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Gisborne Primary School children have been learning to understand emotions, with the help of Kimochis.

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## Kimochi kids

Brodie Giddins, Nate Grove, Rubi Kennedy and Maya McDonald with some of the school's Kimochis.

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## From the Editor's desk

Believe it or not, it's already April.

With most clubs back in action, the first footy and netball season starting in over a year, autumn's beauty unfolding around us and attracting visitors and new events, plus Anzac Day celebrated in new ways, April promises to be full of emotion. It therefore seemed fitting to have the Gisborne Primary students learning about feelings on this month's cover.

To capitalise on the many seasonal visitors to the area and encourage people to explore more of the Macedon Ranges, Council and local businesses are putting on the inaugural Macedon Ranges Autumn Festival this month. There will be special events and features for all to enjoy, including autumn street parties in Gisborne and Macedon. See page 6 for details available when the Gazette went to print, and where to find more information on the festival.

Warwick McFadyen's gentle autumn reflection on the same page introduced me to Eva Cassidy and she has kept me wonderful company while editing this edition.

Due to pandemic event requirements, there will not be a public Anzac Day ceremony on Mount Macedon or in Gisborne this year. I hope our Anzac Feature on pages 19-21 gives you the opportunity to recognise and appreciate the extraordinary contributions servicemen and women have made for Australia and all Australians. Thank you to Bryan Power for his Anzac profile on Jody Scoble and to local psychologist Jan Field for her insightful article on military service and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). I find there is always something to learn around Anzac Day.

A new Police Beat column starts this month and I thank Leading Senior Constable Rick Janssen of Macedon Police Station for providing the first edition.

With so much on again, this month's *Gazette* is chockers and I am out of space.

Happy reading,

Corinne

## A MINUTE WITH MAXINE

Kath Bamford has been delivering the *Gazette* for 14 years.

She was born in Mont Albert, in inner-eastern Melbourne, and has four brothers. When one of her brothers had his 21st birthday, Kath, at 15 years of age, invited a friend named Colin along. Six years later, in 1965, Kath married Colin in Surrey Hills. They have a daughter, two sons and five grandchildren.

They lived on a 10-acre property in Bullengarook and Kath was involved in the local community.

Colin, "a builder of homes to live in, not houses", built a home in Macedon for one of their sons. When they went there for dinner one night, their son said his daily commute to Melbourne was tiresome, so Kath and Colin moved into the house instead. Kath enjoys the peace, quiet and many trees that surround their home. Her favourite season is autumn.

Kath likes walking and reading and volunteers

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The *Gazette* was delighted to be able to resume its tradition of doing the initial layout of the paper at a local school in March. See page 26 for this month's crew.



Fourteen-year delivery veteran Kath Bamford.

at the Anglican Op Shop. She does three exercise classes a week and enjoys catching up with friends. Tuesdays are her RDO!

The highlight of 2021 so far has been the marriage of her eldest grandson, James, in early March.

Maxine Barker



Patsy Smith receives the kind donation from Beverley Durham, of Baringo Film Club, last month.

## Donation to Gazette

Beverley Durham of the Baringo Film Club recently presented *Gazette* advertising coordinator Patsy Smith with a donation of \$100 to thank the paper for printing "What's on at the Baringo Film Club" each month. See page 39 for this month's local movie listing.

Any funds received from advertising, sponsorships or direct donation that are left over after the *Gazette* pays its costs are held in a community fund for distribution back to the community.

## 'Special' Gisborne backs Ibbby's shave

Three businesses on Aitken Street joined forces in March to raise \$3178 for the Leukemia Foundation.

Motivated by stories his sister has told him about her work at the Royal Children's Hospital, Ibrahim (Ibby) Nasba of Gisborne Fish Shop signed up for the World's Greatest Shave shortly before the deadline. Hairdresser Courtney Sanfilippo from nearby Green Envy agreed to do the honours and then Ben Murray of Soprano's joined the team.

Ibby was blown away by the support he received from the local community.

"The Gisborne community is something else. We planned it pretty late and anywhere else it wouldn't have been much, but here we put it up and customers, businesses and the whole community got behind it right away.

*Ibby half way through his shave...Visit the Gisborne Fish Shop to see him fully shaved.*



*Courtney Sanfilippo of Green Envy starts on Ben Murray...*

*...Ben done, Ibrahim (Ibby) Nasba to go...*

Gisborne is special like that," he said.

Although a bit embarrassed now, Ibbby said the shave was worth it, "[Leukemia] doesn't discriminate, and especially kids shouldn't have to deal with that." A picture of a local child with Leukemia posted on Facebook with thanks from the mother touched his heart and strengthened his commitment to the cause.

Ibby plans to organise a bigger and better shave event next year.

## CFA to collect for Good Friday Appeal

The CFA is pleased to say we will be back to collecting in person for the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal this year!



Keep an eye and ear out for us on Good Friday as we will be door-knocking homes throughout town to raise money for such an important cause.

A number of collection tins are at various businesses around town including Gisborne Village Homewares who have been a big supporter of the CFA for a number of years.

Gisborne's Good Friday Appeal Ambassador Lt Mark Carter said Gisborne Village Homewares had raised thousands of dollars by offering free gift wrapping.

"On behalf of the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal I would like to acknowledge and thank Gisborne Village Homewares for their support over recent years," Mark said.

The Virtual Tin is up and running again for those who will be away or will not have the time to donate in person.

You can donate anytime online at [www.virtualtinshake.com.au/fundraisers/MarkCarter](http://www.virtualtinshake.com.au/fundraisers/MarkCarter)

*Bevan Moody*

## Local soil begets award-winning vineyard

Bullengarook vineyard Place of Changing Winds has won a newly established national award for Best New Vineyard.

The organic, densely planted vineyard was named among four winners in the Young Gun of Wine inaugural 'Vineyard of the Year' awards last month.

Place of Changing Winds was established by Robert Walters, part owner of wine merchant Bibendum Wine Co in Melbourne.

The founder of the Young Gun awards, Rory Kent, said that by taking the focus to place of origin and how the grapes were grown, "these awards seek to shift the awareness of wine from a manufactured beverage to a distinct produce of provenance and culture".

Place of Changing Winds was selected from 50 finalists nationwide. The name is a translation of the Wurundjeri word 'warekilla' – 'place of changing



*Picture: Adrian Lander*

*Place of Changing Winds vineyard at Bullengarook.*

winds' and reflects the vineyard's elevated situation at Bullengarook. Planting began in 2012.

The other categories in the awards were Best Old Vineyard, Groundbreaker, and Vineyard of the Year.



*Gisborne CFA volunteers Jordan Whitefield and Sandra Barrotta with Vikki Williams of Gisborne Village Homewares.*

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The 2020-21 Committee of the GREAT Association. Back, from left: Lynda Wenzcel, John Frearson, Dorothy Murray (Treasurer), Graeme Millar. Front: Patsy Smith (Vice-President), Maxine Barker (President), Deb Fleming (Secretary).

## News from GREAT Association

The GREAT Centre in Hamilton Street has reopened from 10am – 3pm most days. The Gisborne Olde Time Market remains closed until further notice. It is proving very difficult to contain the market area and with the requirement to have one marshal per one hundred people, we would need many more than we could supply, due to the many visitors to the market each month.

GREAT sponsored the Macedon Ranges Music Festival and the four tickets we received were donated to the Foodbank.

GREAT President Maxine Barker delivers four Macedon Ranges Music Festival tickets to Foodbank.



Maxine Barker



The delayed AGM for the financial year ending in June 2020 was held on March 24. Special mention was made of Phyllis Boyd, who has retired as Market Manager; a huge thank you to Phyllis for all her hard work, commitment, passion and drive to hold a very successful market each month for many years. We wish Phyllis and Ian all the best for the future.

Graham Dickinson stood down as a committee member and we wish him well in his future endeavours.

The rest of the committee will remain until the next AGM, which will be held later in the year.

## Author finishes fantasy book trilogy

Karlana Kasarik, who lived in the Macedon Ranges for 10 years, recently published the final book of her *Stone Keepers* trilogy for readers aged 9-13, titled *Stone Keepers – The One*.

Growing up, Karlana loved to read and to write her own stories. When it came to finding books for her four kids, she, like many others, found that many pre and early teen books had depressing themes. So she decided to write a modern “classic” fantasy adventure set between two worlds with talking animals, mythical beasts and a little bit of magic. Karlana’s gorgeous book covers were created by her long-time friend, Kate Walsh.

The main characters are young teenagers who are thrown into an adventure which is at times distressing and challenging but also astonishing and exhilarating. With little help from adults, they must find a way to resolve things before time runs out.

Pre-COVID, Karlana ran sessions at several local and Melbourne schools aimed at inspiring students to take their writing to the next level. With schools now open again for incursions,



Karlana Kasarik holds her new release with cafe owner Saad at the Corner Cafe, Gisborne, where her trilogy is for sale.

she hopes to encourage more kids to write and have fun creating their own amazing stories.

Although she now lives closer to Melbourne, Karlana is still involved with the Mount Players and volunteers weekly at St Paul’s Op Shop.

All three books are available at the Corner Cafe, Gisborne; the Trading Post, Mount Macedon; New Leaves, Woodend; and Aesop’s Attic, Kyneton.

## Rider picks up a rare honour



J'Aime and Irish Gem

Riddells Creek Pony Club is very proud of senior riding member J'Aime Malton for obtaining Pony Club Australia's highest and rarely achieved A Efficiency Certificate. J'Aime has represented both Victoria and Australia in competitions and was last year awarded PCV 'Best Achievement by a Rider 18 to 25 years'.

Obtained with her horse Irish Gem, J'Aime was required to show her training and riding ability in flat, jumping, lungeing and long reining, as well as demonstrating a high standard of knowledge and management, over a two-day assessment. J'Aime was presented with her A Certificate by the president of PCV at the Pony Club of Victoria State Showjumping Championships in Benalla at the end of February.



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## Gisborne growing pains

Some residents of Gisborne have been dismayed to see two homes in Cherry Lane going up for sale together.

The properties are being marketed together in Melbourne by real estate company Area Specialists as an 8900-square-metre residential development opportunity.

Neighbours getting together to sell their properties happens in capital cities from time to time but has not occurred in Gisborne before. Home owners are perfectly within their rights to do so.

Other home owners in Cherry Lane do not argue with their neighbours' rights to sell their properties as a package, but do want the Council to ensure the planning system prevents what they view as inappropriate high-density development subsequently taking place on the site. The situation reflects the current wider debate in Gisborne over changes proposed in the Gisborne Futures draft planning strategy.



### GISBORNE GOSS

Congratulations to *Gazette* photographer Chris Fleming for his success at the Victoria Police and Emergency Services Games held in Geelong on March 17-21. Chris won the men's singles in his age group and was runner up in men's doubles and mixed doubles for his age group.

Gisborne Old Cooks' Club congratulated their oldest member, Eric Thornton, in March on being the first of them to reach 90. Eric wasn't up to blowing out 90 candles so the staff at Canteena last month provided him with an easier option.



Eric, fourth from left, holds a single-candle celebratory cake at the Old Cooks' Club morning tea.



Bank manager Sarah Barton (left) with scholarship recipients Nicole Brideson, Shannon Kelly, Madison Galea and Isobelle Watson.

## Community bank gives \$20,000 in scholarships

Four local students keen to make their mark on the world each received a \$5,000 Community Bank Gisborne & District University Scholarship in March to help them start university study with less financial stress.

Nicole Brideson is passionate about justice and gender equality and started a Bachelor of Global Studies and Law double degree at Australian Catholic University. Madison Galea embarked on a Bachelor of Science/Master of Education Graduate Package at Melbourne University with the goal of becoming an inspiring secondary school maths teacher. Shannon Kelly began a Bachelor of Environmental Science at RMIT and hopes to work in a field-based role where she can impart the most change. Isobelle Watson started a Bachelor of Criminology and Law double degree at Deakin in Burwood.

The bank branch has now provided 17 university scholarships and encourages local Year 12 students intending to attend university to plan to apply for a 2022 university scholarship later this year.

### ANZAC DAY SERVICES

The RSL advises that no public Anzac Day service will be held at Mount Macedon or Gisborne this year due to COVID compliance difficulties. The nearest public service will be held at the Woodend RSL at 12.30pm.

A members-only service will take place at the Gisborne Cenotaph on Anzac Day morning.



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# EXPRESSIONS OF AUTUMN



Melbourne residents Joyce Zhang (right) and Hannah admire the autumn colour on Macedon's Honour Avenue on March 18. Joyce took a day off work to visit our area – because the weather forecast was good and to avoid the weekend crowds. "After lockdown, it's important to reconnect with nature and with people, and we can do that here," she said.



Contrasting beautiful autumn colours are highlighted in these pictures of a robinia (above) and Honour Avenue's oaks.



## Macedon Ranges holds inaugural Autumn Festival

Council and local businesses are encouraging out-of-towners and locals alike to get out and about in our beautiful Macedon Ranges this month.

The inaugural Macedon Ranges Autumn Festival is being held from March 27 to April 26 with a range of events, activities and specials at local businesses.

Look for the Autumn Festival leaf decal or poster in the windows of shops and venues participating in the festival.

Street parties will be held in five towns in the shire in April, including two in the South Ward.

**Gisborne Autumn Village Twilight Street Party**, to be held on Friday April 9 from 5pm to 10pm, will feature outdoor dining, roving performers and artists, night markets and extended retail trading. Aitken Street will be partly closed for the event.

**Macedon Autumn Village Street Party** will be held on Saturday April 17 from 11am to 5pm and will feature a stage truck with entertainment, outdoor



dining, and roving performers and artists. Victoria Street will be partly closed for the event.

During the Autumn Festival, Honour Avenue, Macedon, will be closed to visitor traffic between Mount Macedon and Waterfall Roads from 9am to 5pm on weekends and public holidays.

**For a full listing of Autumn Festival events, go to [www.visitmacedonranges.com](http://www.visitmacedonranges.com).**

## REFLECTIONS

with Warwick McFadyen

T.S. Eliot was no internationalist. Despite the universality of his masterpieces, his imagery was of the time and place he inhabited. Fair enough. Expecting him to have written about, say Gisborne of a century ago, is as silly as expecting to hear J Alfred laughing at his own jokes.

So when Eliot wrote "April is the cruellest month, breeding/lilacs out of the dead land, mixing/memory and desire, stirring/dull roots with spring rain", he wasn't thinking of the southern hemisphere, but of his own neighbourhood.

Still, some on this side of the earth may see April as a cruel time, falling as it does in the middle of autumn, when the earth starts to cool and the leaf on the deciduous tree takes its leave from the branch.

Despite the increasing sense of summer lingering more into the traditional turf of autumn, now is the start of the turning. It has begun among

the lovely grounds of Gisborne. It is my favourite season. The sun does not strive to burn, the wind does not conspire to bend shapes out of form or to carry fire across the paddocks.

The light in autumn falls on different angles to the other seasons. It has a mellowness to it, and a blurring of the edges before the harsh, sharp and cold touch of winter.

It can also inspire the creator and the interpreter.

There are many poems on the season, but the merging of the human with the natural is perhaps most beautifully heard in Eva Cassidy's rendition of the jazz classic *Autumn Leaves*. The song has been recorded more than 1000 times, from Frank Sinatra to Miles Davis, but Cassidy's version, accompanying herself on acoustic guitar, is unsurpassed.

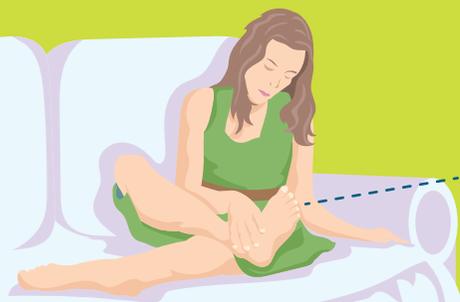
Her performance – captured at a supper club in 1996, the year she died of cancer, aged 33 – can be heard on YouTube. When she sings "I miss you most of all my darling/When autumn leaves start to fall" you can hear the melancholy of the season, the timbre cracking in her voice.



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Lions Clubs around Australia collect about 500,000 pairs of used spectacles a year. Donated glasses are delivered by Australia Post to a central Australian Lions Club cleaning centre at no cost. The glasses are then distributed around the world, at no expense to recipients, through humanitarian groups and service clubs.

Donation of any spectacles are most welcome. The Gisborne & District Lions Club have collection boxes at Hardys UFS Pharmacy in Brantome Street, Gisborne, and the Gisborne library. The following businesses also provide glasses to this project: Simon Leong Optometrist, Gisborne Optical Centre and Merrington Optometry.

A big thank you to the local community for your great response to the article last month in providing used postage stamps to Lions with the proceeds directed to the Lions' children's mobility program. Your ongoing contributions are greatly appreciated.



Russell Walker OAM (Lions President) and Alison Roan (Lions Member and UFS pharmacist) with a drop-off box for glasses.

## Gisborne Foodbank welcomes new manager

Wow, it's April already. This year the Gisborne Foodbank said farewell to our first manager, Anita, who has stepped down to spend a bit more time with her family.



New manager Lara

We are very grateful to Anita for setting up the Foodbank operations and for her huge heart as she has helped so many of our community members visiting the Foodbank since we opened in June 2019. Big shoes to fill!

Lara has taken on the manager's role and is doing a great job



managing the day-to-day operations of the Foodbank. She has been volunteering at the Foodbank since last year so was able to hit the ground running when we reopened in January.

Lara and our other awesome volunteers are here to help if you or anyone you know needs assistance putting food on the table.

The Foodbank is open on Wednesdays and Fridays from 10am to 3pm.

