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## Poppies to remember

Long-time St Paul's Op Shop volunteers Wray Taylor (a Legacy lady), left, and Popsy Colquhoun stand proudly in front of a wall of giant poppies created by the op shop in Brantome Street for Remembrance Day on Thursday November 11. The poppies were made by Janine Sanders.



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## From the Editor's desk

I'm a real believer in the saying 'A picture tells a thousand words' so one of my favourite parts of going through submissions to the *Gazette* every month is opening the photos people send in to share with the community.

This month's cover photo charmed me immediately. Besides the striking, bright colours (and one of my favourites, red), the hand-made paper poppies to recognise Remembrance Day reflect the care and talent we have in our community, and Wray and Popsy the many volunteers. And why are the ladies smiling? I imagine they were both proud of the display and delighted to be at the op shop after the many restrictions we've had. I hope they put the photo on their fridge for a while.

Another photo that captures the moment is the picture of seven students of New Gisborne Primary School (one from each year level) jumping for joy at being back at school together on Friday October 22 on page 3. Thanks to Chris Fleming and Shane West for organising the photo. Isn't it fantastic to have things going back to 'normal' all around now that vaccination rates have reached (and in the Macedon Ranges exceeded) government targets. We so have earned this.

As I write this, the Premier is announcing even more loosening of restrictions over the next weeks, making me, and surely most others hearing the news, even more relieved that the hard yards of the pandemic will soon be a thing of the past.

As we jump back into 'full speed' life, let's try to keep the positives (there were some!) of the past 18 months, such as looking out for others and ourselves, and appreciating what we have.

Let's try to make the most of every moment we have – loving those around us, learning, exploring, and just being in our happy place. One way I plan to do that is to climb Camels Hump in the wee hours to catch the sunrise – as Martin Leitch did when he took his fantastic Hanging Rock panorama on page 15.

And let's take good care of our planet. The Macedon Ranges Photographic Society photo feature on page 12 aiming to capture our impact on the environment is a good motivator to do this.

I can't talk about photography and not mention *Gazette* photographer Chris Fleming. This edition, like so many before it, is littered with photos taken by Chris, all over town. Chris is always happy to snap and adds a great deal to the *Gazette* by doing so. Thanks for all the time, energy and great shots, Chris!

Happy reading,

Corinne Shaddockl

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## A MINUTE WITH MAXINE

Kevin and Pat Petherbridge have been delivering the *Gazette* for five years.

They met in 1975, married in April 1976, and lived in Thornleigh, near Hornsby in Sydney, for 37 years. They have four sons. The sons who are married have provided them with 10 grandchildren: six girls and four boys.

As the sons grew up, Kevin became involved in Scouting and ran a Venturer unit for eight years. He enjoyed the adventures of abseiling down waterfalls and cliffs, bushwalking and trips to Lamington National Park in Queensland and Cradle Mountain in Tasmania.

When the children were old enough, Pat managed a tuck-shop for 18 years at Loreto Normanhurst school. Kevin worked in computer programming and sales for 35 years and then financial planning for 10 years before retiring.

Kevin and Pat moved to Gisborne to be near family and have been here for nearly seven years. They find the relaxed, friendly nature of the town very satisfying, along with the green country landscape.

Pat is a member of a ladies' walking group and a member of the Thistle Club. She has played the



Kevin and Pat Petherbridge

piano for many years, enjoying her lessons each week. Kevin is a member of the Macedon Men's Group, and enjoys gardening, walking and helping out at St Brigid's Parish.

A memorable holiday was in 1995, going on a camping trip through Central Australia.

Maxine Barker

# Dynamic duo wins a collection of prizes



Scooped the pool: Cara and Dean Cummings

Dean and Cara Cummings of Gisborne have had lots to celebrate recently with talents recognised in two fields. The couple established Gisborne-based Bespoke Homes and Renovations nearly 10 years ago and were thrilled to receive two awards in the 2021 Master Builder Regional Awards. The awards are judged on craftsmanship, the value of the build, design elements, efficiency, sustainability components and the relationship between builder and client.

Bespoke Homes and Renovations took out 'Best Renovation/Addition over \$500,000' for their restoration of an 1890s home in Kyneton, and a special commendation in the 'Best custom home \$1-2 million' category for a new home in Mount Macedon.

Cara said the couple was incredibly grateful to have an exceptional team of dedicated and professional staff, tradies and suppliers.

On a different prizewinning note, Cara is part

of the *Talking Fishing* team which won 'Best Live Broadcast Show' for community television at the TV Antenna Awards in September. *Talking Fishing* airs on Channel 31 every Tuesday night.

The show features an expert panel talking about all things fishing, a fishing product of the week, answers to viewer questions and a "Cooking with Cara" segment that features Australian seafood.

Cara has long had a passion for cooking and hospitality and ran her own cafe in Gisborne before her family grew. She also loves fishing, and said that being able to combine these two passions was wonderful.

Cara also writes for several fishing publications and is an ambassador for Women in Recreational Fishing, an initiative created by the Victorian Fisheries Authority to encourage more women to get involved and discover what fishing can offer.

## Yippee – school's back for everybody



Cailin (Foundation), Maeve (Year 3), Emily (Year 4), Holly (Year 5), Noah (Year 1), Jack (Year 2) and Liam (Year 6) are delighted to be back together at New Gisborne Primary School on October 22.

Friday October 22 was a happy day for students, teachers, parents and carers as all year levels were at school together for the first time since August 4.

The joy of having all students back onsite was palpable. The Acting Principal of New Gisborne Primary, Shane West, said it was fabulous to greet students as they bounded back into classrooms and excitedly returned to face-to-face teaching.

"With all of the stops and starts over the last two

years, students were jumping for joy to have all year levels back onsite full time."

He said the resilience of the community had been commendable. Teachers had run fantastic programs and students had done the hard yards, popping in and out of virtual meetings for instructions or additional help as needed. "It's fabulous to have them back and we are as excited to see them as they are to see us and each other," Shane said. **School news, ►p27-28**

## Local olive oil producers recognised

A family-run olive orchard in Gisborne has received a business accolade through an international digital magazine.

Villa Pileggi Olive Oil in Leslie Road has received an award in *Corporate Vision's* 2021 Small Business Excellence Awards for Australia, being named Olive Oil Producer of the Year.

John Pileggi and his family have been producing olive oil on their property since 1997 and have been regulars at Gisborne's Olde Time Market for many years.

Their orchard is certified organic and certified as an extra virgin cold pressed processor.

The family sell their oil at farmers' markets around the region and in Melbourne.



John Pileggi with olive oil.



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## SEEN AROUND TOWN



▲ This beautiful pair of cats, incongruously slumming it on the bins to watch the world go by, were snapped by an amused passer-by in Keily Road, Gisborne.

► Greg Nankervis, Tiffany Zerafa and Nathan Zerafa celebrating setting up their children's boutique Sticky Fingers in Hamilton Street on October 3. The Zerafas moved to South Gisborne a few years ago and have now moved their shop from Niddrie to Gisborne.



▲ A new Asian food option in Gisborne became available in mid-October with the opening of Saigon Yame in Aitken Street. Manager Marina Plian (left) and head chef Kelly Lain look forward to welcoming diners.



▲ It's amazing what you might find if you walk far enough around town.

## Tragic podcast speaks of carer's plight

A podcast by Macedon Ranges residents Kristine Rawlinson and Sara James made to shine a light on carers – the unpaid family and friends who support others to thrive, often at their own expense – was recently released with much success.

The six-part podcast "Care Factor – In Conversation with Sara James" tells the story of Kristine Rawlinson's overwhelming experience caring for her husband that nearly cost Kristine her life.

Kris gave up a successful career to care for her husband Neal Furze when he had both legs and most of his fingers amputated after falling ill on Grand Final day in 2017. Diagnosed with sepsis, a dangerous blood infection, Neal spent 17 days in an induced coma at the Royal Melbourne Hospital, where Kris was told on many occasions he would not survive. Miraculously Neal lived but suffered several minor strokes and would need full-time care for the rest of his life.

Kris and the couple's two children, then aged eight and 11, adjusted to their new life with Neal at their Riddells Creek home, but his ongoing care consumed the family's world, a world irreversibly tainted with grief, survivor guilt, and an ongoing battle for systemic support.

Three years after Neal fell ill, Kristine relinquished the burden of being her husband's full-time carer to save her own health, her marriage, and her family unit. Neal moved into a respite care facility.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Neal returned home where Kris resumed full-time care, but in mid-2021 Kristine was admitted to hospital with a suspected cardiac arrest.

Before relinquishing Neal's care, Kristine was paid \$131 per fortnight; since then the cost to replicate the care she provided has been \$190,000 annually. Now Kristine is fighting for a better deal for carers and for their true worth to be acknowledged. She wants a call for action so that carers can be remunerated through better government funding initiatives.

Kristine and Neal tell their story with candour and humour in the podcast, which is available at [www.buzzsprout.com/1848273](http://www.buzzsprout.com/1848273) or with Apple, Spotify and Overcast podcasts.

The podcast was produced and edited by Brodie Hoyne of Gisborne with music composed and performed by Kylie Lane of New Gisborne.



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# New plans for 'lifestyle resort' spark community controversy

There has been a mixed response to plans for a new development in Brooking Road, South Gisborne, judging by comments on the Gisborne Community Facebook page.

The application was advertised last month and shows plans for 213 homes, all on 300-square-metre blocks. The property is surrounded on three sides by 10-acre blocks, and is zoned Rural Living.

Documents show the proposal is "for a lifestyle resort (residential village) which will operate as a land lease community. The land owner will retain ownership of the site and lease plots to residents via a long-term leasehold interest."

Lessees would select a two or three-bedroom house to be built on their plot.

The land owner resides in Malvern.

The main issue for those who object to the plans is that the property is outside the boundary for high-density development, and the lot sizes are small. However the proposal has garnered support from some who would like to downsize.

Macedon Ranges Shire Council says objections or submissions on the proposal, numbered PLN/2021/290, should be lodged by mid-November.

The proposal comes on top of an application for five two-storey buildings on a former house block at 48 Brantome Street, where a timber cottage was demolished recently. That application has gone to VCAT. The council voted against the proposal.



Site of the proposed residential village in Brooking Road.

# New mental health doorknock program starts in Gisborne

Gisborne and Romsey are the starting points for a new project in which people go door to door to talk to residents about their mental health and help link them with wellbeing services if required.

The project, Assisting Communities through Direct Connection (ACDC), is one of 20 being run around Australia by a coalition of mental health organisations known as Community Mental Health Australia.

"Unfortunately for many reasons people do not want to talk about or even think about their mental health," said CMHA chief executive Bill Gye. "People may prefer to tough it out, hide it from others, or avoid the stigma. The ACDC Project is going directly to households to engage them in conversation about these important issues."

The doorknockers are friendly "people connectors" who let people know about the free services available locally and deliver an information pack. If the householder is not home, contact details are left so they can ask the people connectors to come back.

Hopes are that the project will reduce the stigma around mental health and create awareness of local mental health and wellbeing services. The project also aims to gather feedback on any service gaps in the Macedon Ranges, so that improvements can be made by local, state and federal governments.



Pictures: Jeni Wren

Doorknockers Shannon Sharkey and Andrew White.

One of the Macedon Ranges people connectors, Shannon Sharkey, said she had been unsure how people would respond to someone showing up at their door, but locals had been more than friendly so far. "It has been a really positive experience, with most householders being interested in having a chat with us," she said. "People are really grateful once they feel they have been listened to."

The Gisborne and Romsey project began in October and runs to January.



Part of the new area at Macedon Cemetery.

## New section open at Macedon Cemetery

There are now more options for people to memorialise their loved ones at Macedon Cemetery: Via traditional full-size graves, cremated remains burial in a traditional full or half-size grave site, or in the new, cremated remains area.

The new cremation area has gorgeous boulders and canister options to memorialise people, set in a natural environment with views to Mt Macedon, beautiful specimen trees, wildflowers, and native eucalypts. This new area will ensure the cemetery provides options for the future.

Macedon Cemetery contains historically valuable monuments as well as some beautiful grave sites and headstones. Enquiries for sales of plots or cremation sites and canister options should be emailed to [macedoncemetery88@gmail.com](mailto:macedoncemetery88@gmail.com)

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## Samaritan's Purse update and thanks

Due to the COVID pandemic, filling the Samaritan's Purse gift shoe boxes this year has been very limited, but 'we do what we can' and just over 90 boxes have been collected by the Gisborne Anglican Parish.



Every Samaritan's Purse gift box brings joy.

I have been informed that they are going to Cambodia, PNG and the Philippines, countries so badly hit by floods and tsunamis. Thank you to all concerned for your valued support.

Elaine Millar

## Working for a world without violence

Two significant days are coming up. November 25 is the International Day for the elimination of violence against women and December 10 is Human Rights Day.



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The 16 days that begin and end on these dates are recognised internationally as the '16 Days of Activism' to prevent violence against women.

In Australia, on average, one woman a week is murdered by her current or former partner and as well, intimate partner violence is the leading cause of death, disability and illness in Australian women aged 18 to 44 years.

The Zonta Club of Kyneton is working with several other community organisations to raise awareness of gender-based violence, challenge discriminatory attitudes and encourage community-based support for those living with violence.

Bystander action will be the focus of print media and social media releases being prepared by the Zonta Club. The '16 days' working group has organised an online workshop, 'Introduction to Bystander Action', to be delivered by Women's Health Loddon Mallee. Public libraries across the Macedon Ranges will partner with the Zonta Club of Kyneton to create displays that focus on prevention of violence against women.

Wear orange on Thursday November 25 and say no to violence against women.

Submitted by Ronda Walker

## Oh so cute...



Mother duck and her six ducklings waddling along beside Waterfalls Road in Mount Macedon provided plenty of entertainment for passersby in October.

## A REMINDER...



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## KAT'S KORNER

with Kat Buttigieg

## Choose local for Christmas

Christmas is less than eight weeks away and that conversation starter that strikes fear into the hearts of many of us has begun to be heard beneath masks. Yes, you know the one: "Have you started your Christmas shopping yet?"

(This might be the perfect time to pretend you can't hear someone because of their mask and escape the conversation entirely). If that is not an option, before you start hyperventilating, don't fear if you have not started yet. There is a solution – it is shopping locally.

There are myriad reasons to shop locally for your Christmas gifts this year. The pandemic has hit our community hard and spending your dollars in your town will ensure a happier holiday season not just for you but also our local traders, who are our valued neighbours, friends and community members.

Local businesses often go the extra mile for their customers too. Whether that be by offering gift wrapping, organising vouchers or adding a personal touch. The ability to have face-to-face interactions also means you are less likely to experience delays or mix-ups for your gifts.

There have been rumours that orders made online after October may not arrive in time for Christmas. If you shop locally, you can receive your products immediately. Or if you have to order something in, you can speak to a real person and get timely answers on when your product will arrive. For anyone who has sought customer service assistance for a refund from an online store located overseas, you will fully appreciate this!

The main reason people give for not shopping locally is because they think the product they want isn't available.

To counter this, ask around first. Search for the product on local online stores before visiting, ask in local Facebook groups, or check with a store that you think may stock it. If that doesn't work, can you change your mind? Could you buy something similar locally? Alternatively, browse the local shops with the receiver of the gift in mind, not the gift. You may just find something better, unique and interesting that they will love.

Happy shopping!

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## Gisborne Festival cancelled again

The Gisborne Festival planned for December 10 has been cancelled.

The Gisborne and District Lions Club, which organises the festival, regrettably made the decision to cancel the event due to the current and forecast COVID restrictions on outdoor non-seated entertainment. Last year's festival was also cancelled due to the pandemic restrictions.



The Lions Club considered a range of scenarios to run the festival in accordance with the Victorian Government restrictions and roadmap. However, due to the very limited number of patrons allowed to attend and the restrictions required to be managed, the event would not have achieved the Lions Club's mission for the annual festival which is "to bring the community together to have a fun-filled evening in an inclusive and safe environment."

Lions Club president Ross Sapwell said the club was determined to bring the Gisborne Festival back to life in 2022 with a full range of activities.

He also said the Lions Club was very appreciative of those who had supported the festival in the past and looked forward to their support next year, including the large range of businesses as sponsors, participants in the parade, stall holders, performers and those engaged to provide a range of activities.

## Macedon Ranges Christmas Gift Shop

The Macedon Ranges Gift Shop initiative is running a gift card program this year. By offering gift cards to be redeemed in local businesses, the Gift Shop supports not only local families in need, but the local economy at the same time.

The Gift Shop is seeking donations to make this possible. The target for 2021 is \$15,000.

Donations can be made by direct deposit, online or in cash at the Bendigo Bank. Find us on Facebook for more details, or contact Georgina Harvey, coordinator, on 0404 442 891 or via email at [macedonrangesgiftshop@gmail.com](mailto:macedonrangesgiftshop@gmail.com)



Foodbank volunteers with last year's Christmas hampers.

## Christmas is just around the corner

Christmas is fast approaching and after the year we've all had it is going to be great to celebrate with family and friends when everyone is finally out of lockdown.



The Gisborne Foodbank distributes Christmas hampers to those in need in the Macedon Ranges community each year, last year distributing more than 90 hampers in the leadup to Christmas. We are now accepting donations for hampers which we will be packing in mid-December. This year we will only be accepting donations of food, especially Christmas fare, as we don't have the capacity to store toys/gifts. If you are out shopping and would like to donate Christmas items to the Foodbank, you can deliver them in person or leave them at our various drop points (details on our website).

We are also pleased to announce that the awesome Gisborne Men's Shed members are again busy building another cubby house which will be raffled off in the leadup to Christmas with all proceeds going to the Gisborne Foodbank. Keep your eyes posted on our socials for more information on buying your raffle tickets.

