivery and save the date, and let's party!

Maxine Barker

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# Macedon wins senior women's title

This is a remarkable story: two seasons of footy, a passionate team member Tamara Collins, who worked tirelessly to get the women's team up and running in 2023, an awesome coaching group and a bunch of remarkable women, the end of the story being Macedon's senior women's team taking out the Riddell District Football Netball League premiership on 17 August.

The club is proud of the efforts of all involved in this achievement. Coupled with the Youth Girls also winning the premiership, the club's female football pathway is sound and an exciting few years are ahead.

Coach Damian Slater has decided it is a good time for him to pass the baton. Living in Echuca now, the travel has made the logistics of coaching in Macedon difficult. The club is very grateful for his commitment over the past two years.

Now to the remaining netball and football results. The netballers recorded two wins with the A Grade girls doing the job in style as they head into another finals campaign, beating the Redbacks 67-39. Hetty put up 32 and Eliza 25. B Grade could not quite get the win, going down 43-55, and the C Graders finished the season on top, absolutely poleaxing Romsey 64-7.

Our 19s went down 16-36.

Football was a slog in the Ontime Oval mud. Kicking off early the under 19s beat Romsey by 25 points, the reserves jumped out of the blocks very well but went down by 30 points and finished the home and away season in sixth position on the ladder. The seniors led for most of the day to ultimately go down by six points.

Finals involving Macedon's Under 19 football team, senior football team, and A and C Grade netball teams were continuing as the *Gazette* went to press.

Don't forget to book the babysitters and prepare for our presentation night on Saturday 21 September.

## Coaches needed

Macedon Football Netball Club - Coaches needed

The club is seeking coaches for both football and netball departments for the 2025 season. For football, please contact Bevan at [footballoperations@macedoncats.com.au](mailto:footballoperations@macedoncats.com.au). For netball, please contact Megan at [netballoperations@macedoncats.com.au](mailto:netballoperations@macedoncats.com.au)

All applications are to be received by 19 September.

Bevan Uren

# ABC produces podcast on fire prevention in Macedon Ranges

The ABC is producing a series of podcasts based on a book by Mt Macedon Fire Brigade member Bruce Duden.

The podcast is based on his book *Leave Early. And if you can't...?* which was released last year. The book is a highly practical guide to being in every way prepared for the possibility of bushfire in the Macedon Ranges, and what people can do if for some reason they are trapped at home when a bushfire approaches.

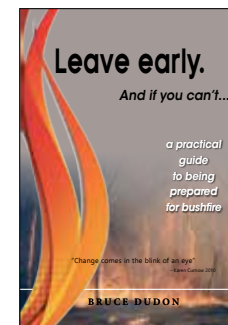
Bruce headed into the ABC studios in Melbourne last month to do the first episode. At this stage the podcast is expected to run to three or four episodes and will be repeated throughout the summer. As the *Gazette* went to press, the date the podcast will be available was not yet known, so keep an eye out on the ABC podcast page.

Bruce, who is retired from his occupation as a spectacle maker and now lives at Woodend, previously lived at Mt Macedon and has spent decades with the brigade.

His book is available through online booksellers. He said he was thrilled when the ABC put the podcast idea to him.



Author Bruce Duden and his book, below.



The Macedon Cats senior women's football team won the Riddell District Football Netball League grand final on 17 August, a feat made more special because this is only their second year in the competition. More premierships and finalist teams on pages 35 and 36.

## Getting ready to record species



Some of the Friends of Mt Gisborne Bushland Reserve get a lesson in the iNaturalist app from Landcare's Ammie Jackson in preparation for a 'bioblitz' at the reserve in October.

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## Macedon Tennis Club seeks memories and memorabilia

### Can you help?



The Macedon Tennis Club is over 100 years old and is belatedly celebrating its centenary next year.

Club researchers have discovered that the first match and official opening of the club were held in 1920 at Jubilee Hall in Macedon.

We now need memorabilia, stories, photos and trophies to help celebrate this amazing history! One resident remembers being coached way back by an older lady who taught with her walking cane in one hand and tennis racquet in the other! What a lovely story. Can you help with more? Please send your information to [info@macedontennisclub.com.au](mailto:info@macedontennisclub.com.au).



A weatherproof ping pong table, and behind it one of the barbecue areas, and playground, are great community features at the sports hub in New Gisborne. Inset: another barbecue area.

## Seen AROUND TOWN

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Scarlet the King Charles Cavalier went out for a nice walk in Gisborne recently, with obliging owner Sarah. The sight put some observers in mind of Tricky Woo in 'All Creatures Great and Small', whose walks were regularly taken in the arms of Mrs Pomphrey's gardener.



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## Join guided walk at Macedon to learn about threatened grasslands

Join the council's environment team for a guided walk through the grassland and woodland area of Macedon Cemetery on Friday 6 September to celebrate National Threatened Species Day.

Learn about the vital role our threatened grasslands play in preserving biodiversity and protecting endangered species. We will visit areas of grass that have previously been burnt as a weed control technique and to promote native grassland values.



Find out about protecting grass and woodlands.

Please note that this is an outdoor event and appropriate clothing should be worn.

Location: Macedon Cemetery, 54 Bent Street. 6 September,

1pm to 3pm. Contact: Kimberley Cook on 0436 654 301 or at kimcook@mrsc.vic.gov.au.

## Local projects in latest council budget

**South Ward projects** (Not all costings were available.)

### Carry forward items – Capital works – from 2023-24 budget

- Macedon Kindergarten – toilet upgrade \$519,000
- Dixon Field Master Plan – implementation \$103,000
- Gisborne Fields – Stage 5 \$254,000
- Regional Sports Precinct – Stage 1 Baringo and Hamilton roads intersection upgrade \$329,000.
- Ross Watt Reserve, New Gisborne – install new LED lighting on tennis courts 1 and 2 \$258,000
- Mount Gisborne Road – repair works on 1.3 km \$758,000

### Capital recurring programs and projects 2024-25

- Gisborne Mechanics Hall – renewal works
- Gisborne Aquatic Centre – office renewal
- Tony Clarke Reserve, Macedon – bowling clubrooms; detailed designs
- Clarke Street, Macedon – new footbridge construction
- Fersfield Road, Gisborne – water retention and water treatment system \$360,000
- Regional Sports Precinct – Stage 2 \$3,920,000
- Gisborne skate and BMX park – feasibility study to find best location for the park
- South Gisborne Tennis Club – upgrade lighting.



Community Bank Gisborne & District's autumn 2024 community investment evening. Branch manager Sarah Barton is up front holding the sign. Picture: Rebecca Baber

## New round of community grants opens for applications

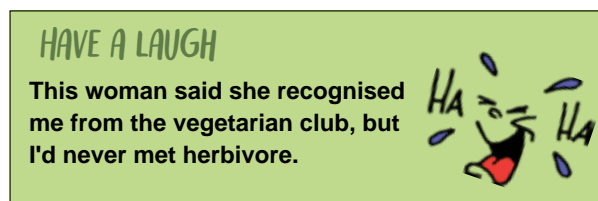
After a bumper autumn 2024 round of community giving in which 30 local groups received support, Community Bank Gisborne & District will invite applications for its spring 2024 funding round in the month of September.

Branch manager Sarah Barton, the board of directors and staff of Community Bank Gisborne & District, the Bendigo Bank branch in Gisborne, are proud to provide an independent revenue stream for local community development in Gisborne and surrounds, and thank all residents who bank at the branch for their support.

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Follow the Community Bank Gisborne & District Facebook page to stay updated on funding rounds and opportunities for grants, sponsorships and scholarships.



Finally, we've seen some sunshine and there has definitely been a touch of spring in the air!

Local gardener and sports enthusiast Bronwyn Morris is representing Australia in the World Triathlon Championships in Townsville. We wish Bron all the best and look forward to reporting on her results next month.

The coach and players of the Macedon Falcons Grade 5 and 6 Futsal team are very happy after recently chalking up their first win. Well done team!

We had a big weekend of football and netball for Macedon in August with four teams playing in grand finals. Congratulations to Macedon Senior Women, Macedon Youth Girls and Macedon U/11 football team who won their respective premierships. Bad luck to Macedon U/11 netball team, but what an achievement to make the grand final.

A memorial service for a much-loved local, Maureen Price, was held at Jubilee Hall mid-August. Maureen sadly passed on 23 July, having lived in Macedon all her life. Maureen epitomised our community spirit. We were lucky to know her as a friend, neighbour and wonderful community identity. Our love and thoughts go out to Camille, Monique, Helen and the extended Price and Belcher families. Maureen will be very much missed in Macedon.

We are pleased to report that renovations to the pub are 'full steam ahead' and it is wonderful to watch the space coming back to life.

Rainfall in town over the past four weeks to date of writing has been 58mm. The days are getting longer and gardens are starting to blossom, signalling the end of a long and cold winter in the Ranges. Time to dust off the mower and get that gardening gear ready!

Please pop in and see us if you have anything you would like to include in the next monthly article. Have a great month!

Anne and the team at Macedon Post Office



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# Tales of old Gisborne

## Peter and Eddie recall their time as altar boys at St Brigid's



With Peter and Eddie Gardiner



**Peter:** Our family house was in Aitken Street, next to the Telegraph office and very close to St Brigid's school and church. I became an altar boy when I was about seven or eight and every second week I served at the weekday 7am Mass. In the other week it was Jimmy Crossthwaite's turn. We wore red soutanes, a sort of cassock that went down to the tops of our shoes, and over that a white surplice with starched cuffs. Then it was home for breakfast and off to school.

The altar boys served not only at Gisborne but on certain Sundays at Macedon and Riddell.



The altar boy's garb of today has changed little since the 1950s.

But if there were five Sundays in a month, Mass was at Bullengarook. The Bullengarook church, St Colmille's, was a little wooden building behind a large hedge on a piece of land belonging to the Harp of Erin, an old delicensed hotel which was used as, I think, a post office run by old Bill Gorman.

Old Father Gibbons was the priest. I'm sure he was a better priest than he was a car driver. But off we went on those Sundays to Bullengarook in his 1937 Ford V8 two-door coupe and we'd pick up several of his older congregation on the way. One of the old men we picked up was old Ned Dineen. Old Ned's



A 1937 Ford two-door coupe. Fr Gibbons coupe was not as pristine as the one in this picture — and it had an unsightly gas producer attached.



St Colmille's church that was beside the Bacchus Marsh Road at Bullengarook (St Colmille's was built in 1870, closed in 1954 and demolished in 1960).

house bent over until it nearly touched the ground and poor old Ned sort of leaned the other way until he was nearly doubled over. The altar boy would have to fold

the front seat forward and back old Ned into the back seat. I think Father Gibbons was Irish as he had a funny way of speaking.

When everyone was back in the car Father would sing out: "Off again, on again, gone again, Finnigan" and with a shudder and a roar and a rev the poor old car would rear up, shudder and shake and race off at what seemed like breakneck speed toward Mass at Bullengarook. For an eight-year-old it was a terrifyingly unforgettable experience.

**Eddie:** Fr Nowlan was the priest when I became an altar boy. He was the first Australian parish priest at Gisborne and he was very popular. Up until then all the priests had been Irish. At his first Mass he promised that his sermons would go for no more than ten minutes. I was rostered on with John Paterson and later Bob Morton. We learnt the Latin responses by just reading them until we knew them off by heart.

**Peter:** We haven't any photos of ourselves as altar boys. Not many people had cameras in those days.

**Eddie:** As described, Fr Nowlan was a popular and outgoing priest. A couple of times, as a reward, he took us altar boys on a trip to the beach at Shoreham in his funny Citroen car with its gearstick poking out of the dashboard.

**Editor's note:** Three of the Gisborne parish churches were named for the three patron saints of Ireland: St Brigid, St Patrick and St Colmille, who was also known as St Columba. He founded the famous abbey at Iona in Scotland. The church at Riddells Creek is named in honour of St Ambrose, a fourth-century theologian who was the Bishop of Milan in Italy.

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# Honour for former footballer

Alec Gardiner has been honoured by the Box Hill Hawks Football Club. At a ceremony held at the club's function room on 7 July, Alec was inducted into the club's Hall of Fame.

Alec played football with Gisborne before being recruited by Footscray as a wingman in 1955. He played 95 games with the Doggies before leaving the club to take on the role of captain-coach at Box Hill from 1963 to 1967. He was named as the captain in the club's Team of the Century and, in 1964, was Club Champion, Runner-up in the Victorian Football Association's Best and Fairest award (the JJ Liston trophy) and represented the VFA in an interstate match.

As the VFL clubs became more professional, their coaching squads grew to include experts in physical fitness and

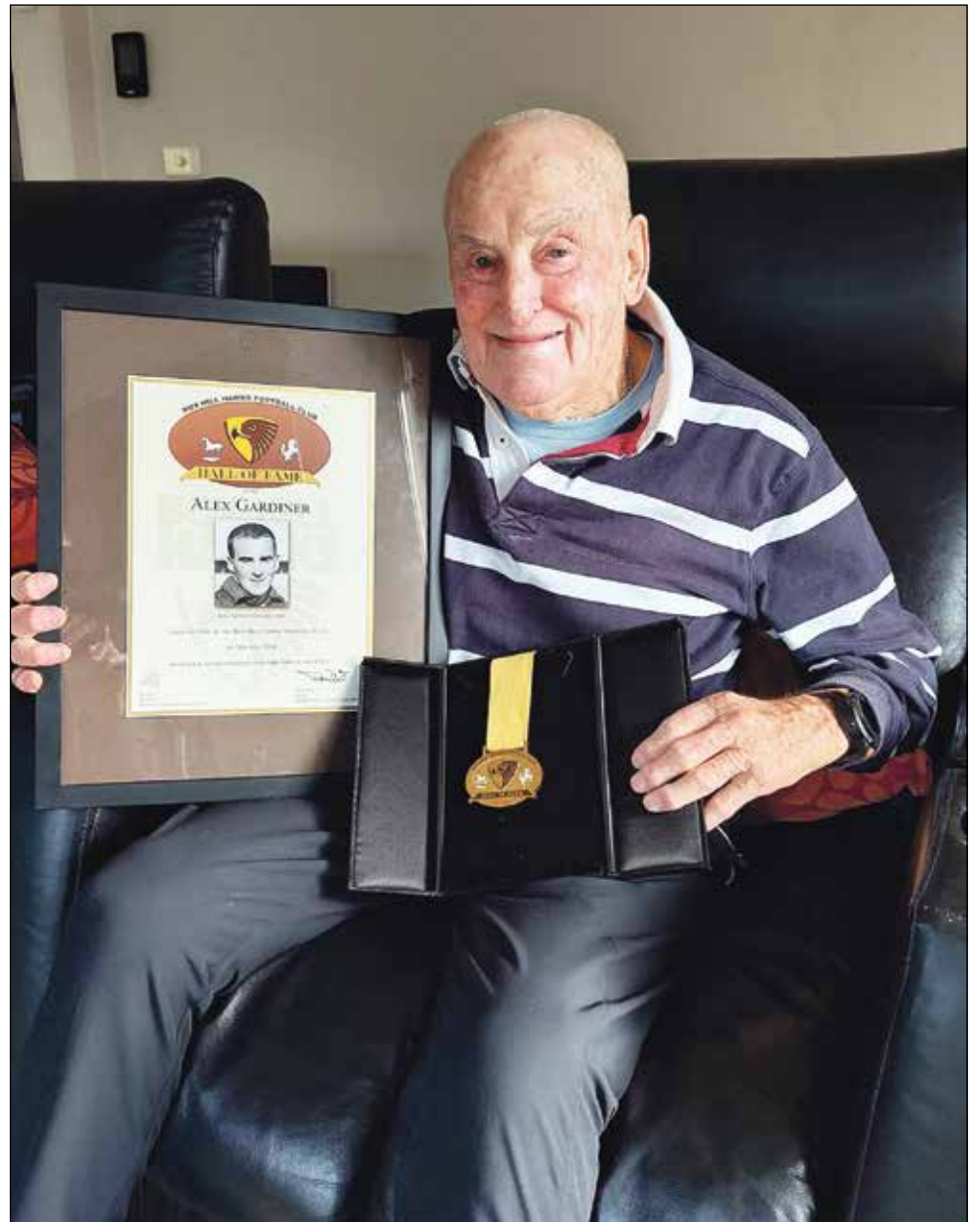
Alec found places between 1969 and 1991 on the staffs of South Melbourne, Fitzroy, Carlton, Melbourne and Footscray.

