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Picture: Cherry Cole

Admirers of all ages came to see Steamrail Victoria's historic train pass through Gisborne station on 21

September, on its way to Castlemaine. The old beauty, featuring a robustly steaming vintage R761 locomotive and

seven period carriages, is due to pass through the area next on 2 November. Story ► page 36



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## From the Editor's desk

I heard the steam train passing through on 21 September from my garden and it made me stop and smile. I was delighted to receive photos of it passing through Gisborne station, and hope Cherry Cole's photo on this month's cover made you smile.

### Congratulations Trish

Mount Macedon Primary School held a farewell assembly for principal Trish Hyland on 6 September, reported on page 8, and I was honoured to attend. Years ago, Trish took a chance on me when I offered to start a lunchtime choir at the school. It continued for many years, and my children and I have treasured memories of 'The Warblers'. Thank you for your kindness and support, Trish, and enjoy your retirement.

### Council election

The Macedon Ranges Shire Council election will take place by postal vote this month and candidate statements of the five candidates for the South Ward are presented on page 17. I take this opportunity to thank Dominic Bonanno, Rob Guthrie, Anne Moore and Christine Walker for writing councillor columns for the *Gazette* during their time in office.

### Winners, winners and more winners

This edition includes a lot of sporting winners, and I extend my congratulations to the football, netball, soccer, futsal and gymnastics teams that recently became champions of their sport. I hope you celebrated your success in a special way.

It is exciting to see so many local girls and women at the top of their chosen game. Gisborne Football Netball Club's A-grade netballers have won back-to-back premierships, Gisborne Soccer Club girls took out a state title and a team of local female gymnasts ranked best junior school team in Victoria. What talent and accomplishments!

Three local businesses were also winners recently, taking out categories in this year's shire business awards. Congratulations to the owners and staff of 3 Little Pigs, Gentle Sensory and Braeside Mt Macedon Country Retreat on this recognition of your successful enterprises and your enterprising natures. We are lucky to have you in town.

### Going beyond

Finally, a shout out to *Gazette* photographer Chris Fleming and production editor Pip Butler who made extraordinary efforts for this edition. Chris spent long days at netball and football grand finals in New Gisborne, Romsey and Bendigo to capture the action and even made it to the snow on top of Mt Macedon. And Pip did the layout of this edition in a shorter timeframe than usual, for which the *Gazette* committee is immensely grateful.

Enjoy spring, which has finally sprung, and happy reading,

*Corinne Shaddock*

## Correction

In the August edition we published a photograph of the new Gisborne Medical Clinic in Aitken Street and wrongly named it as the Gisborne Medical Centre which, of course, is located in Brantome Street. We apologise for this error which caused confusion for many of the Gisborne Medical Centre's clients.

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## Spring is here



*Bryan Power took this photo of the cherry orchard in Mt Gisborne Road on 27 September.*

*No need to fly to Japan!*

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Gisborne Football Netball Club A-grade netball team: Bendigo Football Netball League premiers.



Riddell District Football Netball League C-grade netball premiers: Macedon Cats.

# Winter premierships all around

The senior football and netball season finished with excitement and premierships at all local clubs, and some heartache.

Gisborne Giants Football Netball Club, in its third year in the Riddell District Football Netball League Under 19.5 football competition and its inaugural year in D-grade netball, saw both of its entrants claim the silverware.

The club's Under 19.5 football side reigned supreme in the grand final with a convincing win of 74-49 over Kyneton and its D-grade netballers dominated on court defeating Romsey 38-21.

Also in the Riddell league, Macedon Football Netball Club took out the C-grade netball premiership in a nail-biting final, defeating Riddell 25-24.

That made two female senior premierships for the Cats this year as its senior women delivered a cup in their grand final last month.

The club's men's football and other

netball teams weren't so fortunate.

Finally, Gisborne Football Netball Club's A- and B-grade netballers nailed premierships in the Bendigo Football Netball League (A-grade for the second year in a row) in thrilling grand finals on 21 September.

The A-grade netballers roared back from nine goals down to beat Kangaroo Flat by two and B Grade eclipsed Sandhurst by one goal in the final seconds.

In a huge day for the club, seven Bulldogs sides played for premierships including its Senior footballers who fought hard but ended up down to Sandhurst by four points.

All clubs have much to celebrate and think about for next year.

**For more photos and Gisborne Football Netball Club grand final wrap, see ► pages 34-36.**



Gisborne Giants' Under 19.5 captain Tom Doyle and coach Mark McKenzie celebrate the team being RDNFL premiers.

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# Local gymnasts claim victory

Six local gymnasts headed to Knox to compete in the Gymnastics Victoria (GV) interschool women's artistic gymnastics competition on 29 August. It is one of the biggest events on the GV calendar taking place over five days and across all gymnastic disciplines.

The local gymnasts competed against seven other teams from across Victoria in the junior division (Years 7-9) and the team took out first place in the all-around final, earning the title of best junior school team in Victoria.

As well as the fantastic team result, all members of the team had successful individual placings across all four apparatus.

Given the lack of regional schools offering a dedicated gymnastics curriculum, the athletes were granted permission from Gymnastics Victoria to enter a combined school team, aptly named 'The Rangers'.

The team consisted of Sienna Caputa (Braemar College), Alyssa Kroon (Salesian College Sunbury), Jamie Susnjara (Sunbury College), Austin Shea (Bacchus Marsh Grammar), Xabrina Harris (Sunbury College) and Abby Mecklam (Assumption College Kilmore) along with personal coach Camilla Camondo.

It was the first time the locally trained gymnasts had competed in the inter-schools competition and it was a fantastic opportunity for them to showcase their gymnastics skills. As an added bonus, it served as good preparation for the upcoming national club carnival in Queensland and the Victorian gymnastics championships in October, for which all six gymnasts have qualified to compete.

The future is certainly looking bright for our local gymnasts.

*Helen Kroon*



*Xabrina Harris, Jamie Susnjara, Sienna Caputa, Austin Shea, Alyssa Kroon and Abby Mecklam with their medals.*

# Local businesses recognised with awards



*Kishani and Matt Bacon, owners of 3 Little Pigs, People's Choice winner.*

Three south ward businesses walked away winners from the 2024 Josh's Rainbow Eggs Macedon Ranges Business Excellence Awards gala on 30 August at Mount Macedon Winery.

Gentle Sensory of Gisborne, which provides services and support for neurodivergent children, adults and their loved ones, won Excellence in Health, Wellness and Care.

Braeside Mt Macedon Country Retreat in Mt Macedon won Excellence in Tourism and Visitor Experience.

Popular Gisborne cafe 3 Little Pigs took out the People's Choice award, which attracted 560 votes.

The Business of the Year was Backman Builders of Kyneton. For a full list of winners, visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au)

Forty-two businesses entered the awards, from which a panel of independent judges selected 25 finalists. All finalists were eligible for the People's Choice award.

The biennial awards run by the council recognise businesses offering an outstanding service to the shire and beyond.

The Telstra Macedon Ranges Community Choice Awards, which recognise businesses through a public nomination and voting process, will return next year.



*Andrew Towner, owner of Braeside Mt Macedon Country Retreat.*

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*Maria Sammut and Melanie Higgins of Gentle Sensory.*



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## Calling for 'local hero' nominations

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

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

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

We look forward to celebrating another local volunteer at this year's carols.

Please send nominations to [gisbornehero@gmail.com](mailto:gisbornehero@gmail.com) by 17 November or contact Bronwyn Tacey on 0417 028 605 for further information.

*Gisborne Community Carols Committee*



Heidi and Holly enjoy the snow.

## September snowfall surprises and delights

A series of cold fronts hit the district in September and on 14 September even brought snow. Locals who drove up to the top of Mt Macedon were rewarded with beautiful views and enough snow to make a small snowman. Residents in Macedon and even Gisborne reported it snowing at their properties.

**More snow photos ► page 25**



A kookaburra watches over Daly Nature Reserve on 7 September.

## Bird count week

This recent photo of a kookaburra in Daly Nature Reserve serves as a timely reminder that the Aussie Bird Count, one of Australia's biggest citizen science events, is on from 14 to 20 October.

All people have to do is sit in their gardens for 20 minutes and record the birds they see or hear, a fun family event. Each contribution provides important information nationwide. Register your interest on the Birdlife Australia website. Maybe, if someone is lucky, they will spot the rare white magpie like this one snapped by Brett Kavanagh in Macedon last month.

It is likely the bird is not an albino but has a rare genetic condition that results in a dilution of the magpie's normal colour.



A rare white magpie seen in Macedon last month

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# Gisborne 'walking moai' connects locals

Inspired by the Thriving Villages Project a group of locals, Team Gisborne, have started rolling out initiatives in our town centre to create a prosperous, healthy and happy community.

One team member, Matt Bacon, owner of 3 Little Pigs, had an idea for a walking Moai after seeing many lonely people struggling during and following the pandemic.

What is a Moai? The word comes from Okinawa, Japan, and is a group formed by neighbours, who support each other in times of need. With some of the world's longest living people, the Moai has been attributed as the reason Okinawans are happier and have fewer health problems as they age than people in other parts of the world.

On Wednesday 11 September at 9.30am, around 20 people met outside 3 Little Pigs on Aitken Street and

walked a planned route around nearby reserves as part of this new Walking Moai.

The purpose was to provide a time and place for people to connect, and improve their physical and mental health through walking and talking.

Matt says, "It is our hope that this will be the first of many group initiatives to help people connect and form friendships. It doesn't have to be just about going for a walk, but we thought this was a great place to start."

A walking moai now leaves 3 Little Pigs every Wednesday at 9.30am.

New times will be offered as time goes by; look out for the events listed on Facebook. If social media is not your thing, you can pop into the 3 Little Pigs cafe and speak to Matt in person.

*Kat Buttigieg*



## Christmas gift card program seeks support

Kyneton Baptist, Sunbury Cobaw Community Health and Macedon Ranges Shire Council are again partnering to support local families in need at Christmas with a gift card program.

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

By offering gift cards to businesses in the Macedon Ranges, we are supporting not only local families in need, but our local economy at the same time, and we are seeking your financial donations to make this possible.

Donations are requested by 18 November to enable us to distribute the gift cards to families at the end of November.

The amount of gift cards and assistance we can provide per child will depend solely on the amount of financial donations we receive.

If you are a Macedon Ranges business interested in participating in our gift card system, we would love to hear from you.

Donations can be made by direct deposit, cash, cheque and online. Find us on Facebook for details, or contact Georgina Harvey, Macedon Ranges Gift Shop coordinator, on 0404 442 891.

*Georgina Harvey*



*First movers of the Gisborne walking moai.*

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With Mary-Anne Thomas, MP

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A whopping 2.7 million containers have already been returned across the Macedon Ranges since the scheme started in November last year. That is \$270,000 back in the pockets of our community.

And locals can continue to save by returning their eligible bottles and cans at Gisborne's Reverse Vending Machine from 7am to 8pm daily to receive a 10-cent refund per container — making recycling more accessible and convenient.

There are multiple ways to receive your 10-cent refund:

- Save your refund by redeeming it locally as a cash voucher at Coles supermarkets.
- Register for electronic funds transfer via the CDS Vic North App.
- Or support your favourite local charity or community organisation with a donation.

Charities, schools, sporting clubs, and community groups interested in fundraising through Victoria's container deposit scheme can register with CDS Vic to obtain a Donation Partner ID and activate this ID with Visy to start collecting local donations.

To find out more about your refund options or CDS Vic fundraising, visit [cdsvic.org.au](http://cdsvic.org.au).

Enjoy the beautiful spring sunshine!



Ryder Bliss recycles a plastic bottle in the Reverse Vending Machine in Gisborne on 25 September.

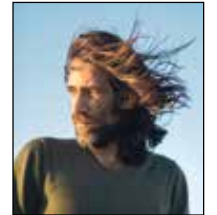


The container recycling machine is inside the Prince Street entry to Gisborne Village Shopping Centre car park.

## Refugee writer presents in Kyneton



Behrouz Boochani, a journalist and opponent of Iran's oppressive theocracy, was forced to flee his homeland when the offices of his magazine *Werya* were raided by the Islamic Revolutionary Guard. Two months later he was on a boat making a perilous crossing of the Timor Strait. Intercepted by the Australian Navy, he and his fellow asylum-seekers were detained on Christmas Island before being transferred to Manus. He would be imprisoned there for six years.



Behrouz Boochani

Boochani's mobile phone soon became his most valued possession, enabling him to establish contact with journalists and advocacy groups and to file reports on the abuses taking place on the island. These reports would form the basis of his award-winning prison memoir, *No Friend But The Mountains*. In July 2020, he was granted refugee status by New Zealand. He is now a Research Fellow at the University of Canterbury.

Behrouz Boochani will appear as keynote speaker at the opening night of the Rural Australians for Refugees national conference to be held at the Kyneton Town Hall on Friday 11 October. The conference, compered by former ABC presenter Derek Guille, will include an appearance by former UNHCR Commissioner Gillian Triggs. Organisers expect high demand for tickets and urge anyone interested to book early. For more information visit:

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# Final assembly for popular principal

The Mount Macedon Primary School hall was standing room only on 6 September for the farewell assembly for Trish Hyland who was the principal of the small state school for over 10 years. Attendees counted current and past parents and students of the school, including former school captains and members of the school council.

Joseph Flynn, acting principal at the time and since appointed principal, led the proceedings and said that Trish had inspired him since his first day at the school as a student teacher, when it started to snow and he saw her skipping in the school yard with students. He thanked Trish for creating a special school community through her love for and focus on the students and for being such a valued mentor and friend to him and other school staff.

Past students spoke about how much it meant to them that Mrs Hyland had cared about them as individuals when they were there. One said Mrs Hyland had inspired her to study teaching.

Grateful parents expressed their thanks to Trish and shared fond anecdotes about her.

Joe thanked Trish for her many contributions to Mount Macedon Primary School and highlighted three that will benefit the school and students for years to come.

He said Trish was talented at envisioning new, often multipurpose, spaces for the school and adept at securing funds to deliver them. Thanks to her efforts, in 2017, a portable used for art and music was renovated to become a modern, architecturally designed hub with indoor and outdoor learning spaces that now also serves as a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, the



Students line up for a 'high five' from Mrs Hyland before the assembly.

Arts and Mathematics) facility. In 2022 a landscaping project supported the introduction of a kitchen garden program. A playground upgrade scheduled for next year will be a further legacy of Mrs Hyland's at the school.

Trish's leadership during the pandemic was another major contribution to Mount Macedon Primary. Joe thanked her for inspiring and supporting the staff to develop new ways to teach, many that they still use today, and keeping the school community connected through a very challenging time.

Finally, Trish introduced the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program to Mount Macedon Primary School in 2015. Joe congratulated Trish on her vision that the IB program would suit the small regional school, her hard work to enable the school to introduce the program, and her passion for the PYP that has inspired staff to make it a defining feature of Mount Macedon Primary.

A colleague highlighted that Trish was also a great mentor to other school principals in the district.

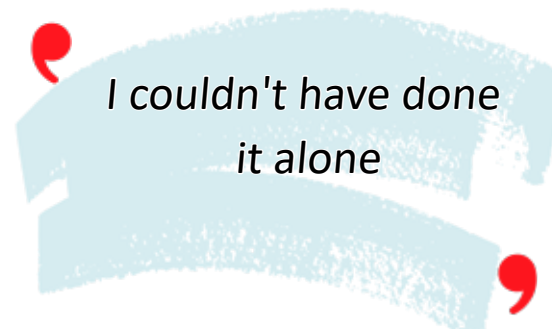
In an emotional speech, Mrs Hyland said she had loved every minute at Mount Macedon Primary School.



Mrs Hyland (centre) with members of her school 'family'. From left, Jessica Probert, Hayley Lee, Rebecca Bowen, Geni Krajewski, Rowena Glenister, Laura Wenczel and Joe Flynn.

She decided to retire before she had planned to due to her health and most missed the noise of students learning down the corridor — what she called “the sound of curiosity”.

