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In a testament to resilience, Sacred Heart College Year 12 students dressed up for their debutante ball on February 27, 11 months later than originally

scheduled. The group above started their evening in style on Honour Avenue, Macedon – also because the stretch Hummer wouldn't fit on every-

one's street! With restrictions eased further on February 26, it's time to enjoy live, communal events again and all the fun that comes with them.



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From the Editor's desk

Thanks to Bryan Power for filling in for me last month and starting the *Gazette* year off with the great February edition. It was nice to have a break from the monthly deadlines of the paper, but it's also nice to be back – especially as so many activities around town are recommencing thanks to the loosening of restrictions.

2020 is a year we will all remember for what couldn't happen, and I hope 2021 creates memories full of the joy and excitement of being able to do activities together again. This certainly was the feeling among the Year 12 students from Sacred Heart College on this month's cover before they headed off to their Year 11 deb ball from Macedon's beautiful Honour Avenue – 11 months later than originally scheduled.

Happily on again this year and covered in this edition are live meetings of most clubs, Storytime at the library (page 9), concerts at the Church of the Resurrection, Macedon (page 10), Scout camps (page 31), exhibitions at The Gallery, Mt Macedon (page 11), shows at the Mountview Theatre, Macedon (page 11), Macedon Railway Hotel (page 32) and Kyneton Town Hall (page 39), and football and netball training and competition (pages 35-6).

A key event every February is students starting their formal schooling journey and our spread on pages 20-21 captures some of the emotions and special moments at local schools. I can only imagine how Natalie and Lawrence Crowley, the parents of Holy Cross Primary's first set of triplets, felt after leaving their threesome at school the first day, and congratulate them on reaching this milestone.

Other features this month are the Tale of the Telegraph community newspaper by Bryan Power (page 12-13), a description of a trip to Macedon extracted from the 1895 *Gisborne Gazette* by the Historical Society (page 19), and Nicky Haslinghouse's report on her experience in the 2020 Loddon Murray Community Leadership Program (page 8).

Finally, Dr Umair Masood provides a detailed and helpful overview of the main COVID-19 vaccine on page 15, and with luck we will be able to report next month that it is available locally.

Happy reading and enjoy the new action,
Corinne

Gisborne's 'Mannekin Pis'

Our lovely fountain has sprung a leak in a most unfortunate place! Hard to see in the photo, but not when walking or driving by.



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A MINUTE WITH MAXINE

As the *Gazette* is celebrating its 15th birthday this year, I thought it appropriate to sit down for a chat with Trevor Armstrong, as he was one of the first distributors.

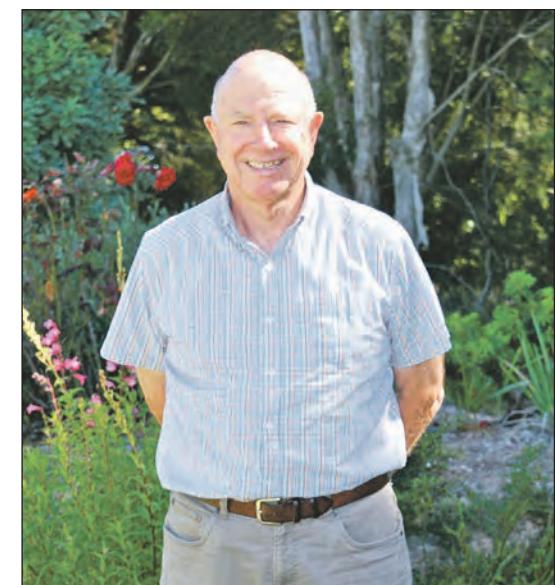
Trevor met Trish at the Footscray Football Club and they were married in May 1973.

They came to Gisborne because they saw promise of a community life. They both commuted to Melbourne for many years, and Trish still does. They have a daughter Emma and a son, Daine.

Even when working, Trevor found time to be involved in the Macedon Ranges community and fundraising, and sat on many committees over the years. Gisborne Scouts, St Brigid's School, Grant Avenue Kindergarten and Gisborne Swimming Club, to name just a few, have all benefited from his drive and passion. He also found time to play cricket for the Gisborne Dragons.

Trevor is the proud owner/manager of Wine Tours Victoria, visiting the Yarra Valley, Mornington Peninsula, Macedon Ranges and the Bellarine Peninsula.

Today, he describes himself as a "domestic engineer, second class – not ironing".



Trevor Armstrong

He is committed to the area and Gisborne is the beautiful community that he hoped it would be.

Maxine Barker

Bryan Power speaks to our latest honours recipients

Gisborne identities recognised

Terry Larkins

Terry Larkins' contributions to the Gisborne community and beyond were recognised in this year's Australia Day honours when he was made an Officer of the Order of Australia (OAM).

Terry is perhaps best known locally as a foundation member of the Board of Macedon Ranges Health.

However his commitment goes back to 1977 when he came from Geelong to become shire secretary of the old Gisborne Shire Council and continued as its CEO until he retired in 1995.

Following the Ash Wednesday bushfire he led the recovery team charged with cleaning up the devastated areas. For that task he was awarded the Public Service Medal. His career then took him into aged care and, after that, water management with Melbourne Water and later he was Chairman of Western Water for 13 years. Now at the age of 80, Terry is still involved with a number of local groups including the Macedon Ranges branch of the Australian Labor Party of which he is proud to be a life member.

He also continues to serve as an honorary Justice of the Peace.



Terry Larkins



Marion Rivers

Marion Rivers

Marion Rivers looks back with pride on a lifetime career in orthoptics during which she was able to help so many children (and their families) who were suffering with low vision and other eye problems. Over those years she held leadership positions with Orthoptics Australia and Vision 2020

and had been involved with Vision Australia, the Fred Hollows Foundation and the Australian Paralympic Committee. Marion's career extended over three states and included working in the children's hospitals in Sydney, Perth and Melbourne, the latter for 15 years.

In this year's Australia Day Honours Marion's contribution to eye health care was recognised when she was made a Member of the General Division of the Order of Australia (AM).

After her retirement eight years ago, Marion and her husband David moved from Sydney to South Gisborne to be near their two daughters who also live in the Macedon Ranges. Marion and David have volunteered their services with local groups and enjoy the lifestyle here very much.

**Bloomin'
amazing!**



Pat Taylor stands before the Agave Americana Century in her garden.

Give a hand on Clean Up Australia Day

Clean Up Australia Day is Sunday March 7 and the more people who participate, the more beautiful our area will be. At the time of going to print, the following local clean up efforts were listed on www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au



Sunday March 7:
9am to 12pm: Daly Street to Willowbank Road along Melton Gisborne Road.
2 to 4pm: Gisborne Botanic Gardens.

Sunday March 14:
10.30am to 12.30pm: Macedon Res.



A parrot makes the most of a rare opportunity: this plant flowers only once in its lifetime – and this is it. The towering flower stalk will now die off.

Once in a lifetime flowering

Twenty-five years ago Pat Taylor planted this Agave Americana Century in her garden. Over the years, the plant's distinctive look and colouring have provided much delight but now it is time to say goodbye.

The species only flowers once and dies thereafter. The death of the mother plant leads to the flower stalk falling, creating the opportunity for the next generation to take hold.

Online gardening sites say the flowering stalk can grow up to the height of a power pole, and at approximately nine metres high, this is exactly what happened here.

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Work begins on Macedon Community House

Residents may have noticed that work has started at 47 Victoria Street, Macedon.

In 2020 the community raised \$43,400 in cash and in-kind contributions to help fund repairs to make the building fit for the future Macedon and Mount Macedon Community House. Macedon Ranges Shire Council obtained funding through the federal Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Grant and works are due to be completed in the next few months.

These works involve restumping, an all-abilities ramp and toilet access as well as a cosmetic upgrade. The working group and Committee of Management have formed a great working relationship with the council to ensure the building will be suitable to the needs of the community and make this a great facility for future generations.

Thank you to all the businesses and individuals who have helped get the ball rolling on this wonderful



47 Victoria Street is getting restumped.

initiative for our community!

If you wish to become involved, either on the committee or working group, please do not

hesitate to contact us at hello@macedoncommunityhouse.org.

Macedon and Mount Macedon Community House Committee

FOR THE RECORD

Gisborne Botanic Gardens has received a State Government grant of \$130,000 for several improvements to expand the garden's living plant collection, and for the installation of an automatic recycled water irrigation system.

Decisions from the February 24 Macedon Ranges Shire Council meeting: Among other matters, Council resolved to refuse a planning permit for the development of six dwellings and the waiver of one visitor car parking space at 74 Hamilton Street and 27 Lyell Street, Gisborne; and to endorse a motion from Cr Geoff Neil that land at 284 Kilmore Road, Gisborne, known as Glen Junor, be removed from the draft Gisborne Futures project.

Minutes for the meeting are available to download from mrsc.vic.gov.au/meetings

Catch Gisborne's music festival

MARCH 13: The 2021 Macedon Ranges Music Festival promises to be a great day out with a line-up of varied, quality live music from 1pm to 10pm at the Gisborne Steam Park.

Headlined by the Black Sorrows, the festival will also feature Emma Donovan & the Putbacks, Nick Barker, Velvet Bloom, Doc Halibut, The Chris Commerford Band, Hassall and Connor Black-Harry.

The first act on the main stage will be 2020 Youth Stage winner Jasper Byron, so it will pay to arrive early.

Young musicians will perform on the Youth



Stage running in the afternoon, providing a chance to admire and encourage young local talent.

With something for all ages, the festival is a great opportunity to get out and enjoy live entertainment and regional food and drinks, all the while raising funds for the Cambodian Kids Foundation charity.

Tickets \$35, \$25 concession and \$10 youth, strictly limited and sold online only, at www.macedonrangesmusicfestival.org.

Ticketholders will be entitled to a full refund in case of cancellation by the Festival.

ANZAC Day dawn service on the mount not going ahead

Due to the COVID-19 physical distancing requirements for public events, the 2021 Mt Macedon ANZAC Day Dawn Service is not able to take place. However, to still honour the local memories and community contributions to the 'normal' service, the organising committee is committed to providing a virtual service that will be available for all to take part in through a video production.

The Dawn Service committee has reluctantly decided not to proceed with this year's live service. The narrow walkway viewing area at Mt Macedon does not allow people to physically distance and contact tracing data is difficult to collect with the various access points to the site. And with the still unpredictable COVID situation in April, the health and safety of the public, especially our veterans, is the committee's highest priority.

A video production will be available featuring the traditional elements of the service and local 'Voices from the Front', along with other stories of service from the regional community.

Bruce Mildenhall, Mt Macedon ANZAC Dawn Service Committee



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Not everyone has someone on tap to help teach them to drive... but now they do

So it is good news that the Macedon Ranges TAC L2P learner-driver program is back. The official launch of the TAC L2P learner driver mentor

program will take place on March 10.

The program supports learner drivers aged 16 to

21 years who are unable to access a supervising driver or vehicle, or face other forms of disadvantage that hinder their opportunities of carrying out 120 hours of supervised driving.

Volunteer mentors supervise the driving sessions of these learner drivers. Past and current mentors will be at the launch telling their stories of the rewards and benefits of the program.

The Bendigo Salvation Army is now the provider of the TAC L2P program in the Macedon Ranges.

It is also being sponsored by Community Bank Gisborne & District of Bendigo Bank.



Volunteer mentor Gary Sanders with program participant Rianna before a drive.

Community members are invited to attend the launch, so come along and join us and learn more about this highly successful road safety initiative

that benefits all in our community.

For further details contact Macedon Ranges L2P Coordinator Phillip Tennant on 0438 774 277.

Have you seen New Gisborne Primary School lately? You would have noticed a hive of activity – as construction has begun on the second phase of their \$3.1 million upgrade.

The upgrade will see two new music pods for instrumental music, choir and an additional meeting space, the redevelopment of landscaping on Station Road and Ferrier Road, new seating and waiting areas, the conversion of lights around the school to LED, and the modernisation of storm water drainage around the school.

The project is expected to be completed by early next year, and



MEMBER'S MESSAGE

With Mary-Anne Thomas

I'm so excited for the New Gisborne school community.

The first phase of works, the installation of their new astra-turf oval, was completed over the summer break.

Staff at New Gisborne told me the oval is a popular new addition – and after my visit, I could see why. It used to be a dust bowl in one

season and mud bath in the other – but now, New Gisborne kids can play, run, bat, bowl, kick, hit and score all year round.

There's been some important news for our Gisborne paramedics too. An additional Peak Period Unit was deployed in Gisborne last month.

This unit will have an extra crew comprising two Advanced Life Support paramedics on shift for up to 12 hours during the branch's busiest times.

These extra resources will help Ambulance Victoria continue to ensure that people in our community get the best care, every time.

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Rewards beat challenges for SES



Gisborne SES had a rewarding year in 2020, even with the unprecedented and challenging times we all faced. During restricted times, the volunteers maintained their training regimes via virtual learning to guarantee their proficient operational readiness.

The unit volunteers continued to respond to multiple incidents in and around the Macedon Ranges communities, which included extrication of persons trapped in vehicles as a result of car crashes, extrication of injured persons in remote bushland areas, building damage, trees down, animal rescue, crime scenes and fire support activities.

We also responded to severe weather incidents across the state to support our SES counterparts and their communities.

The community events and educational programs were also restricted; however, the volunteers were



Fallen trees were among the many jobs, major and minor, that SES members responded to in 2020.

quite innovative and conducted virtual education sessions which proved to be highly successful.

The dedication and professionalism of our volunteers is outstanding, and we stand in awe of their commitment to the Macedon Ranges Communities and those that pass through its boundaries.

Di Dale

Firefighter receives highest fire service award



Ian Hay received the prestigious Australian Fire Service Medal on Australia Day.

The Australian Fire Service Medal recognises distinguished service by members of Australian fire services. It is awarded to paid and volunteer members and is awarded by the Governor-General on the recommendation of the responsible federal, state and territory ministers. Recipients are entitled to use the post-nominal letters "AFSM".

Ian is a firefighter with the Gisborne Fire Brigade and also the Group Officer for the eight brigades within the Mount Macedon Group. With more than 40 years' service with the Country Fire Authority, Ian has performed many roles, from firefighting, command and control as a strike team leader, sector commander and a Level 3 incident controller within an Incident Control Centre. He has also been a delegate for various committees over the years, most recently the District Planning Committee.

Ian has been involved with many significant fires including the 2009 Black Saturday Fires and most recently the 2019-20 fires in NSW. Ian is also a recipient of the National Medal, National Emergency Medal-2009 Fires and a life member of the Country Fire Authority and the Gisborne Fire Brigade.

Congratulations, Ian, from all of us at the Gisborne Fire Brigade!

Bevan Moody

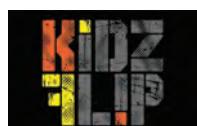


KidzFlip to 'relaunch' in March

KidzFlip was excited to recommence its training program on February 23. We would like to thank the Gisborne Cricket Club for allowing us to use their club rooms and also send a big thank you to Bree for putting the young people through their paces!

We will be 'relaunching' KidzFlip on March 14 with a long overdue presentation to 'Team KidzFlip 2019', our inaugural Energy Breakthrough Challenge Team who stayed the course to compete in the 24-hour race in 2019. We can finally acknowledge these young participants and pay tribute to our sponsors.

As we build and move forward, the committee



is excited to have recently finalised our webpage. Many people have worked hard to take the website live. Special mention must be made to Lisa for getting us there... thank you!

As always, we are looking to extend the programs we offer and we were happy to host Lachie and Jacob, our senior youth members, at a recent committee meeting. We look forward to putting some of their ideas into action as we continue empowering our youth through connection, fun and achievement.

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The Lions Club forwards the used stamps they collect to the Australian Lions Children's Mobility Foundation who use the proceeds from this program, together with its other fundraising programs, to empower children who cannot walk unassisted to reach their potential.

The Lions Foundation achieves this by facilitating the funding of walking devices that get children out of their wheelchairs and onto their feet so that they



The serene Ironbark Memorial Walk in Gisborne Cemetery.

Let a bank grant help revitalise your club

After so many clubs had to hit the pause button in 2020, it's great to see most groups back in action this year.

After the break, committees may be finding that club equipment needs updating or increasing, or have ideas for how to revitalise their players or membership, and Community Bank Gisborne & District is ready to help as we can.