At Footscray he also served on the match committee and was the club runner. He coached Old Trinity in the Amateur League between 1974 and 1976 and was named as coach in their Team of the Century.

The oldest member of Gisborne's well-known Gardiner family, Alec was not involved in the garage business until after he retired.

After boarding school at Assumption College he studied at Melbourne University where he graduated with a BA and a Dip Phys Ed and became a physical education teacher with the Education Department. In the latter years of his career he became an inspector with the Technical School's division and was Chief Staffing Officer for the Tech Schools before the government of the day closed them all down.

Alec, now 89, lives in Gisborne with his wife Jacki and they delight in following the progress of their eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, who all (except for a two-year-old) attend local schools.



Alec with his Hall of Fame citation and medal.

**Alex may be "find"**  
By PERCY TAYLOR  
Footscray's first practice match on Saturday found a ready-made footballer in Alex Gardiner, a wingman who was stationed at wing half-forward.  
Son of a former wingman, young Gardiner is only 18, is 5ft. 11in., and played last season with Gisborne. He possesses all those qualities expected in a League star and his future looks bright.

Alec, also known as Alex, started his football career back in 1955.

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**Community Choir Thursday 12 and 26 September 7.30-9.30pm**  
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**Permaculture Group – Permies at the House: Drop in – Fridays 10am-12 noon**  
Check out our Facebook page Permies @ the House for those interested in permaculture and for past course participants to find out about permaculture activities such as produce swaps, book clubs and more.

**Playgroup Mondays 10am-12 noon and Wednesdays 9.30-11.30am**  
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**Gentle Yoga Wednesdays 6.30-7.30pm**  
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**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.

**House Hire**  
Please contact us if you wish to hire the House for your community activity, classes, meetings or kids' party at [hello@mmmcommunityhouse.org](mailto:hello@mmmcommunityhouse.org).

## Calling for 'Local Hero' nominations

Nominations have opened for the 2024 Local Hero award which will be presented at the Gisborne Community Carols at Dixon Field on 8 December.

If you know of someone who has dedicated much to the Macedon Ranges community in a voluntary capacity and deserves recognition, please nominate them, and let us know their community contributions.

Last year's Local Hero was the manager of Gisborne Community Care Foodbank, Lynne Margret.


We look forward to celebrating another local volunteer at this year's Carols. Please send nominations to [gisbornelocalhero@gmail.com](mailto:gisbornelocalhero@gmail.com) by 17 November or contact Bronwyn Tacey on 0417 028 605 for further information.


*Gisborne Community Carols Committee*


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 notify your neighbours if your activity will generate smoke.

 check the weather forecast for the day of the activity and a few days afterwards.

 establish a gap in vegetation or fire break with no less than three metres cleared of all flammable material.

 have enough people to monitor, contain and extinguish the burn safely and effectively.

## Preparing schools for bushfire season

The State Government is providing grants to slash vegetation growth and reduce the risk of fire by carrying out essential maintenance work. Local government schools receiving the grants are Gisborne Secondary College \$38,600, Macedon Primary School \$25,200 and Mount Macedon Primary School \$22,500. Schools receiving funds are listed on the Bushfire at Risk Register, with the work aimed at mitigating the risk of harm to the school in the event of a bushfire.

## Gisborne RSL observes Vietnam Veterans Day



It was our honour at Gisborne RSL Sub-Branch to lay a floral wreath at Gisborne cenotaph to commemorate Vietnam Veterans Day on 18 August.

It observes the anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan in 1966 and additionally we remember the sacrifices of those who died and say thank you to almost 60,000 Australians who served during the 10 years of Australia's involvement in the Vietnam War.

In September there are two commemoration days recognised by RSL. On 14 September each year, we observe National Peacekeepers' Day.

It's the anniversary of the day in 1947 when Australia became the first contributing nation to deploy personnel to a United Nations peacekeeping operation in Indonesia. Since 1947, tens of thousands of Australians have served as members of a peacekeeping force and 16 have lost their lives.

This year also marks the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ADF's commitment to the 'International Force East Timor (INTERFET) operations. INTERFET was a multinational peacemaking task force, organised and led by Australia to address the humanitarian and security crisis that took place in East Timor from 1999 to 2000 until the arrival of UN peacekeepers.

More than 5500 Australians from Army, Navy and Air Force deployed to Operation INTERFET.

Six Australians died during peace operations in East Timor.

Recently, the federal member for McEwen, Rob Mitchell, attended our August general meeting to update RSL members on the government's move to simplify and harmonise Australia's veterans' rehabilitation and compensation system. This initiative will enable the Department of Veterans' Affairs to process claims faster as well as making it easier for veterans and families to understand what they are entitled to, while also making things simpler for veteran advocates to assist veterans.

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're interested, please call our branch secretary on 0487 278 681 or by email at [admin@gisbornersl.com.au](mailto:admin@gisbornersl.com.au)



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# COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS AT WORK

## GREAT sponsors Men's Shed



GREAT is a proud partner of the Gisborne Men's Shed, and we recently renewed our long-standing commitment to the Men's Shed. The popular Shed does excellent work in the community, providing a welcoming, supportive environment for all men.

GREAT committed to continuing the *Gazette's* previous support of the Shed's basic running costs, and several months ago we donated a much-needed new laptop computer. This computer is used for a variety of needs including general administration, presentations, emails and controlling the modern tools in the machine shop. It is also able to run up-to-date software that was not able to be used previously.

However, it is a true partnership, as the Shed provides strong support to the Gisborne Olde Time Market, which is managed by the GREAT Association. Each market day sees Shed volunteers helping at the market, bright and early at 6am!

If you are interested in learning more about the Gisborne Men's Shed, they can be contacted at [gisbornemensshed@gmail.com](mailto:gisbornemensshed@gmail.com) — or just drop in: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 9am to 12 noon, 10 Lyell Street, Gisborne.

*Rick Arden*  
Vice-president, GREAT Association inc



The new laptop in the Shed office.



Darren, Terry (Cubby mastermind) and Fred, some of the Shed men involved in the cubby project.

## 2024 Foodbank Christmas Cubby



This is the Men's Shed's fifth year of building a cubbyhouse to raffle with all proceeds going to Gisborne Foodbank.

Once again, many Shedmen are involved in the project and we reckon we're a bit ahead of schedule. Even our Young Shedmen have contributed by preparing the furniture. As in previous years we'll have the tickets on sale and the Cubby on display from late November so start thinking about where it might fit in a yard to suit children who are important to you.

We wouldn't have a Shed in which to undertake this project without the generous on-going support of Benetas (Macedon Ranges Health), the GREAT Association and Inform Osteopathy. We also greatly appreciate the community-minded assistance from Bentons Plumbing Supplies and Frosts Timber and Building Supplies, who contributed most of the materials.

Feel free to drop in any Monday, Wednesday or Friday morning to check on progress and have a look at what else is going on in the Shed.

## Grant for Aboriginal-owned businesses

Aboriginal owned and operated businesses in the Macedon Ranges can apply for state government funding to support and expand their businesses, with grants of up to \$10,000 available to businesses for training and accreditation, mentorship, networking, marketing and access to expert advisory services.

Larger grants for buying new assets, planning business cases, conducting studies and specialist training are also available. To learn more and to apply visit [business.vic.gov.au/aboriginal-business-grants](http://business.vic.gov.au/aboriginal-business-grants).

## An invitation

Over recent months I have had several conversations about the possibility of, and interest in, organising occasional get-togethers for mums involved in St Brigid's School from the seventies, eighties and nineties.

Initially I am proposing an afternoon tea at my place on Tuesday 1 October.

As this is not a parish initiative, for further information, please contact me on 0408 115 759.

*Kerry Langmaid*

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# Gisborne CWA at Kyneton Museum, and more



Gisborne ladies had an interesting visit to the Kyneton Museum recently to see the 'Nurses, Medicine and Caring in the Macedon Ranges' exhibition.

The medical displays from times gone past were fascinating but I really enjoyed a walk up the stairs to see the rooms decorated from when the building was a bank in the late 1800s and the manager and family lived above.

Helen Walker organised our day out with a morning coffee and a tasty pie for lunch.

Quite a few of our group members scored prizes at the State Creative Arts Exhibition in Moe. A special congratulations to our own Allison Baker for her first-prize-winning watercolour painting and second prize for a sewn handbag.

All is in readiness for our Father's Day stall at Buntings on Saturday 31 August where there will be craft and cooked goods available for dads and the family.



Christine Edwards

Hope to see you all in the Kyneton Masonic Hall on Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 September, from 10am, during the Daffodil Festival.

Stalls, lunches, morning and after-



Gisborne ladies visit Kyneton Museum.

noon teas will be available and it is always a very busy weekend.

Our next meeting is Monday 9 September, 10am, at Gisborne Secondary College Stadium.

Coffee, craft and chat is the following Monday, 16 September, where visitors are welcome to join us for a couple of hours company.

Christine Edwards



Mary-Anne Thomas, Parent Harry, Principal Aoife McCarthy and some of the Grade 4s at Holy Cross.

## \$2.3m funding for Holy Cross Primary

The State Government is providing dozens of low-fee Catholic schools with funding to upgrade classrooms and build new facilities, including Holy Cross Primary School in New Gisborne.

The school will receive \$2.3m to upgrade drainage, demolish two portable classrooms, upgrade two existing classrooms to create a suitable STEAM hub (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics) and fully replace current driveway and car park.

The Member for Macedon, Mary-Anne Thomas, was at Holy Cross to announce the funding and said, "Holy Cross Primary School is a fantastic and popular local school and this project will mean their teachers have the best facilities to give their students the best education."

## Wurundjeri group offers cultural education session

Tuesday, 3 September 10.30am to 3.30pm

The Healthy Landscapes Program and Upper Deep Creek Landcare Network invite you to a cultural education session by the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation.

This session will include information on how landholders can identify and protect items of Aboriginal cultural heritage they may find on their property.

A tour of the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage listed greenstone quarry site, Will-im-ee Moor-ing (ie Mount William stone axe quarry), will be included.

**Cost:** Free. Lunch will be provided.

Be aware this is an outside event, so make sure you wear appropriate clothing and footwear, and a minor level of fitness and mobility is required.

Lancefield Mechanics Hall, 4 The Crescent, Lancefield. Contact Jason McAinch 0455 210 436 or at [jmcainch@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:jmcainch@mrsc.vic.gov.au).

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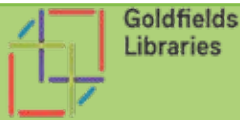
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## What's on at the library

### Crochet and Conversation

2 September, 2.30-3.30pm

New to crochet or just want to connect over your current project? Join us for a fun and friendly crochet meetup. Bring your supplies and let's stitch together!

### Author talk – Barbara Minchinton

Thursday 12 September 2-3pm

*Madame Brussels: the Life and Times of Melbourne's Most Notorious Woman*

Madame Brussels was the working name of Caroline Hodgson, Melbourne's elite brothel-keeper of the 19th century. Most of what was known about her had been written by her enemies until family memorabilia was donated to the State Library of Victoria, and further research told a different story. While the colourful tales of the men who hated her might have turned out to be fiction, the truth behind the legend was every bit as captivating. Book sales and signings.

Bookings are required. Visit [www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au](http://www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au) or phone 5428 3962.

### Great Book Swap at Storytime

Wednesday 25 September 10.30-11.30am

Help the Indigenous Literacy Foundation gift new, culturally relevant books to children in remote communities across the country. Bring along a favourite book (picture book or junior fiction) to swap for another in exchange for a gold coin donation.

You're sure to find some treasures.

### Home Library Service

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**School holiday program coming soon** – follow us on Facebook or check out our website at [www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au](http://www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au).

## All the news from Macedon CWA



The arrival of spring is our signal to gear up for the Kyneton Daffodil Festival.

On the weekend of 14 and 15 September, the branches from the Central Highlands Group will fill the Masonic Hall in Yaldwin Street, Kyneton, with lots of goodies for sale, as well as a "Tea Room" serving light lunches and morning and afternoon teas.

There are many events happening in Kyneton during the festival and the hall makes a welcoming place to sit and have a rest while enjoying some refreshments. We hope to see you there for a bit of a chat. As always, the funds raised will enable the branches to help with our goal of assisting women, children and families in need.

Towards the end of September, the Royal Melbourne Show is on again, and as usual the CWA will have the refreshment room up and going. This is the largest fundraiser that we have at the state level and, again, it helps our aim to be there for women, children and families and to have funds available in the event of natural disasters.

Please support us if you go to the Show. There will be lots of food – the scones, jam and cream are delicious – and just the thing while you rest your feet.

If you think you might like to join CWA or if you want to know more about the Macedon branch, please call Anne Fyfield on 5426 2210.



*There may be some chilly weather still to come, but daffodils are always a cheery sign of spring warmth.*



## MEMBER'S MESSAGE

With Mary-Anne Thomas, MP

Hello Gisborne community, As the sun is shining and we welcome another spectacular Gisborne spring, I have great news to share.

The New Gisborne Tennis Club is set for a glow up, receiving \$170,000 for the installation of 350 Lux LED lights to Courts 1 and 2 through the Victorian Government's Regional Community Sports Infrastructure Fund. This will ensure that the Gisborne community continues to have access to sporting facilities day and night and can enjoy the sports they love at convenient times.

Gisborne Secondary College has received \$38,668 through the government's Bushfire Preparedness Program to undertake essential vegetation clearance around school buildings, reducing the risk of fire in preparation for the upcoming bushfire season.

New Gisborne's Holy Cross Primary School is celebrating a massive \$2.3 million boost to upgrade and modernise existing school facilities, as can be seen on another page.

In August, I attended Gisborne Secondary College and Kyneton High School's joint production of *The Addams Family*. I was blown away by the extraordinary talent of our dedicated students and staff who created a haunting and hilarious performance.

Congratulations to the entire cast and crew, you should all be incredibly proud of the superbly professional show you produced.

Enjoy the springtime!

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## Tonnes saved from landfill with new recycling actions

A huge thank you to the Macedon Ranges community who continue to support and use the recycling initiatives that we roll out across the shire.

Since last September, the council's textile recovery chutes at resource recovery facilities ('tips' in the old language) have recovered over 35 tonnes of textiles. This is incredibly impressive as these materials could have ended up in landfill, but instead are being recycled, upcycled, repaired and reused by Upcycle4Better.

The council also introduced a polystyrene collection in May last year, and since then we have had about 700 cubic metres dropped off for recycling. This means that over 700 cubic metres of polystyrene has been diverted from landfill, saving residents and council landfill disposal costs.

## Roadworks in Gisborne

The council is pleased to announce it has received grant funding – through both the federal and state governments – for a number of pedestrian safety improvements across the shire, including in Gisborne:

**Fisher Street** – Upgrade the existing school crossing with raised wombat crossing and advisory speed limit signs; \$137,000 allocated under the Road Safety Program (School Safety Improvement); to be carried out in the 2025-26 financial year.

**Fisher Street/Aitken Street** – Raised wombat crossing and advisory speed limit signs; \$135,000 allocated under the Safe System Pedestrian Infrastructure

Program; for 2024-25 financial year.

**Roundabout at Hamilton/Aitken streets intersection** – Three raised wombat crossings and speed limit signs; \$439,000 in funding allocated under the Safe System Pedestrian Infrastructure Program; for 2024-25 financial year.

**Mt Gisborne Road** –

In its 2024-25 Budget, the council has allocated \$758,000 towards repairs of a 1.3-kilometre section of Mount Gisborne Road.



## Older folk: come and learn about using public transport to medical appointments with confidence

**Thursday, 29 August 10am to 12 noon**

The council, in partnership with local business Lily's Travels, is facilitating an information session in Gisborne to support older people to confidently use public transport to get to medical appointments.

Each session includes a presentation, opportunities for questions, and take-home information kits including timetables/itineraries.

Enjoy tea and coffee at Macedon Ranges Further Education Centre in Hamilton Street, Gisborne, and gain insights into mobility and accessibility services, Myki

cards, public transport timetables, safety and ticketing. The session is free but registration essential.

Contact Hayley Short on [hshort@mrcs.vic.gov.au](mailto:hshort@mrcs.vic.gov.au) or call 5422 0333.