Please contact us on mobile 0492 850 520, email [info@gisbornefoodbank.org.au](mailto:info@gisbornefoodbank.org.au), drop in on Wednesday or Friday, message us via Facebook (@GisborneFoodbank), or visit our website ([www.gisbornefoodbank.org.au](http://www.gisbornefoodbank.org.au)).

Julie Ireland

## Rotary golfers on a fairway to success



The Rotary Club of Gisborne conducted its annual charity Golf Day on Friday March 26. Held at the Gisborne Golf Club for a number of years and run in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Strathmore, this annual event raises funds for community projects as well as providing a fun day for more than 100 golfers.

This year's event, originally planned for late January but postponed due to a terrible weather forecast for that day, raised approximately \$8000 for community projects in Gisborne and Strathmore.

After a free sausage (or two) plus some fruit to sustain them, the intrepid golfers trekked off to do battle with the course. From all reports, another successful and enjoyable day was had by all with a few golf balls won in prizes to replace the few lost in the bushes or the water!

Gisborne Rotary Club thanks our many sponsors. Some of the funds raised will be used to provide a community Christmas lunch at the end of the year. We ran one last year for 100 local residents and



Lynne Robinson and Noeline Richardson hold the fort on the 'BBQ hole' at the Rotary Golf Day.

agreed with the golf club to make it an annual event.

For those not familiar with Rotary, we are a group of average local people who meet for friendship, a glass of wine and to raise funds for community projects. If you would like to see what we get up to, why not come along to one of our meetings? Call secretary Noeline on 0426 500 516 for details.

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## POLICE BEAT

This month, from Macedon Police Station



Leading Senior Const Rick Janssen

Hello to everyone. It is that time again when our beautiful area receives large numbers of visitors as the autumn leaves change colour.

I have spoken with and met Council and interested parties in relation to the influx of visitors to Macedon and Mount Macedon. A traffic management plan will be in operation every weekend from March 27 to late April. Please be patient during these times and vigilant to the extra pedestrian and vehicle traffic in these areas.

Honour Avenue will have 'No Stopping' signs erected and will be a 40kmh zone for this period. There will be several open gardens along Mount Macedon Road so be aware of parked vehicles and pedestrians.

In March a Bendigo man was detected speeding at 146kmh in a 110kmh zone on the Calder Freeway. He received an infringement notice, was fined and received a three-month licence suspension. A Melbourne woman was detected speeding at 117kmh in an 80kmh zone. She was already suspended from driving and will be summonsed to appear at the Kyneton Magistrates' Court at a later date.

On this note, the speed limit along Black Forest Drive from the Macedon freeway exit roundabout to High Street, Woodend, has been changed to 80kmh and is being enforced.

A friendly reminder to keep sheds and gates locked as there has been some activity from thieves in the area, especially on small rural properties. If machinery has to be kept in unlocked open sheds, try to disable it (remove batteries, etc).

Enjoy the Easter break and stay safe. If you are travelling, make sure your vehicle is roadworthy, manage your time when driving and obey the road rules.

## Volunteers recognised for fire efforts



During the 2019-20 bushfire disaster, Gisborne SES volunteers dedicated endless hours to operational support and did a power of work within fire-affected communities to support fellow emergency services in response and recovery processes.

As a result, our Gisborne SES volunteers received the 'Victorian Bushfires 2019-2020' memorial pin in appreciation and



Gisborne SES crew members display their memorial bushfire pins.

recognition of their commitment to Victoria and its people.

We cannot do what we do without the extraordinary support of our families and friends who stay at home during our deployments.

We also sincerely thank our

Gisborne SES volunteers who remained on stand-by to dedicate themselves for response to operations/incidents in Macedon Ranges communities.

Di Dale

Deputy Controller of Service Delivery

## FOR THE RECORD

■ At its meeting on March 24, Macedon Ranges Shire Council voted to declare a climate emergency and refused an application by Western Water for a communications repeater tower in Mt Gisborne Bushland Reserve. The climate motion was accompanied by a petition signed by 405 residents and ratepayers. It passed 7 votes to 2.

■ The Aldi supermarket in Gisborne was due (at time of going to press) to open on March 31.

■ State Roads Minister Ben Carroll visited on March 10 to announce with Member for Macedon Mary-Anne Thomas the completion of the second phase of roadworks on Station Road and upgrades at Gisborne station.



## NEWS FROM ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN OP SHOP

Buying recycled clothing at our Op Shop has never been as popular as it is today.

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For many people, money is much tighter these days and shopping is becoming a luxury, but not for the smart shoppers. Op Shops in Gisborne are home to some amazing finds.

One of our volunteers has a Joseph Wallis & Son piano (circa 1860). It is only in fair condition but they would part with it for around \$100. If you are interested, please let me know.

Graeme Millar,  
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New volunteers Meredith and Trish Clark, mother and daughter who work together on the counter.



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Gary Sanders (left) and Gisborne Police chief Chris Large cut the ribbon at the launch. The vehicle on the left is the one which will be used in the local program.

## L2P is official and steering a course for Learners

An enthusiastic crowd attended the official launch of the Macedon Ranges TAC L2P learner driver mentor program on March 10 at the New Gisborne netball pavilion.

Delegates from the Transport Department, L2P leadership team, Salvation Army, Community Bank Gisborne and District as well as community service providers gave passionate speeches regarding the importance of such a road safety initiative that benefits young learner drivers and the community.

A poignant moment was when Amy Watson, family support worker at Macedon Ranges Shire Council, spoke of young people, especially single parents, who have "so much potential, but are restricted by lack of access to transport". She said having a driver's licence gave young mums the opportunity to access services, facilities and work to enhance their lives.

The TAC L2P Program relies heavily on the support of volunteer mentors and no one was more



**Are you interested in becoming a mentor, or are you a learner driver in need of assistance to achieve 120 hours?**

excited and passionate about its return to the Macedon Ranges than Gary Sanders. With more than 600 hours under his belt of supervising more than 13 learner drivers, Gary is rapt to be once again assisting young people.

"There is nothing more rewarding than seeing a learner driver develop their driving skills and awareness and eventually gaining their probationary driver's licence."

The Gisborne Bendigo Bank branch sponsors the local L2P vehicle, and bank community engagement officer Corinne Shaddock presented certificates to four volunteers who recently completed training to become supervising driver mentors.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer mentor or are a learner driver in need of assistance to achieve 120 hours of supervised driving, please contact TAC L2P program coordinator Phillip Tennant on 0438 774 277.

### 'VIEW FROM THE DRIVER'S SEAT'

## GisBus drivers stack up the CFA years

Most GisBus drivers have extensive heavy vehicle experience well beyond our buses, due to many years of driving fire trucks as CFA volunteers. Together we have more than 100 years of CFA service. In order of their CFA service:



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Wally (now retired from bus driving) is a serving 35-year veteran with the Gisborne Brigade;

Tony has 26 years' service with Gisborne Brigade including eight years as Captain;

Henry has 23 years' service and is the current 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant of Gisborne Brigade;

Kelvyn is a former 20-year veteran of both Gisborne and Macedon Brigades.

On your next GisBus journey perhaps you could get some advice for your next summer fire plan!

GisBus also supports Gisborne Fire Brigade Juniors with transport requirements for training and competition events, supporting the next level of volunteer firefighters for the Gisborne and surrounding communities.

Roadworks on Station Road continue to affect all GisBus runs to and from the station. We make every endeavour to meet all our timetabled commitments but recommend travellers plan for earlier trains and allow additional travel time.

● Public Transport Victoria advises that although some face mask rules were relaxed on March 23, everyone must still continue to wear a face mask on public transport. There are exemptions for children under 12 and individuals with medical conditions making it difficult to wear a mask.



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## Pandemic scarf wins project prize



Congratulations to our new Group President, Rosemarie Jones from Lancefield, elected at the group half-yearly conference in February.

Seven branches made 159 scarves and the banner for the best one was presented to Gisborne member Cheryl Liddy. The scarf incorporated a face mask, very apt for these times. All scarves were donated to the Brotherhood of St Laurence Streets and Lanes Mission. Gisborne Primary School library was also given a \$100 donation from the group.

The product and resources study for the year is "grasses" – not just lawn. At our March meeting Osija gave us some insight into the many types of grasses available to us in the form of grains that are digestible for humans compared to the grasses that animals may digest more easily. After our meeting we took our own lunches to the park and enjoyed the fresh air and monthly catch up.



Christine Edwards

The group Creative Arts Exhibition is on April 17 and 18 in the Kyneton Masonic Hall. After last year's cancellation there should be extra displays of craft work to admire so come along and see the display and have some lunch or afternoon tea.

Best wishes to Val and Kevin Jarred on celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on March 18.

Our next meeting is April 12 at Gisborne Secondary College Stadium at 10am. Coffee, craft and chat is the following Monday at the same venue.

Christine Edwards 0437 953 253

Gisborne's Helen Hallett (left) holds Cheryl Liddy's winning scarf. She is pictured with CWA State Vice-President Lyn Trezise.



## April Boer War talk will surely be no bore

As our April monthly meeting falls close to ANZAC Day, the Gisborne Genealogical Group tends to have a 'Military' theme at this meeting.



This year we have decided to have a discussion on the Boer War, something that our ancestors were possibly involved in, yet most of us know very little about it.

Brian Turley will be our guest speaker, his topic "Breaker Morant and the Boer War". Members are encouraged to bring along any memorabilia or stories they have relating to their ancestors and that particular conflict. It should be an interesting night.

It will be held on Thursday April 22 at 7.30pm in the Masonic Lodge Hall. Bookings are still necessary due to COVID-19 restrictions. Members please contact Lorna if you are planning to attend. Anyone else who would like to come should phone 5428 3925. Cost to non-members is \$2.



Lyn Hall

The GGG room, adjoining the Gisborne Library, is open for research each Thursday afternoon 2pm-5pm when two volunteers are on duty to as-



Genealogy group president Lorraine Greer (left) presents Heather Tumber with her 30-year Certificate of Appreciation at the AGM.

sist you. At present there is a limit of three researchers at any time during these hours. Booking is advised – phone 5428 3925.

We held our AGM and elected our new executive on March 25. Details will be in next month's Gazette.

Lyn Hall

## Probus speaker looks at downsizing and finance



The club has been able to hold two general meetings and a day trip already this year. Just on 40 members enjoyed an outing to Maryborough during March. This was the first outing for over 12 months and participants enjoyed catching up with friends and regaining some 'normality' in their lives. While COVID restrictions impact activities, the ability to get together has been most welcome.

The next general meeting will be held on Thursday April 1 and the guest speaker, Bob Nixon will talk about 'Financial implications of downsizing'.

The AGM for the Gisborne Probus Club was held in March. Helen Nettleton was elected President and George Peart Vice-President to lead the club during the 2021 year. They will be capably supported by Susan Skinner as Secretary and Michael O'Brien as Treasurer, along with a committee of nine further members.

The club was very fortunate to be able to hold the previous AGM prior to lockdown and to elect a committee, headed by Irene Bullard as President. While the year was extremely quiet, they were able to keep



2021 Gisborne Probus committee members. Back: George Peart, Margaret Reid, Michael O'Brien, Josephine Desira. Front: Helen Thompson, Helen Nettleton, Susan Skinner, Pam Snape. Not pictured: Ron Hubbard, Di Barbie, Stephen Halligan, Anne Ciesielski, Irene Bullard.

the club up to date and ready to recommence activity as soon as possible. A big thank to all those involved.

Finally – a message for our morning tea organiser, Joanne – we are trying to contact you. Please ring Susan on 0418 101 845.

Anne Ciesielski



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MRPS members at the top of Hanging Rock. Picture: John Spring

## Watch out, they are everywhere

Members of the Macedon Ranges Photographic Society are



popping up all over the place. This autumn if you happen to come across a group of photographers chatting and snapping away, there's every chance it could be MRPS members enjoying the photo opportunities we are so lucky to have right on our doorstep.



Trentham Falls. Picture: John Spring

A group of members recently visited Trentham Falls and enjoyed capturing the water cascading down the rocks. A couple of weeks later they visited Hanging Rock on the lookout for wildlife, beautiful rock formations and possibly even Miranda!

Club members also recently had the opportunity to try a range of challenges and tasks. Members worked together in small groups to learn more about their cameras and techniques that can be used to improve images. This was a great opportunity for members to find a mentor and support each other on their shared interest.

The club generally meets on the first Tuesday of the month, followed by the next Monday. Visitors are very welcome to come along to Dromkeen in April to see what MRPS is all about. Social chats start at 7pm and the meeting at 7.30pm.

For more information, please visit [www.macedon-ranges-photography.org.au](http://www.macedon-ranges-photography.org.au). *Colleen Mahoney*

## Open Studios big success – and there's another one

Don't miss the next open studios weekend on April 24-25. At our first open studio in February, nine artists welcomed visitors to share their workspaces, artistic vision and work, including pottery, paintings, drawing and textiles.

From large and small studios set in beautiful gardens to a display at the Top of the Range cafe, visitors were able to discuss with the artists their inspirations and view many examples of their work. The artists' studios are located fairly close to each other, so it was possible to view several studios on the same day, and with cafes in Macedon, Mount Macedon and on top of the mount, many visitors combined art and food in a delightful way.

All artists had work for sale, so art lovers took home reminders of their beautiful day at the open studios in Macedon.

We hope to see you again, or for the first time, in April. Look out for brochures at local cafes and galleries, especially The Gallery, Mount Macedon. For more information contact Marian Alexopoulos on 0418 884 281 or Colleen Weste on 0419 009 030. Find us on Instagram, [openstudiosmacedon](https://www.instagram.com/openstudiosmacedon).

*Jo Hoynes, 0418 488 582*



Mount Macedon artist Colleen Weste (left) talks with visitors at her open studio in February.

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We are offering eight digital lectures from February to October. Each lecture is available for viewing across four weeks from the day you access the link on your home computer or TV.

The April lecture is *Literary England: My Top 10 Places to Visit* presented by the popular Susannah Fullerton. The video will be available from April 23.

The lecture will feature a library, various houses, churches, a graveyard and an ancient charitable institution and take you from the countryside of southern England, up to more dramatic northern landscapes.



Susannah Fullerton

Susannah Fullerton OAM has built a career as a lecturer giving talks about famous writers. She is immensely entertaining yet truly informative. You'll love listening to her talk about her favourite writers. She has been president of the Jane Austen Society of Australia, the largest literary society in the country, since 1996.

For further information on the remaining lectures and pro rata membership, please call Nicky Peters, Chair, ADFAS CV on 0400 958 499.



The Cantabile group sings at the Kyneton Community Market.

## First '21 performance for Young Voices

March 13 saw the first performance of the year for a group from Young Voices of Macedon, who performed two half-hour sets at the Kyneton Community Market.

The Vivo group entertained the audience with action songs and joined with the Cantabiles to sing a lovely round and the quirky song *Gary Galah*.

The older Cantabile group offered two sacred songs and two from the jazz cantata *Captain Noah and his floating zoo*, which will be performed in its entirety in September. Soloists were Josie Barnes, Orson Cox, Leah Karic and Amelia Clark.

As two of our older boys are experiencing voice change, we organised a visit from Dr Geoffrey Cox, former director of music at St Patrick's Cathedral and



very experienced in dealing with voice change in adolescent boys. Following a lesson with Geoffrey our boys are now cognisant of the changes taking place and are much

more secure in pitching notes. With parts appropriate to their range that we are providing, they are able to continue singing and do so with confidence in using their developing adult voice.

Our next performance is on Sunday April 18 at St Ambrose Church, Woodend.

New members are welcome. Visit [ymacedon.org.au](http://ymacedon.org.au)

Dianne Gome

The Mount Players Presents  
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## AUTUMN REDS EXHIBITION



Come and visit our exhibition **Autumn Reds** at The Gallery Mt Macedon and see how our local artists have been inspired to show Autumn Reds in all mixed media – in paintings, photography, pottery, glass, textiles and more.



Artist: Lorraine Lee

All work is for sale and there are special cards to take home as mementos. The amazing colours will be on exhibition during April through to May 6. Free entry.

Gallery open 10am to 4pm Friday to Tuesday, 684 Mount Macedon Road. [visitmacedonranges.com.au](http://visitmacedonranges.com.au)



Artist: Chieko Hester

## New arts achievement award for young women

As its International Women's Day dinner on March 3, the Zonta Club of Kyneton launched a new club award – the Arts Achievement Award.

The award has been created to encourage young women in the Macedon Ranges region to continue their creative arts studies during their secondary studies. The successful applicant will be awarded \$400 to support their studies and provide



opportunities to pursue further artistic talents.

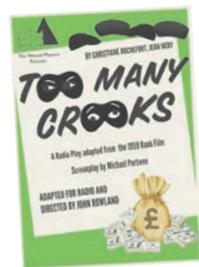
Applicants must be between 16-19 years of age, currently enrolled in secondary studies in a creative arts area and live within the Macedon Ranges Shire Council area. Applications are now open and close April 26.

For award requirements and applications contact [awards@zontakyneton.org.au](mailto:awards@zontakyneton.org.au)

Public performances again... life nearly back to normal

## Mount Players raise the curtains

It is with much pride and excitement that I put pen to paper (or fingers to keyboard) this month. Our theatre finally welcomed in its first group for a play reading in February, and to see people sitting in our auditorium after so long was very moving indeed.



We are now in rehearsal for our first show, *Too Many Crooks*, opening on May 14. Step back in time and be part of the audience at a BBC radio play, with live sound effects and six actors taking on numerous roles to tell the hilarious story of a bunch of crooks who just can't get it right.



It is adapted from the 1959 British comedy movie starring, among others, Terry Thomas, Sydney James and George Cole. Director John Rowlands has adapted the script for the stage and promises lots of laughs.