If you have a great project idea to get your club buzzing again but lack funds to make it happen, download a community investment application form from the Gisborne Bendigo Bank website and submit it by March 31.

Our volunteer board of directors is charged with reinvesting



Gisborne Soccer Club juniors give their new goal the thumbs up with Gisborne Bendigo Bank manager Sarah Barton. The goal was funded by the bank.

local profits in the community and members are always keen to learn about pressing community needs and discuss ideas for community investment projects.

Board members are also happy to help groups through the application process. Email mrcepulicrelations@gmail.com to start the conversation.

Cemetery releases woodland area for burials

The Geelong Cemeteries Trust, which manages Gisborne Cemetery, is delighted to provide a unique opportunity for burial and cremation memorials for the Gisborne community.



After extensive community consultation, botanical assessment and careful, thoughtful environmental planning and restoration, the Geelong Cemeteries Trust now offers graves and cremation memorials within a protected box-ironbark woodland area in the cemetery, the Ironbark Memorial Walk.

In what serves as a reserve for the indigenous vegetation, a natural canopy of red ironbark, long-leaved box, black wattle, cherry ballart and narrow-leaved peppermint provide shelter to a variety of understory shrubs, grasses and herbs.

This sensitive design incorporates sweeping paths of crushed granite, with the mature gums enhanced by weed management and planting of additional indigenous trees, shrubs and understory plants, thus ensuring an important protected habitat for endangered plants and native fauna, as well as providing a serene natural setting for traditional burials and cremation memorials.

The first stage is now available for purchase. Works will continue to restore these areas, however as this is an environmentally sensitive development, grave numbers are strictly limited.

Families and interested parties are encouraged to visit the Ironbark Memorial Walk for themselves and contact our offices on 5249 3939 and discuss your requirements and pricing with our friendly staff.

Vision friends to hold bring & buy morning tea

After such a long break it was refreshing for the Gisborne Friends of Vision Australia to gather in February and under COVID restrictions enjoy uniting with each other again and discussing potential fundraising events for the year. It was agreed to hold a Bring & Buy Morning Tea on



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Tuesday March 23 at 10am at the Gisborne Masonic Hall. Admittance \$5. Fellowship will be enjoyed and there will be a speaker. Friends are also very welcome but due to limited numbers allowed, you are asked to make a booking with the Secretary, Elaine Millar, on 5428 2522.

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A local leadership journey through 2020

As a resident of the Macedon Ranges since birth with a close connection to the area and a strong desire to make a positive and lasting impact within it, it was a privilege to complete the Loddon Murray Community Leadership Program (LMCLP) in 2020 as the recipient of a Gisborne and District Community Bank scholarship. It is that unique experience I've been asked to write about to share with you all.

The LMCLP program is about preparing people to respond adaptively to their community's needs by creating courageous, capable leaders who can act as catalysts for positive change by enabling community self-determination. It's about amplifying the voices of local leaders in decision-making processes so they can effectively advocate for their communities. To complete the program, participants undertake several workshops throughout the Loddon Murray region, and must deliver a considered, impactful community project to demonstrate their learning and development.

As someone with a deep commitment to regional Victoria, I was drawn to the program given the opportunity it offered to connect with other like-minded people, gain an in-depth understanding of our region's strengths and challenges, and to learn about best practice approaches to leadership in a supportive and collaborative environment.

As an aspiring female leader in volunteer emergency services, I hoped to develop my skills in leading through change and uncertainty, to enhance my ability to advocate for greater visibility of the impact of emergencies on the most vulnerable in our communities, and to explore new ways to foster greater participation of women in operational and leadership roles at CFA and in emergency management

Mount Macedon CFA volunteer Nicky Haslinghouse took part in a community leadership program over the course of 2020. Here she writes of the benefits of the course.

more generally.

We began the program with the Opening Retreat on Yorta Yorta country at Echuca by taking a boat trip along the beautiful Tongala (Murray River) and completing a community-mapping exercise to chart the diversity and strengths of our communities.

This was followed by a talk on the rich history of Victoria's Aboriginal communities by elder Uncle Ric Ronan. We were so lucky to have the opportunity to meet before in-person engagement became unfeasible and Zoom became our new normal – it was then through the sheer determination of the program team that the experience that followed would prove to be full of rich conversation and insight despite the disruption.

We went on to explore a range of



Mount Macedon CFA firefighters Andrews (left) and Haslinghouse support DELWP planned burning operations in April 2019 at Mount Macedon.



The Community Leadership Program Opening Retreat in March 2020 at Echuca.

topics online including mental health and wellbeing in regional communities, managing ourselves and leading others through change, working with communities during a crisis and best practice approaches to advocacy and elevating diverse perspectives.

We heard from speakers from an array of backgrounds and fields — from those working at the community-based level, to internationally acclaimed leadership experts. We also learnt a great deal from each other as we weathered the trials and tribulations of COVID-19 and worked hard to support each other during what was an incredibly challenging time.

By the conclusion of the program, I was relieved to deliver my completed community project — in my role as a volunteer firefighter and community safety coordinator at Mount Macedon CFA, it's my great privilege to lead the brigade's efforts to support emergency preparedness in our community.

From social media and newsletters to workshops and open days, our outreach initiatives aim to develop our community's hazard awareness so people can safely respond to emergencies. Due to my existing focus in this space and the subsequent impact of the pandemic, my project

refocused on the delivery of online bushfire preparedness sessions.

Using what I learnt during the program, colleagues at the Riddells Creek and Hesket Kerrie CFA brigades and I worked collaboratively with a range of guests to deliver a series of webinars covering all aspects of preparing people, animals, homes and properties for fire. These events marked the first time three Macedon Ranges brigades had collaborated on community engagement initiatives in such a way and the first time such events had been run online.

I'd like to offer grateful thanks to the LMCLP team and participants, and to the board of the Gisborne and District Community Bank for their generous sponsorship of my involvement.

My key learnings have been that self-awareness, self-reflection and self-care are central to enabling effective and sustainable community leadership — knowing your own values, strengths and limitations allows you to more ably support and encourage others, and to drive positive change.

Through this experience I feel more ready than ever to continue serving my community, and I strongly commend those reading to consider applying for the 2022 program when applications open towards the end of the year.



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Genealogy group off to Geelong

As I write this article we are in lockdown...again! – at this point just for five days. This volatility makes planning a program for a voluntary group very difficult.



At the beginning of February the Gisborne Genealogical Group reopened its rooms for research. As we adjourn the Gisborne Library, our policy for this year will be: When they are open, we will be open (but only on Thursday afternoons 2pm-5pm). As numbers are limited at present, you need to book in advance to avoid disappointment – please phone 5428 3925.

On Thursday March 25 we will hold our AGM at 7.30pm in the Masonic Lodge Hall. Again, numbers are restricted – please notify Lorna if you intend to come.

We had planned to hold our 30th birthday celebration at this time, but will defer it for a few months when hopefully we can invite more people. Members will be notified, and details will be on our website, www.ggg.org.au. Instead, following our AGM we will have a podcast on a topic of interest to family historians.

On Saturday March 27 we will have our first outing for the year. We are going to Geelong to do research at the Geelong Heritage Centre in the morning, and have a conducted tour and presentation at Geelong Eastern Cemetery in the afternoon. This was planned for last year, so hopefully it can go ahead this time. For details and to book, call Mary on 5428 3887.

Because of COVID-19 restrictions, numbers will be limited to 10 people. Fingers crossed for this year!

In the meantime – Happy researching from home!

Lyn Hall

Masked 'genies' return to face to face meetings.



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Kay Malinowski, Fred Sewell and Margaret Domsic with Kerrie's sponge cake.

Gisborne CWA thanks Fred Sewell



It was lovely to see everyone's smiling faces when masks were removed at our first meeting of the new year. When all the business was complete and resanitising was done, lunch was enjoyed at the Telegraph Hotel.

The Bunnings barbecue was a success, helped along by husbands and relations. Husbands were also to be thanked for the building of new shelves for our storage unit in New Gisborne.

A beautiful sponge cake made by Kerrie Buskes was presented to Fred Sewell of Gisborne Self Storage who has been generous to us and many in the Gisborne community.

A big thankyou also to Marion of Riddells Creek who donated bags of unwanted balls of wool that some of our ladies will find very useful.

Our country of study this year is Indigenous Australia and Osija gave us her initial report on first Australians. There is a busy year ahead: hopefully all our planned activities will go ahead. Our next meeting will be April 12. Please come along and join us at Gisborne Secondary College stadium at 10am.

Christine Edwards, 0437 953 253



LIBRARY NEWS

Home library service

Want to borrow books from the library but can't visit a branch? Goldfields Libraries offer a Home Library Service for people who are unable to visit the library due to ill health, frailty or disability.

Trained volunteers select library items that reflect the borrower's preferences, or items the borrower has reserved, and deliver them to their home on a monthly basis. The service offers regular deliveries of fiction, non-fiction, large print and talking books as well as DVDs and magazines. For more information, or to find out if you are eligible, call 5449 2790 or email homelibraryservice@ncgrl.vic.gov.au

Libraries for the future survey

Help us understand what a great library service looks like, and contribute to plans for the future. Goldfields Libraries is working with our member councils to develop a plan for library services across the region for the next 10 years and beyond.

We want to hear community opinions to ensure the service meets your needs and interests. And whether you use your local library or not, we'd love to hear what (if anything) would make you use it (more). Have your say via our Community Survey online at www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au/librariesforthefuture or pick up a copy at Gisborne Library. (Please make sure you return it when you're done!) Complete the survey for a chance to win a \$50 gift voucher to a local business of your choice.

Storytime back IN the library

Come along for Storytime on Wednesdays at 10:30am, Toddler Time on Thursdays at 10:30am or Baby Rhyme Time on Fridays at 10:30am. To keep COVID-safe, sessions will be smaller than usual, and to allow others to enjoy the fun of Storytime, we ask that only one adult comes, and that you limit your visit to one session per week.

No bookings are required, but if there is demand, we may split sessions, run a second session, or move outside (weather permitting). And please remember to wear your mask!

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Singers are back in fine voice

With great delight after 11 months of recess, the Gisborne Singers were back practising together on February 3. Choristers were so pleased to see familiar faces as well as new ones.



New musical director Luke Severn and accompanist Anna Clarke were warmly welcomed. Luke impressed with his enthusiasm, love of music and good humour. According to Robert Blair, "His attitude for living the journey not the destination is very welcome."

Margaret Brockman reported that "Luke Severn was inspirational. He was informative, entertaining and deeply musical. The meaning of the music is written all over his face." Emily Shanahan wrote, "It was so emotional. After such a difficult year for the choir it felt like an amazing privilege, and even social distancing and masks can't dampen the amazing buzz of being able to sing together again."

No sooner had the choir started practising again than Stage 4 lockdown put an end to it. The first planned performance at the Lancefield Relay for Life has also been postponed as the relay itself has been postponed until October.

If live practice is allowed, it is currently being held in the new venue of Gisborne Uniting Church at 23 Brantome Street on Wednesdays from 7:30 to 10pm. We're always looking for new singers (especially tenors and basses). The choir is non-auditioned, with choral experience and the ability to read music advantageous but not essential. If you have a love of singing and would like to give the choir a try, come along to our practice. For further details please contact us at www.gisbornesingers.org.au

Alison Kinghorn

Award to encourage young artists

The Zonta Club of Kyneton is launching an Arts Achievement Award to encourage young women in the Macedon Ranges aged 16 to 19 to grow their artistic talents. For award requirements and applications contact awards@zontakyneton.org.au



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Seraphim Trio returns to Macedon

Friends of Music at Resurrection are delighted to announce a performance by the acclaimed Seraphim Trio on Sunday March 21 at 3pm at the Church of the Resurrection, Macedon. This will be our first concert of 2021 and the first since the Seraphim Trio performed at the church in February last year.

The program comprises three works, by Mozart, Haydn and Brahms. Mozart's *Piano Trio in G major K564* (1788) and Haydn's *Piano Trio in C major Op 87* (1795) were both composed early in the history of this genre, but were relatively late works of both composers.

In each work the piano is the principal instrument 'with accompaniment of violin and violoncello', as indicated in the first-published titles. In the case of Mozart's trio, the title also specified 'harpsichord or piano forte' since the work was aimed at amateur



The Seraphim Trio. Photo: Pia Johnson

musicians, many of whom would have had access to a harpsichord rather than the relatively new piano. However Haydn's trio title makes no mention of the harpsichord, dedicated as it was to the acclaimed pianist Therese Bartolozzi, whose acquaintance the composer made in London. The piano part is appropriately virtuosic.

Brahms' *Trio in C major Op 87 No 2* takes us into an altogether different world, one where the technical and musical demands of the genre required performance by professionals. With four substantial movements, this is a much longer work than its Classical predecessors and the content is rich in variety, complexity and texture. Above all it is a work of profound beauty.

Bookings are essential at [Trybooking.com](http://trybooking.com)
COVID restrictions apply.

New teacher joins Young Voices of Macedon



Young Voices of Macedon is proud to announce the appointment of Juliarna Clark to its teaching staff. Juliarna is in charge of the 9+ years group.

Juliarna is a professional musician with a passion for both performing and directing choirs. Her experience in directing ensembles includes 10 years as a conductor with the Australian Girls Choir, two years directing a small a cappella ensemble in Oxfordshire, UK, as well as various choral ensembles at Yarra Valley Grammar School and Eltham College of Education.

Her knowledge of choral repertoire is thorough, having performed as a young girl in the Australian Girls Choir (she was the recipient of the June Bronhill Scholarship Award), as well as many adult choirs over the years: St Michael's, Northgate, Oxford (chorister and cantor); Royal Melbourne Philharmonic Chorus; Choral Institute of Melbourne (soloist for a tour of



Juliarna Clark

Italy); Excelsis (a Catholic choir in Melbourne); St Patrick's Cathedral Singers (chorister and cantor); St Francis' Cathedral, Adelaide; St Kevin's Parish; and Bristol Cathedral Choir.

Juliarna has had a lifelong interest in voice, and several years after completing her Bachelor of Music, she undertook further study and is now also a qualified speech pathologist. Her working life is a balance of jazz performing (locally and internationally), classical choral singing, conducting and individual voice lessons.

With Juliarna and other staff members Jess Demare and accompanist Cathy Hutchinson, the choir will be assured of a wonderful year of singing.

New members are very welcome. Visit yvmacedon.org.au

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Local photographers together again



It's full steam ahead for the members of the Macedon Ranges Photographic Society. The group came together for their first 2021 meeting in the beautiful surrounds of Dromkeen at Riddells Creek, where members shared images taken in and around the Macedon Ranges. Each person talked about the techniques used, but more importantly, what made that particular place so special to them.

It was evident that the Macedon Ranges is an absolute delight for local photographers and that there are hidden gems to be found.

The second meeting of every month is a dedicated 'Technical' night. This is the opportunity for members to submit entries for upcoming competitions, engage in presentations about the more technical aspects of photography and participate in workshops and discussions. The most recent technical night was well attended and operated under strict social distancing protocols.

Unfortunately, the first outing of the year coincided with the five-day lockdown and had to be cancelled.



First meeting for the year at Dromkeen. Photo: John Spring

Members look forward to future opportunities.

The club generally meets on the first Tuesday of the month, followed by the next Monday. Visitors are welcome to come along to Dromkeen in March or April to see what MRPS is all about. Social chats start at 7pm and the meeting at 7.30pm. Online meetings will be our fallback if necessary, to continue our activities whatever the circumstances.

For more information, visit www.macedonranges-photography.org.au. Colleen Mahoney



Closeup of Colleen Weste's art quilt Egrets in Flight.

Gallery presents flora and fauna exhibition

Macedon Ranges is an exceptional region with its spectacular bush setting and wildlife. Our local artists of the Gallery collective have been inspired to present *Flora and Fauna* during the month of March. You will see works of nature in oils, watercolours, encaustic, wood, glass, textiles and more. Come and visit the gallery, relax and be nurtured by our artists' response to the local beauty while exploring the area.

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New play to open in May

After too long a quiet stage at the Mountview Theatre, our first production is planned to open in May. *Too Many Crooks* was a 1959 British comedy movie starring, among others, Terry Thomas, Sydney James and George Cole. Director John Rowlands has adapted the script for the stage in the form of a BBC radio play.