**Cost:** Free

If you miss this session it will be repeated at Romsey Neighbourhood House on 2 September, Woodend Neighbourhood House on 13 September, Riddells Creek Neighbourhood House on 20 September.


## Structure Plan available on website, other framework plans to come next year


The adopted version of the Gisborne Futures Structure Plan with the changes outlined in the resolution is now available on the council's website.

In line with the resolution above, a request to the Minister for Planning to amend the Statement of Planning Policy to insert a protected settlement boundary for Gisborne has been made. The council is awaiting a response from the minister to guide the next steps.


In the meantime, work will progress on finalising the Draft Urban Design Framework and Neighbourhood Character Study. Further consultation will occur on these in 2025. There will also be future planning scheme amendments to put the strategies and objectives within the Gisborne Futures Structure Plan into the Macedon Ranges Planning Scheme. The community and stakeholders will be invited to provide feedback on future planning processes.

We would like to thank everyone for their feedback to the various stages of consultation and participation during the past six years leading to the finalisation of the Gisborne Futures Structure Plan.






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## KYNETON TOWN HALL EVENTS

### Hello Red Planet

Saturday 14 September, 7:30pm

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### Creative Kids Junk Journals

24-25 September, Kyneton Town Hall, various workshops.



An immersive school holiday workshop for kids involving printmaking, personal image making and a discovery of the role of journals. Young artists will be guided through the art of Gelli Plate printmaking to build a collection of richly personal and vibrant papers, then transform them into a personal journal for future use. Each workshop goes for 2.5 hours.

To buy tickets for either event, visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/buytickets](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/buytickets) or call 1300 888 802 (10am-4pm weekdays).

## Gisborne pool upgrade completed

Recent upgrades to the filter system at the Gisborne pool have now been completed, providing enhanced water quality for all. Installation of the state-of-the-art sand filter system was part of a range of works undertaken earlier this year on key mechanical components at the pool which were nearing the end of their life. Other works included upgrades to the air circulation systems and the existing building management system and software.

Installing the filter system was quite complex, even involving the use of a crane to manoeuvre the equipment into place.

The upgrades will ensure the centre continues to operate at peak efficiency, reducing long-term maintenance costs and improving patron experience. Council would like to thank the community for their patience while the pool was closed due to the works.



The new filter system is put in place using a crane.



## Call for candidates for council election

Candidates ready to stand in the upcoming Macedon Ranges Shire Council election are urged to use the Victorian Electoral Commission's 'Candidate Helper' to get their applications ready for submission when nominations open on Monday 9 September.

If you want to represent your local community, make sure to confirm your eligibility and complete the mandatory online candidate training through Local Government Victoria before lodging your nomination.

This rule applies to all candidates, including those who are currently or have previously been a councillor. The VEC's online Candidate Helper at [vec.vic.gov.au/council-candidate](http://vec.vic.gov.au/council-candidate) allows candidates to pre-fill their nomination forms before submitting them at their nomination appointment.

Candidates can also watch a series of videos on key topics such as the nomination process, including the rules and procedures that apply. More information is available online at [vec.vic.gov.au](http://vec.vic.gov.au). The Candidate Handbook is also available on the VEC website.

### Nominations close

Nominations close at 12 noon on Tuesday 17 September. Late nominations will not be accepted.



Club members enjoy lunch at the Convent Gallery.

## Here we come to Daylesford

Thirty-five members and friends of the Probus Club of Gisborne travelled to Daylesford on 15 August to enjoy a day at the Convent Gallery. What a joy it was!

On arrival we were met by the friendly staff before heading to Bad Habits Cafe to partake of morning tea, accompanied by delicious scones made to the nuns' original recipe. We then went up to the chapel where Mary explained its comprehensive history from being a private residence/castle constructed during the gold rush era to becoming a convent/boarding school for girls run by the Presentation nuns.

The nuns departed in the early 1980s and the convent was in a state



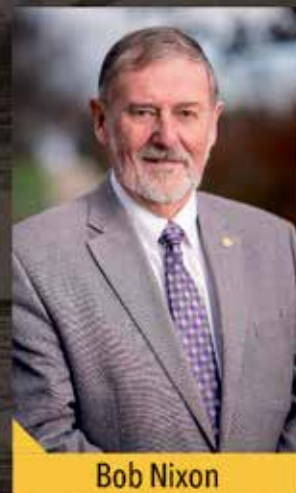
of disrepair before being purchased by Tina Banitska. The now-renovated building is over four levels with seven gallery spaces, function rooms and cafe as well as the lovely gardens and panoramic views over Daylesford from the tower room.

We meet on the first Thursday of the month in the Gisborne Community Centre Hall (old Senior Citizens Room) at 10am. If you want to experience being a member of our club, you are welcome to join us at our next meeting on 5 September.

You can contact our president, Susan Denheld, on 0419 530 041 for further information. *Dianne Egan*

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## Taking steps to prevent suicide



The Macedon Ranges Suicide Prevention Action Group (MRSPAG) warmly invites all members of the community to join us at our annual Community Walk, to be held at the Woodend Children's Park on Sunday 8 September at 10am. Registrations open at 8.30am, with pre-entertainment and speeches taking place prior to the walk.

Every single suicide statistic speaks of immeasurable loss: somebody's life lost; hopes and dreams lost; love and connections lost. And those who are left to grieve live with a loss as personal as the story of the one whose life has ended. As our local community continues to be impacted by suicide, MRSPAG believes we can all play a role in supporting people experiencing a suicidal crisis, and those who are bereaved.

The theme of the walk is this year's World Suicide Prevention Day theme, 'Changing the Narrative on Suicide.' The aim is to raise awareness about transforming how we see this complex issue. By changing the narrative, we can move away from a culture of silence and stigma to one of openness, understanding and support.

As part of this campaign, we acknowledge that



Join the walk at Woodend Children's Park on 8 September.

we are all called to action to "Start the Conversation."

To request the name of a loved one who died by suicide to be read out prior to the walk, please email [suicidepreventionwalk@mrspag.com.au](mailto:suicidepreventionwalk@mrspag.com.au).

For more information on resources and support services for those bereaved by suicide, visit the MRSPAG website [www.mrspag.com.au/other-support](http://www.mrspag.com.au/other-support).

## Gisborne grandmother builds connections via social support group

When Vivienne Maxwell relocated from Bendigo to Gisborne seven years ago to be close to family, she was keen to build social ties in her new community.

Fortunately, Mrs Maxwell had a family member working at Macedon Ranges Health at the time, who recommended the services' Social Support Program.

The program provides opportunities for people aged 65 and older to socially engage, meet new people and remain physically active in a supportive environment.

Since joining the program's Monday group, the 74-year-old former aged care nurse has not only built up strong and lasting friendships but is also living an active, fulfilling lifestyle.

The grandmother of six participates in a range of



Vivienne Maxwell enjoys the Monday social group.

activities including lunch and dinner outings, shopping days, visiting local attractions, movie days, games and trivia.

"I always look forward to Mondays," Vivienne said.

"It's about getting out there, socialising, having a nice lunch or just having a nice time on the bus."

Vivienne encouraged

older people looking for a new social outlet to enquire about the group.

For information go to [www.mrh.org.au](http://www.mrh.org.au).

## A moving feast in Gisborne



In mid-August we had the privilege of holding a 'Moving Feast' at Macedon Ranges Further Education Centre. We were joined by hosts and organisers Linto and Fern from Regional Victorians of Colour, as well as our chef and storyteller for the session, Dimple.

Dimple demonstrated how to make butter chicken and perfect basmati rice all while providing great conversation and insight into her background, including taking the leap to move from India to Victoria in recent years.

It is safe to say there was not an empty stomach at the end of the lunch, with most of us scooping up seconds of the chicken or its lentil-based companion



Chef and storyteller Dimple.

for us vegetarians. It was great to see such a fantastic turnout of members of the community and our students.

As Gisborne's Neighbourhood House, we are excited to host more events like these within MRFEC, but also for the wider community in the Macedon Ranges.

Keep an eye out on our web-

site and our social media profiles for the next one. Find us @macedonrangesed on Instagram and on Facebook under Macedon Ranges Further Education Centre.



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# Gisborne Bushwalking Club



The club has been very busy and had some wonderful walks over the last month or so through Keilor, Mt Alexander Regional Park, Cobaw State Forest, Mt Moliagul and Creswick Regional Park — just to name a few.

We have been lucky with the weather and, despite some chilly starts, the days have been beautiful, giving members a chance to soak up the amazing scenery and landscapes. The Cobaw Forest walk started with mist infusing the forest with a mystical feel and once at the top of the hill provided magical views of the surrounding hills and forest. At Mt Moliagul we learnt about the discovery of the Welcome Stranger, the largest gold nugget found in 1869, and strolled through the heritage park where the first signs of spring were emerging with an abundance of prickly Moses wattle.

At the Creswick Regional Park we meandered across the spillway of St George's Lake and through the forested areas where we enjoyed the stunning maritime pines and cork trees while soaking up the scents of winter's end.

A trip to the Cranbourne Botanical Gardens took us through the arid, temperate, rainforest and water gardens. Our tour guide introduced us to the amazing array of plants and trees, the garden's history and the wildlife. We were entertained by the small but very loud striated pardalote birds.

Our many and varied walks and activities have some-



A misty morning in Cobaw State Forest.

thing for everyone, so 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 Gail on 0419 374 603. Our website is [www.gisbornebwc.org](http://www.gisbornebwc.org).  
*Deborah*

## Hello from the Ramblers

I decided to keep all the walks in the local area over the last month, due to predicted rain for each Friday. Of course, none of the forecasts eventuated and most walks were completed in only partially cloudy conditions.

At the time of writing (9 August) the ramblers today walked Mt Holden in glorious weather with visibility as far as the Dandenongs. I wrote about this walk in the

June edition after a prewalk with a small group. I now have a gpx file and screenshot of the almost 6km easy walk, for anyone who requests it by emailing to the address below. There is no charge.

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)*

## WALK

Norton Road,  
New Gisborne/Macedon

An open walk on wide dirt roads with good views over farmland and countryside.

Distance: 5.1km

Level: Easy

**Directions:** From Gisborne, drive to Mt Macedon Road. After passing under the railway bridge, Norton Road is the first turn on the left. Park near the electrical substation and begin the walk up Norton Road.

Along the road great views are afforded to Mt Macedon before reaching Norton Road Reserve. This bushland reserve is well worth a visit and contains a well-filled dam with a central island, although it takes a little exploring to find.

Continue along Norton Road until a right turn into Crombie Road. Follow Crombie before turning right into Wimbledon Avenue (do not be put off by the "No Through Road" sign — this only applies to vehicles!)

At the end of the avenue, turn left into Dunn Street and follow it until it appears to end as a driveway to a private property. Follow the line of power poles along a wide grassed corridor towards the tree line, exiting on to Mt Macedon Road through a small pedestrian gate in the fence.

Turn right on a walking track along the fence line, returning to your car at Norton Road.



Dunn Street, looking to Mt Macedon Road.



### Together, They Faced Hell

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# Wind, rain, cloud and sun...

## Understanding climate of Mount Macedon region in state and global context

Wind and rain and cloud and sun, just four elements that have so much power over the earth and our lives. Wild weather, torrential downpours, oppressive heat, we get them all, and they are increasing in number and extremity.

Then there are the tiny incremental changes in the story of the seasons we fleetingly notice but cannot quite put together to make a cohesive picture.

Let's bring the image into focus. Let's improve our understanding of climate — how it is, how it has been and where it is heading.

Macedon and Mt Macedon Landcare group is hosting a session with Dr Linden Ashcroft, a climate scientist and gifted science communicator from the University of Melbourne, and previously from the Bureau of Meteorology.

In this session we will look at the broad picture of our weather — the climate trends and the character of the seasons, the patterns of the atmosphere and the increasing extremes. And we will look at the micro level — the way clouds congregate and wind moves around a mountain, the way storm cells build and ridges create lee sides.

Dr Ashcroft is also keen to hear our observations of



Dr Linden Ashcroft

the local weather patterns and climate, and to have a wide-ranging discussion about this thing we all have in common.

Together we'll develop a greater understanding of the weather, climate and microclimates of Mount Macedon and Macedon, including winds, rainfall, temperature, weather patterns, seasonal variations and the predictability, or not, of extreme events.

**Details:** 7.30pm Thursday 12 September, Jubilee Hall, Smith Street, Macedon. Free, but please book via Humanitix at [www.events.humanitix.com/wind-rain-cloud-and-sun](http://www.events.humanitix.com/wind-rain-cloud-and-sun) (you can click through from our website [www.mmmlandcare.org.au](http://www.mmmlandcare.org.au)).

## Environment grants available



This year, the council is again offering Environment Group Support Grants in addition to

new Community Climate Action Grants, in recognition of the significant contributions our community environment and sustainability groups make.

**The Environment Group Support Grant** aims to empower these groups through capacity building, weed control and biolink enhancement, all of which benefit the community and natural environment of the Macedon Ranges. There are three categories of funding that eligible groups can apply for under the program: Landcare, Friends Groups and Network Support Funding; Strategic Weed Partnership Program; and Biolink Boost Grants.

**The Community Climate Action Grants** support groups in developing, implementing and evaluating projects that reduce community greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to climate change.

The council has collaborated with the Community Bank to match funding, providing an additional \$20,000. This boosts the funding available to \$40,000 each for both the Biolink Boost and Community Climate Action grants.

To find out more and apply, visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/grants](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/grants).

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#### Free "Come & Try" events

A range of free activities and workshops will be on offer locally throughout the Seniors Festival for you to explore new interests, meet other people and discover ways to improve your health and quality of life.

#### Recognising our senior volunteers

In recognition of the many seniors who volunteer in our community, Council will be interviewing five dedicated volunteers, sharing their inspiring stories with the community, and gifting them a special hamper as a token of our appreciation for their generosity, time and efforts.

#### Free music concert!

2pm, Thursday 10 October, Castlemaine Town Hall (Cnr Frederick and Lyttleton streets)

Council is providing seniors with free tickets and transport from Gisborne, Woodend and Kyneton to the Castlemaine Music Concert, featuring a tribute to the first queens of country music, 'The Honky Tonk Queens'! Amber Joy Poulton and The Holy Two present the songs of Loretta Lynn, Dolly Parton, Patsy Cline and Tammy Wynette. Bookings are essential. Call Council's Sharon Gill on 5422 0333.

To view the activity schedule, read the volunteer stories, or find out more about the free music concert, visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/Seniors-Festival](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/Seniors-Festival)





# Creatures great and creatures small

## It only takes one



For the second year in a row Calder Fly Fishing Association made

the journey west to the Crater Lakes region and set up base at the Lake Purrumbete Cottages for a boat and bank trip.

When we arrived on the Friday, wind gusts were reaching in excess of 35kmh per hour which is not conducive to bank fly fishing. So after a long lunch and a cup of coffee we threw on the wet-weather gear and launched the boats. When the wind died down the enthusiasm lifted but this did not result in any fish for day one.

On day two the conditions looked marginally better so a group headed off to Lake Bullen Merri not too far away. We drifted the boats through all the likely spots and as we headed towards 11am the weather started to take a turn. It was at this time club treasurer Dusan Ivanovic thought he snagged the bottom, only for it to start fighting back.

"Fish on!" he shouted.

After a lengthy, careful fight due to a light tippet (piece of equipment) on the line risking a break off, Dusan landed a beautiful 4lb tiger trout that was quickly released back into the lake.

It is hard to believe that over three days of fishing between 10 members and three boats, this was the only



Happy team Simon and Dusan with the tiger trout.

fish caught for the trip.

I'm sure somewhere there's a local saying "you should have been here last week".

For more information about the club find us at [www.calderflyfishing.com.au](http://www.calderflyfishing.com.au).

We are also on Facebook and Instagram.

Simon Hall

## National Insect Expo attracts internationals

Australia's largest insect exhibition held each year in Woodend is now a truly international event with visitors from Europe and the United States indicating their intentions to experience the National Insect Expo in October.

Exhibition director Dr Bert Candusio said that he had been in conversations with specialist collectors from several countries eager to link up with Australian breeders and collectors in order to develop potential entomology-based commercial opportunities.

This year's event will bring in specialist collectors from Dallas, Chicago and Florida in the US as well as Berlin, Zurich and Trieste in Europe. The expo will be held at Buffalo Sports Stadium in Woodend from 4 to 6 October, 10am to 5pm daily.