We will have a limited seating capacity due to COVID restrictions so get in early to secure yourself a seat.

For full details on the show and to book tickets we invite you to our website [www.themountplayers.com](http://www.themountplayers.com) You can also check out our What's On section for our monthly play readings at which everyone is welcome.

Karen Hunt

## Singers prepare for first concerts



The Gisborne Singers are excited to be preparing for their first concerts since 2019.

An Americana-themed program is scheduled for May 23. Included in the repertoire are Billy Joel's *And So It Goes*, two versions of *Sure On This Shining Night* (Morten Lauridsen and Samuel Barber), *O Magnum Mysterium* by Morten Lauridsen, *Five Hebrew Love Songs* by Eric Whitacre and *Shenan-doah* (trad).

It promises to be an exquisite program with choir members already enjoying the beauty of the songs chosen. New accompanist Anna Clarke will back the choir on piano, with various other instruments accompanying in different combinations.

The venues are yet to be finalised. COVID restrictions limit the use of some facilities and only allow bookings to open closer to the concerts.

Choristers have been appreciating the freedom of singing without masks and, although not ideal, are managing to cope with social distancing. Practice is held at Gisborne Uniting Church at 23 Brantome



Choir practice with new musical director Luke Severn on March 17.

Street on Wednesdays from 7:30 to 10pm.

Always looking for new singers (especially tenors and basses), the non-auditioned choir under the new leadership of Luke Severn is moving into a new era. Choral experience and the ability to read music are advantageous but not essential.

Interested singers are welcome to try us out by attending a few practices. For further details please contact the choir at [www.gisbornesingers.org.au](http://www.gisbornesingers.org.au)

Alison Kinghorn

## Library returns to full service



Goldfields Libraries

We're so excited to be opening more hours, plus we're no longer closing for lunch. The library's hours are 9.30am-

5.30pm Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. 9.30am-6pm Tuesday, plus 9.30am-12.30pm on Saturday. These hours will give people a chance to pop in after work or after school activities. Please feel free to give us any feedback on our new hours.

### Storytime is back

Don't forget to come along to one of our weekly children's programs. Sessions are on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 10.30am and all involve age-appropriate stories, songs and rhymes. Wednesday Storytime suits those 3-5 years, Thursday Toddler time is for 1-3 years and Friday is for babies 0-1. No bookings are required and we're pretty flexible with the age groups; whatever works for your family. Come in and give it a try.

### Looking for some tech help?

One-on-one tech help is back at all libraries. We can help you with laptops, tablets and phones, help you learn how to use your eReader or show you how to make the most of what's available in our eLibrary. Mandy will be available on Tuesday mornings between 11 and 12 so give us a call on 5428 3962 to book in some time.

Keep an eye on our website and in the library for the school holiday program: [www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au/holidayprogram](http://www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au/holidayprogram) To see what other programs and events are on in April, visit [www.goldfieldslibraries.com](http://www.goldfieldslibraries.com) or drop in and pick up a program.

## Help make game about our region

Would you like to play a game based on Macedon Ranges Shire? Better yet, would you like to help artist Jenni Ivins create one?

With the help of a Council grant, Jenni will soon be starting conversations about what people love about living, working or playing in the Macedon Ranges to incorporate into a board game. For more information or to help create the game, ask to join the Connecting Communities Facebook group or email [jenni@minddrawing.net](mailto:jenni@minddrawing.net).

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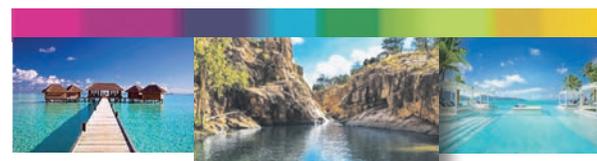
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## A Trip to Macedon

Part 2

Edited extract from *Gisborne Gazette* of February 22, 1895

By 'A Macedonian'  
Continued from last month

In going over a good portion of the old ground, what hundreds of trees had been felled and taken away to various mills, their stumps and heads only being left to denote that it had been a good timber district. Also, what a quantity of trees had been felled and their trunks left to rot. What waste! What destruction! Where were the Rangers whose duty it was to prevent such destruction?

I passed on over the head of the Fern Tree Creek. It was here again I noticed further evidence of money squandered, there being thousands of willow plants put in but left to perish, not one having survived the rubbish allowed to surround them. I next got on to the old bush track which took us to the bridge crossing the main creek. Oh! What a sight met us in this creek. To see the fern trees, with huge fronds spreading out like an umbrella, it alone was well worth a visit.

I continued on and about a mile from the tower on top of the main Mount crossed the old road over the ranges, at the foot of the rocky elevation called Camel's Hump, or Mount Diogenes. I ascended this and



Devil's Hole

found it was composed of porphyry, in three precipitous cliffs to the bottom of same. I thought when I looked at the formation that it was limestone, but testing it, proved it was not. From the foot of the south portion of this cliff, I saw the creek called "Devil's Hole". To this valley I made my way. The singular name has been allotted to the creek by one of the first bullock teamsters, the one who took the first load of shingles from the stump to the top of the hill, he saying it was 'the devil's own hole' and so it retains its name to this day.

I noticed in this valley a large sawmill had been, and by the accumulation of sawdust and waste, it must have been at work for a good time. But the shed had gone to decay and all the foundations the same. There had been a tramway running into the log yard. To this I made my way and it took me to the top of the range, some 2000 feet high, and from thence along the terrace to where the engines had been and following the tram on, it led me to the valley below. At the bottom was a log landing and loading place, right across the creek, called the Cockpit. The bed of this creek had been cleared as a road. The avenue formed was a splendid sight and the beautiful fern trees, from 1 foot to 10 feet high, on either side had no doubt been growing in the creek, as the debris at each side led me to believe. What must the sight have been before the timber was felled. Hundreds of stumps showed where huge trees had been and in one portion I viewed, of about 50 acres, there must have been 20 trees to each acre.

In looking over the hills and line of

tramway from where I stood, I thought what energy, what enterprise there must have been to cause such work to go on. No doubt a large amount of money and labour must have been expended. To view the hills, the logs had to ascend and thence on to the mill, the incline could not have been less than three feet in ten.

After tracing the creek down below the landing about half a mile, I thought I had better trace my steps from this wild place. Not a house, or any indication of such, in the valley. I returned to the old sawmill site and instead of going up the hill following the road, I went down the valley into another place, called 'Hell's Hole'. The early colonists had peculiar ideas of nomenclature.

This was a gloomy looking spot and, from indications I could see, the road must have led to another site where a mill had been, as larger quantities of timber, such as logs, rails and shingle had evidently been removed, judging by the debris that was left about. I did not follow the old log roads, but crossed the creek and came upon another old dry track, which brought me out on the main mountain road.

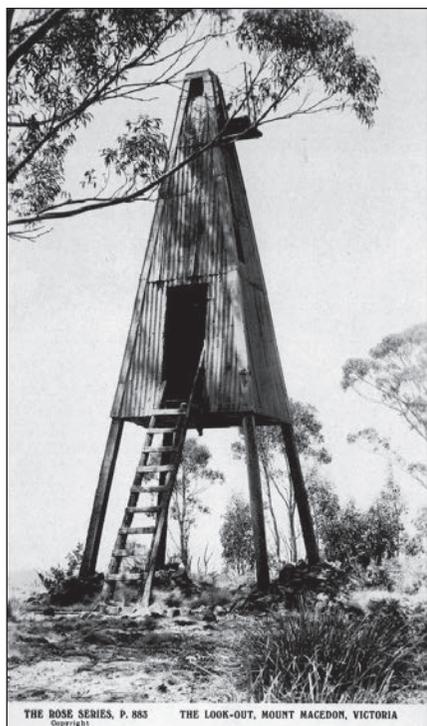
The property I was passing through belonged once to an old identity by name Jacky Smith and to my own knowledge, he was termed in slang as 'a card'. But from this spot I could see the tower on top of the main Mount, also Sir George Verdon's residence and, below, Mr [Robert] Harper's summer seat, also Mr C Lloyd's and adjoining the main road, an extensive orchard owned by Mr T Christian. But how nicely kept – what a contrast to those to be seen in other colonies – no weeds, trees well pruned, the hedges of hawthorn neatly cut and all in such

order that it is a credit to the owner. This man has by his energy started to turn all his small fruits, such as raspberries, gooseberries, currants, plums etc. into jams, for these fruits grow well on the Mount.

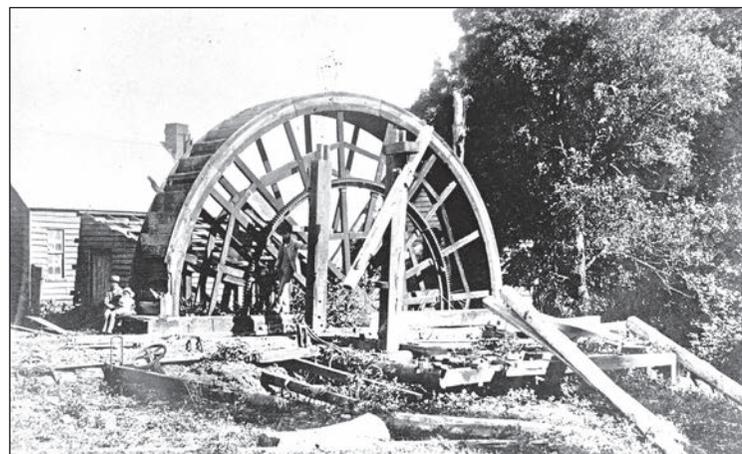
This place also had the remains of an old sawmill upon it. The plant was there, also the mill waterwheel. But the millwheel was going to decay, the rafters of the shed were tumbling in and the shoot which brought the water from the dam was also going to decay. This place had been bought in the year 1854 by Mr Christian. What an alteration must have taken place since then if the place was like any of the adjacent patches not yet destroyed. The main mountain road had been nicely made and formed in its present state and is a credit to the Gisborne Shire Council, whose jurisdiction it is under.

After resting the night at a friend's house, I next morning trudged down towards the Falls Creek and crossing this, kept on the road until I came to Campey's place, he having erected a large sawmill on his land, when the Government of the day interdicted him from cutting in the State forest adjacent. Their reason was that he would spoil the rainfall in this part. So his plant was lying idle and going to destruction, following the old adage that 'rust consumes faster than labour wears'.

I passed his home, he having gone to Echuca to take charge of sawmills there. So I crossed the head to the Saltwater River, as it is called nearer to Melbourne. I then made my way to the railway station and arrived just in time to take the 5pm down to Sandhurst [Bendigo]. Edited by Phyllis Boyd, OAM



The original tower on Mount Macedon.



Waterwheel at Christian's old sawmill.



## Official Fire Danger Period ends

Fire restrictions for Macedon Ranges Shire were lifted on March 22. Residents can now burn off on their properties without a permit, subject to local regulations. Under local laws burning off is prohibited on land less than 4000 square metres (one acre) without a permit.

When burning off it remains important to keep an eye on weather conditions throughout the day, remain vigilant and monitor your fire, said Angela Hughes, director of planning and environment.

Green waste (excluding noxious weeds) can be disposed of at Council's transfer stations free of charge. See [mrsc.vic.gov.au/transfer-stations](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/transfer-stations) for details. For more information about burning off outside the Fire Danger Period, call Council on 5422 0333 or visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/burning-off](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/burning-off)

## Design for Regional Sports Precinct open for input

Council invites the community to view and share feedback on the schematic design for the Macedon Ranges Regional Sports Precinct at New Gisborne.

The precinct will cater for a range of sports and recreational pursuits and also attract regional-level competition, Council's director for assets and operations, Shane Walden, said. It is planned to have a multi-purpose sports hub with indoor court facilities, two AFL playing fields with pavilion and landscaping and passive recreation space.

Council officers will update the draft schematic design after considering consultation feedback, then seek Council endorsement of the design and proposed Stage 1 scope at a future council meeting.

The project takes the endorsed feasibility studies for the Sports Hub and Sports Fields sites and integrates them into one project – the Macedon Ranges Regional Sports Precinct.

Stage 1 (when approved) is to be funded by the Council (\$10 million), the State Government (\$11.6 million), and AFL Victoria (\$100,000). At an estimated cost of \$31.4 million to \$41.4 million, this project requires significant funding from the Victorian and Federal governments to make it a reality.

For more information, visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay) or call 5422 0333. Submissions close on May 3.

## Business impact survey

Local business owners are invited to complete a survey on the impact of the pandemic on their business to help guide possible Council support.

The survey follows up on ones conducted last year and should only take about 15 minutes to complete.

Information provided is kept confidential. There is an option to be contacted by the Economic Development team at the end of the survey.

The survey is at [www.mrsc.vic.gov.au/About-Council/News/Have-Your-Say](http://www.mrsc.vic.gov.au/About-Council/News/Have-Your-Say) – it closes on April 30.

Council's Economic Development team is happy to discuss any aspect of your response or any other issue related to the survey – by telephone, 5421 9616 or email, [ecodevadmin@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:ecodevadmin@mrsc.vic.gov.au)

## Grab a discount on an equiculture course

Macedon Ranges Shire Council and Melbourne Water are together offering a \$100 discount for horse owners to participate in an online equiculture course delivered by Jane and Stuart Myers, experts in property management for horses.

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Completion of the equiculture course can be incorporated into the Pony Club Australia K or C\* certificates.

To get your discount code, contact Jason McAinch via email to [JMcainch@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:JMcainch@mrsc.vic.gov.au) or online via [mrsc.vic.gov.au/sustainable-farming](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/sustainable-farming). Places are limited.

Visit the Equiculture webpage to find out more: [www.equiculture.net](http://www.equiculture.net).



## New CEO appointed

Bernie O'Sullivan was appointed Chief Executive Officer of Macedon Ranges Shire Council on March 24 and will start in the role on May 10.

Mr O'Sullivan is currently director of strategy and growth at the City of Greater Bendigo. Before that he was Acting CEO at the Institute of Public Administration Australia (VIC) and worked as Deputy Secretary, Regional Services, for the Victorian Departments of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP), and Environment and Primary Industries (DEPI). He also worked in leadership roles in Sydney and Canberra for 15 years in policy, management and advocacy.

Bernie will replace John Nevins who has been Acting CEO since October 2020 following the resignation of Margot Stork.



## Craft eco-activism workshops for kids

Kids are invited to join a craft eco-activism workshop facilitated by local artist Jo Mott in the school holidays that will encourage them to explore their creativity and their voice.



Kids will learn how to artfully communicate environmental issues that are important to them, such as recycling, clean waterways, deforestation, clean energy and sustainability. Participants will use collage, drawing and stencilling techniques to make colourful badges, T-shirts, bumper stickers, posters and placards to take home. Eco-artworks will also be displayed in the community.

Workshops will run from 10.30am to 2pm each day on Tuesday April 13, Wednesday 14 and Thursday 15 at the Kyneton Town Hall. Cost: \$12.50/workshop.

For more information and to register, visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/arts-workshops](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/arts-workshops)

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## MACEDON RANGES MUMMA

with Kat Buttigieg

### Five school holiday day trip ideas

The school holidays are nearly upon us. I know you have plenty of beautiful places in the Macedon Ranges to see, but sometimes you might want to venture further. Here are some brilliant places for a day trip.

1. Community Bank Playground, Wallan: This playground is well worth the drive. There is all the cool equipment that the kids could dream of, including a waterplay area. Be sure to pack some towels and a change of clothes.
2. Lederberg Gorge: You can walk along the track or just hang out at the picnic area. Have a splash in the shallows and find all the pretty rocks. Choose a sunny day to visit and enjoy some snacks by the water or a kick of the footy. Perfect.
3. Wombat Hill (Daylesford) Botanic Gardens: These gardens are enchanting with plenty of hollow trees and overhanging branches for heaps of hiding and exploring fun! The cafe in the middle of the gardens also makes a super delicious custard doughnut.
4. Maldon: Take a mine tour, visit the museum or just experience history with a stroll through this Gold Rush town that was awarded 'most intact heritage streetscape' by the National Trust. You can also take a ride on the Victorian Goldfields Steam Railway. It is a must for little train lovers.
5. Fairy Park, Anakie: This park takes you on a delightful journey past all your favourite fairytales. It has an awesome playground too with a maze of tunnels and a stupendous, steep slide.  
Whether you are travelling within or outside the Macedon Ranges, don't forget to support local businesses and cafes – and to have fun! Have a happy and safe school holiday!



2021 Macedon Youth Council including Ebony, Thomas, Kate, Hayley and Meg from Gisborne.



## MEMBER'S MESSAGE

With Mary-Anne Thomas

I recently visited Sunbury and Macedon Ranges Specialist School's senior campus in Bullengarook – and wow, what an amazing transformation!

Students Daniel, Isabella, Rhyse and Kasey proudly showed me around their new facilities, and it was quite a tour.

The school's upgrade has seen a new administration and multipurpose hall building delivered – with new administration offices, meeting rooms and staff and student amenities. There's a new workshop arts room (plus a room for their new kiln), an automotive room (which includes a bike store), materials technology space and even a new staff lounge. And my personal favourite was the food technology room – perfect for cooking up a storm!

What a difference these wonderful new facilities will make; this much-loved school deserves nothing less. A big congratulations to Joanne and Brendan Nolan, and the entire SMRSS community.

Last month we ran our first session for the 2021 Macedon Youth Council at Woodend Neighbourhood House. We started off the year by talking about everyone, what inspired them to apply, talking about the three levels of government, and of course, no Youth Council session would be complete without some delicious pizza!