She acknowledged everyone for being part of the success of Mount Macedon Primary during her tenure (“I couldn't have done it alone!”), and gave a special thank you to the staff for caring so much about the students, following her direction and being a “family” to her for so many years.



Mrs Hyland then sat down to address the current, seated students at their level. She told them that she started school at age five and liked it so much, she has stayed ever since! She thanked them for being so caring and encouraged them to keep learning. And she charged them to find things they love, work hard and be brave.

Many in the community will know that Trish Hyland is a fine example of someone who has done just that.

Corinne Shaddock



Mrs Hyland (centre) with some of the many parents and past students who attended.

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# Tales of old Gisborne

## The Gisborne Mortuary

Peter: Next door to the St Brigid's school yard was the mortuary where dead people were laid out and put into coffins before burial. As school kids we avoided that corner of the yard as much as possible and if a ball went over the fence it was a brave pupil who went in to get it back. The funeral director was Matt Murray and the mortuary was at the back of his block. His house was where the present St Brigid's school is. He kept his shiny black hearse near his house in Aitken Street.

Old Mr Darcy Benson had a small apple orchard on the other side of the mortuary. When there were enough of us feeling brave enough to get past the mortuary we'd sneak into the orchard and pinch a few of what were probably the worst tasting apples you could imagine. But because of the challenge in getting them and the bravery required, they tasted like gold medal winners from the Melbourne Show.

Eddie: Up the hill in Aitken Street, Gisborne had its own undertaker complete with a mortuary out the back. Later in the early 1950s the mortuary was moved and it became part of a flat just inside the gates of the Church of England vicarage in Fisher Street.

Matt Murray was the undertaker and he was also the sexton of the cemetery from 1914 until the mid-1940s. He also was the gravedigger in an era when graves were dug with pick and shovel. Matt had been a builder and concreter so he was used to hard work. It is said that several of the concrete culverts he constructed in the district bear his initials MM.

Before he and his family moved to their home in Aitken Street they lived in the sexton's house in the cemetery.

There is a story that the Murray daughters, Mary and Lucy, draped in white sheets, hid behind the tombstones one night to frighten drinkers from the Telegraph who were unsteadily making their way home through the cemetery.

Matt had a magnificent, highly polished, black 1935 Ford V8 hearse. But he didn't have a licence to drive it. He just drove a horse and cart. Mrs Murray could drive but in those days it wasn't considered proper for a lady to drive the hearse at a funeral. So Mr Murray had to go recruiting for a driver when the occasion arose. Our father Alex Gardiner, Pat O'Sullivan and Claude Wilson



with Peter and Eddie Gardiner

are some of those I remember who drove the hearse.

Matt Murray died in 1949 and the business was taken over by the Bacchus Marsh undertaker Phonse Love.

When St Brigid's school reopened in 1950, the Parish priest Fr Nowlan moved out of the presbytery to allow the teaching nuns to use it as a convent. While a new presbytery was being built he boarded with Mrs Murray.



Sexton's House at Gisborne Cemetery.

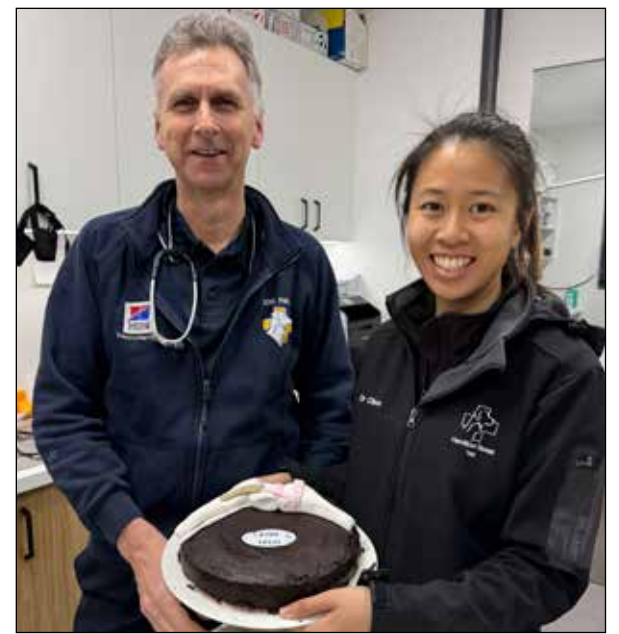
## Local business news

**Mane Attraction Hair Studio** in Hamilton Street, Gisborne, changed hands on 1 September. The new owners are Benjamin and John Nish. Benjamin worked at Anthony's Hair and Beauty in Moonee Ponds for 10 years and also briefly at Ann Maurie salon in Gisborne and will run the salon. Jan Borys, the previous owner, still works at the salon.



**Hamilton Street Veterinary Clinic** in Hamilton Street, Gisborne, performed its 200<sup>th</sup> successful tibial plateau leveling osteotomy operation on a canine patient in September. TPLO is an advanced surgical procedure used to treat cranial cruciate ligament injuries in dogs, a common and often debilitating condition. The surgery involves reconfiguring the knee joint to stabilise it and alleviate pain, allowing for improved mobility and quality of life.

Right: Dr Rob Payne and Dr Chloe Lam and celebrate with a '200 TPLO' cake at Hamilton Street Veterinary Clinic.



Left: New owner of Mane Attraction, Benjamin Nish, and his daughter Isla with founder Jan Borys.



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Spring has really sprung, and listening to all the frog calls I can understand the Wurundjeri people calling the season Poorneet for the tadpole season. The Goldfields Library Corporation Spring program booklet has a huge and diverse range of programs – have a look online or pick up a booklet when next visiting the library.

The successful monthly film club at Gisborne library is growing to include Classic Horror Movies weekly in the lead up to Halloween for teens and adults. Showing Thursdays from 5.30pm to 6.45pm will be *Frankenstein* (10 October), *The Mummy* (17 October) and, finally, *Dracula* (24 October). Movie snacks on the house.

To celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the wonderful Mem Fox's *Where's the Green Sheep?* during Children's Week there will be many activities at Gisborne library. A special event will be The Band Sheep Birthday Tour performing with interactive songs and stories on Monday 21 October, 10.30-11.15. Bookings online.

Another program to promote lifelong learning, 'An introductory car maintenance workshop for women', is scheduled for Saturday 30 November, 10am-12pm. Feel empowered and better understand your car. Covering all basics. All ages and abilities are welcome, especially new drivers. Bookings online or give us a call on 5428 3962.

Local new author Kate Beattie has written a great story, *A few shades greener*. The book is billed as "When rational, dependable, highly organised and happily married Sarah laughs hysterically at her friend's devastating news, tries to publicly seduce her husband, has a meltdown at work and refuses her constant headaches and forgetfulness, her family and friends begin demanding answers." Set in Riddells Creek, 'A few shades greener' made me laugh, cry and shout "No!" Thanks Kate.

Georgina Harvey

## Term 4 opportunities at Further Ed



Term 3 has flown by! Term 4 enrolments are open now via our website [www.mrfec.net.au](http://www.mrfec.net.au) and there is

still time to enrol in some of our wonderful courses.

Behind the scenes we are working in partnership with Gisborne Foodbank to host more regular community morning teas. Join us for the first one on Monday 21 October, 10-11.30am.

We also have a range of helpful business skill courses to add to your resume, great for Year 12s looking for practical skills for a gap year or others re-entering the workforce. These are:

**Xero Payroll** – Thursdays 5 and 12 December, 6.30pm-9.30pm.

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**Social Media Marketing** – Tuesdays 12 November to 3 December, 6pm-8pm.

**Bookkeeping** Tuesdays 22 October to 17 December, 9.30am-3pm.

**Business Admin** – Thursdays 21 November to 12 December, 9.30am-3pm.

**Mental Health First Aid** – Wednesdays 13 November to 4 December, 6pm-9pm.

**Barista** – Mondays 18 and 25 November, 4.30pm-8pm.

For those not so savvy with technology, consider our digital devices course run in Gisborne or in partnership with Macedon-Mt Macedon Community House in Macedon.

**Digital Devices** – Thursdays 17-31 October, 10am-1pm.

**Digital Devices MMMCH** – Thursdays 7-21 November, 12.30pm-3.30pm.



Bridget Wade enjoyed the delivery of a new couch to the Macedon Ranges Further Education Centre just in time to promote R U OK Day.



Macedon Football Netball Club's winter season is now over and preparations and planning for the next season are already underway. The club brought home the silverware with the Senior Women's football team and the C Grade netballers each winning their respective premierships. Macedon's Senior Men, Under 19 footballers and the A Grade netballers also saw finals action.

Well done to the Macedon Leopards Tennis team who won the C3 Junior Division against Bacchus Marsh in a hard fought grand final.

The Jubilee Hall Committee has introduced a photographic display showcasing our spectacular local area. The photos were taken by members of Macedon Ranges Photographic Society. The display can be viewed in the meeting room at Jubilee Hall, 52 Smith Street, Macedon.

A celebration of life was held in September for local Jack Wright, fondly known by us at the Post Office as 'Mr Always Wright'. Jack, who was a true gentleman, passed away peacefully on 30 August, just short of his 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday. Condolences to his family. He will be dearly missed.

We welcome two new babies to Macedon, coincidentally both born on Wednesday 18 September. Congratulations to Nellie and Julian on the arrival of Elsie, a little sister for Emilia. Big congratulations also to Kameika and Alex on the arrival of Heidi Louise, a little sister for Rueben.

Thanks to Bernie who measured 87mm of rain in town over the four week to 20 September, 38mm of which fell within half an hour on Sunday 8 September. The year-to-date total is slightly more than the same time last year.

Keep an eye out for what is happening at the Macedon and Mt Macedon Community House, located at 47 Victoria Street. There are plenty of activities coming up and it is a great way to meet people. Upcoming events can be found on their website.

Please pop in and see us if you have something you'd like us to include in next month's column.

Have a great October!


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## Be part of the Gisborne Festival



The Lions Gisborne Festival will be held this year on Friday 13 December. The Gisborne and District Lions Club who is responsible for delivering this major community event estimate that around 4,500 people will again attend the festival.

This free community event will cost \$30,000 to produce. The festival includes the ever-popular street parade, and on Gardiner Reserve there will be live music and entertainment, free activities for children, a variety of market and food stalls, carnival rides and a fireworks display.

### Festival returns on 3 December

The Lions Club is looking for individuals, groups and businesses to contribute to the Festival by participating in the street parade, having a market or food stall, helping on the day of the event, or providing sponsorship funding. All sponsors will be recognised with their names continuing to appear on the electronic scoreboard at Gardiner Reserve on the day of the event.

If you can assist in any way, please email your details to [gisbornefestival@gmail.com](mailto:gisbornefestival@gmail.com) or contact the Lions Club president Russell Walker on 0419 318 615.

A big thank you to the community for your support of the Lions Father's Day Raffle, whose proceeds go to those in need. There were seven big prizes with the winners being Sandra Monk, Chris Butterley, Lorraine Smith, Jodie Bennett, Jane Welsh, Kirsty Traill and Richard Stewart.



## New directory gives op shop locations and opening hours

Rotary Gisborne has recently produced a directory of the 14 opportunity shops



in the Macedon Ranges. Support from Bendigo Community Bank Gisborne has made it possible to produce a great brochure to help communities from near and far find outlets of sustainable and ethical purchases.

This project came about after the Volunteer Expo when people from the Tylden-Woodend Uniting Church Opportunity Shop in Woodend asked if someone would help to provide information on the whereabouts and opening hours of all the other op shops in the region. This is a very commonly asked question.

The Gisborne & District Community Bank regarded this as a positive project and provided the funds for the artwork and printing. The brochures have been delivered to all the op shops, Neighbourhood Houses, information centres and Bendigo Bank branches in the Macedon Ranges.

*Lyn Robinson*

*Kath Bamford (Anglican op shop volunteer), Janine Sanders (Anglican op shop coordinator), Corinne Shaddock (Community Bank Gisborne grants) and Lyn Robinson (Gisborne Rotary project initiator) with brochures outside St Paul's Anglican Op Shop.*

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# Making music at Gisborne market each month



The GREAT Gisborne Olde Time Market has a long tradition of encouraging local musicians to play at the market, and it is pleasing to see this back in action.

In the two and a half years since COVID, a variety of musicians and other talents have enlivened the market. These performers are not charged for their spots, and they are free to receive donations from the appreciative listeners.

Over this time, the market has had wonderful performers such as Katrina (vocals and guitar), McKenzie Jones Duo (pictured), Inka Marka (pan flute), Eloise (vocals and guitar), Jasmine (vocals) and Martin (drums), among others.

We are perhaps most proud, however, of young Denzil on keyboard and vocals. Keen market-goers would have seen him at the September market, braving

the terrible weather. In fact, Denzil had his first public performance ever at our market almost two years ago, at age 12. Since then, his career has grown, with much more potential to come. We hope that Denzil will still visit us when his career takes off.

If you would like to perform at the market — or join our happy team of volunteers — get in touch at [greatgisborne@gmail.com](mailto:greatgisborne@gmail.com).

*Rick Arden, vice-president  
Gisborne Region Events Activities & Tourism (GREAT)*

## Thanks from Graham

GREAT Committee stalwart, Graham Dickinson, is in hospital and regrets that he is not able to continue his involvement in GREAT's current activities. Graham wants to thank the many well-wishers who have been in contact with him.



*McKenzie Jones Duo performs at the August market.*



*Happy Wash Against Waste volunteers Ed, Rehana and Katya*

## 'Wash Against Waste' a splash for good



Community Bank Gisborne & District is thrilled to continue supporting the Wash Against Waste (WAW) Trailer to fight

waste one cup at a time.

This eco-friendly initiative of Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group, backed by the bank, keeps local events greener and more sustainable. With our funding, the WAW Trailer is now stocked with reusable plates, cups, cutlery — and new additions like wine glasses and extra plate sizes — making it easier for more food vendors to join the zero-waste movement.

At the Woodend Farmers' Market, over 300 disposable cups and 100 plates are saved from landfill each month as visitors enjoy their brew and their favourite market treats in reusable dishes. WAW is also in action at the Macedon, Lancefield and Malmsbury farmers' markets. To hire the Wash Against Waste Trailer for your community group event, contact Mark Mulcahy on [waw@mrsq.org.au](mailto:waw@mrsq.org.au) or express interest at [mrsq.org.au/wash-against-waste](http://mrsq.org.au/wash-against-waste).

## News from Gisborne RSL



Gisborne RSL members will be out and about this month selling commemorative poppies to raise funds that support our veterans and their families in times of need. By buying an RSL poppy, your support allows the RSL to tailor specialist services to the needs of our current and former servicemen and women, and their families.

These include crisis accommodation for at risk veterans, financial assistance for families in need, health and wellbeing programs and assistance with accessing pension entitlements.

Gisborne RSL welcomes new members, including past and present service personnel, their families and friends, and supportive community members.

Membership is one of our key tenets and underscores our mission to provide the best possible support and services to all generations of veterans and their families in Victoria.

The Gisborne sub-branch extends support and a listening ear to all veterans and their families, regardless of membership status. Membership is the greatest expression of our mission and values. Members not only have access to a wide range of services, but forge connections made to last.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact our secretary on 0487278681 or send a message to [admin@gisbornersl.com.au](mailto:admin@gisbornersl.com.au)

*Darren Grevis-James, president*

## St Paul's Op shop jottings

Now that spring has finally sprung, you can find ladies and men's good quality summer wear for just \$2 at St Paul's Anglican Op Shop. We also have a good range of shoes and sandals at \$2.

Children grow so fast and this is why our range of size 000-16 babies and children's clothing and shoes are mostly just \$1.

This month we heard from Janine McDougall. "I have been a volunteer at St Paul's Op Shop for 12 years. I really value the opportunity to help raise much-needed funds for overseas and community projects (Myanmar water sanitation, Brotherhood of St Laurence Breakfast Program for example) and to support the life of the Christian church. I also enjoy chatting with the customers and the relaxed, friendly atmosphere fostered by the 'other Janine', my boss. Being among the enormous variety of bargain items stocked in our shop, sometimes quite fascinating and unique, makes me happy. I rarely finish my shift without buying a few bargains!"



