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Return to play



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With restrictions eased, cricket and some other outdoor competitions have started. Gisborne Cricket Club jumped on the field on October 10 for practice matches. More sport pictures on pages 36-37



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From the Editor's desk

Many people will have sighed with relief when restrictions were eased to allow more community sport to resume last month, none more so perhaps than local cricketers who could start their season on time – thus this month's cover of 'whites'.

Also delighted to be able to resume last month were local schools that returned to onsite learning. Students' joy at being back at school shines through their artwork on page 10 and the school reports on pages 24-26.

2020 is a year of adopting and adapting to a 'new normal' and it's really good to see people around town returning to more favourite activities, in a COVID-safe way. I thank local photographer Cindy-Ann Felsing for capturing some of Gisborne's 'new normal' for the photo feature on page 6.

Melbourne Cup and Remembrance Day will sadly not feature public events this year but this edition includes some related items to engage you. Racing fans will appreciate Bryan Power's feature article on local champion jockey Harry White (page 20-21) and the Melbourne Cup winners crossword (page 38). Warwick MacFadyen reflects on Remembrance Day in Gisborne on page 4.

People around town continue to look out for others and letter writing has been particularly popular of late. Macedon Ranges Rotary and Gisborne Secondary students have written letters to residents of Gisborne Oaks (see page 3), Gisborne Montessori students have penned letters of gratitude to essential workers and St Brigid's student Keely Deveraux has sent cards to 160 elderly people in lockdown (both stories on page 25). I wonder if anyone wants a fountain pen from Santa.

Speaking of Christmas, Gisborne Foodbank and Macedon Ranges Gift Shop have started planning their Christmas support for families in need and on page 7 seek donations for their important work. And on page 19, Kat Buttigieg gives some ideas for shopping locally for Christmas.

This year continues to present us with challenges and trying to see them as opportunities can sometimes help. We recently had two such cases at the *Gazette*. After the last issue, we discovered that our printer of over 10 years in Shepparton would be closing and from this edition our paper would be printed at a new print shop in Wodonga. After years of wanting to see a newspaper printing press in action, I promptly organised a visit to Shepparton and was thrilled to learn the many-stepped process and meet the friendly print team before they finished up. Last month also, the *Gazette's* invoicing system gave up the ghost. Maxine Barker and Patsy Smith kindly spent many hours setting us up on modern Xero software and we thank our advertisers for their patience as our volunteers learn the new system.

Happy reading,

Corinne



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A MINUTE WITH MAXINE

Some may recognise Rachel Neely as Bob Nixon's administrative assistant. Rachel was born in Swaffham, Norfolk. In 2001, while backpacking around Australia, she "fell in love with an Aussie" in Melbourne.

She emigrated the following year and in 2003 married John, on the Yarra River at Williamstown.

Working in Melbourne CBD for many years she suddenly announced to John that she wanted to live somewhere "green", just like she had in England.

John showed her Gisborne, and within the month they were living here and she was commuting by train to Melbourne.

At a significant birthday milestone, Rachel decided to take 12 months off work and get involved in the local community by becoming a volunteer at the GREAT Centre. It was here she then became a distributor of the *Gazette* and is now due for her five-year volunteer's certificate.

Rachel enjoys walking, reading, and doing jigsaws and crosswords.

With another significant birthday just a couple of years away, travel to Vietnam and Istanbul for



Rachel Neely

the history and food they offer is on her wish list. Rachel loves the "green" of Gisborne and the town's community feel, which she says is just like her birth village in England.

Maxine Barker

Letter writers show Oaks' residents they are not alone



Samantha Dunne-Turner (Macedon Ranges Rotary), Tammy McCubbin (Gisborne Oaks), Jane Williams (Project Ready facilitator), Grace and Tamiah (Project Ready), Karen Letts (Gisborne Oaks) and Susan Dean (Macedon Ranges Rotary).

The Rotary Club of Macedon Ranges and Year 10 'Project Ready' students from Gisborne Secondary College have been collaborating on a project of writing letters to residents of local aged care homes, to brighten their days during these difficult COVID times.

The project is called 'You Are Not Alone' and every letter starts with "I am writing this letter to let you know, you are not alone..."

Macedon Ranges Rotary president Eric Visscher and past president Samantha Dunne-Turner brainstormed the idea with the students and Project Ready facilitator Jane Williams several months ago.

Gisborne Oaks was the first facility to receive letters, which were written by Rotary Club members, the students, community members, families and friends. Kindergarten teachers Jodie Dyer Waters of Manna Gum Children's Centre and Georgina Brown of Riddells Creek Kindergarten have since asked if their students could participate in the project.

The Rotary Club and Project Ready students



would like to thank Susan Dean of Dean Publishing and David and Leanne Cashmore of Gisborne

Officebarn for their free help on the project.

If you are interested in joining Macedon Ranges Rotary Club, contact Samantha (sam.dunne@hotmail.com, 0408 005 583) or message the club's Facebook page. Project Ready families, school staff or students who wish to be involved can contact Jane directly. If you would like to supply letters, please email them to support@deanpublishing.com with the subject line 'You Are Not Alone'.

Project Ready is a 12-month program designed to assist students in gaining hands-on life and work readiness and to undertake active volunteering within the community, run by Central Ranges Local Learning and Employment Network.

Samantha Dunne-Turner

St Brigid's student sends cards of caring – page 25

Emergency services help in all sorts of cases

Gisborne Fire Brigade and SES members worked together to free a man's foot from a rolled-over tractor in New Gisborne on October 19.

Arriving at the scene, fire-fighters found a small front-end loader that had rolled onto its side trapping a man in his fifties by his foot under the rear wheel.

The man had been driving the tractor across a paddock on a slight slope before it rolled, the bucket stopping it from rolling further onto the fitted rollover protection structure.

Incident Controller Lieutenant Mark Carter said the first priority was to secure the tractor so it didn't cause further injury to the man or emergency services.

"Working alongside Gisborne SES, we secured the tractor



SES, firefighters and paramedics work carefully to get the man on a stretcher.

to a nearby tree using a hand winch," he said. "Once secured we deflated the rear tyre and used shovels to dig around the wheel to free the driver's foot."

The man was taken to hospital by road ambulance with minor injuries. Police also attended the scene.

Bevan Moody
Gisborne Fire Brigade

Always make way for a gardener with a rake!

Melva Edwards was snapped on October 20 on

her way to keep an eye on a small burn-off near the stream in Stanley Park, Macedon, where she is on the committee. It's a timely reminder that all fires should be supervised, with the appropriate tools and water nearby.

Fire preparedness – page 8



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More facilities and services to reopen

A range of local facilities have reopened or are expected to reopen soon following the State Government's further relaxation of COVID restrictions.

Gisborne Library has reopened, though with some limits to its hours to begin with. Limits to the number of people inside the library will apply (see current details on page 7).

The swimming pool in Gisborne has reopened for limited use. Swimming will be available for those aged 18 years and under, with limits on the number of people in the pool. Swimming lessons will resume on a date yet to be fixed.

Hydrotherapy will be available for one-on-one sessions, with a limit of 10 people in the pool at one time.

Facility hire will be available for outdoor contact and non-contact sport for those aged 18 and under (with limits on the numbers playing). Facility hire for outdoor non-contact sport for adults will be available, with limits on numbers playing or training.

In coming weeks the Council will look to reopen other facilities in line with government advice, subject to appropriate restrictions being in place to ensure the health and safety of the community and staff.

The pandemic situation is being continuously reviewed by the Government and announcements expected after the *Gazette* went to press this month may change the restriction details listed here.

To keep up to date on Council's service changes and closures, visit

Thinking of those who never returned

Every now and then I walk past the war memorial in Gisborne that stands in the strip of grass opposite the library. Sometimes I stop and read through the names of the fathers, sons and brothers who went off to fight on foreign fields and oceans. A few never came back.

So it is in country towns across Australia, memorials to the young who went off to war, some never knowing what they were truly fighting for; believing in WWI, the great lie of empire. In all cases they trusted those who sent them. My father Bob (Korean War) was president of the local RSL here for several years. He helped arrange and take part in both Anzac Day and Remembrance Day commemorations.

On Anzac Day services, it wasn't a long march along the service road to the memorial, but if it was short on metres, it was long and deep and well-worn with feeling. One year his wee grandkids marched with him. His chest was bursting with pride. The commemoration, to him, was always about both memory and the future.

Remembrance Day, November 11, marking the end of the War to End All Wars, is a low-key affair. A few gather around the memorial, a few wreaths are laid.

The land hereabouts has never had to be defended from invading forces.

REFLECTIONS

with Warwick McFadyen

It's a blessing interwoven with historical irony, given the frontier wars in the early years of settlement.

In 1913, a military camp was established in Gisborne for trainees of war who were to make up part of the 17th Infantry Brigade; young men still, not yet become fodder to war's scythe, were being shaped into its form.

The Argus of November 10, 1913, reported: "Until long after 11 o'clock last night the hills and valleys in the vicinity of Gisborne echoed the tramp, tramp of almost 3000 pairs of young feet, and the usually placid stillness of the mountains was broken by stirring quick steps, the blare of bugles, the rattle of kettledrums, snatches of song, and enthusiastic cheers. The town was gay with bunting and Japanese lanterns, while eucalyptus boughs festooned every shop front as though Christmas had arrived."

The trainees were teenagers, subject to the universal service system, a form of conscription for home defence. They were not to be sent overseas. Billy Hughes tried unsuccessfully

REMEMBRANCE DAY



Due to the pandemic there will be no public service on November 11 this year. Gisborne and Macedon Ranges RSL will have a Stand To with members only at the Gisborne Cenotaph at 11am.

during WWI to institute overseas conscription as the red maw of slaughter demanded more troops. His push divided the nation. A local pro-conscription advocate, James Crow, had his car pelted with stones outside a rally in the Mechanics Hall in Gisborne. (His car was not hard to identify – no more than a handful of families had a car in Gisborne in those early days.) Crow had lost his 19-year-old son in the war. Who knows what made him push for more young men to go.

What we know now is peace. History, however, has shown it is but the pause between wars' deadly toll. Siegfried Sassoon wrote in *Aftermath*, a poem often broadcast in England on Armistice Day (later changed to Remembrance Day):

Have you forgotten yet?

Look up, and swear by the green of the spring that you'll never forget.

Watch out for 'roos on the hop at this time of year

This time of year marks the start of the kangaroo breeding season



and drivers are urged to be aware of an increasing number of kangaroos bounding across roads, especially at dusk and dawn, and slow down by yellow animal warning road signs.

Grass at the sides of roads is often fresher due to water run-off, making these areas more appealing to wildlife.

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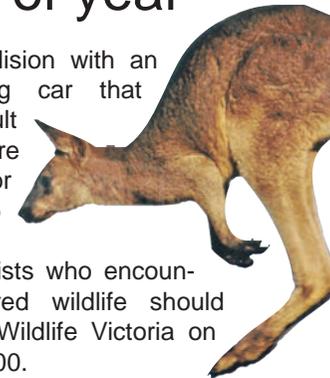
Colliding with an animal as large as a kangaroo can damage vehicles or cause injury to those in the car.

Swerving violently to avoid an animal on the roadway, however, can result in a loss of vehicle control or serious collision with oncoming traffic.

Steer straight and apply the brakes in a controlled manner. While it is sad, a collision with an animal is preferable

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Gisborne Festival forced to cancel

This year's Gisborne Festival has had to be cancelled.

The Gisborne and District Lions Club, which organises the festival, says that after considering a range of scenarios, it has made the agonising decision to cancel this significant community event, which was scheduled to be held on December 11.

Due to the range of restrictions imposed by the government as a result of COVID-19, only a limited number of people would have been able to at-



tend a very restricted event on the oval at Gardiner Reserve. As the Lions Club's mission for this important event is "to produce an annual festival that brings the community together to have a fun-filled evening in an inclusive and safe environment", the club felt it would have been unfair to hold an event which only enabled limited numbers to attend.

The Lions Club is very appreciative of those who annually support the festival, including the large range of businesses as sponsors, participants in the parade, market and food stall holders, performers and those engaged to provide a range of activities for the event.

The Lions Club looks forward to their support for the December 2021 Festival, hopefully after the end of the current health and economic crisis that is confronting our community.

Support Macedon Cats and maybe win a ute

The Macedon Football Netball Club has launched its major fundraising activity for season 2021, a high-value raffle to be drawn on May 2, 2021, at the clubrooms at Tony Clarke Reserve, Macedon.



First prize is a Toyota Hilux ute valued at \$65,000 supplied by Kyneton Toyota. Second prize is a Toro Titan 48" ride-on mower valued at \$10,000 supplied by Gisborne Power Products. Third prize is a voucher for \$1000 provided by Gisborne Tyres.

Tickets are available on the club website (macedoncats.com.au) and at selected selling outlets.

If you have any questions regarding the raffle, please contact Andrew on 0488 363 222.



Macedon Football Netball Club senior football coach Al Meldrum checks out a Toyota Hilux in Kyneton.

Happy helper



Maddie Thomas from Kinglake visited her grandmother Judy Jolly during the last school holidays and enjoyed helping her deliver the Gazette to letterboxes in Mt Macedon. Grandparents do all sorts of interesting things!



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1st Gisborne Scout Group leaders and cubs from the Jackson group – Halle Grigsby, Cruze Felsing, Karen Eaton, John Tyrrell, Patrick Tyrrell, Harrison Phillips and Diesel Grigsby – wear masks and use hand sanitiser before starting on Tuesday October 13. Scouts are now held outdoors in separate groups of 10 as the hall cannot be used due to COVID-19.

The Macedon Ranges Running Club must run in groups no bigger than 10 people. Staying 1.5m apart, the intermediate group of Paul Sunsjara, Katie Hammer, Maddy Arnephy, Craig Thomas, Darryl Mills and Julie Luke are ready to warm up before heading off on their evening run on October 13.



A customer completes the store contact tracing register while Nicole Woodcock answers a call at Gisborne Health Essentials on October 15.

Gisborne lives the 'new normal'

All around town people have incorporated COVID-safe practices into their daily lives. Masks, sanitising and social distancing won't stop Gisbornites doing what they love (and is permitted). Photos by Cindy-Ann Felsing.



Lindsie Dodsworth greets visitors to Macedon Ranges Health on October 15, asking a range of COVID-related questions before people enter the premises to ensure visitor and staff safety.



Educator Jennifer McNulty at Manna Gum Children's Centre takes Xavier Felsing's temperature before he can enter the room on October 13.



Kara Will stretches to get her morning coffee from Saad Elamin at the Corner Coffee Bar on October 15 as daughter Emily smiles for the camera.

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WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

This year we are providing families with gift cards to spend at our local businesses. We need your financial help to make this possible. Donations can be made at Bendigo Bank Branches via Bank Transfer by 11th November 2020. Find us on Facebook for more details.



Supporting local families at Christmas

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A community initiative of the Macedon Ranges

Help sought to provide Christmas gifts for those in need

After serving vulnerable local families as the Macedon Ranges Toy Shop for 11 years, the partnership of Macedon Ranges Shire Council, Kyneton Baptist Church and Cobaw Community Health are once more partnering to support families in need at Christmas.

We're now known as the Macedon Ranges Gift Shop and, due to COVID-19, we're doing things a little differently this year and introducing a gift card program. We are seeking financial donations to make this possible.

Registered families will receive Macedon Ranges Gift Shop gift cards, a set amount for each child. Gift cards can be redeemed at participating local businesses. We hope to have as many businesses on board as possible, offering as many products and services as possible.

By offering gift cards to spend at local businesses we are supporting not only local families in need, but also the local economy.

The amount of gift cards and assistance we can provide per child will depend solely on the amount of financial donations we receive. Our target is \$15,000.

Donations can be made by direct deposit, cash, cheque and online. Donations can be made in person at any Bendigo Bank branch in the shire.

If you are a Macedon Ranges business interested in joining in the gift card system, we'd love to partner with you. Contact details can be found on our Facebook page. Follow us for updates.

Macedon Ranges Gift Shop

News from the GREAT Association



It has been decided by the GREAT Committee that regrettably we will not be able to open the Gisborne Olde Time Market for the remainder of 2020. The annual GREAT Centre and *Gisborne Gazette* function will also unfortunately not be held this year.

After many valued years in the role of market manager for the Gisborne Olde Time Market, Phyllis Boyd has advised she will be retiring from the role in 2021. GREAT would like to thank Phyllis for all her hard work and dedication over her many years in this role and for offering to assist with training and handover to a new market manager. GREAT will be advertising this position once a date for the reopening of the market has been determined.

Berneice Callow has resigned as secretary of the GREAT committee and Deb Fleming has agreed to take on the role until the next AGM.

As soon as we are allowed to meet in larger groups at an indoor venue a date will be set for the AGM and members will be advised. New members and volunteers are always welcome to join the GREAT family and we encourage anyone to consider nominating for the committee.

For any enquiries, please contact either Moc (President) on 0419 502 710 or Maxine (Vice-President) on 0438 711 138.

Gisborne Foodbank AGM

The Gisborne Community Care Foodbank Inc would like to give notice of our Annual General Meeting which will be held on Wednesday November 18 at 7pm. We hope to be able to hold the meeting at the Gisborne Foodbank at 23 Brantome Street, Gisborne, however, this is contingent upon the State Government's COVID-19 reopening roadmap for regional Victoria.



Foodbank Inc.

If we are unable to hold the AGM on site, the meeting will be conducted via Zoom. All are welcome. Please visit our website for further details. The location of the meeting will be updated on the website and Facebook page when this is confirmed.

The Foodbank is now accepting donations for our Christmas hampers which we will be packing on December 14. We distributed over 60 hampers last year to our customers to brighten up their Christmas. If you would like to donate Christmas items to the Foodbank, you can deliver them in person or leave them in the containers at drop points at Foodworks, Coles and Liberty Health and Happiness in Gisborne, or the Macedon Newsagency and Post Office.

The Gisborne Foodbank is open on Wednesdays and Fridays from 10am to 3pm. If you need assistance putting food on the table, please contact the Foodbank on mobile 0492 850 520, drop in on Wednesday or Friday, message us via our Facebook page (@GisborneFoodbank), or visit our website: www.gisbornefoodbank.org.au.