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

Julie Ireland

## Home library service brings books to you

Gisborne Library provides library services to individuals who are unable to visit in person. The service is supported by trained volunteers who select library items that reflect the borrower's preferences, or items that the borrower has reserved themselves, and deliver them to their home monthly.



The Home Library Service offers regular deliveries of fiction, non-fiction, large print and talking books as well as DVDs and magazines; and temporary deliveries after hospitalisation.

Who is eligible? People who have illnesses or disabilities which prevent them from going to a library. These conditions may be temporary, recurring or permanent; people who are able to visit a library, but because of frailty or disability are unable to carry items home; people who live in residential establishments, such as nursing homes, hostels, supported accommodation houses, hospitals or prisons; people who are engaged in full-time care for others; young children who are in the care of any of the above groups.

If you require the Home Library Service or know someone who does, please contact Community Based Services for more information or to register your interest: Phone 5449 2790 or email [homelibraryservice@ncgrl.vic.gov.au](mailto:homelibraryservice@ncgrl.vic.gov.au)



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Friends of Vision Australia at Gisborne has for many years sold large-print calendars to the local community. These popular calendars are still for sale but unfortunately they will now be available only by ordering directly online from Vision Australia's website at [shop.visionaustralia.org](http://shop.visionaustralia.org) (go to menu, then option five for diaries and calendars) or by phoning 1800 037 773 and asking for the Vision Australia Shop.

Fundraising at the moment with all the restrictions has been especially difficult, so nothing is planned for our group until next year.

Elaine Millar, secretary



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The Gisborne Region Events Activities & Tourism Association (GREAT), which runs the Olde Time Market and the *Gisborne Gazette*, formally adopted its COVID policy on October 7. The GREAT committee is mindful of following procedures that ensure the health and safety of its members, volunteers, and members of the wider community.

In particular, GREAT adheres to government public health orders in regard to COVID-19 and any other regulations relating to health and safety in the workplace and community.

The GREAT Centre in Hamilton Street and the market are visited by a diverse range of people including those with health issues that may be impacted if they are exposed to the COVID virus. GREAT also has a key group of volunteers who are in the category of greater risk for impacts to their health and wellbeing.

GREAT has decided to follow many other organisations in the community, and adopted a policy that any employees or volunteers must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19, to limit the risk to others with whom they may come into contact during their paid or volunteer activities on behalf of GREAT.

The policy has been posted on the Gisborne Olde Time Market website and Facebook page, and a notice placed on the GREAT Centre front door.

**AGM:** The AGM is proposed to be held on Thursday November 25. Members will be informed of the details nearer the time.

Nominations are open for all the positions on the GREAT Committee.

Please contact [great@gisnet.net.au](mailto:great@gisnet.net.au) for a nomination form to be emailed or contact the secretary, Deb Fleming, on 0409 542 619.

## Beacon donated to bushwalkers

The Gisborne Bushwalking Club was pleased to accept a donation of a Personal Location Beacon (PLB) from the *Gisborne Gazette* last month.

The device will be taken on every club walk by the leader that day, which will ensure the safety of all walkers. The beacon is only to be activated in cases of life and death emergency, which we all hope never occur, but having it will allow all walkers to feel safer. When activated, the device alerts authorities so assistance can be rendered immediately to the exact location. This is especially necessary when walkers are out of mobile phone range as the PLB works everywhere.

The beacon is an important tool and the club thanks the *Gazette* for its very much appreciated contribution to members' safety.



GREAT president Maxine Barker (centre) presents Janeen Edward (*Bushwalkers'* secretary, left) and Margot Sanders with the beacon.



A Gisborne Rotary barbecue raising funds for community and humanitarian work.

## Polio campaign helps fight COVID-19 too

Rotarians in Gisborne and around the world marked World Polio Day



on October 24 and reaffirmed their commitment to rid the world of polio, despite headwinds from the COVID-19 pandemic. Since the effort began in 1988, led by the Rotary Foundation, the World Health Organisation (WHO) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the Global Polio Eradication Initiative has reduced polio cases by 99.9 percent worldwide – a huge achievement.

Community education and mass vaccination campaigns have been the key to success in 125 affected countries. Poliomyelitis (polio), is a paralysing and potentially fatal disease that, before discovery of a vaccine, was common in Australia but still threatens children in some parts of the world.

The disease-fighting infrastructure of Rotary and its partners now supports health authorities in developing countries to communicate lifesaving information about COVID-19 and vaccination. Polio eradication hotlines, emergency operation facilities, vehicles and health teams have become double-purpose polio and COVID hubs.

Through funding from Rotary members, Rotary issued more than \$US50 million (\$A65m) in PolioPlus grants in June to support polio eradication work in Afghanistan and Pakistan (the last two countries where wild polio remains endemic) and across Africa.

Now, more than ever, in the face of a pandemic, Rotary relies on the support of its communities worldwide to win the fight for a polio-free world and to beat COVID-19. Thank you, Gisborne, for your support. To find out more about how you can help your community by joining a Rotary Club, please email [gisbornerotary@gmail.com](mailto:gisbornerotary@gmail.com).

## MACEDON AND MOUNT MACEDON COMMUNITY HOUSE

The building renewal being undertaken at 47 Victoria Street, Macedon – the Macedon and Mount Macedon Community House – is reaching completion. The building is now fit for use as a public facility with all-abilities access and the management committee will be signing a lease in the coming months.

**NOTICE OF AGM:** The Committee of Management is having its inaugural Annual General Meeting on December 6 at 7pm, via Zoom.

To receive your Zoom invitation to attend, please email [hello@macedoncommunityhouse.org](mailto:hello@macedoncommunityhouse.org)

At the meeting, office bearer positions will be vacated and re-election of positions and new ordinary members will take place, and membership fees for



2022 are to be set.

If you have skills that would suit the treasurer position or you would like to become an ordinary member, we would love to hear from you. We take our responsibilities as a committee seriously and value representation of all voices, so don't hesitate to get involved.

**Early bird free membership:** Sign up as a member before January 2022 for free by heading to our website to complete the form online.

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# Gisborne police called upon again

Once again, the past month has been dominated by issues surrounding the emergency response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The reduction in travel restrictions between New South Wales and Victoria saw our members, and those from other Macedon Ranges stations, returning from their border deployments.

This was, however, short lived, as they were then diverted to Mildura where a significant number of members were forced to quarantine for 14 days following a Tier 1 exposure site at the police station. We continued to supply members to work in Melbourne as part of the public order response to ongoing demonstrations in and around Melbourne CBD.

Closer to home, the Gisborne Police Station cells were opened three times in the first half of October to hold COVID-positive and suspected COVID-positive people remanded in custody. This was part of a risk management strategy to prevent the spread of the infection among other remand prisoners in the Bendigo Police Station cells.

To keep the number of people entering the station to an absolute minimum while these people were in the cells, I made the decision to close our front counter to the public when this occurred. During these times we were still answering the phones and the patrol crews were still operating.

The cumulative impact of these extraordinary demands on staffing have resulted in the front counter being closed more often, on an unpredictable basis, and often at short notice.

If you need to attend the station in person for any reason, please phone us first.



## POLICE BEAT

Sen Sgt Martin Kappel,  
Gisborne Police

On October 10 our members attended the Bendigo bound rest stop, Calder Freeway, Gisborne South, as part of a multi-agency response to a fatal truck rollover. The driver was found deceased on arrival of emergency services.

The semi-trailer contained around 28,000 litres of LPG, so police, SES, ambulance and CFA were on site for around 11 hours while a crane was used to right the rolled trailer and decant the contents to another truck. At this stage medical or mechanical issues are being investigated as possible causes.

If anyone has any relevant information or dash cam footage, please call the station or Crime Stoppers on 1300 333 000.

On a lighter note, as many of you who follow the Macedon Ranges Eyewatch page on Facebook would be aware, we had some success in identifying the culprits who dumped commercial waste in Hobbs Road, Bullengarook, and had the area cleaned up within a few hours of a conversation with those involved.

As COVID-related restrictions start to ease I look forward to having all my team available to support the businesses and residents of Gisborne and the Macedon Ranges.

# VIEW Club welcomes new members

VIEW is a valued part of The Smith Family and the largest community sponsor of its 'Learning for Life: Students', program supporting the education of more than 1491 disadvantaged Australian children.

Sunbury-Macedon Ranges VIEW Club is looking to welcome new members into its club for 2022. If you are interested and have time to be part of a fun group of ladies, please call Judith on 9740 8310 or Helen on 0411 226 275.

In addition to advocating on behalf of disadvantaged children, every two years VIEW members vote on one or more issues of importance to be the focus of advocacy and lobbying work for the coming years. These are called resolutions.

Through the VIEW national resolution process,



members collectively identify issues that are considered important for influencing social change in Australia.

The 2021 resolutions are social and affordable housing for women and children; reduce the use of plastic to assist our environment nationally; better support for students to prepare for their post-school futures.

VIEW Clubs have helped implement resolutions through parliament for many years. Examples include road safety around schools and warning lights at designated times, compulsory seat belts in long-distance buses and school buses, and funding for breast prostheses (\$31 million over five years).

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## PROBUS PERSONALITY

### Barb Annison

Barb grew up in north-west NSW. In 1957, following a dare to take a flight in a Tiger Moth, she trained in Inverell to become a pilot. Flying had become a passion.

While working as a librarian, she found the time to fly all over NSW as a recreational pilot.

She joined the Australian Women Pilots' Association and on a flight to Perth to attend the AGM of that organisation, she met her husband to be, Wal, who was a crew member on the DC3.

Wal and Barb married and moved to Melbourne in 1960, living at first in Hampton. They moved to a hobby farm in Macedon in 1965. The family grew to five over these years.

Sadly, Wal passed away in 1976 at the age of 44. Barb was extremely grateful to be living in the country at this stage, because the community embraced and supported the young family. In return, Barb has repaid the community in many different ways over the years. She has been a member of the Anglican Church since 1966 and has served on the Parish Council and as a Warden. As her children progressed through primary and secondary school, she volunteered on parent associations and for reading programs over almost 20 years.

She was on the board of the Gisborne Bush Nursing Hospital and then the board of Gisborne Community Health for many years.

After the devastating Ash Wednesday fires in 1983, Barb was co-opted onto a committee whose huge role was to assess and support those impacted in Macedon. She then became a volunteer and undertook extensive training with the Red Cross Emergency Services. Tasks undertaken included the provision of food during fires, registration of people during a crisis, helping fire victims and preparing refreshments for blood donors. Barb also served as a Shire Councillor from 1992 to 1995.

However, one of her favourite volunteer roles was taking part in a fear of flying course with the Australian Women Pilots' Association from 1985 to 1993. One female pilot was matched to each participant and along with experts took them through a six-week course. There was a graduation flight to Sydney for nearly everyone.

Barb has continued her love of adventure, exploring much of the WA coast and offshore islands by land and sea. Her first of four boat trips was in a small vessel with just 11 crew and passengers in total. She met naturalist Kevin Coates on this trip and was introduced to conservation volunteering. Barb has since worked on fox eradication programs in the Grampians and monitoring of the eastern barred bandicoot at the Hamilton Community Parklands and Woodlands Historic Park. This bandicoot has been brought back from the brink of extinction by captive breeding and released into predator-free fenced areas.

Barb was one of the original members of the Gisborne Bushwalking Club and has walked to many parts of Victoria over 40 years. She joined Probus in 2008 and has enjoyed many trips with the club.

Barb is a friendly, caring person whose contributions have certainly enriched our community.

Anne Ciesielski



Barb Annison



If your forebears arrived in Australia before the 20<sup>th</sup> century they would have arrived by ship, usually by sailing ship.

We often romanticise what the voyage would have been like. In reality it was usually fraught with danger, illness and hardship. Many passengers kept diaries and thankfully some have survived. They make very interesting reading.

"Shipping Diaries" will be the topic for the next meeting of the Gisborne Genealogical Group.

If you have any diaries or details about an ancestor's voyage to Australia, bring them to our next meeting. It will be held on Thursday November 25 at 7.30pm at the Uniting Church, Brantome Street, Gisborne. We are bound to hear some interesting tales.

This will be our last meeting for the year.

We hope to have a Christmas celebration in December. Members will be notified.

In November, we will also be conducting two Saturday workshops in the Family History Room, adjoining the Gisborne Library.

'Using books in the GGG Library' will be held on November 6, and we will look at the website The Genealogist on November 20.

The workshops run for two hours from 10am. They have proved popular so will probably be continued next year. As numbers are limited to 10 people, bookings are essential.

Contact Lorna to book on 0402 091 034.

The Family History Room is open each Thursday from 2pm to 5pm. Volunteers are available to help with your genealogical queries.

Check our website for more details about the group at [www.ggg.org.au](http://www.ggg.org.au).



Lyn Hall

Lyn Hall



Learn to make Christmas decorations

## MRFEC Learn, create or teach in Gisborne

Macedon Ranges Further Education Centre (MRFEC) will be running as many classes as possible for the remainder of the year.

Classes during Term 4 will include barista training and responsible service of alcohol for those wanting to build their skills for work in hospitality.

As we lead up to Christmas, the centre is running some short session classes by local tutors. Come and make a beautiful set of Christmas decorations for your tree or to give to family and friends. Learn how to create a gorgeous floral arrangement for Christmas. Class numbers are limited. To find out more, go to [www.mrfec.net.au](http://www.mrfec.net.au) or MRFEC Facebook page.

MRFEC is currently seeking talented and friendly people to work as paid sessional tutors to deliver courses that may run for only one session or up to several sessions over a term, in the evening or day, face to face or via Zoom. We are looking for people with skills and knowledge in the fine arts, craft, small business for makers, computer skills, digital skills, DIY home maintenance, how to use a chainsaw safely and so much more.

Please email [enquiries@mrfec.net.au](mailto:enquiries@mrfec.net.au) for more information, or submit an expression of interest letting us know about your skills and talents.

MRFEC is at 12 Hamilton Street, Gisborne, entry near the Gisborne Fitness Centre.

## Out in the cold



For our October meeting in the park, the weather had not improved and we rugged up, sheltering from the showers and cold breezes. After the business of the day and a short catch up, we enjoyed Carol's brownies and took our lunch home to some warmth.

There was a Central Highlands half-yearly group conference held recently via Zoom. The guest speaker was the family accommodation coordinator for the Royal Women's Hospital, Karalene Habib.

She thanked the group for their donation of \$2000 towards the accommodation units and emphasised that country women are still encouraged to go to city hospitals when necessary, despite COVID restrictions.

She also said they were always in need of hand-knitted baby jumpers and beanies.

Next year the branch compulsory item for the creative arts will be a prem-baby jacket and beanie and they may find their way to the hospital after the competition.



Christine Edwards

We will be collecting bags and filling them with feminine hygiene products for the Share the Dignity charity again this year. These are donated to women experiencing homelessness, domestic violence or doing it tough.

Hopefully by next month we will get back to the Stadium at Gisborne Secondary College on November 8 for our AGM, at 10am.

Christine Edwards

## Macedon Ranges Friends of East Timor Notice of AGM



The Annual General Meeting of the Macedon Ranges Friends of East Timor group (MRFoET) will be held via Zoom on Monday November 8 at 7.30pm.

Members will be sent the Zoom link.

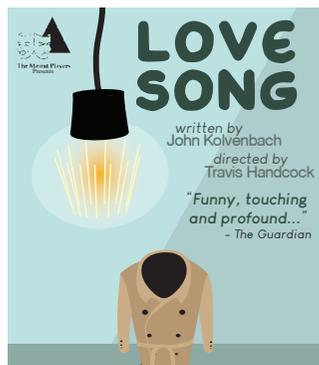
## Looking forward to finally reopening doors



The Mount Players

Hard to believe it's November and sadly our doors are still closed. The future is definitely looking brighter though with easing of restrictions and lockdowns ending.

Our youth theatre is back on track to perform their end of year production in December and we are happy and excited to announce that our season of *Love Song* has now been rescheduled for February next year. After being postponed twice already, we now feel confident that this lovely play will finally be staged and tickets go on sale very soon.



The committee aims to provide the safest environment possible for everyone attending our shows and we invite you to check out our website [www.themountplayers.com](http://www.themountplayers.com) for all up to date COVID-safe requirements as they come to hand.

The Mount Players Youth Theatre is a vibrant community theatre program designed for children and young adults (aged from 10 to 19 years) and is run entirely by volunteers. The youth theatre provides opportunities for young participants to learn a wide range of theatrical skills.

With many of the current, longstanding leadership group indicating their unavailability next year due to other commitments, the Mount Players is now seeking interest from enthusiastic, experienced volunteers for 2022.

If you would like to know more, please call Karlana on 0412 131 260.

Karen Hunt



Deidre Chestney



Marian Alexopoulos

## See local artists in action

The artists of Macedon are planning to open their studios to the public on the weekend of November 27-28, hoping we can have visitors to our homes at that time.

This weekend follows two successful Open Studios in February and April this year. Eight local artists will welcome visitors to their studio, where you can see them at work while they share their processes and artistic vision in the different mediums – pottery, drawing, painting, textiles.

The studios, large and small, are all in garden settings a short distance away plus there is a display at Top of the Range tearooms, Mt Macedon. All work is for sale so you may take home a unique piece of artwork.

Come and enjoy spring in Macedon while combining art and food available from the nearby cafes.

Look for brochures at The Gallery Mt Macedon or local cafes. 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)

## Singers forced to cancel concerts



With great sadness, the Gisborne Singers have decided to cancel their proposed November Brahms

*Requiem* concerts due to the many uncertainties around COVID conditions. Venue considerations, restricted audience numbers, choristers having to social distance and sing in masks, coupled with increasing COVID infection numbers were the main reasons for the cancellation.