Lucinda, Shaelyn, Harriet, Olivia, Ebony, Meg, Hayley, Kate and Thomas are fantastic young leaders who are brimming with energy, ideas and a willingness to be the change. It's going to be a big year.

Finally, I hope you have a very happy Easter with friends and family.



## COUNCILLOR'S COLUMN

With Cr Rob Guthrie

I would like to start by thanking all of you who voted for me last October. It was a humbling experience to receive 28.6% of the primary vote and I won't let you down.

I was your councillor from March 2003 to November 2012, when I was not re-elected and decided to retire after three terms and just short of 10 years of community service.

Eight years later, we are seeing massive changes proposed for this beautiful village in the valley that we have made a lifestyle choice to call home, and I felt I had to come out of retirement to represent you and attempt to preserve all that we love about this place.

The most important decision that the councillors will make at the start of this council term is the selection of a new Chief Executive Officer, replacing acting CEO John Nevins who has been doing a fabulous job. Thank you, John, I wish you could stay, but I know that wish will not be granted!

I have had the privilege of being one of the three councillors elected to a panel shortlisting the CEO candidates along with the Mayor, Cr Anderson, and Cr Annette Death. We have had an impressive list of candidates because this is such a liveable shire and is very attractive to potential applicants. After two days of interviews, we asked two candidates to present to all nine councillors. Either one would have capably fulfilled the role, but all councillors agreed that one was more suitable. I am writing this on March 16 ahead of the Council Meeting on March 24 when we will make this important decision.

Council is currently working on the draft Budget, Council Plan and a number of other plans and strategies that will soon be released for public consultation. I encourage everyone to get involved and comment on these documents as councillors are elected to represent their communities' views.

If you want to contact me, you can call me on 0419 309 953 or email [rguthrie@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:rguthrie@mrsc.vic.gov.au).



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# Vet Talk The canine 'ACL'



With local vet  
Dr Caitlin Horwood-Skelton

They may not play football or soccer but "ACL injury" is a common problem for our dogs' knee joints too. The anterior cruciate ligament (in dogs known as the cranial cruciate ligament) is the internal stabiliser of the knee joint. This ligament is part of the wonderfully complex knee joint system comprising ligaments and meniscal cartilage, which allow us to run, kick, jump, stop, and rotate the lower leg.

ACL injury in dogs often occurs as a partial tear of the ligament followed by slow degeneration, and a complete rupture over time. Much less dramatic than the human scenario of a sudden rupture on the sporting field.

In dogs, the initial injury may not always be obvious, but there are subtle signs: they become slow to rise from a sit; have difficulty jumping into the car; or may sit with one hind leg held out at an angle. These dogs are tolerating a level of pain in the knee, and the body responds with muscle atrophy or wasting around the hind limb, and arthritis in the joint.

The good news is that ACL disease in dogs is fairly easy to diagnose with veterinary assessment and radiography (X-rays) of the knee. Surgery differs from the human scenario due to the biomechanics of the dog's knee as a quadruped rather than an upstanding biped. The aim is not to graft or "repair" the ligament itself, but to control the joint instability and improve the support within the knee structure, hence reducing pain and the progression of arthritis.

Lily, weighing in at only 4kg, is recovering from her ACL (micro-)surgery, and learning to gradually strengthen the muscles in her leg again. She is convinced that her joint-supplement treats are an integral part of this repair and rehabilitation.



Lily steps gently on her right hind leg as she recovers from ACL surgery.



Members of Clarkefield and Friends and JK Joggers with Piper and camera-shy labrador Monty in the corner.

## A private relay to remember

It was a great disappointment when the Lancefield Relay For Life was postponed in February. We decided that, if restrictions were lifted, we would organise a mini relay.

Our team, Clarkefield and Friends, which includes members from Gisborne, Clarkefield, Romsey and Riddells Creek, had planned to have an Aladdin-based theme this year and were keen to dress up. Another relay team, JK Joggers, joined us and we had a great time decorating our magic lamp with stick-on jewels for every lap completed.

Thanks to Kathy from the relay committee and some crafty purchases from the supermarket, we had enough brown and white commemorative bags. We wrote messages to our family and friends and let them know that they would never be forgotten

in their battle with cancer. In the end it looked just like the REAL relay when the bags, with candles in them, lit up at night.

We had a lovely dinner outside and were about to start our laps again, when the automatic sprinkler system came on. No more costumes, no more laps, just kids doing what they do when sprinklers are on!

We have big fundraising plans for October. Our tent will be an Aladdin's cave of treasures which you can buy at the silent auction. Just come in on the magic carpet and make an offer.

Thank you to all our amazing supporters and the hard-working committee who organise this event annually.

Chris Shanahan, team captain  
Clarkefield and Friends



Ava Culpan holds her miniature labradoodle Piper, who happily participates in many family activities, including the mini relay.

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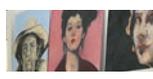
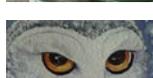
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# FOR THE GREEN THUMBS

## An ecologically responsible Botanic Gardens

The Friends of Gisborne Botanic Gardens would like to formally congratulate the Macedon Ranges Shire Citizen of the Year, Amanda Gauci, for her devotion to steering the Gardens on an ecologically responsible, while beautiful, direction.

The Friends are working with the endorsed masterplan for the Gardens on environmentally beneficial projects along Jacksons Creek, with partners Melbourne Water and Council's environment team, and we thank them for their commitment to improving our natural environment and the health of the waterway.

We were pleased to review Council's draft Strategic Environmental Works Plan which recognises ongoing issues between the Gardens and the creek, including the potential weediness of some



Garden specimens.

The Friends association now has a noticeboard in the Gardens so we will be able to better communicate with the community. We thank Gisborne Men's Shed and Council for their contributions to making this happen.

As you walk through the Gisborne Botanic Gardens, you may notice many new trees and palms have been planted. There is a variety of species from many parts of the world. If you would like to see how many of these will look when they mature, a visit to Kyneton Botanic Gardens would be informative.

Helen

Friends of Gisborne Botanic Gardens  
infogisbotgard@gmail.com



Friends association members Amanda, Arthur, Helen and Louise at the new noticeboard with Men's Shed members Terry and Paul.

## Daly Nature Reserve news

One of our volunteers photographed this beautiful blue butterfly in the Reserve recently. The Australian Museum website states that it is a Common Imperial Blue Butterfly of the *jalmenus* genus and *evagoras* species.



The butterflies are found along the east coast of Australia. They have a tail at the base of each hind wing. While resting, the tails blow in the wind which may fool predators to attack the tails, rather than the head.

These butterflies



have an affinity with ants. At caterpillar stage they produce honeydew which is much enjoyed by ants. In return the ants guard the black caterpillars by swarming around them. The caterpillars are found on acacias.

We took part in the annual Clean Up Australia Day, collecting an amazing 19 kilos of litter in the Reserve. This is despite our own monthly cleanup. We thank all the people who always pick up litter as they walk through, but how do we 'educate' the litterers.

We have held four walk-and-talk sessions with 1st Gisborne Cubs and they will continue adding native plants around the scout hall.

Our next working bee: Tuesday April 13, 9.30am. All welcome.

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

Irene Perkin

## Garden Club visits Daylesford

Gisborne Garden Club met for the March meeting at the Daylesford (Wombat Hill) Botanical Gardens. The very pleasant autumn weather was no doubt encouraging, and 34 members were in attendance, many enjoying lunch in the onsite cafe, others having lunched enroute prior to our "formal" get-together.

A representative from the Friends of the Gardens spoke about the establishment of the Botanical Gardens back in the gold mining days, and the assistance given from both local and more distant government sources as well as philanthropic sources.

Our attention was drawn to the more outstanding features of the area as well as ongoing maintenance and future proposals for development and improvements should finances permit.



Subsequently members pursued the trail suggested to view the Gardens from a variety of approaches while others enjoyed the very well stocked nursery. A good day was had by all!

Because of the difficulty with numbers in private gardens, the committee is endeavouring to locate suitable public places in which we can enjoy a couple of hours on the second Wednesday of the month.

Information on the April meeting will be forwarded to members by email or phone. If, as a member, you are not receiving any forward information in this regard please contact one of the committee members.

We live in a beautiful area for autumn magic – enjoy! Kerry Langmaid



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# ANZAC *tribute*



Vietnam vets and RSL members Wally Fiedler and Ken Bryce were pleased to be photographed with this magnificent Anzac tribute.

Local signwriter Lindsay Thorne has huge respect for the sacrifices made by Australia's servicemen and women and designed and wrapped this mural to his

garage door in homage to those who have served Australia in war. The wall wrap can be viewed as you drive past 17 Coleman Court (off Saunders Road) in New Gisborne.

*Fran and Lindsay Thorne* ▶  
of *Magnum Signs*



## Mt Macedon Anzac Day Dawn Service on video

Filming is underway for this year's Mt Macedon Anzac Dawn Service which will feature not only traditional parts of the commemorative event, but additional images and stories from around the Shire of Macedon Ranges.

There will be a 20-minute video plus an extended version with local stories and 'Voices from the Front' – letters and recollections from veterans from the region. A special inclusion this year will be recently recorded recollections from two Macedon Ranges World War Two veterans.

From dawn on Anzac Day, the video of the Dawn Service can be seen on [mtmacedondawnservice.org](http://mtmacedondawnservice.org) or the Facebook site, The Mt Macedon Anzac Day Dawn Service. It will also be screened at the Woodend RSL and other venues around the shire.

Families and individuals with photos, stories, letters and recollections suitable for the video are invited to contact the Dawn Service Committee.

Enquiries to Bruce Mildenhall, Chair, Mt Macedon Anzac Dawn Service Committee  
0419 302 839, [bmildenhall@me.com](mailto:bmildenhall@me.com)



## Recognition of those traumatised by selfless service – thoughts for Anzac Day



By Jan Field

On Anzac Day we commemorate the sacrifice made by our servicemen and women in war. Sacrifice takes many forms. It means sacrifice of life in the service of country. Sacrifice to protect comrades in battle. Sacrifice to protect their families and last but not least sacrifice of physical and psychological health in the service of their country.

If you or a loved one has served in the military, you most likely have heard of post-traumatic stress disorder or PTSD. Whether you understand PTSD from a psychological perspective or popular culture, it is a debilitating condition that can negatively impact the lives of veterans and their families for years.

Trauma is more than hurt or unpleasantness. Trauma causes people to fear for their lives, question their core beliefs about the world, or to feel utterly helpless. Traumatic events

are unexpected, chaotic experiences beyond a person's control. As one Vietnam Vet put it – "ambushing the enemy was not traumatic, getting ambushed was".

Service members are traumatised because they did their jobs to the best of their abilities and combat operations require at times two incompatible mission requirements – to be a highly efficient fighting machine as well as have compassion for the safety of their comrades. Compassion is what motivates soldiers to continue to fight and help each other despite extreme adversity. Soldiers need to turn off their compassion in order to have the capacity to protect/kill others.

PTSD symptoms occur when veterans turn off the combat part of the brain and allow the compassionate part of the brain to think about and fix trauma-related problems. These symptoms are a normal response to the emotional primitive part of the brain

that keeps activating partly processed trauma-induced memories while the "human" part scrambles to make the unpleasant recollections go away, which of course they don't, and the cycle keeps repeating.

This poem by John Ricardo describes his traumatic grief.

*I am sorry for the old man  
Crying in Binh ba  
His children now lay cold and still  
Their bodies torn apart*

*I am sorry for my mate  
Whose hands were blown away  
He had no other skills you see  
His hands his stock in trade*

*I am sorry for my loved ones  
Who worried back at home  
The war took its toll on them  
Not just me alone*

*And I am sorry for the change in me  
Since the days of Vietnam  
For this is not the life I planned  
But it is now the way I am.*

Symptoms of PTSD include chronic feelings of anxiety, nightmares, flashbacks, extreme emotional avoidance and in some cases depression and suicide; psychological wounds veterans incur in the service of their country. I feel privileged that most of my professional career as a psychologist, I have worked in the trauma domain as a military psychologist as well as in conflict zones with traumatised populations. A T-shirt given to me by a veteran says it all and has the inscription:

'PTSD is not a sign of weakness.

It is a sign of absolute strength.

It is the result of one's duty and doing the tasks others fear'.

Lest we forget.

• Jan Field is a psychologist with expertise in PTSD. Jan did aid work in Vietnam in 1970, has worked as a military psychologist for RAAF, RAN, Vietnam Veterans Counselling Service and the ADF, and has 20 years' experience working in war zones with UN and non-governmental organisations. She now lives in New Gisborne.

# Gulf War veteran

## Jody Scoble, RAN

Each April the *Gazette* features a local serviceman or woman for Anzac Day. This year Bryan Power spoke to Jody Scoble

“Women have been at sea since Noah sailed in the Ark. Those who can’t accept them are dinosaurs.” This was the response given by the commander of HMAS Westralia, Captain John Moore, to a question put to him by a *Geelong Advertiser* reporter about how the male crew would react to the presence of women on his ship.

The year was 1991 and the occasion was the loading of 20,000 tonnes of diesel onto Australia’s biggest naval supply ship at the Shell Oil Refinery in Geelong before it headed into a war zone as the outbreak of hostilities in the Persian Gulf seemed certain.

At the ship’s farewell, 19-year-old Jody Parrish met Prime Minister Bob Hawke and she told him she was worried about heading off to a possible war but realised it was part of the job.



Jody speaks with Bob Hawke in 1991.

She didn’t add that there was also a worry about how the dinosaurs among the 83 crew would treat her and the other six female officers and ratings – the first RAN women to be sent to a war zone – as the stresses of possible combat grew closer. Unfortunately Jody came across a few dinosaurs among the male crew but her determination to prove herself by not complaining and working hard won the men over. In a letter to her father, Jody said, “I pull my weight and that’s what they like to see.”

She felt the men’s resentment was not directed at her personally but more because the reversing of the long Navy tradition of all-male crews needed time to be accepted. Of course, some were jealous of the intense media attention given to the women at that time.

Jody was born in Sydney in 1971, the second of three daughters for Marilyn and Rod Parrish. She attended school in Campbelltown, on the fringe of Sydney.

“I was a talker in class but I turned my grades around in Year 9 when I decided I was going to join the Navy and see the world,” said Jody. During Year 11, at the age of 17, she was accepted by the Navy to learn a trade they called “electrical engineering power” and her first ever flight was on a plane to Melbourne to head to HMAS Cerberus in Westernport to begin basic training. She enjoyed her 18 months there very much and during that time was selected to be a member of the National Honour Guard that travelled to Melbourne for major ceremonies. Jody was always keen on sports and while at Cerberus she was named in the Australian Triservices softball team.

Her first posting was to HMAS Watson, a lovely base in Sydney where she completed the first year of trade training. Then, with no further training, Jody was posted to HMAS Westralia, the Navy’s biggest supply ship based in



Jody wearing her medals on her left side and her grandfather’s WW2 medals on her right.

Fremantle and she was to become one of the first women to be assigned to an Australian Navy ship sent into a war zone.

That war was the Gulf War which came about when Iraq under Saddam Hussein invaded neighbouring Kuwait in 1990 and Australia became one of the 30-nation coalition supporting the United Nations’ resolution to repel the invaders. The Westralia sailed to the Persian Gulf where the destroyers HMAS Sydney and HMAS Brisbane



Jody with her boss, Petty Officer Bruce McDougall.

had already been deployed to protect the American aircraft carrier USS Midway.

One of the nasty surprises awaiting Jody as Westralia sailed across the Indian Ocean was to find she suffered from chronic sea sickness, which meant that she had to carry a sick bag with her at all times. Unfortunately her misery was to increase later because, as the ship transferred its fuel and other supplies, it became lighter and floated higher in the water and so rolled and pitched more severely.

Jody’s role was in the engine room, a hot, exhausting and potentially dangerous work place. Fortunately the petty officer and leading seaman in charge were good to work with and very supportive of her. The engine room crew wore overalls and boots –

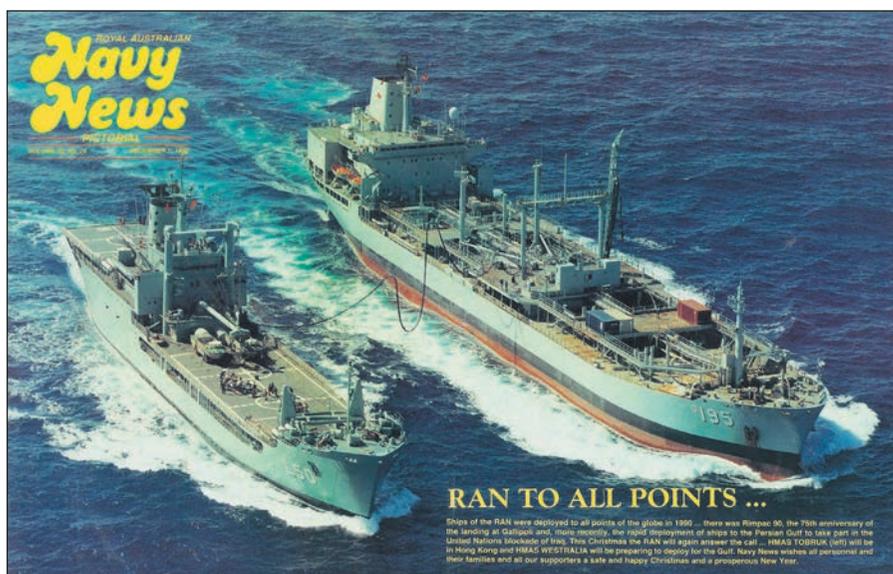
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nothing else – but Jody sewed up the open sides of her Navy overalls before attending her first shift and she always wore cotton underwear – synthetic materials would have melted. Engine room crew had to be issued with new boots every three months because the hot deck plates soon destroyed them.