Tickets: Adults \$25, concession \$20, children \$10, children under 5 free, family (2 adults, 2 children) \$60, VIP three-day pass (2 adults, 2 children) \$110.

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Members of Macedon Ranges Photographic Society visit Lake Tyrrell.

## Products and nature on film

The Macedon Ranges Photographic Society set a challenge for members to try their hand at product photography.



Our June competition saw submissions from 15 individuals. With thinking caps on, members came up with a variety of products, including pet toothpaste, time pieces, shoes and cosmetics. Food and beverage products featured heavily. Amazing techniques were used, and most participants enjoyed learning as they created their masterpieces.

The images can be viewed on our website under the galleries tab/ 2024 judged competitions/June 2024. You can find EDPI and print for open and set subjects. Have a look around at [www.macedon-ranges-photography.org.au](http://www.macedon-ranges-photography.org.au).

Some club members recently went on a road trip to the Mallee district. Staying in Sea Lake we were spoilt with photographic opportunities, with many beautiful silos, the Spanner Man in Boort and the main attraction,

Lake Tyrrell. The salt lake is ever-changing, giving point of difference for images between water level, sunrise, sunset, salt, foam and abandoned objects. A few drones were

launched when the wind dropped, allowing members to practise their skills gained at our recent club workshop. We managed some night photography too. It's fun to traipse out over the salt flats in gumboots.

If you are interested in finding out more about our group, we invite you to attend a couple of meetings, to see if the club is a good fit, before paying for membership.

For more information about the club, please visit [www.macedon-ranges-photography.org.au](http://www.macedon-ranges-photography.org.au).

We meet on the first Tuesday of the month, followed by the next Monday at Dromkeen in Riddells Creek.

Our meeting room is warm and inviting, with a cuppa and biscuit during the break to allow for social chitchat. The meetings start at 7.30pm. doors open at 7pm.

*Sue Steward*

## What's happening in the crochet world

### CRAFT CORNER

with Mary-Beth O'Brien

As the winter mist lifts, our hooks or 'cros' (using the French term), seek lightweight materials to construct the structure of our garments.

Cotton weight is ideal for summer apparel and bucket hats are particularly popular at the moment. Being sun-conscious in our harsh climate is a must. Fashion meets functionality is always a winner, incorporating stylish elements into a summer wardrobe.

#### Sunbury Agricultural Show

For those among us with a competitive streak, the Sunbury Agricultural Show will be held on



*If you follow this column you may recall the heritage project I accepted from a reader earlier this year. Here is the finished item.*

Saturday October 12 at the Sunbury Recreational Reserve / Clarke Oval from 8.30am to 5pm. I strongly urge crocheters to submit entries. Further details can be obtained via [Sunburyshow.org.au](http://Sunburyshow.org.au)

#### Conversation and Crochet

The Conversation and Crochet group meet at the Gisborne Library on the first Monday of the month, starting at 2.30pm. Those wishing to learn basics are welcomed and encouraged to attend with experienced crocheters happy to exchange knowledge and tips.

#### Guinness World Record

Billy Barton, 24 years, from the Northern Territory, will be attempting a world record for the longest crochet chain while running in the Melbourne Marathon in October.



## Come and join Gisborne Singers!

the  
Gisborne  
*Singers*

Do you know the benefits of singing in a choir? Ever wanted to join one?

If you love music and you love to learn, then joining a choir might be just for you. One of our members, Marg de Campo, "loves hearing the combinations of the parts of a choir, the myriad ways voices at different levels can combine to make wondrous sound". She also loves "the feeling of camaraderie and giving happiness, joy, exhilaration to others, and feeling those yourself, as you sing."

Singing in a choir allows you to be completely focused. You forget all the other things going on in your life. For me, "When I'm in the moment and singing with my choir, I don't want to be anywhere else in the world."

The Gisborne Singers rehearse from 7.30 to 10pm (with a break for supper), on Wednesdays at the Gisborne Uniting Church in Brantome Street, Gisborne. Our membership covers musical scores and midi practice files. You can play these through your phone when you are out and about or doing formal practice at home.

An ability to read music is advantageous but not essential.

We are a non-auditioned community choir with an



Three tenors sing their hearts out at a Gisborne Singers rehearsal.

awesome musical director/conductor (Luke Severn) and brilliant accompanist (Anna Zuidland Clarke)

Tickets are selling fast for our next concert, Mahler's Symphony No2 'The Resurrection' with the Bendigo Symphony Orchestra on Sunday 24 November at the

Ulumbarra Theatre, Bendigo. Tickets: gotix.com.au Adults \$52, concession \$47, under 16: \$20.

Enquiries: www.gisborne.harmonysite.com or phone 0408 156 263.

Alison Kinghorn

## Portraits, Pets and Pots



Macedon Ranges artist and multi-disciplinary Jahne Hope-Williams is presenting 'Portraits, Pets and Pots', an adventure into direct photographic transfer and encaustic technique — miniatures and not-so-miniatures. Jahne loves taking photographs. She uses old-fashioned difficult artistic techniques which incorporate many processes.

As a scientific illustrator, realism makes sense to her. To enhance her work, Jahne adds gilding and hand painting over the images. In case it was not time consuming enough ("I do complicate things," she says)

Jahne explores the world of beeswax and uses this instead of glass in front of the works in a very individual way. The exhibition will have a large range of works mainly in the 8 inch x 8 inch format on canvas, although she has just completed an A3 image and looks forward to larger works, especially portraits, in the future.

There are images for everyone — religious icons, Buddhist Thangas, portraits and angels which are part of Jahne's signature work. This exhibition also includes portraits of pots as well as her cat as Queen Elizabeth I. 'Portraits, Pets and Pots' begins on 2 September at the Mt Macedon Gallery, down the lane beside the Trading Post.



Miles

Jahne's exhibition officially opens on Saturday 7 September at 2pm and goes on until the end of the month.

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## Search in New Zealand, or delve into Genealogy Group's own records



The next meeting of the Gisborne Genealogical Group will be held in the Family History Room adjoining the Gisborne Library on

Thursday 26 September at 7.30pm.

This will be a general discussion about researching New Zealand ancestors, led by some of our members who have had considerable experience in finding New Zealand records. All welcome.

The next Saturday Workshop will be on 7 September at 10am when Julie Dworak will demonstrate the assorted records stored on the genealogy library's

computers, many records that are not available online. Free for Genealogy Group members, \$10 for visitors.

The DNA group (DIG) will meet on Saturday 21 September at 10am. Contact Julie for more details on 0400 099 159. Free for members, \$10 visitors.

The Family History Room is open for research each Tuesday from 10am to 1pm and on Thursdays 2pm-5pm. Further details about Gisborne Genealogical Group are available on [www.ggg.org.au](http://www.ggg.org.au).



Lyn Hall



Resonance String Orchestra in performance.

## New offerings from Resonance String Orchestra

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Resonance String Orchestra will be running a group beginner violin lesson on Monday evenings at the Woodend Neighbourhood House. This is suitable for students with no experience and will be taught by members of the Resonance team. Subject to sufficient interest, parents are welcome to book in as well, to learn alongside their child. The class will start in Term 3. Please also let us know if you are interested in joining a class for adult beginners of violin/viola in Woodend or Castlemaine.

### Apprenti Strings: Resonance's Junior Ensemble

Resonance is reinvigorating our wonderful Apprenti Strings group. This group is suitable for string students from established beginner to Second Grade AMEB and we have flexible rehearsal options for these students. This group will be run in partnership with Maryborough Education Centre, but students can either rehearse in Woodend on Mondays 4.45pm-5.25pm OR Fridays in Castlemaine OR (subject to audition) learn their parts with their teacher and come join us for Saturday rehearsals on 14 September and 9 November.

### For Term 3

Apprenti Strings Woodend: Mondays fortnightly 4.45-5.25pm at Woodend Neighbourhood House. \$15 a session. Apprenti Strings Saturday stream: 10am-12.15pm at Braemar College September 14 and 9am-10am Saturday 9 November (in Castlemaine) \$15 per session + membership pro rata.

Open Rehearsal at Braemar College on September 14, 12.30-1pm. A chance for the community to pop in and see Resonance in action. Please RSVP your interest to [heather.violin@gmail.com](mailto:heather.violin@gmail.com)

To register your interest in joining Apprenti Strings or the group beginner violin lessons, please visit our website [www.resonancestringorchestra.org.au/join-1](http://www.resonancestringorchestra.org.au/join-1).

### About Resonance

Resonance String Orchestra, with branches in Woodend and Castlemaine, is a community arts institution that lives and breathes its motto "inspiring regional communities to make great music".

Resonance brings together musicians from primary school age to retirees, to play music from the musical canon as well as bespoke arrangements and original compositions by our co-artistic director and composer-in-residence, Emma Wade. We give sell-out concerts and love popping up on the streets to delight the public too! Visit us at [www.resonancestringorchestra.org.au](http://www.resonancestringorchestra.org.au).

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## Mount Players happenings



Hard to believe we are now in full rehearsal for our final production for 2024.

The players have enjoyed a very successful year to date with the staging of *Wild, Looped* and *Family Values*. These productions, along with drop-in shows from outside theatre performers, musicians, community groups and our own members' social evenings has ensured the Mountview Theatre has been a hub of activity all year.

Our fourth production has been cast and will be staged in November. *A Bunch of Amateurs* by Ian Hislop and Nick Newham is a lovely English comedy set in a sleepy, country village in Suffolk. An amateur theatre group putting on *King Lear* find themselves in a desperate plight to save their beloved theatre. Desperate times call for desperate measures and so the story unfolds. Great characters, a witty script and basically a good laugh that's a lot of fun.

More details about this show next month. Or go to our website [www.themountplayers.com](http://www.themountplayers.com) for full details and ticket bookings.

If you have not been to our theatre, then do yourself a favour and come along. With a fantastic show, complimentary sherry on arrival, an incredibly well priced bar and complimentary tea, coffee and treats at interval...it's great value...you'll love it!

See you at the theatre.

Karen Hunt

HAVE A LAUGH

I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words.





# Seniors Month activities from U3A

U3A Kyneton – Come and Try Friday@U3A for Seniors Month in October.

Friday@U3A events take place at the Red Brick Hall, 23 Yaldwyn Street West, Kyneton, at 2pm on Fridays. It is free and open to both members and non-U3A members. The program consists of topical presentations and activities and finishes at 3pm with a cup of tea.

## Friday@U3A – Friday 11 October

Topic: 'Tooth and Nail – The story of the rabbit in Australia'.

The speaker is retired research biologist Dr Brian Coman. Brian was grew up on a farm in south Kyneton. He worked as a field biologist and then a Landcare coordinator, spending more than 25 years in the Coliban River catchment, mainly in rabbit control. His presentation will be drawn from his book *Tooth and Nail – the story of the rabbit in Australia*. Come along and hear how Europeans, through the introduction of a single species, changed Australia forever, transforming the environment and impacting social, political, and cultural life in our country through to today.

## Friday@U3A – Friday 18 October

Topic: 'The Ethics of Gene Editing'

The speaker is Dr Christopher Gyngell, research fellow in biomedical ethics at Murdoch Children's Research Institute and co-deputy director of the Health Law and Ethics Network, University of Melbourne.



Over the past decade, advancements in gene editing technologies have given scientists unprecedented power to alter DNA — the fundamental building blocks of life. These technologies have far-reaching applications across many fields, but most controversially, human reproduction. Chris will give us a background to the science of gene editing, before exploring the ethical challenges, from the implications for human health to the broader societal and moral questions it raises.

## Friday@U3A – Friday 25 October

Topic: 'The Impact of Memory Loss in People Living with Dementia'

Following her experience caring for a family member with Alzheimer's disease, Dr Kathryn Nicholson began her association with Dementia Australia, first as a volunteer and then full-time as a sessional dementia educator.

Her presentation will address the meaning of memory, the impacts of living with a "dementia" diagnosis, impact of memory loss on everyday life, practical ideas for carers. Join us for a unique insight into dementia and how to manage it.

Further information about U3A Kyneton can be found on the website [www.u3akyneton.org.au](http://www.u3akyneton.org.au).

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There are also options for social and exercise activities in the local community.

Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health has a strong connection to the Macedon Ranges and an understanding of the importance of the individual making decisions about their own care.

If you would like Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health to be your Home Care Package provider and manage your Home Care Package, call 5421 6061 or email [hcp@scchc.org.au](mailto:hcp@scchc.org.au).

You can also come along to one of two information sessions being held at 1.30pm on 17 September (Sunbury) and 25 September (Kyneton) where you can meet the team and find out more. To book your place call 5421 6061 or email [hcp@scchc.org.au](mailto:hcp@scchc.org.au).

# Fibre for all seasons



Winter is a great time to work with wool and create warm garments, but you can enjoy fibre at any time.

In summer our members dyed wool, hand spun yarn and stitched items. Autumn was a good time to visit a processing factory — specialising in cleaning and carding alpaca, ready to spin. Winter is the time the annual Sheep

and Wool Show is held at Bendigo. Some of our members showcase their locally produced fine wool and handcrafted items. This year Anne O'Brien won accolades for her fine weaving and knitting using hand-spun yarn.

When travelling in Tibet, one of our members was intrigued to see craftswomen prepare wool by hand carding, then spinning. These traditional skills are used by our members and led to a sharing of techniques with beginners and less experienced members. New members are always welcome to the Macedon Ranges Spinners and Fibre Group. We meet each Wednesday afternoon at the Bullengarook Hall. Our members include experienced spinners, weavers, knitters, cross stitchers, embroiderers and those who crochet as well as doing other fibre crafts.

Heather Parry, 0400 805 921



Two prize-winning pieces by Anne O'Brien at the Bendigo Sheep and Wool Show.

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## Passing through Gisborne on the way to the goldfields

### An extract from *Mrs Clancy's Visit to the Gold Diggings in Australia, 1852–1853*

Edited by Robin Godfrey

#### "A camp site near Aitken's Gap, Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 1852

With some reluctance I roused myself from a very heavy slumber produced by the over fatigue of the preceding day. I found everyone preparing to start. Kindly considerate, my companions thought a good sleep more refreshing for me than breakfast and had deferred awaking me until they were obliged; so, taking a few sailor's biscuits in my pocket to munch on the way, I bade farewell to a spot whose natural beauties I have never seen surpassed.

"Proceeding onwards, we skirted the Bald Hill, and entering rather a scrubby tract, crossed a creek more awkward for our drays than dangerous to ourselves; we then passed two or three little coffee shops, which being tents are always shifting their quarters, crossed another plain, very stony and in places swampy, which terminated in a thickly wooded tract of gum and wattle trees. Into this wood we now entered.

"After about five miles uncomfortable travelling, we reached the "Bush Inn".

"I must here observe that no distinct road is ever cut out, but the whole country is cut into innumerable tracks by the carts and drays, and which are awfully bewildering to the newcomer as they run here and there, now crossing a swamp, now a rocky place, here a creek, there a hillock, and yet, in many cases, all leading to the same place.