On a happier note, the choir is delighted to announce that Merlyn Quaife has been appointed as Artistic Patron. Merlyn is a distinguished soprano, being made a Member of the Order of Australia in 2013 for significant service to music. She has performed opera, oratorio, Lieder, chamber music and contemporary music to great acclaim throughout Australia and Europe. Merlyn has had many works composed specifically for, and dedicated to, her.



Merlyn Quaife

Education has also been an important part of her professional life, being a former head of the Vocal Department in the Faculty of Music at the University of Melbourne, and associate professor at the School of Music at Monash University. We look forward to a long association with Merlyn, which includes the pleasure of her performing with us as soloist.

The choir is moving on to practice for its first concerts (*Dido and Aeneas*) for May 2022, hoping that by then performances will be possible again. If you are interested in joining the choir, intakes are being planned for early next year. For enquiries please go to [www.gisbornesingers.org.au](http://www.gisbornesingers.org.au)

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Discarded. Picture: Graham Down



No More Bees. Picture: Bernie Wilson



New Hope. Picture: Deborah Mullins

## The good, the bad and the ugly

Members of the Macedon Ranges Photographic Society recently had the opportunity to go for a walk along with people from all over Australia.

On September 25 the Australian Photographic Society held an Australia-wide walk to capture environmental impacts.

Photographers from around the country were encouraged to go out into city streets, visit waterways or head out into the bush to focus on and interpret the good and bad of environmental impact. The only catch was that all of the participants across Australia had to take the photograph on the same day. In some ways it was as if they were out on a walk together.

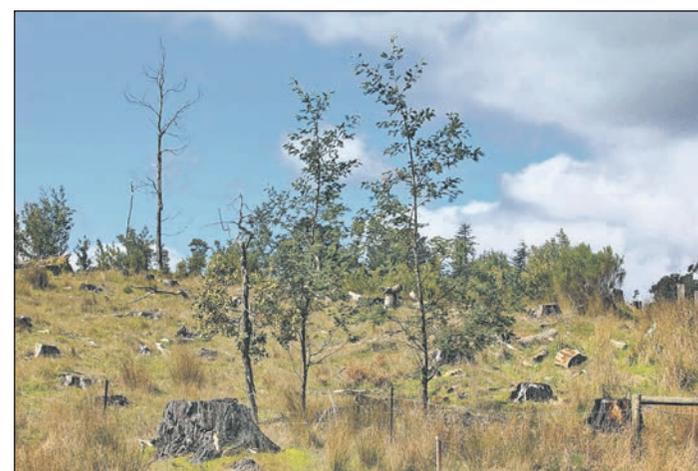
One of the challenges for this task was that participants around Australia were in varying degrees of freedom or in lockdown. Some participants were able to travel quite long distances to find their subject matter, while others were limited to a particular area or could only travel limited kilometres close to home.

With only the image and a simple title, it is up to the viewer to imagine how the photographer interpreted the environmental impact of the chosen subject. Perhaps there is a message for all of us behind each image.

The club welcomes new members and generally meets on the first Tuesday of the month, followed by the next Monday. These meetings are held online if restrictions are in place. Social chats start at 7pm with the meeting beginning at 7.30pm.

Please visit [www.macedon-ranges-photography.org.au](http://www.macedon-ranges-photography.org.au).

Colleen Mahoney



No Replacement Trees. Picture: Bernie Wilson



Discharge. Picture: James Holgate



Graveyard Among the Wattle. Picture: Cherry Cole



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# Young choristers to sing live again



Young Voices of Macedon can't wait to get back to live rehearsals in November, when our contingent of loyal Sunbury singers are able to travel to Woodend for rehearsals. Of these, Nathan West has been with us for seven years and Finn McGregor for six.

On our return to live singing, we are poised to make a recording of songs learned during lockdown, interspersed with solo instrumental items by choristers. The resultant CD will provide families with a lovely Christmas present to send to relatives and friends they have not seen in a long time.

Another important project, for which preparation has also started, is the Service of Readings and Carols at the Church of the Resurrection planned for Sunday December 12, when our choir will join the church choir, singers from the Australian Chamber Choir, Trinity College Choir, other guest singers and organist John Giacchi. Given that the service had to be cancelled last year, this promises to be a very special event.

Our year finishes on December 16, when our performance at the Bupa aged care residence at Woodend will hopefully take place, followed by a grand party celebrating both Christmas and the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the choir.



Dianne Gome

Members rehearse via Zoom in October, and eagerly await singing face-to-face again.

## Plaudits on vaccine takeup

With the vaccine rollout proceeding at pace, I would again like to thank everyone around Gisborne who has come out to get vaccinated.

Local community members have all done their part to make sure our loved ones are protected and are a big reason why we can feel confident in our pathway out of this pandemic.

I was excited to announce last month that Gisborne Secondary will be part of the Victorian Government's High-Tech Head Start program.

This program will offer students the option of completing courses such as a Certificate II in IT during their final years of school through a traineeship.



## MEMBER'S MESSAGE

With Mary-Anne Thomas

This will give students the opportunity to get a boost in the technology skills for in-demand jobs of the future.

I would also like to again congratulate three local teachers on their years of service. Ray Borg and Trish Hyland have been recognised for 40 years of service to Victorian education, while Stephen Winzar has been recognised for 50. Thank you to all three, we are incredibly lucky to have such dedicated educators at our local schools.

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## Business award finalists announced

Congratulations to all of the finalists in the Macedon Ranges Business Excellence Awards 2021, major sponsor Josh's Rainbow Eggs.



The awards recognise businesses that provide outstanding products and services to the shire and beyond, and who are of great value to the community as they provide local jobs, services and supplies. The award categories have seen some changes for 2021 to showcase the diversity of businesses throughout the shire. Finalists are:

### Champion of Social, Environmental or Sustainability Principles\*

Macedon Ranges Produce  
The Millett Road Maker  
Plywood Toys

### COVID-19 Business Adaptability

Fox in the Chamber  
Macedon Ranges Produce  
Ray White Romsey

### Excellence in Agribusiness & Food Manufacturing

Animus Distillery  
The Millett Road Maker  
Wondermazing Honeybees

### Excellence in Health, Wellness and Care

Gisborne Family Dental  
Gisborne Health Essentials  
Zenkai

### Excellence in Manufacturing, Trades, Retail and Innovation

Anaste Hair & Beauty  
Cavalli Motorsports  
RV Storage Solutions

### Excellence in Professional Services

Bug-A-Lugs Indoor Play centre  
Dean Publishing  
KGMG Consultants

### Excellence in Tourism and Visitor Experience

Braeside Mt Macedon Country Retreat  
Fellcroft Farmstay  
Flop House Accommodation

### Small and Thriving

Country Jo's Homemade  
Groomer Haz It  
Woodend Nursery & Landscaping

### Young and Professional Award\*

Gisborne Family Dental  
Pilates Plus Gisborne  
Ramai Skin & Body Care

\*Eligible businesses could apply for this category in addition to their specific category.

### Vote for People's Choice Award

All the finalists are eligible for the People's Choice Award. Voting for this award is open to the public until 11.59pm on November 22. Visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/business-awards](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/business-awards).

## Free online training to help deal with difficult customers

Unfortunately, during these challenging times, customer aggression is on the rise and it can be challenging for workers to keep control of an escalating situation.

What is the best way to handle a customer whose behaviour becomes threatening? What strategies will help defuse and refocus a bad interaction, and when is it appropriate to walk away?

To support our business community in this difficult environment, Macedon Ranges Shire

Council is offering a free one-hour online training session: Dealing with Aggressive and Abusive Customers.

The session is provided by the National Retail Association.

Limited spots are available and bookings are essential.

For more information go to [mrsc.vic.gov.au/business-events](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/business-events) or call 5421 9654.



## Prepare your property for summer



Macedon Ranges Shire Council, in consultation with local CFA brigades, is advising residents to clear their properties ahead of the summer fire season.

You can reduce the risk to your home from a bushfire by taking the time to prepare your property well before the bushfire season starts.

### Ten ways to make sure you are fire ready

Slash grass and keep it under 75mm high.

Rake up and remove fine fuels, such as dry grass, leaves, twigs and loose bark. Use Council's free green waste drop.

Remove any rubbish or material that is likely to cause or maintain a fire.

Store flammable liquids well away from the house.

Store woodpiles away from the house.

Place metal flyscreens or window shutters over windows.

Keep gutters clear of fine fuels.

Face LPG cylinders' vent pipe away from the house and store securely in an upright position.

Prepare your bushfire survival plan.

For more information about how to prepare your property, download a copy of the CFA Fire Ready Kits. If you want to burn off, check the current fire restrictions and burning off requirements on Council's website, [mrsc.vic.gov.au](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au)

For owners of land less than 4000 square metres (one acre), from November 1 a permit is required to burn off leaves, twigs and small branches.

Residents must ensure that when burning off they do not create a nuisance for their neighbours and should continue to monitor any burn-off for at least seven days to ensure it is fully extinguished.

Large loads of green waste (excluding noxious weeds) can also be taken and tipped for free at Council's transfer stations.



## COUNCILLOR'S COLUMN

With Cr Anne Moore

With only 54 days to Christmas, another tumultuous COVID year drawing to an end and our freedoms slowly returning, like you I am looking forward to being able to see my family again after a long absence. To be able to shop in person and not online, to enjoy a night out to the movies or a theatre show without the worry of COVID being next to us.

Macedon Ranges is in the top five local government areas that has a high double-dosed vaccination rate. Let's get it to over 96% double-dosed to protect our young vulnerable as yet unvaccinated 0-12-year-olds.

The clean up after the June storm is still ongoing, more so now to ensure that there is no fire threat around for the upcoming summer by clearing the trees that have been pushed to the side of the road to enable access for residents to be removed.

Additionally, if you don't have a fire plan ready, please get one organised before the end of November to ensure all the family is on the same page for what to do in an emergency. I live 800m from the fountain in Gisborne and during the Daylesford/Musk fires post Black Saturday hot ash and coals were falling on my property. Please just be fire ready.

A massive thankyou to everyone who has made submissions to Council's plans for implementation open for consultation. To those who haven't done so, if you look at [www.mrsc.vic.gov.au/About-Council/News/Have-Your-Say](http://www.mrsc.vic.gov.au/About-Council/News/Have-Your-Say) you can read drafts and make submissions to us, so we know exactly what you want on items that are out for consultation.

To those of us who have lost loved ones and friends and been unable to say our goodbyes in a normal manner this past year, let's cherish our memories of them as we breathe a collective sigh and celebrate a Christmas filled with love and hope for a perfect 'new normal' in 2022.

Till next year, keep safe and enjoy your Christmas New Year season.

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# Nothing beats a good view



Picture: Martin Leitch

Martin Leitch of New Gisborne took this Hanging Rock panorama, stitched together from seven separate images, at 6:55am on October 20.

A professional architectural photographer with a keen interest in environment and landscape, Martin said he had this image in mind for quite a few months

and the weather conditions on October 20 looked like they would be ideal. On the day he was out of bed at 5:15am and climbing the track in the dark to the Camels Hump Lookout. Martin took regular shots as the sun was rising and as the mist swirled around Hanging Rock.

The shots were taken with a Nikon D810 (36 megapixel), Tamron 100 - 400 at 185 mm lens ISO 64, 1/100 sec at f6.3.

As you might expect, Martin is a member of Gisborne Bushwalking Club and the Macedon Ranges Photographic Society.

## Gisbus: Update on our COVID procedures



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Recently the government mandated that all essential workers were required to be double vaccinated by October 26.

Bus drivers fall into that category and all GisBus drivers have been fully vaccinated for some time, to maintain a high level of safety for our drivers and passengers alike.

You may also notice some additional changes when using the GisBus services.

At the door of the vehicles there is an automatic

hand sanitiser which we encourage all passengers to use.

Each of our vehicles display QR codes for your use each time you enter the bus. We also have a manual record for those passengers without a smart phone.

In the event of an infection, this enables quick contact tracing to identify and/or eliminate passengers to keep our community as safe as possible.

Unless you have a valid exemption, we request that you wear your face mask correctly when aboard a GisBus. All our drivers are instructed

to ensure their face masks are fitted correctly when carrying passengers, as per government regulations.

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# Caring heart helps creatures great and small

Over the past five years, fervent animal lover Lynne McAlister has rescued nearly 60 animals, including alpacas, sheep, cows, chickens, dogs, horses and camels. She currently looks after 38 animals on her South Gisborne acreage.

The two camels in residence, dubbed Milkshake and Catapult, are relatively new arrivals after Lynne bid on them against “doggers” (pet meat buyers) at auction.

Lynne says she began saving animals five years ago when she realised it was not enough to simply “talk the talk”.

“I felt I also needed to demonstrate my commitment by actively protecting animals,” she said. All her personal money and savings go into caring for and rescuing animals at her sanctuary, which she has named after her pet Irish wolfhound, Galahad.

Lynne became a vegetarian when she was 21, then moved to a totally plant-based diet about 10 years ago. Now 54, Lynne says one person can make a difference, and she is passionate about the need to remind people about the importance of nature and animals.

“Animals remind us of who we really are in such an intrinsically natural way, in a way that our complex society has left behind in the name of progress. They provide a connection to mother earth, they provide a sense of belonging, and through them we know we are not separate or alone.”



Above: Galahad puts his best foot forward at the Children's Hospital, and right, Lynne and one of the camels, Milkshake.



Picture: Simone Panepinto

She learnt this first-hand by doing pet therapy at the Royal Children's Hospital and seeing the impact her beloved Galahad had on the children and nurses he visited.

After the end of a long relationship just prior to COVID, Lynne found herself working full time from home, looking after the 30-acre property and sanctuary of 40 animals, as well as running a B&B by herself. Busy was an understatement, but she said she could not let the animals down.

But COVID lockdowns have hit her hard -- financial commitments will never make way for even the softest of hearts. Lynne has been unable to

hold planned fundraisers and events to help with expenses such as feed, paddock maintenance and vet bills. But rather than despair, she sees this situation as an opportunity to fast-track her dreams to connect the local community with animals and nature.

“My goal has always been to have the people of our region actively involved at Galahad's Sanctuary,” Lynne said.

“It is a program that is part patronage, part participation and hugely educational. And I love the idea of connecting with families who want their children to discover the special qualities of animals. We learn

so much from them.”

Lynne has just launched a membership program for 2022 where people can support the sanctuary and in return engage with the rescue animals. Support starts from \$15 a month. There is a range of options, including newsletters, visiting the sanctuary to meet the animals, through to overnight accommodation. She plans to start with a limited group of members and develop it further in the future.

For the future, Lynne says she would like to rescue and rehome more animals and buy land to fully secure the animals' future so they can live the rest of their days feeling loved and protected (the property is currently on a lease). This is a labour of love that she would like to share with the community. In return, she hopes community engagement will assist in paying for its ongoing upkeep and development.

Lynne said she also had plans to launch items such as cards and calendars on Galahad's Sanctuary website in coming months: “Not only does this help raise much-needed funds,” she said, “but all these things raise awareness that we share life with other creatures.”

She said the sanctuary will be open to the public by appointment every second Sunday of the month from January, and until then Zoom tours will be available. Her website is galahads-sanctuary.com

## Water corp wants feedback on Community Engagement Framework

Through sharing your needs, experiences and ideas, you can help Greater Western Water understand what is important to you and help the utility provide better services across the region.

The water corporation has developed its first draft Community Engagement Framework and is



Water will consult with their customers into the future. To provide feedback, visit Greater Western Water's

asking the Gisborne community for feedback.

The draft document provides details on how Greater Western

Have Your Say website at [yoursay.gww.com.au](https://yoursay.gww.com.au)

The site offers lots of options for providing input, including a quick poll, a survey, or ‘sharing a story’. You also have the option of providing an audio recording in English or another language.

Feedback can be provided up until November 22.



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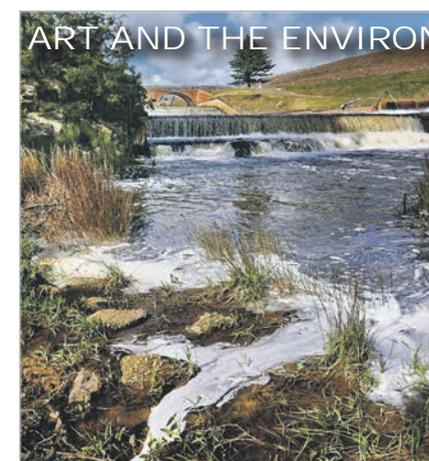
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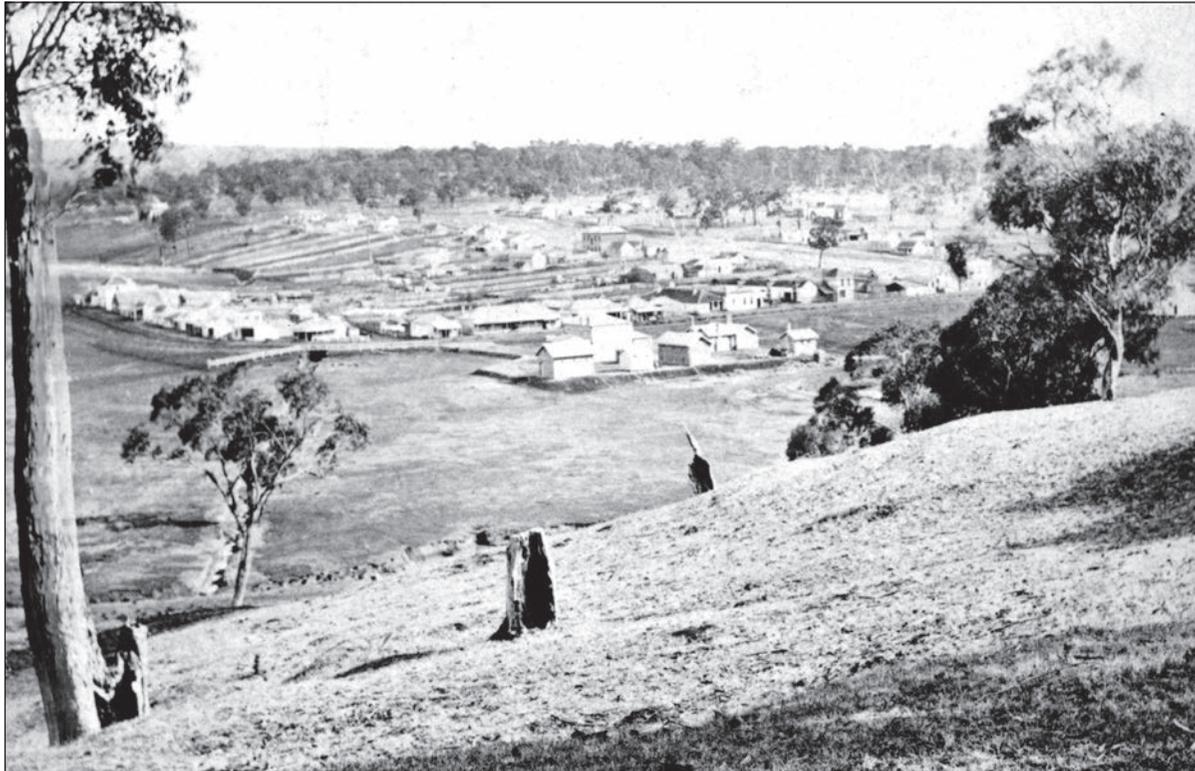


ART AND THE ENVIRONMENT

More Than Just Water: Picture by John Spring

Another beautiful image from the Macedon Ranges Photographic Society series on the environment (page 12).