Julie Ireland



Elaine Millar displays the 2021 Seeing Eye Dog A3 calendar.

Large print calendars for 2021

Vision Australia calendars for 2021 are now available priced at \$15 each and can be a very suitable present for Christmas.



largest size dates possible with extra room for important dates. Dates are easy to read with large bold print and one month covers two pages. Great for those with low vision.

The Seeing Eye Dog A3 size calendar features images of cute and playful puppies starting their journey into becoming a working dog. Plenty of room for notes and birthdays. Perfect for dog lovers!

The Extra Large A3 size calendar is ideal for those who require the

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Stairclimbers feel fresh before being driven to a local climb...

Fireys raise \$7000 taking local steps

Congratulations to all Gisborne firefighters who participated in the Virtual Melbourne Firefighter Stair Climb. Combining the station total with donations made against each personal profile, the overall total came to a fantastic \$7105.



Over the past month the firefighters hiked through various parts of the Macedon Ranges and tackled stairs around Gisborne township. Between the participants they racked up a total of 170,342 steps.

Firefighters and other emergency services across the state raised over \$200,000 to assist mental health agencies that specialise in suicide prevention, PTSD and depression.

A special thank you to Gisbus and Tony Wade who donated their services to ferry our participants around the Macedon Ranges.

Bevan Moody



...and less fresh after climbing to the Mt Macedon Cross from the Old Scout Camp on Middle Gully Road.

Be ready this fire season

With above average rain fall forecast from now to December, this year's fire season has the potential to be a grassfire-dominated season, with shorter-duration fires in grass and dry forests during hotter and windier days.

A big clean-up before the fire season can make a huge difference to the safety and survival of your home in a bushfire. Make sure you're ready for the upcoming bushfire season, by:

- Moving furniture, woodpiles and mulch away from windows, decks and eaves
- Pruning tree branches so they are not overhanging on the roof or touching walls
- Keeping grass shorter than 10cm. Regularly remove leaves and twigs
- Not having plants higher than 10cm in front of windows or glass doors
- Making sure you remove all flammable items from around your home before you leave. Houses have been lost to embers landing on doormats



- Checking that your home and contents insurance is current and includes a level of cover in line with current building standards and regulations.

Plan for all situations by talking to your family and friends about your triggers to leave, where you'll go and how you'll get there. Get into the habit of checking Fire Danger Ratings on the VicEmergency website or app daily to understand the fire risk in your area.

It's up to all of us to stay informed by using more than one source of information, understanding the three levels of warnings, what they mean and what you should do.

Visit www.cfa.vic.gov.au/about/fire-action-week-2020 for more information about bushfire planning, preparation, and about leaving early.

Garry Cook
Acting Chief Officer CFA



The staff of Gisborne Family Dental Surgery.

Dental surgery donates \$3000 to brigade

Earlier this year Gisborne Family Dental raised funds for Gisborne Fire Brigade by selling custom-made sport mouth guards.

A total of \$3100 was raised with 100% of the money being donated to the brigade.

The brigade would like to thank Dr Chan and his staff along with all of his customers who supported this great initiative.

Bevan Moody

SES respond to multiple calls

Gisborne State Emergency Service volunteers responded to many calls for assistance during the variable and sporadically windy weather over the past few weeks, predominantly attending to fallen trees.



Whether you are in a residential area, open rural grassland or bushland, extreme weather conditions such as excessive rainfall, high winds or hot dry environments may pose a risk to your household.

Check trees, clean your gutters, do a general property clean-up and store some sandbags in case of emergency. If you need assistance, give us a call. If you know your neighbours are vulnerable, check on them if it is safe to do so. Keeping people and property safe are our main concerns, and we encourage people to be proactive to ensure their properties, especially roofs and gutters, are cleaned up in preparation for storms likely in the summer period.

...Have a Fire Plan, Flood Plan and Family Plan.

Di Dale
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Fighting the flames

This month Bryan Power concludes the story of the Gisborne Fire Brigade, which this year celebrates a 75-year association with the Country Fire Authority. This milestone has been reached through the dedication of generations of volunteers. The brigade had planned to celebrate the event in September but, because of the pandemic, the night has been postponed until May 2021.

PART 2

From the 1970s, the Gisborne Fire Brigade was increasingly called upon by the CFA to assist at other fires around the state.

Laurie Keane took over the leadership from Bill Byrne in 1969 and served two terms as captain: 1969-1976 and 1980-1982. Keane's focus was on professionalism and he established teams for each officer, and regular training nights.

Under Peter Moore's captaincy, in May 1977 a Junior Brigade was established with 14 members.

By the early 1980s the old fire station in Brantome Street had become run down and too small for the brigade's needs. Construction of the new station began in the newly established emergency services precinct in Robertson Street and was completed in June 1983, but not before the tragedy of the Ash Wednesday fires in February of that year.

Low rainfall and high temperatures meant anxiety about the looming 1982-1983 summer was justified. On January 8, 12,000 hectares were burnt in the Greendale-Wombat State Forest area and two lives were lost. On February 1, 27 homes were destroyed in the Macedon Ranges. On Ash Wednesday – February 16 – another blisteringly hot day became very ugly as a fire near Trentham rapidly spread south. Gisborne



New CFA station opened in Robertson Street in 1983.

Brigade was sent to the edge of the Wombat State Forest but a wind change saw the fire roar north-east to destroy the towns of Macedon and Mt Macedon. Bullengarook and South Gisborne suffered too but Gisborne itself was safe. Within 36 dreadful hours seven people died and 157 homes were lost.

For some time after the trauma of Ash Wednesday members were unsettled but under new captain Michael Mundy, who led the brigade between 1984 and 2000, great changes were made with new trucks, equipment and training procedures. The new fire station could finally provide the much-needed space and facilities for a modern brigade.

Brad Jepson was captain from 2000 to 2004 and he instigated a successful recruitment campaign that also saw the senior members responsible for mentoring the new recruits.

Tony Wade took on the captain's role in 2004 in the middle of the Millennium drought when Gisborne firefighters were called on to be part of strike forces to battle constant summer fires throughout Victoria and NSW. Tony was captain

until 2012 when he handed over to Sam Strang.

On February 7, 2009, a day that will always be remembered as Black Saturday, Gisborne crews played their part. One crew was assigned to a convoy escorting ambulances to Kinglake to look for survivors. Other crews were involved in blacking out operations during the weeks that followed. Many members were awarded the National Emergency Medal as a result of their valuable service.

From the early days of the brigade women had played a supporting role providing food during emergencies and being involved in fundraising and social events.

Dawn Keane was the first woman to work in an operational role and she was the brigade's communications officer from 1994 to 2000.

From the mid-1990s Sue Kukola was the first to join the firefighting crews and her example has since been followed by several women including Dawn Whittall and Sandra Barrotta who were part of the Gisborne crew who fought the fire at Mallacoota on New Year's Eve 2019.

Current captain Sam Strang emphasises the importance of community en-



About 1970: Members of the brigade's discipline team which competed in the state firefighter competition in Bendigo that year. Back, L-R: Phil Gilbert, Laurie Keane, Bish Hike, Allen Bennett. Front L-R: Tom Ritchie, Bill Byrne, John Hike.

gagement by providing opportunities for residents to learn how to prepare their properties for the annual fire season.

The Gisborne Brigade has come a long way in its 75-year association with the CFA and is rightly regarded as one of the most respected and valued organisations in our district.

In closing, here is the final stanza of Ed Gardiner's poem *The Big Red Giant* that goes to the heart of the courage that CFA volunteers must summon when the call comes:

*Men and women now, all volunteers
who have the same devotion,
As those brave men of long ago,
they share the same emotion,
Of not knowing if a call will come,
not knowing where or when,
But knowing they must face the foe
– when the giant comes again.*

• This article draws on Peter R. Hewett's book *Two-O-Two: A History of the Gisborne Fire Brigade*. If you are interested in learning more about the brigade's history you can request a copy of this book – free of charge – through the Gisborne CFA.



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Gallery artists let nature inspire them



The Gallery Mt Macedon is open during November at weekends from 10am to 4pm. Visitors are welcome to visit and enjoy our range of mixed media art.

Members have been using the lockdown time to make new work and nurture the artist within.

On a beautiful spring day in Macedon, Marian Alexopoulos and Colleen Weste captured nature on paper and textile.

Colleen said they were inspired by artist John Wolseley, whose work is about finding ways of collaborating with plants, birds, rocks and earth using watercolour, nature printing, collage and frottage. Frottage is doing a rubbing on any surface texture using pencil or crayon.

Colleen Weste



Colleen is frottaging – taking a rubbing from tree bark and textures in the bush, while Marion works on an abstract painting near a creek on her property.



Art with a message from St Brigid's

St Brigid's students made their feelings clear in these artworks created as on-site school resumed last month.

School pages, 24-26



Photographers focus on making meaningful masterpieces

We have all seen famous paintings, prints and photographs of fruit bowls, flowers, books and other items. These often hang in art galleries, restaurants and homes and are referred to as Still Life.



Macedon Ranges Photographic Society members explored this style through an online digital photographic competition. The brief for this task was "the depiction of inanimate subject matter, typically a small group of objects".

This style of photography is perfect for those windy, unpredictable spring days or colder rainy ones. Choosing special objects, arranging them in an artistic way, adjusting lighting and then photographing them, can be done from the comfort of home with any type of camera, even a phone camera or tablet.

The winning image in the recent competition was a stunning vase of sunflowers by Cheryl Connell. Many entries depicted fruit, glasses, flowers, books and a range of other interesting items.

If you find yourself looking for a challenge that can be done from home or a fun activity for the family, you could try out some still life photography. Children might like to choose some of their most treasured toys to arrange and photograph in their own unique and artistic style. By printing and framing their still life images, you can create your own special family art gallery at home.

For more information about MRPS, please visit www.macedon-ranges-photography.org.au or you can email questions to mrps@macedon-ranges-photography.org.au



Cheryl Connell's image 'Flowers in a Vase'.

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Mount Players reminisce with... the Camerons

Marg and Allan Cameron have been an integral part of the Mountview Theatre for the best part of 50 years and helped establish the strong basis for what we enjoy today. They met through the theatre in 1979 and married in 1981.

After reading an ad in the local paper in March 1978 inviting people to join the group, Marg found herself stage managing her first show in April the same year. She had been a member of theatre groups in every town where she worked as a teacher and embraced the opportunity to meet people from a wide background and work in a team for a common positive purpose.

Marg has worked on about 70 shows with the company in a variety of roles – directing, backstage, lighting, set building, pianist and front of house, and was even 'on stage' for two productions.

Serving on the committee from 1983 to 1987, she had a range of major tasks, including (importantly) supporting members who had been affected by the fires, designing the new theatre, raising money, starting rebuilding, creating and being part of endless working bees, and taking shows on the road.

She was also adviser to the committee during the '80s and early '90s on lighting needs and



Marg and Allan Cameron

design. In 1997 she was very surprised and proud to receive life membership of the Mount Players in recognition for her contribution to the company.

Allan became involved in the mid '70s and was recruited to the committee in late 1978 with a core group of about ten managing the original theatre. It was tiny with cramped backstage facilities and half the current stage area we have now.

Allan performed on stage in a few musicals from 1979 and went on to be involved in stage managing, set building, lighting

and front of house for over 30 shows. He was secretary for a while and elected president in 1983 following the Ash Wednesday fires that destroyed the original theatre.

In 1984 Allan resigned as president to concentrate on the process of incorporation which was achieved in 1985. He was then elected the original public officer of the group.

In 2004 it was Allan's turn to be caught by surprise and awarded life membership, about which he said: "That simple plaque contains a million memories. The gallery in the theatre – a million more".

Marg and Allan Cameron and Karen Hunt

Yet another Zoom term for Young Voices



With current concerns about the risk of infection posed by group singing, Young Voices of Macedon, along with countless other Australian choirs, is continuing to

operate on the Zoom platform in Term 4.

Term 3 came to a joyous conclusion with a Zoom party themed around current repertoire: pirates for the young Vivo group and the octopus for the Cantabiles. Competition for the best homemade pirate hat and octopus headpiece was keen, also for the best sea-themed decorated cup cake. With silly songs, jokes, a game of Pictionary and magic tricks by Orson Pillay, everyone had a fun time.

In Term 4 the Cantabiles will continue their



The winning octopus headgear.

journey with *Captain Noah and his floating zoo* and all will begin learning Christmas songs.

Our dedicated team of teachers continue to develop and refine strategies that engage children in singing and promote good learning. Given that singing at state schools (and possibly others) will not happen this

term, our choir offers an opportunity for children to enjoy this valuable activity. New members are welcome. Visit www.yvmacedon.org.au Dianne Gome

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Profile: Genealogy Group life member Heather Tumber

In March 1991 a small number of people gathered to form the Friends of the Gisborne Library Genealogical Group – Marion Button, Janet Drysdale, Bob Gale, John Till, Judy Cockbill, Heather Tumber, Glen Edwards, and Ian McDonell. Only Heather remains a member of the group that became known as the Gisborne Genealogical Group when it was incorporated in 1995.



Heather has been a keen genealogist for more than 40 years. She became interested after her father and aunt did a family history course at CAE in Box Hill. Heather typed up their findings of early BDM and land records.

In 1977 Heather and her husband Colin went to

England, and helped by visiting repositories in Kent and collecting certificates from St Catherine's House in London. They also talked to relatives in England. Getting your information was much harder and slower in the 1970s.

After her father died in 1983, Heather became even more interested and joined the Genealogical Society of Victoria.

A member of the Port Phillip Pioneers Group lent Heather a fiche and a reader so she could continue her research at home.

Heather has been an enthusiastic and much-valued member of our Group, serving as president, treasurer and newsletter editor, as well as general committee



Heather Tumber

member. She has contributed with donations to our resources, regularly writes articles for the newsletter and keeps members informed about worthwhile genealogy websites to visit. In 2018 she was made a life member of the GGG.

Heather and Colin moved into the district in 1982 and ran the New Gisborne Post Office and Store until 2010. While working there Heather encouraged many customers to become interested in genealogy.

Next year the Gisborne Genealogical Group will be 30 years old. What a celebration that will be if we are able to hold our usual meetings and activities by then.

Lyn Hall

Singers begin the search for new musical director



The Gisborne Singers are starting the search for a new musical director. Advertisements are being placed and choral resources scoured.

The musical director leads the direction of the choir, planning performances and conducting the choir (and orchestra if appropriate) for rehearsals and concerts.

He or she is assisted by a professional accompanist and supported by an active committee and enthusiastic members and friends. Rehearsals are held weekly and the choir presents two major choral works, a winter cabaret, and performs at community functions throughout the year. Closing date for submissions is December 4. Subject to COVID restrictions, it's hoped that the new director will start in February.

In the meantime, the choir has started up weekly Zoom rehearsals which have been well received by members. As one chorister said: "It was so good to reconnect with choir



George Fyfield (centre) performs with The Gisborne Singers

companions in our first Zoom session. The sad weirdness of this year had made me disinclined to sing...but a happy time shared virtually revived my singing voice!"

Other news includes the very sad passing of much-loved tenor George Fyfield. George joined the choir around 2006 and will be remembered for his sense of humour, cheerful persona and cabaret acts that showed off his acting talent.

The choir will be looking for new members (especially tenors and basses). If you're interested in joining, please go to www.gisbornesingers.org.au Alison Kinghorn

A shout out to Foodbank

We're getting closer to the end of the year – but like most things, the Christmas period will look very different this year.

For those most vulnerable in our community, coronavirus has meant that the summer holiday period has become even more challenging than normal. That's why I want to acknowledge Anita, Julie and the amazing team at Gisborne Foodbank.

The hard-working volunteers at this great service have provided invaluable support throughout the year to many families in our community.

If you're able to help, I'd encourage you to make a cash donation to Gisborne Foodbank and help them continue their fantastic work. You can do this at www.gisbornefoodbank.org.au.

I also want to give you an update on the exciting upgrades happening at our Gisborne schools.

Construction has begun on Gisborne Primary's huge upgrade, which includes a competition-grade



gymnasium and administration building. This is on track to be complete in mid-2021.

Down the road at New Gisborne Primary, work is under way to deliver a brand-new synthetic grass oval – the first step in their exciting \$3.1 million upgrade, which will be fully completed in early 2022. I know that students will love getting outside and active on their new oval!

And at the Bullengarook campus of Sunbury Macedon Ranges Specialist School, work continues on transforming the senior campus which includes a new administration building and multipurpose hall. This is on track to be completed early next year.

And news is coming on our new school and kindergarten in the south of Gisborne, stay tuned.

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Preparing for the 'new normal'



Like every other organisation in Gisborne is probably doing, the Men's Shed is looking towards the longer term COVID- and post-COVID future.

The buzzword for that process these days seems to be "futureproofing" and it's more important now than it has been for a very long time. So while we have got the time, some of our thinking is about:

- Clarifying our **strengths** so we can work out how to build on them.
- Defining our **weaknesses** to help us mitigate them
- Exploring our **opportunities** so we can make the best of them and
- Identifying potential **threats** so we are prepared to confront them.

In the meantime, we're still functioning 'in the now' with members remaining digitally connected and there are a range of projects happening in members' own sheds. Some of those projects are



Shedman Rainer gives hand-made feeding tables to local guinea pig wrangler Sally McCauley.

for the wider community, like guinea pig feeding tables made by Shedman Rainer for local guinea pig wrangler, Sally McCauley.

Whatever your age, if you've got a bit of time on your hands in the shorter or longer term, think about joining the digital Men's Shed now so you'll be ready to enter the physical Shed when the time is right. Phone 0437 303 762 if you would like more information.



BETTY'S BOOP

With Betty Doolan

We are still in lockdown – residents are allowed out but have their temperatures taken on their return. I have not gone out yet but I suppose I am afraid of what I will find. I do have an appointment to get fitted for a new shoe so I will see what has changed in November.