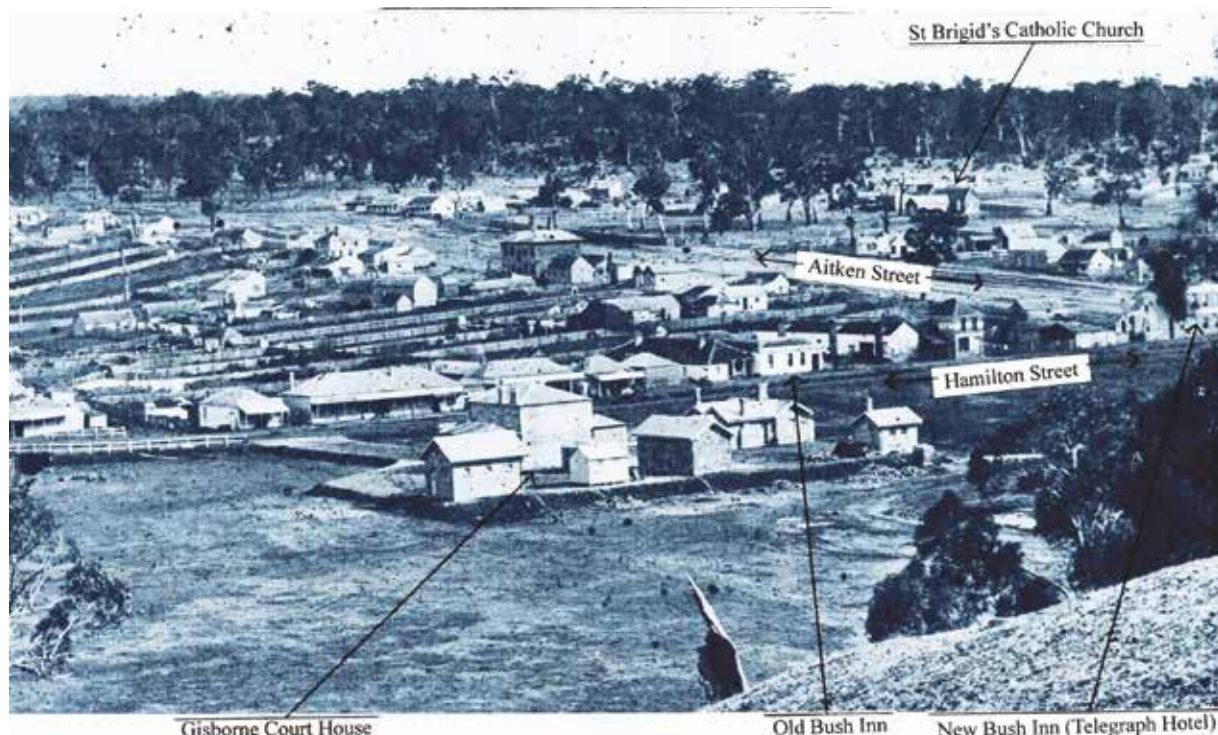
"The 'Bush Inn' (the genuine one, for there are two) consists of a large, well-built, brick and weatherboard house, with bedrooms for private families. There is a detached weatherboard and stone kitchen, and tap room, with sleeping lofts above, a large yard with sheds and good stabling. A portion of the house and stables is always engaged for the use of the gold escort.

"About 200 yards off is the new 'Bush Inn', somewhat similar to the other, not quite as large, with an attempt at a garden. The charges at these houses are enormous. Five and six shillings [around \$40 in 2024] per meal, seven and sixpence for a bottle of ale, and one shilling and a half for a nobbler of brandy.

"About half a mile distant is a large station belonging to Mr Watson. The houses, huts and yards are very prettily laid out and, in a few years, he will have the finest vineyard in the neighbourhood.

"Two miles to the east is the residence of Mr [Frederick] Powlett, Commissioner of Crown Lands, which is very pleasantly situated on the banks of an ever-running stream [Jacksons Creek].

"The paddock, which is a large one (10 square miles, or 6400 acres), is well wooded. Some new



Gisborne from the Kilmore Road hill, circa 1860



Road in the Black Forest, 1852, watercolour by ST Gill.

police barracks and stabling yards are in the course of construction.

"We did not linger in the Bush Inn but pursued our way over a marshy flat, crossed a dangerous creek, and having ascended a steep and thickly wooded hill on the outskirts of the Black Forest, we halted and pitched our tents. It was little more than mid-day but the road had

been fearful, as bad as walking through a mire. Men and beasts were worn out and it was thought advisable to enlist support well before entering the dreaded precinct of the Black Forest (threat from Bushrangers)."

### Road improvements

After the date of Mrs Clancy's above narrative, much of the land along the surveyed road began to be taken up for farming, thus fencing most of the road itself, which stopped the selection of alternative tracks and concentrated traffic to the one route. In winter, the road's condition was, to put it mildly, very bad.

On 27 July 1852, a motion was passed in the Legislative Council of Victoria: "That an address be presented to the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that His Excellency would cause the main line of communication between Melbourne and Mt Alexander, now nearly impassible, to be put in a state of repair."

The reply of 29 July 1852 included "...Every effort would be made, irrespective of expense, to effect such repairs as might be found in any way practicable..."

From January to June 1853, £33,000 was spent from Aitken's Gap to Five Mile Creek (Macedon), including four culverts, four bridges and a causeway, Gisborne Flat.

For the full year of 1853, £96,000 was spent from Aitken's Gap to Macedon.



## Vet Talk Wagging from home By Dr Caitlin (Horwood) Retchford



We comprehend the concept of a post-COVID era. It is where and how we live. Can you spare a thought though, for the now adult pets who were born of this era?

As a vet — a privileged profession — my work evolved furiously over uncharted ground throughout the entire COVID lockdown period.

Three things struck me: I saw a boom in puppy purchases, a massive increase overall in animal adoptions, and an incredible number of dogs presenting with “lameness” simply due to the strain of too many walks! (In a four-person household, walking the dog four times a day was a welcome outlet, a safe activity in the daily regime of lockdown restrictions).

So where are they now?

These dogs are all grown up. But some bear the scars

of those times. Some do not like to be left alone. Some cannot read the social cues of other dogs' behaviours. Some are even uncomfortable with outings or social interactions with humans.

We need to exercise emotional care, and give these dogs a break. Allow them the space and freedom to develop gradually in this strange new world we all live in.

It is an opportunity to think laterally, as we did during COVID times.

Perhaps take their favourite blanket to their annual trip to the vet, some could have their needle in the car without having to venture out, or for others consider a teleconference instead of the stress of a vet visit?

Just as we embraced working from home, our concept of personal safety and comfort has changed forever. So too may our dogs' tails wag stronger if we can extend to them the same sense of personal security they get from being at home.

## Early childhood educators needed in Macedon Ranges

Early childhood educators in Gisborne are being encouraged to consider family day care as a way to combine their passion for childcare with a flexible, financially rewarding and professional home-based career.

Our Village Family Childcare, a service of Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health, is looking for educators in Gisborne, Macedon, Mount Macedon and across the Macedon Ranges to support the growing number of families looking for home-based childcare.

As a family day care educator you have the opportunity to care for children from six weeks to 12 years of age in your home, care for your own children and earn an income while caring for others.

Our Village has over 40 years' experience in childcare and is proudly not-for-profit. Family day care offers care in a small group setting and educators can provide all-day or part-day care, evening and overnight care, casual care, respite care, before and after school care and school holiday care.

If you are interested, call Amanda Urban on 9744 9252, email [amanda.urban@scchc.org.au](mailto:amanda.urban@scchc.org.au) or go to [www.sunburycobaw.org.au/job-opportunities](http://www.sunburycobaw.org.au/job-opportunities).

## Anglican Op Shop jottings

Now that spring has finally sprung, you can find ladies and men's good quality summer wear for just \$2. We also have a good range of shoes and sandals for \$2. Children grow so fast and this is why our range of size 000-16 babies and children's clothing and shoes are just \$1.

This month we talk to Marie.

"Why do I volunteer? I do so for a number of reasons. Volunteering is fun and great socially as I enjoy meeting new people of all ages that come into the shop. I love being involved in giving back to my local community.

"Recycling is high on my priority list and the fact that I'm helping customers to purchase new or preloved donated items to get a new life and not be thrown into landfill makes me so happy.

I choose to volunteer at St. Pauls Op shop because



Op Shop volunteer Marie.

I like that it presents as an old-fashioned style op shop with its friendly, no-frills atmosphere and genuine low prices.

"We always welcome new volunteers, so why not come on down and talk to Janine, I highly recommend it."

If you would like to follow us on Facebook, just search St. Paul's Op Shop, like and

follow our page and you'll get all the info you need to visit us and get the scoop on what's happening in the shop.

Janine Sanders  
Coordinator



Thunderings v Strikers are two of the many teams in the popular junior futsal competition which is played at Tony Clarke Reserve, Macedon.



## Olympic spirit abounds at The Oaks

Lorraine and Dawn lift their Olympic torches to usher in the Paris games just hours before the opening ceremony, as Gisborne Oaks residents and staff leapt into the Olympic spirit on 26 July, proudly wearing their green and gold to spur on Australia's best athletes.

# 2025

## MACEDON CATS FNC

### COACHES WANTED

The Macedon Football & Netball Club is based in Macedon, 61km from Melbourne. We are proud of our pathway and development approach to all players and offer best practice coaching and mentoring.

Both the football and netball departments are seeking coaches for the 2025 season and beyond in the following capacity to assist current senior football coach Alistair Meldrum and senior netball coach Katie Clarke.

Football

- Senior women's (2024 premiers) coach and assistant coach
- Senior men's assistant coaches (line coaches) to join Alistair Meldrum
- Senior men's reserve's coach and assistant coach
- Under 19.5 men's coach and assistant coach
- Club development coach/mentor

Netball

- B, C & D coaches
- Under 19 coach

All applicants are required to have a base level certification (or be willing to obtain it), bring a professional approach to the development of our younger playing group and work closely with the club football and netball operations managers.

For applicants related to Football, please contact Bevan at [footballoperations@macedoncats.com.au](mailto:footballoperations@macedoncats.com.au)

For applicants related to Netball, please contact Megan at [netballoperations@macedoncats.com.au](mailto:netballoperations@macedoncats.com.au)

All applications are to be received by 19th September 2024





# FOR THE GREEN THUMBS



This cheery cootamundra wattle, an early harbinger of spring, was photographed on Mt Gisborne Road last month by Bryan Power.

## News from Daly Nature Reserve

Friends of Daly Nature Reserve

The Friends of Daly Nature Reserve have nominated the beautiful indigenous *Clematis microphilla*, or small-leaved clematis, as October plant of the month. These climbing/scrambling plants are currently covered with masses of creamy-coloured flowers which will be followed by feathery fruits in summer.

There has been some unfortunate and partly non-repairable damage caused to the walking tracks and flora by the creation of bike jumps and access. These create a public health risk to walkers as well as damage to the conservation values of the reserve. We thank the council for attending to the damage.

A bitumen path through the open area of the reserve is in place which provides a thoroughfare without damaging sensitive areas.

We are looking forward to our Annual General Meeting from 2pm on Saturday 7 September in the Scout Hall. Please come along: we have a raffle and light refreshments. If you wish to nominate to work on our committee, please reply to the address given below.

Our spring working bees will be held on the second and fourth Tuesdays in the months of September, October and November. Sign-in at the scout hall at



*Clematis microphilla* can grow to five metres.

9.30am. We end with a friendly cuppa around 11am.

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

Friends of Daly Nature Reserve



**Still thinking about kindergarten for 2025?**

**Swinburne Avenue Kindergarten**  
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Council has places available for 2025.

**Macedon Kindergarten**  
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Council has places available for 2025.

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Fencing plays a critical role in biosecurity.

## Free fencing workshops

**Saturday, 5 October 9.30am – 3.30pm**

Join the council's Healthy Landscapes program as we join the Victorian Farmers Federation's Stock Sense team for a practical, on-farm workshop with a skilled fencing contractor and instructor.

Learn how to install new fencing and maintain and repair existing fences.

The team will also lead a discussion on the importance of biosecurity and the critical role



fencing plays in it.

There will be fencing giveaways on the day and catering will be provided.

**Where:** Newham: 5 October, 9:30am-3:30pm.

**Cost:** Free

**Contact:** Jason McAinch on 0455 210 436 or at [jmcainch@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:jmcainch@mrsc.vic.gov.au)





## JOKES AND RIDDLES

**What steps do you need to take if a lion is chasing you?**

Very big ones!

**What do you call a dog that does magic tricks?**

A labracadabrador.

**If a pig has laryngitis is it disgruntled?**

**Which English king was a foot doctor?**  
William the Corncurer.

**Doctor, Doctor, I snore so loudly I keep myself awake.**

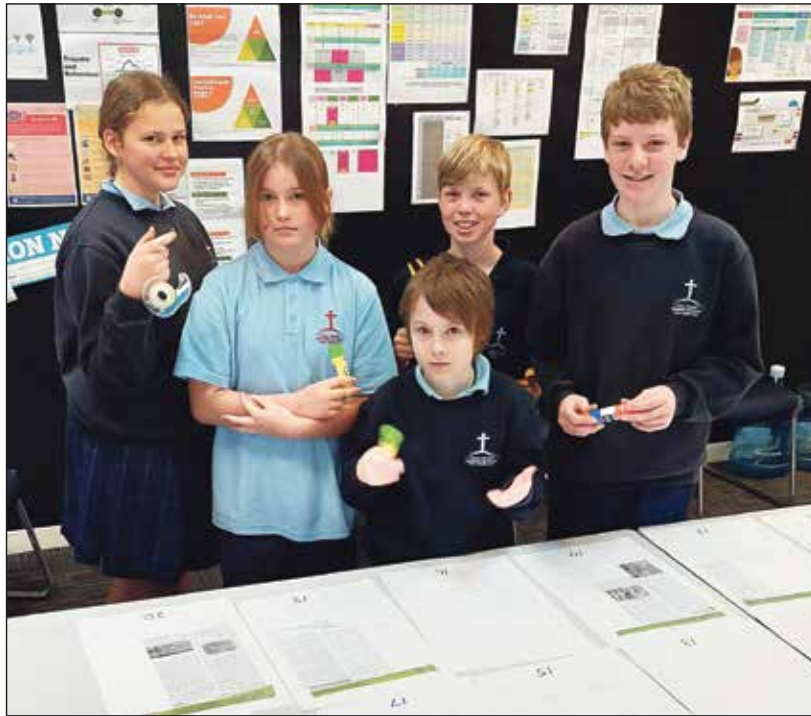
Well, my advice is to sleep in another room.

### Crazy Book Titles

"Tasty Breakfasts" by Chris P. Bacon  
"The Haunted House" by Hugo First  
"How to succeed in Life" By Percy Veer

**What do you call a dinosaur in high heels?**

Myfeetaresaurus



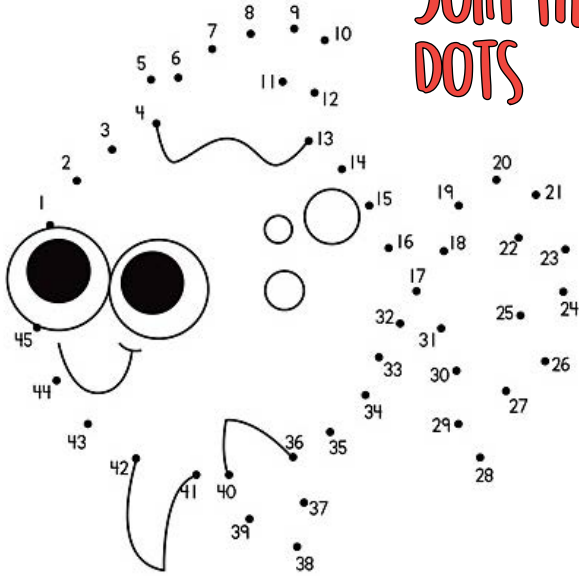
The team of cut and pasters who skilfully put together the September Gazette at Holy Cross Primary: Ivy, Abigail, Jordan, Axl and Rylie.

## KIDS' QUIZ

- 1 Which planet in our solar system has the most prominent rings?
- 2 What shape are STOP signs in Australia?
- 3 The characters Leonardo, Donatello, Raphael and Michelangelo are collectively known as?
- 4 How many centimetres are there in two metres?
- 5 At how many degrees Celsius does water boil at sea level?
- 6 What is the capital of Norway?
- 7 Thursday is named after which Norse god of thunder?
- 8 Which bird appears on the reverse side of the Australian 10 cent coin?
- 9 The Sphinx was built during which ancient civilisation?
- 10 The state of Victoria was named after which British queen?

Answers p39

## JOIN THE DOTS



Book Week was celebrated at Willowbank Primary School on 23 August.

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## DRUMMING UP A STORM

An amazing musician visited New Gisborne Primary School in June. His name was Kofi and he taught us about African drumming. From the basics to a whole routine, he really knew his stuff.

When each class met Kofi, he introduced himself, told us about the different drums, talked to us about rhythm and then unleashed us upon the instruments.

A cacophony filled the Performing Arts room each



day. Students were playing the drums with smiles from ear to ear having a really good time.

During each African drumming workshop, we also had the opportunity to learn about Ghanaian culture. Kofi shared his instruments and spoke about how they were made.

Kofi's expertise shone through as he taught us the

technique and art of African drumming. His bright and outgoing personality kept us intrigued and wanting to play the drums more.

Our awesome week with Kofi ended in a spectacular performance at the assembly.

Thank you to Ms Anikeev and Ms Preaudet for organising this wonderful experience.