*Janine McDougall*

If you would like to follow us on Facebook, just search St Paul's Op Shop, like and follow our page and you'll get all the info you need to visit us and get the scoop on what is happening in the shop. *Janine Sanders, coordinator*

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## Join special men's night: 'Stand Together'

The Macedon Ranges Suicide Prevention Action Group (MRSPAG) is hosting a community event aimed at



supporting men's mental health and suicide prevention on Thursday 24 October at Mt Macedon Golf Club. The event will start at 6.30pm with a free barbecue.

Recognising the importance of addressing grief, loss, and mental wellness, this event offers a supportive space for men who are navigating these challenging experiences.

Paralympian Liam Twomey will share his inspiring story of overcoming mental ill health after experiencing grief and loss. His journey towards wellness serves as a powerful example



of resilience, making his address a highlight of the evening.

This event is open to all men, whether you are currently working through grief or seeking to improve your mental wellness. The evening is designed to be a welcoming space where men can come together, share experiences and find hope through community.

Don't miss this opportunity to stand together with other men in your community, support one another, and hear from a speaker who has walked the path of recovery and come out stronger.

To book a free ticket, scan the QR code or search 'Stand Together' in 'Mt Macedon' at eventbrite.com.au.

Liam Twomey

## Cooking classes teach quick, cheap and healthy meals

**Macedon Ranges Health** Most of us do it, but preparing a tasty, affordable and nutritious meal every night can be a challenging prospect.

In September, Macedon Ranges Health dietitian Munise Bozkurt made the process easier, hosting free cooking classes each Wednesday to teach participants how to prepare delicious, healthy and budget-friendly meals.

Participants then got together for a communal lunch to enjoy their creations, with the first week producing some truly delicious tacos.

Macedon Ranges Health's health promotion coordinator Kristen Holding spoke of the importance of programs like this.

"Food plays a crucial role in health, and these cooking classes are designed to empower community members," Ms Holding said.

"By learning to create nutritious, affordable, and tasty meals, partici-



Free cooking class at Macedon Ranges Health.

pants not only enhance their well-being but also boost their confidence in the kitchen."

To keep up to date with future programs, follow the Macedon Ranges Health Facebook page.

## Mindful Moves in Macedon

Hosted by the Macedon Ranges Suicide Prevention Action Group (MRSPAG) and led by Georgia from Geo Wellness, a 'Mindful Moves' session will take place on Saturday 5 October from 10am to 12 noon at Tony Clarke Reserve, Macedon.



The event offers an opportunity to enjoy low-impact Pilates and gentle exercise as well as develop connections within the community in a welcoming, supportive space.

Discussions on mental health and MRSPAG's suicide prevention ini-

tiatives will precede the Pilates session and information on healthy eating and local support services will be available. Healthy snacks will be provided for all participants. For more details or to register, search 'Mindful Moves - October' on humantix.com

Qualified personal trainers interested in participating in the Mindful Moves campaign can contact info@mrspag.com.au.

Trainers involved in the campaign receive free Mental Health First Aid training.

## Sexual health hub to open in Kyneton

Kyneton Health is opening a Sexual and Reproductive Health Hub that will provide access to free clinical services and information related to sexual and reproductive health in a supportive and confidential environment.

The hub will offer screening and management of sexually transmitted infections and blood-borne viruses; cervical screening tests; contraception services including information and counselling on all methods, prescription services, injection delivery, implant and IUD insertion and removal, post-insertion checkups and emergency contraception; reproductive health care such as pregnancy testing, preg-

nancy options counselling, access and referral to services covering medical and surgical termination of pregnancy, and follow-up care.

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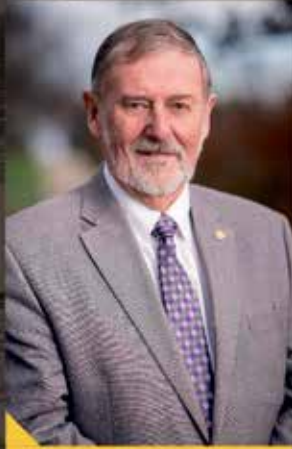
The service will welcome people from all parts of Victoria including women, girls, and non-binary people of reproductive age and young people of any gender under the age of 25.

The Sexual and Reproductive Health Hub is planned to launch in October.

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## October is time for Seniors Festival

Groups across the shire are holding events welcoming seniors in October as part of the Victorian Seniors Festival.

The council has a handy listing of Seniors Festival events by town on its website. Visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au) for details.

And it is worth noting that there will be eight days of free public transport for Victorian Seniors Card holders between 6 and 13 October.

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with Dr Jacob Chan

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We are driven by the impact we can have on people's lives. Helping someone feel more confident with a bright smile, making sure they are pain-free, and letting them enjoy their food without discomfort are just a few of the ways we can improve their quality of life.

Dentistry attracts people who love details and solving problems. It is a profession in which we can use our skills to create beautiful, long-lasting results. There is something deeply satisfying about crafting teeth that not only look great but also work well.

In my opinion, one of the best parts of the job is building lasting connections with patients. The gratitude and positive feedback we get, and seeing our patients' families grow up, make the hard work worthwhile.

I hope this insight might inspire some young people in the community to consider pursuing a career in dentistry. It is a field where passion and skill come together to make a real difference in people's lives.



Resident Wendy has relished every chance to visit the revamped garden.

### Refreshed garden offers outdoor sanctuary

As the weather improves, Benetas Gisborne Oaks residents will have an extra incentive to get outside and enjoy nature following the revamp of a beloved garden.

The Gisborne aged care home unveiled the Grevillea wing garden in the memory-support unit in August following a three-week upgrade.

The new design provides sensory input specifically for our residents living with dementia and includes a new fountain, modern landscaping and inviting garden beds.



Gary, Lou, John (solicitor), Colin & Doug

### Getting our exit paperwork in order



"Where there's a will, I want to be in it!" is an old joke. But seriously, dear reader, do you have an up-to-date will?

Given our demographic, a regular contemplation at the Gisborne Men's Shed revolves around us 'being here for a good time, not necessarily a long time'.

For our own peace of mind and to make life as simple (and economical) as possible for those having to administer the legal requirements when the time comes, it is important to have our affairs in order.

Recently we invited local solicitor John Herron, from Ranges Legal, to speak to us about formalising wills, deeds of arrangement, powers of attorney, medical decision maker and advance care directives. He also covered some of the many technicalities regarding superannuation, probate, property titles and bank accounts. Not only do our personal circumstances change, so does legislation, so a regular review is recommended.

Feel free to drop in any Monday, Wednesday or Thursday morning to see what is happening in The Shed and have a cuppa and a chat with some of our newly qualified 'bush lawyers'.

### Clinics for urgent care get name change

The name for Priority Primary Care Clinics has changed to Urgent Care Clinics, to better explain their purpose.

The free clinics, accessible with or without a Medicare card, can provide medical care for sprains, broken bones, mild burns, respiratory illness, tonsillitis, ear infections and urinary tract infections.

The closest Urgent Care Clinics to Gisborne are in Sunbury, Melton and Bacchus Marsh. In the case of a medical emergency, people should still call triple zero or go to their closest hospital emergency department.

### Date set for local community carols

This year's Gisborne Community Carols at Dixon Field featuring local school choirs and other entertainment will be on 8 December at 6pm.



## Garden Fair at Bolobek on again

It is that time of year again. More than 60 stallholders selling everything from rare plants to garden tools, bulbs, native plants, succulents, books, trees, clematis, sculpture and more will be at the Bolobek Garden Fair from 10am to 4pm on Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 October. There will also be a selection of food and wine and the fair's popular passionfruit sponge.

This year's keynote speaker is chef, writer and farmer Annie Smithers who will be talking on both days about her paddock to plate philosophy and the concept of 'Victory Gardens'.

Other speakers over the weekend are Carolyn Blackman (Saturday morning ABC Radio), Keith Edwards ('Muddy Boots' podcast), Chris England (expert on espaliering) and the inimitable Stephen Ryan (Dicksonia Rare Plants).

The large Bolobek garden at Macedon will be open both days and is a wonderful place to gather ideas, sit quietly or have a picnic. All profits from the fair will be donated to local organisations.

Tickets \$17.50, available online at [bolobekgardenfair.com.au](http://bolobekgardenfair.com.au) or at the gate. Children under 18 free. No dogs. Parking onsite.

For more information visit [bolobekgardenfair.com.au](http://bolobekgardenfair.com.au).



Annie Smithers will speak at Bolobek Garden Fair.



*Indigofera australis* (Austral indigo) in flower.

## DALY NATURE RESERVE NEWS



This month our featured plant is the Austral indigo *Indigofera australis*. The beautiful purple flowers are blooming at this time of year. A locally native shrub, it grows to between one and two metres wide and high.

We held a successful Annual General Meeting and were pleased to see our current committee re-elected. Our president, Helen Radnedge, spoke to the meeting of our many achievements over the past year and gave a visual presentation of the natural history of our area, including waterways, wells, old maps and a few stories gathered from old newspapers. For instance, did you know that Jacksons Creek was rerouted to accommodate our local footy ground?

We were pleased to host a group of about 50 undergraduates from the University of Melbourne, who were looking at progress of regeneration in the area which had a cultural burn in 2021. The assets of native fauna and flora, cultural heritage, community benefits and partnerships of the reserve were also discussed.

During spring we hold working bees every second and fourth Tuesday each month, meeting at the scout hall at 9.30am, ending around 11.15am with time for coffee. Inquiries to [dalynaturereserve@gmail.com](mailto:dalynaturereserve@gmail.com).

Friends of Daly Nature Reserve

## Activities in the Garden Club



Spring is upon us and the gardens and parklands in and around Gisborne are coming to life with a tinge of green on the deciduous trees, blossoms on fruiting trees and scrubs with delightful daffodils making their presence known.

Gisborne Garden Club members held their September meeting at the well-known 'Plants by Sam' located in Macedon. Sam is a secondary school student and grows flowering perennials in the Macedon Ranges for the Macedon Ranges. After a talk and tour of Sam's work and garden, members enjoyed a delicious afternoon tea.

Moira Treacy

The Gisborne Garden Club meets on the second Wednesday of each month with a calendar of events including two bus trips a year visiting beautiful gardens. For more information on the club please contact Edwina on 0407 576 545.



Sam by one of his raised garden beds.



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## Afternoon tea for carers

The council will host a free afternoon tea for local carers and families from 1pm to 3pm on Wednesday 16 October at Woodend Neighbourhood House. Niki Moko, Carer Support Services at Bendigo Health, will provide information about services available and give tips on how to look after your own health and well-being. Registrations essential. Call 5422 0333 or email [hshort@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:hshort@mrsc.vic.gov.au)

## Digital workshops for business

Two-hour workshops at Kyneton Community House, 35 High Street, Kyneton.

Canva for beginners: 10am-12pm, Thursday, 17 October; How to build a website:

10am-12pm, Thursday 24 October; Search Engine Optimisation (SEO) for beginners:

10am-12pm, Thursday 31 October.

Cost \$35 per workshop. Bookings essential. Details: [mrsc.vic.gov.au/business-events](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/business-events)

## Be part of the Autumn Festival

Business and event submissions are now open for the 2025 Autumn Festival, which will be held from 1-30 April 2025. We are seeking Food & Drink Trail and Edgy Veg Award participants, along with a range of signature events (including markets, workshops, exhibitions, guided walks, tours, etc). For information and to submit your interest by Friday 18 October, visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/autumn-festival](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/autumn-festival)

## 'Free to Be Me' photography competition

As part of the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence global campaign, Council is holding a photography competition that aims to challenge restrictive gender stereotypes and expectations. The theme is "Free to Be Me". Submissions invited from 11 October until 8 November. Shortlisted photographs will be exhibited locally and online from 25 November to 10 December. For more information, visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/16-days](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/16-days)

## Free gym for Year 11 and 12 students

Teenagers completing Year 11 and 12 school exams can have free access to our Teen Gym program from Monday 21 October until Saturday 23 November. Available at Gisborne Fitness Centre 4-5pm Monday to Thursday and 9-10am Saturday, and at Kyneton Toyota Sports & Aquatic Centre 4-5pm weekdays and 10-11am Saturday. Year 11 and 12 students should present their School Student Card to the centre reception staff to be eligible for the free entry offer. Parent/guardian approval required for students aged under 16 years. Details: 5428 3318 or [gfc@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:gfc@mrsc.vic.gov.au) (Gisborne); 5421 1477 or [ksac@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:ksac@mrsc.vic.gov.au) (Kyneton).

## Spring mulch promotion

Free self-loaded mulch available at Council's resource recovery facilities at Woodend, Kyneton and Romsey. Council staff can load mulch for you at a reduced cost of \$15 per load (previously \$30). Home delivery of larger (6m<sup>3</sup>) loads is available at a reasonable price, order through customer service on 5422 0333. For information, visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/mulch](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/mulch)

## Green waste voucher

Thinking about doing a backyard clean-up? The back page of the latest edition of ShireLife has a green waste trailer voucher.

## Soft plastic recycling pilot

Did you know you can now collect your soft plastic in a special orange collection bag and pop it in your recycling bin? All soft plastic items that carry the Australasian Recycling Label — Return to Store symbol or REDcycle logo are accepted. Information packs, which include 20 orange collection bags, are available from council customer service centres, pools and resource recovery centres.

If you have large amounts of soft plastics such as animal feed bags, plastic wrap from electrical goods or you are not on the council's kerbside service, you can take your soft plastic to a council resource recovery facility for recycling. For information, visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/soft-plastics-trial](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/soft-plastics-trial).

## Catch up on HPV vaccination

Australians aged 25 and under who missed getting the HPV vaccine in school can catch up for free through their doctor, local council immunisation service or some pharmacies. Book an appointment and find out more about the HPV vaccine at [mrsc.vic.gov.au/immunisation](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/immunisation)

## Environment events

### Aussie Bird Count walks

10-11am, 13 October, Five Mile Creek, Woodend  
12-1pm, 13 October, Campaspe River Walk, Kyneton  
One-hour walks lead by local bird enthusiast and Aussie Bird Count veteran, Tanya Loos.

### What's on your roadside

10-11am, 17 October, Tylden  
Learn about the flora and fauna you can find on roadsides and things we can do to protect them on a roadside walk with Josh Gomez, Roadside Conservation Officer.

### Protecting paddock plantings on your farm

4.30-6.30pm, 18 October, Hanging Rock.  
Clover glycine – flora surveys  
10am-12pm, 25 October and 1 November, Bald Hill Reserve, Kyneton.  
Learn how to survey flora on a guided walk with the council's Bushland Reserves Officer. The community survey provides essential data on the nationally threatened species clover glycine.

## September council meeting wrap-up

The following matters related to the South Ward were considered and resolved at the council meeting held on 16 September 2024.

### Adopted

**Gambling Harm Minimisation Policy** – The policy was adopted with amendments, following earlier community consultation and a rescission of its initial amended adoption at the August 2024 council meeting.

Further amendments made at the September meeting provide clearer guidance for the council and current electronic gaming machine (EGM) licence holders leasing council-owned or managed land, supporting them to relinquish their EGM licence and divest themselves of EGMs.

Should the lessee successfully renew their lease, divestment of EGMs will commence no later than five years into the new lease and conclude at a maximum period of 10 years.

The policy replaces the previously adopted Electronic Gaming Machine (Pokies) Community Policy.

### Other matters

**Traffic management support for Anzac Day services** – Council requested the CEO to proceed to integrate an Anzac Day Traffic Management Support Fund into the community grants program, to help fund traffic management costs associated with Anzac Day services from 2026.

The officer report noted that prior to 2022, RSL sub-branches would use volunteers or local emergency services to assist with traffic management, however that practice was no longer allowed. This must now be undertaken by qualified personnel registered with the Department of Transport and Planning, resulting in cost increases.

### Contracts

**Jacksons Creek footbridge, Gisborne** – Council delegated authority to the CEO to award a contract of works to replace the Jacksons Creek footbridge in Gisborne, connecting Dixon Field and the Gisborne Botanic Gardens. This will follow a tender process currently underway. Replacement of the footbridge, which was damaged by flooding in October 2022 and received funding earlier this year through the insurance process, is now expected to be completed by the end of March 2025.