The plot concerns a bunch of inept crooks led by an incompetent boss, who continue to botch straightforward robberies. When their plans turn to kidnapping, matters become overly complicated.

John brought his radio play *The Wrong Box* to the Mountview Theatre in 2018 and it was a real hit. *Too Many Crooks* promises our audience lots of laughs with great characters and of course, live sound effects. The season will run from May 14 to 30.

Rest assured our theatre has a thorough COVID plan in place to look after our patrons.

For more details on the show and to book tickets go to www.themountplayers.com or call 5426 1892 for enquiries. See you all in May...fingers crossed.

Karen Hunt

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Tale of the Telegraph

a newspaper remembered with pride and affection

Ken and Kerry Patton, now retired in their new home in Fisher Street, Gisborne, can look back with pride in their creation of a successful newspaper that won the support and affection of the local communities in which it was distributed.

When they arrived in Gisborne in 1970 Ken and Kerry were unhappy to find that the newspapers based in Kyneton and Sunbury provided little news of Gisborne and they dreamed of one day producing a newspaper that would serve the local community more effectively.

Ken was Melbourne-born and a pilot with Ansett so Gisborne, being so close to Tullamarine airport, was an obvious place to provide a home for him, Kerry and their young family. Kerry had grown up on her parents' 23,000-acre sheep property between Hillston and Cobar in western NSW so she was keen to find some space where she could be reunited with her two beloved horses.

They bought a house which stood on five acres in Morrow Road from Ian and Jan Armstrong-Taylor. The house had originally belonged to the Morrow family. It became a home for them and their baby daughter Robyn and, the following year, son Matthew, who was born in the Gisborne Bush Nursing Hospital.

By 1976 Ken had earned his promo-

**Bryan Power
talks to
a couple
who started
their own
local
newspaper**



Kerry and Ken Patton wanted a paper that better served its community.

tion to Captain with Ansett but strangely this led to him doing far less flying because the senior Captains received the calls first and Ken found himself often on standby and sometimes waiting days for the phone to ring.

With time on his hands he and Kerry considered again their ambition to start a newspaper, with the initial production of a small effort like a church notice sheet. However, Les Crowe, a friend who was a printer in Geelong,

persuaded them to have a go at something far more ambitious. "You have to do it properly," said Les. "Make it a real newspaper."

"Les," said Ken, "I wouldn't know the first thing about producing a newspaper."

"It's easy," retorted Les.

"And I believed him," said Ken laughing when remembering this exchange.

So Kerry and Ken started a year of planning. They did everything with the

utmost secrecy as they didn't want the other newspapers to get wind of what they were up to. Ken was to be in charge of the editorial side and Kerry would handle the advertising but such was the secrecy that she didn't start selling advertising until two weeks before the first edition went to press. On the insistence of their solicitor they attended the Sunbury Court to swear in accordance with an old English law that they would not publish any seditious material.

Through a friend they were put in contact with Chris Fisher, the editor of the *Kooweeup Sun*.

Chris was very encouraging and told them to just send the copy, photos and ads to him and he would take care of the paste-up and production. So that's how they started. Everything was sorted in their lounge room and then put on the train to go to Koo Wee Rup. A few days later Kerry drove down there to collect 7000 copies of the first 20-page edition that was then delivered by a team of newspaper boys and girls on September 14, 1977.

The first edition's masthead was *Gisborne and Macedon Telegraph* but that was to change to *Macedon Ranges Telegraph*. Eventually the core of the paper had a four-page front and back wrap that was different for each distribution locality. The wrap focused on local news distinct to that area. Thus there were different wraps for the *Macedon Ranges Telegraph*, the *Woodend Telegraph* (from January 1978), the *Sunbury Sun* (from March 1978) and the *Kyneton Telegraph* (from January 1979). You can imagine how much journalistic hard work went into filling those wraps with local news each week. In February 1981 the names of all the papers were absorbed under the masthead of *Macedon Ranges Telegraph*.

The central name of the paper, "The Telegraph", was chosen because the Telegraph Hotel in Gisborne was known to everyone.

At the time, the Sunbury and Kyneton papers came out on Thursdays and had to be paid for but the emergence of this new competitor had its effect on them.

Kerry and Ken decided to make their paper free and were persuaded by a major advertiser, John Williamson, the owner of the Tucker Bag (now Foodworks) supermarket, to bring the paper out on Tuesdays so that he could advertise his Wednesday specials. With



Telegraph staff July 31, 1981, L-R: Barbara Jabbour, Lyn Bickerdyke, Kerry Patton, Gwen Meaker, Mary Hinneberg, Glenn Fisher, Heather d'Esterre, Jenny Smith, Dennis Manktelow, Stan Cook. Absent: Titia Steele, Gerry Brick, Ken Patton

in a few months their competitors also moved to Tuesday deliveries and, what's more, made their papers free.

Ken and Kerry soon realised they were going to need help so Mary Hinneberg and Titia Steele were taken on. Then they saw that four people needed more space than their lounge room so they rented the upstairs rooms of what is now the Brad Teal Real Estate premises in Aitken Street.

Because of some embarrassing mistakes made with their copy at the Koo Wee Rup end, Ken and Kerry decided to do their own typesetting and proofreading. They bought two typesetting machines and trained new employees, Lyn Bickerdyke and Heather d'Esterre, to use them. Dennis Manktelow was taken on as a photographer and Glenn Fisher became the sports reporter.

This proved to be the start of careers in journalism for these two young men.

It wasn't long before that space was found to be inadequate too so they bought from Jim and Wendy Lindsay the old Foresters Lodge building at 52 Aitken Street (which had been the home of the old *Gisborne Gazette*) and built an extension on the back.

The employment of new staff was essential as Ken was juggling two careers; when he put his captain's uniform on and went off flying, leadership was left to Kerry.

The hands-on assistance of Dennis and Glen became invaluable when the next step in the production of the paper



Kerry Patton holds the first '*Gisborne and Macedon Telegraph*' on the 30th anniversary of the paper in 2007.

was made: the purchase of a second hand offset plate maker. The machine could not be fitted through the rear door so part of the back wall had to be knocked down to get it into the building. Also it came with no instructions so there was a lot of trial and error learning over very late nights with everyone pitching in. This testing time sometimes saw them driving to their new printer in Geelong with both copy and plates to meet the printing deadline.

By 1982 circulation had grown to 16,000 copies and the permanent staff numbered 16, but with numerous part-timers and paper boys and girls it felt

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like "a cast of thousands". By then they had weathered six intense years. "It was like giving birth every week," laughed Kerry. Their two children, then at St Brigid's, walked down to the office after school each day and would be still there eating takeaway meals while their parents worked on.

For them as a family it had become too much. Kerry and Ken produced their last edition on November 30, 1982.

They sold the business and the freehold of the Foresters Lodge to Joe Reivers, a newspaper man who was keen to have his own paper. Joe did a very good job in maintaining the local focus of the *Telegraph* but he was tragically killed in a car accident in 1986. After that Carol Job had the paper for a short while until she sold to Fairfax.

Looking back Ken and Kerry speak with pride of providing jobs and opportunities for people. "It was a family show; it was give and take. We looked

after the staff and they looked after us."

By 1992, because of health reasons, Ken could no longer be a pilot so, with the children grown up and independent, he and Kerry moved to Hong Kong where for the next 15 years he worked for Cathay Pacific as a 747 flight simulator instructor. He retired in 2007 and they returned to their property in Black Forest Drive.

"When Kerry and I arrived back in Gisborne after our long stint in Hong Kong we were delighted to discover the *Gisborne Gazette*. It is the sort of community-focused newspaper that we believed we created with the *Macedon Ranges Telegraph* all those years ago. We see the *Gazette* as our love child," said Ken with a laugh.



The end of an era is signalled as Kerry and Ken Patton are pictured handing over to new owner Joe Reivers (at left).

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Raffle winner Barb finally gets her prize

Some projects take a bit longer to finish than others. Our longest outstanding project has no excuse (more on that later this year if all goes well), but the activity in this month's column was just a victim of circumstance – COVID!

Part of our World's Greatest Shave fundraiser for the Leukaemia Foundation last March was a raffle with first prize being lunch for two with Athol Guy at The Top of the Range Tea Rooms. Our winner,



Barb, had to patiently stand by for almost a year to claim her prize but said it was well worth the wait to get a personal insight into 59 years of The Seekers and be presented with some CDs. Can you believe next year is the 60th anniversary of The Seekers?

Barb, her lunch date Dennis and the Men's Shed very much appreciate the support from Athol and from Luke at Top of the Range. They helped us raise over \$7000 for that worthy cause.

Unless government restrictions overrule us and until further notice, we're open on Monday and Thursday mornings at 10 Lyell Street, Gisborne.

We've recently signed up three new members, why not join them?



Barb, Dennis and Athol

Cardiac rehab can make all the difference

Participating in a cardiac rehabilitation program is a critical step in a person's recovery from heart attack or heart event. However, this effective intervention is underused in Australia. Many people who could potentially benefit are not referred and are not given the opportunity to participate.

The Heart Foundation and Australian Cardiovascular Health and Rehabilitation Association welcome the use of telehealth and home-based interventions for patients who cannot attend cardiac rehabilitation, or as an adjunct to face-to-face care for effective secondary prevention.

Those recovering from a heart event frequently praise the benefits of peer support and participating in a group environment.

For more information visit www.heartfoundation.org.au

Macedon Ranges Health has resumed its cardiac rehabilitation program (Heartsmart), so if you have had a recent cardiac event and would like to participate in the program, please call 5428 0300 and leave a message for Louise Beer (Heartsmart coordinator) to return your call.

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MRH welcomes new psychologist to the team

Macedon Ranges Health is pleased to welcome new provisional psychologist Matt Clarke to the team at MRH to help deliver our affordable counselling and psychology services.

After years in Australia's airline industry, Matt took the leap to study after hours and start a career in psychology and supporting people to invest in themselves and get through hard times.

He believes getting the right professional advice at different times of your life can often help reduce months of stress and anxiety, and getting in early before they impact your life and relationships is key.

Matt has a passion for working with elderly residents going through life changes and children with anxiety and depression issues, and he is particularly pleased to also be offering support to other men. Residents can make an appointment directly with a qualified psychologist at highly subsidised rates.

To see a psychologist and receive government rebates, you usually have to go through a GP for a referral and a Mental Health Plan, but through Macedon Ranges Health's funded community health program, appointments at MRH often come between \$11 and \$20 as they are highly subsidised and calculated on annual income. Call 5428 0300 to find out more about Matt's services.



Matt Clarke



BETTY'S BOOP

With Betty Doolan

Residents have a new guest in the form of a magpie with a sore foot. The magpie arrives in time for all meals and he sits on a chair and waits as the ladies in that part of the dining room feed him little bits. He even has his own water bowl.

Recently I heard about a young girl called Hayley who is the granddaughter of one of our carers. Hayley's hair was very long so she decided to have it cut short and sent all the hair to Wigs for Kids. Along with nana, we are all very proud of you.

I was pleased that my daughter Judith came down from Queensland for a visit in February. As we had lunch and were making a list of where Judith was going to go, lockdown was announced. I was so happy that I got to see her even if only for a few hours.

While cleaning out cupboards in the Lifestyle Enhancement Program room, a variety of large books was found. This caused a lot of interest. A large poster for a 1950 washing machine was found, and it wasn't the washing machine that drew interest, but more so how beautifully dressed the lady was doing the washing.

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The genetic code for the COVID-19 spike protein has been added, so it can't cause COVID-19. When injected, it delivers genetic code instructions to produce the COVID spike protein only in our body. The body develops an immune response to fight the COVID spike protein and retains a memory (antibodies) of the COVID spike protein.

If you encounter the COVID virus after this, the body identifies it and fights it, thereby, preventing the virus from taking over your body.

Studies reveal that 62% of people injected will not develop COVID. The rest may develop COVID, but the severity is greatly reduced and will give mild symptoms only.

Phased administration

All patients will receive this vaccine at no cost. It is not mandatory in Australia. Phase 1a of vaccination has begun, but exact dates for the other phases are yet to be announced.

- Phase 1a: Frontline health workers, quarantine and border workers, aged care residents and staff
- Phase 1b: All other health workers, high risk workers (defence, police), people aged 70 and over, Aboriginal people over 55 and young adults with underlying medical conditions.
- Phase 2a: Adults aged 50-69, Aboriginal people aged over 18, other high-risk workers.
- Phase 2b: All adults aged 18-50
- Phase 3: Anyone under 18 if recommended



Dosing

Two doses are given 12 weeks apart. It is not known how long it will be effective for. It may need to be given yearly like the flu vaccine. Other vaccinations should be done 14 days before or after having the COVID vaccine. You will not test positive for COVID at a later date, if you have a throat or nasal swab.

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Sucrose
Sodium chloride
Disodium edetate dihydrate (EDTA, a binding agent)
Water

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Precautions and special cases

Fever: delay vaccine if a fever over 38 degrees is present.

Pregnancy: as a precaution, it is not routinely recommended in pregnancy. It can be considered if at high risk of exposure or certain medical conditions exist. Pregnant women have a higher rate of COVID infection and increased preterm delivery. COVID infection does not increase death or cause congenital anomalies.

Breastfeeding: The current advice is that breastfeeding women and those planning to get pregnant can have the vaccine.

Side effects

Most side effects resolve within a few days. Most will feel like a common cold. Side effects were milder and less frequent after the second dose. They were also milder and less common in adults over 65. All vaccines have a small risk of a dangerous anaphylactic reaction. Common side effects include: injection site pain/tenderness (>60%) headache (>50%) fatigue (>50%) muscle pain (>40%) fever/chills (>30%) joint pain (>20%) nausea (>20%)

DON'T FORGET MONTESSORI EASTER MARKET, SUNDAY MARCH 27

Join Gisborne Montessori School for a fun day out at their family-friendly Easter Market on Saturday March 27 from 8am until 2pm.

After the success of our Christmas Market and by popular demand, Gisborne Montessori School is once again proud to be supporting local businesses in the area by hosting an Easter Market. There will be 50+ stalls specialising in local gifts, arts and crafts, groceries, sweet treats,

food vans, face painting, GMS's animal friends and more.

There may even be a special hoppy guest making an appearance on the day.

We give thanks to the community for supporting GMS at the Christmas Market, the proceeds of which helped us to build our new library.



The organisers will be implementing all appropriate health and safety measures to ensure the open-air event will be COVID safe.

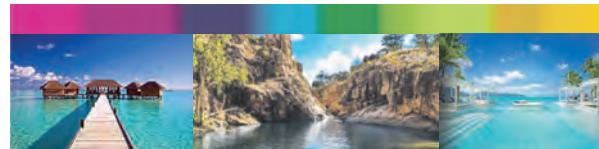
The market will be held on Saturday March 27, 8am-2pm at the school grounds, 57 Barringo Road, New Gisborne.

For event details see www.gisbornemontessori.vic.edu.au

School tours will be available on the day.

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The aches and pains of ageing

I've been doing a lot of house cleaning and gardening over the past couple of weeks and now I am hobbling around with every muscle in my body aching constantly. Getting up from the sofa is suddenly a complicated process as I try to haul my broken body into a standing position again.

I don't know about you, but in my mind, I am still in my thirties, able to leap tall buildings in a single bound, but in reality (and in the mirror), I am in my late fifties and there is not so much leaping going on any more.

But why is this so? As we age our bodies don't respond to exercise as they did earlier in our lives, and fatigue, muscle and joint aches and increased injuries seem to happen with greater frequency. Research has shown that bone density and muscle mass drop rapidly after 50. What can we do about this?

We can keep moving, making sure that we continue to exercise, though in my case, this is now more likely to be a daily walk with the dogs than a 10km run. It is also important to stretch — something that I never did in my younger days, so I'm paying the price now — and also include some resistance training to keep our muscles strong, which has been shown to reduce the loss of muscle function and to increase bone mineral density, both crucial issues as we age.

It's not all bad news, this ageing thing. We just have to manage things a little differently to ensure that we can continue to do the things that we enjoy. I'm off to do some more weeding (I'm just pretending to enjoy that!).

Take care of yourselves everyone.

Ha Ha Ha

The boss phoned me today. He said, "Is everything OK at the office?" I said, "It's all under control boss. It's been very busy. I haven't stopped to take a break all day."

"Can you do me a favour?" he asked. I said, "Of course. What is it?"