*Zara, Year 6 reporter*



*The drumming extravaganza at New Gisborne's assembly.*

## News from St Brigid's Primary – a fun day of sports...



This year at St Brigid's, our positive behaviours for learning (PBL) reward system has changed. We now have a shop where you can buy fun items in exchange for tickets. You earn tickets by being safe, responsible and respectful at all times around the school, outdoors, in the community, and on digital platforms.

At the end of the term, each classroom teacher and specialist hand out an award to a student from their class who has displayed the PBL expectations consistently throughout the term; each award comes with 50 tickets. This development has been fascinating, and exciting for both staff and students.

In other news, we had our school disco featuring our very own DJ Elsum and his crew. Each classroom chose five songs to be played at the disco.

To celebrate the end of the



term, the senior students went down to Dixon Field where the teachers provided hot chips and we brought along sports equipment.

There were many fun activities such as soccer, colouring, tennis, and much more.

Another exciting thing that has happened is our interschool netball at the end of Term 2. We entered three teams and they all did very well.

The girls' A team made it to the grand final against Holy Cross. It was a very close and entertaining game but in the end, sadly we lost by two goals.

It was a fun and enjoyable day going up against other schools.

Our senior students are going to be very busy in the next few weeks with completing the Sacrament of Confirmation, Anglesea camp, and interschool basketball.

We are so fortunate to be able to experience these adventures and we definitely have a big spring term ahead of us.

*Summer Connors and Tahlia Thompson*

*Fun at Dixon Field.*





# 'Well, we've reached a century at New Gisborne...let us tell you a thing or two'

New Gisborne Primary School's Foundation students recently celebrated their first 100 days of school.

To mark the occasion, they dressed up as 100-year-old people. The school was full of grey-haired, wrinkled, hunched-over, elderly citizens. They hobbled about all day with their walking frames, sticks and spectacles. They made us all laugh with their impressive costumes and commitment to character.

When I spoke with some of the Foundation students, they were very excited and enjoying the dress-up day. They also told me they have really enjoyed their first 100 days of their primary learning.

Harry loves everything about school, especially playing tiggly. When I asked Max what he likes most about his teacher, Miss Lyons, he said, "she reads minds. She's nice and she decorates the classroom. She's fun and tall."

I got the feeling that all the Foundation students really love their teachers.

April enjoys learning about shapes, states of Australia and Milo the monkey's birthday surprise.



India

When speaking about New Gisborne Primary School, Isabelle said, "it is a big school and there are



Foundation students dress up to celebrate their first 100 days.

lots of plants and lots of books."

Our school is lucky to have so many amazing Foundation students who brighten our days with their en-

ergy, playfulness and humour. We wish them well as they make their way and achieve their goals.

By India, Year 6 reporter



## CAPTAIN'S RAP

with Louisa Cawood



Louisa Cawood

Welcome back for this month's edition of the GSC Captain's Rap. I am really excited to share some news of events already past and upcoming. Starting off this month with spreading awareness for Disability Pride Month, our Diversity Captain, with the help of our Student Representatives, organised a yellow-themed casual clothes day, gathering donations for the Yellow Ladybugs organisation who are dedicated to the happiness, success and celebration of autistic girls, women and gender diverse individuals.

This month's course-advising has also taken place for the year 9s and 10s to investigate possible subjects for 2025, with various stalls for the different electives such as maths, biology and art, followed by a presentation on what to expect for the transition into VCE and VCE VM next year.

To celebrate the Paris Olympics, the year 12s dressed up as all sorts of participants in different events ranging from archery, horse riding and athletics to basketball, kickboxing and gymnastics, all in a competition to win 'best dressed'.

The production crew were anxiously waiting for their opening night on Saturday 10 August when they performed their first live show of the production *The Addams Family*. A big success! The extraordinary student performers made this a must-see show to celebrate both the onstage performers and backstage crew's hard work.

And that's what's been happening this month at GSC. Thank you for reading and I can't wait to tell you more about what's in store for the rest of the year.

## ...and a rip-roaring Year 5/6 camp at Anglesea

Have you ever wondered what it's like to escape into the wild and have the time of your life? Well, St Brigid's Year 5/6s did just that at the Anglesea Recreation Camp, and boy, was it an adventure!

Imagine this: a place where you can challenge yourself with the vertical challenge and the giant swing, or canoeing and orienteering-based activities, or even skateboarding. And the group of senior students from St Brigid's got to experience it all firsthand. We were super lucky and we cannot wait to share our fun trip with you.

The giant swing was a 'challenge by choice'. It went 17 metres high and you could choose how high you wanted to go. In the canoeing we were put in canoes of two and three. Of course, we had life jackets and helmets because we needed these as we went under some bridges.

The skateboarding was awesome. Some people were a little scared to do it but once you learnt the basics we were skateboarding like pros. Especially with the addition of the knee pads, elbow pads, wrist pads and a helmet.

Radio Rogaine was great for problem solving and team building. This was a competitive game in which we had to navigate our way around the camp to find different markers and answer quiz questions.

And we had bush cooking which involved making damper.

This camp was a fantastic experience overall. The activities were fun and offered a range of options.

Creating moments with our friends in all the activities and the cabins added to the enjoyment, making the experience a memorable one.

Emily Robertson and Maya Henry



Henry and Liam about to fly off on their skateboards.



Mackenzie, Scarlett and Eliza line up for their turn on the giant swing.



# A legacy of learning

# The Holy Cross vineyard

Twenty years ago this month, Holy Cross started their vineyard.

The Holy Cross vineyard has been a unique part of the children's learning for a long time.

Twenty years ago, in September 2004, the planning and planting of the vines had both children and families excited at the opportunity to be part of this new adventure.

As we visit kinders or welcome visitors to our school, we often hear from adults that they were here when the vines were planted, or their children helped plant the vineyard. It was a big event that has remained with them, becoming a source of pride when they hear that those vines are still producing not only grapes but also a valuable source of learning for the children at Holy Cross.



*Holy Cross is very grateful for the many weekend working bees that were held so that the children could investigate and learn the many aspects of a vineyard for example, irrigation, soil testing, planting, pruning, sugar testing grapes, and they continue to enjoy learning outside. The vines look very different now from when they were first pruned.*



Twenty years on, that engagement is still happening and as new families and children pass through the school, they bring their own knowledge and curiosity to contribute to this wonderful initiative.

This year we welcomed Sofia into our Prep class and are very grateful that not only her mum but her grandfather have shared their wealth of knowledge from generations of working in vineyards.

Having community contributions has always been a welcome support for this unique adventure. Outdoor Education teacher Caitlyn Blake has had some valuable advice from Sofia's mum, Ruth, who also joined us at a Friday night working bee where teachers, parents and children, learnt the art of pruning vines.

Then Ruth's father, John Ellis, OAM, had our Year 6 children captivated with his advice on looking after a vineyard and pruning. John brought some of the vines he had earlier pruned from the Hanging Rock winery, and explained how to look after the vines and what we would like them to look like.

In education, we often talk about a love of learning and lifelong learning. Watching the children outside in the vineyard, engaged in their learning and teaching others about their new knowl-



*Children and families painting the poles for the vineyard. The children chose the colours to symbolise the sun, earth, sky and environment as they understood how important these elements are to the growth of the vines.*



*John Ellis with his granddaughter Sofia Malaspina.*



*John with Alex Ward and Alex Morrison.*

edge, we saw these two principles come to life.

The Holy Cross vineyard is more than just a garden, it is a living classroom where children experience the joys of hands-on learning and community involvement.

We are very grateful to Ruth and John for not only being so giving of their time but sharing their passion and knowledge with our community. We hope the spirit of learning and community continues to grow amidst our vines at Holy Cross for many years to come.



*Our Year 6 children learnt so much from John as he explained why and how we prune the vines.*





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# SCOUTING



## News from 1st Gisborne

The Joeys are having a blast learning and participating in an Olympic-themed program this term. So far, they have had fun playing volleyball and competing in a 'World Record' night where we discovered that our Joeys are very good at long jump, sprinting and aiming a ping pong ball down an upturned table into a cup – we may have some future Olympians in our midst.

On one cold evening we went to Gisborne Secondary College to look at the 'heavenly' stars through their powerful telescope. Even though it had been a cloudy day, there was a break in the weather and we had an excellent view of the Southern Cross and the craters on the moon's surface. A big thank you to the teachers, and the retired teacher, who gave up their time to ensure that the Joeys had a great time star gazing and learning about the solar system.

Over the past month Scouts have been on a scavenger hunt around Gisborne, ran a craft night where they made and flew paper planes, and also ran a construction-themed evening where the Scouts built and raced a chariot and then constructed flag poles.

1st Gisborne Scout Group recently received a grant from Qantas to establish a technology hub in the scout hall at Howey Street. This grant allowed us to purchase a complete IT hub including laptops, a couple of tablets, printer and a portable IT desk. The equipment will greatly benefit youth members working towards their Scouting development. Thank you to all involved in making this happen and of course, a special thank you to Qantas.

If you think you would like to join in the fun and give Scouting a go, either as a leader or a scout, please email us at [info@1stgisborne.com.au](mailto:info@1stgisborne.com.au) for more information. The Joey section is for children aged 5-8 years, the Cubs 8-11 years, Scouts 11-14 years, Venturers 15-18 years and Rovers 18-25 years. So come along and experience what Scouting has to offer!

*Carolyn Goode (Joey Leader)*



1st Gisborne Cubs pass the Olympic torch.

## Honours and activity at New Gisborne

1st New Gisborne (Church of Christ) Scouts were excited on International Scout Day, 1 August, to see leaders Rusty and Bagheera honoured with Adult Recognition Awards. These will be presented at Gilwell Park in September.

We have been actively fund-raising to support our contingent to the January Australian Scout Jamboree in Queensland.

Joeys and Cubs have used the winter well, honing indoor skills from new games, to cake decoration and relaxation techniques! Joeys are looking forward to a sleepover in preparation for a Lerderderg Region Camp in the holidays while Cub Scouts are looking forward to their Region activities and campfire day at Treetops.



*Cub Scouts Piper and Maddie with their decorated cookies.*

Group Leader Rusty led a meeting with Council Planners to finalise the Scout Hut Acoustic Engineering Report, aimed at wider use of the hut with toilets, kitchen, insulation and storage facilities. All to the benefit of the young people of New Gisborne and surrounds. Donations (tax-deductible) and welcomed.

Scouting offers proven programs, challenges and opportunities for young people and leadership opportunities for parents. All are welcome to come along to "have a look". We meet Wednesdays, 6:30-8pm, Venturers on Fridays.

Contact Group Leader Russell Barker 0400 297 025 or [russell@jeem.com.au](mailto:russell@jeem.com.au) to learn more.

For Venturers call Tracey 0407 098 032.



*Emily, Abby, Lucy and Eleanor show off their completed noticeboard.*

## Guides learn camp skills at Bendigo



Four of the Gisborne Lightning Guides headed off to Bendigo on a lovely sunny Saturday in August with their leader Platypus (Deb) to undertake camp skills. The girls were required to master a reef knot, clove hitch and square lashing then using these knots they were asked to create a tripod, flagpole and a noticeboard.

The girls also learnt how to cook camp donuts on a gas stove. You make jam sandwiches then dip them in pancake batter before frying. Then coat with a sugary cinnamon mix. The girls voted them an excellent treat.

We currently have vacancies in the unit so check out the Girl Guide Victoria website to see if Guides would interest you. You can contact Deb on 0409 542 619 if you wish to find out more.



*Deb Fleming*

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# Gisborne football and netball



## Robbie Waters Seniors Coach

The club is having a good season with the three teams playing well. We're playing lots of youngsters; they're almost all locals and the teams train together. There's a great camaraderie among the players.



## Brad Spear Assistant Coach – Defence

We've got good kids coming through from the juniors. They've been well coached and are ready to go. The club has always engaged with our local girls and boys. It's all about the community and we've always been that way. If we keep that ethos we'll be OK. We're going into finals so every one is up and about.



## Shaun Cassidy Assistant Coach – Forwardline

We have a young group who look to Pat McKenna as a mentor. We've multiple avenues to goal and the forwards work really hard for each other.

Gisborne Football Netball Club is hoping to replicate the success of last season when all teams played finals. The Bendigo Football Netball League runs a Final Five system in which the team finishing on top has a bye in the first week of the finals.

All teams strive for that advantage and it is within reach of several of the Gisborne teams. With two rounds of the home and away season still to play, the Gisborne coaches spoke to Bryan Power about their teams' prospects.

## FOOTBALL



## Jordie Ryans Under 18s Coach

(pictured with his team, above, holding the ball)

We're sitting in third place at the moment and looking to secure the double chance. We've been cruelled by injuries lately and we're not a tall team but the boys are keen, fast and fit. We know we won't be beaten for fitness.



## Development Squad (formerly known as Reserves) Jeremy Pennfather Coach

They're flying; they're going really well. Everyone is committed. We only have a few older fellas, the rest are boys who have come out of the Under 19s in the past one or two years. They're very fit, very keen and they are really good kids.



## Dallas Normington Assistant Coach – Midfield

We have a great midfield group who work hard to win the contested ball and get it to the forwards as quickly as possible.



# teams set themselves for finals

## NETBALL



**Tarryn Rymer A Grade Coach**

We are sitting in a very nice position on top at the moment but it will probably come down to the final round when we play Kangaroo Flat that decides whether or not we stay there. The top teams are very strong so it will be a hard-fought final series.



**Polly Salter B Grade Coach**

We're doing really well. We've only lost one game despite a number of the girls suffering injuries. We're in good shape now and hoping to reach the top of the ladder before the finals.



**Rylee Connell Under 17s Coach**

We're currently in sixth place but our final games against Castlemaine and Kangaroo Flat are winnable. If we're successful in those matches we should make the Final Five.



**Maddy Stewart A Reserve Coach**

The girls are going really well and are undefeated so far this year. We are aiming to maintain our efforts to remain on top and earn the break in the first week of the finals.



**Briannah Thompson B Reserve Coach**

We've had a great season and are currently second on the ladder. We've worked hard on our connections across the court and in maintaining composure in tight situations. Team bonding has also played an important role in our success.

## STOP PRESS!

On Saturday 24 August all teams won their matches against Kangaroo Flat except for the B Grade netballers. However, they still retained top spot and will join the A Grade and A Reserve teams and the football development squad in enjoying the bye.

On Saturday 31 August the Gisborne Senior footballers will play Strathfieldsaye in the qualifying final as will the B Reserve netballers.

The Under 18 footballers will contest the qualifying final with Golden Square and the Under 17 netballers will face off against Strathfieldsaye in the elimination final. Go Doggies!





## Three-state showjumping day to be held in South Gisborne



Gisborne District Adult Riding Club is excited to be hosting this year's Horse Riding Clubs Association of Victoria 'Top Teams Trophy Showjumping Day' in September.

This prestigious championship event will have teams of competitors from throughout Victoria and from NSW and South Australia looking to take home the TTT Trophy. Spectators will be welcome to this event with free entry.

The event will be held at our grounds, the IR Robertson Reserve, Couangalt Road, South Gisborne on Sunday 29 September.

The opportunity to host the TTT Showjumping Championships is only possible due to the support of the Macedon Ranges Shire Council and Gisborne Community Bank in constructing our new arena. We are proud to be sponsored by Bolobek, a working farm run by Hugh and Brigid Robertson at the foot of the Macedon Ranges.

Boasting a rich history with glorious gardens, Bolobek reinvests profits into local environmental and horticultural programs. IR Robertson Reserve was originally donated by the Robertson



A competitor riding on the new arena at IR Robertson Reserve, South Gisborne.

family, so it is an honour to have this family sponsoring the naming rights to this event. We are also grateful to the many local businesses sponsoring our event.

Local food trucks will provide coffee and food for the day and local cafes and restaurants will be promoted to competi-

tors and visitors.

There are still opportunities for businesses to sponsor a class and showcase their products and services.

Updates can be found on the Facebook page, Gisborne District Adult Riding Club TTT Showjumping Day 2024.

## Thunder swimmers compete at Short Course Country titles

The Victorian Short Course Country Championship ('countries'), an annual event for swimmers from regional Victoria, was this year held in Traralgon. To enter competitors must swim qualification times throughout the short course season, and just qualifying is an achievement. This year, Gisborne Thunder had seven swimmers representing the club.