Apart from her engine room duties Jody was expected to become proficient in other tasks. One of those was learning to identify all of the aircraft – friend and foe – operating in the war zone. There was one “action stations” incident when an incoming aircraft was picked up on the ship’s radar but the crew was stood down when the plane was identified as friendly.

Another duty was spending shifts scanning the sea ahead of the ship for mines. One of the American

# Gulf War veteran: *a trailblazer for women in the Navy*



The Westralia (right) refuelling a navy ship.

aircraft carriers, the USS Tripoli, had been badly damaged by a mine; the explosion it survived would have sunk the Westralia. One day Jody and her crewmate saw through their binoculars what they thought were the two prongs of a mine showing above the waves and informed the helmsman who steered the ship away. As they got closer they saw that the prongs were in fact two birds sitting on a buoy. They received plenty of ribbing about that.

The tediousness of these long watches was made worse by the fact that they had to wear steel helmets and bullet proof vests while doing this duty on a hot deck. They also had to have their gas masks close at hand for fear of a chemical attack although they had received vaccinations to counter the effects of nerve gas.

Jody also achieved her Helmsman Certificate while aboard and so spent time steering the ship.

In the Gulf the Westralia supplied ships from 26 countries, sometimes handling two ships at the same time. They once had to have their own oil tanks refilled at sea by a large tanker.

Luckily the few fires that occurred in the engine room were able to be quickly extinguished. However, if ever a fire became uncontrollable the drill was that the bulkheads had to be closed and the CO2 gas taps activated. This would probably save the ship but the engine room personnel would not survive. And that was what happened years after Jody left the Westralia.

On May 5, 1998, a fuel hose

burst in the ship's engine room and the spraying fuel ignited. The extinguishers couldn't cope and it took two hours for the fire to be put out. Four sailors died from carbon monoxide poisoning. Jody was devastated when she heard the news of that tragedy.

On one occasion the ship lost steering and had to be steered from the engine room for three days before the engine room crew could fix the problem. Jody remembers it as being a particularly exhausting time and she once woke up lying across steel pipes where she had fallen asleep.

One of the scariest tasks she had to perform was when she was hoisted to the top of the mast to replace a blown light globe.

After the tour of duty was over the crew were awarded the Active Service Medal, the Australian Services Medal and the Kuwait Star.

After a brief return to Fremantle the Westralia sailed to south-east Asia for a three-month tour of the Philippines, Hong Kong and Singapore.

Back in Australia, Jody was appointed as the Secretary to the Officer in Charge of Maritime Headquarters in Sydney.

Later she was posted back to Cerberus to work as a personal training instructor but before that could happen her orders changed and she was posted to a ship. After seven years in the Navy Jody could not face up again to the misery of chronic seasickness. So she resigned.

One night about that time she was having a drink at a pub

in Cronulla and met Tim Scoble, a young man from Melbourne who was completing his engineering apprenticeship with Qantas. They soon became sweethearts and were married in Sydney in 1995.

Tim returned to work at Tullamarine and they lived at Bundoora before buying a five-acre block in Gisborne not long before their twins Malcolm and Jessica were born in 2002.

The twins attended Holy Cross and Salesian College and are now in their first year at university, Malcolm at RMIT doing aeronautical engineering and Jessie at William Angliss where she is studying events management. This year their two younger sisters, Madison and Natalie, are at Gisborne

Secondary College and New Gisborne Primary.

Jody was a leader with 1<sup>st</sup> Gisborne Scouts for several years. She became a member of the Gisborne RSL in 2003 and has been the branch's treasurer since 2017. Jody now runs Envie, the female fitness centre in the Nexus building in Gisborne.

This year will see the 30th anniversary of the Gulf War and Jody is interested to see if this milestone will be appropriately observed.

She believes that it is the forgotten war and that those who served in it have never been paid their due respect. However Jody looks back with pride and fond memories of her trailblazing time in the Navy.



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## NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION FOR AN AMENDMENT TO A PLANNING PERMIT

Planning And Environment Act 1987 Section 52(1)

An application for a planning permit has been made which may affect you.

<b>THE LAND AFFECTED BY THE APPLICATION IS LOCATED AT:</b>	Hamilton Street & Aitken Street, GISBORNE
<b>THE APPLICATION IS TO AMEND THE PERMIT BY:</b>	Use of the land for the purpose of a Farm Produce Market (Application to Amend Planning Permit conditions/endorsed plans - Expanded area of operation, Amended preamble and Hours of operation)
<b>THE APPLICANT FOR THE AMENDMENT TO THE PERMIT IS:</b>	The G.R.E.A.T Association
<b>THE APPLICATION REFERENCE NUMBER IS:</b>	PLN/2004/429/A
<b>Contact officer:</b>	<b>Jackie Robson</b> Statutory Planning Officer P: (03) 5421 9610

You can view all relevant planning permit application documents as follows:

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	In person	Any Macedon Ranges Shire Council office 8.30am – 5:00pm Monday to Friday

To make an objection or submission to the Responsible Authority, it must:

- Be in writing
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- Additionally for objections include:
  - Reason/s for the objection
  - State how you would be affected by the granting of a permit
  - Any suggestions on how to address concerns.

Any person who may be affected by the granting of the permit may object or make other submissions to the responsible authority. A prescribed objection/submission form is located on Council's website at <https://www.mrsc.vic.gov.au/Build-Plan/Planning-Permits-Approvals-Forms/Object-to-an-application>.

Objections and submissions can be emailed to [mrsc@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:mrsc@mrsc.vic.gov.au) or posted to PO Box 151 Kyneton Vic 3444 or delivered in person to any Macedon Ranges Shire Council office.

The responsible authority will not decide on the application before at least 14 days after the date the last notice under [section 52\(1\)](#) or (1AA) of the Act is to be given.

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Applicant signature: *Maxine Kote* Dated: *23<sup>rd</sup> March 2021*



## Need something bigger to finish off a job?



Like many of our members, you may have quite a well-equipped workshop but with just one or two vital bits of equipment missing due to lack of space.

One of the most used items in our Shed is the table saw. Members often cut up larger pieces of wood on this saw and then take them home to finish off a personal project.

If you need access to a larger table saw, a lathe with a bigger swing, a bandsaw, a thicknesser or a bigger pedestal drill among others, consider joining us. You don't have to come every week. If you bump into Rodney or Lawrie (pictured with the table saw) at the supermarket, feel free to interrogate them about what else we have in our Shed. Better still, pop in any Monday or Thursday morning and see for yourself.

Our membership book is open, there is no joining fee and the kettle is never far off the boil.



Rodney and Lawrie perform routine maintenance on the table saw at the Shed with the aid of some WD-40.



Woodend Lifestyle Carers Group members enjoy a picnic at Lauriston Reservoir.

## Lifestyle Carers relax at Lauriston res

What a beautiful spot to have a picnic, within 10 minutes' drive of Kyneton. A glorious expanse of water, surrounded by pasture and bush, with plenty of parking, tables, benches and sunshades.

Where is this? Well, members of Woodend Lifestyle Carers Group recently found out when they had a social get-together enabling them to appreciate the beauty and tranquility of Lauriston Reservoir – what a well-designed area to meet up with friends and enjoy some warm autumn weather.

This trip was one of several social events planned for 2021, and will hopefully make up for our 'lost' COVID year when members were only able to chat

and support each other via social media or the telephone.

This year we are determined to make the most of every opportunity to meet on our official second and fourth Thursdays of the month, with afternoon tea served at the Woodend RSL Club giving members the chance to catch up, mentor each other on caring for a loved one living at home with dementia, and generally enjoy some distraction from their everyday stresses.

If you would like more information on our volunteer support group, please call 5420 7132.

Cherry Servis  
Secretary



## Funded local charity is seeking volunteers

PS My Family Matters is looking for local people to join its committee and for peer support volunteers.

"We have been successful in our funding applications to both the NDIS and the State Government," said Tamara Wilson, president of PSMFM. "This funding has secured our operation for the next three years and we have a need for people



to volunteer both as committee members and as peer support volunteers to our carers."

PSMFM is looking for people who live in (or near) the Macedon Ranges, who have a passion for issues related to mental health and would like to get involved with an organisation that supports carers of loved ones with mental illness.

Committee members and volunteers will be offered the opportunity to complete mental health First Aid training as part of their induction.

For further information and to register interest, please call 0475 269 965.

If you need immediate support or assistance contact Lifeline on 131411.

Submitted by Mike Hamer



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## The beauty of lockdown!

I have never been keen on lockdown until recently. The last one I actually cheered, because Judith came down from Queensland for a week.

She arrived on the Thursday and was in lockdown on the Friday. It was a real mum and daughter time for a few weeks as we walked all around Gisborne, Melton and Woodend.

I thought as we sat outside Bourkies Bakehouse in Woodend, with one of the best meat pies and vanilla slices,

that it was perfect.

Judith and her husband Peter had for many years

a video shop in Woodend. We visited most of the shops but we enjoyed the opportunity shop the most. Apart from getting a bargain or two, the staff were a happy and helpful group of lovely ladies.



### BETTY'S BOOP

With Betty Doolan

Sadly, we lost a well-known resident of the Elms, David Sinclair, who was involved in schools and St John's

Ambulance in Woodend.

David loved good music and would share it with the residents. He would go into our dining rooms and put a CD on to play at our meal times. My young grandchild Fiona was studying

to be a nurse and David was a great help to her at St John's.

How appropriate that David lost his battle for life beside the memorial gardens at the fire station in the main street, surrounded by police and ambulance people with all their motors flashing their lights.

Residents celebrated St Patrick's Day with plenty of green and lots of Irish music playing.

Stay safe and wear a mask.

## A first step if something seems amiss

If you notice that something is not right with a loved one, such as a person feeling anxious, being sad or having a low mood, being irritable or wanting to isolate themselves, these may be signs they need some help.

They also might be having trouble sleeping or have changes to their appetite; alcohol or drugs could also be used to cope with how they are feeling and they could be very emotional.

Encouraging them to seek help from a GP is an important first step.

Some GPs have extra training in mental health and provide a referral to a psychologist or psychiatrist as needed for further management.

They can provide general medical advice as well as diagnose some mental health problems, provide support and advice, refer to a psychologist or psychiatrist, prepare a Mental Health Treatment Plan, prescribe medications.

## World Immunisation Week in April

The autumn leaves are well and truly falling and this is usually my reminder that it's time to think about getting a flu jab.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) celebrates World Immunisation Week from April 24-30, and I think it is important to remember – as Australia rolls out the COVID-19 vaccine – that immunisation saves millions of lives every year and is widely recognised as one of the world's most successful and cost-effective health interventions.

The WHO reports that we now have vaccines to prevent more than 20 life-threatening diseases, helping people of all ages live longer, healthier lives. Their research shows that immunisation prevents two to three million deaths every year from diseases such as diphtheria, chickenpox, hepatitis, tetanus, whooping cough, measles, and influenza.

We are so fortunate in Australia to



An article on general health by Julie Ireland

have access to vaccination and immunisation services, which is not the case in many other countries. Immunisation is considered a simple, safe and effective way of protecting us against harmful diseases. The federal Department of Health points out that immunisation not only protects individuals, but also others in the community, by reducing the spread of preventable diseases.

There is lots of information and research about vaccination and immunisation that is easy to access and is targeted at the layperson, on the Department of Health website ([www.health.gov.au](http://www.health.gov.au)) and also the World Health Organisation website ([www.who.int](http://www.who.int)).

To be honest, I haven't suffered from the flu, or in fact any winter cold ailments, since I started getting an annual flu shot 10 years ago, so something must be working!

Take care of yourselves everyone.

## Being prepared for asthma

The COVID-19 pandemic has made life more difficult for people with asthma, and even though in Australia the current prevalence is minimal, the situation could change at any time.

If a person with asthma contracts COVID-19, they may be more likely to develop a serious illness if they are over the age of 50 or have severe asthma.

### Prepare for the year ahead

- Do not dismiss or underestimate symptoms
- If you do have asthma, it's critical you take your asthma preventative consistently
- Keep your (blue) reliever inhaler with you so you can address symptoms quickly
- If it's been a while since you spoke to your GP about your asthma action plan, now's the time. Your plan should include medications when well, when not well, and instructions if asthma symptoms are getting worse.

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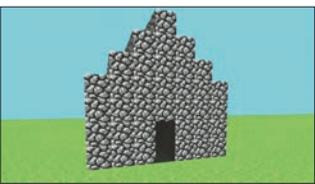
## YOUNG BEAT with Asher Kroon

Minecraft is a very popular and globally played game, but did you know that it once started off as a school assignment? That's right! Markus Persson was born and raised in Switzerland. He is the creator of Minecraft. Persson was studying coding, and his school assignment was to make a game in which characters could move around a platform. Persson submitted the assignment and passed. Realising that this could actually take off, he started working on Minecraft in his spare time. At the time, the game was called "Cave Game" and you appeared on a computer-generated block of grass. You could only mine and place cobblestone.

Once he had graduated from school, Persson kept working on the game until it was playable. This was when he released it on the internet and it instantly became a success.

Minecraft has come a long way since 2009! Markus Persson does not own Minecraft anymore. Microsoft bought the game in 2014 for \$3.2 billion (AUD)! Markus became an instant billionaire and now lives in a \$70 million megamansion.

You might be wondering, why did Persson sell Minecraft? This was because \$3.2 billion was an incredible deal. Minecraft had only made him \$165 million over the seven years it had been



out, so when he was offered \$3.2 billion for the whole company, it was an obvious deal. Since Microsoft bought the game, it is

making \$415 million a year and still rising.

This just goes to show, that a small idea on paper can grow to be a mega success. You should never underestimate your ideas and where they can take you.

## Lights, nets... more sports action



MP Mary-Anne Thomas did the honours at the official opening in March of the new lights and cricket practice nets at Tony Clarke Reserve.

Representatives of the State Government, Macedon Ranges Shire Council, Macedon Tennis Club, Macedon

Football Netball Club, Macedon Junior Football Netball Club, Macedon Cricket Club, Woodend Cricket Club and Gisborne Bendigo Bank took part in the opening, all contributors to the upgrades. The joint celebration also included the opening of new cricket nets in Woodend.

## All in a day's walk



The Macedon Ranges Field Naturalists group enjoyed a walk to the summit of Mount Gisborne on March 13.

## Farewell to popular Macedon Ranges identity

### OBITUARY Donald Clifford 1935-2021

Popular Macedon Ranges identity Don Clifford was a man of integrity, justice, humour and quick wit, a longtime friend to many and always had a willingness to give a friend a hand. He was committed to supporting his community, driving the elderly and delivering the *Gisborne Gazette*.

In later years, Don suffered from Parkinson's Disease but with his characteristic determination he worked hard to ward off its progress with exercise, crosswords and keeping active. It was only in the last year of his life that he stopped dancing.

Don struggled to speak clearly at times but he could sing with a smile on his face until the end. He loved

spending time with his family. Don passed away on February 9.

Don was born in Melbourne in 1935 to Norman and Alma. He had four brothers and two sisters: Norma (dec'd), Lawrence (dec'd), John (dec'd), twin brother Victor, Daryl and Gwendolyn (dec'd).

Don attended the Macedon Primary and Kyneton High Schools and gained his Leaving Certificate. He joined the Victorian Railways and later the PMG Dept in Melbourne and became self-employed when he took over the Gisborne Taxi Service from Ron Black. Don also became a mail contractor and a transport driver for Flexdrive Industries in New Gisborne.



Don Clifford

Don met Marie at a dance in Woodend in the early 1960s and they married in 1962 at St Therese's Catholic Church in Essendon. They would have celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary in April.

Their first home was in Prince Street, Gisborne.

Don and Marie loved to travel and with their friends Eileen and Kelvin Cardillo, they travelled to New Zealand and Hawaii, interstate and journeyed on the Ghan. Many family holidays were spent at Brighton and Rosebud as well as Tumut and Mildura where their daughters were living.

For many years, Don enjoyed playing tennis, cricket, football and

jogging with his friend Dave McLeish. He was a life member of the Macedon Football Club, Gisborne Cricket Club and Kyneton Dance Club. Don enjoyed fixing things – from watches to cars! He particularly enjoyed dancing, music, singing and going to the races and rarely missed a Mount Players performance.

He "had an eye for a bargain" and attended many garage sales.

Don and Marie have three daughters, Kym, Karen and Joanne-Stella along with seven grandchildren, Claudia, Samuel, Dominic, Sigrid, Patrick, Sofia and Joseph. Don passed away on February 9 and a celebration of his life was held at Tony Clarke Reserve on February 19, with over 250 in attendance. A burial followed at the Macedon Cemetery.

# Never mind the forecast!

There's a saying among the flyfishing fraternity to "forget the forecast" meaning if you've got a window of opportunity you need to take it.

After a long lockdown in 2020, I'd planned a three-day wilderness experience in the Tasmanian Central Highlands with fishing guide and award-winning tourism operator Daniel Hackett. The unpredictable weather in Tasmania changed our expedition from high altitude lakes to lowland rivers.



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The first day we were greeted with blue skies and warm weather as Daniel launched the

inflatable raft into Brumby's Creek. We spent the day drifting this big open waterway watching brown trout leap for damselflies; even tricking a few into taking my fly.

Next day we headed to a "secret creek" in some remote and rugged terrain. Many sections were no wider than a car with thick overgrowth that meant using a bow and arrow cast (pulling fly hook and line back, bending the rod like a bow, taking care for a release with no finger flesh attached to the hook) or a simpler roll cast if possible. We lost count of the many brown trout that we caught and released.