To register for events, visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/environment-events](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/environment-events)

### Healthy Landscapes events

#### Farm walk and discussion

12.30-2.30pm, 11 October, Barfold

#### Planting and protecting seedlings

4.30-6.30pm, 18 October, Hanging Rock

Details at [mrsc.vic.gov.au/healthy-landscapes](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/healthy-landscapes).



# Candidates for council election: South Ward

## JOSEPH, Alison



I wish to represent the Macedon Ranges community in order to improve Council outcomes for the residents of the shire. I have a Bachelor of Science and Master of Business, along with extensive experience in public health,

small business, and implementation of quality management systems. A good listener, I will take the time to understand issues and make decisions based on facts and seek innovative solutions to complex issues. My priorities include: Preservation of Macedon Ranges' beautiful natural assets. Ensuring planning decisions are consistent, fair and made within a reasonable time frame. Delivering high quality services including roads, footpaths, rubbish and recycling. Supporting local businesses. Managing Council expenditure. Ensuring local tourism events are managed to maximise community benefit. Providing support to community members including advocating for affordable public transport. My vision is for a council that engages in genuine consultation and exceeds community expectations. A resident for over 25 years, living sustainably and off grid, I will represent the people of the South Ward and the Macedon Ranges community as a whole. I believe councillors are there to serve the community and to provide oversight and governance of the council.

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## BONANNO, Dom



I love the Macedon Ranges – that's why my wife and I decided to move here almost 20 years ago. With three teenagers at home, I have a genuine understanding of the issues that our young people face in

our community. I'm committed to ensuring all our children have a safe and better future. I am passionate about our local communities, the environment, and our people. I will promote the protection and enhancement of the natural, social, and economic environment whilst encouraging policies that promote healthy and active lifestyles, including my support of Macedon Ranges Sports Precinct future stages and a renewed focus on a new Gisborne skatepark. I have been a volunteer at our local Gisborne SES unit for over 10 years, and along with other family members, I have volunteered at the Gisborne Pony Club and the Gisborne Giants Football Netball Club. Honesty, transparency, and good governance are very important to me, and if you are wondering, I am still a member of the Liberal Party of Victoria. For a councillor who will represent our community with rigour, common sense, and empathy, I seek your vote. Thank you. For more information, please visit: [facebook.com/domformacedonranges](https://www.facebook.com/domformacedonranges)

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## GUTHRIE, Rob



Many of us were attracted to this area because of its natural beauty, spaciousness and semi-rural environment. The Macedon Ranges Shire Council was the first area in Victoria to be granted protection under the Distinctive Areas and Landscape legisla-

tion and the 10 objectives of the Statement of Planning Policy require the council to not act inconsistently with any provisions of that policy and protect the environment. I have been a resident of the South Ward for over 32 years and I am an existing councillor now seeking re-election to continue to protect our beautiful area. There will be development but it must be at a level that respects the community's wishes, the environment and physical constraints of the area, and the reasons for those lifestyle choices that attracted us in the first place. We should live in harmony with the environment not destroy it by the actions of developers. I am committed to improved youth, family and aged support, and the recognition and protection of neighbourhood character. I will continue to advocate for local employment opportunities and expanding local transport networks allowing independence for everyone, particularly the elderly. I am an independent candidate, not associated with any political party.

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## LETCHFORD, John



I seek your nomination for council for lots of reasons, the most important is trying to stem the ongoing loss of our semi-rural identity by the proliferation of development and loss of our natural environment. Progressive development would normally be sought in a

planned and reasonable way however the current road system as well as other support infrastructure does not cope especially with more development. All development issues need to be taken seriously as we already have surplus undeveloped sites. We do not want a sea of terracotta tiles from one end of the shire to the other, that is what people have escaped from. It is time to change. With your support a more positive and proactive can be achieved. I have special support for; youth initiatives, support local business economic development and all activities that help and assist our community to live and work in the shire. Tourism has many aspects to it, apart from wineries we have great restaurants, markets as well as many events. Don't drop the ball by not having a robust business, tourism, rural and even stronger environment plan. My platform is to support local by being proactive. I seek your support. Vote 1.

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## WALKER, Christine



My family moved to the Macedon Ranges in 2012, and it is the best decision we have ever made. We work locally, and our daughter went to school here. I have run a small business for 20 years and have worked with large corporates. I am committed to preserving the country feel of

the Macedon Ranges. As a councillor, I bring balanced, well-considered decision-making, careful analysis of the issues, and the power of listening first and deciding second. My background as a market researcher means I listen to different points of view. Our shire faces challenges from growth pressures, and solutions that balance progress with protection are needed to preserve the rural character we cherish so much. I will work tirelessly to strengthen the amenity of living in the Macedon Ranges. Roads need to be a priority. I support and respect the contribution of volunteers, community organisations, and emergency services who do so much for us all. Creating a flourishing community is my focus. As a councillor for just under 12 months, I seek re-election to continue contributing. Your vote for me is a vote for thoughtful, well-informed decisions for our community.

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## Macedon Ranges Shire Election

The council election is being held by post this October.

Ballot packs containing voting material will be mailed to enrolled voters from Monday 7 October. Your completed ballot pack must be in the mail or hand delivered to the election office (details below) by 6pm Friday 25 October.

This is a postal election only.

If you do not receive your ballot pack by Tuesday 15 October, please visit [vec.vic.gov.au](http://vec.vic.gov.au) to complete the online replacement form, or call 131 832 to arrange a replacement.

### Important dates

Wednesday 7 August: Roll closed

Monday 7 October: Ballot pack mail out begins

Friday 25 October: Voting closes at 6pm.

Friday 1 November: All postal votes must be received by 12 noon.

Friday 15 November: All election results declared.

### Election office

Woodend Community Hub

49 Forest Street, Woodend

Phone: 131 832

Accessibility rating: IWA

Source: Victorian Electoral Commission

## Remember Woodend art exhibition, 2 and 3 November

Woodend Art Group's annual exhibition will be on 2 and 3 November at the Woodend railway station.

Paintings and printmaking, mixed media, glassware, ceramics, silk scarves, jewellery and sculptures will be on display and available for purchase.

Gold coin donation.

## A special textile exhibition



Fragile Fragments is a textile exhibition by Elizabeth Harvey which incorporates cloth, paper, thread, metal cloth wire and mesh. For as long as she can remember, Elizabeth has been a maker using

her hands and imagination to 'make'. In the past few years she has added metal materials to her creative work. Elizabeth often uses nature as inspiration and particularly looks for the fragile elements as nature begins its journey of decay, opening the prospect of new life. She finds such beauty as leaves change texture and form the sustenance of new beginnings as seed pods grow, swell and burst, spreading the potential of new life which, in turn, eventually fade and die.

Elizabeth interprets this cycle of change from decay to new beginnings using the fabric, fibre, tools and techniques that she loves to handle.

Wabi Sabi is a Japanese aesthetic concept which inspires Elizabeth. She finds beauty and serenity in objects, landscapes, designs etc., that are simple yet imperfect and impermanent.



*Small Study 3* by Elizabeth Harvey.

Fragile Fragments will run from 8 October to 3 November. The opening will be 12 October at 2pm. The Gallery Mt Macedon is at 684 Mt Macedon Road, behind the Trading Post, and is open Friday to Tuesday, 10am-4pm.

Submitted by Elizabeth Harvey 0408 506 283 and Sue Anson 0413 581 632

## Players preparing a comedy



The Mount Players

Our fourth production for the year opens Friday 1 November, *A Bunch of Amateurs* by Ian Hislop and Nick Newham directed by Sonja Prater and Craig Lenaine-Smith.

In a desperate plight, trying to save their theatre from developers, a washed-up Hollywood Star is flown in to play the title role in *King Lear* at "Stratford" believing he will be appearing onstage at the legendary RST in Stratford-upon-Avon, the birthplace of William Shakespeare.

Instead, he finds he has signed on with the 'Stratford Players' in the Suffolk village of Stratford St John. The local villagers are somewhat of a motley crew and are naturally delighted to have such an — albeit unsuccessful — star playing with them.

As acting worlds collide and Jefferson's career implodes, he discovers some truths about himself — along with his inner Lear!

Lots of laughs and great characters guarantee a light-hearted wind up to the Mount Players 2024 season. For full details and tickets go to [www.themountplayers.com](http://www.themountplayers.com) or call 5426 1892 for assistance.

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

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## Chamber Players to perform in Macedon

Friends of Music at Resurrection are delighted to advise that the next concert at the Church of the Resurrection, Macedon, on Sunday 20 October at 3pm, will be performed by the Castlemaine Chamber Players.

Formed in 2014, the group (Sasha Bronshtein and Heather Cummins, violin, Frances Gall, viola, and Elisabeth Anderson, cello) performs a wide range of string quartet music, featuring iconic composers such as Mozart, Beethoven, and Shostakovich. Their programmes also frequently feature works by female composers and contemporary Australian compositions.

Entitled *Heaven and Earth 3*, this programme commences with the first and second movements of the much-loved *String quartet in C* (Dissonance), KV 465 by Mozart, so named on account of the short dissonant introduction. The major work is the monumental *String quartet in C*, Opus 59, No.3 by Beethoven, one of three quartets dedicated to Count Rasumovsky, the Russian Ambassador in Vienna in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century.

Of particular interest will be the first movement of *String quartet in G* (1929) by Florence Price, the first female African-American composer to have works performed by a major American symphony orchestra, the Chicago Symphony. Many of her compositions, such as this string quartet, were lost until 2009, when they were found in her abandoned summer house and subsequently published.



The Castlemaine Chamber Players.

Castlemaine Chamber Players also loves to play Brazilian music, and this program includes *Carinhoso*, arranged here especially for the group by well-known Castlemaine composer and arranger Wendy Rowlands.

Bookings: [Trybooking.com](http://Trybooking.com)

Submitted by Dianne Gome

# Heavenly voices soar at Macedon



In a concert program entitled 'Heavenly Voices', the children of Young Voices of Macedon and the Bendigo Youth Choir entranced a large audience at the Church of the Resurrection, Macedon, on 15 September.

Messe brève by Léo Delibes opened the program, with the combined choirs directed by Jess Demare and accompanied by Alan Grinton (pipe organ) and a string ensemble. This substantial work was performed by memory with beautiful tone, a command of Latin and with projection of contrasting dramatic and lyrical styles. The other work performed by the combined choirs, this time directed by Emma West and accompanied by piano and strings, was 'Ancient City' by Australian composer Paul Jarman.

In the second half, Young Voices presented a variety of songs, including a bracket of three sung with great assurance by the very young Vivo group, a moving rendition of The Lord bless you and keep you by John



Young Voices of Macedon perform in Macedon in September.

Rutter by the Cantabiles and the rousing finale Joyful, joyful from Sister Act II, which included a stunning solo, by Josie Barnes.

Funding for the participation of professional string players in this concert was generously provided by the

Gisborne branch of Bendigo Bank.

During Term 4 the choir will prepare for the Christmas season and new members are very welcome.

For information on the choir, visit [yv.macedon.org.au](http://yv.macedon.org.au).

Dianne Gome

# Leonard Bernstein on a Singer's mind

Lately, Leonard Bernstein has been on my mind.

During his birthday anniversary in late August, his best and most famous recordings were heard daily on classical radio.

Bernstein had a particular love and connection to the composer Mahler. He likened himself to Mahler, being also a conductor and composer, a lover of contemporary and classical music, and his coffin contains a Mahler 5 score. His recordings of Mahler's Symphonies are among his most famous. Appointed conductor of the New York Philharmonic in 1958, he led a Mahler renaissance.

In the 1960s, he recorded all the Mahler Symphonies, all but one with the NY Philharmonic.

Preparing to sing the choral chorus of the Mahler 2 Symphony, 'The Resurrection', for the joint Bendigo Symphony Orchestra/Gisborne Singers production in November, the Singers are encouraged to watch and listen to Bernstein performances, amongst others.



The last scene of the film Maestro shows Bernstein conducting this symphony in Ealing Cathedral, England, in

1976. It is an extraordinarily moving work, encapsulating mankind looking to a better future, and some of the musicians Bernstein conducted on that occasion play in this film performance.

Mahler's Resurrection will be performed with the Bendigo Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Luke Severn, in one performance, on November 24, at 2.30pm, at Bendigo's Ulumbarra Theatre.

Don't miss it! Tickets are selling well, and a sell-out is expected.

The Gisborne Singers is a choir without audition, welcoming all comers. Contact details at [www.gisbornesingers.org.au](http://www.gisbornesingers.org.au)

Marg de Campo

## KYNETON TOWN HALL EVENTS

**Mick Harvey: 'Five ways to say goodbye' with Amanda Acevedo and string quartet**

8pm Saturday, 19 October

Mick Harvey is best known as a founding member of The Boys Next Door, The Birthday Party and Nick Cave and the Bad Seeds, and being a long-time collaborator to both Nick Cave and PJ Harvey.

He has released more than 10 solo albums under his own name, including the four-volume series of Serge Gainsbourg translated recordings, and a selection of soundtracks for film and television.

Mick's latest solo album, 'Five ways to say goodbye' is his most personal recording so far.

Tickets through [mrsc.vic.gov.au](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au), 1300 888 802, or email [kh tickets@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:kh tickets@mrsc.vic.gov.au).

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# Springing into CWA activities

## Macedon



The first month of spring has flown by. I hope you have been enjoying the lovely colours in the gardens.

Thank you to any readers who visited us at the Kyneton Daffodil Festival and bought some of the lovely goods on sale, or enjoyed refreshments at our tea rooms. We enjoyed meeting the local folks and many from Regional Victoria.

This month we are looking forward to hosting two lunches at our lovely hall. One is for ladies from Rochester who are still recovering from the 2022 floods. The other lunch is for members of our sister branch, Tyntynder (near Swan Hill), who we have not seen for quite a while. We are looking forward to seeing them again, and showing off our lovely area.

We, at Macedon Branch, are proud of our CWA Hall. It has recently been renovated and is available for hire. If you would like more information, or to visit to see if it is suitable, please contact me on the number below for details.

As a result of various fundraisers throughout the year, we recently made significant donations to charities assisting women, children and families.

This month we have our AGM and will elect office-bearers for the 2024-2025 CWA year. We thank those who are willing to take office.

If you think you might like to join CWA or if you want to know more about the Macedon Branch, you are welcome to come to one of our meetings and 'check us out'. Please call me, Anne Fyfield, on 5426 2210 to chat.

Anne Fyfield

## Good vibes here

### CRAFT CORNER with Mary-Beth O'Brien

Crocheting can be a fulfilling and an extremely satisfying hobby, with a magnificent array of colours and textures available for all manner of creative pursuits.

Myriad options can be considered. Recycling everyday materials around home can provide inspiration to create unique pieces with purpose and function.

Aged T-shirt material is ideal as it is pliable enough for crocheting without being too bulky or stiff to work with. Try giving your favourite tee a second life. Vintage, faded, or baggy, you have held onto it for years as the cherished memory of a concert, event or favoured cause. Time to get brutal.

Grab scissors and shred the shirt into strips of one centimetre then roll into a ball. Using a large hook size and a modicum of creativity, create new life, add purpose and free up some closet space. Baskets, blankets, rugs are very popular as are slippers and clothing. The list is exhaustive.

There is a group that meets regularly at the Gisborne Library for **Crochet and Conversation** on the first Monday of each month at 2.30pm. We range from beginners through to more experienced crocheters and together we muddle through by sharing what we have on our hooks.

You are most welcome to join us to learn new techniques, swap disasters and share the latest news and views in the crochet world.

## Gisborne

### Special invitation for seniors



As part of Seniors Week, Gisborne CWA invites all seniors to morning tea at our Coffee, Craft and Chat morning on Monday, 21 October, 10.30am, at the Stadium at

Gisborne Secondary College. If you could give our president, Margaret, an RSVP on 0407 315 314 before Monday the 14th, that would be most appreciated.