"Pick up the pace a little, I'm in the group behind you on the fourteenth hole."

An article about general health



By Julie Ireland

Survey to learn from pandemic experiences

To learn from the community's experiences during the pandemic and inform future responses, local organisations have contributed to the development of a survey.



Community groups and organisations have worked hard to connect and protect the community during the pandemic. Some of these initiatives include developing a food pantry system, targeted distribution of mental health resource packs and increasing digital connection of older residents. There are also many informal or very local support systems that have popped up.

The survey, 'Community experiences during COVID-19', is looking to engage the whole community and will be available online and via hard copy on request.

All survey participants can go into the draw to win one of two \$100 supermarket vouchers.

The survey is now open and can be accessed at www.surveymonkey.com/r/communitycovidssurvey

For further information or for a paper copy to be sent to you, please contact Rhani Dean-Talbott on 5472 5333 or email projects@centralvicpcp.com.au.

Let's talk about sex: survey on youth health knowledge

A Sex Smart Youth survey is open now until the end of March to find out the ins and outs of young people's sexual and reproductive health knowledge and their access to safe and inclusive information and services in the Macedon Ranges.

A working group of youth participants and local community, health and education organisations has created the Sex Smart Youth survey; the results will be used for the planning and delivery of local sexual and reproductive health projects and funding applications for increased services in the area.

The aim is get as many young people as possible in the Macedon Ranges to participate.

Rhani Dean-Talbott, Working Group chair and WayOut worker at Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health says, "We want to hear directly from young people on what they know, don't know, wish they had known earlier, or want to know more about when it comes to sexual and reproductive health. We're really excited to hear from a diverse range of young people as we know they hold the expertise of their experiences."

The survey is open until March 31 at www.surveymonkey.com/r/sexdmartyouth. Survey participants will have the option of going into a draw to win a prize. For more details contact Rhani on 5421 1666 or email rhani.deantalbott@scchc.org.au.

Youth video dives into sexual consent

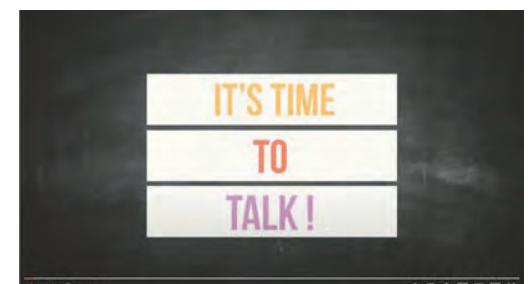
It's Time to Talk is a short video created by members of the Macedon Ranges Youth Ambassadors with support from Macedon Ranges Youth Services, the Centre Against Sexual Assault Central Victoria, and Storyland Studios. The video provides information for young people about sexual assault, consent and respect and can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/VXlhr4u43J4>.

Trigger warning – please be advised this video talks about topics related to sexual assault and consent.

For questions regarding the video please contact youth@mrs.vic.gov.au.

You are welcome to share the video safely and appropriately as per the copyright information on the YouTube page, which requires the warning and service information to be included wherever the video is shared.

If you are distressed or otherwise impacted by the content of the video please contact one of the following support services: **24 hours/7 days:** Sexual Assault



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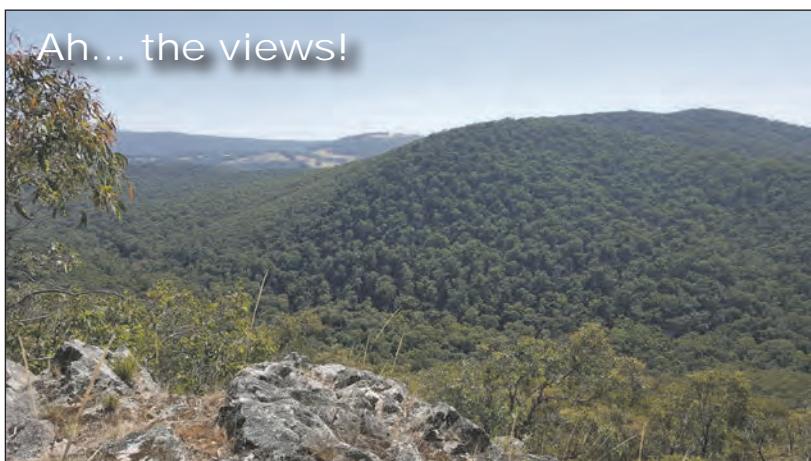
Bushwalkers motivated and ready to walk...



At the moment, actually being able to enjoy a planned walk, or having to cancel it due to restrictions, is a little like a game of chance! We feel very fortunate when we can get out on the tracks together.

For the month of March the Gisborne Bushwalking Club has four planned walks: Wednesday March 3 – Balt Camp loop in Bullarto South; Sunday March 14 – a Mt Macedon walk; Wednesday March 24 – visit to Werribee Mansion and the Rose Garden; Sunday March 28 – Barkstead loop, Leonards Hill.

For more information call



Pierre on 0417 515 468, Janeen on 0416 052 366, Nigel on 0437 715 972, or Ashley on 0490 133 656. Or check out our website: www.gisbornewbc.org.au.

Pierre Muehlheim

Local Walk No 10

Kyneton

An open, picturesque walk.
Distance: 6km
Level: Easy
Directions: Drive up the Calder Freeway to Kyneton. At the T-junction with Mollison Street, turn left towards the railway station.



Before crossing the river, turn right at the Botanic Gardens into Clowes Street and park. The walk starts from here.

Walk through the Botanic Gardens taking any path that leads in a downward direction until reaching the riverside. Keeping the river on your left, follow the path all the way to the racecourse which is the outward limit of the walk. Retrace your route to your car or, when reaching the Piper Street bridge, detour through the township, if preferred; the distance is about the same.

Note that one section of the riverside walk is closed off due to a private property, but the detour is well signposted and brings you back to the river without confusion. This is one of the easiest walks, with no hills, on easy gravel and new concrete paths.

BOOK ONLINE gisbornewbc.org.au

Gisborne Ramblers — March

It has been an interesting start to the year — La Nina producing some very wet weather this summer, resulting in some very soggy bush tracks, with water pooling in the ruts of dirt bikes and four wheel drives. Compound this with blackberries enjoying tremendous growth due to the warm wet conditions and it all makes for challenging bush walking!



Thank you to all those who responded to previous submissions and have registered for the weekly walk details. We have 70+ on the list so far, although we have never had more than 30 on any walk. The average is about 20.

Details of each walk are emailed out each Tuesday or Wednesday prior to the Friday, after considering the weather forecast.

If you would like to receive details of the walks, please email me at gisramblers@gmail.com and I will add you to the mailing list.

I have added another of our walks which you may care to try.

Charles

MACEDON RANGES
MUMMA

with Kat Buttigieg

Five short walks for kids

We are blessed with many beautiful walks in the Macedon Ranges. Here are some short walks that are perfect for little legs that adults can enjoy too.

1. Mount Macedon Memorial Cross: Drive to the top of Mount Macedon and walk out to the Major Mitchell Lookout and the Memorial Cross. The top of the mountain is stunning in any weather, as is the view.

2. Stanley Park Waterfall: Look down at this waterfall from the top or tread down some steps to enjoy it from the bottom. It won't take too long, so there is plenty of time to enjoy the playground within the same reserve. Note: make sure to supervise kids by the waterfall.

3. Metcalfe Cascades: The car park at the Cascades in Metcalfe is less than 20 metres from this glorious, noisy body of water. You may like to explore further down along the bank's trail. Be careful of little ones near the water and pack mozzie repellent. It is well worth the drive though.

4. Sanatorium Lake: Take the first entrance from Days Picnic Ground on Lions Head Road for a longer trail, or enter further up at Lions Head Road car park for a shorter walk to the lake. The kids will love discovering the treasures of this forest and dipping their toes into the lake.

5. Trentham Falls: An excellent view of these stunning falls is just a short walk down some steps and along a path. It is accessible to old and young alike and the car park has picnic tables and toilets for your convenience.

I hope you survived the short stint of remote learning and are now back enjoying what our shire has to offer. I hope to see you around in our beautiful part of the world.

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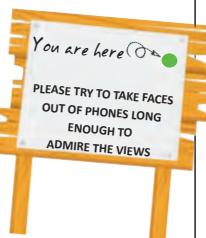
NEWS FROM THE COUNCIL



Macedon
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Help improve our tourism signs

Tourism signs play an increasingly important role in creating a positive visitor experience. If you live or work in the Macedon Ranges, or are a regular visitor to the shire, we want to hear from you. Submissions are open until 5pm Friday March 12 and Council would like to know what works well, areas for improvement and other ideas about tourism signs in the shire.



Council is also interested to hear how signage can enhance understanding and recognition of Aboriginal heritage and support initiatives from Council's Reconciliation Action Plan.

Have your say by taking an online survey at mrsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay, write, email or call us. You can also join us on one of three walking tours to discuss in person. For details go to mrsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay, or contact Christine Sullivan on 0439 610 061.

Free outdoor fitness classes

Council will be holding four weeks of free Inclusive Training in March at the outdoor fitness station in Gisborne. The director of assets and operations, Shane Walden, said classes would cater for all levels and abilities: "teenagers and seniors, as well as general classes for people wanting to improve physical and mental wellbeing. It's not only an opportunity to access free fitness training from a qualified instructor, but it's also a great way to get out and connect with other community members."

Classes are subject to COVID-19 restrictions and class sizes will be capped in order to operate in a COVID-safe manner, so bookings are essential.

For more information or to register visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/FIT or contact FIT Project administrator Bronte Wright on 0429 276 843. Everyone is welcome!

Council's website will soon host sample programs and videos for those who prefer to exercise at their own pace.

Marking a year of four-bin garbage service

It has been 12 months since the introduction of the four-bin service and residents have done an incredible job sorting things into the right bins, resulting in keeping precious resources out of landfill and reducing emissions.

Since February 2020, using the FOGO (Food Organics Garden Organics) bins, residents have saved 8492 tonnes of organic waste from landfill which has been turned into nutrient-rich compost used on farms, parks and gardens across the state. When compared with the previous year, this has resulted in a reduction of 24,967 tonnes of CO₂ equivalent in greenhouse gas emissions. This would save the equivalent emissions as produced by providing electricity to 4227 houses for one year using fossil fuels, or the equivalent saving of removing 5394 cars off the road.

The glass-only bins have saved 1973 tonnes of glass from landfill which has been used in Victorian roads and construction.

This is great news and Council would like to remind the community we can all still do our part to reduce waste and recycle more. Can you guess what the top incorrect item in the recycling bin is? Bagged recycling. Remember to put your recycling loose



Macedon Ranges residents have done well in the first year of the new garbage system. Bagged recyclables emerged as the main incorrect item in recycling bins.

in the bin as bagged recycling could send a whole truckload to landfill.

Residents can learn more about what belongs in which bin and what else can be recycled at a transfer station by viewing the A-Z guide of what goes where, on Council's website mrsc.vic.gov.au/A-Zguide.

FOGO will be rolled out to remaining townships and rural areas at the end of this financial year.



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OUNCILLOR'S COLUMN

With Cr Dominic Bonanno



I am writing this piece on Valentine's Day, as the whole of Victoria has entered lockdown (again!) and I sure hope, as you read this article, it was only for the planned five days. I certainly feel for all the elderly, mums and dads, business owners, and everyone in our community doing it tough due to these lockdowns.

For my first article, I thought I'd share my experience as a first-time councillor thus far. There has certainly been a lot to learn and the council staff have been amazing assisting us newbies get up to speed with all things council.

It has been a busy first four months. Firstly, I was excited to hear from a local nine-year-old student, Tom Gilmour, from New Gisborne Primary School who obtained hundreds of signatures from multiple schools about upgrading the Gisborne Skate Park. Following further discussions, I raised a motion at council (which was passed unanimously) to have it considered in the budget for next year.

The Macedon Ranges Youth Awards for 2020 was a subdued event due to COVID restrictions, but nonetheless exciting for the wonderful young people. I was extremely impressed by the calibre of youth in our community and will be watching their progress as they mature and grow.

Finally, I want to mention the telecommunications tower on Mt Gisborne. I understand the site is important to many people in our community, that is why I raised concerns and thought to give the applicant an opportunity to investigate other sites (in particular, Mt Aitken in South Gisborne) and potentially have a win-win situation for our community.

I have been contacted by many in the community about a range of issues affecting them and I encourage you all to engage with your council and councillors. For operational issues please call 5422 0333 or email mrsc@mrsc.vic.gov.au

If you wish to contact me, you can reach me on 0419 829 867, dbonanno@mrsc.vic.gov.au or facebook.com/domformacedonranges



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A Trip to Macedon

Edited extract from Gisborne Gazette of February 22, 1895

By 'A Macedonian'

It is just six years since, after an absence of some years from the Colony, I started from Melbourne to revisit Macedon and perhaps the few jottings I took on that occasion may interest those who are not familiar with the history of the Mount in the fifties and early sixties.

We left by the afternoon train and soon approached Riddells Creek, called after a gentleman who was a squatter in the district in the early days. The ranges appear to extend in a long line east and west and the line appears to pass over the ridge opposite to the main Mount, called Macedon, whose hill top can be seen towering some 2000 feet above the railway line, at a place the locals call Bloomfield cutting, which has a very heavy upward grade.

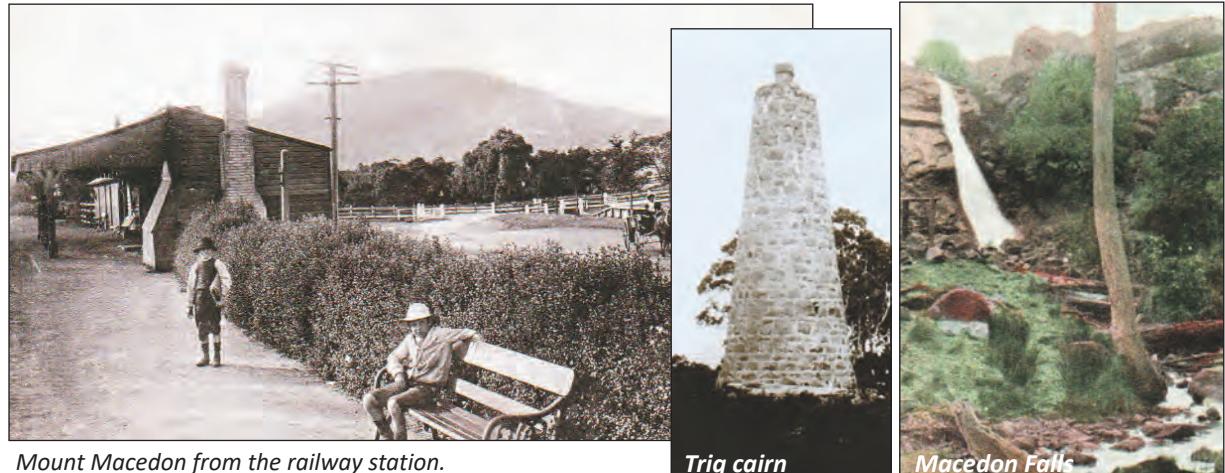
There is a capital view from here of the timber-clad hills and the beautiful villas and country residences scattered along the slopes of the Mount.

We were driven from the Macedon station up the side of the mountain. The scenery we passed through was well worth a visit. I took up my abode at a friend's house, not far from the country summer residence of the Governor and adjoining the residence of one of our city magnates, who comes with his family to reside here during the heat of the summer.

I started next morning to see the sights of the district and went down the road that crosses the Turritable Creek to see the waterfalls. Here a small stream tumbles over a basaltic cliff about 60 feet deep and the scrub and fern trees growing in the gully in which the creek meanders from the falls, are a sight to behold.

From there we started in as nearly a beeline as possible for the top of the Mount, passing en route the residence of Mr Ryan. From here we could see the city of Melbourne, ships in Hobson's Bay and locomotives steaming along towards the station we got out at. Climbing over logs, creeping through ferns and over and under scrub of all sorts of sizes, we came to a most precipitous part of the hill. Up this we toiled and struggled manfully until we could see that we were near the top. A single tree is to be seen on the top. It was left standing by the party who were sent to fell all the long timber on the highest point of the range, in order to make a clear view for the trigonometrical survey party who, some years since, defined the lines of the Colony of Victoria to make land surveying doubly sure.