# HISTORIC VIEWS OF GISBORNE



View of Gisborne from Kilmore Road about 1865, with the Court House precinct in the centre.



The Telegraph Hotel shares the main street with a few cows, about 1870.



View of Gisborne from New Gisborne hill, believed to be around 1914. St Brigid's Church stands out in the middle of the picture, and on the far right is a mill that stood in the block where Gisborne Collision Centre is now situated.

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## Podiatry may be able to help with leg pain

### Why do I get leg pain with increased exercise?

Lower-leg pain is a common issue that many active individuals encounter on a regular basis. Whether you are a seasoned runner or a daily walker, lower-leg pain can impact and stop you from reaching your desired activity levels.

Leg pain can have myriad presentations, with common injuries affecting the achilles tendon, peroneal muscles, tibialis posterior tendon, tibia (shin bone), or the patella tendon. For anyone starting a running program, or who has recently increased their training load, these structures are at risk of injury if not adequately conditioned.

### How do I know if I have an injury coming on and what is the cause of this pain?

Lower-leg injuries can present with pain at the immediate onset of activity, during the activity, or after your run. Depending on the extent of the injury, pain can linger for several hours to even days post-exercise.

Injuries involving the lower leg usually involve several factors, with a targeted treatment program required to address the deficiencies in the injured tissue. These include poor strength levels to put up with demands of activity, low conditioning levels, biomechanical inefficiencies, poor footwear choice and training mistakes

### How can a podiatrist help?

It is fundamental that early diagnosis and implementation of a structured program is provided to ensure the injury is managed effectively and quickly.

Some of the ways that a podiatrist can target your rehabilitation are a training program involving load management, an individualised strength program targeting deficiencies, footwear assessment and recommendations and targeting mobility restrictions



Hashan Fernando

that may be influencing lower-leg pain. Taking a proactive approach to identifying an underlying injury is an important step in monitoring your health. In a time where activity couldn't be more important for the mind and body, addressing a lingering pain to ensure you remain active, healthy, and happy will ensure you can reach your active goals.

Book with your local podiatrist for a full bio-mechanical assessment.

Hashan Fernando

**Anyone who thinks onions are the only vegetable that can make you cry has never dropped a turnip on their toe.**



## Taking every COVID precaution



As we've previously reported, the overarching tenet at our Shed is ... looking after each other.

That is why we embraced mask wearing last year before it was mandated by the Chief Health Officer. We were also early adopters of the QR code. We have sanitiser stations at each entrance and most of us are good judges of 1.5 metres, at least most of the time.

Although we are all young at heart, our birth certificates tell a different story, so we take every practical precaution. Accordingly, at our first general meeting since the latest lockdown ended, we also unanimously passed a resolution requiring double vaccination as a condition of entering the premises.

This requirement comes into force this month



with a provision for exemption if it is endorsed by an appropriate medical practitioner. Nearly all of us are already fully vaccinated and we have allowed some extra time for a couple of members waiting on their second jab. COVID procedures are just one part of our Shed safety management system.

Feel free to drop in any Monday or Thursday morning to learn more about our safety procedures. If you're not yet fully COVID vaccinated, we'll still make you a cuppa but you'll have to drink it outside!

## Health Talk COVID-19 Immunisation with Dr Umair Masood



Victoria is coming out of lockdowns, and we are getting more freedoms. It has been good to get out and about and catch up with friends and family. It has been an incredibly hard journey for all of us but there seems to be some light at the end of the tunnel now.

On October 23, 90% of Victorians over 16 had had their first vaccination dose and just over 70% had had both doses.

In the Macedon Ranges, over 95% of those over 16 have had their 1st dose and 81.1% have had both doses. In our local area, we have the third-highest vaccination rate in the whole state.

Hopefully, at the current rates of vaccination 90% of all Victorians will have had both doses by November 7.

In our local area, I would expect that 95% of us would be double vaccinated by the same date. This is in large part due to the hard work of all our local health care workers. Most of the credit must go to all of you for turning up and getting the jab!

As we move forward, we will notice that COVID case numbers might continue to go up.

As more people are out and about and mingling, this will be unavoidable. If you are vaccinated, there is less chance of you getting COVID but if you do get COVID, it may end up being like a mild case of 'flu. If vaccinated, it is highly unlikely that you will get severe COVID disease and end up in hospital. Vaccination also reduces the effects of long COVID by over 80%.

Unfortunately, there will be a few people who will get severely unwell with COVID even if they are vaccinated. Much like the flu, it will tend to affect those who are elderly and those who have

significant medical conditions. Currently, in Victoria less than 2% of those with COVID in ICU are fully vaccinated.

There is now talk of a third shot or a booster shot. Our bodies don't seem to be able to hold onto immunity for COVID. If you are unvaccinated and get COVID, your natural immunity wanes after six months.

In the UK, studies have shown that if you are unvaccinated, you are likely to get COVID every 12 to 18 months. If you have had both shots of any COVID vaccination, your immunity also seems to wane after about six months. In Australia, the current guidelines suggest that people who are severely immunocompromised can get a third shot two to six months after the second dose.

I would suspect that booster shots will be made available for everyone after Christmas. For the third dose, you can continue to have the same brand of vaccine if you want. However, a mRNA vaccine like Pfizer will be recommended for the third dose.

It will most likely be recommended to everyone to have it around six months after they had their second dose.

*In the future, it is likely that COVID immunisation will be offered yearly, like the flu jab*

In the future, it is very likely that COVID immunisation will be offered yearly, like the flu jab.

In Australia, COVID immunisations are offered to those 12 years and older. Recently, Pfizer has done studies on the five-to-11-years age group. The company has released the data to Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in America. The data is very encouraging, and it is likely that the FDA will soon approve it for this age group in America.

It will then only be a matter of time before the Australian authorities follow suit.

Here is hoping life returns to normal soon!

# Encourage the men in your life to look after their health

November 19 is International Men's Day which has been celebrated in Australia since 2003, aimed at highlighting the positive value men bring to the world, their families and communities. It is also an opportunity to raise awareness of men's health and wellbeing.

Research shows that Australian men do not live as long as Australian women (on average 79 years compared with 84 years, respectively), with the leading causes of premature death in men being heart disease, trachea and lung cancer, Alzheimer's disease and other dementia.

Some causes of death, such as suicide, are more likely for men than women (75 percent of deaths are male). Statistics also show that one out of every six Australian men suffers from depression at any given time, with teenagers and the elderly particularly at risk. Depression can lead to men resorting to destructive behaviour such as the abuse of alcohol and drugs, which can make the symptoms worse.

There have been many reasons suggested to explain the difference in health outcomes for men and women, including differences in healthcare funding for gender-specific health issues, greater



*Article on general health by Julie Ireland*

exposure to work-related serious injuries due to job roles (such as farm and construction workers, for example), and perhaps a greater inclination to engage in risky behaviour, particularly while young.

Moreover, men are encouraged by our culture to be tough and independent, or 'macho', so may be less inclined than women to take an active role in maintaining their health or to take the time to seek professional help for health problems, particularly those of an emotional or psychological nature, for fear of appearing weak or vulnerable.

So, what can we do to help the men and boys in our lives to make their physical health and wellbeing a priority? We can remind them that it is okay not to be okay and encourage them to ask for help and seek professional advice. That way we can all ensure that they live long, happy and healthy lives.

Take care of yourselves, everyone. *Julie*



## BETTY'S BOOP

With Betty Doolan

How did you feel when the ground was moving? I was getting my leg bandaged when the sliding door behind me started to open and close. I thought this was a clever trick someone was playing, then it dawned on us it was an earthquake. Until you know what is happening it is rather frightening.



Remember I told you about the lovely lady, Fran, from our kitchen who made ice cream for residents. Well, after that Fran made trays of cupcakes – around 40 – and each one was different. My cupcake had marshmallow on the top, and gosh was it good. Fran makes all these goodies at home. Thanks again, Fran.

One of our carers, Andrea, has brought a little pug puppy called Wally who travels in a red pusher especially designed for pups. Wally is loved and thoroughly spoilt by residents.

The hostel is still in lockdown but I was able to go to Woodend with my carer, Lois. I had decided not to give Christmas presents this year, but I had a change of mind when I went to the toy department. I saw dolls, trains, motor cars, Harry Potter games and many a little girl's dream, Barbie dolls. There will be Christmas and I'll be ready when it comes.

A recent surprise to all carers was when Morgan's IGA supermarket sent two large boxes of sweets as a thank you to all of our wonderful staff for the efforts they have made for residents during lockdown. So, many thanks to IGA and our wonderful staff.

Stay safe.

*Betty*

## MACEDON FARMERS' MARKET RETURNS

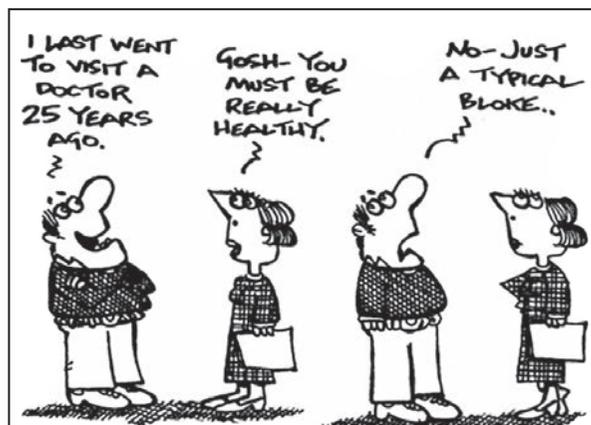
After two years, the Macedon Village Farmers' Market is back

The first market is on Saturday October 30 from 9am to 1pm, at Tony Clarke Reserve.

In line with the date (Halloween), organisers say "Come dressed in your spookiest!"



At the time the *Gazette* went to press on October 25, at least 30 stall holders had been secured.



Cartoon: Stephen Stanley

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## Treasures from the past

Researched from Historical Society archives  
by Phyllis Boyd OAM

For historians seeking details regarding families who resided in this area in earlier times and the lives they led, many details contained within commercial documents held at the Gisborne Court House are of great interest, not only regarding the owners of business enterprises, but of the amazing range of goods offered and prices of products and services at that time. However, these documents do not tell when the businesses began or ceased, only that they were active as at the date of that document.

General Stores were delightfully 'general' indeed, carrying such a wide range of products to challenge the range of those found within our current day supermarkets.

In the township of Gisborne, Edward Cherry started business in Aitken Street in 1858. An invoice of 1882 stated that he was a [butter] Churn Manufacturer. By 1919, from the new location in Brantome Street, the business took the title of Cherry & Sons Pty Ltd, Sawmillers & Dairy Implement Makers and by 1952, a very plain invoice says simply, Factory and Registered Office, Gisborne Victoria.



Henry Hussey built a general store known locally as Hussey's Corner Store and later Hussey Brothers Store, that still stands today on the corner of Aitken and Hamilton Streets (presently home to Brad Teal Real Estate).

Hussey's General Store sold to one customer in 1865 the following products: flour, currants, soap, candles, coffee, mustard, vinegar of cloves, pickles, a tea pot, a bucket and some brandy. At the same store in 1896, starch cost sixpence, [laundry] blue ninepence, whisky cost seven shillings, currants sixpence, two cakes cost one shilling, boots seven shillings and sixpence, two ties two shillings, two pairs of gloves two shillings, a hat four shillings and sixpence and an umbrella nine shillings and sixpence. Later owners of this property included Joe Finnigan in the 1890s and Arthur Cliff in the 1950s.



On the opposite corner stood the general store known as the Fountain Supply Store, run by George Sansom (the site now occupied by Gisborne Fish Shop). In 1926, Sansom advertised that he was Grocer, Baker, Draper, Ironmonger, and cash buyer of farm and dairy produce, hides and other skins. It was said that here you could buy anything from 'a needle to a pair of gum boots'.

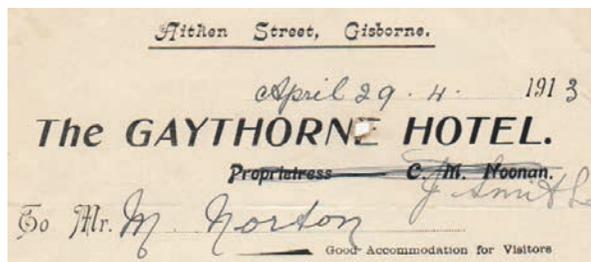
On the east side of Aitken Street, Parkes and Martin operated their business from the 1890s to 1914, advising that they were Undertakers, Carpenters and Builders, offering a coffin, hearse and a grave at Gisborne Cemetery for a total cost of £9. In 1936 however, undertaker Matthew F Murray made out a funeral bill for £16 and by 1939, this cost had increased to £18. Parkes and Martin were in the block between Hamilton and Fisher Street.



On the west side of Aitken Street, W & E Gardiner ran a thriving business for many decades. On an invoice dated 1912, they were offering service as coachbuilders, wheelwrights, general and shoeing smiths. They also offered a wide selection of buggies including an Abbott, slide seat, coal box, piano box, canoe front and farmers buggies. Also available were dog, rustic pony, talbot, prince george and spring carts as well as jinkers, wagons, lorries and drays.



From further commercial documents held by the Historical Society, we also know that operating in Aitken Street was Charles Martin's Family Butchers Shop in 1911; Moffitt & Co, who were Drapers and Clothiers, in the early 1900s, the Gaythorne Hotel with proprietor J Smith in 1913, formerly run by C M Noonan and prior to that the Morand family.



George Harding, who was a Farrier, General Blacksmith and Wheelwright, offered "Stores and Cooking Utensils Repaired" in 1923, while Boardman and Sparrow "The Advertising Mediums of the District", from at least 1935 to 1942 produced the *Gisborne Gazette*, *Sunbury News* and *Lancefield Mercury*. The old *Gisborne Gazette* building is currently occupied by Bodyfit yoga and pilates business.

Also in Aitken Street were White's Drapery store and Skilton's Garage in the 1950s.

In Hamilton Street as early as 1865, Richard Stevens

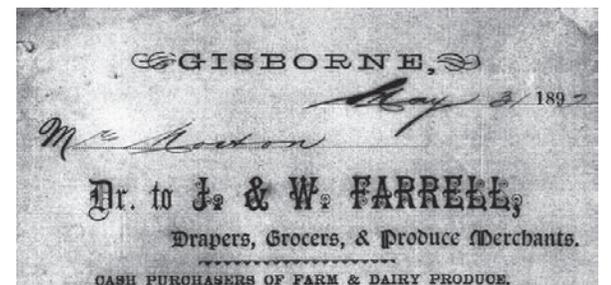


was the butcher. The establishment of Davis & Grant operated as Fruiterers, Greengrocers and Manufacturers of Aerated Waters and Cordials in 1908, HC Dixon was an Auctioneer, Land and Insurance Agent from 1904 to 1936, continuing the business of his father HR Dixon who opened the business about 1860. Duncan McPherson was a Saddler and Harness Maker in 1922. Also in Hamilton Street could be found Gisborne Case & Hardwood Mills with HL Higgins Proprietor in 1955 and the establishment of BA Flanagan, known locally as Bidy, who offered Kodak Films, Patent Medicines, Stationery and was Agent for the *Gisborne Gazette* at her Authorised News Agents and Tobacconists store from the 1920s. From the 1950s she also advertised the *Gisborne Circulating Library*.

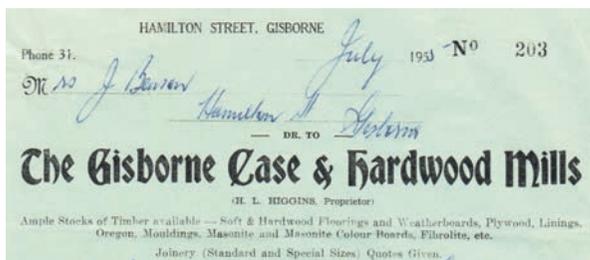
Other businesses included P Monaghan, who operated as a butcher in 1894, Richard Haines who ran the Post Office in 1896, also selling Seal Brand Teas, Newspapers, Patent Medicines; Charles Edwin Turner who was a Boot and Shoe Maker in 1901, and Kelly and Walsh who were Grocers, Drapers and Wine and Spirit Merchants in 1899.