Gisborne ladies were very busy at the Kyneton Daffodil Festival where we ran a craft stall and assisted with catering. We share the weekend with Macedon, Craigieburn, Romsey and Kyneton branches and the public looks forward to our soup, sandwiches, slices and scones every year. It was good to see the Masonic Hall full of visitors and the queue of customers after the parade on Sunday.

Congratulations to Helen Walker for achieving a Highly Commended in the Association's state photography competition. Helen has been our social secretary this year and organised interesting outings and lunches which we have all enjoyed.



Christine Edwards

Our next meeting is Monday 14 October, followed by our AGM, 10am at Gisborne Secondary College.

Christine Edwards

## Photographers face the test

Mauro Cantelmi from Dezzine by Mauro was the guest judge for the



Macedon Ranges Photographic Society in August. Portrait photography was our set subject for the competition. A wonderful selection of images were submitted, each unique in their own way. Black and white was a popular choice to set the mood. Portraits of individuals, family groups and couples were depicted in a diverse array of settings. Some were captured at their trade or hobby, others intentionally posing.

Tip: Shooting from a higher angle down towards your subject will enhance their jawline and make the eyes look larger.

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

We meet on the first Tuesday of the month, followed by the next Monday, at Dromkeen in Riddells Creek. Our meeting room is warm and inviting, with a cuppa and biscuit during the break to allow for social chit chat. Meetings start at 7.30pm, doors open at 7pm.

Sue Steward



Winner of print category:  
Timeless Tiara by Jeni Marinier.

# All invited to Probus morning tea



This month we are celebrating Probus month with a special morning tea at our meeting on 3 October, so come along to experience what it is to be a Probus member. We meet on the first Thursday of the month in the Gisborne Community Centre Hall (old Senior Citizens Room) at 10am.

Gisborne Probus Club is part of a network of social clubs for community members that are retired or semi-retired with the opportunity to connect socially, especially as many of our friends were work colleagues and you might not know a lot of people in your local community, it can be a lonely time.

Probus members enjoy making new friends and discovering new interests with like-minded people living by the Probus motto of 'fun, friendship and fellowship'.

Gisborne Probus Club is one of the 400 Probus Clubs in Victoria. We get together on a monthly basis to listen to interesting guest speakers and by engaging in a wide range of activities including lunches, trips and outings. We also receive the Active Retirees publication and offers of discounts through Probus Partners.

Our next meeting is on 3 October. Contact our president, Susan Denheld, on 0419 530 041 for further information.

*Dianne Egan*

## Life skills site for youth

The Victorian government has launched an online platform to help young people aged 12 to 25 learn a range of life skills.

Co-designed with members of the Victorian Youth Congress, YouthNav teaches young people skills to plan for and succeed in getting a job, moving out of home, travelling, having their say and managing money.

The platform asks users about their skills using interactive prompts and provides guidance on life topics using clickable information presented in an engaging way. See [www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au/youthnav](http://www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au/youthnav)



*The bluebell drive at Duneira.*

## Don't miss Duneira Bluebell Festival

The 2024 Duneira Bluebell Festival will be held on 2 and 3 November. Tours of the historic garden and 1875 Victorian mansion with Stuart Stoneman's art collection are included in the ticket price. Live music and local stalls including CWA scones, coffee, sausage sizzle, wine, gin and crafts.

Tickets \$35 adult \$30 senior, kids under 16 free, available at [www.duneiraestate.com.au](http://www.duneiraestate.com.au).

## Annual Kay's fashion parade on 12 October

Once again, Gisborne Uniting Church will host a Summer Fashion Parade by Kay's Classic Fashions, this year on Monday, 21 October, at 1.30pm.



This is a wonderful opportunity to buy your summer wardrobe. Great brands at low prices to suit ladies with sizes 10 to 24, as well as their usual 'specials' rack.

\$10 entry includes afternoon tea and door prizes. Everyone is welcome with no obligation to buy.

Enquiries to Maree Clarke on 0423 051 318.



## U3A Kyneton activities in October

For Seniors Week, we invite people to come and try U3A Kyneton's Friday@U3A.

Friday@U3A takes place at the Red Brick Hall, 23 Yaldwyn Street West, Kyneton, at 2pm on Fridays. It is free and open to both members and the public.

### Friday@U3A — Friday 11 October

Topic: Tooth and Nail — the story of the rabbit in Australia. The speaker is retired research biologist Dr Brian Coman.

### Tuesday 15 October at 10am

Theme: Come and walk the labyrinth in Kyneton  
Music and arts educator Stephen Holgate will explain the origins of labyrinths in the ancient world with the myth of Perseus and the minotaur and how this was overlaid by the idea of pilgrimage, contemplative walking, and reflecting on life.

### Friday@U3A — Friday 18 October

Topic: The ethics of gene editing  
The speaker is Dr Christopher Gyngell, Research Fellow, Biomedical Ethics, Murdoch Children's Research Institute, and Co-Deputy Director of Health Law and Ethics Network, University of Melbourne.

### Friday@U3A — Friday 25 October

Topic: The impact of memory loss in people living with dementia

Dr Kathryn Nicholson began her association with Dementia Australia first as a volunteer and then full-time as a sessional dementia educator. Join us for a unique insight into dementia and how to manage it.

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

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## Coaches and competition on the Castlemaine run

**Australia's last horse-drawn stagecoach service, run by Cobb & Co in Queensland, closed in August 1924, unable to compete with rail, automobile and air transport. To mark the centenary, we look at Cobb & Co history in Victoria and its service in the Gisborne area.**

**Researched by Phyllis Boyd OAM**

Soon after the Colony of Victoria was established in 1851, gold was discovered at Forest Creek, now Castlemaine, and later at Sandhurst (Bendigo) and Ballarat.

Thousands of immigrants began arriving at Williamstown headed for the goldfields, in the hope of making their fortune. Transport facilities were almost non-existent at this time, although demand was high for regular transport from Melbourne to the goldfields.

Freeman Cobb was sent by Wells Fargo to set up a coaching business in Victoria, based on the American coach line. Cobb & Co was founded in Melbourne in 1853 by a small group of immigrant Americans — Freeman Cobb, John Murray Peck, John B Lamber and James Swanton, all in their twenties — and initially was called the American Telegraph Line of Coaches. The partnership imported coaches built from hickory, costing \$US3000 per coach. The advantage was that these coaches were slung with thick leather braces extending over the entire wheelbase, acting as good shock absorbers that took the strain out of rough road driving.



Painting of a 'Castlemaine' coach.

Soon after they began trading, the owners secured several mail runs and the words 'Royal Mail' appeared on the doors of their coaches. For a time, newspapers were permitted to be carried free of charge until the drivers noticed that letter deliveries had reduced. It was then discovered that newsy personal letters were being written along the margins of old newspapers, thereby avoiding postal charges. Cobb & Co complained about this to the government who then allowed them to refuse to carry old newspapers free of charge, but current ones could still be delivered free, as per the original contract.

Only the best horses were used, some of which were imported from America; others were later bred on extensive properties that were bought by Cobb & Co for this purpose and to provide feed for their large teams. Smaller coaches were pulled by four

### From newspapers of the day

**Kyneton Observer 12 February 1859:** "Cobb & Co coach leaves the Bridge Inn, Gisborne, for Melbourne every week day at 6am, returning from Melbourne on the same days at 4 o'clock pm. On Saturdays the coach leaves Gisborne at 9am, returning from Melbourne at 4 o'clock pm. Fares: Single journey 16/- [shillings]. Return 30/- [shillings]"

**Kyneton Observer March 1859:** "Cheap and Expeditious Travelling – Cobb & Co have reduced the fares by their coaches to the railway station at Diggers Rest, and from thence back to Kyneton. The fare to Woodend is reduced to 4/- and to Gisborne 8/-. A person can now leave Kyneton by the 8 o'clock morning coach, transact business in Melbourne and return home by 7 or 8 at night"

**Gisborne Express 14 December 1860** advertises a competitor to Cobb & Co: "The Gisborne public are informed that C Glazier's coach will leave the Telegraph Hotel at half past eleven o'clock daily for the Diggers Rest, returning by the 3 and a quarter pm train and leaving for Kyneton about 6pm."

"C Glazier has long felt the necessity that exists for establishing another line of coaches, it being notorious that Cobb's line does not keep pace with the times. Cobb & Co have now put another line of coaches on the road to run ours off and state that they will be able to accomplish the same in a fortnight. In the event of their being successful and driving us off the road, they will return to their high fare again and the public will be compelled to pay more than a remunerating charge for their travelling by coach. It is therefore advisable to support C Glazier's line of coaches and they appeal to the liberality of the public. Glazier & Co".

horses, others by six and, later, the largest, 'Leviathan' coaches, could carry 75 passengers and were pulled by a team of eight horses.

Horse teams were changed at approximately 10-mile intervals at Cobb & Co changing stations that were usually at or near established hotels or Caroline Chisholm Shelter Sheds, where good stabling could be found for the horses and refreshments provided for drivers and passengers alike. Shorter stages meant fresher horses and a spectacular reduction in the time taken for the full journey.

Originally taking a day and a half from Melbourne to Forest Creek, by the end of 1855 the travel time had been reduced to one day, arriving daily at 6pm. The route chosen from Melbourne left the Criterion Hotel in Collins Street at 6am, with its first changing station at Keilor Plains, then on to The Gap near Sunbury. From here to the point where the rough track plunged precipitously down into the valley of Gisborne, the view was dominated by the great bulk of Mount Macedon. At the entrance to Gisborne was another Chisholm Shelter Shed, numerous hotels and a Cobb & Co changing station.

From here to Woodend was the worst stage of the entire journey. The next 13 miles through wooded country included the dreaded Black Forest, notorious for both the terrible state of the tracks through the bush and the fear of encountering bushrangers, who, from the cover of the dense dark trunked trees, frequently pounced upon the unwary travellers. Although there was a Shelter Shed at Middle Gully (Macedon), most travellers chose to travel in haste through the Black Forest to reach the Woods End (Woodend) prior to nightfall.

From Woodend, the road led northwards over undulating country, past more Shelter Sheds at Carlsruhe and Malmsbury with Cobb & Co changing stations at Kyneton, Malmsbury, Taradale and Elphinstone. Here the track to Castlemaine branched off and the Bendigo Road plunged into the granite hills of the Harcourt district where horses were changed at this last stage, just 10 miles from Bendigo.

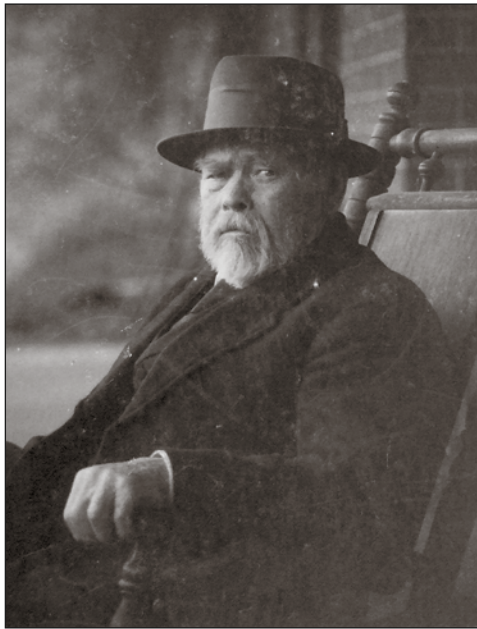
Of the four young men who established Cobb & Co, three returned to America after they sold their business interests. John Murray Peck, who married Lousia Ellen Roberts, remained in Australia and settled for a time in Gisborne where their son, Harry Huntington Peck was born in 1860. Harry later recorded his life in the book, *Memoirs of a Stockman*.

In 1862, Cobb & Co spread its wings throughout NSW and then through Queensland from 1865.

However, after 70 years on Australian bush tracks and roads, 14 August 1924 saw Cobb & Co's last coach run in the country, in outback Queensland. Qantas was already carrying airmail in western Queensland, and following the First World War many of the large mail runs had been divided up, enabling some of the returned soldiers to take over the role as mail contractors.



A fully loaded Cobb & Co coach to Castlemaine, c.1853.



George Woodworth in later years.

## Gisborne's own Cobb & Co proprietor

George Woodworth was a Canadian Cobb & Co driver who, with a dozen other drivers, bought out Cobb & Co about 1860, keeping the name.

After a few years, squabbles erupted into court action between some of the consortium. Woodworth was not involved, but decided to get out in 1863. He settled on a farm at South Gisborne with his wife Jane Crow, whose brothers had been farming there since 1857. Woodworth became quite a big wheel (pardon the pun) in Gisborne, serving as councillor and police magistrate for many years.

About 1885 he built the well-known homestead Erin Vale on Kilmore Road, "sparing no expense" according to reports at the time, and retired there with his family.

Woodworth had many stories about Cobb & Co and contributed to a key early book on the famous coach line. He lived his last few years in Maryborough where his daughter had moved after her marriage; he died in 1920.

Woodworth Street in New Gisborne is named for his family.

## Join History Society cemetery walk

A Cemetery Walk at the Gisborne Cemetery is being held by the Gisborne & Mount Macedon Districts Historical Society on 16 October at 5pm. A gold coin donation per person attending would be appreciated.

**HISTORY WALK**

**16 October 5pm**



Gisborne Cemetery

## News from Genealogical Group



The topic for discussion at the next meeting of the Gisborne Genealogical Group will be 'The Squatters', led by Genealogy Group member and research historian Dr Fran Thiele. It will be held in the Family History Room, adjoining the Gisborne Library at 7.30pm on Thursday 24 October. All welcome.

The next Saturday Workshop will be on 5 October at 10am in the Family History Room. We will be discussing how to find hospital and asylum records. It will be led by Lyn Hall and Mary Henry. The workshops are free for members, \$10 for visitors.



Lyn Hall

A number of our members will be visiting Beechworth in north-eastern Victoria in October. Our annual spring outing has always been a single day activity, so we are quite excited to be organising a trip over three days.

The Family History Room is open for research each Tuesday 10am-1pm and Thursdays 2pm-5pm. For further information, check our website, [www.ggg.org.au](http://www.ggg.org.au). Lyn Hall

## What became of the daffodils on village green?

This question has often been asked of the daffodils that were planted in Howey Reserve about 40 years ago. When Penny Dunne was president of the Gisborne Shire, she donated bulbs from her home, 'Dreamthorpe', that were planted, flowered and admired by locals and visitors alike for many years.

Soon after the GREAT Association took over the running of the Gisborne Olde Time Market in 2001, permission was given for the market to expand on to the Reserve. Each year, volunteers 'fenced off' the daffodils to avoid their being trampled upon on market days.

Following several wet winters and the trees above preventing sunlight from filtering through, the daffodils ceased to



Decades-old daffodils brighten the west side of Gisborne Court House.

bloom. Macedon Ranges Shire Council parks and gardens folk agreed to lift the bulbs, only to find that almost all of them had rotted in the ground, hence the lack of blooms.

The few bulbs that had survived were planted in small clumps among the roses in the Heritage Garden on the west face of the old Gisborne Court House. This year they have looked magnificent, thanks to the council's ongoing care of the garden.

So, next time (or maybe next spring) you drive or walk along the Hamilton Street service road, cast an eye to those old-fashioned daffodils that have been preserved with tender loving care in a protected yet sunny spot, for generations to come.



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## Vet Talk

with Dr Caitlin (Horwood) Retchford  
veterinarian



### Spring at cat's eye level

Ellie's eyes are glistening but there is grief in the Gisborne grasses. Spring brings pollens, and hay-fever symptoms affect cats as well as humans. Our little Ellie has been suffering with runny eyes and an itchy face, rubbing her head against the furniture and making her eyelids sore. If your cat suffers from hay-fever, you may find her doing the same, sneezing or wheezing, but mostly overgrooming because she is itchy.



Ellie with grass allergies, causing an itchy, runny eye.

If the allergy is inhaled (pollens), your cat may get some relief by being kept indoors. Remember to check and treat for fleas too, as they tend to hatch in spring. For outdoor cats, if plants and pollens are irritating by direct contact with skin, it helps to gently wipe down her face and

hair coat with a damp cloth when she comes inside. This removes pollens from the skin surface preventing her rubbing them further around her face, and licking and ingesting more pollens. When the eyes are very watery, like Ellie's, she may need antihistamines or prescribed steroids, but gentle bathing with saline or non-medical (hyaluronate type) soothing eye drops can help.