On top of the Mount they had erected a stage about 36 feet high and 20 feet square. In the centre was a huge pillar of stones, which raised its head through the floor of the stage some four feet and on the top there was a hewn stone block made quite smooth and level for the use of their instruments. Upon the floor and handrail around, thousands of names and initials had been cut by various visitors who had been there.



Mount Macedon from the railway station.

Trig cairn

Macedon Falls



Mountain Meg's Hut



Alton

The sight from here was magnificent. Look which way you would – mountain, hill and plain met the eye. To the north is Mount Alexander, to the east the Plenty Ranges and to the west the Bullengarook Hill and Mount Blackwood.

The woods and valleys spread before us were a treat to see. Just across there was a mount called Towrong and to the north was Mount Diogenes, or as it is more generally known, the Camel's Hump, so called from its peculiar shape.

Not far below where we were standing we could see a garden fenced, with a residence inside and a cleared road. As the distance was not great, we made for the house that proved to be the residence of Sir George Verdon with all the grand tree ferns, pines, oaks, elms, ashes and all the native shrubs left to beautify the place and now utilised by man. The house built of wood and covered by tiles [Alton], was a credit to its owner. The bracing air, cold water and beautiful trees that were budding forth were worth all our toil to behold. Close by were the residences of Professor Strong and Mr Gordon and across the road was Professor Ellery's house, the Government astronomer.

We got on to the road here and made another ascent up towards the terrace country, our object being to see the State Nursery, just in its infancy. We jogged along until we came to the gate in the nursery fence, where the road stops. Inside, we found the trees planted are all of the pine family – oaks, beeches,

larches, cedar. I thought that if those who designed the grounds and had such trees planted, had planted some colonial pines and let nature bring her own family of the eucalypti tribe which are growing and spared the money squandered in clearing the rubbish from around such, the State would have reaped more benefit than it ever will from those planted.

Having a good look over these ranges, I saw the local timber rearing its head in various places. This in time, if protected by the State, will become valuable.

In passing the boundary of the nursery, I came across an old hut, once the residence of an old identity called Mountain Meg ... a character she was. I have heard her pass the saying that she could fight and dance with any woman in the colonies and she might have added drinks also.

Her husband was killed accidentally by a publican of the township where these orgies took place, by being pitched out one Sunday morning on to a horse trough, after a Saturday night orgy, which ultimately caused his death. Her only son died not long since upon the lower Murray at Barham. She has gone also to her long home. When one of the Governors of Victoria was up on a visit to the ranges in this part, he came across the hut and the dame and got some tea made for her. He said he would endeavour to induce the Government to grant her a piece of land where her hut stood, but nothing was heard of the matter afterwards.

To be continued next issue



Mt Macedon: Scarlett (second from right) with Aaron, Jasper, Airlie and Kirsti.



Holy Cross: Prep class buddies Oliver Davies and Paige Gaunt.



Holy Cross: Big sister Jaeda checks in on Beckham Bullen on his first day at school.



Gisborne Primary: Luke, Isabelle and Rachel Saunders.



Gisborne Primary: Frankie Medica with teacher Nicole Palmer.



Mt Macedon: Harrison Cochrane gets encouragement from mum Amy and sister Mia.

Schools' new faces prepped for learning and fun



Gisborne Primary: Isabella Byrne let her baby sister Heidi share in part of her first day.

School journey begins

293 students started their formal education at local primary schools last month and the *Gazette* wishes them the best for an exciting and rewarding journey of learning and discovery.



Mt Macedon: Jeremy and Andrew walk to school on Day 1.



Mt Macedon Primary: Alex, Evie, Claire and Rex McCulloch.



Mt Macedon: Cillian, with mum Liz and sister Finlay.



Mt Macedon: Three generations: Trish O'Loughlin, Tess Parker and Kate O'Loughlin.



Gisborne Primary: Kallee and Lawson Ruscoe.



Holy Cross: Charli Pope with his Grade 6 buddy Ben Dickson



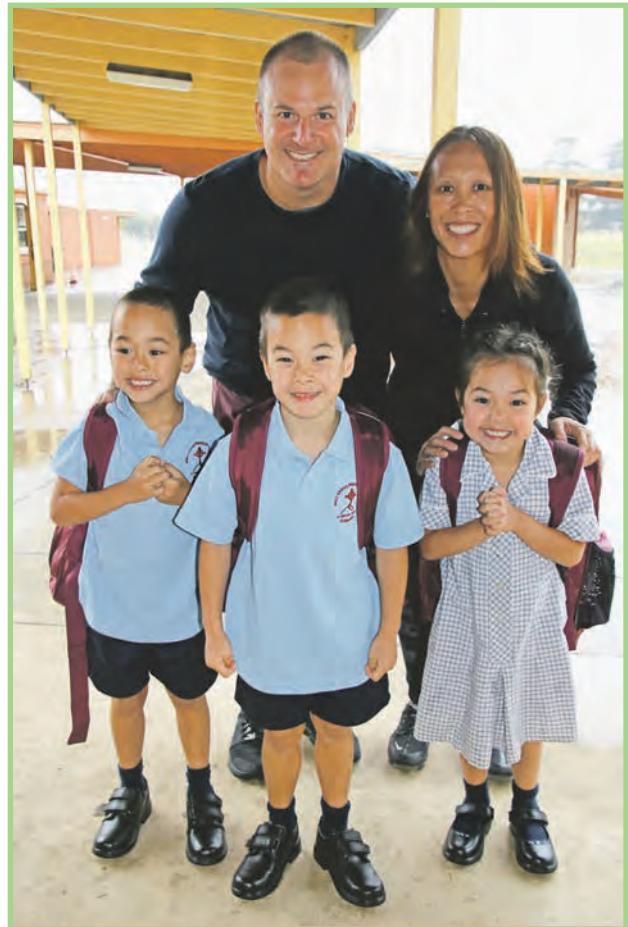
Mt Macedon: William, Alister and Natalie Richie.



Gisborne Primary: Levi and Tyson Dupre.



Holy Cross: Luca Corso holds the big frame on his first day at school.



Holy Cross has its first set of triplets: August, Hendrix and Ruby Crowley with parents Lawrence and Natalie.



Gisborne Primary: Indi and Tate Simmonds.



Holy Cross: Jack Collins gets one last cuddle from mum Sarah before going into class.



St Brigid's: Tiernan and his buddy Spencer.



Holy Cross: Scarlett Summerfield hard at work on her first day of Prep.



St Brigid's: Thomas and his buddy Jethro.



Australia Day event

GREAT hosted an abridged Australia Day ceremony at John Aitken Reserve in Gisborne on January 26, supported by the council, without the customary barbecue breakfast afterwards due to pandemic restrictions.

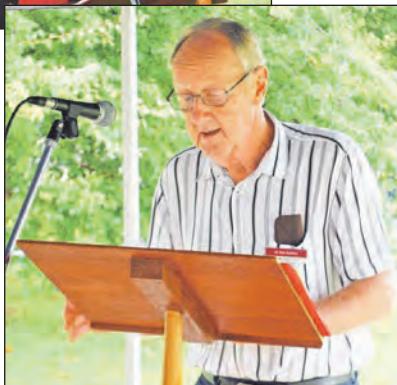
Graham Dickinson acted as MC. Engaging speeches were given by Graeme Millar, Member for Macedon Mary-Anne Thomas and South Ward councillor Rob Guthrie.

1st New Gisborne Scout Group conducted the flag-raising and GREAT secretary Deb Fleming presented MP Rob Mitchell's address.



▲Graham Dickinson was Master of Ceremonies.

South Ward councillor Rob Guthrie was one of the speakers at the event.►



GREAT News

Market still awaits permission to operate

Last month GREAT committee members looked at the area where the market is usually held and calculated the stalls allowed and, as the market needs to be "contained" they also assessed how much fencing would be needed.

However, the committee was then informed that, as Victoria is still in Public Event Phase 1 permitting only Tier 3 events (with 1000 or fewer people) to allow some standing and roaming, there is no date yet for the Gisborne Olde Time Market to return.

The committee will continue to liaise with government departments for updates. We are 100% committed to getting the market reopened, however it will take some careful planning and executing during this ongoing COVID time.

GREAT encourages new members

The AGM will be held on Tuesday, March 25 and the committee for 2021 will be elected. New committee nominees will be welcomed.



Graham Dickinson and Patsy Smith evaluate the site of the Gisborne Olde Time Market.

There are also three subcommittees within the association — Market, Tourism and Community — all needing new members with new ideas. Please come forward and nominate if you would like to join the GREAT family, you will be made very welcome.

Maxine Barker



▲Graeme Millar OAM



1st New Gisborne Scout Group after performing the flag-raising on Australia Day.

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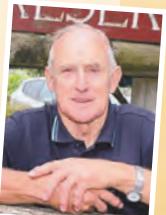
At Werribee, turn north-west
Across the Keilor Plains,
And onward up to Diggers Rest,
(Be careful of the trains).

So onward, ever upward
For what seems eternity,
Then suddenly you'll see it,
New Gisborne by the Sea.

Away there in the distance,
The sea waves lap the shore,
The beach is very, very wide,
Some sixty miles or more.

So if you make this journey,
Be as sure as you can be,
You'll enjoy the many pleasures of
New Gisborne by the Sea.

*Peter Gardiner OAM
(With the assistance of Henry, his
faithful beagle corgi cross)*



Mount Players stalwarts rewarded with life memberships

Congratulations to Richard Whiteley and Andrew Meldrum who were awarded Life Membership of the Mount Players at the AGM on February 22.

Richard became involved with the original theatre in 1976, working on the committee and acting in numerous roles over the years.

When the Ash Wednesday fire destroyed the treasured theatre, Richard became the driving force for rebuilding, working tirelessly for many years to ensure a new theatre was built.

The Mountview Theatre was officially opened in 1990 thanks to the passion and dedication Richard displayed. We cannot thank him enough for what he did. Richard continued his involvement on a number of levels and still enjoys visiting his beloved theatre today.

Andrew joined the theatre in 1991 and has been involved on and off stage since, as actor, director, producer and committee member for many years including two stints as President.

His passion, dedication and love of the Mountview Theatre runs deep.

Andrew brought his beautifully directed *Les Misérables* to our stage in 2018. We look



Andrew Meldrum and Richard Whiteley

forward to seeing *The Vortex* in November, yet another show Andrew will be directing for The Mount Players.

Karen Hunt

Join field naturalists walk on Mt Gisborne

Join the first meeting of the Macedon Ranges Field Naturalists for a walk up Mount Gisborne.

After a short discussion about the history of the site, the group will stroll up the mount to observe nature and enjoy the views.

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FOR THE GREEN THUMBS

DALY NATURE RESERVE NEWS



Pine trees are a declared weed in Macedon Ranges Shire. In accordance with the environment management plan for Daly Nature Reserve, many were removed a few years ago. Several stags (trunks) were left in place and hollows were crafted to encourage wildlife habitat. It has been pleasing to see birds and a possum using the hollows. This month, we have two photographs with and without the pines. You will see how well the native eucalypts have progressed since removal of the pines.

Unfortunately we had to reschedule a 'gardening walk and talk' with 1st Gisborne Cub packs due to the sudden COVID lockdown.

Our Friends group had a productive working bee in February and we will be back on Tuesday March 9 at 9.30am, meeting at the Scout Hall. You are most welcome to join us. Our work varies with the seasons and the improvements we have achieved are very satisfying.

If you have any queries please contact us via our email at dalynaturereserve@gmail.com

Irene Perkin



Eucalypts gain ground:
before and after the
pines were removed.



Garden Club members at the site of the Tanemahuta in Gisborne Botanic Gardens.

Garden Club to head to Daylesford gardens

In view of the most recent COVID-19 developments, the Gisborne Garden Club was lucky to be able to hold its first club meeting for a considerable time, where 36 members got together at the Jacksons Creek Reserve for a greatly missed social gathering under one of the big oak trees.

It was a brilliant day and a number of members elected to walk through the Gisborne Botanic Garden with Arthur from the Friends of the GBG, who enlightened us on the role of the Friends group and the Macedon Ranges Shire Council in developing and maintaining this wonderful asset.

It has been difficult to organise club meetings in light of the COVID restrictions and currently the club committee feels that club gatherings will be restricted to public venues for some time, precluding visits to private gardens in the foreseeable future. Consequently, it is proposed that our next club outing be at the Wombat Hill Botanic Gardens in Daylesford on Wednesday March 10 at 1.45pm, where we will meet at the gardens' café (subject to any future COVID-19 restrictions).

This will be a wonderful opportunity for members to enjoy Daylesford hospitality, followed by a leisurely walk through the local botanic gardens and a visit to the 'Friends' group nursery to maybe pick up a plant or two. We hope to see you there, and new members are always welcome.

Bernhard

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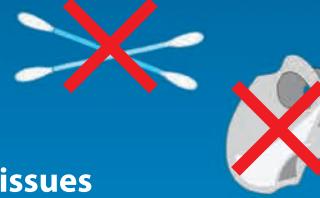
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Take care of your weeds to prevent harmful bushland escapes



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We are privileged to live in a beautiful natural environment containing many species of native flora and fauna.

Our own home gardens play an important role in supporting local ecosystems.

A huge problem for our bushland is invasive weeds. They are also a major contributor to the severity of bushfires.

Unfortunately, lots of the weeds found in our bushland are backyard escapees. Most of the time people are unaware that the lovely plant they just bought from a nursery or market is an environmental weed for the area in which they live.

Sometimes plant labels have a warning that the plant is a weed in some areas but not all the time.

Council has a booklet *Your Guide to the Weeds of Central Victoria* on its website and pending restrictions hard copies are available at shire offices. The booklet explains classification of weeds, control techniques, methods of disposal and lists many of our common weeds.

There are well-known weeds such as gorse, cape weed, Paterson's curse, serrated tussock, willows and ivy. There are also many common garden plants which people may not know are weeds such as olives, sweet Pittosporum, gazania, agapanthus, desert ash and radiata pine.

We can all play our part in reducing the spread of environmental weeds by taking the time to check if we are buying a friend or foe or by ensuring we remove seeds when they form.

Happy gardening.

Ann



Vet Talk



By local vet
Dr Caitlin
Horwood-Skelton

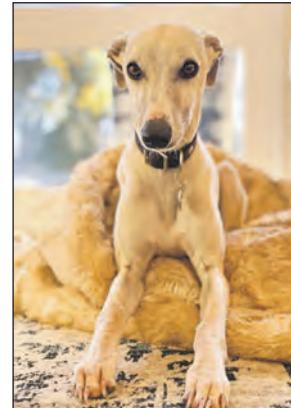
If there's one concept we have become accustomed to, in the uncertainty of the new COVID-normal, it is that of delaying the inevitable. This may include our own routine medical or dental checks, but what about your pet's health concerns? How do you know "what is urgent" when your pet cannot tell you?

Well, let's think basics: A good start is the "DrABC" of medical emergencies. Apply these to your pet who cannot speak to you: A.B.C. Airway. Breathing. Circulation...

Airway and breathing difficulties?

Dogs may pant and cough, wheeze or choke — this is a sign of restricted oxygen capacity, irritation, blockage or inflammation. You can judge this as you would for a human — if it is mild or slow onset, book an appointment "soon". If it is sudden and dramatic, get to the vet "now".

Keep the airway clear (but don't get bitten), carry him to avoid exercise



Buddha the Turtle,
Caitlin's dog.

exertion, and yes, you can do breaths into nostrils/CPR if needed, similar to a small child.

Cats are different — they may simply become quiet and subdued when they have breathing problems, which can be hard to distinguish from a normal lazy cat. If your cat seems to be visibly breathing harder, or audibly sucking in air, that may actually be an emergency. Keep her cool, with minimal stress and exertion, get her a checkup "now".

Circulation?

Think about this in terms of bleeding. Lots of blood? That's urgent. Apply gentle pressure, as you would for a human, then seek assistance.

Finally: Pain.

How do you know if your pet is in pain, if they can't tell you? I think mostly you do know. You know your pet better than anyone else, and if things don't seem right, your silent partner has their way of communicating without words.

Not eating; not playing; snappy not happy? That's pain. We need to identify that, and help them get back on track — back to "normal" whatever the human-COVID climate.

That makes every day a good day.

Is it urgent? Can it wait?

The GisBus caters for all passengers, including those who require additional support like two of our favourite passengers, Shelley and Evan, a well-known couple around town.