The last day we fished the South Esk River, only minutes from Launceston airport, which is indicative of how accessible



Simon's "secret creek" brown trout.

good fishing is in Tassie. Overall, applying technical fishing techniques rewarded our hard work with nice size brown trout.

For more details on Tasmanian fly fishing please visit [www.riverfly.com.au](http://www.riverfly.com.au) and for more information on the Calder Fly Fishing Association visit [www.calderflyfishing.com.au](http://www.calderflyfishing.com.au)

Simon Hall

## Local Walk No 11



View from Trentham Heritage Railway Station.

### Trentham-Domino Rail Trail

An open picturesque walk.

Distance: 13km round trip

Level: Easy

Directions: From Gisborne, drive to Trentham via Woodend and Tylden. At Trentham, park in the railway station car park. (Note: some Sundays there is a market there so alternative street parking is necessary.) Walk along the platform and follow the tracks to the bitumen road. Cross the roadway; the Domino rail trail starts here.

This is an easy but lengthy walk to Lyonville. The walk is well sheltered for its full length and detours only for a closed unsafe trestle bridge. The detour is to the left about 100m before the bridge and loops around to rejoin the trail about 100m after. Continue on for about 1km when the trail obviously ends. A right-hand exit brings you out at the Radio Springs Hotel (refreshment time?).

Retrace your route to the station and the fleshpots of Trentham!

Being a former railway line, this walk has no hills. It is well treed against the elements. The path is smooth gravel and well used by cyclists. Along the trail, there are marker posts indicating distance in kilometres to Lyonville and Trentham in each direction of travel.

## NEWS FROM THE RAMBLERS

The Ramblers have managed to achieve a walk most Fridays this year, abandoning only one, late January, due to severe rain. Because of unsettled conditions, most of our walks have been in the local area.

If April is more settled, we will attempt walks in the Malmsbury, Tarradale and Blackwood areas. These tend to be slightly longer than our usual two-hour duration, but more open, scenic and

easier than some of the bush walks we do. With these walks, we tend to stop for lunch after the walk, to complete the day.

It is noticeable how much rubbish is being dumped in the bush of late. Apart from electrical goods, builder's waste and plastics, a real concern is garden waste. This has the potential for the introduction

of weed infestation.

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](mailto:gisramblers@gmail.com).

At right is another of our walks which you may care to try.

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## Gisborne Toy Library open for business

Gisborne Toy Library is thrilled to be open for in-person borrowing sessions.

We have received council approval and are now open every Saturday for toy borrowing from 10am to 11am. Other borrowing times can be arranged by appointment. We are in the Manna Gum centre at 71 Robertson Street, Gisborne.

We have a huge range of toys for children aged from newborn to eight years old to help your kids learn and develop while having fun.

With an increasing range of STEM toys, like the marble run pictured, your little ones can play and learn using new toys every few weeks. And you will be helping to reduce plastic and single-use toys from going to landfill.

If you're hosting a kids birthday party, why not consider hiring a party pack. For only \$5 for members, you can borrow five large toys for use at your next party.

And for grandparents who look after their grandchildren, membership is only \$10 for the whole year – a wonderful option for the weekends when the grandkids visit!

For information about joining the Gisborne Toy Library, please contact us at: [gisbornetoylibrary@yahoo.com.au](mailto:gisbornetoylibrary@yahoo.com.au) or contact us on our Facebook page.



This month's layout team

These friendly Grade 6 students from Gisborne Primary's Writers' Club helped lay out this edition of the *Gazette*. They all love to write and made insightful comments during the session, but Veronica forgot to let on that she can read upside down. Pictured (L-R) are Millie, Eden, Addi, Evie, Gabe, Veronica, Claire, Brendan.



Gisborne Toy Library member Tobias enjoys the marble run.

## JOKES AND RIDDLES

Do you have trouble making up your mind?  
Well, yes and no.

The motor mechanic went to see a psychiatrist and lay down under the couch.

Why did the king of Norway wear purple braces?  
To keep his pants up.

Would you like your pizza cut in four pieces or six pieces, sir?  
Four pieces please. I couldn't eat six pieces.

What do you call a gun with three barrels?  
A trifle.

Your test results came back negative.  
Oh, that's good isn't it doctor?  
Not really. It was an IQ test.

What has six legs, is green and fuzzy and would kill you if it fell on you?  
A pool table.

A peanut ran into the police station shouting, "I've just been a salted!"

Never criticise anyone until you've walked a mile in their shoes. (Then, when you criticise them, you're a mile away and you've got their shoes.)

How do you know that owls are cleverer than chickens?  
Have you ever heard of Kentucky Fried Owls?

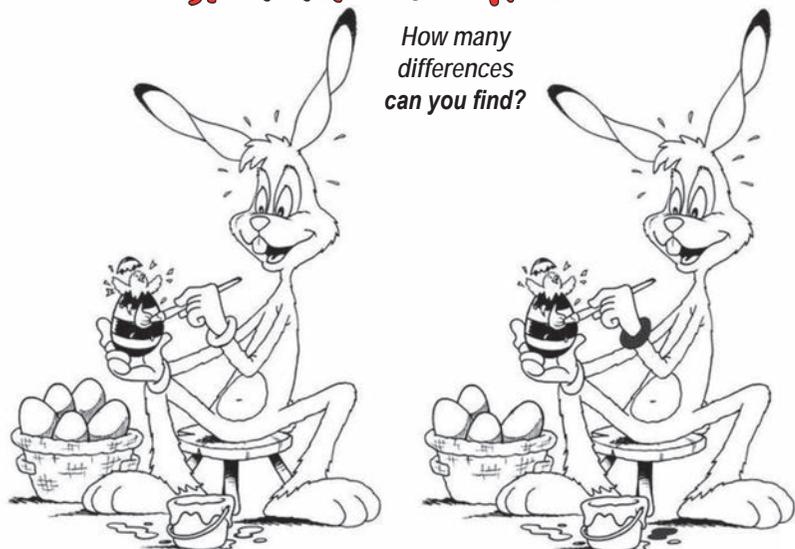
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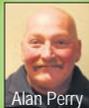
- 1 A seismometer measures the direction and strength of what?
- 2 Which Tudor king had six wives?
- 3 What is the chemical formula for water?
- 4 Which singer do True Beliebers follow?
- 5 Who wrote the play Macbeth?
- 6 Complete the title of the Dr Seuss book "Green Eggs and .....?"
- 7 Which of Whistler's paintings featured in the 1997 film *Bean*?
- 8 Everything in our Solar System revolves around which star?
- 9 Oak trees grow from what type of seed?
- 10 How many consonants are there in the alphabet?

Answers ► page 39

## SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

How many differences can you find?





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## School's own zucchini slice leaves zero hungry

The Children of Holy Cross Primary School enjoyed a special treat on March 4 when some of the mums, under the leadership of Beck O'Farrell, collected 72 eggs and 30 zucchinis from the school's chicken coop and vegetable garden.



The children work together to maintain the vegetable garden and chicken coop and were very proud of their produce.

The eight mums then cooked 12 LARGE zucchini slices from 9 to 11am and were able to feed the whole school and staff, with some children coming back for thirds. There was nothing left at the end of lunch.

Thank you to the children and families for looking after our gardens and chickens and a big thank you to the mums who all went home not wanting to see another zucchini for a long time.

We really appreciate you giving up your time and the effort it took to make so many zucchini slices; we loved it!

*Grade 4 students*



*Kara Chun, Stephanie Spiteri and some Grade 4 helpers.*

## Felt friends teach feelings at GPS

### Kimochis at Gisborne Primary



At Gisborne Primary our Preps, Ones and Twos have been learning about emotions. To help them understand emotions they have started using Kimochis. Kimochis are creature toys that have pouches with small emotions inside. Each

of the Kimochis has a different personality which means they all struggle with different things. All the characters are friends so they all help each other. There are eight Kimochis in the family. When a class is introduced to a new character they watch videos about them and read a page of the Kimochi book, which is about the new character. They are a wonderful way to engage the kids and help them learn about emotions.



*Harper French, Year 4 Writers' Club*

### e-safety at Gisborne Primary



"Think before you click" is a powerful quote that you should think about every time you are about to click online. At GPS we are always trying to influence responsible behaviour online. Our school has a large focus on e-safety. In class, the Years 3-6

are learning about internet safety and cyber bullying. When we are learning about internet safety, we concentrate a lot on age restrictions of apps, along with how you can protect yourself from dangerous people and sites online. We find that the students at Gisborne Primary already have a great amount of knowledge on this topic, but we want to reinforce that awareness. E-safety is not just important at Gisborne Primary, but important to everyone who wants to stay safe online.

*Chloe Wright, Year 6 Writers' Club*

## Actually, cleaning up can be fun

On Friday March 5 we all went out to clean up our school and local landmarks for Clean Up Australia Day. We had a great time picking up rubbish and keeping Macedon clean.



In Term 1 at Macedon Primary School, we have focused a lot on student leadership and working on keeping our local environment safe.

On Thursdays we always go to Middle Gully and do Landcare with a group of parents who support us. Middle Gully is a nature reserve that has lots of unique and cool places in it, such as a wooden maze, dam, shed, chickens, etc. If you live near Macedon come check it out, as you are always welcome to walk through on the weekends. In our local environment



*A group of Macedon's enthusiastic rubbish collectors.*

we have lots of wildlife such as kangaroos, wombats, and koalas. We also have birds like kookaburras and a few black cockatoos.

*Levi Enge and Noah Rocard*

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## Settling in to Swinburne Avenue Kindergarten

The children at Swinburne Avenue Kindergarten have settled in beautifully to kindergarten life. They have loved exploring new play spaces, spending time outside in the garden, making new friends and getting to know their teachers.



Nash and Macy put their creative skills to use on their kinder hats.

One of the highlights of the first term for the four-year-old groups is having the opportunity to make their very own kinder hat. The children are always excited to take part in this activity, which enables them to use personal choice and express their identity.

It also creates a sense of belonging with their peers. Wearing a hat outside each day ensures that the children are developing excellent sun smart habits from an early age.

As well as hat making, the children have also been getting busy in the kitchen.

Thanks to the generous grant from the Community Bank, a cooking program has been implemented at the kindergarten. So far zucchini and apple muffins have been on

the menu, with the produce being harvested from the kinder veggie patch.

The wonderful hands-on experiences of growing, harvesting and cooking fruit and vegetables provide endless learning opportunities.

## St Brigid's environmental warriors



St Brigid's students and teachers walked around the Gisborne area to help clean up the community for Clean Up Australia Day on March 6. Prep students went to Daly Reserve, the Junior students went to

Gisborne Adventure Playground, the Middle students went to Gardiner Reserve and the Senior students went to Sankey Reserve.

They found lots of rubbish and had a great time cleaning up and helping the community stay clean and rubbish free. In total St Brigid's filled up 50 bags of rubbish, including a shovel.

Inspired by the Clean Up Australia Day campaign to "Step Up to Clean Up" and our recent efforts out in our Gisborne community, each person at St Brigid's has created their own pledge on how they can personally reduce waste in their life.



Not your average bootload!

We know that even one small change in our lives could mean a big change for our environment over time and that collectively all these small actions make a big difference. We all have a responsibility to care for our world and its inhabitants as stewards of the Earth.

Summer Busby and Emma Barker



Thank you to Scarlett for helping to organise the event.

## New Gisborne Primary runs up a storm

Dixon Field was transformed for New Gisborne Primary School's House cross country carnival on March 5. The conditions were perfect and it was exciting to see another sporting event filled with a rainbow of colours: red for Lee, blue for Devlin, green for Hurst and yellow for Galloway.

The day was a huge success thanks to the amazing effort of our Year 3-6 students, with help from their teachers and support staff. Sincere thanks to our volunteer parents. A huge thank you also to our extraordinary PE teachers, Mrs Mason and Mrs Prokopec.

The 11, 12 and 13-year-olds completed a 3km course starting at Dixon Field, winding along the Gisborne Walking Track and turning around at 1.5km (near the Gisborne Pool) to return. The 8, 9 and 10-year-olds completed a 2km course on the same path, turning at the 1km marker (near Pet Stock). Congratulations to all runners for completing their course and contributing to their House points!

The last order of business was the traditional house



The top ten Senior boys.

chants led by our Year 6 House Captains. They did an amazing job, revving up their houses. You may have heard them from the other side of town!

Congratulations to Lee House who won the most points on the day and was awarded the Cross Country House trophy.

Congratulations to our 60 district qualifiers who will compete at the MRPSA District Cross Country event, held in Term 2. We wish them luck.



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# Appreciating life without COVID

Last year we had a coronavirus outbreak, which caused two lockdowns. One year on, school is almost normal again, and things are looking up.

Our lockdowns made us appreciate what we have and what we took for granted. Before COVID, we would just sit down and talk with our friends, without a care in the world. During lockdown, we had to find out if they had any time available, if there was something we could talk on (Webex), then talk to them if the time and technology suited.

I now especially appreciate walking through the park in the sun, and going over to my friends' houses to play games together or work on projects together.

Handwriting seemed like a chore before our lockdown, but when those lockdowns came, so much of our schoolwork was online. Doing our



work by hand again has been a nice change.

By far the most important thing about being back to 'normality', is that you can now read someone's mood and feelings better than if you're seeing them on a screen.

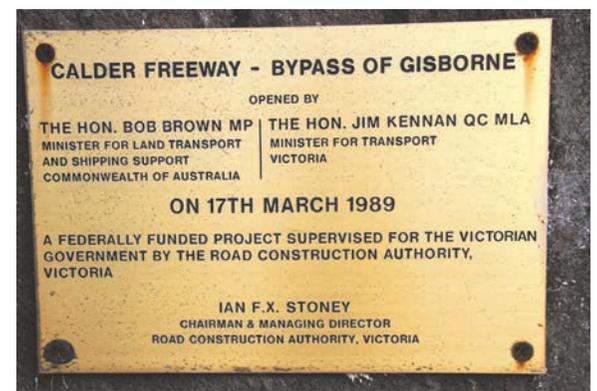
Seeing the smiling faces of my friends is better than seeing them on Webex.

You can reach out to them. You can hi-five them. You can pat their shoulder.

I think we can all agree that after last year there is now a greater appreciation for the 'real people' around you.

Ryan McClurkin

Newsletter Reporter and Photographer



This plaque is attached to a rock beside the freeway near the Melbourne Road overpass.

## History of Gisborne's freeway bypass

### Early worries unfounded

Gisborne businesses had many concerns over the proposed bypassing of Gisborne when it was first suggested back in the early 1980s.

The then Gisborne Shire Business Association, made up of all the local shops, conducted many meetings with guest speakers from other towns in Victoria who had been recently bypassed. They all spoke of how it had actually "improved" business in their towns – after an initial up to 12 months changeover of shopping patterns.

Gisborne's experience mirrored that precisely and just look where the town is now and how it is growing at a formidable rate.

Some takeaway shops found a drop in income initially, but once the locals realised that on a weekend from Friday evening to Sunday evening, you could actually get a park near the shops, they then supported those businesses and clearly covered that loss of income.

In the mid-1980s when the freeway was touted and the route was being planned, several local developers saw the opportunity and bought house properties in Hamilton and Brantome Streets. Many new shops were built and some additional parking areas created.

By 1987, with the freeway construction well underway, a large consortium bought properties within Brantome, Hamilton, Robertson and Prince Streets. They began constructing the shopping centre where IGA is located, along with the car park. This was completed and opened about 1989, just after the Gisborne bypass section of the Calder Freeway was finished and officially opened.

It is now 32 years on – what a massive change to Gisborne and surroundings.

Gary Sanders



Gisborne bypass under construction in 1988.



### CAPTAINS' RAP GISBORNE SECONDARY COLLEGE



Hamish Nicoll

Hi all,

We are coming to the end of the first term here at Gisborne Secondary College.

The Year 7s have almost completed their first term of high school and have settled in well at the college.

Half of the year 9 cohort have begun the R.A.I.D program with activities including an African drumming incursion as well as excursions to the Gisborne Bowling Club and self-defence training.

It has been a real enjoyment to be back seeing everyone's faces in the hallways and it is even better to be learning back in the classrooms again instead of it being on a computer screen.

We've also had our annual swimming carnival at the Lancefield pool which was an action-packed day for the school, and the Year 12s didn't disappoint as we all got in the tradition of dressing up in wacky, wonderful and creative costumes to provide a bit of entertainment and motivation for the competitors.

The school's athletics day is right around the corner and the Year 12s will have another chance to dress up in costumes again.

Wishing everyone a safe and relaxing term break and a happy Easter!





## News from 1st Gisborne Scouts

Scouting is all about getting into the 'big outdoors', trying new things, working together as a team and most importantly, having fun! 1st Gisborne Scouts have been busy doing all these things this term.

The Joeys did a walk at the top of Mount Macedon, participated in a 'Scouts Own' where we reflected on past scouting activities and what we want to do in future, and enjoyed a sausage sizzle at the end.

Jackson Unit Cubs camped at Noonameena Scout camp (near Kyneton), the first camp since November 2019. The theme was Xbox and each activity base was about boxes. The Cubs built cardboard box forts, cardboard box ovens and obstacles. It rained a lot on Saturday afternoon and soaked the cardboard but we had a great time smashing up the wet forts.

Mitchell Scout Unit highly enjoyed a "Back to Canvas" camp at Treetops Scout Camp over the March long weekend. In patrols, the Scouts did everything from full camp set-up, cooking, tower and bridge construction to archery, low ropes and commando courses. Activity points were tallied for a bit of friendly and very close competition.

Bundaleer Rover Unit could finally meet at the hall and went on its first major camp since 2020, Surfmoor. Other activities included a movie night, pizza and games night and inflatable water fun.