Not many hostels can brag they have four residents over 100 years old; at Gisborne Oaks we have Elly, 101, and Eric, Jeanette and Diane, all 100. They are happy and you can have a nice conversation with each of them. The hostel is very proud of these four incredible residents.

Other special birthdays have been Annie, Eunice, Thelma and Helen. There were lots of cakes, balloons and flowers and they all had a special visitor, being a member of their family.

Table tennis has really taken off and everyone is challenging each other. The keen players so far are Harold, Mary, Ralph and Harrison. I have gone for less energy – I play draughts with Harold. So far I haven't won too many games.

Last month there was a lovely story in the *Gazette* about a lady who made fiddle rugs, Sandra Turnbull, whose Dad is Laurie John and is a resident at Riddell Gardens in Sunbury. Laurie was part of a team called Wally and Laurie. Wally played the piano and Laurie sang. This pair of lovely men came to the Oaks and would have residents clapping, singing and feet jumping. Laurie's lovely wife helped with the music books. On behalf of residents past and present, we thank you for the hours of pleasure you and Wally gave.

Sandie from the Life Enhancement Program has started an art and craft group and the ladies have made lots of things; the little rock people are so cute. The ladies have also made lovely wall hangings out of twigs, gum nuts and bits and pieces. There is also bead jewellery – this is a most successful group. Thank you, Sandie.

Stay safe and please wear a mask. *Betty*

New coordinator for Macedon Ranges Health volunteers

We are thrilled to announce Lisa Newman as the new volunteer coordinator at Macedon Ranges Health. Lisa will be familiar to many in the community and at the Gisborne Oaks through her work in the Lifestyle Enhancement Program over the past six years.



Lisa Newman

English by birth, Lisa grew up in country Victoria and after secondary school could not decide if she wanted to do nursing or study science; so over time she did both.

Her family includes two sons, two daughters, her husband and a menagerie of dogs, cats, guinea pigs, horses, the odd sheep and, most recently, a flock of eight black ducks.

Despite having a varied career background, one constant has always been her commitment to volunteering. Lisa's mother was always very involved

in community activities and had a habit of "volunteering" the services of her family to any project she was involved with. Lisa never ceases to be amazed and delighted by the passion, hard work and skills that volunteers bring to their organisations.

MRH has had a great response to the call for an Op Shop coordinator and look forward to confirming our new coordinator soon, in readiness for when we can open the shop again.

Sadly volunteering cannot recommence yet. If you are interested in joining our incredible volunteer team on the other side of the pandemic, please contact Lisa on 5428 0300 to have a chat about which opportunities might be a perfect fit for you.

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Challenging masculine stereotypes in the Macedon Ranges

An exciting research project will help identify how the attitudes and behaviours of men and boys in the Macedon Ranges align with traditional masculine stereotypes.



The chair of the Macedon Ranges Suicide Prevention Trial Site, Shelly Lavery, said, "We know that traditional masculine stereotypes are harmful. They contribute to men's high rates of suicide, depression and anxiety, risky behaviours such as drink driving, and violence against women. Unfortunately, there is still a lot of pressure on men to live up to these unhealthy stereotypes, such as always being strong and in control."

The research will identify local factors that contribute to these attitudes and behaviours, and what can be done to challenge these stereotypes and improve the health of everyone in the community.

Ken Reither from Gisborne Men's Shed said, "My hope is that this project moves the community understanding of masculinity to be more like humanity, whereby we all keep an eye out for those needing assistance, we don't walk past what we don't accept and it is ok for any of us to ask for help."

North Western Melbourne PHN is funding this work through the Macedon Ranges Suicide Prevention Trial Site. To find out more about this project, contact deepa.patel@mrh.org.au

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Only 14% of people in the Macedon Ranges eat enough vegetables. A dietitian can support you to maintain affordable, healthy eating habits. They can help with shopping healthily on a budget, decoding food myths and simple healthy recipes for the family; chronic health conditions, food intolerances, special diets, weight management, gastrointestinal disorders and nutritional support for conditions including cancer, malnutrition and loss of appetite.

There are a number of dietitians in town. For those with a health care card, a consultation with the dietitian at Macedon Ranges Health costs just \$11 and doesn't require a referral.

Getting out of our own way

Early in life we form core beliefs about ourselves, others and the world that persist into adulthood and determine how we respond to life's challenges. These core beliefs result from the combination



Clinical psychologist Dr Bilianna Ivanova writes about what many people may be feeling

of our inborn temperament and environmental experiences such as early significant relationships and experiences.

Once formed, our core beliefs take over and despite evidence to the contrary, they make us perceive and behave in self-perpetuating cycles.

Children who develop a core belief that they are incompetent, rarely question it, even as adults. They may avoid challenges or always seek help from others, thus denying themselves the chance to develop and experience competence.

If I believe that deep down there is something profoundly wrong with me, I would actively avoid closeness with others. This would make me actually isolated and I would further conclude that there is something wrong with me.

These are examples of belief surrender. In this process we live **as if** the belief is true and act

accordingly, collecting further supporting evidence.

An alternative process is belief numbing or avoidance. If I believe that others will intentionally take advantage in some way, I would numb

the healthy desire for closeness with a range of addictive behaviours so that the perceived risk never takes place.

The trickiest process to catch is over-compensation, which makes us behave in a manner opposite to what we believe deep down. It appears healthy but it overshoots the mark and ends up backfiring. A person who believes they are unlovable would act as highly desirable, perhaps unattainable, pushing others away.

The role of psychological therapy is to identify our problematic beliefs, to examine where they come from, to clarify whether we live **as if** they're true, whether we numb ourselves or act the opposite way. With some effort and ongoing practice, we can get out of our own way and form a more realistic and healthy view of ourselves, others and the world.

What motivates you to exercise?

Before COVID-19 with lockdown restrictions and working from home, motivating myself to get out and exercise was easy. I'd go to work, take a couple of breaks during the day to grab a coffee from my favourite cafe and go for a 30-minute lunch walk.

There was lots of incidental exercise, walking to meetings and the car park at each end of the day.

When I bought Fitbits for my family, we enjoyed stepping competitions – the 'Workweek Hustle' and the 'Weekend Warrior'. We followed our progress on a ladder each day and trash talked each other at dinner each night. I took the wooden spoon in these challenges, competing against my teenage son who ran around at school, and my husband who walked

A regular article about general health



By Julie Ireland

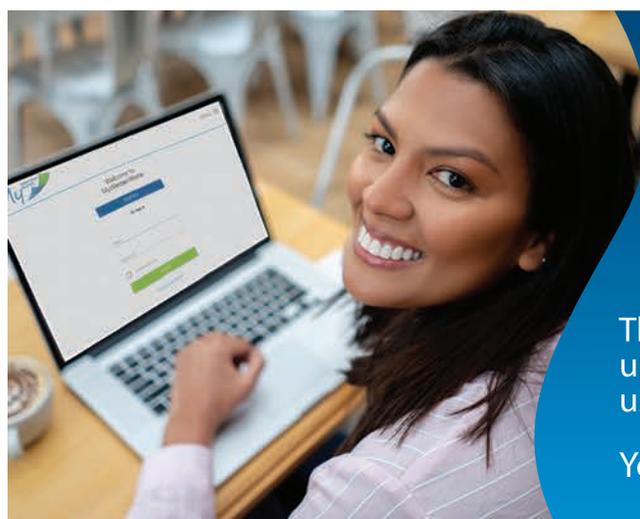
while he lectured at university. Despite this, I would mostly do my 10,000 steps.

This year, however, has been an unusual one; a year in which motivating myself to get out of the house and exercise every day has not only been more difficult mentally, but has been discouraged as we have bunkered down to keep our families and friends safe from COVID-19.

With warmer weather and restrictions easing, it's time to get motivated. Whatever your motivation to exercise, we need to find something that gets us off the sofa, out of the house and moving. We know exercise is good for our physical and mental health.

I'd better get the Fitbit out and charge it up. Now that my husband's lectures are all via Zoom, I think I can take him!

Julie



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Health Talk Testicular cancer

with Dr Umair Masood



Along with the month of November comes the Movember movement. Movember is about raising awareness of men's health issues. It would be timely to talk about testicular cancer.

Testicular cancer tends to mainly occur in the 15-35-year age group. It is a young man's disease and most young men are not aware of that fact. It is the most common cancer in young men.

Signs and Symptoms: A lump in or around your testicle, pain in the testicle or scrotum, heaviness in the scrotal area, collection of fluid in the scrotal area, dull aches in the lower abdomen or groin, back pain, tenderness around the breast region. Usually only one testicle is affected.

Risk factors

The vast majority of men do not have a known risk factor. Known factors include history of undescended testes, even if they have been relocated to the scrotum by surgery, and family history – so check with your male relatives.

How can I identify this?

The Movember community has a simple phrase: "Know your nuts. It's that simple." Young men should have a feel in the scrotal area at least once a month. You can do this when you are in the shower. You will then get used to what is normal for you. If you ever notice something does not feel right, head to your doctor.

What will the doctor do?

The doctor will examine you initially. Not all lumps are cancer, so there may be another explanation. If there is a concern, an ultrasound scan will be ordered. This can help distinguish between cancer

and other causes. The doctor may also order some blood tests, which may include a tumour marker.

If the lump is determined to be a cancer, you will be referred to hospital for surgery to remove the testicle. For the vast majority of patients, no further treatment is needed. Depending on the type of testicular cancer and if it has spread elsewhere, some men may need radiation or chemotherapy as well.

What happens to fertility and hormones?

Thankfully, testicular cancer mainly affects one side. The remaining testicle produces enough testosterone to keep a man healthy. In the very rare event that the other side is involved, testosterone supplements may need to be taken. Unfortunately, this disease can cause infertility in men. There will be an option to store sperm for future use prior to treatment being started. Testicular cancer and treatment don't diminish the ability to get an erection. However, the psychological effects of treatment may cause erectile dysfunction.

What is the good news?

The good news is that the vast majority of testicular cancers can be cured. The five-year survival rate is 95%. As with all cancers, the earlier it is diagnosed, the better the outcome.

What should you do?

If you are reading this and have a teenage son, brother, nephew or friend, please show them this article. It is a young man's disease, but most young men don't know that. Play your part in educating them. If you are a bloke, it is time to put the paper down, stand up, pull your pants down and have a feel of your testicles. Just don't do that in a public place or in front of young children!

Look who's back!

Hashan (Hash), podiatrist at Macedon Ranges Health is back, and he's here to stay.

After some heartfelt goodbye messages, Hash couldn't stand being away from MRH and the community at Gisborne.

"I really enjoyed working at MRH. The

staff felt like my second family and the clients were just so lovely and grateful to see me. It really put a smile on my face."

"I did receive a number of emails from a few of my previous clients telling me to come back, and so I did. I'm back!"

Hashan is available Tuesdays and Fridays at Macedon Ranges Health.



Hashan Fernando

Help available for submissions to Disability Commission

Advocacy support for the Disability Royal Commission is now available in regional Victoria.

People with disability who have experienced violence, abuse, neglect or exploitation can now gain access to free and independent advocacy support and counselling from the Rights Information and Advocacy Centre (RIAC). Advocates can help people make a submission to the Disability Royal Commission, arrange interpreters, and connect them to relevant services and supports.

The RIAC is one of 50 providers to receive additional federal funding to provide this support. For advocacy support from RIAC, call 5222 5499 between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday.

People can also contact the National Counselling and Referral Service on 1800 421 468 9am to 6pm weekdays and 9am to 5pm weekends and national public holidays.

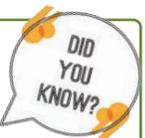
People who are deaf or have a hearing or speech impairment can contact RIAC through the National Relay Service on 133 677.

The Department of Social Services' website has captioned videos, Easy Read and Auslan resources, and a full list of organisations providing counselling, advocacy, legal and financial supports for the Disability Royal Commission. For more information, visit www.riac.org.au or www.dss.gov.au/disability-royal-commission-support

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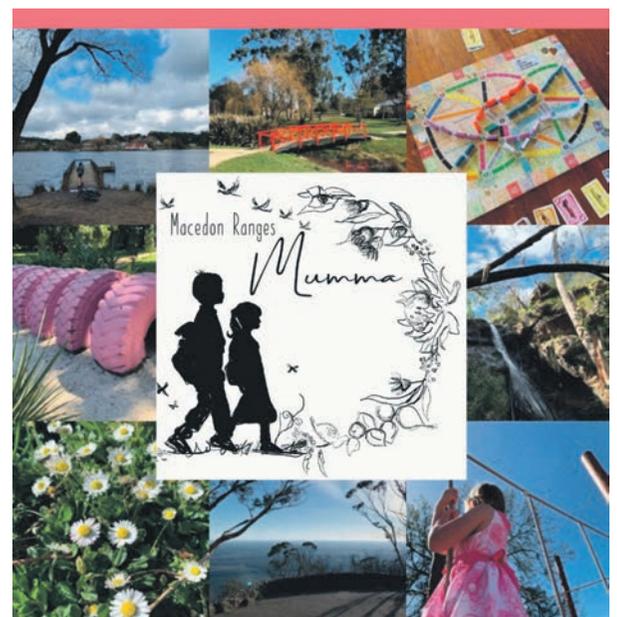
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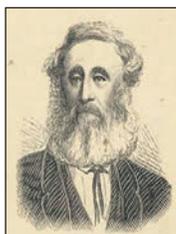




The making of Riddells Creek

By Robin Godfrey

Major Thomas Mitchell's expedition of 1836 was an exploratory one, the aim of which was to develop and expand the colony of New South Wales and to seek potential grazing and farming land, as well as sites for new settlements. Major Mitchell named Mount Macedon during the expedition's survey of what Mitchell termed 'Australia Felix'. Settlements developed rapidly; about 90% of his route, through what was to become Victoria, came into use mainly for wheat, sheep and cattle.



John Carre Riddell

John Carre Riddell and his cousin, Thomas Ferrier Hamilton, were in the right place at the right time in 1840 when they were successful in purchasing at auction, for about £2,000, the 16,000-acre (65 square kilometre) Mount Macedon run which had been established by Henry Howey.

Howey perished with his whole family in a shipwreck when he was on his way from Sydney to Melbourne and to occupy the run. The land was not freehold, being occupied, as was customary, under a squatter's licence, for which Riddell and Hamilton initially paid £10 per year.

In 1841-1842, Riddell and Hamilton established a homestead beside the Macedon River (later named Riddells Creek) on a site which is now part of the Daffodil Farm south of the town. They named their homestead 'Cairn Hill' after a Hamilton family property in Scotland.

The township of Riddells Creek came into being as a result of the construction of the Melbourne and Murray River Railway. Riddells Creek, in 1859, was initially a railway town – a scattered collection of canvas huts, a few weatherboard houses of a more permanent character, and a wilderness of ballast heaps.

Riddells Creek was the main depot for the ballast required for the railway line. Its quarries supplied the ballast

material, and the whole slope of the hill was covered with the tents of men engaged in the work of breaking up the stone to the required dimensions. The quarry (within what is now known as Wybejong Park) provided the bluestone for the rail-over-Riddells Creek-bridge and the nearby rail-over-Riddell Road-bridge. These two bridges were constructed by Samuel Amess, who was a subcontractor to Cornish & Bruce, the main contractor for the railway works.

Samuel Amess purchased farm land to the east of the town, upon which he eventually built the Bolinda Park homestead. He also owned Warrawee homestead at Bolinda. Today Amess Road, at the eastern edge of the town, runs between Main Road and Sutherlands Road.

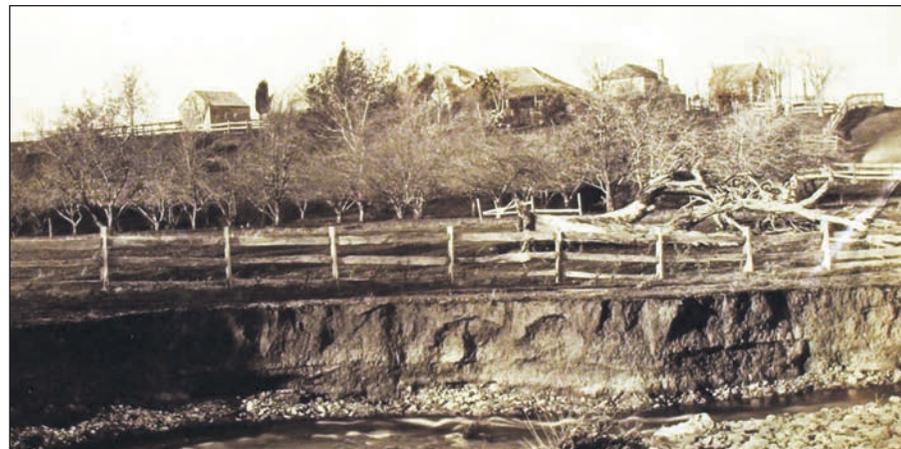
In 1864, Samuel Amess was elected a Member of the Melbourne City Council. He was Mayor in 1869-70 and an Alderman, the next in status to the Mayor, in 1879. When he was elected Mayor, it was noted that he was the first contractor to rise to such a high position in the Melbourne City Council.

The completion of the railway from Melbourne to Echuca on the Murray River in September of 1864 encouraged establishment and expansion of agricultural enterprises in Riddells Creek – it also attracted agricultural service industries.

Dairy farming initially was the principal occupation of the townspeople, who found that it was much more profitable to devote their time to the making of butter and cheese than to grow crops.

In 1866, a flour mill, driven by a water-turbine, was opened by James McKenzie, producing flour and oatmeal. A weir was created in the creek about two kilometres upstream and a head race, cut into the southern bank of the valley wall, enabled a nine-metre water drop to power the turbine. Today, the ruins of the mill foundations are at the bottom of Flour Mill Lane and, in that same laneway, the original bluestone mill residence still stands as a private house.

Flour milling in the 19th century was often beset by fire and dust explosions – these often triggered by the naked flames of lamp lights. In the 1880s, the



Above: Cairn Hill in the 19th century and, below, Cairn Hill today



Riddells Creek flour mill was provided with a steam engine-driven dynamo which provided electric lighting to the mill and mill residence. The threat of fire in the mill was thereby reduced. The mill residence became one of the first private residences in Victoria with this superior form of lighting.