Evan loves riding in the GisBus which provides the two with an easy connection to V/Line rail services. Shelley gets an important bonus benefit as the drivers are also "human timetables", passing on any information related to train delays. That information almost makes up for the terrible Dad jokes regularly told by driver Tony!

As a Public Transport Service, we provide access to people with disability to participate in community life. All assistance and support animals are welcome and if wheelchair access is required, please contact GisBus to discuss your requirements prior to your journey, to make your trip as smooth as possible.

Roadworks on Station Road continue to affect all GisBus runs to and from the station so we cannot guarantee arriving at the station at the advertised times. While we make every endeavour to meet all our timetabled commitments, we recommend travellers plan for earlier trains and allow additional travel time.

One of Evan's special talents is being able to find Coca-Cola in any supermarket! One of driver Tony's is awful Dad jokes.

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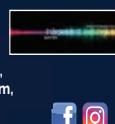
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For more information and applications visit website outdoorsvictoria.org.au/nature-stewards.

Applications close on March 21.

Improving sewage flow in Gisborne

Western Water has started to upgrade the sewer pump station in Rotary Park, Gisborne. The pump station ensures efficient movement of sewage through our sewer network for treatment at the Gisborne Recycled Water Plant.

Western Water's Chief Operating Officer, Graham Holt, said this project was important to meet the increasing demand for sewerage services in the area.

"This \$500,000 upgrade will help us manage increased sewage flow from the growing population," he said. "It will also ... help lower energy consumption, reducing our carbon footprint."

While the worksite will be fenced off, pedestrian access to the Rotary Park walking path will be maintained during construction.

The upgrade is due to be completed by April.

For more information about the project, visit westernwater.com.au/Your-Town/Gisborne



A cocky cocky

This cheeky fella nabbed some of *Gazette* photographer Chris Fleming's picnic lunch recently and dug in without a care in the world. That must be why they're called cockies!



LOCAL JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

Should you require a Justice of Peace in the southern Macedon Ranges, please contact a JP listed below to arrange an appointment.

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BRAINBUSTERS QUIZ

1. Which ancient landmark is on Salisbury Plain, Wiltshire, England?
2. Which country is known as the 'Roof of the World'?
3. SAAB and Volvo are brands of cars from which country?
4. What do the initials 'LPG' stand for?
5. What is the national animal of Canada?
6. Myanmar was previously known by what name?
7. What do you call veins, usually in your legs, that have become knotted and swollen?
8. Which two cities did the legendary US highway Route 66 link?
9. What is the Chinese gooseberry better known as?
10. Where was the original home of the Olympic Games?

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ONE-WORD RIDDLE

What nine letter word in the English language is still a word when eight letters are removed one by one?

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through this difficult time, to include mourners who couldn't attend her funeral, so they can still pay their respects.

The container of sand that Mum wanted at the door when people arrived at the funeral service has been placed at her graveside so you can insert a flower from your own garden.

We love her idea as it is symbolic of the many friendships she propagated, and all the cuttings that grow in the gardens of those whose lives she has touched.

You can visit her grave in the Anglican North section of the beautiful Macedon Cemetery. Mum suggested you bring a drink and look at the Mount as you think of the happy times you shared.

Jenni Ivins



Betty van der Wilde

Vale Betty van der Wilde

Betty van der Wilde (aka Mrs V to many primary school students) died in her sleep on January 6, aged 92.

Words seem too limiting for a rich life well lived. And I'm not even going to begin to say what she meant to all of us, who loved her very much.

Mum might have been known to you as a student or teacher at Mount Eliza Primary School. She was also a Toorak College old girl. She taught Sunday school at St James the Less, in Mount Eliza, and served on the vestry there.

In the '90s she moved to Musk and taught at Ballan, before retiring to Macedon Ranges Shire where she enjoyed much friendship from the community, genealogy club, gardening club, book club and Focus.

She regularly made floral arrangements that were sold at club meetings to raise money for research to help children with cancer. Ironically, she began her own battle with cancer during lockdown.

Due to COVID restrictions and with respect for our father, Mum's funeral was private. We adapted the funeral plans she made to help us

Join the teddy Bears' Picnic on March 21



Did you know that Ross Watt Children's Hall was established in 1913 by Mrs Blanche Ross Watt, one of the state's first elected female shire presidents, for the children of New Gisborne?

What a wonderful incentive and how inspiring that this tradition should continue today!

New Gisborne Playgroup would like to invite all members and non-members to come along to our Teddy Bears' Picnic Open Day on March 21, from 10am to noon, to see how the Ross Watt Children's Hall is still catering for the children of New Gisborne and beyond.

Bring your families, a picnic, and a fluffy little best friend. There will be fun activities from treasure hunts to arts and craft.

Your kids will also have a blast playing with the variety of toys the Hall has to offer and exploring the indoor and outdoor playspaces.

Our Open Days are a great opportunity to come and check out our wonderful facilities, meet some



Bring your favourite fluffy friend to this special event.

local families and appreciate the legacy of Mrs Ross Watt! The hall is at 252 Station Road, New Gisborne.

*Isabella Easton, New Gisborne Playgroup Committee
newgisborneplaygroup@gmail.com*

JOKES AND RIDDLES

Doctor, doctor, I feel like a pair of curtains!

Oh, pull yourself together.

If at first you don't succeed, don't try sky diving.

Why did the baby biscuit cry?

Because its mother had been a wafer too long.

Doctor, doctor, I keep thinking I'm a dog.

Well, lie down on the couch and I'll see what I can do.

But I'm not allowed on the couch.

What do you get if you cross a sheep with an echidna?

An animal that can knit its own jumpers.

What has four eyes and one mouth?

The Mississippi.

A ham sandwich walked into a pub and asked for a drink.

The barman said, "I'm sorry. We don't serve food here."

My dad's just bought some horse manure to put on his rhubarb.

How gross! We have custard on ours.

JUNIOR QUIZ

- 1 What is the only inland Australian capital city?
- 2 On which date do we observe ANZAC Day?
- 3 What is the green pigment in plants that gives leaves their colour?
- 4 In which year was the Disney film *Frozen* released?
- 5 Who were the first climbers confirmed to have reached the summit of Mount Everest?
- 6 Who wrote *The Cat in the Hat*?
- 7 Oranges and lemons are examples of what sort of fruit beginning with "C"?
- 8 What is the name of the galaxy we live in?
- 9 Which form of wrestling is Japan's national sport?
- 10 A writing instrument comprising a wooden tube with a graphite and clay core is called a what?

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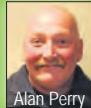


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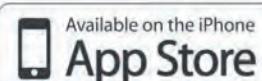
Our much-loved Physical Education teacher, Mrs Elaine Plowman, retired at the end of last year. Without end of year concerts or assemblies we had to think outside the square to show Mrs Plowman how grateful we were of the time and effort she put into the sports program at Holy Cross as the only sports teacher since the school opened!

So, on her last day at Holy Cross, students presented Mrs Plowman with medals they had made at home, each with a special thank you message. She couldn't fit them all around her neck!

We would like to thank Elaine from all of our school community, past and present, for encouraging our children to enjoy their sport and try new things. We wish Elaine all the best for her new adventures and hope that she can now find time to enjoy her sport too, even if it is just watching it!



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Meet Gisborne Primary School captains for 2021

Ruby Ruscoe

- Gisborne Primary School stands for Responsibility, Personal Best, Resilience, Caring and Respect. I'm Ruby Ruscoe, and as Gisborne Primary's school captain, I believe in these school values. In my first week of being a school captain I showed these values by helping the preps settle into their classrooms. I enjoy hosting our school assembly, and helping the principal and teachers in school. I get to be part of the school's decision making which is an important job. As a school captain I embed my helpfulness throughout my schoolwork, in the yard, and through the wider school community.



Chloe Wright

- Hi, my name is Chloe Wright and I'm one of the four school captains at GPS for 2021. I applied for this role because I know that I can help our school. I hope my positivity can encourage friendships and communication within the school. I'm very excited to be a school captain because I know that I can help the pupils of GPS feel comfortable and confident.



Tom Mousley

Hi, I'm Tom Mousley. I'm a creative, outdoors person who adores dogs and loves playing sport. I wanted the role of school captain because I enjoy having responsibilities and I wanted to have practice in a big leadership role for the years to come. I'm also looking forward to making some positive contributions to GPS in my last year of primary school.



I would like to make the new students feel welcome and safe in their new learning space at GPS. I wish to be a good role model towards younger students and help them have a positive mindset throughout their school journey.

Harry Hilgert

Hi, I am Harry. I applied for school captain because I thought it would teach me a lot. It would give me opportunities to be more responsible and to help me with being on time and overcoming my slight fear of public talking. I am excited about this role because I know not everyone gets a leadership role and I was lucky enough to get it. We have already filmed one assembly and it was great fun! I am excited to do more.



Professional service vouchers available for businesses

Business affected by COVID-19 are encouraged to apply for vouchers of up to \$1000 for professional services.

Funded from Macedon Ranges Shire Council's COVID Recovery Budget, up to two vouchers of up to \$1000 each can be applied for by local businesses that wish to engage professional services based in the Macedon Ranges. Eligible services include accounting, legal advice, marketing, strategy/business planning, grant writing or human resources.

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New Gisborne Primary leaders spread positivity in new roles



New Gisborne Primary School's 2021 student leaders are a dynamic and committed group of young people who are set to represent our school with dedication and enthusiasm.

Caitlin: I am really looking forward to representing our school at public gatherings.

Alice: I'm excited to represent our school at the Leaders Conference in Melbourne.

Matilda: I'm looking forward to paying my respects and laying a wreath on behalf of the school at the ANZAC Day ceremony in Gisborne.

Connor: I'm looking forward to embracing my role as a leader and taking on extra responsibilities.

Max: I'm looking forward to showing future parents and students around our school where they'll be able to see our buildings and new oval.

George: I'm happy I can be a role



New Gisborne's 2021 leadership group, with absent member Jack inset.

model to other students, especially to the youngest members of our student community.

Oscar: I am looking forward to the public speaking part of our role, such as hosting school assemblies each week.

Each of our school leaders, in-

cluding Jack who was absent for this interview, have shown themselves to be responsible and mature in their new roles.

We look forward to seeing them represent our school; both in New Gisborne and out in the wider community.



Hayley Fisher



I am writing this from the comfort of home as we start a five-day lockdown. It has been a great start to the year being able to be back in the classrooms and reconnecting with students and teachers.

We started off with year level assemblies, completing introductions and answering any questions and queries. Next, Hamish and I were invited to speak at our year 7 information night, which was a great experience; getting to share my journey through GSC and highlight how important it is for students to be involved in other areas of school apart from core subjects.

It was awesome speaking to new parents and answering any questions that they had, and how their kids can best get involved and make the most of their schooling adventure. We sat down and had our first captains' meeting with all the other captains (sports captain, sustainability etc); it went really well and it was great hearing everyone's ideas for their area of the school.

I am very excited for the coming months and what we will be achieving. Hopefully the rest of the year goes to plan, but whatever happens I know students and teachers of GSC will adapt and give the year their best go.

Hayley Fisher

Hamish Nicoll



I hope everyone is enjoying 2021 so far. It has been a busy start to the year for us students back at Gisborne Secondary College with all the new Year 7s finishing their first weeks of high school, settling in, and getting the chance to spend a day at Funfields Theme Park.

Half of the Year 9s have begun the RAID program which builds resilience, confidence and independence through a variety of incursions and excursions.

It's a joy to be back in the classrooms and renewing friendships. Many of us year 12s have already sat our first outcomes for the year. More exciting things are to come this term including our school swimming carnival which is always a big day for the school – and the Year 12s have a tradition of getting dressed up in wacky, wonderful and creative costumes to provide a bit of entertainment and motivation for the competitors; inter-school sports such as cricket, tennis and volleyball will also be available for the students to participate in.

The organisation and planning for this year's school production, *Mamma Mia*, has begun and students from all the year levels get the chance to participate in the production.

Wishing all our staff and students a successful year.

Hamish Nicoll

St Brigid's super swimmers!



On February 5, the St Brigid's students took buses down to the Gisborne Aquatic Centre, where their annual swimming carnival was held.



Summer



Abi

Everyone was brave enough to participate in most of the events and novelty games, while enjoying themselves.

At the end of the day there was a teacher versus year six race.

The teachers won by a lap, but it was all just fun and games.



Olly and Maya get into the spirit of things for Team Brigid.

All the students had a fun time swimming, playing or just watching the races. We would say the day was a big success!

The preps had fun at their first swimming carnival, and the year

sixes had fun on their last.

We would like to say good luck to all the students who are going to interschool swimming.

Summer Busby and Abi Phegan
Year 6 Reporters

College commends 2020 students on handling of COVID challenges



In what we all know was an unprecedented year of change and disruption, our Class of 2020 demonstrated resilience and strength of character.

They have been rewarded with solid VCE results and first-round university offers.

Congratulations to our College Dux Ben Geiger. Ben has accepted an offer to Monash University studying a Bachelor of Global Studies. The course includes a funded overseas experience to Asia. Ben is passionate about social issues, such as human rights, and would like to undertake a leadership role in studying international relations.

GSC is proud of its expansive curriculum, catering to all student needs and pathways. This is demonstrated in the journeys our 2020 Year 12s have or are about to embark upon.

We have examples of students taking on apprenticeships in electrical, carpentry and plumbing fields, and accepting offers in programs such as conservation/land management, law, primary education, marine science, nursing, animal biosciences, human resource management, information technology, osteopathy, performing arts, design art, social work, sport science and engineering at universities such as James Cook in Townsville, LaTrobe in Bendigo and Melbourne, the University of Melbourne, Deakin and Federation University.

We wish them all well and look forward to their remaining connected with the college community as alumni.



Gisborne Secondary students visited the croquet club's 'Come and Try Day' on February 10, perhaps discovering a new sport at Dixon Field: Frankie Wallace, Timothy Lewis, Noeline Richardson, Edie Marshall and Henry Matthews.

Guides' focus is 'standing together for peace'



Gisborne Girl Guides were excited to be able to meet again at the Hall after spending Term 4 undertaking activities in the John Aitken Reserve.

This year we welcome Hollie, Zara and Madison who have joined us to try out Guiding. If you are aged 8 to 12 and would like to try Guiding, phone Deb on 0409 542 619 for details. We meet on Thursday nights between 5pm and 6:30pm.

The theme for term one is based on the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) Thinking Day badge 'Stand together for Peace'. The girls will consider what peace means in our community and undertake activities that ask them to consider how they can 'Stand Strong, Stand Up and Stand Together.'

In exciting news, WAGGGS, along with the World Organisation of the Scout Movement (WOSM), have



Alice, Victoria, Sara and Emily measure the snake they made using one sheet of a newspaper.

been nominated for the 2021 Nobel Peace Prize in recognition of their outstanding contributions towards creating a lasting culture of peace in their communities for more than a century.

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Scenes around town



▲ Aldi is nearing completion judging by this picture snapped on February 28.



▲ As one construction site packs up another one opens: Excavations have started for Middendorp's new shop on the corner of Hamilton and Prince Streets, Gisborne.



▲ View west from Ross Watt Road on the afternoon of Sunday February 28. When you know it's a burn-off so doesn't carry as much fear factor, smoke clouds can be quite spectacular to watch. But they're always a good reminder to be fire ready.



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News from 1st Gisborne Scout Group

All sections of 1st Gisborne Scouts are glad to be back into Scouting for 2021. We are now allowed back into the Scout Hall, using COVID-19 precautions to keep everyone safe.

Having said that, a lot of our activities are 'out and about' this term. Scouts from the Ross Watt troop experienced caving at Britannia Creek, Yarra Junction. The evening's activity was organised by the highly trained scout adventurous activity caving team. All the scouts were trained in the safety aspect of caving, learnt the essential knots and had a great time.