*Carolyn Goode (Assistant Joey Leader)*



*Nothing beats a box for fun, even if it's wet!*



*1st Gisborne Joeys hike on Mount Macedon.*



*The combined Macedon-Woodend Scout Group launch with a giant version of the new group's scarf on display.*

## Combined scout group officially launched

The past month has marked an exciting time for our local Scouts following the official opening of the Macedon-Woodend Scout Group on March 1. The joining of 1st Macedon and 2nd Woodend Scout Groups could not be off to a better start.

Local dignitaries and Scout officials came together with the families and Leaders of our Group to celebrate and reflect on why we were all part of Scouts.

For our youth, it's about getting outdoors, learning about the world, being leaders of their peers, meeting friends and, importantly, having fun. For our Leaders and parent helpers, it's about giving back, mentoring and helping to shape the next generation.

Besides enjoying the exciting weekly program, many youth members are working towards their Peak Award. In Scouts this is the Australian Scout Medallion and in Venturers it's the coveted Queen's Scout Award. Two Venturers are close to achieving their Queen's Scout.

Our Group is committed to helping the young people of the Macedon Ranges choose adventure as a way of learning teamwork, leadership and resilience – all in the name of having fun.

To find out more about joining the Macedon-Woodend Scout Group, visit [macedonwoodendscouts.com](http://macedonwoodendscouts.com)

*Tim Duff*



*At the launch Mayor Jennifer Anderson got to meet Bombshell, Scout Oscar Walliss's pet chicken and a regular visitor to Scout events.*

## New Gisborne (Church of Christ) Scouts update

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

Following successful camps in February we are now looking forward to the "Cuboree" near Gembrook in April and an extended Scout camp near Anglesea in preparation for the 2021 Victorian Jamboree.

Joeys and Cubs recently had a great night out on their bikes and scooters with some good safety education and First Aid tips.

We've paid the deposit on the Scout Hut with CV Sheds in Kyneton, with construction planned for late April. All contributions to help fit out the hut are welcome – and tax deductible. The hut will be central



*New Gisborne Joey and Cub Scouts enjoy the outdoors.*

to the post-COVID rejuvenation of Scouting in New Gisborne.

We've had a number of Joeys (ages 5-7) "go up" to Cub Scouts so we have a few vacancies. Similarly, with a number of Scouts "going up" to Venturers we have some vacancies in the Scout section.

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

## Guides officially welcome four members



It was exciting for have four of our members, Kasey, Emily, Macey and Claire, make their Girl Guide Promise and be presented with their sash and Promise badge in March. This ceremony had been delayed from 2020.

They were also presented with the Thinking Day badge and certificate. The sash is used to hold all the badges that the Guides choose to challenge themselves to earn.

Congratulations to newly elected Patrol leaders Tayla, Macey and Kasey. Tayla has also chosen to work on her Junior BP badge and started by planning a series of activities for the patrols to undertake.

Leader Erin is organising activities to help the girls earn their Emergency badge. This month we welcome Isla who has joined the Unit. Now that we are allowed to meet in larger groups many members



Kasey, Emily, Macey and Claire wear their new sashes. Pictured with Guide leader Deb Fleming.

will attend the River Region Revels in Bendigo.

If you are aged 8 to 12 years and would like to try Guiding, phone Deb on 0409 542 619 for details. We meet on Thursday nights between 5pm and 6.30pm.

## MARIST BROTHERS OLD BOYS GET TOGETHER

The 25th annual excursion for the Kyneton Marist Brothers Old Boys Association to the Torrumbarry Weir Tourist Park took place mid-March.

Each year on the trip a winner is selected for the Possum Trophy, named in memory of Brother Paul Bourke, a most respected teacher at the school. Brendan (aka 'Pencil') holds the trophy until 2022 when the next winner will be decided.

The Brothers ceased

teaching at Kyneton in 1967 after 40 years. Many boys from the south of the shire attended Marist Brothers over the years.

Brendan Sheppard was one of the last students taught by the Brothers.

It follows that he and his classmates are the youngest Old Boys, but the elder statesman of the members is Jack Pattison, now in his 93rd year.



Brendan Sheppard and his trophy.

Michael B Halley

MRUB Committee for 2021-22. Back, from left: Nick, Mark, Mark, Yvonne and Heidi. Front: Deb, Sylvia, Vicki, Moira and Ken.

Photo: Sylvia Behan



## Meet Ulysses' 2021-22 committee

Members of the Macedon Ranges Ulysses Branch (MRUB) elected its 2021-22 committee at a combined monthly social function and AGM on March 15. We are thrilled to have most of our 2020 committee back for another term after a sterling job in less than ideal conditions last year.

It is with great pleasure that we introduce this experienced and energetic team to you. In summary, we have Sylvia Behan (President), Mark Behan (Secretary), Moira Burgess (Welfare Officer), Deb Stuckey (Treasurer), Heidi Frankl (Quartermaster), Mark Freestone (Ride Coordinator), Nick Pantelis (Newsletter Editor), along



with Vicki Cronin, Yvonne Barker and Ken Hager as our three general committee members. Our 2020 Ride Coordinator Andrew Brady decided to step down this year and we thank him for his great efforts in that role.

After significant planning over the past year, MRUB now has a very active events and rides calendar. So come join our friendly and welcoming club as it ramps up activities over 2021. Our updated Ride Calendar is guaranteed to keep you busy and can be found at [www.mrub.org.au](http://www.mrub.org.au) or join us on Facebook for the latest news.

And please, stay safe and stay upright!

Cherry Cole



## MACEDON MUSINGS

With Belinda Carlton-Doney

Have you noticed the beautiful new area within the Macedon Cemetery? The cemetery is a Class B (small) cemetery. It is managed by a dedicated group of locals who form the governing Trust. This beautiful area was first developed in 1880, with the earliest headstone belonging to James Smith Turner – 1864.

Now the new addition...With a growing demand towards cremation, a purpose-built area has been created, designed by Woodend-based landscape designer Kylie Blade of Blade Design. Construction work has been carried out by SJB landscaping.

Meandering paths weave around graceful gum trees. Boulders and logs provide seating areas which take in the mountain vista. It is a beautiful, peaceful place to be. A perfect place for

preserving scattered remains. Although the committee are still working out finer details, it is most likely in the future to include a wall, also for the interment of ashes.

The overall design will continue to be revealed as more shrubs are planted. Ultimately, the Trust wished to create a place where people could sit, reflect, contemplate and enjoy. An area that continues with the sweet and simple energy and ambience already existing. They've certainly been successful with that.

Good news is that the cemetery tours will be returning sometime in the next 12 months.

The cemetery is maintained with working bees throughout the year. This keeps the gardens looking gorgeous...there is even an indigenous wildflower area. The Trust members are always happy for community involvement. Perhaps you would like to participate in a working bee, or even potentially become a Trust Member? Contact Brian Collins on 0419 527 955



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Girls 12-13-year-old relay team at the recent State Age Swimming Championships. From left: Zoe Kucic, Catherine Mahony, Charlotte Matthews and Tess Kelly.

## Swimmers up their paces at state races

It's been a huge month of swimming for our competitive Gisborne Thunder swimmers.

Seven of our swimmers qualified and competed at the recent Victorian Age Long Course Championships at Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre from March 4-8. All swimmers excelled and pushed hard to produce personal best times, including the 12-13 girls medley relay with a PB of 3.77 seconds and placing second in their heat. Congratulations to Zoe Kucic, Tess Kelly, Shelby Morgan, Catherine Mahony, Charlotte Matthews, Caitlin Greed and Tyler Theodore; you all swam like champions.

The Country All Junior Competition proved to be



a successful event for our Thunder swimmers with 17 swimmers qualifying and five making the finals.

Ella Baas placed fourth overall in the 15-year-old girls' 50m backstroke, Abigail Cross was ninth in the 10-year-old girls' 50m freestyle, Catherine Mahony placed ninth in the 12-year-old girls' 50m breaststroke, and club captain Lachlan Casey made the finals for all four strokes, placing in the top 10 for all of his events.

Our next club night for all who would like to come and try will be at the Gisborne pool on Saturday April 17 from 5pm.

## News from Macedon Football Netball Club

Cricket season has ended and the Macedon Football Club training times are now Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 6pm-8pm.

The first practice match was at Hepburn on March 20. There were good numbers at all levels – U19.5, Reserve, and Seniors turned up on a hot day for a great hit out. Thanks to Hepburn Football Netball Club for making us so welcome. The second practice match, against Kyneton, was set for March 27 at Tony Clarke Reserve.

Netball training now takes place at the New Gisborne netball complex on Thursdays from 6.30pm-8.45pm, and at Tony Clarke Reserve on Saturdays from 9.30am-11.30am. There will be a training day and team selection on Saturday April 10, from 7.30am-7pm, at New Gisborne and Macedon. Check the club Facebook page for details.

The season opener is at Riddells Creek on April 17 when the teams compete for the Puka Up Cup. The second fixture will be on Anzac Day (Sunday April 25) against Diggers Rest at Tony Clarke Reserve: U19.5 at 9.30am, Reserves 11.30am, Anzac Ceremony 1.30pm, Seniors 2pm.

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 major fundraising raffle is still open and will be drawn on May 2. First prize is a Toyota Hilux valued at \$64,990 which includes on-road costs.

Tickets are available online at macedoncats.com.au or by calling 0488 363 222. Only 3000 tickets are being sold. (Raffle Permit Number: 10348/20)



Macedon footy players with a current model Toyota Hilux Ute.

## Moon magic...



Adrian Gauci recently took this amazing photo of the full moon from his driveway on Mt Gisborne Road. He used a Nikon Z7 on Manual mode and set the aperture to F11, Shutter to 1/125 and ISO 100. He used a Nikon F 200 - 500mm lens with an FtZ adaptor and shot a RAW image to prevent the camera from overprocessing the photo to keep it as natural as possible. Adrian likes how the moon's basalt plains are the key feature and hopes the image inspires people to also take photos with cameras instead of just mobile phones.

## Bushwalkers try some new trails

With a full walk calendar in place for 2021, Gisborne Bushwalkers have already enjoyed two walks in February, both to places few members have visited let alone walked.

A day's walk around the landscaped village of Doreen to lunch at the Yan Yean reservoir was an architectural exploration as well as an opportunity to learn about the history of this area; one of Melbourne's earliest water storage areas. Later in the month we travelled to Murrindindi, south of Yea, and hiked up to the spectacular Wilhelmina falls to complete a circuit back to one of the reserve's popular camping areas, Water Gauge Camp, alongside the river; a day of fabulous views, fungi spotting, meeting other walkers and general conviviality.

Proposals for further afield activities this half-year include a visit to the Werribee mansion, Little River Gorge, canoeing on the Goulburn, a base camp in the Grampians and a hike at Warrandyte. Of course, we still offer our local walks around Central Victoria with varying degrees of challenge.

If you are interested in joining the club, 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.gisbornebwc.org.au](http://www.gisbornebwc.org.au).



Bushwalkers climb to Wilhelmina falls.



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# AROUND THE GROUNDS



The victorious Macedon Cricket Club girls and their coach.

## First premiership for Macedon U17 girls

In a cricket season disrupted by COVID-19, the Macedon Renegades U17 Girls team took it all in their stride and powered to their first premiership on March 7 at Tony Clarke Reserve.

Led by their inspiring captain, Emily Wilkinson, the team batted first and posted an impressive 6/140 runs from their 20 overs. Macedon's top order batters, Bella Shaw (34 from 32 balls), Caitie Shaw (25 from 22 balls) and Eliza Paterson-Lade (18 from 20 balls) scored quickly and freely allowing the middle order to take some chances with aggressive running between wickets and some fine hard hitting in the latter overs.

Gisborne were equally well led by Emily McDonald who compiled a wonderful 39 runs from 39 deliveries in a run chase that started strongly but was eventually slowed by tight bowling and wonderful fielding

from the Macedon girls. Gisborne were able to reach 6/103 in their 20 overs.

In front of a large crowd, GDCA President Rob McIntyre awarded the premiership shield to the Macedon Cricket Club and congratulated all players on their performances. He awarded Player of the Match to Macedon's Bella Shaw who added to her strong batting performance with the fine bowling figures of 2/11 from four overs.

Rob commented on the depth of talent that is emerging among the young female cricketers in the district. "When we see young women play cricket at such a high standard and with such wonderful sportsmanship, we know that young girls will be attracted to their local cricket clubs in record numbers for the 2021-22 season," he said.

Tim Shaw

Macedon Cricket Club U17 Female Coach

## Teens bring the Dragons home

As usual, the Gisborne Cricket Club was well represented in both junior and senior cricket finals during March.



The Under 15 teams were particularly successful, winning premierships in both A and B sections (the Under 15B Premiers are pictured on page 36).

In senior cricket we had four teams make the finals from a possible eight which is a decent effort. Huge thanks to all club volunteers and players for making this season such a good one and working our way through the challenging conditions created by COVID.

In terms of players, Gisborne is the largest cricket club in country Victoria and the 10<sup>th</sup> largest in the state. Pretty impressive for a small town.

Andrew Headberry



Happy Gisborne U15A Premiers 2021.

## Gisborne Tennis Club wraps up summer season

Gisborne Tennis Club was delighted to have nine teams participate in the Macedon Ranges Tennis Association junior competition over summer 2020-21, which saw 45 children playing against other junior tennis players from across the local areas including Macedon, Kyneton, Woodend and South Gisborne.

Three of the Gisborne Tennis Club teams made finals at the end of a season planned to comply with COVID-19 restrictions. The club celebrated the efforts of all teams with a Junior presentation day in February.

The club thanks other clubs for making courts available to us when the Gisborne courts were closed after a light pole fell down just before Christmas, with a special mention to New Gisborne and South Gisborne for their assistance at short notice.

We also acknowledge participants from the club for their sportsmanship and the spirit in which they played their matches. The strength of the teams is underpinned by an active Junior Committee and the tribe of parents who get children to matches every week.

Lee Chapman

► See Junior club members pictured on page 37

## Netball is back in the Ranges

### Clinics rescheduled to April 11



We are so close to hearing the sound of whistles and sirens on a Saturday morning.

This season Macedon Ranges Netball Association expects 51 teams to compete in our junior competition, and we will be running U17 in addition to U9, U11, U13, and U15 grades. Round 1 is scheduled for Saturday April 17.

Our Midweek Ladies competition continues to be very competitive and it's great to see the teams battling it out across the grades.

After 2020 we are so pleased to have you all back on the court, and we can tell that you are all happy to be back.



Return to Netball Netfit clinics have been rescheduled to Sunday April 11 after they were cancelled due to the snap lockdown in February. Check the MRNA Facebook page for registration information.

If you are interested in playing netball, or umpiring, please feel free to contact me president@macedonrangesnetball.com.au.

Katie Duoba

Macedon Ranges Netball Association President

# Mt Macedon Medal of Medallists

Congratulations to President Matt Willis who was crowned our MoM 2020 champion.

A graders Trevor Atkins and Bruce Fraser tied for the February medal which will now be determined in a playoff, while Karl Pongracic was our March Mug o' the Month with 39 stableford points, sneaking past Graeme Bonsack on countback.



Despite the past month being somewhat drier, it has been summer after all, the course is in great condition and that has been reflected in the numbers of members joining competitions on both Wednesdays and Saturdays as well as the numerous green fee players enjoying 'Our Hidden Treasure on the Mount'.

Our recent three-person gentsomes competition was played in contrasting conditions with the morning players battling strong winds while the afternoon crew finished in rain.



Families gather for the Matthew Bennett Invitational at Mt Macedon Golf Club.

With a brace of eagles, the team of Fraser/Leatch/Toholka defeated the creative accounting of Hohmann/Robinson/Hohmann on countback returning 93 points apiece.

MMGC was delighted to support the Matthew Bennett Invitational event raising funds to support testicular cancer research.

We continue to welcome new players to the club 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](http://www.mtmacedongolfclub.com.au) or go to our Facebook page for updates.

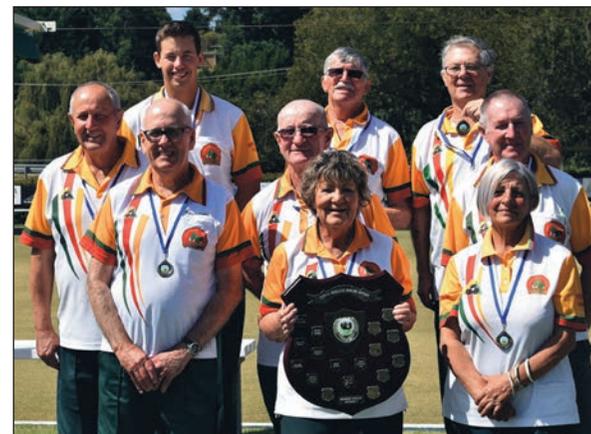
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# Bowling Club lauds winners of all levels

The Gisborne and District Bowling Club made history on March 16 by winning the Midweek Division 1 Penant for the first time since the competition began 69 years ago.

The Gisborne team had a great season, finishing on top of the ladder and winning the first semi-final to go straight into the Grand Final, played at Kyneton Golf Club. The Gisborne team beat Romsey Bowling Club by 16 shots overall to take out the win. Congratulations to the winning Midweek Division 1 team.

March also saw the finals of Community Bowls. Congratulations to Jack's Battlers who took out the 2020-21 Tuesday Community Bowls shield.



Teams members are listed in three vertical rows, named from back to front: Rink 1 (left): Ethan Higgins (skipper), Ian Ball, and Russell Walker OAM. Rink 2 (middle): Graham Quaife (skipper) Paul O'Farrell, and Dorothy Evans. Rink 3 (right): David Beardmore (skipper), John Evans and Teresa Wylie.