Two first-time swimmers made up one of the biggest teams we have had in recent times. Congratulations to all our swimmers in attendance; Caitlin G, Charlotte M, Angus S, Maverick H, Ava H, Mitchell C, and Samuel R, and our thanks to coach Emily supporting our swimmers poolside.

After months of dedicated training, the swimmers gave it their all and were rewarded with 20 personal best times across the 30 events swum. Special mention must go to Mitchell C who achieved third overall in the U11 boys' 50m breaststroke, a great achievement.

We were one of the smaller clubs at the event, but we made up for this with our cheer squad being one of the loudest. Those watching from home on the live stream could hear the cheers as could as our swimmers in the water, and no doubt it helped our swimmers achieve big PBs.

It was not just all time in the pool, with the swimmers and their families enjoying a club dinner to celebrate the swimmers' achievements.

We now turn our attention to the upcoming long course summer season.

Keen to come along and check out the fun? Find us on Facebook and Instagram to find out more about Gisborne Thunder Swimming Club.

*Captain Caitlin G*

## The battle of Jacksons Creek

The battle for Jacksons Creek – well that's what the kids were calling it. Gisborne Rookies v Gisborne Giants U13 football grand final on 18 August.

The two sides' home grounds, separated only by the waters flowing through Gisborne, took the field in their keenly anticipated match on Sunday 18 August.

The Rookies, reigning premiers who got to the grand final undefeated for the second year in a row, were led by captain Charles Kotlar who was best on ground two weeks prior in the second semi-final.

Speaking before the match, Charles said, "I'm looking forward to hopefully holding up the premiership cup with Waty [coach David Watt] after the game. It will be a tough game – the Giants gave us a scare for three quarters a couple of weeks ago. We just need to start well."

On the other side, the Gisborne Giants, in comparison the new kids on the block – a club that was founded less than a decade ago. The Bell brothers,



Rookies and Giants mates at training before their grand final on 18 August.

Harley and Noah, were extremely excited to be playing in their first grand final. They have both improved under the coaching of their mentor Andrew Clarke. 'Clarky' (as he is affectionately known by the kids) had given so much of his time to help the side get to where they are today, said Noah before the game. He said he and assistant coach Pete deserved all the credit.

Noah – a best and fairest at the club – and Tanner Clarke, a tough on baller with a never-say-die attitude, said they

would lead from the front and give everything to help their team over the line.

The battle between Charles Kotlar and the Bell brothers goes a little deeper. They are neighbours who share a back fence: it could be a long summer for the loser.

Both clubs are immensely proud of these teams.

And who won the battle of Jacksons Creek? This time round, the Gisborne Rookies, but there are sure to be more such battles in the years ahead.



Back: Charlotte M, Maverick H, Angus S, Caitlin G. Front: Ava H, Mitchell C, Samuel R.





Nathan Fairley, Mick Doyle and Matt Willis receive District Golf Volunteer Awards.

## Mt Macedon Golf Club racks up awards

MMGC was very proud to be awarded the 2024 Dalhousie District Golf Association Golf Club of the Year at the recent District Championships held at Broadford. This award in particular recognises our continuing work around the Ladies 'Get Into Golf' (LGIG) initiative.

Eight-week clinics have now been offered for the past three years, bringing golf to a total of 200 women in a safe and respectful environment. The clinics have offered participants the opportunity to learn golf while socialising. Friendships made are critical to keeping players coming back and a number of ladies now regularly play in competitions.

The club was thrilled to have our tireless president Matt Willis awarded the 2024 Dalhousie District Long Term Volunteer of the Year. This recognises not only Matt's three years served as captain and now past six years as president, but his massive commitment in so many unofficial roles such as bar duty on Sun-



days, work around the course, electrical maintenance, attending to machinery and infrastructure as well as managing personnel issues with compassion.

The Volunteer of the Year was awarded to Nathan Fairley, our course supervisor, in what was a clean sweep of awards. Nathan assumes ultimate responsibility for the upkeep and presentation of our golf course. With the work of Nathan, supported by an able band of member volunteers, the course is a source of pride.

Congratulations to July Monthly Medal winner Isaac Golden 85-18-67 and August mid-week Mug of the Month winner Kevin Taylor (17) 36 stableford points.

MMGC welcomes new members and green fee players. Our new membership commenced on 1 July. Our modest fee structure is unchanged from last year.

Visit [mtmacedongolfclub.com.au](http://mtmacedongolfclub.com.au).

Tony Littman

## Gisborne Cricket Club kicks off 168th season with historic leadership move



As the cricket season approaches, the Gisborne Cricket Club is thrilled to announce the

start of its 168th year, marking yet another chapter in our rich history.

This season, we are especially proud to introduce Jodie Bannan as our first-ever female president. Her appointment is a milestone for the club, reflecting our commitment to inclusivity and progress.

### Register for new season

Registrations are now open for all our teams, including men's, women's, junior girls' and boys' and our mighty Junior Blasters program, designed for boys and girls aged 5-7 of all abilities. Whether you are a seasoned player or new to the sport, there is a place for you at Gisborne.

Our Senior Women's team, under the experienced leadership of Breanna Woodburn, is gearing up for another exciting season.

On the men's side, Jarryd Vernon takes the helm as coach of our Senior Men's teams for the first time, bringing fresh energy and perspective.

For our youngest cricketers, the ever-

reliable Scott Tutton will continue to lead the Junior Blasters program, ensuring a fun and educational start to their cricketing journey.

### Junior coaching

We are also seeking applications for all junior coaching positions, so if you have a passion for mentoring the next generation of cricketers, we encourage you to apply.

### Preseason

Preseason for our Senior Men's teams, including the U15 and U17 squads, is in full swing with strong attendance. The group is eagerly anticipating a special training session at Cricket Victoria's Citipower Centre at the Junction Oval on Sunday, 15 September – a highlight in our preseason calendar.

As an all-inclusive club, we welcome players of all ages and abilities to join us for what promises to be a fun and exciting season ahead.

For more details and to register, visit our website or follow us on Facebook.

Here's to a fantastic season.

Go Dragons!

Brett Vernon  
Vice-president  
Gisborne Cricket Club



Making history:  
Jodie Bannan, new club president.

## Plenty of friendly play for petanque aficionados



Mt Macedon and Ballarat petanque clubs after the final round of the Golden Boule.

In the final round of the Golden Boule, Mt Macedon hosted Ballarat at home and came away winners eight games to four. The presentation day will be on September 14.

Ballarat Petanque Club has kindly agreed to host the day again. Two games with mixed teams 'out of the hat' from the six participating North West clubs will start the day. A barbecue lunch will follow and the winning club will be announced. A further game will conclude the day. The event is a fun way to enjoy petanque and get to know members from other clubs.

The Inter-State Challenge held on the Gold Coast will have been run at the time of going to print. The two Mt Macedon Petanque Club (MMPC) members



in the team, June and Rhonda, have been practising hard and attending regular training sessions run by MMPC coach Lindsay Kinghorn, who is coaching the Victorian teams in Queensland.

The Jolly Roger tournament against Camberwell Petanque Club will also have been held on Saturday 24 August.

If you are interested in trying petanque, drop into our club grounds behind the Ampol Service Station in Gisborne. Playdays are held every Wednesday from 1-4pm and Saturdays from 10am-1pm on the second and fourth Saturdays. For enquiries please go to our website: [mtmacedonpetanque.org](http://mtmacedonpetanque.org) and for updates visit our Facebook page.

Alison Kinghorn



# Gisborne Masters support mental health awareness



The Gisborne Masters Football Club is hosting a Mental Health Match, supporting Beyond Blue, on 7 September at Gardiner Reserve. The match, against Woodend-Hesket Masters, kicks off at 4pm.

If you would like to donate to this great cause and support the work of Beyond Blue, you can do so at [www.mentalhealthmatch.com.au/gisbornemastersfootballclub](http://www.mentalhealthmatch.com.au/gisbornemastersfootballclub) or via collection boxes at the game.

With 35-54-year-old males representing 40% of suicides in Victoria, mental health safety is an issue close to many of the members' hearts. The regular training sessions provide a crucial way to get away from the stresses of the week and connect with teammates, both on the pitch and after training over a snag and a drink.

While mental health awareness is increasing, there is still a stigma around men talking about their issues and concerns.

To help tackle this, one of the team has created a Facebook group 'F#&K THE STIGMA' ([www.facebook.com/groups/fkthestigma](http://www.facebook.com/groups/fkthestigma)), a safe space for guys to talk about any issues around mental health.

The game will also be the club's 'Past Players and Sponsors Day' when the members thank their invaluable sponsors and welcome back players from days gone by to enjoy a drink and join in the great spirit of masters footy. If you have played for the club in the past, please come along to reconnect with old mates.

The Gisborne Masters Football Club caters to indi-



David Carter of Gisborne celebrates a goal during AFL Masters Vic Country football match between Ballarat Over 45s and South Coast Over 35s. Picture: Adam Trafford/Ballarat Courier

viduals over 35 years who are looking for fun, fitness and friendship.

They are an Australian Rules football club that encourages participation in the game on many levels, whether that be socially, or more actively through training or playing a game. The level of participation is totally up to the individual.

The club is always on the lookout for new members to join the friendly environment to have fun and get a bit fitter.

Training is at Sankey Reserve, Gisborne every Wednesday at 6.30pm, year-round. There's no need to register. Just come along, introduce yourself and have some fun.

## WANTED VETERANS CRICKET PLAYERS



Sunbury Macedon Ranges Veterans Cricket Club is looking for new players to play in our Over 50, 60 and 70s teams this coming cricket season.

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pates,

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atmosphere,

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health,

Maintain reason-

able fitness,

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little bit competitive,

Play on best

grounds,

Opportunity to play Rep matches,

Equipment provided.

For more information, contact the secretary on

0458 408 000, Barry Borlase on 0428 119 007, or Rob

Kerr on 0411 987 287.



With Cr Christine Walker

## COUNCILLOR'S COLUMN

There are nearly 14,000 registered cats and dogs in the MRSC area, and there are currently 52 designated dog off-leash areas. Over June and July this year the council asked for public feedback about dogs off-leash areas. There has been a fabulous response, showing how important dog-friendly spaces are in our community.

This feedback will contribute to planning future off-leash parks including fenced areas. While there is still work to do, the council is making good progress on this issue. Thank you to those who responded to the consultation.

As part of the council's annual community grants program, several local organisations have received funding to improve their services and events. The council is happy to support these community-based groups that provide diverse activities for our area. Congratulations to those who submitted grant applications — your effort has paid off!

Recent grant recipients include:

- Gisborne Giants Football Netball Club: Funding for First Aid assistance
- Gisborne & District Adult Riding Club: Funds for Safe Haven Horse Yards

- Gisborne Soccer Club: new drinking water station at Dixon Field

- Macedon Ranges Further Education in Gisborne: Educational grant

- Gisborne & District Lions Club: Funding for the Gisborne Festival in December

- Mount Macedon and District Horticultural Society: Support for the 2024 Garden Lovers Fair.

These initiatives and grants show our community values sports, education, events, and environmental responsibility.

In an exciting development the Macedon Ranges Shire has launched a shire-wide soft plastics collection trial. This program, to run for approximately 18 months, allows residents to dispose of soft plastics in orange bags, which are placed in recycling bins for collection. This initiative positions our region at the forefront of waste management innovation, offering a practical solution to a persistent problem — disposing of plastic. The bags are available at the council offices in Robertson Street.

Please feel free to email me with any queries, comments or concerns at [cwalker@mrsc.com.au](mailto:cwalker@mrsc.com.au) or call me on 0438 589 251.



Macedon Senior Men's football team is through to the RDFNL second elimination final after beating Romsey in the first elimination final on 25 August. Macedon will now play Diggers Rest on Sunday 1 September at Gilbert Gordon Reserve, Woodend.



A Macedon Tennis Club squad gathered on Sunday 25 August for a challenge day against Bendigo Tennis Club. Coach Scott Vaughan hopes the tennis challenge will become an annual event.



# SPORT IN PICTURES



Premiers: U11A football, Gisborne Giants



Premiers: netball 11 and Under Div2, Gisborne Giants



Premiers: Macedon Cats Under11B



Premiers: Gisborne Rookies U13B

Copies of these and all other photos taken by Chris Fleming at grand final matches are available for order at Maddisons of Gisborne, 37 Hamilton Street.



Premiers: Gisborne Giants 13 and Under



Premiers: Gisborne Rookies Under 13A



Premiers: U17A Gisborne (def Sunbury)



Premiers: Macedon Youth Girls 5.3.33 defeated Kyneton 1.2.8.





### 300 GAMES

*Tarryn Rymer and Tiana Newman each played their 300th game in August, and were presented with flowers by the club. Congratulations to both!*

*Tarryn (left) and Tiana.*

*Club members celebrate the pair's great milestone.*



*Macedon Women's team before their Premiership-winning match, in which they defeated Kyneton 5.8. 38 to 6.1.37.*



Finals competitors: Gisborne Rookies U13A



Gisborne v Castlemaine in action: both teams made a splash on the day.



Finals competitors: Gisborne Giants U15



Finals competitors: Gisborne Giants U13A



Finals competitors: Gisborne Giants U11



Finals competitors: Macedon U11



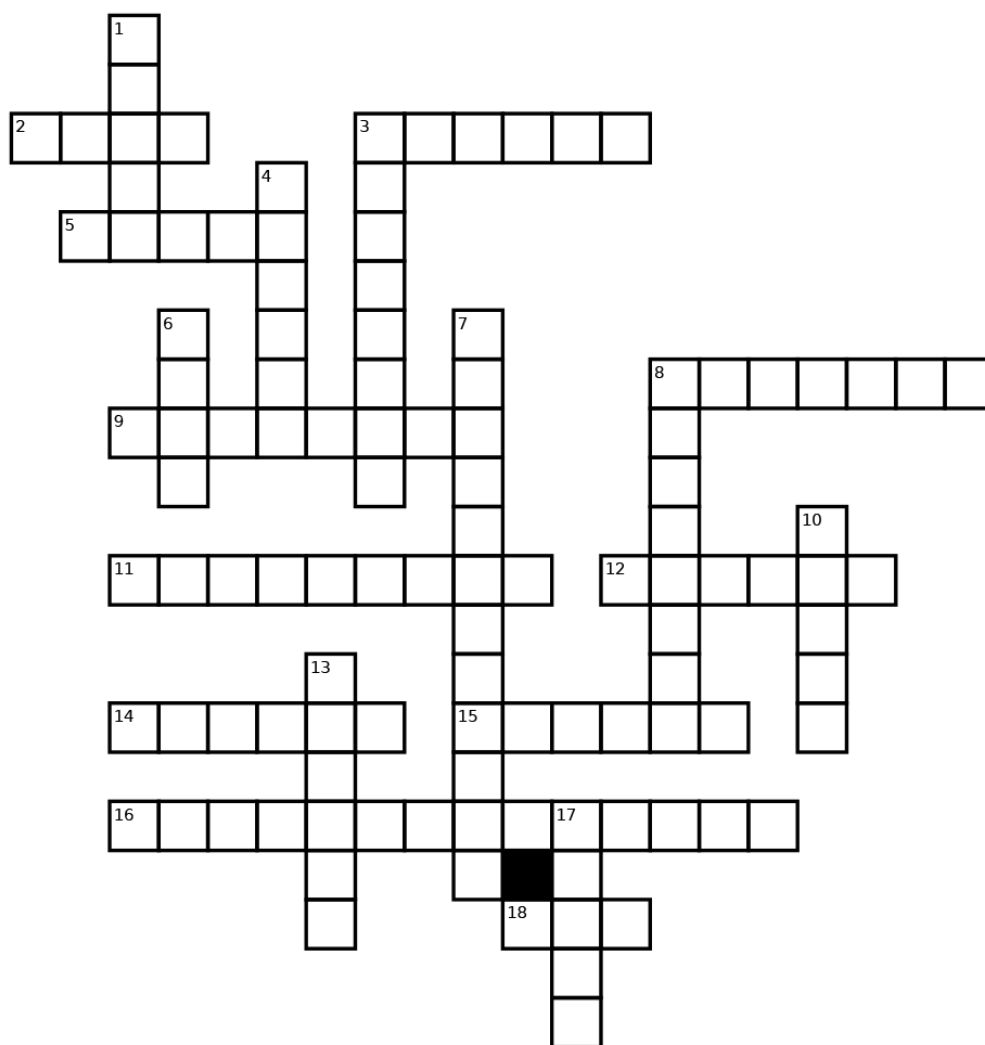
# CROSSWORD

## ACROSS

2. Usually mined in Coober Pedy?
3. Highest mountain in Victoria.
5. Which Australian capital city is considered to be the most remote from any other capital city in the world?
8. Canberra's lake is Lake Burley \_\_\_\_\_
9. The Australian city where the 2032 Olympic Games will be held.
11. City where first Federal Parliament sat.
12. Australia's first Prime Minister was Edmund \_\_\_\_\_.
14. What was the name of the pre-decimal coin that was replaced by the 20-cent coin?
15. Floral emblem of Queensland, is the Cooktown \_\_\_\_\_
16. Australia's largest carnivore now believed extinct.