J & W Farrell advertised that they were Drapers, Grocers and Produce Merchants in 1897, McCashney & Frith, Sawmillers, in 1907 and D Keily, who owned *Gisborne Bakery* in 1909, offered to supply pastries for picnics, socials etc., delivered to all parts of the district. Other Bakery & Pastrycook enterprises were run by L McGregor in 1925, followed by PR Irwin in 1927, both offering "brown bread a speciality", and NG Thomas in 1950, while Roberts & Whiting were caterers in 1926.

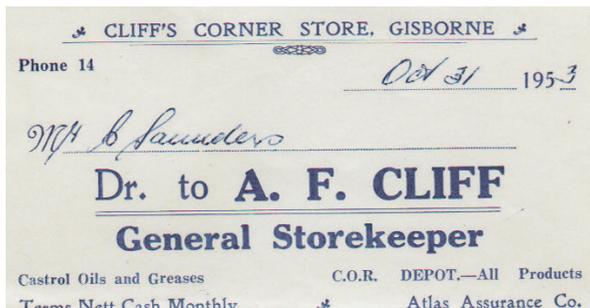
E Engellenner ran a wholesale and retail butcher's shop in 1930 and J Peavey, who advised that he was a General Contractor, also offered chaff-cutting and threshing from 1916.



Although these documents are all related to the township of Gisborne, the society holds many others for New Gisborne, Macedon and Mount Macedon that may be shared in some future article. If any of our readers has any commercial documents that they would like to donate or allow to be copied, they would be a welcome addition to this fascinating collection.



The mill was on the north-west corner of Hamilton and Brantome Streets, now a shopping centre car park.



Cliff's Corner Store was previously Hussey's, and today houses Brad Teal-Woodards Real Estate.



This store was where The Hot Spot fish and chip shop is situated today, on the corner known as Sansom's Corner.



Monaghan's butchery was in Aitken Street.



George Moffitt used to travel around to farms in the district with drayloads of goods from his store.

# Historical Society AGM and other news

The Annual General Meeting of the Gisborne & Mount Macedon Districts Historical Society will be held at Gisborne Court House at 2pm on Sunday November 21.



Following the election of office bearers for the following year, our guest speaker John Scott, of TJ Scott and Son Funeral Directors, will entertain those present, followed by a scrumptious afternoon tea provided by the committee. All members and those interested in the workings of your local historical society are most welcome to attend.

Macedon Ranges Shire Council is undertaking works at the stable at the rear of the Court House in this financial year to overcome some safety issues. On completion of these works, the stable will again be open to the public daily, free of charge, with a changing static display.

Recent grants from both Bendigo Community Bank and Macedon Ranges Shire Council have enabled the replacement of several pieces of computer equipment which will greatly enhance the service that the society is able to offer to the community with local and family history research.

## Busy church worker and talented storyteller

### OBITUARY Diana Hazel Treneer Roberts 1931-2021



Diana was born in Wales in 1931, the first child of Harold and May Sampson. In 1935 her brother Richard was born. She was educated at two schools then attended secretarial college. Diana later worked as a secretary in various colleges, universities and at St Bartholomew's Hospital in London where she realised that what she would really like to do was work with children.

She completed a Diploma in Residential Childcare which resulted in her working for Dr Barnardo's Home for children. For the rest of her life she kept in touch with some of her 'children' from that time – now in their 60s.

Diana then worked as a temporary social worker in Swansea children's department. In the early 1960s she met her future husband, John, who had worked with her brother in Nigeria. She travelled to Australia in 1965 and they were married in June 1966. They lived in Carlton and were active members of St Jude's Anglican Church. Later they went to Wales and in 1971 their son Paul was born.

Returning to Australia in 1972, they bought a block of land in Gisborne and built the family home in Willowbank Road. In 1975 their daughter Lucy was born.

Diana was active in the community

and particularly with St Paul's Anglican Church. A few years ago, Diana and John very successfully ran an Alpha group (church discussion group) from their home. Together with Diana's friend Audrey, they attended a weekly prayer group for 30 years. Diana also regularly attended a bible study group and for many years was a Sunday School teacher. She was also a member of the Gideons.

Diana had a passion for literature and creative writing, attended classes at the Gisborne Leisure Learning Centre (now MFREC) and belonged to the Gisborne Creative Writing Group. She supported the Gisborne Vision Australia Auxiliary and assisted with Meals on Wheels. She especially enjoyed gardening, cooking and reading.

In 1988 Diana did her VCE as a mature-age student, following which she completed a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1995. In 2017 she published *From Bluebell Woods to the Australian Bush*, a collection of memoirs and short stories.

She became a very proud grandma to her granddaughter Ava in 2018.

Diana passed away peacefully on September 22 at Warrina Nursing Home. She is survived by John, Paul, Lucy, Rohan and Ava.

A service of thanksgiving was held at St Paul's Church on October 4, followed by a committal at the Gisborne Cemetery.

*Diana's entertaining collection of stories was published in 2017.*



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## Ramblers for November

The Gisborne Ramblers have managed to keep walking under COVID restrictions – albeit in restricted numbers.

With a limit of 10 people, and to cater for the numbers, we have had two leaders 'running' different walks on the day, meeting at different locations, to comply with the rules.

This has served us quite well to date, but hopefully, by the time you read this, we will be out of a general lockdown and things can get back to a more normal life.

One of the walks we did last month is described below, if you care to try it. Perhaps not the best instructions written, but if you would like to join our email list, a screenshot of the walk plus a gpx file which can be downloaded to a computer, GPS or smartphone can be forwarded (no charge!), together with future walks planned for the Ramblers.

Charles (gisramblers@gmail.com)

### Local Walk Lerderderg



Track on Lerderderg walk, and (inset) signpost for the BG Hogan Link Track.

#### A walk in the Lerderderg

This is an easy-medium bush walk on wide dirt tracks of either five or eight kilometres.

Getting there: from Gisborne, drive along the Bacchus Marsh Road, turn right into Carrolls Lane. After 1.7km, Carrolls Lane splits into Firth and Fingerpost Roads. Take the left fork (Firth Road), drive for 4km, then turn left into Obriens Road. Approximately 700m along Obriens Road, a junction with the Blue Gum Track is reached. Park at this junction, the walk starts from here.

Walk down the Blue Gum Track for about 700m until reaching a signposted track to the right indicating B/G Obriens Link Track. Follow this track for about 900m, looking for a track on the left. This track has a single bar gate but is unnamed. Walk this track for about 1.7km until reaching a T-junction with a cross track. (This cross track is the Blue Gum-Hogan link track).

Decision time! Take the left fork and after 100m you will join the Blue Gum Track. Turn left and walk approximately 2km to your car.

Take the right fork and this section of the walk is more undulating. It loops away and back towards the Blue Gum Track over 3km. Various sidetracks to the right are to be encountered along the way but always keep to the left. Eventually the Blue Gum Track is reached and the left turn gets you back to the car. Interestingly, the rejoin points for the longer and shorter walks are within 200m of each other.

## Bushwalkers take two great Goldfields walks

Since our last article, the Bushwalkers have been delighted to enjoy two great walks together in beautiful spring weather.

The first was a 12-kilometre hike in the fascinating Castlemaine Diggings National Heritage Park. We started out from the Garfield Water Wheel Park, near the town of Chewton, and followed the water race that once supplied the wheel during the Gold Rush.

The winding race led us past mine shafts, timber ruins, and the site of the puddling machine that crushed rock and washed out the gold, and led to the evocative ruins of the Welsh Village.

Past the village, the trail becomes an old cart track and goes past an old slate quarry.

At Forest Creek we turned north to climb up to the Expedition Pass Reservoir, built in 1868. A great scenic spot for a picnic lunch.

Our return journey was southward, through pretty gullies, past colourful escarpments, saddles and ridges with lovely views, and back to the Wheel. Thanks Heidi and Brian, for the great walk and the delicious afternoon tea.

Our second Goldfields walk was in the Muckleford Nature Reserve, near Newstead. This was an easy and pleasant walk of 11km on the Demo track, enjoying the abundance of wildflowers that the rains have brought to the usually dry and scrubby box-ironbark bushland.

Our picnic lunch was enjoyed at the 'Heritage listed' Red White and Blue Mine, where you can sit on a safety grid beneath the poppet head, and peer down into the abyss of the old mine below. This area contains many relics and remnants of the mining activities that took place here from the early Gold Rush days and into the 20th century. After this journey into our past, back we went to another great afternoon tea: Thanks Shirley.



Lunch break at the poppet head at the Red White and Blue mine near Newstead.

For more walks and information, call Pierre on 0417 515 468, Janeen on 0416 052 366, Nigel on 0437 715 972, or Ashley on 0490 133 656.

Or check out our website: [www.gisbornebwc.org.au](http://www.gisbornebwc.org.au).

Margaret Muehlheim



Ruins of the Welsh Village near Chewton.



Delicate fungi spotted on the walk.



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# Gisborne mountain biking club is GAS!

## This year's 'Shifty Fifty' winners



Craig Jones, 50-years-plus category winner.



Nathan Stott, E-bike men's winner.

Did you know that Gisborne has some of the best and most accessible mountain bike tracks in Victoria, and there is a local club?



"GASMTB", short for Gisborne and Surrounds Mountain Bike Club, was formed four years ago by local Macedon Ranges mountain bikers.

We are affiliated with Cycling Australia which enables us to liaise with the local council and Parks Victoria on the Hobbs Road tracks, less than five kilometres from the fountain in the centre of Gisborne.

With a focus of inclusion and a strong ethos of being an active part of our community, our club raised \$11,376 for "Austin's Big Ride" earlier this year where we provided voluntary marshalling services at the Wombat race. (The race was held to support the family of Castlemaine four-year-old Austin Vearing, who has cerebral palsy and required expensive surgery in the US to help him walk – and Austin can now take steps on his own, a great result.)

We run monthly club rides for members called full gas, half gas and GaSettes for the younger ones and parents, exploring Victoria together. Winning is an accidental by-product.

So, we are delighted to congratulate Craig Jones on winning the 50-years-plus, Nathan Stott for winning the E-bike men's category, and young Ed Clough, for their success in this year's Shifty Fifty, a five-race series of 50km that took place between lockdowns. It started at Wombat and went as far as Yackandandah.

Thanks to all the 'track fairies' who kept our tracks up and running during the lows of COVID, winter and storms.

If you're interested in having some fun, learning the tracks, being part of something, you'll find us on Hobbs Road, at Kaffee bar, Facebook gasmtb, and also gasmtb.com. Membership is really cheap at \$25 per year excluding Cycling Australia.

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Above and below: Ed Clough, another winner in the Shifty Fifty series.



Members gather in 2019.

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# FOR THE GREEN THUMBS



## MACEDON MUSINGS

With Belinda Carlton-Doney

### Hedge hero hangs up the boots

One of our favourite garden guros is hanging up his boots and heading into (semi) retirement at the end of the year.

John Flens is the man responsible for many of the perfectly sculptured hedges in Macedon and surrounds. After a career spanning four decades, he feels it is time to "step down" from the scaffolding.

John came to the Macedon area in 1984, the year after Ash Wednesday. His skills were in high demand, as the area was recovering and rebuilding from the devastation of the fires. Some of the amazing gardens you see on the Mount now were planted by John during this time.

Although John first qualified as a horticulturist, he later switched careers to become an arborist. With an interest in sculpting and topiary, he went on to specialise in this craft.

An example of his sculpture can be found in Bruce Street. John calls this a "Graffiti Hedge", so named after some kids in Trentham said to him, "That looks like graffiti." So from here on in, that shall be what we will call them! There is only one hedge sculpted this way in each town he works in, such as Trentham and Lyonsville.

An amazing visual legacy, or "tag", to leave across the Ranges.

The bulk of his business is being handed to Joel Battersby. As Joel is also an arborist with more than 10 years' experience, we know we are in good hands.

We wish John and wife Jane all the best for whatever their next adventure may be. John may still do a little sculpting in gardens he loves, just a little closer to the ground... "Not so far to fall!"



John Flens among some amazing topiary he has trimmed.



Above: Graffiti Hedge, Bruce Street, Macedon.



Graffiti Hedge, Lyonville.

### What's happening at Daly Nature Reserve



Although we are well into spring, we are seeing slow emergence of the spring flowering plants, which are waiting for a bit more sunshine before opening up.

One attractive plant, often overlooked, is Creamy Candles (*Stackhousia monogyna*) with its single stem of cream/white flowers.

It is not prolific in Daly Nature Reserve, but it is worth looking for. It grows to about 30cm and can be confused with Rice Flowers (*Primeleas*).

Correct identification can be confirmed by closer examination as the Creamy Candle flowers have five petals, whereas the Rice Flowers have only four.

The Friends of Daly Nature Reserve's August online AGM went smoothly. After nominations the committee remains the same for 2021-22, and we have started off positively by arranging twice-monthly working bees during the spring months allowing catch-up time after COVID restrictions and winter rains.

We were successful in our application to Macedon Ranges Shire Council's Community Funding Scheme to install three interpretive signs. These will inform visitors of interesting cultural, historic and environmental aspects of the reserve.

November working bees: Tuesdays 9 and 23, 9.30am start. Please consider joining us if you are looking for a new interest, all welcome.

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## A milestone for a special cat

My column focuses on something a little different this month. I'm moving away from tech stuff and reflecting on something close to my heart – our family cat!

This is Tiggy and on October 25 she celebrated her 20<sup>th</sup> birthday. Yes, that's right – 20! That is equivalent to 96 human years which is very old.

My mum and dad rescued her from the Greensborough Cat Protection Society shelter one hot January day back in 2002, where she was in a cage with her brothers and sisters who had been rescued from some recent bushfires.

She was tiny and scared. Only a few days after they brought her home, she developed cat flu which can be deadly to cats. Luckily, they took her to the vet straight away and put her on some medications. Mum told me that she and Dad had to take time off work to look after Tig around the clock to wipe away the muck from her eyes and to give the medicine. Tiggy eventually recovered and has been well ever since.

Over the years Tiggy has lived in 11 houses, has moved interstate and back and has shared a home with many dogs and cats. Of the original fab four (dogs Miffy and Mocha and cat Claudia) she is the last one standing. It's an incredible effort; to think that she has lived this long and that she was around long before my sister and I were born.

Tiggy has always been a scaredy cat, she prefers to stay inside and at one point she preferred to live in the wardrobe.



**YOUNG BEAT**  
with Asher Kroon

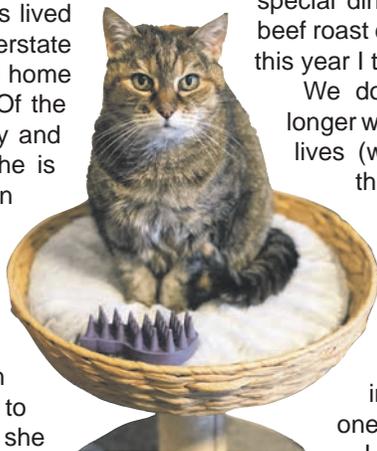
I think she was scared of her shadow! Thankfully, as she has got older she has let go of some of her scaredy-cat ways and now lives a normal cat life.

My mum says that Tiggy is living her twilight years in luxury. You see, she is now completely deaf and feels the cold and sometimes gets a bit confused about where she is. She lives in my parents' room with a column heater on 24/7. She has a comfy bed with her food bowls not too far away. She meows very loudly when someone turns the heater off and she loves to jump under the covers with Mum at night. I think she has continued living so long because of the special treatment she gets.

Every birthday she usually gets a special dinner. Last year it was beef roast cut up into tiny pieces, this year I think will be the same.

We don't know how much longer we will have Tiggy in our lives (we have been saying this for years!) so we are making special memories. Cats are so amazing – they provide us with so much laughter and love. I couldn't imagine not having one.

Happy Birthday Tiggy!



The venerable Tiggy.

## Vet Talk

with Dr Caitlin Horwood-Skelton

### 'Spring time – hot diggity dog!'



Chances are that if your idea of enjoying the spring sunshine is to get outside and do some digging in the garden, your canine companion will be right there behind you. A dog likes nothing better than an old-fashioned dirt-spraying digging good time.

If the digging gets excessive, have a think about how you can keep those pesky paws occupied. Try providing an area where your dog is allowed to dig, like a sand pit, with hidden dog toys or treats to find – you might have to start some excavations here yourself, to make this area interesting to your pooch.

By contrast, make the garden beds (or areas you want to protect) less attractive for digging, perhaps by laying down wire netting over them while the soil is soft, or spraying a pet-safe repellent (eg. citrus, citronella, or vinegar) around the area.

The new smells of freshly turned



Who me? I didn't dig that big hole in the lawn.

soil are delightfully attractive to digging dogs, especially if organic fertilisers are used, so watering-in (before your dog gets a chance to join in) can help dampen those delicious aromas. You might simply have to keep your pet confined and out of sight of the action when you are digging a precious area, or you'll find your helper is all too willing to participate, all paws at the ready. Happy digging!

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## JOKES AND RIDDLES

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How many letters are there in the alphabet?

**24 (E.T. went home.)**

Where did the sheep go on its holiday?

**The Baa-hamas.**

Where does Thursday come before Wednesday?

**In the dictionary.**

There is nothing like horse-riding to make you feel better off.

When does a horse neigh?

**Whinny wants to.**

What's one animal you'll always find at a cricket game?

**A bat.**

## Swinburne Kinder gets finals fever



Hawks supporter  
George takes part in the egg and spoon race at Swinburne Kindergarten.