Your vet can recommend what will make her more comfortable, so she can enjoy smelling the spring flowers.

## Spring cleaning can help your pooch



Our September new members' induction at Macedon Ranges Obedience Dog Club was typical of spring weather, but we still had four new members join us.

With spring comes our return to the great outdoors. As we start spending more time outside with our fur babies, we may see an increase in allergies. Pollen, grass and mould seem to thrive in the spring and the most common signs are itching, sneezing and coughing along with runny nose, watery eyes and skin irritations. Just like us.

So, what can we do to limit their exposure?

Keep them inside as much as possible on high pollen days. If they do go outside, wipe paws and fur with a damp cloth and swap rubber chew toys for plush ones, and give them a good wash and dry.

Keep their living space as clean and dust free as possible, including floors, bedding, toys and food/water bowls

If your dog's allergy symptoms are persistent, severe, they have other health issues or are causing concern, take them to your vet who can determine the cause and recommend the best course of action.

Visit [www.macedonrangesdogclub.org.au](http://www.macedonrangesdogclub.org.au), the club's Facebook page or email [info@macedonrangesdogclub.org.au](mailto:info@macedonrangesdogclub.org.au) for more information.



A new club member.

Carol  
instructor/treasurer



Service award recipients Frank Perich, Don Crompton, Tom Rogers, club president Russell Walker (who presented the awards), Ian Ball, Louise Ball and David Campbell.

## Bowling club service awards

Ten longstanding members were recognised at Gisborne and District Bowling Club's AGM on 23 August. Club chairman Russell Walker presented 'years of service' certificates to Frank Perich (5 years), Don Crompton (25 years), Tom Rogers (20), Ian Ball (10), Louise Ball (10) and David Campbell (5). Alan and Ethan Higgins (both 10 years) were absent.

Louise Ball, Helena Cyrulo and Ian Morley were reappointed to the club's board at the meeting.

Russell Walker also highlighted the significant enhancements achieved during the year which included the construction of the new bowling green and rear carpark, while the Club maintained a strong financial position.

Everyone's getting their shoes off – Bowling Club news  
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## IN BRIEF

### Sports grants still open

Applications are open for the state government Sporting Club Grants Program until 7 October. Grants of up to \$5000 are available for clubs to improve the skills and knowledge of volunteers, coaches and officials, up to \$4000 to deliver a new sport or active recreation program, up to \$1000 for uniforms and equipment, and \$750 grants for travel to competitions away from home. For details visit [sport.vic.gov.au](http://sport.vic.gov.au).

### Tiny Towns Fund

Round 2 of the state government's Tiny Towns Fund is open now until 25 October. Grants between \$5000 and \$50,000 will be available to boost tourism, liveability and community pride in towns with up to 5000 people. For more information, visit [rdv.vic.gov.au/tinytownsfund](http://rdv.vic.gov.au/tinytownsfund).

### Tourism boost

Daylesford Macedon Tourism will receive \$100,000 as part of the Victorian government's Regional Tourism Network Industry Strengthening Program. The funds will be used to support business networking and the digital skills of tourism businesses in the region.

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## QUIZ

1. How many white queens are there at the beginning of a chess game?
2. What do we call a meteor that reaches the ground?
3. Cumulus, nimbus, and cirrus are all types of what weather phenomenon?
4. Exactly how many litres of water equal one tonne?
5. Which actor played Harry Potter in all the films of the series?
6. The four colours associated with the Wiggles are red, blue, yellow and which other?
7. What is the capital of Scotland?
8. If Professor Plum murdered someone in the library using a candlestick, which game are you playing?
9. Where does SpongeBob SquarePants work?
10. Which two animals appear on the Australian coat of arms?



## Come along on 4 October

Looking for a fantastic way to keep the kids entertained these school holidays? Join us at the Gisborne Toy Library for our special Games Day on 4 October, from 9.30am to 11am.

This event is a wonderful opportunity for families to enjoy some playtime and explore the fantastic range of toys and games our library has to offer!

To make it even better, we will be providing morning tea for all our guests. It's the perfect way to relax, socialise, and get to know the community while the kids play.

Gisborne Toy Library is at 71 Robertson Street, at Manna Gum Family and Children's Centre.

For more information, visit our Facebook page or come see us on the day. We can't wait to share the joy of play with you!

## JOKES & RIDDLES

What is a favourite game of little ghosts?  
Peek-a-boo

Who won the skeleton beauty contest?  
No body.

Why did the pumpkin struggle at school?  
Someone had taken his brains out.

Doctor, doctor, I feel like a pair of curtains!  
Oh, pull yourself together.

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

Why did the baby biscuit cry?  
Because its mother had been a wafer too long.

Doctor, doctor, I keep thinking I'm a dog.  
Well, lie down on the couch and I'll see what I can do.  
But I'm not allowed on the couch.

My dad's just bought some horse manure to put on his rhubarb.  
How gross! We have custard on ours.

## Snow fun on Mt Macedon



Happy locals made snowmen on the mount on 14 September...



...and even tried tobogganing!

## SPOT THE DIFFERENCE



Artwork by Eliza Ransome

Can you find 10 differences between these Halloween drawings?



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New Gisborne Primary School chess team with chess teacher Mr Dwyer.

## New Gisborne takes on CHSS CHALLENGE



**JUDE:** At 7.51am on 14 September, 23 students from New Gisborne Primary School were ready to board the train to Castlemaine. We were off on an adventure to compete in the Mount Alexander Chess Challenge. On the train we played lots of

games and even used magnetic chess boards to get in lots of practice. After the journey we hopped on a bus that took us to Castlemaine Secondary College. We were then ready to begin our six-game tournament.



Jude

**HARRY:** Once we arrived, we got seated in a corner of the secondary college's gym. The event featured 10 primary schools competing, as well as a separate secondary school division. Everyone played six rounds, and every match would result in either a win equalling one point, a draw equalling half a point, or a

loss resulting in no points. Between each round we had a short break and free access to a sausage sizzle provided by the Rotary Club of Castlemaine. Everyone gave their best effort, and our school placed fifth overall, which is an amazing achievement. Special thanks to Dannille and Cherie for coming with us and to Mr Dwyer for being an amazing chess teacher.



Harry

## Camp fun at Adekate



The Gisborne Primary School Year 5s went to Adekate Camp at Dean on August 4. When we got there, we unpacked the buses and were taken on a tour of the camp. We went into the bush area of the camp and had to climb

over a fallen tree. We learnt about life's obstacles - we could either go under it, over it or around it. After that we ate lunch and did our first activity which was hut building. It was challenging but we had so much fun.

We were split into four groups over the next three days and got to participate in activities such as orienteering, games on the oval, archery, milk crate stacking, dual ziplining and, finally, leap of faith. A huge thanks to the teachers and parent helpers for coming and making it a memorable experience for us all.

*Josh V and Tamsyn R, Year 5 Writers' Club*



*Year 5 students enjoy camp Adekate.*

## Celebrating students as authors

Gisborne Primary had a writers' festival on 12 September where we showcased written pieces that we had worked on during class to our parents and classmates.

We went around our classrooms and gave other students a 'glow and a grow' piece of feedback. It was really nice to read

people's pieces and give them ideas, but also to celebrate their growth. Our Writers' Club pieces were also displayed where everyone could see them. It was so much fun and we can't wait to do this again next year.

*Louisa B, Year 5 Writers' Club*



*Holly W (Year 2) proudly displays her writing.*



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# St Brigid's students feel chill of homelessness



Experiencing the cold late at night.



To raise awareness of homelessness, the Year 6 students of St Brigid's slept overnight at school on 29 August. The night started with the student Social Justice leaders sharing a presentation they had prepared, which included a video of homelessness from a child's perspective and some facts about how many people were experiencing homelessness on any given night. We were asked to reflect on what we learnt at the end of the presentation.

Kate and Justine from Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health talked to us about how they help people experiencing homelessness and people who were at risk of homelessness. They explained how they provide facilities for people who do not have access to them. They

told us how they help people in challenging situations get back up on their feet.

After Kate and Justine left, we put together homeless help packs that included food, toiletries, friendship bracelets and hearts so the users would know they were loved. All the food and toiletries were donated by students and parents and were organised by the St Brigid's Mini Vinnies.

We had plain rice for dinner and afterwards we all sat outside in the cold for 15 minutes without jumpers or hoodies to feel how cold it gets. After that, we were asked a few 'would you rather' questions, like 'Would you rather have a roof over your head or have access to showers?'

We then went to bed and slept on cardboard. We all realised it was very uncomfortable and we could not imagine sleeping on it night after night.



Year 6 St Brigid's boys enjoy their plain bowl of rice for dinner.

The next morning we were all very tired but we were all happy that we had learnt so much about homelessness. We will all remember it for many years to come.

*Elsie Spurling, school vice-captain*

## CAPTAIN'S RAP with Tyler Jarris



Tyler Jarris

We have been busy lately! First off, we had a great time at our sausage sizzle fundraiser for Odyssey House alcohol and drug rehabilitation service.

The smell of the barbecue was in the air, and we raised a fantastic amount for this important cause, helping people on their road to recovery. The raffle was super exciting, and it was awesome to see so much participation from the students. Great job, everyone!

Our instrumental music students and dance students performed to families, friends and staff at our annual Instrumental Music Showcase and Spring Dance Gala events last month with amazing talents on display.

Now, as we near the end of the year, our Year 12s are preparing for their final exams. It is crunch time, but I know they have got this in the bag. I myself am looking forward to smashing these exams and have full faith that my cohort will approach them with the same enthusiasm. Only one term left!

There is still heaps to look forward to as the year winds down. With more and more events and opportunities to come together, we are all ecstatic to give things a go. Let's keep the ball rolling and make the most of these few weeks we have left!

Thanks for reading. Stay tuned for the next edition of the Captain's Rap!

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# Holy Cross ends term with fun and giving



At Holy Cross we finished the term with lots of colour and fun! After a busy term of learning it was good to enjoy some games with our friends.

For our Feast Day in the second last week of term, Kaboom Sports came to organise activities that our Year 6 children led for the day. There was music, dancing and lots of energy.

Even some of the teachers showed off their dance moves but they were no match for Memphis, who was on work placement with us for the week.

As part of the day, we collected a ute-load of donations for the Gisborne Foodbank. Our Social Justice leaders did an amazing job organising the collection of food and toiletries and proudly presented the donations to Wally from the Foodbank. We are also very grateful to our families that donated.

The fun continued with a school disco and a footy day in the last week of term. Everyone had a fantastic time, finishing the term on a high note.

Our Twilight Fair is coming up on 18 October and we invite everyone to come!

*Kellie McDonald*



*Aoife Courtney (Year 2) gets the balance right.*

# GVL prepares for final term in a big year



We cannot believe how fast the year has gone by, the amount of learning and growth we have been

involved in just blows us away. From our three-year-old Kinder to our senior program young people, Global Village Learning (GVL) has helped guide and nourish inquisitive minds and eager learners to follow passions and, in lots of cases, explore new ones.

We are so lucky to be a part of a community that works to help others. Our GVL van has been out and about with some hot soup to help support those who may need a little boost and fuel some minds and bodies. Our senior program work on helping to support this activity, while other GVL community members, guides and families support when needed.

Across our spaces and out and about in various capacities, our young people have been involved in an array of experiences to support their learning. From 'Adventure week' to gardening, swimming lessons to bicycle repair, crafting and sewing to hammering and cutting, and don't forget about all of our musical preparation.

We look forward to combining lots of skills and wisdoms from across the year to see the year end with an explosion of everything that is GVL.

*Bec, Cycle 3 guide*



## School saving bonus

A \$400 School Saving Bonus will be available for students at state government schools and eligible non-government school students in November.

The bonus can be used to cover the costs of uniforms, camps, excursions, textbooks and other extracurricular activities throughout the year.

Families of children in government schools will receive a code in Term 4

giving them access to the bonus which will be provided as vouchers or managed by the school, depending on the type of expense.

For students at non-government schools, the \$400 will be provided directly to each school — to be managed in consultation with the student's family and in line with the intent of the program.

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# SCOUTING



1st Gisborne Joeys (and a 'ring-in' Cub) join Gisborne Landcare to plant trees and grasses in Gisborne.

## 1st New Gisborne Scouts

We were excited to see Group Leader Rusty honoured with the prestigious Silver Wattle Award at Gilwell Park on 15 September, recognising his services to Scouting.

1st New Gisborne Scouts have been raising funds to support our contingent to the January Scout Jamboree in Queensland. Getting close now and much excitement. On 6 October we will have a barbecue outside Gisborne Foodworks and another on 12 October at Bunnings in Sunbury. Please come along and enjoy our cooking skills!

Cubs recently welcomed Isabelle and on the same night saw Cailin receive her Golden Bone award for being a great member of the pack. Cubs are still smiling after their Lerderberg Region activities day at Treetops camp.

A term highlight was a visit to our neighbour, Warrina Age

Care. The term ended with a fun-filled swimming night at the Gisborne pool.

Joeys recently enjoyed a sleepover at the Church of Christ in New Gisborne in preparation for their grand final weekend Joey Camp at Treetops.

We have received our long-awaited planning permit allowing wider use of the scout hut with toilets, kitchen, meeting rooms, and storage facilities.

Scouting offers proven programs, challenges and opportunities for young people and leadership opportunities for parents. All welcome to come along to 'have a look'. We meet on Wednesdays, 6.30-8pm, Venturers on Fridays. Contact Group Leader Russell Barker on 0400 297 025 or russell@jeem.com.au to learn more. For Venturers call Tracey 0407 098 032. *John Frearson*



Cub Scout Cailin with her Golden Bone Award.

## News from 1st Gisborne

The Joey section has had lots of fun over the past month. The Joeys joined the Cubs in a 'spy' themed camp at Rowallan in Riddells Creek. They participated in a crate stacking activity where they almost reached the ceiling of the scout hall (a big thank you to the Venturers who came along to help belay them). And the Joeys braved cold and drizzly weather to join the Gisborne Landcare group to plant over 300 grasses and trees in Gisborne.

The Cubs had lots of fun visiting the CFA. They got to have a look through the fire station, hear a briefing on fire safety and, most exciting, get inside the fire truck. They finished off the night with a McDonald's ice cream.

The Scout section braved wet and

wild weather at Treetops Scout Camp. Despite rain, hail and snow, the Scouts went on a 10km overnight hike. They carried their own food, equipment and hike stoves, and used maps and compasses to navigate between seven different activity bases, and UHF radios to report their positions. What a great accomplishment.

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

*Carolyn Goode (Joey Leader)*

## Gisborne Guides welcome new member



Gisborne Lightning Guides were delighted to be able to present a sash and Promise badge

last month to our latest recruit, Lucy. The girls completed the Australia badge, learning about the geography, the people and the culture of our nation. The girls like to cook so chose lamingtons as one of their challenges. They also learnt about developing a family tree and investigating where their forebears originated from.

Guiding promotes teamwork as they work together on their chosen projects. As a leader, I am amazed by the growth in confidence developed by the girls over the year. We currently have va-

cancies in the unit so check out the Girl Guide Victoria website to see if Guides would interest you. Gisborne accepts girls from 7 years of age.

*Deb Fleming*



Girl Guide Lucy made her Promise.



*Deb Fleming*



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# How do you catch two giant trevally on fly at once?



The answer is you catch the first on a bonefish fly, ask your trusty guide for your GT rod, and cast to the second fish still hanging around the first fish. Voila! Two giant trevally. Have to love Christmas Island.

Some trips take a day or two to organise. Some only 20 minutes. For me, fly fishing at Christmas Island took over 12 months of planning and what felt like a lifetime of dreaming of the destination located 2400km northwest of Fiji and blessed with warm tropical water, perfect weather, and some of the most extensive sand flats in the world — home to such species as giant trevally (GT), triggerfish and bonefish.

Our group of 10 anglers, hosted by Chris of Wilderness Flyfishing Adventures, stayed at Sunset Horizons fishing lodge.