By 1867, John Smith and his three sons had established Smith's Nursery at Riddell which initially was devoted chiefly to the raising of fruit trees. The railway enabled the export of nursery stock all around the colony of Victoria and, through the Smiths' association with Baron Von Mueller, supplied nursery stock to help establish the Melbourne Botanical Gardens.

Riddells Creek is noted for its oak trees, many of them sourced from Smith's Nursery.

In August 1909, a disastrous flood practically ruined the nursery and the remnants along the creek lay abandoned for more than 100 years.

The recent subdivision of the land which formerly incorporated Smith's

Nursery will ultimately provide a Botanical Gardens of Riddells Creek on an easement, beside and alongside the creek, created by the subdivision.

In the 1870s, the Rosenberg Vineyard was established in Riddells Creek on the south side of the railway line. The property included 42 acres (17 hectares) altogether, of which 13 acres were planted with grape vines. The predominant variety was Hermitage, covering 7 acres. There was about an acre of Cabernet, three-quarters of an acre of Chasselas, and Reising, Verdelho, and other kinds in lesser proportions. The vines grew vigorously due to the soil type being strong black loam. By 1884, the vineyard had cellars storing 36,000 litres of wine.

Riddells Creek in the late 20th and early 21st century has essentially become a commuter town and dormitory suburb for people who work in Melbourne. Many of today's townspeople are not aware of the rich history of Riddells Creek and of the times when the area was an important agricultural centre to the colony, soon after to be the newly declared State of Victoria.

Macedon CWA update

After a year of highs and lows, Macedon CWA can look forward to gathering outdoors according to COVID-19 rules in December. We have greatly missed the friendship and support we share at our meetings.



The plentiful rain we have had has given me a lovely harvest of asparagus and broad beans, which are sweet and tender when freshly picked.

In Holland and Belgium, asparagus season is celebrated and most restaurants serve their versions of this spring delicacy.



Jenny Strang

Here is a recipe to try if you enjoy these vegetables.

It will serve 4 people.

Spring Asparagus Dish

2 bunches asparagus, trimmed
2 cups baby broad beans, popped from their skins
Butter or olive oil, according to taste
1 or 2 eggs per person
8 slices prosciutto
Pepper and salt

Steam asparagus and broad beans for two minutes. Drizzle with oil or butter. Set aside and keep warm. Gently fry in butter or oil eggs and prosciutto. Serve on top of vegetables, with pepper and salt to taste, and grate some parmesan cheese on top.

Jenny Strang



CWA sells 19 score and ten scones in one day

Last year the CWA cafeteria at the Royal Melbourne Show sold a record 15,565 scones over 11 days. With the show cancelled this year, a scone drive was held on October 17 all over the state to try to better the record.



A pop-up stall was held at Riddells Creek Farmers' Market in October with scones supplied by Macedon, Romsey, Lancefield, Riddells Creek and Gisborne branches and sold 390 scones. This contributed to a state total of 13,443 – not quite last year's figure but not a bad job over a much shorter period of time.

Due to not being able to have a formal AGM this year, Gisborne CWA's executive will stay in place for another 12 months.

We've baked enough scones for a while, so here is another popular CWA recipe to try.



Christine Edwards

Melting Moments

250gm butter
1½ cups plain flour 40g extra butter
½ cup cornflour 2tbsp raspberry jam
⅓ cup icing sugar 3tbsp icing sugar

Cream butter and icing sugar until light in colour and creamy. Add sifted flour and cornflour. Place mixture into a piping bag or spoon onto a greased tray. Bake in moderate oven for about 10 minutes. Allow to cool, join with filling.

Filling: Mix extra butter and jam together then add icing sugar.

Christine Edwards

Learner driver program returning to Gisborne

The Salvation Army Bendigo has taken over delivery of the TAC L2P program in Macedon Ranges Shire and is working with local organisations to get the program up and running again in Gisborne next year.

A partnership between VicRoads and the Transport Accident Commission, TAC L2P is a community-based volunteer program designed to provide young learner drivers with equal access to driving experience and instruction to help them get their probationary licence.

The program is free for young people aged 16-21 who have their learner's permit but face genuine barriers in progressing towards obtaining their licence. It may be that the young person does not



have access to a car or has no one who can act as a supervising driver on an ongoing basis.

Young people are referred to the program from organisations and agencies such as youth welfare, youth accommodation, juvenile justice, neighbourhood houses, education and employment services and schools.

After helping many local young people obtain their Ps, the program ceased operation in the area in 2017. Its reestablishment has been enthusiastically received and supported by past L2P volunteers, Gisborne Secondary College, the council, police and Gisborne Community Bank.



Library reopens

We're pleased to be able to take the first steps in reopening, but must follow State Government safety guidelines. This means we can allow up to 20 visitors into the library at any one time. We would appreciate it if you keep your visits brief so we can allow as many patrons as possible. There will be some time-limited access to public computers and wi-fi.

Our librarians are still here to help via phone and email and we have some great online resources, programs and events.

Please remember to practise social distancing, use hand sanitiser and wear a mask. Please bring your library card or photo ID with an address.

Opening hours, to begin with, are Monday 10am-1pm, Tuesday 1pm-5pm, Wednesday closed, Thursday 10am-1pm, Friday 1pm-5pm, and Saturday November 7 and 21, 10am to noon. Please keep an eye on www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au/libraries/gisborne for any updates.

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FOR THE GREEN THUMBS

Garden Club news

Hello to all my fellow green thumbs!



As I write, the rain has cleared to present a brilliant morning; blue sky, no wind, and spring is everywhere.

Firstly, I can inform you that nothing material has changed in terms of the garden club agenda; the Christmas Lunch is still off the club program and the existing committee is carrying on regardless in the hope of better times to come next year.

If your garden is exploding like mine, there are flowers and colours in abundance with promise of more to come.

This is a close-up photo of an Austral indigo (*Indigofera Australis*), a shrub of the Pea family. With care it becomes a superior plant with beautiful sprays of blue-green foliage and dark purplish stems.

These are seen at their best in a mixed border in contrast with other greens in a display of foliage. The forms most commonly sold are perfectly frost hardy and also stand some drought, though adequate watering improves quality and prevents bare wood and dead



Austral indigo (Indigofera Australis) – seen at their best in a contrasting mixed border.

branches. Its natural habit is upright, up to 2m high, with flexible stems tending to arch one way, but it can be trimmed lightly to make a strong and freely branched shrub.

If you have items of interest that you wish to share with the club, contact me, Bernhard Sucher, on 0424038474 or email sucher01@tpg.com.au

Bernhard

Daly Nature Reserve news



Spring is the time to look for our showier orchids. One such resident in the Reserve is *Diuris sulphurea* (tiger or hornet orchid), a group of orchids commonly referred to as donkey orchids due to their having two upright petals resembling donkey's ears.

They are found during November in open spaces among the trees where they receive dappled light.

They can have up to six flowers on a stem but are difficult to notice when not in flower, because the leaves resemble blades of grass. For this reason we encourage visitors to observe them from the tracks, as emerging plants can be accidentally stepped upon.

Contributed by Andrew Dilley

Hopefully the weather will hold for our next two working bees on Tuesdays November 10 and 24 (sign-in 9:30am at the scout hall).

If you can help on either day it would be appreciated. We have plenty



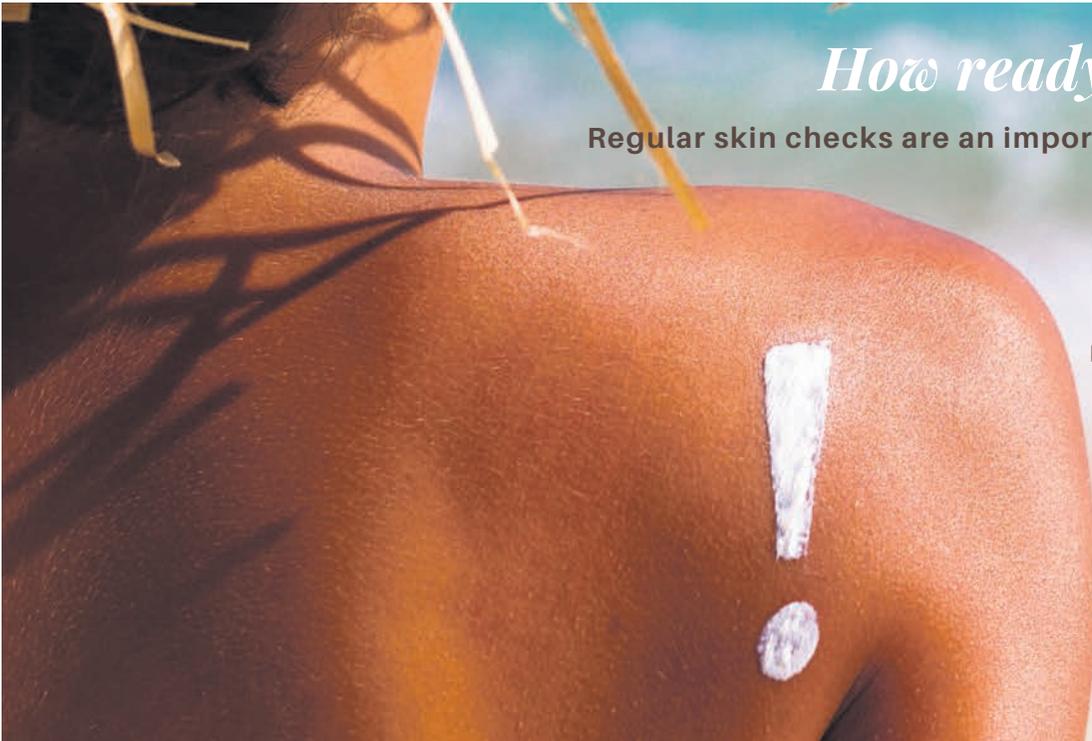
Donkey orchids (Diuris sulphurea) have appeared in Daly Nature Reserve.

to catch up on and have various tasks for all levels of fitness.

Working outdoors and wearing masks ensures social distancing is no problem. We can still have a chat and what a pleasure that is these days, just meeting face-to-face for a short while.

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Irene Perkin



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Helen Kalajdzic and volunteers on a working bee at Stanley Park

Creek Stories

The third in the local Creek Stories series

Turritable Creek

"Babies, babies everywhere! Baby wombats, baby wallabies, baby echidnas, possums galore, very fit, healthy, chunky, fluffy possums." – Helen Kalajdzic.

Helen is delighted with what the cameras in Stanley Park are revealing. In the middle of the housing on the southern slopes of Mt Macedon, Stanley Park is a refuge for native animals.

In 1919, local residents banded together to buy these 16 acres of bush along Turritable Creek. But the blackberries moved in, then broom arrived in the 1950s. The weeds grew five metres deep over the creek. When Stanley Park burnt out in the fires of 1983, the weeds came back stronger.

After years of unrelenting slog by committed local residents, things are improving.

The kingfishers have returned, the Nankeen night heron is flying in from China, and the rufus fantail. Helen Kalajdzic loves Stanley Park, and she's ready to go toe-to-toe when people do not respect it, such as the tourists who arrive by the busload, trampling the creek bed to get their Instagram snap beside the falls.

Then there's the disappearing Turritable Creek.

"Every summer since the 90s, the residents upstream from Stanley Park suck the creek dry," Helen said. "Even though that's prohibited, they still do it and we go six months without water at all."

The Stanley Park committee speaks out about threats to the park, and runs a monthly working bee. When it's given half a chance, the bush regenerates itself.

Visit creekstories.net for more stories.

Are you making use of the GisBus service?

This is the first of a series of columns to let you know how Gisbus can assist with your local travel requirements.



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GisBus started in 2009 to take commuters to and from the railway station. Over its 11 years of operation, GisBus has expanded to now operate two services.

- A permanent route (Route 473) operates seven days a week to a timetable which can be found at your local bus stop or on the Public Transport Victoria website
- An on-demand service (Route 474) operates five days a week during peak commute hours within a roaming area also shown on the PTV website. Bookings for the on-demand service need to be made by 8pm on the day before travel using the Online booking service found on the GisBus website or by calling 1300 447 287.

Since both services run through the centre of town, the bus also offers a convenient way for locals to go into the Gisborne shops. For train travellers, the cost of the bus trip is included in the train fare and for locals heading into Gisborne township the fare is \$2.40 (\$1.20 concession).

Please note that all routes and times are controlled by PTV, therefore your friendly Gisbus drivers (Tony, Henry, Kelvyn, Chris, Gary, Andrew, Gavin and Kevin) are not permitted to make any changes.

PTV advises that everyone must currently wear a face mask on public transport. There are exemptions for children under 12, individuals with breathing difficulties and those who have physical conditions that make it difficult to wear a face covering.



Tony Wade is one of several friendly GisBus drivers.



MACEDON RANGES MUMMA

with Kat Buttigieg

Go local for Christmas presents

It's hard to believe but Christmas is not that far away! With the mail taking as long as it is at the moment, and the pressure on Victorian businesses this year, it is even more important to shop locally for Christmas presents. In some families they organise presents in this clever way: each person will get something they want, need, can wear and read. It is a great way to write a clear, concise list for Santa, be sustainable and economical at Christmas time. Here are some amazing Macedon Ranges businesses where you could shop for these different categories this year.

Something You Want: Find something for the kids at Myths and Legends in Gisborne or Karismatic Kids Toystore in Woodend. For the adults, check out Mount Macedon Trading Post, Ric's Convenience Store in Riddells Creek or one of the many other gift stores in the Ranges. You might also consider buying a voucher for a favourite local eatery or winery. Macedon Newsagency has gifts for all ages.

Something You Need: Head to your newsagent for stationery supplies, your favourite gift shop for homewares and Macedon Nursery or Riddells Creek Garden Centre for gardening supplies.

Something to Wear: You can find women's clothing at Style 25 and Loujo in Gisborne, Camilla on Piper in Kyneton; baby clothes at Gisborne Cottage Flowers and Woodend General; and something for everyone at Jumbuck Sheepskin and Leather in Gisborne or Endangered in Woodend. There are also shoe stores in Gisborne and Kyneton.

Something to Read: Unfortunately there is no bookshop in Gisborne any more, but there's Red Door Books in Lancefield, New Leaves in Woodend, Squishy Minnie and Aesop's Attic in Kyneton, or head to your local newsagent for a favourite magazine.

Happy shopping and thank you for supporting your local businesses when they need you most.



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By Bryan Power

Gisborne has long been a destination for people wanting to own a few acres on which to run a horse or two. One of those people was a man with a great affinity with horses who drove to Gisborne one day in 1979 and on the spot bought a property which became his home for 36 years.

That man was Harry White, one of the all-time greats of the Australian turf.

In a riding career that spanned 35 years Harry rode 2,112 winners. Four of those wins were in Australia's most famous race, the Melbourne Cup, on Think Big (1974 and 1975), Arwon (1978) and Hyperno (1979). He also won two Caulfield Cups: Sobar (1972) and Ming Dynasty (1977), a Cox Plate: Rubiton (1987), 69 Group 1 and 243 Feature Races.

Harry won five Australian Cups, three Newmarket Handicaps, three Futurity Stakes and five Duke of Norfolk Stakes – all at Flemington. It is no wonder that it was his favourite racecourse.

He is an Inductee in the Australian Racing Hall of Fame and a Life Member of the Victorian Racing Club. From 2015 the whip awarded to the winning Melbourne Cup jockey has been named the Harry White whip, an ironic prize as Harry was loath to use the whip on his mounts. In fact the video of Harry riding hands and heels on Rubiton to win the 1987 McKinnon Stakes is shown to apprentices as part of their training to demonstrate what can be achieved without the use of a whip.

Harry's relaxed manner and genuine love of horses must have been felt by these great animals as he had success with several horses that other jockeys found difficult to manage. Hyperno, on which he won the 1979 Melbourne Cup, was considered something of a rogue but he raced truly that day for Harry to win in a very tight finish.

Harry was born in Mentone in 1946 to Harry and Joyce White, the middle child in a family of three. His father was also a jockey and he won the 1943 Caulfield Cup on Saint Warden.

Harry went to school at Mentone Primary and Reservoir High before becoming apprenticed to Tony Lopes at Flemington at the age of 13. Two years later he rode his first winner at Flemington. Although he shared first place in the Apprentices' Premiership in 1963-64 and won his very first race after becoming a licensed jockey, the following three years were lean ones with only three occasions when his mounts were first past the post.

Harry White

CHAMPION JOCKEY



Harry with his four Melbourne Cup trophies. Picture: Jake Nowakowski, Herald Sun

Then his luck changed after he met a special girl at a party in Essendon. Her name was Lauris Gurry and she was to have a great influence for the better on his life from that time on. The young man who had loved to party settled down to become a devoted husband whose successes on the race course began to multiply.

He won the Victoria Jockey Premierships in 1967-68, 1973-74, 1978-79 and 1980-81.

However, Harry's quiet, easy-going nature never changed and he was always relaxed before races. In fact, as the jockeys were being presented to the crowd before the running of the 1975 Melbourne Cup, Harry was found asleep in the medical room by the VRC doctor.

It is history that Harry rode the ride of his life that day, sticking to the rails

all the way on a wet track to record a famous back-to-back win on Think Big, one of his favourite horses, who carried top weight of 60 kilograms that day.

Harry was credited with being a great judge of pace in distance races but he claims that all jockeys are expected to be able to cover set distances in accurate times and this is drilled into them in the endless hours they spend riding track work in the early hours of the morning. Nevertheless, his record of success speaks for itself and it also needs to be noted that in his career he won many of the top sprint races.

Harry's great friend Peter "Crackers" Keenan tells of their meeting through their mutual association with Bart Cummings. Harry knew that Peter had grown up on a farm and asked him if he could install a gate on a property

that Harry had at Wallan. They drove up together and Peter worked on the job until about two o'clock when he said, "Harry, I'm starving. I need to eat because I'm playing in the ruck for Melbourne tomorrow." Harry replied, "I'm starving too but I have to ride at 51 kilograms tomorrow." Harry had an apple in his pocket for his pet cow and Peter said, "I'll have that!"