September in Melbourne had a bit of a different feel this year, with the AFL Grand Final moving to the west due to restrictions here. Thankfully, this did not interrupt the celebrations that happened at Swinburne Avenue Kindergarten!

The children were encouraged to dress up in their favourite team colours or sporting clothes for the week.

The group was a sea of colour with so many teams represented. Activities included making a graph of everyone's favourite footy team, round robin games in the yard like an egg and

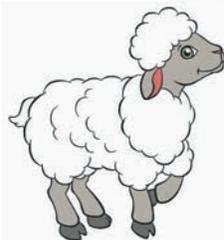
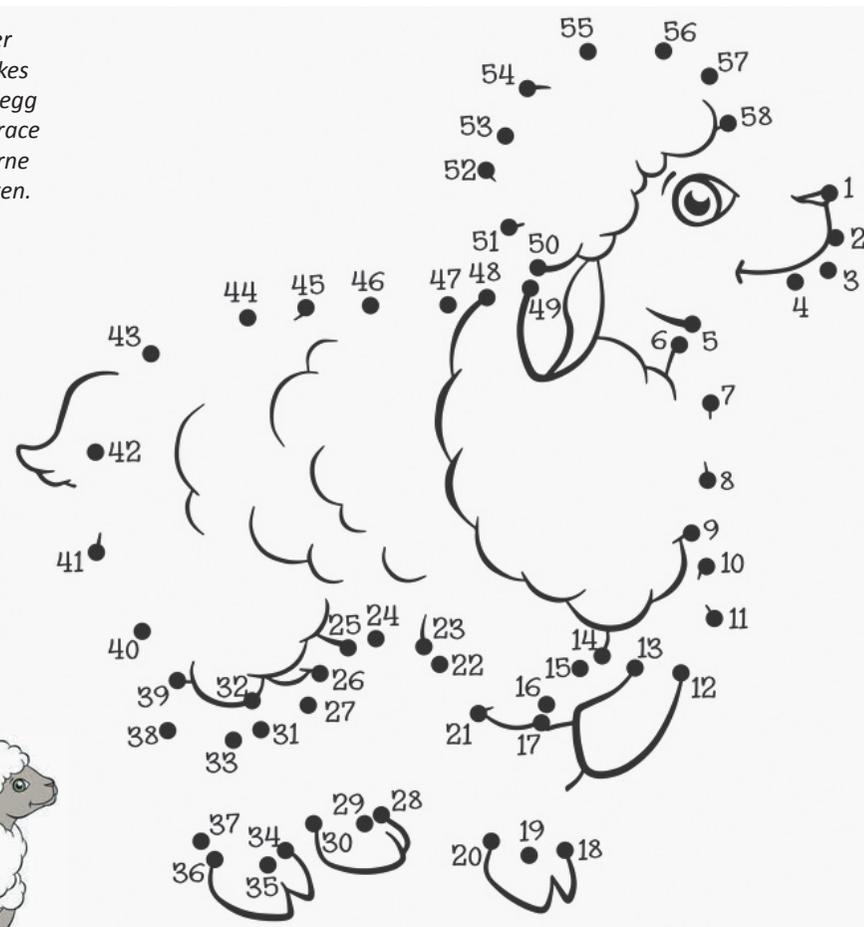
spoon race, kicking the footy and mini hurdles.

Beautiful medals were crafted by the children and presented during a medal ceremony. A very special afternoon tea of party pies and sausage rolls was provided, and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

This week-long event was also a wonderful celebration to finish off Term 3. Thank you to the wonderful educators at Swinburne Avenue who continue to provide such fun and exciting events at kinder.

*Shannon Ingleton*

## NUMBER GAME



Follow the numbers to create this cute lamb to colour in.



Hello Cocky. Can you talk?

**Of course I can talk. Can you fly?**

## JUNIOR QUIZ

1. What is Australia's highest mountain?

group was also known as "The Fab Four"?

2 Who has so far been the only female Premier of Victoria?

7 The *Noddy* series of books was written by which author?

3 How many legs do all insects have?

8 In which country was artist Claude Monet born?

4 The film *Muriel's Wedding* features music from which Swedish pop group?

9 What is the Earth's only permanent natural satellite?

5 After which Pope is the Gregorian calendar named?

10 How much does a litre of water weigh?

6 Which 1960s pop

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# SCHOOL'S IN



## Whatever floats your boat: exploring matter and weight



We have been filled with so much joy seeing all of our students return onsite in some capacity over the past few weeks. They continue to amaze us with their resilience and positivity towards their learning.

In the prep area, students have been using the scientific process to explore objects that float and sink. They have investigated how the different materials objects are made of affect their ability to float and whether all light objects float and heavy objects sink.

They spent an afternoon outside exploring whether everyday objects such as a glass bottle and a cooking pan will float or sink when emerged in water. They continue to show creativity and exploration towards learning new topics.

The students are eager to find out more about objects that float or sink.



*Sink? Or will it float? Tiernan, Zavier, Oliver and Indie explore whether a pan and other objects will float or sink.*

## Juniors delight in return to school at New Gisborne



New Gisborne Primary School welcomed back students in Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 on October 4.

Once again the school was filled with happy smiling faces and the shrieks and squeals of reunited friends. Our junior school reporters recounted what their return to school was like.



Cooper

**Cooper, Foundation Reporter:** Going back to school was a bit of fun. I liked seeing my friends. I liked seeing Miss Luke because I hadn't seen her in a long time. Coming to school is better than remote learning. When I saw my friends again we went on the oval and kicked the footy. It was a lot of fun.

**Tilly, Year 1 Reporter:** It was exciting coming back to see my friends. I had some invitations to hand out so I did that and then we just started talking straight away. It was good to be back and see Miss Manolis. School is different in real life, it's much better actually being at school. I like doing writing and maths.



Tilly



Madison

**Madison, Year 2 Reporter:** When I came back I was really excited to see my friends. We ran up to each other and talked. Being back at school is better because if you need help you can ask the teacher, you can work in groups and I like that. I like getting to learn and meet people. I like my teacher. I like school because we get to learn more.

## Sustainability at Gisborne Primary

Sustainability is becoming more of a focus at Gisborne Primary School – teaching our students to care for the world around them and make more sustainable choices. Students started the year with a competitive Clean Up Australia Day program. Each class was designated an area and the challenge was to collect as much rubbish as possible. Students did a fabulous job, making it very hard for the judges to pick a winner.

In Term 2 the whole school participated in a 'Layer Up Day'. The idea was to use as little power across the day as possible, so everyone needed to layer up to stay warm. The challenge again was taken up with great excitement, some classes managing not to use any power all day.

There have also been other programs running in different year levels. The Year 3s have been visiting Daly Reserve, learning from volunteers about the

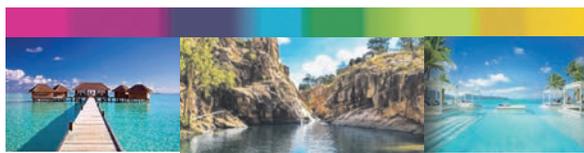


native vegetation and wildlife and how we preserve our natural places. Year 4s and 5s have been a part of our kitchen garden program and have learnt about growing their own food to make delicious recipes. This has helped them understand the impact of their ecological footprint and how food transport and production can affect it.

The year 6 team has participated in the 'Kids Teaching Kids' program. The cohort won an entry into this year's conference and has been working on their projects in hopes of presenting them at Melbourne University. Their focus has been on overpopulation and deforestation.

While still in the development stages the sustainability program at GPS is helping our young people become more aware of the world around them and how to protect it.

*Alex Furphy, classroom teacher and sustainability leader*



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# A student reflects on the COVID experience

This article by Charlie Hall was written just prior to all our schools being fully open again on October 22.



When students return to Macedon Primary School (after COVID-19 restrictions) our school will be bringing into place open air learning.

This means students will be able to work outside in the lovely spring weather. I think this would really be good for our health and mental wellbeing.

I would like to see more of this type of learning in the future as I personally like the outdoors and think this way of learning would help people relax more.

My name is Charlie Hall and I am in Year 6 at Mac-

edon Primary School. I have found home learning during COVID really hard to do. This is mainly because of the many distractions around the house including my family and also the difficulties of not being with my class and hanging with my friends.

My brother is home learning too and my parents often are doing noisy stuff around the house. Plus they are working hard too which I am sure all parents have struggled with during these times. I feel our house should be our relaxation place, not our school, but it is what it is.

I do feel that my teacher Mr B has had many ways



Charlie Hall, Year 6

to help us focus, keep us calm and get us through learning at home.

I have been really missing my school friends, but I am lucky to live in a small town to be able to go on rides with some of my friends.

I am really happy for Term 4 as we are all back to school and finally getting some normality happening.

I finally get to go back to being a leader in Year 6 and get to enjoy my last term

with all my friends and I am so looking forward to my graduation....what a time this has been for all of us but I am resilient and we can all get through this. If I can, you can too!

## Costume fun at Holy Cross for return of full cohort



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We welcomed all students back to school on Friday October 22 and the yard was full of children and colour!

We celebrated a belated Book Week

with staff and children dressing up as their favourite book characters.

It was so lovely to see so many smiling faces all very happy to be back together and having fun.

Kellie McDonald

◀ Lisa Peake and Kath Pennisi as Little Miss Helpful and Little Miss Trouble.



Willow Brookshaw in Charlotte's Web outfit.



Prep B

Keanu Caputa as The Green Sheep.



Hamish Nicoll

Hi all.

It has been a busy couple of weeks to begin Term 4. Many of the students are back to face-to-face learning and are getting back into the swing of the school routine again.

It is now that time of the year again where the Year 12s have to sit their end of year exams.

Many of us have spent time in



class revising texts and key knowledge points, as well as attending lectures put on for us by the school which have been a big help in preparing for our exams.

For me personally, this year has been an amazing experience, having the opportunity to work with

other members and leaders of the school community who have all been passionate and driven with ideas of improving the school and making Gisborne Secondary College an even better place for students to learn and develop new skills.

As it comes to the end of the year for all of us Year 12s, we would all like to say a huge thank you to all the teachers and staff who have made this year such an incredible one, especially after having to deal with the difficult circumstances brought about by the pandemic over the past two years.

## Space oddity hits odds out of the park

What're the odds? It seems an appropriate question given it's the spring racing carnival, and there will be many a Gisborne wally vally interested in the subject.

But this question isn't related to the efforts of equines. Actually, it's a rhetorical question turned inside out. For in this case, it has an answer that is known and which isn't an answer.

So if not horses, what?

This: what are the odds of a meteorite crashing through the roof of your house and landing on your pillow? Not only that, but what are the odds of you being asleep at the time, with your head on the pillow?

The odds? Pick a number and multiply by infinity and beyond.

But reality is a strange thing, stranger than fiction. Meet Ruth Hamilton, of the town of Golden, (pop. 3500) in British Columbia, Canada. One October night she had gone to bed unawares, of course (who would be thinking 'I hope a meteorite doesn't land on me tonight'), that hurtling towards her was a chunk of space rock the size of a small cabbage, according to local reports.

"I was shaking and scared when it happened," Hamilton said. "I thought someone had jumped in, or it was a gun or something. It's almost a relief when we realised it could only have fallen out of the sky."

The little cabbage of a rock had been part of a meteor shower streaming across parts of Canada.

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It weighed about 1.3 kg and, before plonking on to a nice plump pillow, would have been travelling at thousands of kilometres an hour.

And what saved the sleeping woman from being clobbered by the space rock?

Nothing but dumb luck.

Luck wears two coats: good and bad. And here's the thing, you don't know which one you're wearing. The archetypal bad luck coat can be summed up in one word: Lockerbie. In particular, those people having their breakfast in the wee Scottish village, as they would have done each day, when a plane falls out of the sky and onto their heads. They, obviously, were not the cause and yet bad luck wrapped itself around their shoulders. It's tragic.

Luck can also cut both ways. When a considerably bigger rock fell from the sky millions of years ago, it was bad luck for the dinosaurs but, in the end, good luck for the evolution of humans.

That thread of luck has woven a coat we wear today. It's hard to imagine a Gisborne and a pack of dinosaurs coexisting. So their bad luck was our good fortune.

As to Ruth Hamilton, she has given the space rock to scientists, but she wants it back as a "lucky talisman". Good luck with that.

### SPRING

The sky is limitless

The flowers are mystical

The water's movements are so sophisticated

The breeze as soft as a butterfly's kiss

This is a wonder

This beautiful life

Not in sight, nor a sign of strife.

This place is home, no need to ponder,

The leaves swaying down

Rabbits, so tender

The flower petals are falling off, it seems like a surrender,

This scenery would change anyone's frown

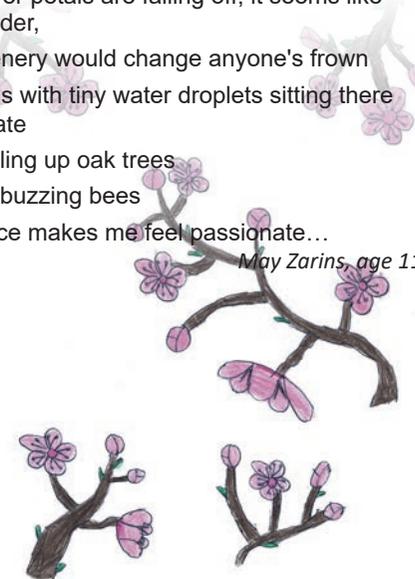
The ferns with tiny water droplets sitting there so delicate

Ivy crawling up oak trees

Elegant buzzing bees

This place makes me feel passionate...

May Zarins, age 11



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## News from 1<sup>st</sup> Gisborne Group

There's no better fun than paddling a kayak on Nursery Lake, Macedon, when we're not in lockdown.

This year the Gisborne Branch of the Bendigo Bank helped us buy a purpose-built kayak trailer with a \$2000 grant. So transporting our kayaks is now much safer and easier to do.

The trailer and kayaks were also a big investment by our group. We welcome other scout groups in the Macedon Ranges District to share the joy of kayaking and make use of this equipment as well.

Other adventures that our members have been on this year include caving at Britannie Creek, canoeing on the Maribynong River, cycling in Williamstown, Cuboree, a photo scavenger hunt, small scale construction, pizza making night, Anzac reflection, Rogain, Vic Jam preparation, camping at Eumeralla and walking our virtual hike!

So if you are between 5 and 25 years old and are sick of living your life on an iPad or tablet, why not join Scouting for some outdoor fun and adventure?

If you would like to join, email Barb West at [barbara.west@1stgisborne.com.au](mailto:barbara.west@1stgisborne.com.au). All are warmly welcomed.

*Lindsay Smalley, Chairperson, 1<sup>st</sup> Gisborne Group Support Committee (0400 222 846)*



*A great afternoon kayaking on Nursery Lake earlier this year. Cub Leader Phil Paton with Dylan helping out.*



*Thank you Bendigo Community Bank: From left: Leader Matt Weller, Rebecca Baber (Gisborne Bendigo Bank), Alessio, Leader Darren Crump, Leela, Cameron, Angus, Sarah, Ethan, Brendan and Claire.*

**An adventurer was paddling on a river in winter.**

**Feeling cold, he lit a fire in his boat, only to discover that you can't have your kayak and heat it too...**



*1st Gisborne Joey scouts finding their way with the new compasses they made.*

## Wrapping up the year of 1st Gisborne Scouts

It's hard to believe that it is the last term of the year. Reflecting on the year so far, it has been challenging at times to run sessions on Zoom, when all our scouts want to do is meet together and get 'out and about'.

However, 1st Gisborne Scouts made the most of the times when restrictions were eased, enjoying camps, hikes, canoeing and evenings at the hall. We are all looking forward to a continuation of face-to-face scouting and lots of adventures in times ahead.

The Joeys started off the term by revisiting what it means to 'care and share' with games and interactive stories.

The following week the Joeys got to make their own compass and had a go at trying to find North, South, East and West (with varying success!). Activities for the next couple of weeks include bird watch-



**Scouts**  
AUSTRALIA

NEW GISBORNE

ing, at John Aitken Reserve, 'Clowning Around' and camping skills. It is good to see lots of smiling and happy faces all together again.

The Cubs had a Zoom session where they made pizza, chocolate crackles and fruit skewers. Lots of fun to be had by cooking together and eating their culinary creations.

The Scouts went on a 'Chalk Walk' where one team of scouts drew a chalk trail and the other team had to chase them. They also went to Conglomerate Gully at Riddells Creek and hiked among the interesting rock formations there.

The older sections of scouts, Rovers and Venturers, had a joint night and went on a 'Scavenger Hunt'. The aim was to find all the historical landmarks around Gisborne (and have fun of course!)

*Carolyn Goode, Assistant Joey Leader*

## News from New Gisborne Scouts

We had some great times in October as COVID restrictions lifted a little. As much as possible we have our activities outdoors with campfires, sausage sizzles and hikes. It's wonderful having the forests and parks so near. And we look forward to much more as our contingent of Cubs, Scouts, Venturers and Leaders prepare for the Victorian Jamboree at Elmore at the end of the year.

Through these challenging times we remember our Law and Promise, living out "love thy neighbour". Our thoughts and prayers continue for all frontline COVID workers.

We are progressing with our Scout Hut, our application for planning permission for the expanded project is with Council now. Donations are welcome and are tax deductible.

Our Scout families are fundraising to help our contingent attend the 2021-22 Jamboree. Our Annual Tomato Sale is on October 30 and 31. Look for our Facebook Bake Sale Fundraiser page (and see our ad on page 6 of the *Gazette*).

We usually meet on Wednesdays, 6:30-8pm but our weekly schedule is flexible due to COVID.



*Above: Leaders and Cub Scouts ready for a hike.*

Our activities cover ages ranging from five to 18.