The main species targeted, bonefish, is renowned for its hard fighting capability and being found in the very shallow water of the sand flats. The crystal-clear mirror surface of the tropical flats can make fish extremely hard to spot with the untrained eye. Luckily for us, we were paired with experienced local guides who were able to spot them well before we could, coaching us on the direction, distance, and style of retrieve required to hook the fish. Once hooked, an average size fish can strip line from your reel with blistering speed.

Larger fish like GT demonstrate their raw power with an aggressive take of the fly and strip out your line at speeds up to 60km/h.



Rod Kennet with his two GT.

Some say Christmas Island is a once in a lifetime experience. As for me, I am already dreaming about the warm water, beautiful weather and the awesome people and fishing friends I found there. My planning has already begun.

Find us at [www.calderflyfishing.com.au](http://www.calderflyfishing.com.au), Facebook and Instagram.

Rod Kennet

## The story of the changing season

This picture tells the story of the change of seasons every year. Like swooping magpies, these mounds of dirt appear each September at the edge of Gardiners Reserve, waiting until the football ends before the machinery swoops in to topdress the field in readiness for cricket.



Top: Mounds of fine dirt await the departure of football boots before they can be spread across the ground to welcome the cricket shoes. Gisborne Dragons are ready to roar ► page 32

## Fire education day



A fire education day is proudly presented by Bullengarook CFA and community support groups.

Learning to live and thrive in an extreme fire risk environment.

Saturday 12 October, 1.30-6.30pm at the CFA facility, Bullengarook Recreation Reserve.

Activities for the kids. Free native fire-resistant plants to take home.

Free entry. Barbecue food by gold coin donation.

For more information, contact Simon Hayward (CFA Captain) on 0417 387 296 or [simon.hayward@members.cfa.vic.gov.au](mailto:simon.hayward@members.cfa.vic.gov.au).

## NEW SEASON ARRIVALS



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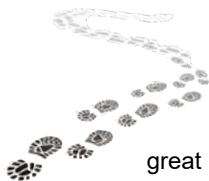
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## Rambler rambles



Hello from the Ramblers.

The group enjoyed some steady walks over the past month in some great weather, which is always welcome. A mixed selection, ranging from Heskett, Riddells Creek, Macedon and Coimadai.

One of the walks (the Antimony Mine foundations at Coimadai) is described below if you would like to try it.

Details of our weekly walks are emailed out if you join the mailing list. There is no cost or obligation, you can walk with the group on Fridays or solo at your preference.

Charles (gisramblers@gmail.com)

### WALK

### Antimony mine Coimadai

**Distance:** Approx. 8km

**Level:** Medium

This is an interesting scenic and bush walk with a historical focus.

The mine opened in the 19th century before closing in 1905. It was reopened during WW2 and worked between 1942 and 1944.

Antimony is a metallic element, mainly used as an addition to other metals to improve their properties. It can be found in paint, batteries and electronic devices. It is rarely used as a standalone product, the exception being the ancient Egyptians who used it as eyeliner (kohl).

#### Getting there from Gisborne

Drive towards Bacchus Marsh. Take the turn towards Diggers Rest which is the Diggers Rest-Coimadai Road. After passing the Merimu Reservoir, look for and turn into Antimony Mine Road. Follow the road to its termination and park. There is a gate with access to the state park.

#### Walk directions

The walk begins with a steady upward gradient on a wide dirt track. Take your time, this is perhaps the hardest part of the walk. Eventually, a peak is reached followed by a descent to a dry creek. At this point a T-junction offers the option of left to the Antimony Mine or right to Mount Sugarloaf.

Follow the Antimony option which leads along the creek (usually dry) with an occasional crossing. Along the way, a defined track merges from the left (on the return, this track offers a shortcut back).

Continue on until reaching the wire mesh bridge. This is great fun to cross but can be bypassed on the left if preferred. After crossing, look out for some collapsed brickwork and twisted old rail line on the left, marking the start of the mining area. Walk a further 100m and look out for the processing foundations over the creek on the right. These are a sandy-coloured concrete and tend to blend into the hillside. The creek needs to be crossed again to access the foundations, which are extensive and well worth exploring.

Return the same way you came.

## Bushwalkers collect great Victorian views



Masons Falls, one of many special sights in Victoria seen by the Gisborne Bushwalking Club.



Over the past month Gisborne Bushwalking Club has had a mix of bush and urban walks to kick off spring.

A 13km hike through the Bungal State Forest near Ballan saw us all stripping off layers on a wonderful clear and sunny day, the walk completed just before a massive storm hit for the journey home.

Our Spargo Creek walk offered a choice of an easy 5km or a little more challenging 17km, but we were rewarded by seeing wallabies, a wombat and lots of birdlife.

A walk in the Kinglake National Park to Masons Falls and Mount Sugarloaf provided panoramic views over the valley and the falls were flowing strongly.

We also enjoyed a great Bendigo creek walk and then a Maribyrnong River urban walk, so lots of variety for all. On most of our walks we saw the first sign of our state's great wildflowers and orchards.

The club is pleased to be part of Bushwalking Victoria's 'Try Bushwalking Month' in November which is a great opportunity to join us on one of our walks for free. For more information, check out our website in the coming weeks.

Our many and varied walks and activities has something for everyone so if you would like to give bushwalking a try you can join us as a casual participant for \$5 (insurance coverage). For details about the Gisborne Bushwalking Club, please contact Gail on 0419 374 603. Our website is [www.gisbornebwc.org](http://www.gisbornebwc.org).

Deborah

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## STAND TOGETHER

A community event to support men's mental health and suicide prevention.

MRSPAG and its Support After Suicide Peer team invite any men coping with grief and loss and men working on mental wellness.

Liam Twomey  
Australian Paralympian Para-triathlete

**Event Details**  
DATE: Thurs 24th Oct at 6.30 for a free BBQ  
WHERE: Mt Macedon Golf Club  
GUEST SPEAKER: Liam Twomey, a Paralympian with an inspiring story of achieving wellness after suffering mental ill health through grief.

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Gisborne Soccer Club girls' 13 VR after being crowned 13B state champions.



Gisborne Soccer Club 14 JA/DM are the champions of the 14C Girls West league.

## Stellar season for Gisborne female soccer

Gisborne Soccer Club has had a wonderful 2024 season with record numbers of teams representing the club in the Football Victoria Metro Leagues.

Official scores, ladders and finals only apply to Junior teams for ages 12 and above and this year our female teams have been the ones to beat.

Our 13 VR girls won their 13B Girls North-West League, finishing on top of the ladder before going on to win the state grand final against South-East League winner Chelsea FC. The grand final was a thriller, with the score tied at 2-2 after extra time before Gisborne won an intense penalty shootout 4-2.



This team of highly skilful players has now won back-to-back state championships!

Our 14 JA/DM girls are the league champions of the 14C Girls West league after finishing on top of their ladder also. They went on to play in a round robin style finals campaign and whilst they weren't crowned champions in that series, they are certainly champions for Gisborne!

The club's 13 RS/AB girls came runners up in the 13D North-West Girls league finishing second to Altona East Phoenix. The girls had a fantastic season

and were the only team in the league to beat the eventual league winners.

In addition to these team results, individual players from each of those teams won the Golden Boot for most goals scored for their entire league: congratulations to Sophie Cave-Bigley 14C Girls West (16 goals), Ava Ryan 13B Girls North-West (15 goals) and Aleeya Tannenberg 13D Girls North-West (27 goals).

Gisborne Soccer Club is now accepting expressions of interest for the 2025 season. Check the club's social media or [gisbornesoccer.com.au](http://gisbornesoccer.com.au) for more information.

Erin O'Reilly

## Gisborne Dragons are ready to roar



Gisborne Cricket Club is gearing up for an exciting cricket season, with the opening matches scheduled for Saturday 5 October. The first and second 11 teams will face off against Romsey in round one.

Preseason has been highly productive, with strong attendance from both senior and junior players since training kicked off in July. The highlight was undoubtedly the High Performance session at Cricket Victoria's Citipower Centre, led by former English county player and Level 3 coach Chris Hall. Players at all levels are expected to benefit greatly from this experience.

We are thrilled to announce that Gisborne Cricket Club is fielding six senior men's teams, one senior women's team, and a record number of junior players across both boys' and girls' competitions. However, if you or someone you know is still keen to get involved, there is still time to register.

Our Junior Blasters program, designed for kids aged 5 to 8 years, kicks off on Sunday 20 October at Gardiner Reserve. For more details, visit our Facebook page or website.



Riley Evans, Kyan Bannan, Harvey Telfer, Jack Shaw, and Michael Shea at Melbourne Airport before heading to Sri Lanka.

We also want to wish the best of luck to Riley Evans, Kyan Bannan, Harvey

Telfer, Jack Shaw and Michael Shea as they embark on a 10-day cricket tour to Sri Lanka—what a fantastic opportunity.

Go Dragons!

Brett Vernon, vice-president

## Join us in celebrating 105 years of excellence



Attention members and friends; the Macedon Tennis Club is thrilled to announce our upcoming 105 Year Anniversary Celebration, and we need your help to make it memorable!

We are looking for:

**Memorabilia:** Any items that represent our club's rich history.

**Trophies and Awards:** Bring in your achievements to showcase our legacy.

**Stories and Memories:** Share your favourite moments from your time with us — written or recorded.

**Pictures:** Old photos from events, gatherings, and milestones.

Your contributions will help us honour the past and celebrate our community's journey. Please submit your items and stories to [info@macedontennisclub.com.au](mailto:info@macedontennisclub.com.au)

We look forward to coming together to celebrate our shared history and making this anniversary unforgettable.

## Female football – recruiting now

(Senior Women & Under 18.5 Women)



As female football continues to grow exponentially, now is the perfect time to get involved and be part of an exciting, vibrant and encouraging culture.

The Gisborne Football Netball Club (GFNC) is excited to be fielding an Under 18.5 Women's and Senior Women's side in the Essendon District Football League in season 2025. We are looking for women aged 18+ who are interested in playing AFL football to join an exciting new era.

As pioneers of female football in the region, Gisborne is committed to continuing to help female footballers develop their football and life skills.

Whether you are an experienced player or looking to begin to play the game, you will be welcomed into an engaging and fun-filled learning and playing environment.

For more details, please contact Bernie Marantelli on 0409 554 141 or Ben Crooks on 0422 432 322.





June Hunter, Lindsay Kinghorn and Rhonda Shears at the Interstate Challenge at Nerang, Queensland, in August.

## PETANQUE NEWS



Mt Macedon Petanque Club members travelled to Ballarat on September 14 to attend the Golden Boule presentation day. The winner of the regional winter interclub competition this year was Pyrenees Petanque Club, based in Avoca.

Mixed games and a shared barbecue lunch added to the social interaction and camaraderie of the day.

The club has recently resurfaced two of its pistes. The stones are of a larger diameter, providing a different and more challenging surface. State-wide, clubs have a variety of playing surfaces and it is always good to be prepared for different terrains.

The Victorian team did not come out winners at the recent interstate challenge held on the Gold Coast, but the players all appreciated the training they received, learnt lots, made new friends, and had a lot of fun. Mt Macedon members June Hunter and Rhonda Shears were in the Victorian team. Lindsay Kinghorn was coach.

Mt Macedon won the recent Jolly Roger friendly tournament against Camberwell.

If you are interested in trying petanque, drop in to our club grounds behind the Ampol Service Station in Gisborne. Play days are held every Wednesday 3-6pm during daylight saving (starts 6 October) and Saturdays 10am-1pm on the second and fourth Saturdays. For enquiries please go to our website, [mtmacedonpetanque.org](http://mtmacedonpetanque.org).

The club expresses its gratitude to Gisborne Garden and Building Supplies who donated the stone for our resurfaced pistes.

Alison Kinghorn

# Everyone's getting their shoes off round these parts

...but socks and flat-soled shoes are ok too



**GISBORNE:** Barefoot bowls is a great way to learn the game of bowls while having fun at the same time. It is a great sport for all ages from school children through to those people who have retired.

Barefoot bowls at the Gisborne and District Bowling Club is starting soon and is played during daylight savings times with a break over the summer holiday period.

Get a team of four friends or work colleagues together or the club can find a team for you. No prior experience is needed – you can learn as you go. The club will provide you with bowls and in-

structions on how to play. The annual registration cost is \$10 with a weekly cost of \$10 which provides you with a sausage sizzle and access to the club bowls. The bar is open for the evening so you can have a refreshing ale, wine or soft drink.

You can play on a Tuesday or Wednesday, arriving at 5.30pm for a 6pm start. Wednesday barefoot bowls starts on 6 November – if you are interested in playing contact Sean Lawless on 0418 335 662. Tuesday barefoot bowls starts on 12 November – contact Ailene Paterson on 0417 397 609.

Remember it is all about having fun.

Russell Walker OAM

## Summer barefoot bowls and barbecue



**MACEDON:** Come along and have some fun at our Barefoot Bowls evenings and enjoy a 'build your own burger' barbecue. These are held on the first Friday of the month in November, December, February, March and April – weather permitting of course.

Adults \$20, School-aged kids \$10, Preschool kids free.



Footwear for barefoot bowls.

Bookings are essential. Contact Helen at [treasurermacedonbowls@gmail.com](mailto:treasurermacedonbowls@gmail.com) or on 0402 812 550, or Lesley at [secretarymacedonbowls@gmail.com](mailto:secretarymacedonbowls@gmail.com) or on 0417 996 767.

## And welcome to budding bowlers of the shod variety

**MACEDON:** Whether you are a seasoned bowler or just starting out, we invite you to try out the sociable community here at Macedon Ranges Bowling Club. You will find us at Tony Clarke Reserve, Waterfalls Road, Macedon.

Our pennant Tuesday and Saturday competitions are perfect for those looking to challenge themselves competitively as well as learn new skills, while our social bowls offers a relaxed and enjoyable atmosphere with great facilities and family atmosphere.

Don't be shy, join us for some friendly competition at practice on Thursdays from 3.30pm, make new friends and enjoy all our club has to offer.

## Spring spruce up



The federal member for McEwan, Rob Mitchell, dropped in to the South Gisborne Tennis Club to check out the facility and the equipment we bought with the successful volunteer grant funds. New nets and hard-court sweepers were well overdue.

Grass roots sporting clubs are grateful for the support governments provide in the form of grants which assist with the cost of maintaining our playing areas.

The weather is warming up and so are the Pickleball sessions: Mondays at 11am and 6.30pm, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 11am. Learn more at [sparktennis.com.au](http://sparktennis.com.au)

The club's all abilities tennis program has been nominated in the Victorian Disability Sport and Recreation awards for 2024. We are over the moon and thank our participants, coaches and volunteers. The lessons are on Thursdays at 3.30pm and if you wish to come along and have a go, contact Gail on 0403 760 272. Or maybe our free annual tennis



Rob Mitchell MP, Gail Scott, Mario Matejek, Alex Rowe and Ash Sullivan.

challenge day celebrated in conjunction with the International Day of Persons with Disabilities is more your speed. This year the event will be held on Thursday 28 November, 10am to 1pm.

Well done and thank you to Mirta and the crew on a successful Bunnings barbecue fundraiser. We appreciate the time given by all our volunteers at South Gisborne Tennis Club. Thank you also to the Community Bank Gisborne for our new marquee, which will provide much-needed shade at coming events.

Look up the club's website or Facebook site for all events, programs, coaching and club news: [www.southgisbornetc.com.au](http://www.southgisbornetc.com.au).

Gail Scott

## Croquet season opens, inside at least



The croquet season officially opened on 18 September despite the courts not being available for play.

The courts suffered quite dramatically during winter, and we have now begun to restore them to better condition.

The opening day began with a meeting followed by the ceremony to open the season.

We are all hoping to see many seniors turn up for a 'Come & Try' day on Monday 14 October. This is part of the Victorian Seniors Festival.

Croquet is a wonderful game for people of any gender or age. Very strategic and challenging, this low impact sport is easy to learn and once you try it, it is easy to become hooked.

Lyn Robinson



Club champion Elizabeth Payne runs the first hoop to open the new croquet season.