Winners of a different pace at Gisborne Bowling Club in March were Jack's Battlers who took out the 2020-21 Tuesday Community Bowls shield, with Sarah Barton of competition sponsor Gisborne Bendigo Bank.

# Macedon tops Junior tennis

As the leaves on Honour Avenue change colour, we say goodbye to summer (albeit a rather strange one) and welcome the beauty of autumn in Macedon.



The summer Junior competition finished in March with four of our six junior teams in their finals. Congratulations to A1/A2, C2 and D Rafter for winning their grand finals to be premiers of their section for the summer 2020-21 season! A big shout out to all the team managers and parents who have supported the kids this season and to the coaching team led by Scott Vaughan.

Also in March, Macedon Tennis Club, Macedon Cricket Club, Macedon Football Netball Club, Macedon Junior Football Netball Club and Woodend Cricket Club took part in the official opening of the new lights and cricket practice nets at Tony Clarke Reserve and in Woodend (photo on page 24). I represented the club at the event and expressed our thanks to all those whose funding contributions ena-



Macedon A1/A2 Premiers Cai Rowland, Cameron Crawford, Niamh Ryan, Kyal Tunley and Jude Wills.

bled us to get lights on courts 7 and 8, our only courts that did not have lights. Heartfelt speeches were made by all the heads of the clubs which demonstrated what a difference the improvements have made to our community.

Liz O'Connell, President

## MT MACEDON GOLF CLUB RESULTS



**Mt Macedon Golf Club congratulates –**

Nuleaf Tree Services February Monthly Medallist: Trevor Atkins and Bruce Fraser (playoff)

Steelcon Concrete Constructions March Mug o' the Month: Karl Pongracic



## BRAINBUSTERS

1. What is the name of the New Zealand national rugby team?
2. The Indian Pacific railway runs between Sydney and which other capital city?
3. Which canal links the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans?
4. Which Australian cricket player had the nickname 'Tubby'?
5. Which country invented paper money?
6. What type of tests were carried out in the 1950s in the Australian outback?
7. What is the largest US State?
8. Who wrote the book *The Thorn Birds*?
9. What is the highest mountain in Britain?
10. Which cheese is synonymous with Greece?

Answers ► page 39

# Petanque Club happy to be out competing again

Mt Macedon Petanque Club members have been enjoying competing again and with success.

Back in January, Danny Green finished equal fourth in the St Kilda Menage a Trois. At the Camberwell Mixed Triples event in February, in the Mixed 60+ event Bob Bossner, June and Terry Hunter finished second, with Rhonda Shears and Alison and Lindsay Kinghorn finishing third.

At Avoca on March 13 and 14, in the Principale Alison and Lindsay Kinghorn came equal fifth, with Danny Green equal ninth. In the Complementaire, Terry Hunter finished fifth and in the Conviviale, Earle Ware, in his first competition, teamed up with Avoca player Anita Harrison to finish seventh.

Club members will compete in the annual North West Cup in the Grampians in April and will otherwise make the



most of the mild autumnal weather to compete.

As always, the club is keen to attract new members. Interested people can drop in at the club's grounds behind the Gisborne Caltex Service Station to give the game a try. Equipment and friendly tuition are supplied.

Playdays are held on the second and fourth Saturday of the month starting at 10am and finishing around 1pm (subject to COVID restrictions). 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](http://mtmacedonpetanqueclub.weebly.com)



Terry Hunter, Alison Kinghorn, June Hunter, Lindsay Kinghorn, Rhonda Shears and Bob Bossner at Camberwell.

## Serving aces on Governor's court



The SGTC All Abilities tennis players were invited to play some tennis and enjoy a tour of

Government House recently.

With Tennis Vic reps Peter and Shivam, and club volunteers Mary and Gail on hand, the group from Distinctive Options had a fun time playing on the lawn courts.

The All Abilities program provides opportunities for those with a disability to experience the game of tennis in groups or privately with the Spark coaching team, or through individual supports at Distinctive Options. The program is in its 21<sup>st</sup> year which we plan to celebrate this year.

Matt Wall and Jordan McCraw played out the 2020 Junior Open Championships after many months of waiting. Congratulations Matt Wall, our 2020 champion.

For any information on the club, email [south-gisborne.tc@gmail.com](mailto:south-gisborne.tc@gmail.com).

Our website is [www.tennis.com.au/sgtc](http://www.tennis.com.au/sgtc)



South Gisborne Tennis Club members played in style at Government House.

## Croquet Club roundup

Many thanks to those who supported our Easter Egg Raffle in March. We appreciate the public's support very much as this our main money raiser for the year.

A coaching day was run by Lester Hughes in February. Eleven members thoroughly enjoyed the day and are now putting into practice what they have learned.

The Club Championships have been played for 2021. Helen Shirley and Elizabeth Payne played off. Congratulations Helen on being Club Champion. Due to COVID restrictions we cannot, as yet, foresee holding our Social Days, but hopefully, by August/September things will be more settled.

Members are asked to bring their Handicap cards for checking.

We welcome Judy Krohan to the club. Judy has returned to Sunbury to live after many years in South Africa.

The Kyneton Challenge will be played in Kyneton on April 9. NDCA Division 3 Regionals will be played on our courts on April 16.

Bill Humphries and Chris Eiffert came to show us how to play Aussie Croquet, an entertaining variation of our game, on March 29.

Faye Armstrong



Ros Anders and Noeline Richardson sell raffle tickets at the Village Shopping Centre on March 20.

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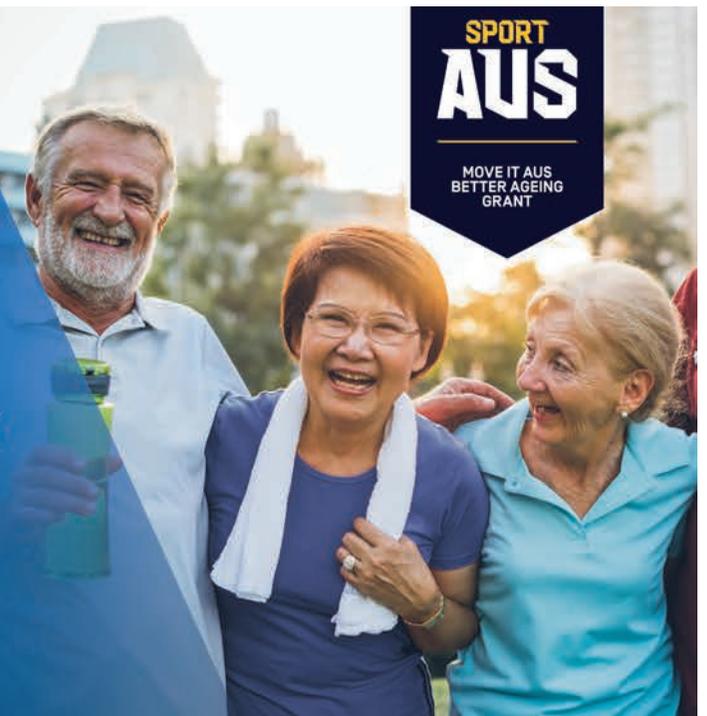
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# SPORT IN PICTURES



Gisborne Division 7 Premiers on March 30, defeating Romsey.



Hamish Moony bats for Gisborne in U13 Grand Final vs. Sunbury Roar on March 13 (Sunbury won).



Jordon Brewer bowls for Gisborne U15, March 13 v Bacchus Marsh.



Gisborne U15B Premiers



Day 2 Macedon v Gisborne, March 14 - James Mckibbin NOT out!



Xavier Holt bowls for Macedon in Semi Final v Gisborne on March 13.

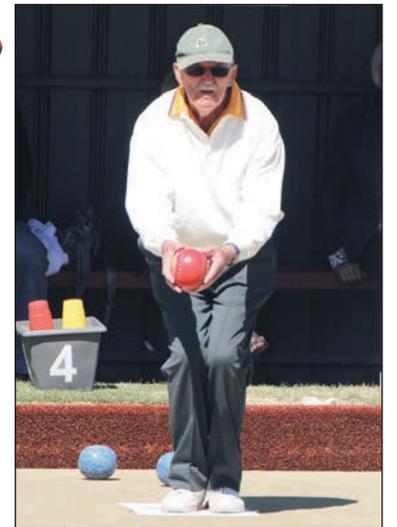
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Gisborne football coach Rob Waters in action at training on March 4.



Gisborne footy training, March 3.



Graham Quaife concentrates in the Tuesday Bowls Division 1 Grand Final between Gisborne and Romsey on March 16.



Gisborne's Will Mackay ready to run in U15 Grand Final Gisborne v Bacchus Marsh on March 13 (Gisborne won).



Gisborne C Grade player Keria Simpson trains on February 24.



Gisborne D Grade player Jarvis Mumford trains at the net on February 24.



▲ Gisborne tennis club Junior competition players, February 24



Things get serious in the Tuesday Bowls Division 1 Grand Final between Gisborne and Romsey, March 16. Gisborne won to claim a title 69 years in the making.



Macedon tackles in the first practice match on March 27.

MRNA U15 tryouts, March 20



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## A cautious cheer for back to 'normal'



If we had bells at Gisborne Uniting Church we would surely ring them as the enforced exodus is, we hope and pray, over. Sunday worship at 9.30am has resumed, the singing group is in fine voice and there's much post-service chatter. The building too seems more cheerful as groups return to use it.

We especially applaud the hard workers of the resident Foodbank who haven't faltered in their commitment to people in need.

We have even held the congregation AGM to plan for further resumption of gatherings which have not been possible for a whole year.

This includes Muffin 'n More (which nearly became Muffin no More) which resumes on Tuesday May 11 between 10am and 12 noon. This was, and can still be, a favourite drop-in time to share, coffee, cake, excess produce, books – even perhaps your slightly used jigsaw puzzles.

In the absence of other activities, the church library has received much attention with more time for sorting and cataloguing.

This catalogue is now available online with very clear instructions on access at [macedonrangesunitingchurch.org.au](http://macedonrangesunitingchurch.org.au).

A 'click and collect' service is also available. The books and various video resources range from biblical history to pastoral care to worship resources



Librarian Gwynne Klaassen brings experience and order to the church library.

and beyond. There's something for the devout and the doubters alike.

Janet Wood

## World Day of Prayer focused on Vanuatu

On March 5, churches from across the Macedon Ranges came together for the annual celebration of the World Day of Prayer which was conducted this year at St Paul's Anglican Church in Gisborne.

The World Day of Prayer is a female-led initiative focused on bringing both a social justice focus and practical support to a different country each year – with the challenges faced by the women of Vanuatu being the focus for 2021.

Vanuatu is a small nation of just over 300,000 people scattered across numerous islands. Many of its women experience domestic and sexual violence and disadvantage created by lack of equal access to education as well as natural disasters.

A wonderful keynote address was given by the newly ordained Rev Debra Saffrey-Collins, including what Australia (via the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade) is doing to assist the people of Vanuatu with on-the-ground initiatives led by the combined churches, and what we can do to bring attention and assistance to these nearby communities.

Next year's World Day of Prayer will be hosted by the Uniting Church on a theme of the women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland.



Amanda Millar

## Celebrations at Mount Macedon Uniting Church



We joined in celebrating the 68<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of June and Eric Thornton on March 7 with morning tea after our service. Then Eric celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on March 18, and we again enjoyed morning tea and a birthday cake with them for this great milestone.

Men's Group enjoyed hearing David Liebich's experiences during his career in the aviation industry, including some insights into the Ansett collapse and the change in aircraft technology and regulations over the last 45 years.

The Men's Group meets next on Tuesday April 6 at 10am at the church. Kevin Petherbridge will tell us about some of his experiences.

The Thistle Club ladies enjoyed trying boules (petanque) on March 31 at Stanley Park before adjourning for afternoon tea at the church. Thistle Club meets on the last Wednesday each month at 2pm, usually at the church.

At Easter, we will be holding services on Maundy Thursday April 1 at 7.30pm, Good Friday at 9am then on Easter Sunday at 10.30am.

We welcome anyone to join us for any of these groups and services.

Two weddings are taking place in April. Both couples look forward to the autumn colours of the magnificent Boston ivy being at its peak. We enjoy helping couples with this special day and their families and friends.

Neil Tweddle, 5426 2045



'At the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.' Galatians 6:9 NIV

There's no such thing as instant success, with either people or problems. Whether you need to lose 10 kilos or 100 kilos, the weight can only be shed one kilogram at a time. Standing on top of the mountain is a thrill, but you can only get up there one step at a time. Nothing great is created suddenly; almost every significant success in life comes at the end of a long, arduous wait.

The American company Jell-O celebrated its 100th anniversary in 1997; the inventor was Peal Wait and in 1897 he was also a construction worker who experimented in patent medicines. In the midst of tinkering and experimenting, he hit upon the idea of mixing fruit flavouring with granulated gelatin (jelly in Australia!)

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## Resurrection



Leonard French (1928-2017) was an outstanding artist in our region.

Many of us have been to the NGV or even the National Library in Canberra. There, we may have been overwhelmed by the light playing through the glass installations.

French lived his later life in Heathcote and for the building of the Church of the Resurrection in Macedon, he designed a masterpiece that is perhaps not widely known in the community.

As a priest, every time I meditate or pray in the Church, I am conscious of the light as it plays through French's stained glass masterpiece.

Beginning at the base, it rises through the fires of Ash Wednesday. Circlet icons represent those who lost their lives. As you continue to look up, the fire rages through brick and iron, leading into the crucifix of the God who risked all upon the cross. There are overtones of St John of the Cross by Salvador Dali.

As you continue to look up, the flame of Pentecost, God with us, is apparent. Above that is the Celtic Cross in green representing new life, a new beginning.

It is a treasure of this region.

Why not visit us this Easter period?

Fr Dennis, Anglican Parish of Gisborne



# 100 YEARS AGO

## APRIL 1921

(Letter from New Gisborne resident to Children's Section of the *Weekly Times*)  
Dorothy Kelly, who lives at New Gisborne, writes "Dear Aunty Connie – This is the first time I have written to you and I hope you accept me as one of your many nieces. I will take for my subject the district in which I live. Gisborne is a very pretty place. It is about 40 miles from Melbourne. Tourists say it is one of the prettiest places in Victoria. It is at the foot of Mount Macedon and is surrounded by hills. There are rows of oaks and elms planted for miles and the leaves are beautiful in autumn. Gisborne is a very cold town. Jackson's Creek runs through the town and it flows into the Saltwater River. In the winter time, when it is in flood, it flows over the lower part of the town. A few miles out of the town there are slate quarries where they are getting from 5000 to 6000 slates a week. We also have Cherry's Churn Factory. I am 11 years and four months old."

**Sporting Notes** A pony race meeting will be held at Gisborne today. A special train for passengers and horses will leave Spencer Street station at 11.10 am. Trainers and jockeys can obtain coupons from the Ascot office.

**The Bullengarook Correspondent** notes from Hon. A.R. Robertson.

Mr Tatchell and other gentlemen paid a visit on Tuesday to the local slate quarry. They seemed much impressed with the possibilities of the slate, especially when underground; some seemed rather glad to get out. An exhibition of cutting, splitting and trimming slates followed, and tributes of admiration for the wonderful skill of the operators was expressed by all. The slate is stated by experts to be as good as the best Welsh. The Gisborne Council has let a contract for making a good road to the mine.

### Box Hill Wattle Club – Our Easter Camp

Were we not leaving behind us the drab work-a-day city, to drink the nectar of mountain air and sleep beneath the silent stars in Nature's wonderland? Upon arriving at Macedon railway station, we took a conveyance and reached our destination well before midday.

The camping site was an ideal one – on the banks of a running creek and the rustic table and fireplace erected by the local progress association added greatly to our comfort. Dinner over and our tents pitched, we were ready for a walk to Camel's Hump.

Up through the main road of the township we went, passing numerous homes. These were invariably commodious houses surrounded by spacious grounds laid out in lawns and flowerbeds. Leaving the township behind, we ... soon began on the steep ascent of the Hump. The panorama which met our view upon reaching the summit amply rewarded our efforts.



## 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
- FRIENDS of JACKSONS CREEK Working bees 3rd Sun 10-noon
- David Tunbridge 0415 534 477
- 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
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- 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
- OBEEDIENCE DOG CLUB** Sun 9am Riddells Rec Res
- PARKINSON'S SUPPORT** 2nd Wed 1pm Lancefield Bowling Club
- PETANQUE 2nd & 4th Sat 10am behind Caltex service
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- 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
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- RSL 1st Mon 2pm Gis Golf Club 5428 2233
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- 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

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## News from Western Water

Western Water is joining with City West Water to form a new water corporation on July 1 – Greater Western Water.



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## Baringo Film Club

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3pm and 7pm Saturday

Dates	Film
<b>APRIL</b>	
7-10	Truth (Documentary/US)
14-17	Sorry We Missed You (Drama/ UK)
21-24	The Farewell Comedy (Drama/US)
28-May 1	The Truth (Drama/ French)

For membership details see [www.baringofilmclub.com](http://www.baringofilmclub.com)

## JUNIOR QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Earthquakes
2. Henry V111
3. H2O
4. Justin Bieber
5. William Shakespeare
6. Ham
7. Whistler's Mother
8. The Sun
9. Acorns
10. 21

## BRAINBUSTERS ANSWERS

1. The All Blacks
2. Perth
3. The Panama Canal
4. Mark Taylor
5. China
6. Atomic bomb tests
7. Alaska
8. Colleen McCullough
9. Ben Nevis
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