Harry was looking for a larger property and one day in 1979 he answered a phone call from Tom Morrow, a Gisborne real estate agent, who said, "I've got a property on the market here and you'll never find a better one." Intrigued, Harry drove up and met Tom at the Telegraph Hotel before travelling up Kilmore Road to inspect Glen Junor. He said to Tom, "I'll have it," and then realised that he had no money on him so back in Gisborne he borrowed \$100 from a friend, Jim Matthews, for the deposit.

Asked if he thought in retrospect that he had made a too hasty decision Harry said, "No, like in a race, if you hesitate you miss your chance and I wanted that property."

Lauris and Harry lived in the original house for four years with their children Karen, Dean and Brent and then built a new home similar to the Ewing house in the TV series *Dallas*. "We were very happy there," said Harry. "I enjoyed working on the farm and driving down the Kilmore Road hill looking over Gisborne down in the valley."

Peter tells of a comment made by Bart Cummings that captured Bart's estimation of Harry. The occasion was a function at Crown Casino to honour Bart at the time of his retirement. The three of them were on a high platform ready to make speeches when Harry stumbled and went over the side. Fortunately Peter grabbed and held him and Bart was heard to say, "Don't let him go Crackers, he's the best jockey I ever had."

In turn, Peter had good reason to be grateful to Harry who told him that Captain Filou at odds of 10-1 had a very good chance of winning a race at Caulfield in 1980. At the time Peter was in charge of the Essendon Football Club end-of-season trip fund that stood at only \$4,000, not enough for much of a getaway, and he put it all on Captain Filou. The win allowed the players and staff to go to Hawaii!



Harry with Think Big (front) and Hyperno at Glen Junor in 1993. Picture: John Feder

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Harry White: champion jockey



Harry and Lauris enjoy a day at the races after his retirement.

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Harry retired in 1995, riding his last race in Geelong at the age of 51 after 35 years as a jockey. He arrived home and said to Lauris, "I'm not going back to work any more." And that was it. No fanfare, no farewells. Typical Harry White.

In retirement Harry cared for Think Big, Hyperno and Captain Filou at Glen Junor. The three horses are buried there and each has its own headstone.

In 2003 Harry was diagnosed with multiple scleroris and as time went on working the farm became increasingly difficult for him. His beloved wife Lauris died in 2012 and Harry sold Glen Junor in 2015. He moved to an established home in Sheedy Road, and again – with no hesitation or bargaining – Harry bought it on the spot.

Harry is now well below his best riding weight of 51 kilos but he remembers when he was very fit. "I was never exhausted in a race. I

was like a bird, strong in the body and skinny in the legs!"

Harry has donated a considerable sum to the Injured Jockeys' Fund and the trustees consult him before distributing about \$28,000 each year to jockeys in need.

In 2012 Harry donated his cups and racing memorabilia to the Victoria Racing Club where they will be displayed in the Harry White Room as part of the Racing Museum at Flemington Racecourse. His legacy will live on.

Old South Gisborne roadhouse was a popular stop

During the Stage 4 pandemic restrictions over the past few months, cars have been stopped at a roadblock on the Calder Freeway near Millett Road, South Gisborne.

Way back in the 1940s and 50s, cars stopped at that same spot for another reason – not a roadblock but a roadhouse.

The roadhouse cafe was on the corner of Millett Road and the Calder highway where a disused service station now sits. It belonged to a farm called 'Morella' owned by the Gilligan family and was run by one of the daughters, Gertrude Gilligan.

The roadhouse was a large weatherboard building with a frontage of about 18 metres. There are people around who recall their family always stopping at Morella Roadhouse for a bite to eat on the trip from Melbourne to Bendigo in the fifties.

Gertrude Gilligan was an admired sportswoman with a busy life and she chose to remain single, although there was a shortlived engagement at one time. Her engagement to Englishman

Frank Cooke was announced in 1948 and he appears to have lived in a small dwelling behind the roadhouse, helping Gilligan to run and maintain it, but the relationship was over within a few years and the marriage did not take place.

In late 1953 she advertised for a helper: "WANTED: young girl to assist in roadhouse, live in, treated as one of the family. No work Sundays. £5/10/ week clear. Gertrude Gilligan, Morella Roadhouse, Gisborne. Phone Sunbury 73."

When electricity was connected to South Gisborne (then known as Couangalt), a 'switching on' ceremony was held at the roadhouse.

Records of when the roadhouse finally closed have not been located, but eventually that piece of land was hived off from the farm, the roadhouse buildings were removed, and a petrol station was built which also stocked basic grocery items: that is the building which exists on the site today. There would be many present and former South Gisborne residents



Inside the roadhouse about 1950.

who remember calling in for petrol and grabbing a carton of milk on their way home from work.

The petrol station was closed in 1995 as part of the Calder Freeway roadworks and the site was left

derelict for many years. Some years ago the site was taken over by a car club. An application for a permit to run a roadside diner on the site was refused by the Council.

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Council appoints acting Chief Executive Officer

Mr John Nevins has been appointed Acting Chief Executive Officer. Mr Nevins served as CEO at the City of Kingston for 15 years. Prior to his time at City of Kingston, Mr Nevins held positions including director of city works and director of strategic management and support at the City of Boroondara.



Acting shire CEO John Nevins

Youth Award nominations open

Nominations are now open for Macedon Ranges 2020 Youth Awards, and can be for any young person, or group of young people, aged 12 to 25, who lives, works or attends school in the Macedon Ranges.

The awards celebrate young people in the following categories: **Will-power:** who show character and perseverance, especially in the face of adversity; **Good deeds:** who give their time and energy to activities that support the wellbeing of another individual, group or community; **Pure imagination:** who are pursuing their passion for creativity through the arts; **Nicely played:** who are kicking recreational and physical activity goals; **Skilling it:** who are excelling in a mentorship program, workplace or business; **Well aware:** who shine a light on important issues and raise awareness in the community.

Submit a nomination at mrsc.vic.gov.au/youth, or email youth@mrsc.vic.gov.au. Closing date November 22.



Picture: Ties Urie

Nominate a young Macedon Ranges person who you think is doing awesome things, like 2019 winner Laura Crozier, left.

Local meal assistance for older residents

Are you over 65 and looking to enjoy a meal out at an affordable cost? Maybe you're a local food business that would like to support older people? If so, Macedon Ranges Shire Council's new meal voucher program is just what you're looking for.

The program provides eligible clients with 10 meal vouchers, worth \$5 each, redeemable at participating local food businesses, to contribute towards the cost of a meal.

If you are a business holding a current Registration of Food Premises or an older resident who would like to know more, contact the council's Healthy Ageing Engagement team at 5422 0333 or visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/Live-Work/Older-People.

The program is funded by the Commonwealth Home Support Program.

Free online workshop: Cloth nappies 101

Whether it is for cost savings, environmental impact by reducing waste, or the health benefits for your child, join Elana from Cloth Nappy Workshops Melbourne to discover the world of modern cloth nappies.

The workshop, from 10.30am on Saturday November 14, will cover cloth nappy styles, washing tips, where to buy them, debunk myths, and share simple tips and tricks.

Limited numbers so bookings are crucial. For more information or to book, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/cloth-nappies

Council voting finishes

Bryan Heffernan shows civic duty on October 21. Results were expected after October 30.



Macedon Ranges
Shire Council

How should we engage with you?

Come along to our online webinars on 12 and 13 November and find out more about our new draft Community Engagement Policy.



For more details or to provide feedback on the draft, call us on 5422 0333, email mrsc@mrsc.vic.gov.au or visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay



JOKES AND RIDDLES

What do you call a boomerang that won't come back?
...A stick.

What musical instrument is found in a bathroom?
...A tuba toothpaste.

How do you keep a bull from charging?
...Take away his credit card.

Why do candles always go on the top of cakes?
... Because it's hard to light them from the bottom.

What did one volcano say to the other?
... I lava you.

What did the student say when his teacher asked him to use the word *geometry* in a sentence?
... "A little acorn grew and grew until it finally awoke one day and said 'Gee, I'm a tree' "

What do you do if there is a kidnapping at school?
... You wake him up.

What has to be broken before you can use it?
... An egg.

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE !



See if you can find 10 differences between the pictures.



Cruz and Tobias are happy to be back at New Gisborne Playgroup.

Playgroup thrilled to be open

New Gisborne Playgroup is thrilled to announce our playgroup has reopened! Members have been attending playgroup sessions at the Ross Watt Children's Hall since we reopened at the start of Term 4. We are enjoying catching up with old friends and meeting new ones.

Playgroup sessions run from Monday to Friday with three sessions each day: Morning from 9am to 11:30am, Midday from 11:30am to 2pm and Afternoon from 2pm to 4:30pm.

The sessions are currently being held in our outdoor space. The kids have been enjoying the toys and play equipment in the fresh air. The

sandpits, climbing fort and picnic tables are extremely popular at the moment.

Members can use the kitchen and toilet facilities during the session.

We have some new attendance and cleaning procedures in place to ensure that everyone remains COVID-safe. The indoor play space will remain closed until restrictions are further eased.

We look forward to meeting new members! For information, please contact newgisborneplaygroup@gmail.com.

Website: www.newgisborneplaygroup.com

Kate Lamla
New Gisborne Playgroup Committee

QUIZ

- 1 Who was the second man to walk on the moon?
- 2 Suva is the capital city of which country?
- 3 What is a female pig called?
- 4 In which ocean did the Titanic sink?
- 5 What is 7 times 7, minus 6 plus 9?
- 6 What do caterpillars turn into?
- 7 What type of bird lays the largest eggs?
- 8 "Watson, come here, I want you" were the first ever words spoken on what?
- 9 How many colours are there in a rainbow?
- 10 What planet is known as the Evening Star?

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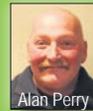
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What's doing at Gisborne Primary School

Gisborne Primary School is straight back into learning after the second time being in remote learning.

All the students are exhilarated to see their friends and teachers.

Year 6s are very excited to hear that camp is back on. They will be heading to an adventure camp in Anglesea where they will do a wide range of activities such as a giant swing, mountain bike riding, archery, canoeing and more.

If you have passed Gisborne Primary School lately you may have seen some changes as the school is taking on a \$10 million project.

The bike shed has been moved to the other side of the school and the playground equipment has been temporarily taken down because we are building a new office and gym where it used to be.

New play equipment is coming very soon! So don't worry if you like playing on the monkey bars, you will be back in action soon.

*Taj Collings
Year 6 Writer's Club*



Teachers and students dress up like 100 years ago to celebrate Preps' 100th day of school. Back: Teacher Leisha Jamieson, Bec Underwood, Carmen Thomson, Nicole Palmer and Liam GK. Front: Preps Lilah S and Keira GK. Picture: Cindy-Ann Felsing

The Preps at Gisborne Primary celebrated 100 days of school on October 14. To celebrate, they dressed up as if it was 100 years ago.

During this special day they got to do fun activities, such as making collages of what they thought they would like when they are 100 years old. Then they talked about what they would like to be when they are older. Tate, from Prep C, said he wanted to be a firefighter. Arabella (Prep C) said she wanted to be a mum. Then they were lucky enough to receive hot

chips for lunch as a special treat. The Preps were really happy and were laughing when they saw their teachers do 'funny stuff!'

After that, at 3pm, all the Year 5 students made signs and banners to celebrate and cheer the Preps on as they continued their parade.

The staff and students are very proud of the Preps and how far they have come.

*By Addison G, Monique M and Ruby R
Year 5 Writers' Club*

Exciting plans for term 4 at New Gisborne Primary

New Gisborne Primary School students are delighted to be back at school. Here are some of our plans for Term Four, as shared by our house captains...



Virtual Assembly – Charlie

We are making the most of our remote learning and Webex knowledge and holding virtual school assemblies. Many things are the same; we still sit with our class, sing the national anthem, listen to our principal Mr Kozak and school leaders. A lot is different as well; we see everyone on a screen and if you receive an award, you don't stand in front of the whole school and applause is near silent! Due to COVID-19 restrictions parents are not allowed to attend but we look forward to welcoming them back soon!

Virtual Tours – Amelia

This year people have not been able to come and do school tours. Instead, our student leaders have created a video showcasing our wonderful school which is available to watch on the NGPS website. Student leaders Chloe and Sadie, who helped make the video, explained how they filmed the virtual school tour bit by bit. They said it took a



New Gisborne Primary house captains: (front) Marnie, Ava, Frankie, Angus (back) Charlie, Jemma, Lachie, Amelia.

while to get shots right and there was lots of editing. In the end it turned out really well!

PAC Day – Franky and Marnie

We have four school houses: Devlin, Lee, Hurst and Galloway. Each year we hold a day called PAC day. It is normally a big celebration for all houses. The house

captains work with their house to create a song to perform. We dance and have a lot of fun together. In the past years there have been some great performances, props and teamwork. This year we're doing a modified PAC Day so we still get to celebrate and compete, but it will be different because of restrictions.

Highlight Days:

Oaks Day Dressing Up – Ava

We are going to celebrate being back at school by having some Highlight Days. One of these will be Oaks Day Fashions for which the Year 6s can dress up as if they're going to the races or somewhere fancy. There will be a mini fashion show where the Year 6s walk down an aisle and a "reporter" talks about their outfit. We are all excited to dress up for this day.

Graduation Ceremony Plans – Jemma

We know that we are having a graduation ceremony one way or another. We are going to dress up and celebrate graduating from primary school in this tough year. It will definitely be different because of restrictions and number limits but awards will still be given out and we'll still get to celebrate together. We hope all goes well and everyone graduates happily!

St Brigid's student sends cards of caring

Keely Deveraux, a Grade 6 student, sent 160 cards to residents of Wyndham Grange Retirement Village during the lockdown trying to make people happy. This is what she told me about this awesome project.



What did you do?



Keely Deveraux

I wrote cards that I sent though to a retirement village to make them happy, to wish them well and to tell them to keep safe and well.

Why did you do this?

Because it would be a great opportunity to show my leadership skills and also just to make people happy and brighten their day. I also did it because during these tough times some older people can't see their

family or friends. It's a good way to reach out to the people who need happiness.

What did they think about the cards?

They were grateful. I got two cards back and a few responses and messages.

What did you write in your cards?

I wrote a wish of happiness. I also asked them a question, one being 'What two foods do you like together?' and they responded with chocolate and chocolate! I also stuck in a word search so they had something fun to do.

Did you enjoy writing them?

Yes I did. I knew it would brighten their day, and since they are older people they need something to make them feel good about their life.

This was such a kind act. Thank you, Keely, for doing this to represent our school.

Eden Fennessy, School Reporter



Principal Tony Falls with Isabella Denko, Isabella and Jameson Howley, Harrison, Lachlan and Austin Wilkes and Zac Dickson feeding Dora.

Kids are not the only ones happy to be back



Not only were the staff and parents happy to see children back at school to start Term 4, so were our animals!

They have missed the attention and their extra snacks. Our chickens love the arrival

of the fruit scraps each day and Dora the goat was very happy to be hand fed when the children returned. A big thank you to the School's Out team for taking such good care of our animals during remote learning.

Montessori students display kindness



Gisborne Montessori School recently completed 150 Random Acts of Kindness to commemorate 150 years of Montessori education globally.

Students wrote letters of gratitude to essential workers, are making gifts for the residents of Warrina Aged Care and we are writing letters to our penpals in Bergamo, Italy. Students are supporting charities and those in need in our local community.

We have a Band of Hope, a silver band gifted across the school from student to student to recognise acts of service and selflessness towards others. Our students now complete acts of kindness without recognition and advocate strongly against social injustices.

What is kindness? "Helpness!" (Saxon, 4¾); "It's when you give love." (Elora, 6)

What do you do that is kind?

"At my old school a classmate was being bullied, I stood up for her then I stayed with her for the day and I told the principal." (Katana, 11); "I went shopping, helped Mum and Robbie do things." (Violet, 5)

What can others do to be kind?

"Share something with me" (Finn, 4); "Bring me a present" (Emelina, 5); "Being kind is very easy all you basically need to do is everything that isn't rude or hurt people's feelings. Kindness can come in all different types; little kindness, like helping someone do the dishes, or big kindness, helping someone getting over a fear." (Brody, 10)

Karlisa Smy



Boaz Pattison helps Jax Abela do his laces.

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What's happening at GSC

Every time I get asked to write an article, I think to myself what would people want to read about, what is something that will captivate the reader.



Nicole Steward

The answer for this particular piece is the struggles that we have faced during this school year.

I know I can speak for most people when I say that this year has been physically and emotionally draining for students and teachers. We have had to learn everything through a computer screen and teach ourselves most of our content.

For the Year 12 students this has been incredibly hard. Year 12 is designed to push us to our limits in a normal year but it's safe to say that this year has been anything but normal.

The realities of 2020 have meant we have had to miss out on all of the social events in and out of school. I personally was looking forward to representing the school at inter-school sport in my final year.

Although this year has been hard in so many ways, I believe that we will all be stronger because of it. This year has taught us resilience and shown us strengths we didn't know we had.

The voting and interview process for next year's school captains is currently taking place at GSC. Good luck to all the applicants.

Nicole Steward

Student Representative Council Congress

Student Representative Council Congress is a four-day conference organised and run by VicSRC. It is an insightful and inspiring experience that we three students had the privilege of attending on behalf of Gisborne Secondary College.

In the second week of the spring school holidays, we joined SRC delegates from across the state for a virtual Congress online.

Congress began with a pitching session on Day 1 in which students raised their concerns on current issues in the education system, from which the top 10 priorities were then voted and worked on. Via video conferences and shared online documents, action teams were formed to incorporate student voice by developing visions, solutions and action plans for these issues.



Sasha Irvine

Hayley and Emma worked in the action team 'Igniting Indigenous Inclusion'. Their aim was to amplify Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander voices in curriculum through both increased awareness and consistent education from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives.