## Australiana

Questions compiled by Chris Antoniou.



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## DOWN

1. Last seen officially in 2020 Mingaloo is what creature?
3. Victoria's third-largest city.
4. A popular Australian bush ballad is *Click Go the \_\_\_\_\_*.
6. Northern tip of Australia, Cape \_\_\_\_\_?
7. Picasso painting stolen from the National Gallery of Victoria in 1985.
8. Town with the "Dog on the Tuckerbox".
10. The longest serving Premier of Victoria was Henry Edward \_\_\_\_\_?
13. The 2-cent coin featured the Frill-Necked \_\_\_\_\_
17. The cyclone that hit Darwin in 1974?

## QUIZ

1. Where did the Australian parliament first sit until 1927?
2. The Ionian Sea is part of which larger sea?
3. Which horse won the first two Melbourne Cups?
4. Ikebana is the Japanese art of what?
5. What was Ringo Starr's birth name?
6. What fabric is made from the flax plant?
7. In which Australian capital city is the suburb of Alawa?
8. Which General Dynamics swing-wing fighter was nicknamed the Pig?
9. In what year did the regular broadcasting of colour television start in Australia?
10. Who directed the 1975 film Jaws?

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- Tuesday 17 September, 1.30pm (Sunbury)
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## Medals galore

### GISBORNE UNITING CHURCH

The Olympic flag is lowered; the athletes have returned to the cheers of many. Sport was the winner. And now we live between the global outburst of excellence and the local robust game of football.

Members of the Gisborne Uniting congregation have joined in by sharing stories of their sporting prowess – or none! We do have a past AFL footballer, a chap who took a hat trick and some local tennis champions, but we admitted we were better in the past than in the present.

Unsurprisingly, we voted for the 1981 *Chariots of Fire* as the best sports film ever. It brought together great acting talent and the intriguing story of Scottish missionary Eric Liddell and the Jewish athlete Abrahams. Liddell would later die in a Japanese prison camp in China while Abrahams would go on to have a career in journalism and radio in Britain.

St Paul wrote to new Christians in Corinth in athletic terms. That great ancient city was the home of the Isthmian Games so the locals were very much aware of the demands of athletic prowess. Paul exhorted them to 'run in such a way that you may win it.' 'It' was, of course, to win in the exercise of their faith.

Right now spring is blossoming all around us here in



At our last "Muffin 'n More" morning we shared our sporting successes.

the Macedon Ranges. It is not likely that there will be much blossom in distant Oodnadatta but it does have a new church to replace its old tin shed.

On Sunday 22 September our morning service (from

9.30) will celebrate this occasion and the work of Bush Chaplain Julie and her colleagues who bring connection, celebration and healing to that wide brown ground.

Janet Wood

## New season at Gisborne Church of Christ

My name is Josh Cole, and I am the new minister at the Gisborne Church of Christ. Last year my family and I decided that it was time to move from our home in Mildura and relocate somewhere else. A period of searching and looking at the various options available led us to the Gisborne Church of Christ.

We loved life in Mildura, where it is always sunny and warm, so what on earth caused us to decide to move to somewhere that has the opposite climate? As we came down to check out this region in December, we arrived on a wet and windy summer's day, yet funnily enough we were struck by how beautiful and green everything was. As we wandered down the main street of Gisborne, we were blown away by how friendly the community was, many people smiling and saying hello; this does not happen in many areas any more. It immediately gave us a good feeling about the place.

The part that really convinced us that the Macedon Ranges was the place to be was the people we met at the Gisborne Church of Christ. A community of really welcoming, hospitable people who have a huge heart for the local community. This was the kind of community my family and I were looking for.



New minister Josh Cole.

Being a community that follows Jesus also means helping spread love and compassion throughout Gisborne.

If you'd love to know more about our community please join us at the Gisborne Church of Christ on Sundays at 10am, 31 Saunders Road, New Gisborne.

All are welcome.

Josh Cole

## Frontier Services bridges generations

Mount Macedon Uniting Church is holding a special Frontier Services service and Outback barbecue on Sunday 8 September to support the work of this agency.

Frontier Services is an agency of the Uniting Church in Australia, the successor to John Flynn's Australian Inland Mission. It is about making life connections between people in our regional and remote areas. These include indigenous communities, isolated properties, mining communities and other remote communities

Bush Chaplain Jill Doolan's work in Central Australia exemplifies the power of compassion and community. Fluent in three Indigenous languages and deeply connected to her community, Jill dedicates herself to supporting people through diverse challenges and bridging generations with her care. Jill's role as a Bush Chaplain involves much more than traditional pastoral care. She prepares meals for elders, helps with doctor visits, and engages with the Central Land Council to ensure that the land and its sacred sites are respected and maintained. This collaboration is crucial for the preservation of cultural heritage and the environment.

Her work is a testament to the profound impact that



Bush Chaplain Jill Doolan and colleague.

dedicated care and cultural understanding can have on a community.

Jill teaches children in local schools about their heritage and the importance of preserving their culture. By sharing her knowledge and experiences, Jill fosters a sense of pride and identity in the younger generation.

Our contributions will help ensure that dedicated individuals like Jill can continue to make a lasting impact in their communities.

Neil Tweddle

## Celebrating volunteering

If you watched any of the Olympic Games, you will have witnessed athletes from across the world being applauded as champions. You may also have seen the Cadbury chocolate advertisement encouraging us to celebrate a volunteer. In the ad, a young swimmer surprises her mother with a block of chocolate as a thanks for her support; support that has been provided daily, weekly over many years. The support of the parent to the child is essential to the child's development. Likewise, a volunteer is essential to the growth of a community. Our parish is blessed with the support of many volunteers, who have for generations supported the



development of the communities in the southern Macedon Ranges.

The act of volunteering is an act of love and generosity and is essential to strengthening communities. Volunteers individually and collectively enable activities, services and programs to run. Volunteering is recognised as a key contributor to personal health and wellbeing.

Our community is blessed to have volunteers; we salute them and commend volunteering to all who have not yet enjoyed the experience.

Rev'd Dr Alan Smith, Acting Vicar  
Anglican Parish of Gisborne





# 100 YEARS AGO

## SEPTEMBER 1924

**Macedon News** – The new telegraph cable which was recently laid from the Upper Macedon post office to Lady Hodges' corner is shortly to be extended to the Macedon post office. There has been an exceptionally heavy demand for telephones in this district lately and the postal authorities are finding it hard to cope with the rush. The extension to the cable augurs well for the progress of the district.

*Gisborne Gazette* – September 5, 1924

**An Exciting Bolt** – On Saturday last, while the driver of one of Mr. J.W. Engellener's butcher's delivery carts was absent from it in Ferrier Road, New Gisborne, the two horses took fright and made off at top speed. They turned into the New Gisborne Road [Station Road] and made for the old township. In their mad career they simply flew along the road down the steep hill towards the town, over the bridge, along Aitken Street, down Hamilton Street, eastward towards the Court House, along the footpath by the police station, the Mechanics and the bank in the direction of the blacksmith's shop [near Calthorpe Street], then they turned northwards, apparently on their return journey. Those who witnessed the mad career of the horses assert that the four-wheeled butcher's vehicle came in contact with many obstacles. On one occasion after striking the side of a small culvert, the basket, which was on the top of the cart, was sent into the air, and was lucky enough to come down on the cart again, without losing even a sausage.

*Gisborne Gazette* – September 19, 1924

**Encircling the Mount** – A local correspondent expresses the hope that, in view of the possibility of the establishment of a tourist road through Cherokee from Riddell and then over the Mount to Woodend, more interest will be displayed in the Riddell Progress Association from which the idea originated. He points out that this scheme has the approbation of the National Roads Association and the Automobile club both of which bodies are prepared to whole-heartedly support and give practical assistance to any movement in the direction of opening up this most interesting route.

*Woodend Star* – September 20, 1924

**Riddell Correspondence.** Mr. Walter Smith has the unusual experience of seeing the departure of his life recorded in a leading Melbourne journal. In the "Leader" of Saturday last, there appears a review of the recent daffodil shows and reference is made to the great progress of this flower and its popularity. Regarding this, the following is an extract from the journal: "That the foundation laid by the late Mr. Walter Smith of Riddells Creek and others has borne fruit is amply demonstrated in the productions to be seen on the Show benches today." But Mr. Smith is not dead, and we are all pleased to note the fact that he is "still going strong".

*Sunbury News* – September 27, 1924

## WHAT'S ON REGULAR MEETINGS

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



**ADULT RIDING CLUB** (Gis) 2nd Saturday Robertson Res, 5th Gis.  
**ADULTRIDING CLUB** (Bullengarook) 2nd Saturday Rec Reserve  
**AMATEUR RADIO CLUB** 3rd Saturday 10am Woodend RSL.  
[www.mrarc.org.au](http://www.mrarc.org.au)

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

**CANASTA CLUB** Macedon and Mt Macedon Community  
House Wednesdays 2pm

**CAR CLUB** (Mac Ranges & District Motor Club 1st Wednesday,  
8pm, Steam Park, New Gisb. [secretary@mradm.com.au](mailto:secretary@mradm.com.au)

**CARERS GROUP** (Mac Ranges) 2nd & 4th Thurs, 1pm Woodend RSL  
Cherry 5420 7132 (Note: 4th Thurs carers only)

**COMMUNITY GARDEN** Wed 9.30am Church of Christ  
(Facebook for updates)

**CROCHET & CONVERSATIONS** 1st Mon 2.30pm Gisborne Library  
**CROQUET CLUB** Wed & Sat 10am Dixon Field  
Noeline 0426 500 516

**CWA GISBORNE** 2nd Monday 10am Gis Secondary College  
**CWA MACEDON** 3rd Tues 1pm & 7pm 5426 2210  
662 Mt Macedon Rd

**DALY RESERVE WORKING BEE** 2nd Tues 9.30am Scout Hall,  
Daly Res [dalynaturereserve@gmail.com](mailto:dalynaturereserve@gmail.com)

**FILM SOCIETY** 2nd Wed Norma Richardson Hall, Woodend  
0402 299 153 or 0407 012 140

**FLY FISHING CLUB** 4th Wed 7.30pm MR FEC Gisborne  
[info@calderflyfishing.com.au](mailto:info@calderflyfishing.com.au)

**FRIENDS of JACKSONS CREEK** working bees 3rd Sun 10-noon

**GARDEN CLUB** 2nd Wed various venues Jeanette 5420 7303  
**GENEALOGY GROUP** 4th Thurs 7.30 Family Hist Rm, Library

**GIRL GUIDES** Thursdays 5pm Gis Scout Hall  
**GISBORNE SINGERS** Wed 7.30pm Gisborne Uniting Church

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY** open Wed 10am-4pm Court House  
**HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY** (Mount Macedon & District)

1st Tuesday 8pm, Mount Macedon Horticultural Hall,  
583 Mt Macedon Road [mountmacedonhorticulture.org.au](http://mountmacedonhorticulture.org.au)

**LANDCARE:** Gisborne Landcare working bee every 4th Sat,  
place to be confirmed each month, [gisbornelandcare@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:gisborne@junseikan.com.au)

**MASONIC LODGE** 2nd Thurs 7pm Masonic Hall Aitken St  
**MASTERS AFL** Wed 6.30pm all year round Sankey Reserve

**OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB** Sun 9am Riddell Rec Res  
[macedonrangesdogclub.org.au](http://macedonrangesdogclub.org.au)

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

**PHOENIX ART & CRAFTS** 1st Thursday phoenixmrac.com  
**PHOTOGRAPHIC SOC** 1st Tues & 2nd Mon 7pm Dromkeen,  
Riddells Ck [macedon-ranges-photography.org.au](http://macedon-ranges-photography.org.au)

**PONY CLUB** Bullengarook 1st Sunday Rec Reserve  
**PONY CLUB** Gisborne 1st Sunday Robertson Reserve

**PROBUS** 1st Thurs 10am Susan 0419 530 041  
Gisborne Community Centre hall

**QUILTERS** (Gisb) Wed 7pm Room attached to Gisb Library

**RAMBLERS** Fridays 9.15am Tennis Club Dixon Field

**ROTARY CLUB** Gisborne 1st & 3rd Tues 7pm Telegraph Hotel  
(email [gisbornerotary@gmail.com](mailto:gisbornerotary@gmail.com) for confirmation of venue)

**RUNNING GROUP** Tues & Thurs 9am, 6pm, Sun 8am Gisborne  
Aquatic Centre Craig 0417 775 785

**RSL** 1st Mon 1.30pm Gis Golf Club 5428 2233

**SENIOR CITS** (Macedon) Tues 11am Tony Clarke Res  
[macedonseniors@gmail.com](mailto:macedonseniors@gmail.com)

**SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCERS** Thurs 1-3 Buffalo Stadium  
Woodend, 5427 1100

**SPINNERS & FIBRE GROUP** Wed 12.30 Rec Reserve Bullengarook  
Kerrie 0406 719 557

**SUPPORT AFTER SUICIDE** 2nd Mon each month, even if public  
holiday, 7-8.30pm Newham Mechanics (1292 Rochford Rd)

**TABLE TENNIS** Wed 7.30pm Tony Clarke Res, Macedon  
Stan 0437 508 338

**THUNDER SWIMMING CLUB** 2nd Sat 5pm Gisborne Aquatic  
Centre Peter 0402 088 491

**TOY LIBRARY** [gisbornetoylibrary@yahoo.com.au](mailto:gisbornetoylibrary@yahoo.com.au) Sat 9.30-11am  
71 Robertson St

**ULYSSES GROUP** 3rd Tues 6pm Sunbury FC  
[secretary@mrub.org.au](mailto:secretary@mrub.org.au)

**VINTAGE MACHINERY** Working bees 1st Sun of month, 8.30am  
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](http://yv.macedon.org.au) or [sdggome@patash.com.au](mailto:sdggome@patash.com.au)

## Baringo Film Club

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

Date	Film
Sept 4-7	<i>My House in Umbria</i> English comedy 103 min.
Sept 11-14	<i>Teachers Lounge</i> German drama 1 hr 38 min
Sept 18-21	<i>Chinatown</i> US mystery/thriller; 2 hrs 30 min
Sept 25-28	<i>Off Country</i> Aust/documentary; 80min

**PLEASE NOTE** There will be no film on Friday 27 September due to Baringo Food and Wine closing for the public football holiday.

The film *Off Country* will be shown on Saturday 29th at usual time.

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

## KIDS' QUIZ ANSWERS

- |                                |                   |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Saturn                       | 6 Oslo            |
| 2 Octagonal                    | 7 Thor            |
| 3 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles | 8 The lyrebird    |
| 4 Two hundred                  | 9 Egyptian        |
| 5 100                          | 10 Queen Victoria |

## CROSSWORD ANSWERS

- | ACROSS             | DOWN            |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| 2 Opal             | 1 Whale         |
| 3 Bogong           | 3 Ballarat      |
| 5 Perth            | 4 Shears        |
| 8 Griffin          | 6 York          |
| 9 Brisbane         | 7 Weeping Woman |
| 11 Melbourne       | 8 Gundagai      |
| 12 Barton          | 10 Bolte        |
| 14 Florin          | 13 Lizard       |
| 15 Orchid          | 17 Tracy        |
| 16 Tasmanian tiger |                 |

## QUIZ ANSWERS

- |   |                     |
|---|---------------------|
| 1 The Victorian Parliament House in Melbourne | 6 Linen             |
| 2 Mediterranean                               | 7 Darwin            |
| 3 Archer                                      | 8 The F-111         |
| 4 Flower arranging                            | 9 1975              |
| 5 Richard Starkey                             | 10 Steven Spielberg |



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