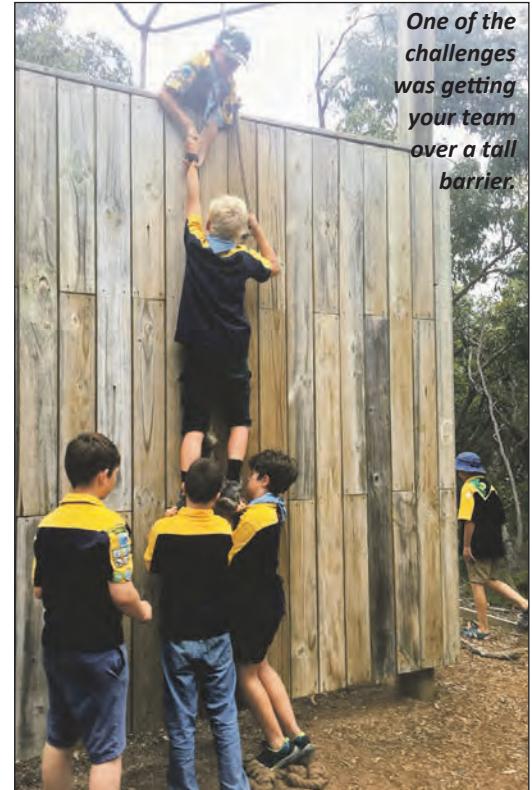
The Joey section started off the term with a 'Back to Basics' night, going over what scouts is all about (lots of fun!) and celebrating 'World Carrot Cake Day' with a carrot cup cake for each Joey. We then had a Chinese New Year themed evening making Chinese lanterns and dragons and played some Chinese games. Other activities planned for the term include a walk at Mount



Gisborne Scouts after caving at Britannia Creek, Yarra Junction.

Macedon, a 'Messy Mud' night, learning some fun facts about kangaroos and a bike ride around the Jackson's Creek Reserve.

If you would like to see what Scouting has to offer, please email registrar@1stgisborne.com.au
Carolyn Goode (Assistant Joey Leader)



One of the challenges was getting your team over a tall barrier.

New Gisborne (Church of Christ) Scout News

As the 2021 Scouting year unfolds we remember our Law and Promise, living out "love thy neighbour". Our thoughts and prayers continue with those on the COVID frontline and essential workers in all sectors.

We are very proud of how our young Scouting members handled 2020, many learning new skills along the way.

We closed 2020 with a wonderful night's canoeing and we are planning hikes and camps in 2021 in the Macedon Ranges and beyond.

The first of our long-awaited camps was the weekend of February 19-21 at Scouting's "Noonameena" bush campsite near Lauriston. Next is a Scout and Venturer Beach Camp at Anglesea.

Just before Christmas we paid the deposit on the Scout Hut with CV sheds in Kyneton. Construction is planned for later in Term 1. All contributions to help fit out the hut are welcome – and tax deductible. The Scout Hut will be central to the post-COVID rejuvenation of Scouting in and around New Gisborne.

We've had a number of Joeys (ages 5-7) "go up" to Cub Scouts so we have a few vacancies.

Contact Group Leader Skipper (0450 922 787 johnfrearson@mac.com) to learn more about New Gisborne Scouting and the fun and challenges ahead with Joeys, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers.

Pictures, from the top: Cub Scouts Tori and Callum prepare dinner in "Woody's Hut"...

...making hungry Cub Scouts run up the hill to devour them...

...followed by stories around the campfire.



Anglesea camp a hit for all ages at Macedon-Woodend

Thirty Cubs and Scouts of Macedon-Woodend Scout Group had a great camp at Eumerella Scout Camp in Anglesea in February, supported by leaders and a host of parent helpers.

Arriving after dark on the Friday night, putting up tents was an adventure, made more challenging by the brisk weather and hungry mosquitoes. But the Cubs showed their mettle and settled in for an active weekend of outdoor activities including a ropes course, hiking, surfing and kayaking.

All the fresh air and activity made for big appetites and one parent commented that they had never ever seen their child eat that much for dinner!

The group's March calendar includes the official launch of the newly merged Macedon-Woodend Scout Group, biking, canoeing at Nursery Lake, a visit to the historical society and preparation for Cuboree in the Cub section.

For more information or to join the fun, visit macedonwoodendscouts.com



Scout leader Simon Walliss has a go at the rope course.



Macedon Musings

With Belinda Carlton-Doney

Well here I am with my first column for 2021...and back in lockdown, albeit only five days. Makes getting out and about just a little difficult. Luckily the weather is fantastic, the cafes still open (yay, caffeine fix) and our IGA still full of essential supplies. (Wine anyone?)

As the dog gets yet another walk around the block, we stop and admire the new "Annie's Hall" mural on the Macedon Railway Hotel that appeared towards the end of last year.

So, who is Annie? The hotel has named its dedicated band room after Annie MacPherson. Annie was the publican of the Macedon Family Hotel, beginning in the early 1900s. She held the licence for 43 years, making her one of Australia's longest-serving female publicans – a fairly amazing career for any woman.

Early last century, it wasn't unusual for a female to own a business or be granted a publican's licence, but just imagine....women had only been granted the right to vote in federal elections in 1902 and in Victorian state elections in 1909. Not a time of gender equality! After her long ownership, Annie sold the hotel in March 1950, sadly passing away in October of the same year, aged in her 70s. She was laid to rest in the Macedon Cemetery.

Check out the Macedon Hotel's website, macedonrailwayhotel.com.au, or look them up on Facebook or Twitter. There are loads of big names and amazing artists coming our way, to perform in Annie's Hall. See you all there.



New mural at the Macedon Railway Hotel.



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Amazing adventures of fly fishers

Given the opportunity before the brief February lockdown, club expeditioners ranged near and far fishing for trout, cod, even carp. We were also briefly able to resume fly tying evenings, with Mike van der Graaf proving an ace instructor showing us some new techniques.

Chris Schrueder and Rod Kennet did well in north and north-east Victoria. Chris caught a gold tagged



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prize winning brown trout.

After his share of cod fishing, Ben wrote he thought he had "Covid". He explained his love for fly fishing for native fish as: "Some kind of obsession that drives me to walk into giant spider webs and cast thousands of times. I need to hear the bleeps of a surface fly and to kick the heart into gear with a BOOF."

Kieran managed to snag a nice size "sewer salmon" (ie carp) in Western Victoria after a battle with the current. Mick float tubed many kilometres in Lake Purumbete to disappointingly only catch a redfin. Andrew Lipkewycz trying to get a good size carp in a western suburbs pond attracted the attention of a watcher on the shore; who called out waving his arms, "There's no trout there!" Andrew responded he was after carp, pointing to a fish tail in the water, only to be warned about a 1.5 metre Eastern Brown snake in the vicinity. Andrew responded he had already been chased by the snake, writing later, "Yeah, was a bit scary!"

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

Louis Bokor



Mick Budija enjoys fin kicking in Purumbete.

Meet us under the oaks in Gisborne...

As COVID assembly restrictions eased and 2020 faded, members of the Macedon Ranges Ulysses Branch (MRUB) started to meet more frequently and in greater numbers over January and February; within the rules of course.

Saturday morning tyre-kicks under the magnificent spreading oaks of Brantome Street were enjoyed by increased numbers of members, with these and other occasions also being attended by new and prospective members keen to check out their local Ulysses branch.

Through February we held the Redesdale/ Heathcote Saturday lunch ride with 15 riders, plus the Nangambie day ride with 20 – and of course our weekly "Wednesday Warrior" rides which kept the art of last-minute destination spontaneity alive and well!

With thanks to our hard-working organising committee, MRUB continues to host great rides with healthy numbers, new wheels being tested and good times had by all. Despite the snap mid-February lockdown, new rides and rescheduled social events are now back in the calendar.



MRUB Lunch at Heathcote. Picture: Vicki Cronin

So come join our friendly and welcoming club as it ramps up activities for the rest of 2021. Our updated Ride Calendar can be found at www.mrub.org.au or join us on Facebook for the latest news.

And please, stay safe and stay upright.

Cherry Cole

Have your say on draft Economic Development Strategy



Macedon Ranges

Shire Council

for our business community and those seeking education and training."

Consultation is open until 5pm Friday March 26, and is your opportunity to influence what is included in the draft strategy.

You can provide feedback either: online at mrsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay; at a drop-in session and workshop to be held in Gisborne on March 23, or in written submissions to PO Box 151, Kyneton 3444.



Gazette photographer Chris Fleming's fingers moved quickly last month, capturing highs and lows on local grounds.



Gisborne netball tryouts, January 31



Glenn Boyd: Gisborne White v Gisborne Red, February 6

Emily McDonald: Friday U17 Girls, Gisborne v Riddells Creek, February 5



Nathan Hynes bowls under the watchful eye of umpire Sam Brown: U17 Gisborne v Bacchus Marsh, February 21.



Daniel Trevilian ends his run: Gisborne v Riddells Creek, February 6



Oscar Schnoor: U17 Gisborne v Bacchus Marsh, February 21



SPORT IN PICTURES



The shout was hopeful,
but it was...
Not out!
Gisborne v Trentham,
February 21



Batter Matt Barake: Gisborne v Trentham, February 21



Bad luck for Elise Pemberton: Friday U17 Girls,
Gisborne v Riddells Creek, February 5



Mal Walsh: U17 Gisborne v
Kyneton, February 6



Brook Grumont: Gisborne v
Bacchus Marsh, February 21



Brian Carr: Gisborne Bowling Club Red v
Gisborne White, February 21



Jordan Brewer: Gisborne White v Gisborne Red, February 6



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AROUND THE GROUNDS



Call on for senior and junior female footballers

The Gisborne Football Netball Club is looking for women aged 18+ who would love to play Australian football. No experience necessary.

The Gisborne Rookies Junior Football Netball Club are also searching for girls aged between 10 and 17 who are interested in playing the great game of AFL this year. We will be fielding an Under 13 Girls, Under 15 Youth Girls and Under 18 Youth Girls sides.

With the exponential growth in the sport, now is a great time to get involved in AFL football and be part of a strong club culture that focuses on enjoyment, learning the fundamentals of the game, teamwork and building quality relationships.

For more details, please contact Darren Mitchell on 0412 335 554 or email d.mitchell7@bigpond.com

Macedon Football Netball Club news

Early February saw the return to full training of Seniors, Reserves, and Under 19.5 football players. Senior football coach Alistair Meldrum is happy with the numbers turning up for training at Tony Clarke Reserve on Monday and Wednesday evenings at 6pm.

Netball trials were held on February 8 and there was a good turnout of players vying for spots in all grades. Training has begun at New Gisborne MRNA Courts: Thursday C Grade 6-7.30pm, A and B Grades 7-8.30pm. Saturday 10am-12pm.

If you are keen to be involved in any way, as a player, volunteer, member or supporter please contact Andrew on 0488 363 222 for information.

The club's fundraising raffle is still open and will be drawn on May 2. First prize is a Toyota Hilux valued at \$64,990. Tickets are available online at macedoncats.com.au or by calling 0488 363 222. Only 3000 tickets are being sold.



President Andrew Dick sells raffle tickets outside the Trading Post, Mount Macedon.



Training prior to lockdown 3.0 (since resumed).

Gisborne Masters back on the field

2020 was a season of interruptions for many sports. Masters Football was no exception with only the one practice match played last year.

The club is looking forward to Season 2021 with great excitement, and is seeing solid numbers at training each Wednesday night at Sankey Reserve.

Club President Cam Gamble said it was very positive seeing new and returning players each Wednesday night at training, and after a stressful and challenging year of COVID interruptions, it was more important than ever for men to have an outlet to help with both their physical and mental health.

"We encourage any men aged 30+ who would like



to come along for a run, regardless of their current fitness and experience, to give it a go. We are an open, family friendly club and it's a great way to meet others in the local community. It really is all about 'Footy for Fun'."

If you are interested, feel free to make contact with the club, or drop down to Sankey Reserve at 6.30pm Wednesday for a chat or run.

The club trains all year round, with a barbecue dinner each week following training.

info@gisbornemastersfc.com
www.gisbornemastersfc.com

Jezza scores hole in one

The absolute highlight of the past month was a hole in one by Jeremy Clare on the par three 16th hole which emphatically handed him victory 3 and 2 in his match-play round against Dave 'Rock' Hudson.

Thanks to Jezza for hanging about to absorb the plaudits and congratulations of members and cover the cost of his bar shout.

A number of major events have been decided since the new year began. Matt Willis won the play-off for the December Monthly Medal, Mike Hoiles' nett 64 won him the January medal, Dr John Dawson won the February Mug o' the Month on countback from the club's unluckiest golfer, the Walrus, both returning 38 points.

We were delighted to welcome back Terry Penney to the Wednesday Gentlemen's competition after a number of weeks' absence

from the greens. Returning with a +12 Par Bisque score clearly indicated the layoff has not done him any harm at all.

Recently we were made aware of a mention of 'Our Hidden Treasure on the Mount' by the Your Golf Show's January 21 podcast presented by Andrew Daddo and golf pro Paul Gow. A couple of visitors had heard about the course on the show and decided to desert the metro clubs for the beauty of the Macedon Ranges.

We continue to welcome new players on a pro rata membership basis as well as green fee players seeking a relaxing round on a picturesque and challenging course.

You can find course and membership info on our website at www.mtmacedongolfclub.com.au or go to our Facebook page for updates.



*Look what I found! My first ever hole in one.
A great day for Jeremy Clare.*

Walrus



Fiona Walker (President MRTA), Phil Bush (SGTC) and Peter Bertoncini (Tennis Victoria).

Club stalwart rewarded with service award

Well deserved was the Highly Commended Service Award presented to Philip Bush by Peter Bertoncini from Tennis Victoria recently – congratulations, Phil!

Phil was recommended for the award by the MRTA'S current President, Fiona Walker, in recognition of his five years as MRTA President, 10 years of coordinating Thursday night comp and South Gisborne Tennic Club delegate. He was also President of the SGTC for five years.

Phil has a passion for tennis and although he has not been on the tennis court due to injury, he keeps ringing and filling teams to play in the MRTA competitions. A valued member of the SGTC, Phil always gives his time voluntarily while putting in countless hours in his professional career. Thankyou Phil.

Congratulations to Macie on being a ball kid at the Australian Open this year.

What's new? Ladies social hit Tuesday nights at 6pm started in February. Contact Sharon on 0411 116 811 for details. South Gisborne has a team playing in the female MRTA Wednesday comp. Club Championships are to be played in March. Monday night social plays at 7.30pm. Everyone welcome.

For any information, contact southgisborne.tc@gmail.com or visit www.tennis.com.au/sgtc



Trials and tribulations of Petanque Club

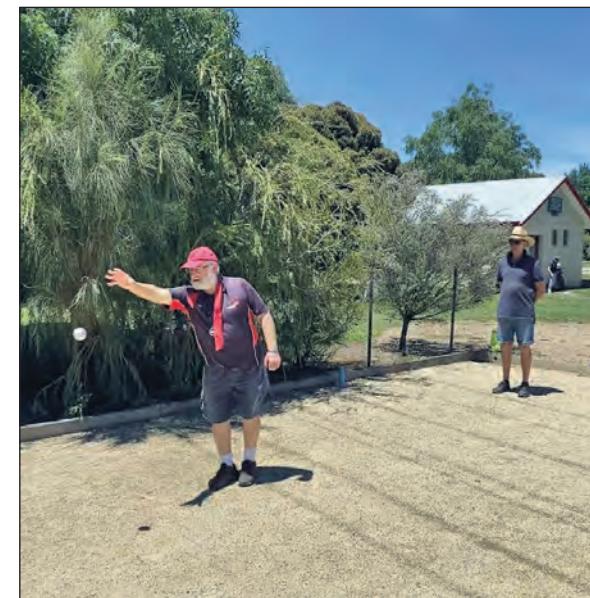
The Gisborne-based Mt Macedon Petanque Club members were busy practising for and looking forward to their first tournament for over a year when the event had to be cancelled due to their heat policy.

This was really disappointing in what has been a very mild summer. The event had been planned for January 24 but the predicted temperature was the club's cut-off temperature of 36 degrees. It is hoped that a new date may be found for the event.

If it's not the weather, it's COVID that's causing cancellations. A few members had planned to go to Apollo Bay for a tournament on February 13 and 14 when the state-wide five-day lockdown was announced.

The club is keen to attract new members and is pleased to be generating interest from the community with several new people attending practice. Interested people can drop by the club's playdays. New players are given friendly instruction and guidance in technique, rules and etiquette. Grounds are behind the Caltex Service Station in Gisborne.

Playdays are held on the second and fourth Saturday of the month starting at 10am and finishing around 1pm (subject to current COVID restrictions).



Terry Hunter plays a shot while Paul Fox looks on.