Sasha worked in the action team



'Fair Go VCE' which she pitched herself on day one. 'Fair Go VCE' worked on reviewing the VCE system and reforming the

ATAR/grading system to one that better reflects the true capabilities and achievements of students. Much to our delight, both action teams were successfully voted into the Top 5 action priorities for 2020-21 that VicSRC executives will work on over the next year.

If you are interested in learning more about VicSRC and their work over 2020-21, information is available across VicSRC's website, Facebook page and Instagram.

Overall, Congress was a wonderful experience, even from our homes! The three of us would highly recommend Congress to all secondary students across Victoria who are passionate about making change and wish to enhance student voice.

Hayley Fisher, Emma Bamford and Sasha Irvine



Hayley Fisher



Emma Bamford

'Help me fight toxic soil dumping'

My name is Caleb, I am a student at Gisborne Montessori school. I am concerned about a chemical called PFAS. This is a man-made chemical, often found in past industrial areas, and it has been found in the West Gate tunnelling excavation. They are building the West Gate tunnel to connect to the other side of the city.

The construction companies want to dump toxic soil at the tip between Sunbury and Bulla. If they dump the toxic soil it could pollute Emu Creek, Deep Creek, Jacksons Creek and eventually Port Phillip. Even though they plan to treat the soil in containment bays with leach-proof lining, many people are afraid that these chemicals

will affect the surrounding soil used for farmland and our drinking water. What if the leach-proof lining does not hold the soil?

When the soil arrives at Sunbury eco-hub it will be a sludge. The water will be drained off and treated through a water treatment plant which will be our drinking water. Would you be happy to drink this water? I think not!

PFAS can build up and remain in the bodies of people and animals for years. Join me to sign a petition to save our waterways and farmlands. Visit <https://bit.ly/2FMAV4n> to sign the petition.

By Caleb, Grade 6



Caleb shows his concern about our environment.

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SCOUTING



Ross Watt Scouts on a hike.

News from 1st Gisborne Scouts

All sections of scouts are really pleased to be back to face-to-face scouting for Term 4 – keeping COVID-safe of course! Seeing those smiling faces, hearing the excited voices as they meet each other after months of Zooming, makes all the planning and preparation worthwhile.

The Joey unit started off the term with a big birthday party to celebrate the fact that the Joey section of Scouts has been around for 30 years and is still going strong! Then it was a 'Sensory Walk' at the Gisborne Botanical Gardens where the Joeys were encouraged to use their sense of sight, hearing, touch and smell to explore the world around them. It's amazing what you can discover; the Joeys found

lots of different birds, smelly puddles and soft grass to play running races on. With the weather starting to warm up, more adventures are planned – a much awaited canoeing expedition at Nursery Lake in November will be a highlight!

The Ross Watt scouts are out and about and enjoying their new freedom after months of online Scouting. The scouts have planned many activities in the next three weeks such as a night hike, bike ride and a canoeing day. All within COVID restrictions and compliance. They are so looking forward to it.

Carolyn Goode

1st New Gisborne enjoy being outdoors

We are excited to enjoy the gradual opening up of opportunities for outdoor Scouting in Term 4. Each of our sections, Joeys, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers, have had their first outdoor COVID-compliant activities.

Yet it's not the easiest of times still, working within COVID rules, more than ever remembering our Law and Promise and living out our "love thy neighbour" obligations.

We've just received the planning permit for our Scout Hut to be built next year, hopefully in time for Founders Day, which is February 22. The first phase of this project is our equipment shed, the second phase later in 2021 will be the addition of an amenities block, kitchen and Venturer Room.

We'd love to hear from you if you're interested in helping with funding for this exciting project.

The Scout Hut will be central to the post-COVID



Leaders and Scouts enjoy a fish and chip dinner in Gisborne as they plan activities for Term 4 and 2021.

rejuvenation of Scouting in and around the New Gisborne area. Donations are tax-deductible.

We are planning for our annual Canoe Night in mid-December at Nursery Lake, Macedon (subject to COVID rules).

Contact Group Leader Skipper (0450 922 787 johnfrearson@mac.com) if you'd like to learn more about 1st New Gisborne Scouts.

Macedon Scouts celebrate medallions and new members

The Australian Scout Medallion (ASM) is the highest award possible in the Scout section, ages 11-14. It is a great achievement and shows the dedication and effort of the Scouts who receive the award.

On October 20, the 1st Macedon Scout Group celebrated with a presentation of the ASM to two members, Jacqui Birkett and William Shaddock. The event included a hike up Mt Macedon to the Memorial Cross with an award ceremony and cake.



Jacqui and Will have been exemplary Scouts, showing courage to try new adventures, discipline to complete the program, leadership to help others and they certainly had fun as they did it. We are very proud of them and will miss them in our Scout group. Both are moving up to the Venturer program.

We also had the opportunity to invest two new Scouts, Cohen Bush and Ronan Yow Yeh. Both started in Scouts in the past few months and are already important additions to the troop. We look forward to camping, hiking and other activities with them this year.

These are the last celebrations as the 1st Macedon Scout Group. We are merging with 2nd Woodend Scout Group to become Macedon-Woodend Scout Group (MWSG). We welcome anyone interested in outdoor games and activities to join Cubs, Scouts or Venturers with MWSG. Term fees have been waived until March 2021, so come and give it a try!

Mark Baeten

1st Macedon Scout Leader, 0428 678 670



1st Macedon Scout Group leader Ken Bryce (left), Jacqui Birkett, Scout Leader Mark Baeten and William Shaddock after receiving their Australian Scout Medallions at an event at the Memorial Cross, Mt Macedon, in October.

Me and my pet



Kafka the samoyed and Hendrix chill after a good romp on the oval on October 22. See more Kafka adventures on Instagram @kimba_and_kafka_samoyed and soon in an illustrated book.

Think like a dog when rewarding yours

"I don't care about the fancy training, I just want my dog to come back when he's called." Sounds familiar. Why should that be so hard?

Recall training is one of the most complex requirements you will ever ask of your dog. Think of it in terms of the classic concepts of reward and punishment. If a behaviour is 'rewarded', the animal tends to perform that behaviour more often. If a behaviour is 'punished', the animal tends to avoid doing it.

That should be easy, then: if you simply reward your dog for coming back to you, she or he will come when called, right? Wrong.

Imagine your dog is out playing in the park, having the time of its life, romping in the grass, sniffing sensational smells and experiencing the delights of doggy freedom. Time is up, there is a car coming close, or a storm on the horizon. You call the pooch back, offering the comfort of your company, or perhaps waving a favourite treat. You're ignored. Why? It



Vet talk

with Dr Caitlin Horwood-Skelton

should be obvious in this circumstance that the 'reward' you offer is competing with every exciting sensation the dog is experiencing by being free in the park.

In freedom, a dog's every move is 'rewarded' with a new smell or an exciting experience. If you now try a 'punishment' (you admonish the dog for not coming), the dog starts to associate your recall request with the punishment itself, and doesn't want to come back at all. And so the cycle goes. Freedom is its own reward. Recall – returning to you – becomes less desirable.

To improve recall behaviour, you have a couple of choices. A: Don't let your dog off lead. B: Make the recall more desirable than the freedom. You

can do this by choosing your timing, only let him/her free when you can guarantee a recall reward which is better than freedom itself; play ball games such that he comes and goes to you, and is rewarded as such with more freedom; don't call him when he's having more fun than you are; roll in the grass with your pooch when you call him, create a reward in which the recall is the fun. And so on.

Think like a dog, not like a human. Your dog knows what he likes and what he considers a reward. When you too can identify and provide that, then you are in a position to call him back to claim it joyfully!

Looking for me? Max?

This month I decided to play hide and seek. I sometimes fancy myself as a bit of a sportsdog so I moved myself over the page to the sports section (page 30).



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Morning tea spot on the Gisborne Bushwalker's first walk since early July.

Misty morn sees bushwalkers out again

Members of Gisborne Bushwalking Club managed to get out for a short walk on October 7. It was not without some regret, however, as many of the members live in the Stage 4 restrictions and were still not allowed to participate.

In spite of the misty morning, nine members of the club (within the maximum allowable group size of 10) set out for an easy, relatively level walk on bush tracks and local roads through the Wombat State Forest. The group passed a number of very full water holes (resulting from a few days of rain), in the native bush that the forest has to offer and around a large pine plantation.

The level route was carefully selected as club



members are required to wear face masks. These make breathing a bit more difficult during the exertion of walking up steep inclines. And of course social distancing was adhered to during this 10km walk.

This photograph above was taken against an eerily misty background after morning tea, without which, along with lunch, a walk would not be complete.

Members returned to their cars after a very enjoyable walk and are looking forward to the day when all club members can get together again.

New members are welcome. If you are interested, visit the club's website, www.gisbornebwc.org.au

Martin Leitch

Fly fishers get another view on Victoria's western lakes



Fly fishing for trout in western Victorian was again a topic for a Zoom presentation to Calder Fly Fishing Association last month. Our presenter was Philip Weigall, well-known fly fisher, guide, frequently published author, the editor of *Flystream* magazine, and life member of the club.

Phil's latest book, *Fishing Victoria's Western Lakes*, informed a great presentation based on the coverage of 70 waters, catchment by catchment, focused on being a guide "to those lakes and a few streams which more often than not are worthy of serious consideration". He explained that planning, techniques and tactics were based on the idiosyncrasies of the waters selected, to enable fly fishers to find and catch a "mini marlin".

He preferred "sight fishing" (walking to find and cast to a visible fish) to "blind fishing", since on a lake you could possibly spend too much time casting on the assumption a fish might be in the vicinity.

He advised care in accessing online fishing reports because he believed there was a tidal wave of unchecked information online: "[On some sites]

successful anglers don't want to share, unsuccessful anglers want to complain, and the weird ones just want to make stuff up."



Philip Weigall shares his experience at the club's October meeting.

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

Louis Bokor

GISBORNE RAMBLERS

At the time of writing, the COVID-19 rules have relaxed a little, allowing the Ramblers to walk again with up to 10 people.

Hopefully by the time of reading, this will have eased more as the trending is largely positive.

Hilly walks are not the thing when wearing masks (currently required) and with this in mind, perhaps you may like to try the Newham loop walk, which is quite easy and very rewarding with great vistas on good days.

The Ramblers enjoyed this walk on the October 2 in good weather.

On the day, we found a fine display of golden moth orchids in the grassed areas on the left-hand side of Shelton and Hennerbergs Roads. November may not be too late to see donkey orchids and the other wild flowers that share these areas.

Charles Snape
gisramblers@gmail.com



Local Walk No 7

NEWHAM

An open-country loop walk, with panoramic views.

Distance: 7km

Level: Easy

Directions: From Gisborne, drive along the Calder Freeway towards Kyneton. Exit at the second turnoff to Hanging Rock/Romsey/Lancefield. Turn left passing the Hanging Rock entrance and drive towards Lancefield.

On reaching Newham, turn right at the corner store into Rochford Road. After about 3km, turn left into Bolgers Lane. Drive a further 3km until you see a right turn – this is Sheltons Road. Park offroad at the junction, the walk starts from here.

Although the walk is on dirt roads, there is little traffic, mainly servicing local properties. Walk up Sheltons Road (a gentle incline) until a four-way crossing is reached. Take the left turn (this is Hennerbergs Road) and walk until you find a left turn called Saunders Road.

Walk the full length of Saunders Road until a T-intersection – this is Bolgers Lane. Take the left turn to return to your car.



View towards the Cobaw Ranges from Hennerbergs Road.



SPORT IN PICTURES



▲ Zoe Kotlar likes the variety at Gisborne Skate Park.



◀ Charlie Kotlar (left), Blair Nicholls and Xavier Watson ride the waves at Gisborne Skate Park on October 3.

▼ Dylan Vaughan prepares for Thursday night tennis competition restarting in October at Macedon Tennis Club.



▲ Luke Cooper gets ready for Thursday night tennis to restart – Macedon Tennis Club, October 3.



▲ Teddy Dusting hits up at Macedon Tennis Club on October 3.

THE CONTINUING ADVENTURES OF MAX...

Max feels famous

Ah! Are we going for a walk? Yes, she's putting on her socks and runners! But will she go to the magic drawer and get my harness and lead? Yes, she is! We're going for a walk!
Am I looking my best? Yep, still cute. I need to worry about these things now; I'm a local celebrity! My photo and article appear monthly in the *Gisborne Gazette*. The last time I took the female dry-nose for a walk we were besieged

by kids. Obviously, they recognised me from the paper. What can I say?
I need to enjoy my newfound celebrity status. Perhaps I need shades for a walk; or a scarf like George Clooney, in case I need to pose for photos with fans.
And do I need a webpage? Maybe even my own Twitter account. If people read President Trump's tweets, surely, they'll read mine! And what about an entourage? Do I need one? All these new

things to consider. It's exhausting. And I haven't even been for my walk yet.
The female drynose has put on my crown and given me my sceptre (you would call it a harness and lead). It's time to go meet the fans – I mean go for a walk.
Down the front steps. First stop, the end of the driveway – to relieve myself and let the other dogs know this is my territory. This is Max's kingdom!



I hardly need a caption to identify myself! Everyone knows I'm Max.



▲ Kalan Gauci bowls in the U15b comp, Gisborne v Bacchus Marsh, on October 17.



▲ Andrew Willmott lines up at Gisborne Golf Club on October 3.



▲ Stuart Neill displays style with the bat in the Division 3 match Gisborne v Bacchus Marsh, on October 17.



◀ U15b James Watson bowls for Gisborne against Bacchus Marsh on October 17.

Cricket's back, and although matches on October 24 were washed out, earlier matches went ahead as scheduled, and what a joy for all concerned.



▲ Spencer Paton bats for Gisborne in its Division 3 match against Bacchus Marsh on October 17.



▲ Josh McDonald with the ball in the McIntyre Cup match Gisborne v Bacchus Marsh on October 17.



Riders happy to rally again

Members of the Gisborne & District Adult Riding Club (GDARC) were delighted to attend our first rally post the recent lockdowns on October 10. We invited



along local riders of other clubs in the Horse Riding Club Association of Victoria (HRCV) that have not yet been able to recommence their activities. This made for a large rally and thankfully the weather did not let us down. The beautiful sunny day made for a great day's riding.

Attendees thoroughly enjoyed their lessons from Nicole McOwn and Ruth Webb. HRCV has introduced COVID-safe guidelines to enable clubs to run safe rallies. GDARC is fortunate to have many helpful members who ensure that we meet all these requirements at our rallies.

The HRCV membership year starts in November. If you are interested in learning more about GDARC, or would like to join, you can find information on our website (www.gisbornedarc.com.au) or Facebook page (facebook.com/gisbornedarc). Alternatively, you can come along to one of our rallies – the next one will be November 14 at the IR Robertson Reserve.

GDARC is a friendly club that caters for riders of all levels. Our facilities include two large sand arenas, a cross country course and a brand-new club house which we can't wait to get into when restrictions ease.



GDARC riders with the new clubhouse at IR Robertson Reserve in the background.



Fenella Smith and her horse Bloom under the instruction of Nicole McOwn.

Bulldogs seek 17/U netballers



The Gisborne Football Netball Club is seeking expressions of interest from junior netballers for our 17/U team.

Gisborne has a formidable history as one of the strongest clubs in the Bendigo Football Netball League and we are looking to uphold and build on that reputation in the 2021 season.

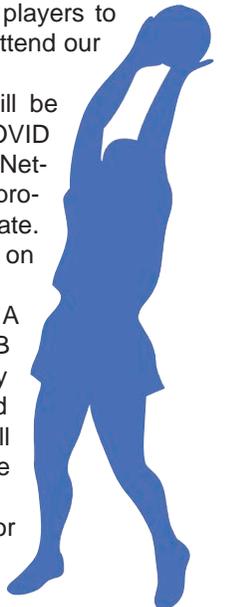
The Bendigo league is one of the premier leagues in country Victoria and offers young players great pathways to higher levels of netball, including (but not limited to) the Victorian Netball League, Netball Victoria State Titles (North Central Netball Region) and the Netball Victoria Association Championships.

As a club, we are committed to the development and success of all our young players and will endeavour to support them in their netball careers. We welcome any and all players to submit an application form and attend our trials in early December.

Please know that all trials will be held in accordance with the COVID Safe guidelines as published by Netball Victoria. Information will be provided to applicants closer to the date. Applications for 17/U trials close on November 28.

Open trials for the Gisborne A Grade, A Reserve, B Grade and B Reserve teams will be held early in 2021. Details will be released through the Gisborne Football Netball Facebook page so please like and follow along for updates.

For any further information or clarification, please contact gfnc-coaching@gmail.com.



New cricket nets a major asset for Macedon club



MACEDON MUSINGS

With Belinda Carlton-Doney

Have you noticed the new cricket nets, down at Tony Clarke Reserve? Here are a few words from Steve Harrison of Macedon Cricket Club.

"In the last couple of weeks Macedon Cricket Club have taken possession of their new cricket nets which are a stunning upgrade over the previous dilapidated and unsafe facility the club had.

"Many thanks to the State Government and Macedon Ranges Shire Council for their generous support for the project.

"The club would also like to thank the Bendigo

Bank for its ongoing support as a major sponsor.

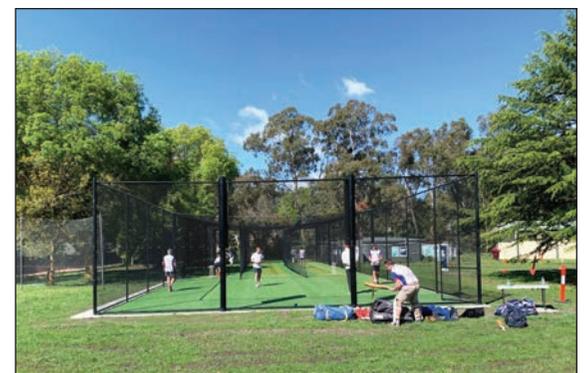
"The nets were constructed by Macedon-based company Global Turf who have delivered a terrific result that will be sure to last the club many years. The three-lane net complex has been designed with retractable soft netting so that the space is flexible and can be used for things such as catching drills.

"The club is fielding eight junior teams (including a girls' team for the second year) and two senior teams this season.