Please contact Group Leader "Skipper" (0450 922 787 or [john-frearson@mac.com](mailto:john-frearson@mac.com)) to learn more about our weekly activities and the fun and challenges ahead.

*Mmmm... sausages ready for hungry Cub Scouts after their hike.*



## Back at the Hall!



Macedon-Woodend Scout Group returned to the hall in Macedon in mid-October for our first meeting in months. The Scouts had a great time together after a long break in lockdown.

They started the night playing games on the footy oval, enjoying a fine night and daylight savings time. Then we returned to the hall to learn a bit about how to use tools safely and how appliances work by dismantling a few.

We started with a dryer, a dishwasher and a washing machine and we ended up with a trailer full of parts. For many of the Scouts it was the first time they had used most of the tools.

Of course the favourite tool was the hammer which they got to use near the end of the night when we had taken the machines mostly apart. There weren't enough hammers to go around at that point.

We are planning some hikes and at least one camp before the end of the year.

For more information on Macedon-Woodend Scout Group or to join, visit [www.macedonwoodendscouts.com](http://www.macedonwoodendscouts.com)

*Mark Baeten, Scout Leader*



*Charlie Wallis unscrews a dishwasher.*



## Fly fishing therapy for people with cancer

At our September General Meeting John Billing, President of Mending Casts Inc, gave us an illustrated presentation on zoom.

*Mending Casts* is a non-profit organisation solely run by volunteers and is independently funded. The organisation promotes the health and wellbeing benefits of fly fishing to people dealing with cancer. The organisation also hosts several community-based events and weekend support programs as fundraisers each year aimed at introducing people of all ages and backgrounds to the sport.

There are two major free, and life changing, retreat programs, including lessons, under its auspices. Participants are also provided with post retreat referrals to their nearest fly fishing club for future fishing enjoyment.

*Casting for Recovery* is a program delivered in Victoria which aims to enhance the quality of life for women with breast cancer through a free live-in retreat program that combines breast cancer education and peer support with the therapeutic activities of fly fishing.

*Reel Recovery* conducts free fly fishing retreats throughout Australia for men living with all forms of cancer. *Reel Recovery* aims to help men in the cancer recovery process by introducing them to the



*Success! Pat and Fran at Eildon Retreat in 2019.*

therapeutic powers of fly fishing, whilst providing a safe and supportive environment through which they can share their personal experiences of cancer with others.

For more detailed information on Mending Casts and their programs including media files on actual activities, presentations, and participants' feedback visit <https://www.mendingcasts.org>

For more information on the Calder Fly Fishing Association visit [www.calderflyfishing.com.au](http://www.calderflyfishing.com.au)

*Louis Bokor*

## Guides back in outdoor action



Gisborne Lightning Guides are pleased to be able to meet back in person at the Gisborne Hall. This term we will complete our Science badge and then plan some fun group activities to celebrate surviving 2021. The first one will be based on Halloween.

Now that we have daylight saving, we can undertake outdoor activities. Hollie, Zara, Madison and Isla are excited that they can now be presented with their sash and Promise badge in an outdoor session so their families can attend.

Zara and Madison took on the communication challenge. While sitting with backs to each other one girl has to relay clear directions about a picture so that the other person can duplicate it. Not an easy task.

If you are aged 8 to 12 and would like to try Guiding, phone Deb on 0409 542 619 for details. We meet on Thursday nights between 5 and 6:30pm at the hall in Daly Reserve.

*Deb Fleming*

*Will Zara and Madison's designs look the same?*



## Rheumatoid arthritis – an insidious disease



Rheumatoid arthritis research has been the preferred charity of the national Ulysses Club since 1997. Known as UCARF (Ulysses Club Arthritis Research Fund), this fund has generously sponsored many scientific researchers over the past 20+ years with strong support from all Ulysses branches including our own Macedon Ranges Ulysses Branch.

Macedon Ranges Ulysses Branch is proud to have just made its annual donation to support UCARF in this vital work. This was made possible through the club's primary fundraising activity, its annual Bunings sausage sizzle.

100% of UCARF donations go directly to scientific researchers in the form of post-graduate sponsorships, several of which are currently operating in Melbourne and Sydney.

Rheumatoid arthritis is a serious autoimmune and inflammatory disease attacking tissue and often affecting many joints. It has a marked effect on quality of life and is non-discriminatory, attacking adults and children alike.

In our own small way, our club hopes that its support of vital research may result in breakthrough findings to beat this devastating disease. Should you need further information on the condition, Arthritis



*Picture: Ken Hager*

*A Macedon Ranges Ulysses Branch fundraising sausage sizzle.*

Australia has fact sheets and links online.

Closer to home, and if permitted, come join our regional Macedon Ranges Ulysses Branch members at Gisborne's Saturday morning tyre-kick. We'd love to see you there and look forward to welcoming our metropolitan members asap. Check us out online at [www.mrub.org.au](http://www.mrub.org.au) or join us on Facebook for the latest news.

See you riding the Ranges this spring!

*Cherry Cole*



# SPORT IN PICTURES

Pictures by Chris Fleming



▲ Tayla O'Brien, Gisborne B3, gets some coaching at Gisborne Tennis Club, October 7.



▶ Cody King flies at Gisborne skate park on October 3.



▲ Hendrix hears the satisfying 'thunk' of ball on strings at a school holiday tennis clinic at Macedon Tennis Club.



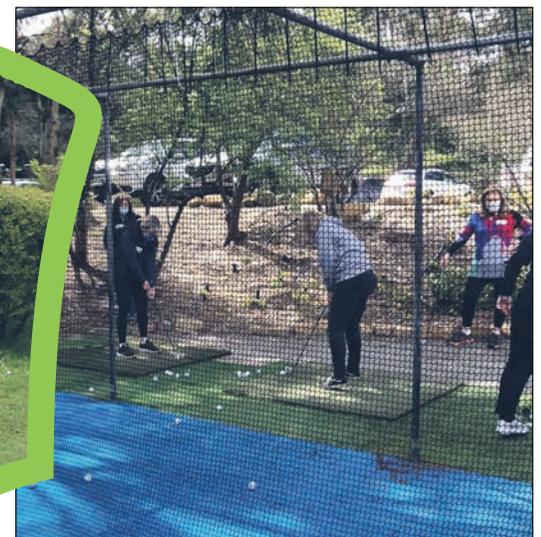
▲ Ciena focuses on net skills at the school holiday clinic.



▲ Jaxson ready for a high ball at the tennis clinic.



▲ 'Ladies Get Into Golf' participants at Mount Macedon Golf Club receive tips on putting from Marcus Ward, October 3... and practise in the nets.





▲ Gisborne U13 Jack Shaw at practice on October 8.



▲ Gisborne U13 team practice, October 8.



▲ Max Clunies Ross bowls during U13A practice game, Gisborne v Gisborne, October 9.



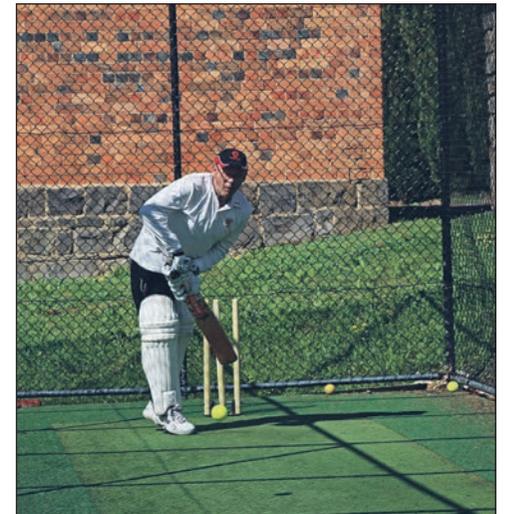
▲ U13A training game, Gisborne v Gisborne, October 9.



▲ Gisborne junior B Grade practice, October 9



▲ U13A training game, Gisborne v Gisborne, October 9.



▲ Gisborne Veterans player Morris Boyce practices in the nets.



▲ U13A training game, Gisborne v Gisborne, October 9.



▲ Gisborne Dragons cricket practice, October 3.



Clockwise from top left:

Bowls: Maureen Warrener at Gisborne Bowling Club.

Tennis: Sally Dick, member of the Saturday Mixed team, practises at Macedon Tennis Club.

Cricket: U13A training game, Gisborne v Gisborne.

Gisborne Junior B grade team practice.

Bowls: Rob Patterson at Gisborne Bowling Club.



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# AROUND THE GROUNDS



## South Gisborne sets up social tennis for women

Have you ever felt that you just need a non-competitive sport to play with girlfriends or an all-female group? Tuesday evenings @ 6pm is the start time for exactly that. A group of ladies have been getting together for a hit of tennis which is for members and non-members, any standard or age.

It is organised via What's App and with no obligation or fees if you can't make it, and \$5pp if you can. Now that the weather is getting better this may be the perfect fit for you? Come say hello and meet some of the tennis community.

Contact Sharon 0411 116 811.

Competing in all competitions has



been put on hold but that has not stopped the club's teams from getting together at allocated times for match play practice.

A terrific opportunity for the teams and some of our newest players and families to go through some of the rules, scoring and facility obligations for when competition begins. Welcome to all.

Follow events at the club through Facebook and on the club website [www.sgtenniscub.com.au](http://www.sgtenniscub.com.au) for any further information. Bring on summer!

Gail Scott



Social tennis in play at South Gisborne.

## More ladies get into golf at Mt Macedon Golf Club



Marcus Ward gives some tips on putting to participants in the Ladies Get Into Golf program.

Following the success of our winter 'Ladies Get Into Golf' sessions and the amazing interest shown and enquiries we have fielded, the spring sessions have begun with 20 enthusiastic lady golfers.

Two sessions of practice putting, chipping and whacking the ball in the nets will make way for on course play. November will see the return of the 'original' group of Sunday Sirens hopefully accompanied by some of our newest graduates. Keep informed through our Facebook page.

Green fee players are now able to pay for a round of golf via an EFTPOS transaction through the recently installed Vendi machine.

We are planning to add the availability of golf carts for hire in the near future.



Over the coming months, Golf Australia will be re-rating our course for the current white and red tees as well as setting a rating for Beginners' tees (short course) and for a proposed Par 3 course.

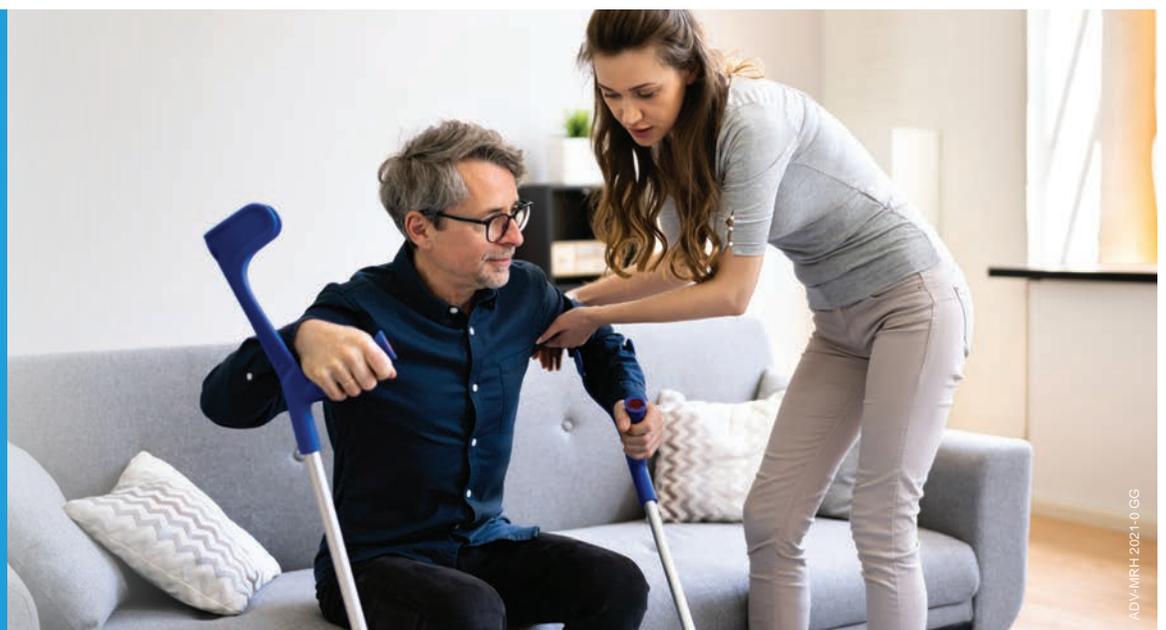
Spring/summer memberships are available from now until March 31 next year. All of our membership categories (which include Juniors, Students, Couples, Concession and Full) have fees that are adjusted pro rata. You can make enquiries through the 'Contact' link on our website, [www.mtmacedongolf-club.com.au](http://www.mtmacedongolf-club.com.au).

Walk up regional-only green fees' players are welcome after 2pm on Saturdays. Photo ID is mandatory, as is mask wearing. Otherwise, the course is open seven days a week to members and green fee players.

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## Rain and COVID rain mar croquet season start

Unfortunately, the combination of COVID restrictions and wet weather has meant that we have had a very slow start to the new season. The greens have been too wet to play on for much of October, which meant our Social Day could not take place.

Club days will revert to Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays. At time of writing, up to 30 players

are permitted, with masks to be worn outdoors.

Hopefully November will be "all steam ahead" so that we can enjoy playing again.

Any new members who would like to try this enjoyable, social game would be most welcome. President Noeline would be delighted to answer any enquiries, call 0426 500 516. *Faye Armstrong*

## Barefoot bowls season is here



The proposed dates for Barefoot Bowls 2021-2022, assuming of course that COVID-19 restrictions are lifted, are as follows:

### Barefoot Bowls - 5.30pm until late

**Tuesday**      **Wednesday**

November 9	November 10
November 16	November 17
November 23	November 24
November 30	December 1
December 7	December 8
December 14	December 15

### -- Christmas-New Year break --

February 1	February 2
February 8	February 9
February 15	February 16
February 22	February 23
March 1	March 2
March 8	March 9
March 15	March 16

Rob and Ailene Paterson have kindly volunteered to champion the Tuesday evening events.

Dave and Robyn Wesney will likely do the same for Wednesday evenings.

For further information please contact Rob Paterson on 0417 283 382 or David Wesney on 0413 838 548.

## Story behind special petanque mosaic



Have any readers ever noticed the beautiful mosaic which sits high on the end wall of the Macedon Petanque Club rooms? If you're walking past the grounds behind the Caltex service station in Gisborne, take time to gaze up and appreciate a wonderful work of art.

The mosaic was created by one of the founding members, Grahame Marshall. Grahame was meticulous in accessing the correct tiles (both glass and ceramic) in the right colours, dimensions and shapes for his work. This involved many car trips to unusual places. He always wished the design elements to be realistic while still being pleasing to the eye, and the design was adapted as it was being created.

It was Grahame's first mosaic and he was justifiably proud of it. Grahame also designed the club's logo. Sadly, he passed away in 2019.

In other news, the club has launched a Facebook page; search Mt Macedon Petanque Club for latest club information. Please like and share us.

With daylight saving now in operation, the club play day has reverted to 4-6pm every Wednesday.



*Mosaic by the late Grahame Marshall.*

Coaching sessions run from 2-4pm on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month for those keen to improve their game skills. Saturday play days run from 10am until roughly 1pm.

COVID-safe policies remain in place, with no competitions until metro is out of lockdown. The October annual triples event was again cancelled but the club is hoping for a November/December date. For enquiries please go to our website: [mtmacedonpetanque.org](http://mtmacedonpetanque.org) *Alison Kinghorn*

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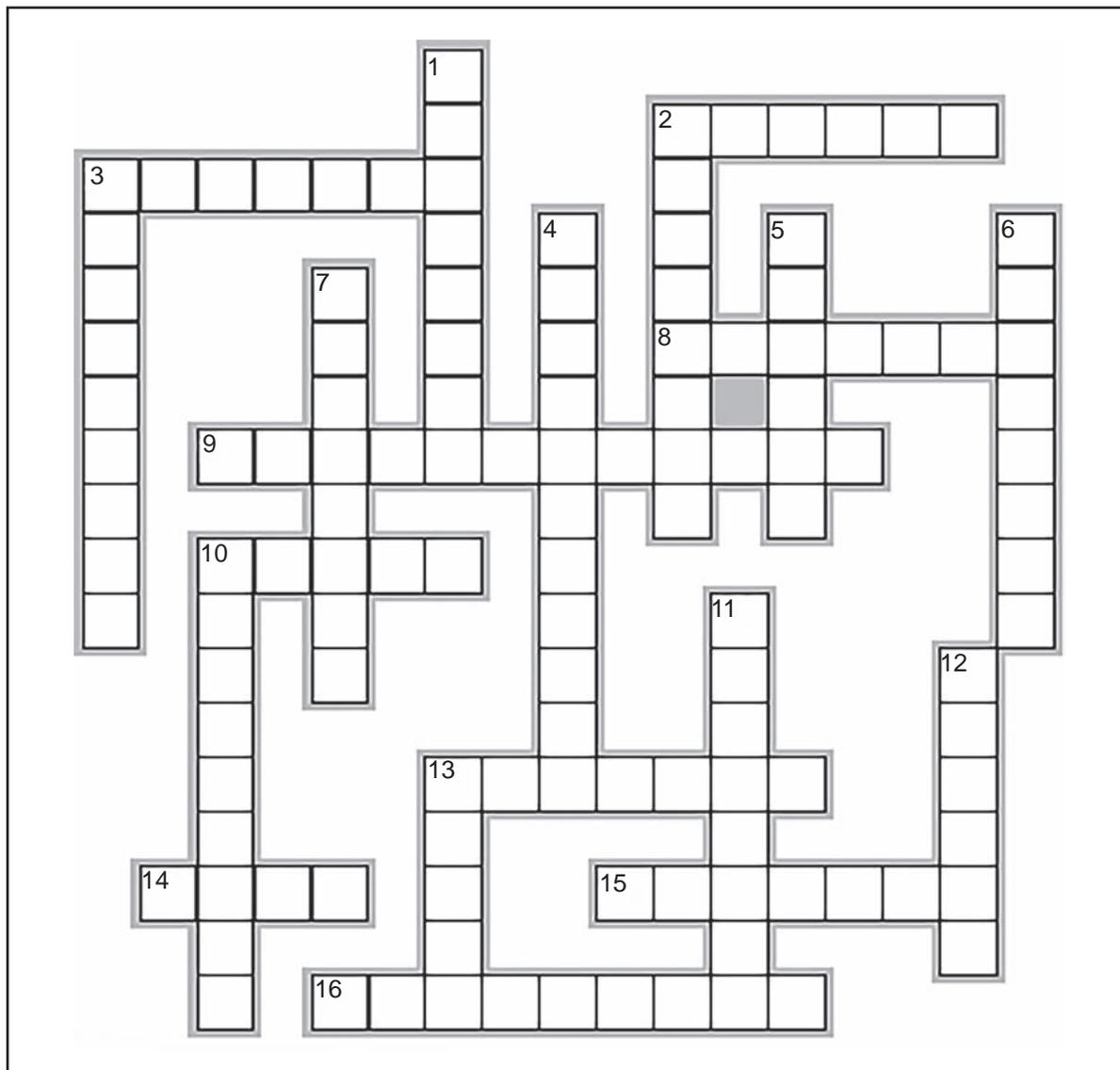


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# CROSSWORD: TRIVIA – starting with the letter ‘B’

Compiled by Graeme Millar



## ACROSS

1. This country borders 10 other countries in South America
3. A landlocked country in South America
8. The food and wine venue across the road from the Gisborne Railway Station
9. This locality is situated 16 kilometres from Gisborne
10. Myanmar's former name
13. Former Melbourne Club footballer who wore No 31 guernsey in the VFL in the 50s and 60s
14. This strait separates Tasmania from the mainland
15. His batting average was 99.94
16. The first person to break the four-minute mile in athletics, in 1954.