During daylight saving, midweek sessions are also held every Wednesday from 4pm to 6pm (weather permitting). To register interest, please go to our website: mtmacedonpetanqueclub.weebly.com

Alison Kinghorn

Cricket for all grows in Gisborne

After delays due to COVID, it is great to see two really special parts of the Gisborne Cricket Club get going.



Our Modified for Inclusion (M4I) program for kids with a disability is underway and is proving a big hit for all involved. It's on at 10am each Sunday at Gardiner Reserve.

The Master Blaster and Junior Blasters are also back in action for kids aged 5 to 10 and is proving again to be a terrific program to get children into cricket and active in a fun, safe environment.

Both of these important programs were formally recognised with awards by Cricket Victoria last year and it's easy to see why.

Andrew Headberry



2021 FOOTBALL and NETBALL REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN
We encourage all past and new members to register, especially the following age groups:
U11 Netball (born 2010/2011)
U9 Football (2012/2013), U11 Football (2010/2011), U13 Football (2008/2009)
www.gisbornejaintsfnc.club

Football just around the corner

Registrations are open for the Gisborne Giants Football Netball Club season 2021. Players in all ages groups are encouraged to register via the website, www.gisbornejaintsfnc.club



Those members are Karli Greene, Kellie Spry, Zachary Dunn, Neil Wyatt, Josh Doolan, Belinda Doolan, Carolyn Hocott and Christine Garvey.

Special thanks to outgoing president, Stephen Shaddock, outgoing treasurer, Dave Kelly, and outgoing committee member of many responsibilities over the years (including writing this column), Lisa Fowler.

They have contributed so much to the club over a long time and now it's their turn to relax and just play tennis. The club looks forward to lots of great tennis and events in 2021.

Liz O'Connell, President

Macedon Tennis Club reopens with enthusiasm



Committee members Carolyn Hocott, Liz O'Connell and Felicity Jacobson at the Australian Open last year

The February snap lockdown meant the club had to close its courts and cease all social play, coaching and competitions temporarily. But play resumed enthusiastically on February 18 much to the relief of tennis lovers in the Macedon Ranges!

An extraordinary AGM was coincidentally scheduled via Zoom during the lockdown to vote in the new committee members. Liz O'Connell was elected President, Felicity Jacobson Secretary and Junko Mishima Treasurer.

The club is looking to ramp up membership, social tennis and sponsorship in 2021 as well as continue to build on the competition program for juniors and seniors, so seven other committee members were voted in and allocated specific areas of responsibility.

Riders enjoy new equine discipline

Gisborne & District Riders Adult Riding Club (GDARC) has enjoyed a significant growth and now has over 90 members.

Riders at GDARC and Gisborne Pony Club are enjoying much improved facilities. Not only were the long-awaited new clubrooms completed at the end of last year, a number of new yards and a new gateway have been built. The gateway provides much safer access to the grounds by allowing trucks and horse floats to remain off the main road while opening and shutting the gate.

The new washbays built as part of the clubroom renewal have been further improved with the addition of hose booms through a Sporting Clubs grant from the Department of Sport and Recreation. The hose booms prevent accidents by keeping the hoses from getting tangled in the feet of horses and handlers.

The cross-country course has also had a major facelift thanks to Gisborne Pony Club which held a Cross Country Festival over January and February with clinics and several competitions.

Gisborne & District Adult Riding Club amalgamated with the Macedon Ranges Working Equitation Club at the end of last year. Working Equitation is



Riders contemplate the Stockpen obstacle in Working Equitation.

a relatively new international discipline which combines the fundamentals of dressage with the precision of riding through various obstacles. The Working Equitation Rallies held by GDARC are very popular. The February rally included Working Equitation classes with Olympic rider Georgia Bruce, and jumping and poles classes with Amanda Mitchell.

The next rally will be held on March 13 with Em

O'Connell providing dressage instruction and Jen Mainland providing instruction over jumps.

Gisborne Adult Riding Club welcomes riders of all levels.

See our website www.gisbornedarc.com.au and the GDARC Facebook page for club information. Day Membership is available for those who want to come and try.

THE CHURCHES



St Brigid's Parish news and Easter services

Children's Liturgy

St Brigid's Parish is reviving the Children's Liturgy, starting Sunday March 7 at 11am Mass.



Children's Liturgy gives families an opportunity to attend Mass where parents and children comprehend the Word of God at their level. Under an adult leader, the children gather and are guided through a child-friendly version of that Sunday's gospel. Parents remain with the congregation and can concentrate on hearing the Gospel and relevant homily.

After the creed, the children return and continue to celebrate the liturgy of the Eucharist with their parents. For more information, contact Jayne O'Callaghan 0427 855 471 or Madeleine McCormack 0412 301 618.

Lenten Reflection Program 2021

The Lenten Reflection Program started on February 18 and meets every Thursday at 7pm. For those interested please call 5428 2591.

Sacramental Program 2021

Parents wanting to enrol their children (from Government/Independent schools) in the Sacraments contact St Brigid's on 5428 2591.

Our Journey to Easter

Tuesday – March 30: *Tenebrae – Service of Light into Darkness*, St Brigid's 7pm.

Wednesday March 31: *Communal Service of Forgiveness*, St Brigid's 7pm

Holy Thursday – April 1: *1st Rite of Reconciliation*, St Brigid's 9am (or at an agreed time on personal request); *Mass of the Lord's Supper*, St Brigid's 7pm

Good Friday – April 2: *Stations of the Cross*, St Brigid's 10am
Celebration of the Lord's Passion, St Brigid's 3pm

Holy Saturday – April 3: *1st Rite of Reconciliation*, St Brigid's 9am (or at an agreed time on personal request)
Easter Vigil, St Brigid's 7pm

Easter Sunday – April 4: Mass at St Ambrose Riddells Creek 8am; Mass at St Patrick's Macedon 9.30am; Mass at St Brigid's Gisborne 11am.

Due to restrictions and space limitations, please call 5428 2591 or email gisborne@cam.org.au

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Growing together or living apart?



Borders shut, lockdowns, quarantine hotels – some of the words that have become dearly familiar to us. They speak of separateness, of isolation from others.

Members of the Uniting Church congregation, like the Gisborne community in general, have missed the easy and constant interaction with others. And there could be more viral hiccups in the months ahead. Yet there are strengths to be found.

One of these comes from lifting our local gaze to include those in other states, in other lands. Each week our newsletter contains a section titled Social Justice. It indicates that care and concern for others is not only expressed in contributing to food and shelter but also in being 'part of the solution'.

This can include helping to fund leadership programs for young people in the Pacific, supporting them as they challenge big nations over pollution of their seas and land.

It certainly can include writing to our own governments about any decline in overseas aid funding or taking the advice of Amnesty International or our overseas church contacts in supporting prisoners of conscience.

As we enter the period of 40 days of Lent, we remind ourselves that there's little virtue in giving up eating chocolate as an act of self-denial but instead we can learn of the impact of our love for this item; it comes at a cost to poor farmers and child labourers.

This time last year we did not yet know much about a fast-spreading bug. Now we do. But so does the whole world and we are indeed 'all in this together'.

Janet Wood

Mount Macedon Uniting Church



A vibrant congregation continues at the iconic Uniting Church on the Mount after 167 years despite wars, depressions, bushfires and pandemics.

The baptism of Sebastian Bellchambers, postponed due to COVID, was a joyful occasion on February 21. Morning tea to celebrate was enjoyed afterwards by family, friends and our members.

Worship is celebrated on Sundays at 10.30am. We are pleased to have Rev Lorraine Saultry as our supply minister, especially leading into Easter.

The Men's Group meets on the first Tuesday monthly at 10am at the church. On March 2, David Liebich will be speaking about his 45 years in the aviation industry.

Several men from outside the congregation regularly participate so anyone can attend.

The Thistle Club ladies meet on the last Wednesday each month at 2pm. Their next meeting is on

It's all about hope



Throughout the annual period of looking back at our lives, this Lent period is certainly one that presents challenges. With all the uncertainty that it brings, this current period of the pandemic provides an exciting juncture for reflection.

Lent is a time of prayer, good deeds, self-denial and renewal. The 40 days of Lent, plus the six Sundays, lead us to the Sacred Three Days (Triduum) of Easter.

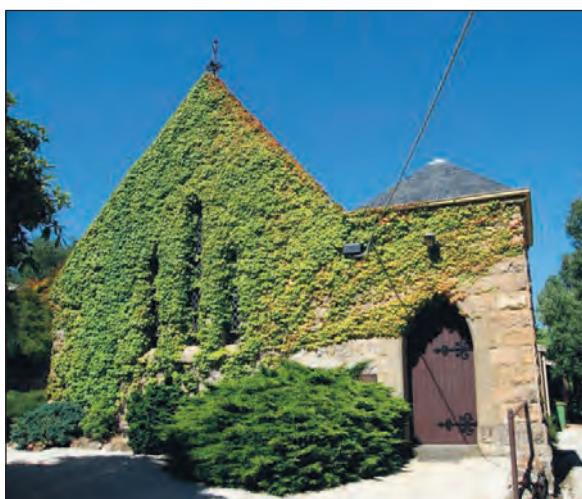
Because as a Church, we are 'Easter people', we know that as we follow the story of Jesus' passion and death, the story is complex and has a happy ending.

For many in the community last year, they are still in the Easter Eve situation of not seeing that new day of wonder and restoration. They are still waiting. They are still hurting. They are waiting for the dawn of a change for the better.

The journey through Lent is a time of renewal and hope. It leads to a place in which all our lives can once again begin in joy and hope.

May your journey through this month keep you focused on the hope that is to come. You are welcome to journey with any of our Churches towards Easter.

Fr Dennis



The ivy-covered Mt Macedon Uniting Church

Wednesday March 31 with a visit to Stanley Park and the waterfall before adjourning to the church hall for afternoon tea. This is also an ecumenical group of ladies.

Everyone is welcome to join in these regular activities.
Neil Tweddle, 5426 2045

St Paul's Anglican Op Shop

We had a great opening day on February 3. We welcomed back our many customers from last year but within days we returned to lockdown.

But we are now back in business – for how long, no one knows! We are only permitted to admit up to 12 customers into our shop at any one time and management wishes to thank customers for their understanding.

We have made a few changes at the front of the Op Shop. The large red clothing bin and the two smaller bins have been relocated closer to the sorting shed for easier access when emptying the bins. We appreciate it when people place their clothing donations into bags prior to depositing them into the red clothing bin.

We are also moving with the times. You can now use EFTPOS for transactions over \$10.

People wishing to donate food items to the Gisborne Foodbank can do so by using the container just inside the front door of the Op Shop. These food donations are regularly passed on to the Foodbank.

Graeme Millar 0413 781 501

Faithworks Christian Church

In the last half century, doctors have come to understand and emphasise the correlation between mental and physical health. Yet King Solomon gave us these four proverbs from a few thousand years ago:

- (1) *'A peaceful heart leads to a healthy body; jealousy is like cancer in the bones.'*
- (2) *'A cheerful look brings joy to the heart; good news makes for good health.'*
- (3) *'Kind words are like honey—sweet to the soul and healthy for the body.'*
- (4) *'A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a broken spirit saps a person's strength.'*

There are a number of things that affect our health that we may not consider. Jealousy is one that gets mentioned in a proverb to be like cancer to the bones. That is quite profound and if you find yourself jealous, remember the above words and that it isn't doing your health any favours.

Also, a cheerful look/nice persona towards people as well as kind words bring joy to the heart and are sweet to the soul.

I hope these wise words from King Solomon can ring true to you when you may find yourself in a place that is unhealthy to your mental and physical health. <http://faithworksc.com.au> or find us on Facebook

Darren Farrugia



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YEARS AGO**

MARCH 1921

Visitors to the Region — Lord and Lady Stradbroke, with members of their family, have been staying at Mt. Macedon during the Easter holidays. Government Cottage in the Macedon hills is beautifully situated, and the surrounding country is of a most artistic nature and should favorably impress the vice-regal party from Stonnington with the charms of the Victorian countryside. Lady Stradbroke shares with her husband a love for the country and she is seldom happier than when out with her horse in the healthy country air.

New Appointment for Macedon — After having filled the position very satisfactorily for three years, Miss A. Lockhart, Matron of the Gippsland Hospital, is about to resign, having accepted a lucrative appointment as Matron of a large Girls' Boarding School at Macedon.

Auctioneer's Notice — For private sale within 30 miles of Melbourne, 3000 acres of subdivisional land. All fine grazing and agricultural land with double frontage to the Macedon River in blocks from 500 to 750 acres. Property is situated right of the Railway Station and has some magnificent rich banks that will grow onions or potatoes.

Beautifully watered and as time goes by, the property will grow into a tremendous amount of money. The boundary is wire-netted and the position is equal to anything to be found around Melbourne. Price from £9/10 to £10/10 per acre.

Trip to Gisborne — The Councillors and officers of the Melton Shire, accompanied by their lady friends, sped over the hills on Wednesday morning, with Gisborne as the goal, to engage with the local Shire representatives in a friendly game of cricket. After a very pleasant run, the five motor cars conveying the Meltonians drew up under the great oak trees in front of the Mechanics' Institute. In the delightful shade of the trees were the Shire Councillors of Gisborne and their lady friends. After the necessary introductions, all adjourned to the Telegraph Hotel, where a delightful lunch was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Power.

The serious business of the day however was cricket and the match duly began in the presence of a brilliant assembly of interested spectators on the famous "island", so justly celebrated as one of the charms of beautiful Gisborne. A rule was made before starting that any player making 20 runs must then retire. The final outcome of the match was a win for Melton Shire by 3 runs but it was anybody's game towards the close.



WHAT'S ON REGULAR MEETINGS

New members always welcome

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
FRINEDS 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	Gisborne Uniting Church
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 (Gisborne)	First Thurs 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
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)	Tues fortnightly, 6.45 for 7pm	Wine O'Clock, 50 Aitken St (book 5428 4483 by 1pm Mon)
ROTARY (Macedon Ranges)	1st & 3rd Monday	Baringo Food & Wine
RUNNING GROUP	Tues & Thurs 6pm, Sun 8am	Gis Aquatic Centre
RSL	1st Mon 2pm	Gis Golf Club 5428 2233
SENIOR CITS (Macedon)	Tues 11am	Tony Clarke Res
SPINNERS & FIBRE GROUP	Wed 12 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 sdggome@patash.com.au

KYNETON TOWN HALL SHOWS

Live shows are back!

Friday 30 April 30, 7.30pm: 2021 Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow

Friday March 26, 7.30pm: Grigoryan Brothers - Past, Present & Future

Friday May 7, 11.30am - Australian Blues Brothers 21st Century Tribute Show

Sunday June 13, 7.30pm: A Taste of Ireland—The Irish Music & Dance Sensation

Tickets via mrsc.vic.gov.au, [1300 888 802](tel:1300888802) or kthtickets@mrsc.vic.gov.au

Book early to avoid disappointment.

Baringo Film Club

The Baringo Film Club is back with three screenings per week.

Screening times: 3pm Wednesday
3pm and 7pm Saturday

The program for March 2021 is as follows:

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Film</u>
March 3 to March 6	Truth (2015)
March 10 to March 13	Suzi Q
March 17 to March 20	Portrait of a Lady on Fire
March 20 7pm	Pirates of Penzance (rescheduled)
March 24 March 27	Rams
March 31 to April 3	The Gentlemen

For membership details see www.baringofilmclub.com

KIDS QUIZ ANSWERS

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| 1. Canberra | 6. Dr Seuss |
| 2. April 25 | 7. Citrus |
| 3. Chlorophyll | 8. The Milky Way |
| 4. 2013 | 9. Sumo wrestling |
| 5. Sir Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay | 10. A pencil |

BRAINBUSTERS ANSWERS

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| 1. Stonehenge | 6. Burma |
| 2. Tibet | 7. Varicose veins |
| 3. Sweden | 8. Chicago and Los Angeles |
| 4. Liquid Petroleum Gas | 9. Kiwi fruit |
| 5. The Beaver | 10. Olympia, Greece |

ONE WORD RIDDLE ANSWER

STARTLING

Take away L: **STARTING**

Take away T: **STARING**

Take away A: **STRING**

Take away R: **STING**

Take away T: **SING**

Take away G: **SIN**

Take away S: **IN**

Take away N: **I**

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