"With the new nets and other upgrades, Macedon Cricket Club has the best facilities in the region and is a great place to play cricket. With the growth in our juniors the club is well placed for the future". Thanks Steve.

The cricket club is always happy to welcome

new players. If you or the kids would like to have a bash with the willow, contact details can be found on Macedon Cricket Club's Facebook page.



The new cricket nets get a workout.

Young footy fans get some professional tips

Former local boys and now AFL players Harry Jones (Essendon) and Sam Ramsay (Carlton), and ex-Hawthorn premiership player Clinton Young visited Gisborne for a Footy Star Academy clinic on October 24. Participants were Max Allen (third from right wearing Clinton's 2008 premiership medal), Xavier Freeman, Eddie Hall, Joseph Oliver, Rex Freeman, Zai Towers and George Chlpan.



Rolling Thunder in verse

When COVID exploded
Our swimming life as we knew it corroded
BUT
Our club stood up and trained online
We swapped from H²O to terra firma
Although we aren't tanned our training is grand
We swapped togs for trackies and thongs for sneakers
We all dived in and played a part
Although not damp we are all still champs
Even with, the odd cramp
Who knew we could all bloom on Zoom?

So, when we see each other in person
We will no longer be uncertain
We will marshal on deck
And strive for our best
The starter gun will sound the outcome shall be found
We will celebrate with our teammates

Like Thor, the God of Thunder, we will soar once again.

When the club returns to the pool, club meets are held on the second Saturday of each month (5pm, 6pm summer) at the Gisborne Aquatic Centre.



Swimmers need to be competent in swimming 25m in freestyle plus one other form stroke (backstroke, breaststroke or butterfly). Come along and give it a try; the first night is free.

Lachlan Casey (Vice-Captain)

Macedon Ranges Mentally Active Sports project gets going

The Macedon Ranges Suicide Prevention Trial Site is thrilled to announce the launch of its Mentally Active Sports Project. The project will work with two clubs in the Macedon Ranges – Gisborne Cricket Club and Riddell Football Netball Club – to pilot mental health activities over the next 18 months.

Shelly Lavery, Chair of the Macedon Ranges Suicide Prevention Trial Site, said, "We know that every club is different. This project gives clubs the freedom and flexibility to work with their members to choose the mental health activities they run. The selection panel was really pleased with the level of interest in this initiative, demonstrating the range of sporting clubs within our community who have the mental health and wellbeing of their members in their thinking and planning."

With approximately 450 players, as well as many parents and general spectators, crossing all age groups and genders, Gisborne Cricket Club has many touch points in the local community.

Club coach Gavin McKay said, "we are really excited to be working with the Macedon Ranges Suicide Prevention Trial and Sports Focus on this project. Our club sees this as a fantastic opportunity to work with



Project kick-off meeting with Gisborne Cricket Club. Clockwise from top right: Deepa Patel (Suicide Prevention Officer at Macedon Ranges Health), Lauren Fawcett (Sports Focus), Gavin McKay (Gisborne Cricket Club) and Corinne Shaddock (Gisborne Community Bank board).

our members – as well as their parents and siblings – in breaking down mental health stigma and beginning the education of our community around staying mentally healthy."

If you or someone you know is in need of immediate mental health support, phone Lifeline on 13 11 14 or text 0477 13 11 14 (6pm-midnight).

This project is generously funded by Community Bank Gisborne and District (Bendigo Bank) and supported by the Macedon Ranges Suicide Prevention Trial Site.

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– Gisborne Cricket Club

Spring in full swing at Gisborne Golf Club

As we approach the heart of spring, daylight savings is once again upon us and golf can continue after work hours.



Now established, The View Bistro at Gisborne Golf Club will be opening on Friday nights to accommodate the late afternoon golfers and their families. More importantly, the club committee is inviting all members of the community to come and taste the newest dining experience in the Macedon Ranges.

Generous indoor and outdoor seating arrangements (restrictions still apply) alongside picturesque views provide the perfect end to a hard-working week.

New and experienced golfers are welcome for nine before they dine with timesheets opening from 3 to 5:30pm.

The club's Friday night twilight golf and/or dining experience begins Friday November 6. Bookings are essential but easy to make by calling 0411 152 296 or emailing gisbornegc@bigpond.com.

To see the menu visit www.gisbornegolf.com.au.

There is lots more to come from the the club this spring so keep up to date by visiting our website or following our socials; simply search 'Gisborne Golf Club' on Facebook and Instagram.

See you at the club soon!

John Griffiths

News from Mt Macedon Golf Club

Thanks to one of our sponsors our clubhouse has received a much-needed facelift as we continue to welcome new members and green fee players to 'our hidden treasure on the Mount' through spring. The easing of restrictions in regional Victoria allows the clubhouse to be open and group sizes have increased to four players. Masks must still be worn on course.



Double banger

Mike Hoiles maintained his consistent form which saw him grab both the August Monthly Medal playoff and the full field September medal as well.



Geoff Pickles was the midweek gentlemen's October Mug o' the Month recipient with a fine 37 stableford points. The early morning boys, Rob Devereux, Terry Bonello and David Watt, were the three-person Irish Stableford winners with 82 points from runners up Bruce Fraser, Darcy Doyle and Greg Mighall (80 points).

Why not try a membership

The six-month Summer Playing Rights membership started on October 1 and goes until March 31 next year. All memberships are adjusted pro rata and we believe we offer a range of affordable

◀ *Geoff Pickles, October Mug o' the Month winner.*

options for juniors (up to 18 years), students (18-25), adults, concession card holders, couples and families at an excellent, well presented and challenging course. Find out more and make contact via our website at www.mtmacedongolfclub.com.au. Look forward to seeing you on our greens. *Walrus*

'Doing it for Jarrod' on November 28

The Mt Macedon Golf Club invites district golfers to play in the inaugural 'Doing it for Jarrod' charity golf day on November 28. The event will raise funds for Challenge – a not-for-profit organisation that supports kids and families living with cancer.

Having been diagnosed with cancer three times in his life, Jarrod Lyle knew firsthand the hardship that young people and their families face when battling this disease. Despite the challenges, Jarrod became a professional golfer, eventually playing on the US PGA tour.

Funds raised will go towards Jarrod's Gift – the legacy created by Challenge in honour of Lyle.

The event will be for teams of four players playing in a Gentsome's format for a range of prizes.

Further details will be posted on the club's website and Facebook in the near future.

Tournament organisation and the serving of food and drinks will be strictly in accordance with COVID-19 guidelines.

Macedon Ranges Croquet Club

It's been an 'on again' 'off again' season for us this year. In a normal year we would have opened our 2020-21 year on September 9. We have been able to open the courts (but not the clubhouse) for up to 10 players on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays. Practising social distancing and wearing masks, we have enjoyed catching up in these small groups in the lovely spring weather.

The greens have benefited from the recent rain and are looking very nice.

On October 12 we welcomed Heather from Mildura Croquet Club and her friend Doreen to have a game. We hope they come again.

Noeline and Lyn (local ladies) have come to learn the rules and have a game. We welcome them.

We are hoping that the restrictions will be eased or lifted before too long so we can have all our members back enjoying a game and each other's company once again. Here's hoping/hooping.

Faye Armstrong



Social distancing on the green.



Victoria, you know fire.

The 2020-21 fire season is coming and we're about to start an important fire safety campaign. With last season's memories so fresh, some people may find it confronting. If you have any concerns, or you or a loved one are emotionally affected by the campaign, support is available on our website, or by calling Lifeline 13 11 14.

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'How I started playing petanque'

Petanque... "never heard of it," I thought, though I often walked past the playing field behind the Caltex service station in Gisborne. The terrain they call a piste... "crikey, what a name!"

I was invited to have a go, so I wandered down one Wednesday evening and joined a team. The object was to have as many of our boules closer to the cochonnet (jack) than the opponents. Easier said than done! Soon I was enjoying the game and decided to join the club.

There are three main aspects to the game; skill, tactics and an element of luck determined by the terrain. With practice my skills and tactics improved. I enjoyed meeting people from various cultures. The sport is popular in Europe and the French colonies and I was introduced to these groups as I played in Victorian interclub competitions.

I went along as a spectator to the 2019 Oceania competition held at Caulfield. It was great to see teams from Tahiti, New Caledonia, Australia, New Zealand and Wallis and Futuna competing. My wife and I enjoy the weekends away at places like Apollo Bay, the Grampians, Avoca and Nagambie where I get to compete against other like-minded people. I'm currently looking forward to some interstate competitions when opportunities arise.

The Petanque Club plays on the second and fourth Saturday of the month starting at 10am. For further information and enquiry forms please go to our website: mtmacedonpetanqueclub.weebly.com

Bob Bossner

Vice-President Mt Macedon Petanque Club



Bob Bossner plays at Avoca



Great to be on the road (and trail) again

With our increasingly gorgeous weather and for those of us who can, day rides through our wonderful region beckon. The Macedon Ranges are blessed with picturesque and interesting local rides on both bitumen roads and dirt trails.



Many Macedon Ranges Ulysses Branch (MRUB) members get out into the deep bush regularly whilst others enjoy less frequent visits to well-known haunts such as the Wombat Forest and the network of bush tracks around Gisborne, Riddell and Macedon. In the bustle of busy lives, it's easy to forget how pristine our area is with colourful seasonal wildflowers and fresh clean air. For those who can, it's time to get your bike out and enjoy our wonderful natural environment.

Top Tip: Always ride responsibly, particularly on dirt tracks. They are generally shared carriageways used by walkers, other vehicles and horse riders too. Plus remember, there are mobile phone black spots in our hills, so don't fall off or take unnecessary risks. Help may be difficult to call!

So until you can share a coffee, meal or just great company with our wider MRUB family,



Going bush near Riddell. Photo: Cherry Cole

please stay well and keep safe! But remember, club get-togethers won't happen if our community and beyond don't do the right thing and stay vigilant in fighting this pandemic!

Stay in touch by checking out our Ride Calendar at www.mrub.org.au or join us for a chat and club news via Facebook. See you on the dirt sometime!

Cherry Cole

Seen around town



A piece of concrete wall is lowered into place at the Aldi site in Aitken Street on October 15. By the end of the month the building was substantially up.



A new cricket pitch goes in at Tony Clarke Reserve, Macedon.

OBITUARY

Evelyn Ivy Mueller
1941-2020

Evelyn was born in Newcastle, NSW, to Harold and Rose Anderson and was a sister to Robert, Carol and Rozlyn.

Evelyn attended Warner's Bay Primary School and later the Hamilton Girls High School. Upon leaving school, Evelyn worked in photography as a retoucher and colourist in the days of black and white wedding photos.

In 1965 Evelyn met Jurgen at Stewart & Lloyds Social Club, Newcastle. It was a short courtship and they married in Newcastle in the same year,

four months after meeting. Their first daughter Jennifer was born in 1968, followed by Joanne in 1971 and Michael in 1974. They bought their first home at Raymond Terrace NSW in 1969.

Due to Jurgen's work as an RAAF Engineering Officer, they moved to various locations. They loved to travel and over the years visited Fiji, Dubai, Austria, Germany, France, Ireland, USA and most Australian states.

The family moved to Gisborne in 1979 and have lived on the same property ever since. In 2015 Evelyn and Jurgen celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary back at Newcastle.

Evelyn was always a very caring



Evelyn Mueller

person and would do anything to help people. She enjoyed playing tennis and netball and loved to follow the children and later the grandchildren in their sports. She derived much joy and happiness from her five grandchildren, Bronte, Mason, Hudson, Abby and Sage.

She was a past member of the Possums Netball Club and longtime member of Red Cross and the former Gisborne Lions Club. A talented painter, Evelyn loved to paint landscapes and

flowers in oils and watercolours. Her other interests included gardening and handicrafts and she was an excellent cook. Evelyn and Jurgen enjoyed live theatre and attended most shows in Melbourne.

Following the Ash Wednesday fires, Evelyn was in charge of the Gisborne Mechanics Hall Distribution and Help Centre.

She suffered a stroke in 2004 which resulted in short-term memory loss and she developed macular degeneration which slowed her down but failed to stop her. Evelyn passed away on September 14 and a funeral service was held at TJ Scott's Chapel, Kyneton, on September 21.

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Life during the pandemic

Hello, my name is Emma Norton. I've lived in Gisborne all my life and was born with an intellectual disability. I live independently which I enjoy as it gives me freedoms in my decision making about what I want to eat, watch, do and plan for in my day.



Emma Norton

The pandemic has disrupted the way I go about my everyday life. I'm lucky my parents live on the property but I miss my extended family and friends. I feel for people with disability as we sometimes find it difficult to understand why we can't do the things that we have become accustomed to!

I am regularly in the Gisborne community and catch up with friends at Windarring. I now fill in my time trying to keep active with gardening, art activities, reading and exercise, but I miss my friends.

I believe in working together and we will get through COVID-19 and be stronger! I have worked in the local community before and would like to gain employment again after COVID. I believe everyone has the right to achieve and be valued within the community. To my friends, and everyone: set goals, work hard but most of all keep smiling!

Emma Norton

Long-time resident involved in many community groups

OBITUARY

Valerie Daly

18 June 1935 – 10 October 2020

Valerie Audrey Daly nee Moore was born in 1935 at Fernleigh private hospital in Preston to Hilda and Eric Moore, a little sister to Thelma Lillian. She grew up in Preston, and attended West Preston Primary School and Northcote High. One of her teachers, Miss King, was headmistress at Kyneton High many years later when Val's children attended.

Family holidays were often spent at her grandparents' house at Hurstbridge or camping at the beach.

Val enjoyed many activities while growing up, notably basketball and softball. She went to Brownies, Guides and Rangers and stayed involved through adulthood, becoming captain of Mt Macedon Girl Guides from 1964 to 1970.

She learnt to play the saxophone as a child and later the melodica piano. She loved listening to bagpipes and old-time music.

Val's first job was at Joy Toys but breathing the fur made her sick, so she did a dressmaking course and

became a cutter at Lady of Fashion.

She met David through a work colleague who moved to Mt Macedon and Val and David were married on November 20, 1954, at All Saints Church of England in Preston. They built a house at 1 Barkly Avenue, Mt Macedon, that would be their only family home.

Val and David's family grew with the births of their five children – Janice, Philip, Rhonda, Gail and Brendan (stillborn) – and later their children's partners Joe, Bev, Ken and Paul. In later life, Val was the matriarch of 12 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren whom she adored.

Val was involved in many clubs and committees including Red Cross, Gisborne and Mt Macedon Districts Historical Society and later Macedon Senior Citizens Club. She played tennis, loved swimming and was lady president at both Gisborne and Macedon bowls clubs.

Her involvement with Red Cross spanned 30 years and she received the Red Cross Special Commendation Award for services given during and after the Ash Wednesday bushfires.

Val loved fish and chips, particularly wrapped in newspaper, and her last food request was a hot salty chip which her daughters were able to give her and she enjoyed immensely.



Valerie Daly

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BRAINBUSTERS QUIZ

1. In which building in England are the Crown Jewels on display?
2. Which event of 1929 caused the worst period of the Depression?
3. Who is the patron saint of lovers?
4. On which continent would you find the Kalahari Desert?
5. Triskaidekaphobia is the fear of what?
6. Is a tomato a fruit or a vegetable?
7. Which present-day capital city is the only capital city appearing in the Bible?
8. What is the lightest metal?
9. From which film is the saying "You fooled 'em, chief! You fooled 'em, you fooled 'em all"?
10. In which month do Russians celebrate the October Revolution?

Questions supplied by Graeme Millar

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Gary and Jan Jones in their garden.

Probus personalities: Jan and Gary Jones

Jan and Gary are long-term Gisborne residents who have been enjoying retirement for over 10 years. Active community members, they participate in many activities available for retirees in the Macedon Ranges.



Gary plays competition tennis for the Gisborne Tennis Club where he has served as president, secretary and committee member. Jan, a non-player, served as treasurer for three years.

They both volunteer at Macedon Ranges Health. Jan has helped in administrative assistance for seven years, while Gary drove residents to appointments. Together they have enjoyed participating in activities as members of Probus and are both valuable committee members; Jan producing the newsletter and Gary secretary for two years.

An active member of the Men's Shed, Gary has completed projects such as a coffee table and a tea trolley. He also plays in the Men's Shed Music Group, which regularly entertains at Gisborne Oaks aged care. He also pursues his passion for music, presenting a bluegrass music show weekly on community radio 99.3FM.

Jan has undertaken short courses in modern floristry and cake decorating and longer courses in china painting and watercolour. However, her passion is gardening where she has put many, many hours into their lovely home garden. They walk daily, belong to a euchre card group that raises funds for community organisations and have still found time to travel, visit family, friends and renovate their home.

The origins of Halloween



**YOUNG
BEAT**

with Asher Kroon

Since moving to Gisborne, I have found Halloween to be enormously popular in certain parts of town. Every year we buy more lollies than the year before and still run out completely.

I love dressing up and going around town with my group of friends. Whether or not you agree with this holiday, I think it's a great event that everyone can get involved in, and tell some of its history here.

Halloween is an international holiday celebrated every year on October 31. It was originally a festive Irish holiday and today's celebration is a modified version of the one that took place 2000 years ago. Celts would dress up in scary costumes and light fires to ward off evil ghosts. It had absolutely nothing to do with eating treats and door knocking. But that just goes to show how far history has changed.

The original Celtic festival was celebrated on November 1 in the UK, Ireland, and north of France. In 43AD, Rome had captured a large majority of the Celtic territory and Roman and Celtic festivals were combined to create the celebration as we know it, Halloween.

It was not called Halloween right away. The combined festival was first called All Souls' Day. This day was to honour the dead. It was traditional to dress up in costumes to scare off the evil spirits that would possess the bodies of the dead. Next, it was renamed All-Hallows'



1920s Halloween costumes

Eve, but it was still the same as All Souls' Day.

Then finally, with the passing of time, the name developed into Halloween and the day became the way we know it now.