## DOWN

1. The Uniting Church is located in this Gisborne Street
2. He won the 1000 metre short track skate event at the 2002 Winter Olympics
3. Postcode 3056
4. Calder Highway town located on the Lodon River
5. Australia's first Prime Minister
6. Ollie Wines was the 2021 AFL \_\_\_\_\_ medallist
7. Prime Ministers Avenue is a tourist attraction in this Victorian city
10. Song "My \_\_\_\_\_ won't come back"
11. The 2032 Olympic Games will be held here
12. The sport in which Australian Jimmy Carruthers was world champion
13. The current President of the USA

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## BRAINBUSTERS

1. What is the largest internal gland of the human body?
2. The Ghan train runs between Adelaide and which Northern Territory city?
3. What is the common name for Sodium Chloride?
4. Name the traditional posture dance of the Maori?
5. Which of Walt Disney's seven dwarfs wears glasses?
6. What is the distance of the Melbourne Cup race?
7. In which part of the human body would you find the humerus?
8. What is the largest country in size in South America?
9. What is India's favourite sport?
10. Which vitamin is abundant in citrus fruit?

## THE CHURCHES

### House of the Rock Church

### Does God have a voice?



Today this three-letter word – God – is not popular is it? After all, the modern world has written the idea of God into oblivion hasn't it? We are told that

God is dead under the weight of reason and progressive thought and progressive action.

Unfortunately many abuse the notion of God for their own purposes. The question remains – does God have an authentic voice?

We believe so – only because of the notion of self revelation. God is who God is only on the basis that God has spoken into this world in which we live. In the first book of the bible, God says, "I am who I am" and "I will be who I will be". In the last book of the bible God repeats this claim, "Peace to you from him who is and who was and who is to come."

In other words God is self defining, and beyond any category we could put him in.

Is God still a self-revealing God? We believe he is. We acknowledge that God still reveals himself through what he says and does. The bible says that in these last days God has spoken to us by his Son, who sustains all things by his powerful word. If you are interested you are invited to come and hear more. We are the House of the Rock Church in New Gisborne. You are welcome!

10am Sundays, 247 Station Road, New Gisborne.

John Turner

More church news next page

## Sausage-led recovery at Uniting Church Gisborne

On a windy October Saturday morning an old familiar smell wafted across central Gisborne. Barbecued sausages and onions. For weeks there'd been planning for this followed by sad postponements.



The planning had been for a super plant sale which meant weeks of potting up seeds and cuttings and no such sale is complete without sausages.

The morning was a great success, particularly because as well as being green-fingered, our gardeners have a sense of humour. Colourful succulents decorated old china teacups, discarded casserole dishes and other more unusual containers such as shoes. Best of all, there were the happy faces of the sellers and the buyers. It is no mystery that we do better when we interact with others.

So now, a month later, it's possible to plan again, especially for Christmas services. No doubt some will feel hesitant to return to group gatherings. Our church has put into practice all the health protection processes required by government regulations as well as those we expect of ourselves as people who believe that support for others is a daily priority.

And if you're having difficulties finding the right present for a loved one, we can offer more plants at our December plant sale. We also offer a 'giving it forward' option.



*We're back! Sausages and plants are happy signs of a 'normal' future.*

Uniting World, our overseas support agency, offers a choice of gifts to be given on your behalf to those in great need. Three dollars will buy someone a chicken. After almost two years of intense concentration on the health and well-being of Australians, these gifts take us into the wider world.

Unsurprisingly, a favourite choice for our gardeners is to buy seeds for others to enjoy the joy and the produce of planting a garden.

*Janet Wood*

## Mount Macedon holds Fyfield memorial



A memorial service was held for George Fyfield on October 3 at Mount Macedon Uniting Church, just short of the anniversary of his passing.

Rev Dr D'Arcy Wood led a poignant service, very appropriately preaching on Psalm 98 "O sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvellous things" and the important role music and song has played traditionally in worship and church life.

George began playing the organ occasionally after moving to Mount Macedon in the late 1980s, becoming the regular organist in 2000 until retiring due to ill health in 2020.

He contributed to the church in many other ways too, especially the social evenings at which his performances were memorable.

A memorial plaque, placed on the window sill just behind the organ where George ruled for so long, was dedicated.

His ashes were also interred in the memorial garden.

We are disappointed that George's many friends from The Gisborne Singers, Mount Players and elsewhere could not be invited due to COVID.

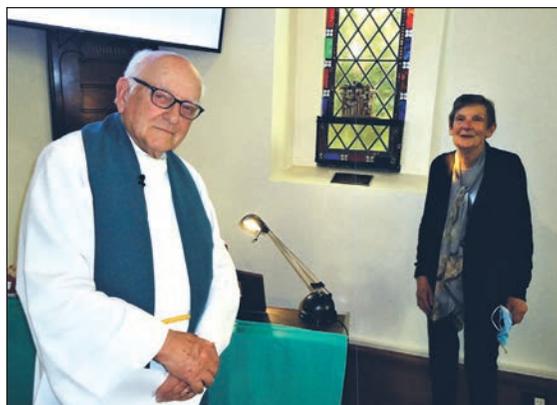
Despite COVID forcing some rostered preachers into lockdown at short notice, we continue to hold services each Sunday at 10.30am for the restricted numbers.

Our members are almost all vaccinated so hopefully restrictions will be eased off soon.

*Neil Tweddle, 5426 2045*



*George Fyfield during his long period as church organist.*



*Rev D'Arcy Wood and Anne Fyfield. The window sill plaque dedicated to George can be seen between them.*

## Nature's reflection shows resilience

### St Paul's Anglican Parish

Near the summit of Mount Macedon is a tranquil and peaceful reminder that epidemic and pandemic are part of our local history.

Sadly inaccessible at present, Sanatorium Lake was built as a water reserve to provide fresh water to a proposed new sanatorium. In 1902, the Gisborne Shire passed a motion without debate stopping the development.

Tuberculosis was certainly prevalent in the community. Treatment at the time (before antibiotics) was a period in a sanatorium. There, subject to fresh, cold air and a balanced, controlled diet, hopefully, you would not become another victim of "consumption".

All that remains today is the tranquil lake and the glorious reflections of past moments of our history. The history of this land tells many stories of people fighting for their lives, whether through illness or natural disaster. Often what is left is the remnant that looks so peaceful and inviting.

From the deadliest epidemic of smallpox through to COVID-19, we have come through many challenges. For me, Sanatorium Lake is a reminder of the peace of God that passes all understanding.

Sometimes, it is good to look beyond the turmoil and uncertainty and remind ourselves that better is to come.

*Dennis Webster*

*Sanatorium Lake.  
Picture: Dennis Webster*



### St Brigid's Parish

## CATECHETICS ENROLMENT 2022



Parents who wish to enrol their children (from Government and independent schools) in the sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist or Confirmation in 2022:

**Reconciliation grade 3:** Monday February 21 to Monday March 28

**Eucharist grade 4:** Monday July 11 to Monday August 22

**Confirmation grade 6:** Monday May 2 to Monday June 6.

There will be an information evening at St Brigid's Church on Tuesday December 7 at 7pm. Please note that enrolments need to be finalised by February 21.

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



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From the pages of the old *Gisborne Gazette*\*

## NOVEMBER 1921

\*As copies of the Gisborne Gazette of 1921 are not available, these local items are drawn from other publications of the time.

A donation of £1 and 5 shillings from the teachers and children of Macedon's State School was acknowledged by the Mount Mulligan Distress fund (now totalling £5,102) inaugurated by Melbourne's Lord Mayor (Councillor Swanson) for the relief of the dependants of the 76 men who lost their lives in the Mount Mulligan (Q'ld.) mine disaster. (from *'The Argus', Melbourne.*)

Roads Board Without Money – Yesterday a large deputation consisting of representatives of the shires of Romsey, Bulla and Gisborne, with many property owners, waited upon the chairman of the Country Roads Board (Mr. Calder), in reference to delayed works upon the Riddell-Sunbury road, where it passes through the new Red Rock district, and where the boundaries of the three shires converge. The deputation was introduced by Mr. A.F. Cameron, M.L.A. Some time ago tenders for the works were accepted by the shires upon the promise and assumption that the board would finance the work and approve of the cost. The board decided not to give its sanction and much disappointment and trouble was caused. The road is an important one and there is now an immense quantity of various produce grown which it will be impossible to market without a passable road. Mr. Calder expressed sympathy with the situation of the shires and the property owners, but said that the board was without funds at present, and it was impossible to fulfil what it originally promised and honestly intended to fulfil. He suggested that the shires borrow the cost of the works and proceed at once with them, and he would guarantee the repayment of the loans from the Government grant to the Country Roads Board in July. (from *'The Argus', Melbourne.*)

Victoria's Early History – Discovery day was celebrated in the district State schools on Friday, when lessons on the early history Australia were given. This district has many points of historical interest. Most of the landmarks were discovered and named by Hume and Hovell when they made their famous overland trip from Sydney to Corio Bay. Mount Disappointment was named by them because they were disappointed by not gaining the expected view of Port Phillip Bay from its summit. Mount Bland (now Mount Fraser) at Beveridge; the Big Hill (now Pretty Sally's Hill) between Wallan and Bylands; Mount Wentworth (now Mount Macedon), Mount William and many other places in this district were first named by these explorers. (from *'The Age', Melbourne.*)



**WHAT'S ON  
REGULAR MEETINGS**

New  
members  
always  
welcome

\*\*\* NB: Check with organisations re COVID restrictions \*\*\*

- 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
- DAILY 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 Scout Hall  
**GISBORNE SINGERS** Wed 7.30pm Gisborne Uniting Church
- HISTORICAL SOCIETY** open Wed 10am-4pm Court House
- LIBRARY: TODDLERS' STORY TIME** Mon 10.30am, Wed 10.30am  
**LIONS CLUB** (Gisborne) First Thurs of month, 7.30pm 247 Station Rd
- MARTIAL ARTS** Thurs from 5.15pm St Brigid's Hall  
**MASONIC LODGE** 2nd Thurs 7pm Masonic Hall Aitken St  
**MASTERS AFL** Wed 6.30pm Sankey Reserve  
**MT MAC & DIST HORT SOC** 1st Tues 8pm Horticultural Hall  
**MUFFINS 'N' MORE** 2nd Tues 10am-noon Uniting Church  
**MUMS' GROUP** 2nd Mon 9.30-11.30am 49 Fisher St
- OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB** Sun 9am Riddells Rec Res
- PETANQUE** 2nd & 4th Sat 10am behind Caltex service  
 station, Station Rd, Gisborne 0439 887 178  
**PHOENIX ART & CRAFTS** 1st Thursday phoenixmac.com  
**PHOTOGRAPHIC SOC** 1st Tues & 2nd Mon 7pm Dromkeen, Riddells Ck  
**PONY CLUB Bullengarook** 1st Sunday Rec Reserve  
**PONY CLUB Gisborne** 1st Sunday Robertson Reserve  
**PROBUS** 1st Thurs 10am Mechanics Inst.
- QUILTERS** (Gisb) Wed 7pm Room attached to Gisb Library
- RAMBLERS** Fridays 9.15am Tennis Club Dixon Field  
**ROTARY** (Gisborne) First & third Tues evening, call Sec on 0426 500 616  
 for confirmation of venue  
**ROTARY** (Macedon Ranges) 1st & 3rd Monday Baringo Food & Wine  
**RUNNING GROUP** Tues & Thurs 6pm, Sun 8am Gis Aquatic Centre  
**RSL** 1st Mon 2pm Gis Golf Club 5428 2233
- SENIOR CITS** (Macedon) Tues 11am Tony Clarke Res  
**SPINNERS & FIBRE GROUP** Wed 12 noon Rec Reserve Bullengarook
- TABLE TENNIS** Wed 7.30pm Tony Clarke Res, Macedon  
**THUNDER SWIMMING CLUB** 2nd Sat 5pm Gisborne Aquatic Centre  
**TOY LIBRARY** Every Sat 10-11am; first & third Wed, 8.45-9.30am,  
 second & fourth Fri 9-10am 71 Robertson St
- ULYSSES GROUP** 3rd Tues 6pm Sunbury FC
- VINTAGE MACHINERY** Working bees 1st Sun of month, 8.30am at  
 Steam Park; meetings last Friday of month, 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

## Baringo Film Club

The Baringo Film Club runs three screenings per week.

Screening times: 3pm Wednesday  
3pm and 6pm Saturday

Dates	Film
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	
3-6	<i>The Belier Family</i> (drama/ music, French) M, 2014
10-13	<i>Made in Dagenham</i> (drama/ history English) R, 2010
17-20	<i>The Dissident</i> (documentary/thriller, USA) PG13 - violent/disturbing material
24-27	<i>The Painter and the Thief</i> (Norwegian documentary) 2020

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

## CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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Across	Down
2. Brazil	1. Brantome
3. Bolivia	2. Bradbury
8. Baringo	3. Brunswick
9. Bullengarook	4. Bridgewater
10. Burma	5. Barton
13. Barassi	6. Brownlow
14. Bass	7. Ballarat
15. Bradman	10. Boomerang
16. Bannister	11. Brisbane
	12. Boxing
	13. Biden

## JUNIOR QUIZ ANSWERS

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1. Mt Kosciuszko	6. The Beatles
2. Joan Kirner	7. Enid Blyton
3. Six	8. France
4. ABBA	9. The Moon
5. Pope Gregory	10. One kilogram

## BRAINBUSTERS ANSWERS

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1. Liver	6. 3,200 metres
2. Darwin	7. Arm
3. Salt	8. Brazil
4. The Haka	9. Cricket
5. Doc	10. Vitamin C

# BUSINESS AWARD FINALISTS ANNOUNCED

Congratulations to all of the finalists in the Josh's Rainbow Eggs Macedon Ranges Business Excellence Awards 2021. The awards recognise businesses that provide outstanding products and services to the shire and beyond, and who are of great value to the community as they provide local jobs, services and supplies.

To find out more about the Awards, including how to vote for the *People's Choice*, visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/business-awards](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/business-awards). Get involved now and support your favourite local business.



## MACEDON RANGES BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2021



## THE 2021 FINALISTS

### Champion of Social, Environmental or Sustainability Principles

(Eligible businesses could apply for this category in addition to their specific category)

Macedon Ranges Produce  
The Millett Road Maker  
Plywood Toys

### COVID-19 Business Adaptability

Fox in the Chamber  
Macedon Ranges Produce  
Ray White Romsey

### Excellence in Agribusiness and Food Manufacturing

Animus Distillery  
The Millett Road Maker  
Wondermazing Honeybees

### Excellence in Health, Wellness and Care

Gisborne Family Dental  
Gisborne Health Essentials  
Zenkai

### Excellence in Manufacturing, Trades, Retail and Innovation

Anaste Hair & Beauty  
Cavalli Motorsports  
RV Storage Solutions

### Excellence in Professional Services

Bug-A-Lugs Indoor Play centre  
Dean Publishing  
KGMG Consultants

### Excellence in Tourism and Visitor Experience

Braeside Mt Macedon Country Retreat  
Fellcroft Farmstay  
Flop House Accommodation

### Small and Thriving

Country Jo's Homemade  
Groomer Haz It  
Woodend Nursery & Landscaping

### Young and Professional Award

(Eligible businesses could apply for this category in addition to their specific category)

Gisborne Family Dental  
Pilates Plus Gisborne  
Ramai Skin & Body Care

Voting for the winner of the People's Choice Award is open to the public and closes 11.59pm Monday 22 November.

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