Trick-or-treating started in the late 1800s and was introduced as a way to stop young teenagers from causing trouble in the neighbourhood by giving them something to do. The tradition slowly grew between each neighbourhood before it eventually went global and is now the famous tradition so many of us take part in today.

Over time it has spread to America and other parts of the world, although America tends to do Halloween particularly well. Contrary to popular belief, Halloween is *not* an American-born celebration.

Over the years Halloween has grown very popular in Australia, influenced by the media and retail stores.

Halloween has a lot of history, and I've only just scratched the surface. You'd be surprised to see what you find if you research it! I hope I've informed you a little bit about this festive holiday.



Asher and his sister Alyssa set out on a previous Halloween.



Gisborne Montessori School sent in this photo of Liam Leyden and Tori Taig reading the local news. We can only commend such studious reading of a newspaper at a young age and hope the Kids' Page provided a light break.

Halloween, All Hallows Day (All Saints) and All Souls

Often, there is a tension in parts of the church when it comes to Halloween. Since the 1920s, the night has become a commercial opportunity.

Sadly, there have been instances in which people suffered harm through abuse and dangerous "tricks".

The origins of the night are very much Celtic.



On the night before the end of summer all the departed came home for one evening.

The early church, as was the custom, took over many pagan feasts. The church used local customs as part of evangelising.

The next day, November 1, was the day to give thanks for the holy ones (hallowed, saints) who have gone to heaven, and November 2, those still to achieve this.

Many people today take the opportunity to remember their loved ones.

The Jack O'Lantern tells the legend of Irishman Jack, who is not allowed into heaven or hell. As a punishment, Jack now carries a lump of burning coal from hell for eternity. Jack put the coal into a hollowed turnip with a face carved on the outside.

Across Riddells Creek, 1st Riddells Creek Scout Group will be hiding lanterns to provide a child-safe and family night. The Parish of Gisborne is happy to support this child-safe activity.

Fr Dennis

Faithworks Christian Church

Such strange times. It is disappointing to not be able to meet together as



a family every Sunday, but we're getting used to our Zoom and pre-recorded services. It's still really lovely to be able to see each other's faces, touch base or just see everyone contributing to our new service style. We're very grateful for modern technology.

Apart from missing our church family and our wonderful friends at Warrina, we have so been missing Encounter Cafe. The day the Gisborne Market is back, we will be happy people. Throughout the years doing Encounter Cafe we have met some wonderful people. It really brings us much joy to serve people, to sit and chat, have a laugh. So, thank you to our Encounter Cafe friends.

To our one-off visitors, to our regulars – thank you for community, for bringing joy, and thank you for your donations. Our children's home in India really appreciates your generosity and it makes a huge difference.

As a church, we look forward to meeting again when permitted. For the time being we will continue to enjoy our pre-recorded and Zoom services.

Feel free to view our services on our website; the link is in the sermon section.

Shelley Farrugia

faithworksc.com.au or find us on Facebook

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Yes, two days a week, Wednesday and Friday, from 10am to 4pm.

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We now have four rooms packed with unbelievable bargains. We are also accepting, on a limited basis, bric-a-brac, books, kitchen items as well as clothes, shoes and handbags, but NOT furniture. We are still located at the corner of Fisher and Brantome Streets.

Graeme Millar 0413 781 501

St Brigid's Parish Catechetics enrolment 2021

There will be an information evening at St Brigid's Church on Tuesday December 8 at 7pm for parents who wish to enrol their children (from Government and independent schools) in the sacraments of:

Reconciliation grade 3 – Monday February 1 to Monday March 29

Eucharist grade 4 – Monday July 12 to Monday August 23

Confirmation grade 6 – Monday April 19 to Monday June 14.

Please note that the enrolments need to be finalised by Monday February 1, 2021.

For further information please call the parish office on 5428 2591 or go to our website, www.cam.org.au/gisborne

CROSSWORD – MELBOURNE CUP WINNERS

ACROSS

- 3. The winner of last year's Cup
- 6. The fastest horse ever to win the Cup was in 1990
- 10. This mare won the Cup in the same month as the Melbourne Olympic Games
- 12. Race caller Joe Brown broadcast his last Melbourne Cup in 1980 when this horse won the race.

DOWN

- 1. The first winner of the Cup
- 2. The winner of the 2009 Cup
- 4. This Cup winner carried the most weight – 63.5kg
- 5. Just seven horses ran in the 1863 Cup. Who won?
- 7. Jockey Jim Pike's only Cup win was on this highest-rated horse in Australian history
- 8. This horse won the Cup in the same year that Ned Kelly was hanged
- 9. Bart Cummings' first Cup winner (of 12), in 1965
- 11. Gay Waterhouse trained this winner seven years ago
- 13. This mare was the last horse to win the Melbourne Cup/Caulfield Cup double in 2001
- 14. Harry White's first Cup win on this horse
- 15. The first of jockey Jack Purtell's three wins

(ACROSS cont)

- 16. Michelle Payne rode this gelding home
- 17. The last mare to win the Cup with three consecutive wins
- 18. The winner of the 1995 Cup
- 19. Darren Beadman won two Cup winners. One was Kingston Rule. What was the other?

Questions compiled by Graeme Millar, formatted by Thomas Shaddock.

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**100
YEARS AGO**

From the pages of
the old Gisborne Gazette

NOVEMBER 1920

Macedon News

The tennis court is now about finished, and it promises to be a good court and will no doubt make things a little livelier in our town. Most of the work has been done by working bees.

Our cricket club wants shaking up. There appears to be no secretary, and no one seems anxious for the job. Cannot some enthusiast of the game be found to give it a go and get the club moving.

I note a letter in a former issue of the "Gazette" in which the writer rather criticises Macedon and mentions a Sunday train service would benefit Macedon as far as land values are concerned. The writer, however, must not blame Macedon, as the "aristocracy" lives in Upper Macedon and I am afraid our Progress Association will not be able to influence them.

Cricket: Gisborne V Romsey

The above eleven played at Romsey on Saturday under pleasant conditions. Gisborne went to the wicket first and were disposed for a moderate total of 62. Skipper Oakley 13, F. Stephens 12, Alex Gardiner 8, and sundries 15, were the chief contributors. F. Collyer 5 for 19, G White 3 for 24 and Scanlon 2 for 7 shared the bowling honors for the home team. Romsey responded with 49. Charlie Carlick, 5 for 19, and Rev. Raverty, 3 for 27, trundled for Gisborne. Ron Coutts kept wicket admirably, and fielding for both teams was good. In their second attempt Gisborne lost 2 for 42, George Martin 26 not out, and George Edwards 8 not out. Will resume the innings tomorrow. The Romsey ladies provided afternoon tea, which was much appreciated.

The match continued Sunday. Gisborne put together 85 in their second innings, George Martin 29, Rev. Raverty 15, and George Edwards 12, being the principal run getters. Requiring 99 to win, Romsey could only manage 78, leaving Gisborne victors by a small margin. Rev. Raverty, 5 for 24, was the successful bowler.

Local News

A public meeting was called for Tuesday night at the Mechanics' Hall to endeavor to arrange for the holding of a sports meeting at Gisborne on Boxing Day. Years ago, Gisborne was noted for such successful gatherings and there is no reason why they should not be revived. This is a dinkum effort to get things moving again so don't let it be said you never had a hand in the matter.

Come along Tuesday night and take a live interest in the proceedings. Anyone and everyone welcome, so assist to put a bit of "ginger" into the movement by being present on Tuesday night.

WHAT'S ON REGULAR MEETINGS

New
members
always
welcome

PLEASE CHECK WITH YOUR GROUP REGARDING ACTIVITIES ALLOWED IN NOVEMBER

ADULT RIDING CLUB (Gis)	2nd Saturday	I R Robertson Res
ADULT RIDING CLUB (Bullengarook)	2nd Saturday	Rec Reserve
ANGLING CLUB	2nd Wed 8pm	Railway Hotel Macedon
BOTANIC GARDENS working bee	every Thurs 9.30am-10.30am	
BRIDGE CLUB	Mon 12.30, Tues 7.15, Thurs 12.30	St Mary's Church Hall, Woodend 5420 7595
BUSHWALKING CLUB	Various locations	Tel 5428 3490 or 5427 0888
CANASTA CLUB	1.30pm every Mon except first Mon of month	Parish centre (behind St Pauls Church, Gisborne)
CANCER SUPPORT GROUP	last Wed of month	MRH
CAR CLUB	1st Wednesday 8pm	Steam Park, New Gisb
CARERS GROUP (Mac Ranges)	2nd & 4th Thurs, 1pm	Woodend RSL 5420 7132 (Note: 4th Thurs carers only)
COMMUNITY GARDEN	Wed 9am	Church of Christ
CROQUET CLUB	Wed & Sat 10am	Dixon Field
CWA GISBORNE	2nd Monday 10am	Gis Secondary College
CWA MACEDON	3rd Tues 1pm & 7pm	662 Mt Macedon Rd
DALY RESERVE WORKING BEE	2nd Tues 9.30am	Scout Hall, Daly Res
FILM SOCIETY	2nd Wed Woodend Neigh'hood House	5427 2323
FLY FISHING CLUB	4th Wed 7.30pm	MRFEC Gisborne
FOCUS CLUB	2nd Fri 12 noon	Gisborne Golf Club
FRIENDS of JACKSONS CREEK Working bees	3rd Sun 10-noon	
GARDEN CLUB	2nd Wed various venues	0424 038 474
GENEALOGY GROUP	4th Thurs 7.30	Family Hist Rm, Library
GIRL GUIDES	Thursdays 5pm	Gis Comm Hall
GISBORNE SINGERS	Tues 7.30pm	Holy Cross PS
HISTORICAL SOCIETY	open Wed 10am-4pm	Court House
JPs SIGNING STATION	Thursdays 1-3pm	GREAT office Hamilton St
LIBRARY: TODDLERS' STORY TIME	Mon 10.30am, Wed 10.30am	
LIONS CLUB	First Thursday of month 7.30pm	247 Station Rd
MARTIAL ARTS	Thurs from 5.15pm	St Brigid's Hall
MASONIC LODGE	2nd Thurs 7pm	Masonic Hall Aitken St
MASTERS AFL	Wed 6.30pm	Sankey Reserve
MEN'S SHED BARBECUE	Last Mon 12.30pm	Lyll Street
MT MAC & DIST HORT SOC	1st Tues 8pm	Horticultural Hall
MUFFINS 'N MORE	2nd Tues 10am-noon	Uniting Church
MUMS' GROUP	2nd Mon, 9.30-11.30am	49 Fisher St
OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB	Sun 9am	Riddells Rec Res
PARKINSON'S SUPPORT	2nd Wed, 1pm	Lancefield Bowling Club
PETANQUE	2nd & 4th Sat, 10am	behind Caltex service station, Station Rd, Gisborne
PHOENIX ART & CRAFTS	1st Thursday	phoenixmrac.com
PHOTOGRAPHIC SOC	1st Tues & 2nd Mon 7pm	Riddell's Creek Neighbourhood House
PONY CLUB Bullengarook	1st Sunday	Rec Reserve
PONY CLUB Gisborne	1st Sunday	Robertson Reserve
PROBUS	1st Thurs 10am	Masonic Hall
QUILTERS (Gisb)	Wed 7pm	Room attached to Gisb Library
RAMBLERS	Fridays 9.15am	Tennis Club Dixon Field
ROTARY (Gisborne)	Tuesfortnightly, 6.45for7pm	WineO'Clock, 50AitkenSt (book 5428 4483 by 1pm Mon)
	(Macedon Ranges) 1st & 3rd Monday	Baringo Food & Wine
RUNNING GROUP	Tues & Thurs 6pm, Sun 8am	Gis Aquatic Centre
RSL	1st Mon 2pm	Hall at 247 Station Rd 5428 2233
SENIOR CITS (Macedon)	Tues 11am	Tony Clarke Res
SPINNERS & FIBRE GROUP	Wed 12 noon	Rec Reserve Bullengarook
TABLE TENNIS	Wed 7.30pm	Tony Clarke Res, Macedon
THUNDER SWIMMING CLUB	2nd Sat 5pm	Gisborne Aquatic Centre
TOY LIBRARY	Every Sat 10-11am; first & third Wed, 8.45-9.30am, second & fourth Fri 9-10am	71 Robertson St
U3A	Mondays 10.30am	MRFEC
ULYSSES GROUP	3rd Tues 6pm	Sunbury FC
VINTAGE MACHINERY	Working bees 1st Sun of month, 8.30am at Steam Park; Meetings last Friday 7pm at Steam Park	
WRITERS GROUP	Last Sat of month 2-5pm	Woodend N'hood House
WRITERS (Scribes & Scribblers)	2nd Tues 10am-12	Riddell N'hood House
YOUNG VOICES	Thursdays 4.15-5.45pm	Norma Richardson Hall, Buckland St, Woodend, 5426 4801 or sddgome@patash.com.au

Sewage treatment plant growing with Gisborne

A major upgrade to the Gisborne Recycled Water Plant is in planning by Western Water. Subject to government approval, work on the upgrade is expected to start next year.

With the population serviced by the Gisborne plant expected to grow significantly over the next 15 years, the upgrade will ensure Western Water can manage the increasing volumes of sewage for treatment.

Western Water's chief operating officer, Graham Holt, said "the Gisborne plant has been ... treating local sewage since it was constructed in the early 1980s. Despite several upgrades since then, population growth means it is now nearing capacity.

"The planned major upgrade will not only meet the region's increasing demand for sewage treatment, but also improve the quality of the Class B recycled water produced and significantly reduce the plant's energy consumption."

The plant receives sewage from customers across Gisborne, New Gisborne, Macedon and Mount Macedon, treating an average of close to two million litres a day. Sewage is treated to become Class B recycled water which is used to irrigate green spaces around town as well as suitable crops in parts of South Gisborne. Recycled water not used locally is released into Jacksons Creek, in line with strict requirements set out in Western Water's licence to discharge from the Environment Protection Authority.

Residents are encouraged to seek information and have their say on the project. Visit WesternWater.com.au for the latest project factsheet, complete a survey about what you value about the sewerage service and Jacksons Creek, and/or register your interest in joining the project's community panel.

For more information, call Western Water on 1300 650 422.

Crossword answers

ACROSS

- 3 Vow And Declare 2019
- 6 Kingston Rule 1990
- 10 Evening Peal 1956
- 12 Beldale Ball 1980
- 16 Prince of Penzance 2015
- 17 Makybe Diva 2005
- 18 Doriemus 1995
- 19 Saintly 1996

DOWN

- 1 Archer 1861
- 2 Shocking 2009
- 4 Poitrel 1920
- 5 Banker 1863
- 7 Phar Lap 1930
- 8 Grand Flaneur 1880
- 9 Light Fingers 1965
- 11 Fiorente 2013
- 13 Ethereal 2001
- 14 Think Big 1974
- 15 Hiraji 1947

KIDS' QUIZ ANSWERS

- | | |
|-------------------|----------------|
| 1. Buzz Aldrin | 6. Butterflies |
| 2. Fiji | 7. Ostrich |
| 3. Sow | 8. Telephone |
| 4. Atlantic Ocean | 9. Seven |
| 5. 52 | 10. Venus |

BRAINBUSTERS QUIZ ANSWERS

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|----------------------|--|
| 1 Tower of London | 7 Jerusalem |
| 2 Stock market crash | 8 Magnesium |
| 3 St Dwynwen | 9 <i>One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest</i> |
| 4 Africa | 10 November |
| 5 The number 13 | |
| 6 Fruit | |

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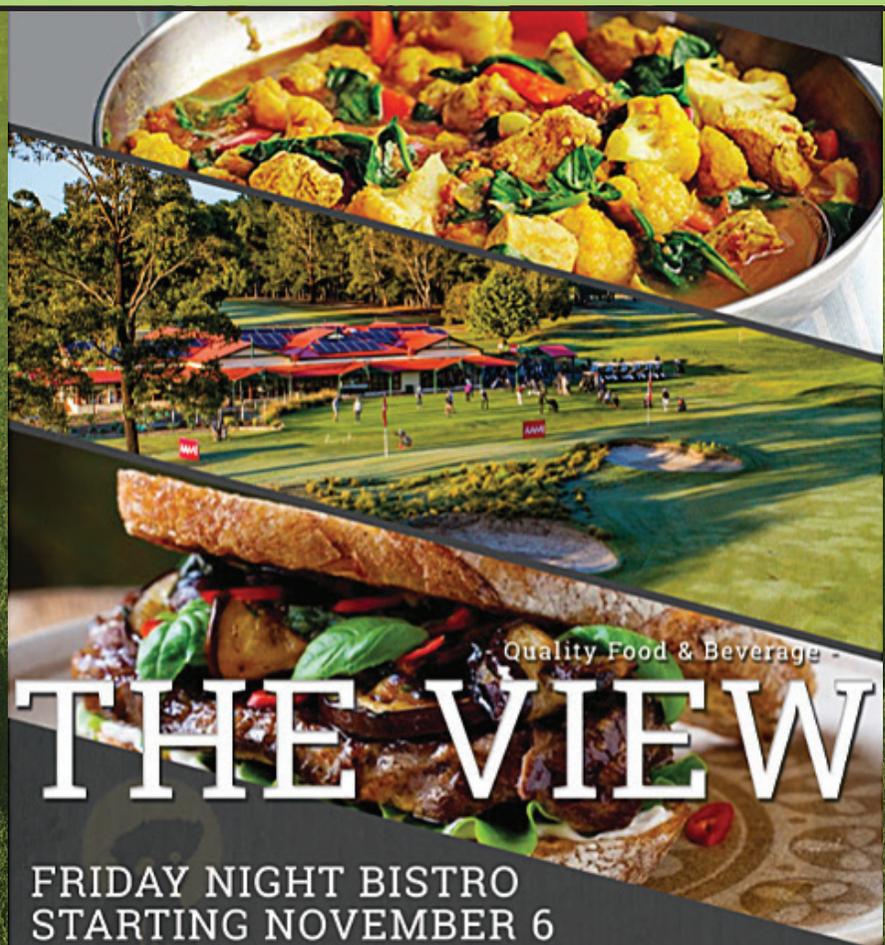
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