# SPORT IN PICTURES



Madeline Stewart, Gisborne, runner up in the Betty Thompson Medal, A-grade netball's best and fairest award.

## DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS



Rob Hyland is delighted to see the Cats win the C Grade RDFNL premiership on 15 September in his last game as a trainer after more than 20 years.



Gail Hobbs calls it a day on 7 September after 40 years helping with community netball.



Gisborne's B-grade premiership coach and captain rejoice.



Gisborne Football Netball Club, Bendigo League B-grade netball premiers.



Gisborne Giants, Riddell District League D-grade netball premiers.



Abbey Lambert, Macedon, C-grade neball best on court in Riddell District League grand final.



Under 19.5 premiers: Gisborne Giants (defeated Kyneton 74-49), Riddell District League.



Zoe Zucic, Gisborne Giants, D-grade best on court in Riddell League grand final.



Macedon Ranges Futsal: Under 10 winners.



MRNA Premiers U13B – Gisborne Possums.



Giants U19.5s smash through the barrier at the start of their grand final.



MRNA Premiers – Under 11B Possums.



MRNA runners up Under 13A – Gisborne Saints.



Grand final action – A reserve, Gisborne v Sandhurst.



Grand final action – B reserve, Gisborne v Sandhurst.



Grand final action – Seniors, Gisborne v Kangaroo Flat.



Grand final action – Reserves, Gisborne v Sandhurst.



Preliminary final action – Macedon v Wallan.

These and other pictures taken by Gazette photographer Chris Fleming are available from Maddisons, 37 Hamilton Street, Gisborne.

# Mixed fortunes for Gisborne on grand final day



Saturday 21 September was grand final day for the Bendigo Football Netball League, with all games held at the Queen Elizabeth Oval in Bendigo. The Gisborne Football Netball Club was represented in seven of the eight matches where Premiership glory was up for grabs, which was a magnificent achievement by all involved at the club.

While the results did not all go to plan, the A Grade netballers were able to come from nine goals down to overcome Kangaroo Flat by two goals in an absolute thriller and, in the process, achieve back-to-back premierships after winning in 2023. Goaler Tori Skrijel was awarded Best on Court honours in a fantastic display of goal shooting under great pressure.

The B Grade netballers scored two goals in the final 12 seconds to get past Sandhurst by one goal in another thriller. As well as scoring the last two goals of the game to get the Gisborne victory, goaler Hannah Weier shot beautifully all game and was rewarded for

her efforts with the Best on Court medal.

In B Res, the Gisborne girls were gallant in defeat, going down to Sandhurst by six after being well down in the first half. Their grand final berth, however, was a fitting reward for their great season.

The A Reserve girls were beaten in a heartbreaker when Strathfieldsaye put up a shot that went through just as the siren sounded, giving them the victory by one over Gisborne. The Gisborne girls put together a wonderful season finishing on top of the table and to make a grand final was a brilliant effort.

In football, it was Gisborne v Sandhurst in all grades.

After a two-point win over Golden Square in the preliminary final, the Gisborne U18s found Sandhurst just too good on the day, going down by 69 points at the final siren. The boys gave their all and can be extremely proud of their season.

The Gisborne Reserves ran into a red-hot Sandhurst, who looked to have a decided height and weight advantage over the ground. As was the case in the U18s, the young Bulldogs Reserves' endeavour and determination was on full display, however the result went the way of the Dragons to the tune of 36 points.

The Senior Football game was a much-anticipated affair with little separating Gisborne and Sandhurst all year. The Grand final proved to be the thriller that everyone had predicted and whilst being five goals down in the third quarter, the Gisborne boys produced a barnstorming five goals to one last quarter but ultimately it was the Dragons who prevailed by four points at the final siren, leaving the Dogs to ponder what may have been.

The club would like to take this opportunity to thank their members, sponsors and followers for their wonderful support throughout the 2024 season.

*John Wood  
president GFNC*



*Steamrail Victoria's vintage locomotive R761 passes Baringo Food and Wine (the former 'Whistlestop Hotel') in New Gisborne on 21 September. Picture: Cherry Cole.*

## Steam train chuffs Gisborne

If you heard a steam train whistle from a bygone era echoing through Gisborne on a fine September Saturday morning, you heard right.

The Bendigo line played host to its second steam train for the month on 21 September and the crowds were out in force trackside to welcome R761 on its journey north.

Steamrail Victoria's R761 locomotive hauling the vintage train of seven carriages to Castlemaine came through the New Gisborne crossing around 11am, much to the delight of local train spotters.

The locomotive was sporting a new paint job completed earlier this year to celebrate its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of restoration and preservation service with Steamrail Victoria.

Built by the North British Locomotive Company in 1952 in Scotland, R761 weighed in at around 190 tonnes. The locomotive arrived in Melbourne in February 1952 on board the *Helenus*.

R761 was withdrawn from regular service in 1964, with a recorded mileage of 136,250 miles (219,797km). The train re-entered service in 1970 for use on special workings and was the last R class to be withdrawn from the Victorian Railways service. There was considerable time spent in storage at the Newport rail facility before the steam train began renewal and refurbishment by Steamrail Victoria.

R761 is scheduled to come through Gisborne again on 2 November.

*Cherry Cole*



*Torie Skrijel, A-grade best on court in grand final.*



*Hannah Weier, B-grade best on court in grand final.*

## Ulysses family unites



The true meaning of family again became apparent within our Ulysses branch recently, with the tragic loss of our much-loved member Mark Freestone in a light-plane incident near Redesdale last month.

It was incredible to see our members rally around both Mark's family and each other. It is reassuring to know there are so many caring people within our club, should a simple twist of fate befall another one of our own. RIP our dear friend Mark Freestone.

If you would like to be part of a larger community-based club, and with people who share a common interest in motorcycles, then this is it.

We accommodate a wide variety of riding styles and, perhaps like you, the members have a wealth of life experience to share.

Our ride calendar is full of monthly Saturday lunch rides and Sunday trips, special annual events and Wednesday road rides. Here is a great chance to meet new friends and expand your horizons!

You will find us catching up and planning our next adventure at the Saturday morning Tyre-kick in Brantome Sreet, Gisborne, so kindly sidle up and say 'hello'. Check us out online at [www.mrub.org.au](http://www.mrub.org.au) or join us on Facebook for the latest news.

*Matthew Dridan*



*Ulysses late member and dear friend Mark Freestone at a recent fundraiser sausage sizzle in Sunbury.*

*Picture: Sylvia Behan*

# Why is that place called ... ?

## 3 Sansom's Corner

### The third in an occasional series.

Anything could be bought at Sansom's store in Gisborne. From socks to sewing machines and spuds to saucepans. Ironmongery and firewood could be had from out the back. It was a typical general store of an earlier time.

The store was on the south-west corner of Hamilton and Aitken Street, where the fish and chip store now feeds the hungry of Gisborne. It was opposite another similar 'everything' store in the double-storey brick building currently housing Woodards Real Estate.

Many people will probably have noticed the sign above the fish and chip shop pronouncing "Sansom's Corner".

George Sansom had the store from about 1912 to his death in 1952. While

it was usually known just as 'Sansom's' locally, the proper name of the shop was Fountain Supply Store. And supply it did. One story goes that when a local man could not get a partner at a dance in the Mechanics Hall, his mates eventually told him it was because his socks stank. So he went over and woke up the Sansom household to buy a new pair. George Sansom, to his credit, got up and sold some socks to the poor fellow, who changed into the fresh ones and shoved the old pair into his pocket. He trotted back hopefully to the hall where he remained, unsurprisingly, on his own.

George Sansom was the son of Benjamin and Sarah Sansom, who arrived in Gisborne in 1859-60 from Uplyme in Devon, where Benjamin Sansom's father was an agricultural labourer and gamekeeper. George married Sarah Allen and they had two children, Eva and Gena.

A long-time employee at Sansom's was another well-known name of old Gisborne, Tom Ladd, who worked at the store for 24 years and was fondly remembered by the Sansom family when he died in 1939.

The old timber store kept the name Sansom's until its demolition in the 1970s. A previous owner of the 'Mount Gisborne' property, Kron Nicholas (now in NSW), remembers helping the owners of the site to pull down the old buildings. *Pip Butler*



Sansom's Corner, September 2024.



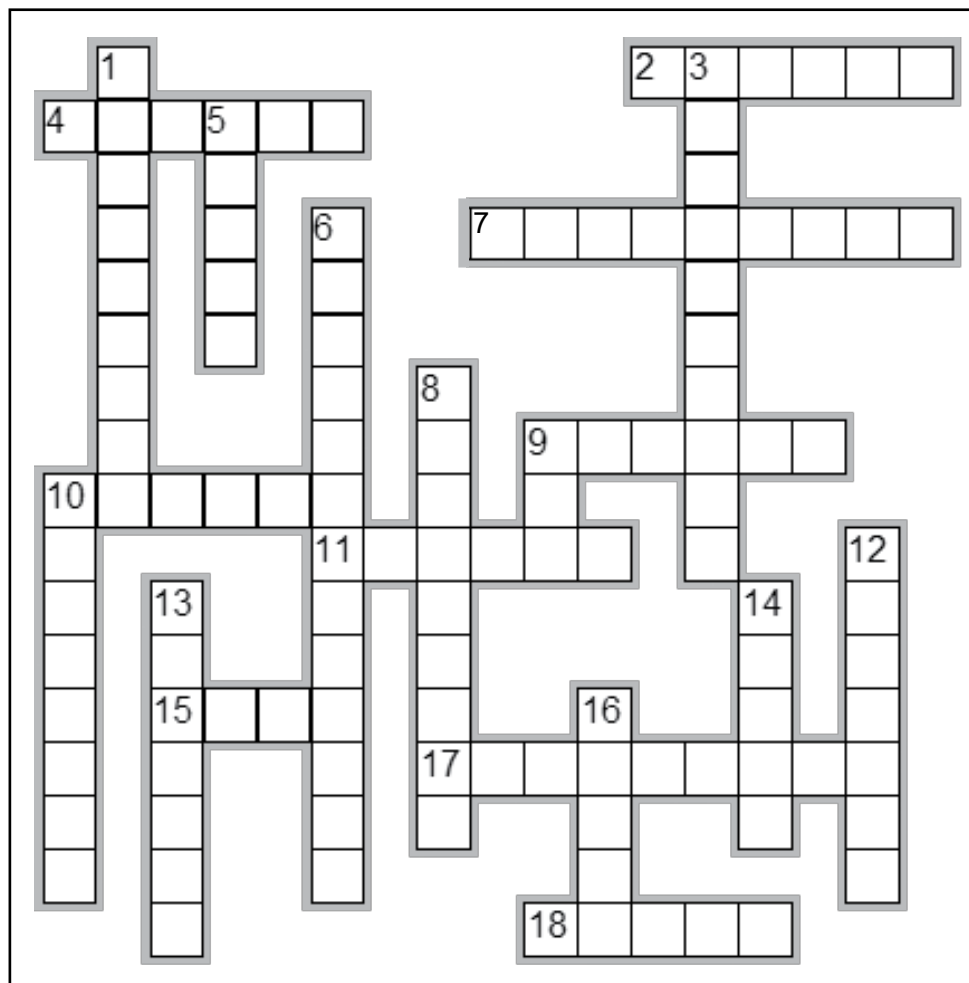
Sansom's store c1970.



## CROSSWORD

### ACROSS

2. The part of the flower's stamen where pollen is produced.
4. The flower on the Australian Coat of Arms and Australia's floral emblem.
7. Victoria's floral emblem.
9. The colourful outer parts of a flower or corolla are more commonly known as...
10. Elizabeth Short who was murdered in Los Angeles in 1947 was dubbed by the media as the Black .....
11. Sugary liquid produced by flowers and eaten by hummingbirds.
15. According to Shakespeare, a what by any other name would smell as sweet.
17. A song from *The Sound of Music* and a national symbol of Austria and Switzerland.
18. The better-known name of the flower which used to be known as Day's Eye.



## Flowers

Questions compiled by Chris Antoniou

### DOWN

1. Largest flower in the world named after Singapore founder Stamford Raffles.
3. Belladonna is also known as deadly...
5. The national flower of The Netherlands.
6. The Japanese throne is known as the what Throne.
8. The War of the Roses was between the houses of York and...
9. Chosen as South Australia's floral emblem in 1961 is Sturt's Desert ...
10. Yellow flower symbolising new beginnings and the national flower of Wales.
12. Decorative flower named after botanist Leonhart Fuchs.
13. Floral emblem of NSW.
14. The 1979 book and 1987 movie, *Flowers In The...*
16. The word 'flower' comes from the Roman goddess ...

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*Celebrating longevity.*

## Joy for all as special anniversaries marked



Recently the Uniting Church of Gisborne celebrated the longevity of the marriages of two of our couples.

Shirley and John travel often from the UK to visit friends in Gisborne. We happily joined them to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. A week later it was the turn of the well-known locals Bev and Paul Gilbertson, who added an extra ten years and celebrated their 60th.

For various reasons not all partnerships are this long. So, while the Gisborne congregation loves a chance to celebrate, we also support those in decidedly less happy situations. Every week we gather groceries to be distributed to refugees and asylum seekers in Broadmeadows.

None of us can avoid the fact that there are many

others, and Australian citizens, who are under devastating levels of stress as they look for a home. Some even end up trying to make do living in a car. Others simply try to find a dry and safe place each evening.

The Uniting Church is among the organisations offering various levels of support. Our local congregation is looking at the 'Ruffy Project' which provides enhanced sleeping bags for those doing it, tough. This cannot be the final goal of a humane society in which all have shelter, but small ventures can bring some practical help.

And for those of you looking for affordable, comfortable and attractive clothing, join us on Monday 21 October from 1.30pm for our regular parade of Kay's Classic Fashions. There will be a delicious afternoon tea – and the models will actually smile!

*Janet Wood*

## The blessing that is animals



Spring is with us bursting with new life. Blossoms and new leaves are everywhere and lambs and calves frolic in the paddocks.

Friday 4 October is the Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi who is best known for his care of animals and nature. It is also World Animal Day that focuses globally to make a better place for animals.

Genesis says God created all the creatures of the world. Then he created mankind, and gave mankind dominion over them.

Although not universally acknowledged, "dominion" or authority is not just about power and privilege, but also about responsibility.

Animals play a major role in our day-to-day life, providing food and fibre, companionship, care, recreation and service in many spheres. The vast majority of owners has the best interests of their animal's welfare at heart. Wild animals are also important in the balance of nature.

Over the centuries, many Christians have been at the forefront of animal welfare. In 1824, the Society for the Protection of Animals was formed in England by Rev Arthur Broome, William Wilberforce and others, the world's first animal welfare charity. Queen Victoria made it the Royal SPCA in 1840, reaching Victoria in 1871 and then across Australia.



*This prickly customer wanted to attend Mt Macedon Uniting Church, but it was not open! (Not staged).*

Despite differing views, we have dominion over them and with it comes the responsibility to respect and properly care for them, whether they are our pets, companions or support, commercial or recreational, or are in the wild.

We are blessed to be able to enjoy their company and utility and we should bless them and give thanks for God's love of us and all creatures.

*Neil Tweddle, Mount Macedon Uniting Church*



Parish Priest: Fr. Vincent Nguyen

**St Brigid's Church will be celebrating its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary on 9 February 2025.**

We would love as much memorabilia or information about our wonderful history as possible, so if you have any stories, memories, photos or memorabilia that you can share, please contact us at [trishannarmstrong@gmail.com](mailto:trishannarmstrong@gmail.com) or call/text 0417 526 945.

## Endings lead to new beginnings

When we reflect on the passage of our lives we can see patterns of change, where one life-stage ends and another begins.



We look forward with optimism even though we may regret the ending of something we have enjoyed. Or we may look forward with optimism and be thankful that a challenge has been finished!

At this time of the year students are heading into final exams or completing major assignments and can be heard lamenting the pressure that they currently feel. I encourage these students to look to the horizon and see the long summer holiday and new opportunities that will present with the new year.



*Fr Alan Smith with his granddaughter when he was ordained as a priest.*

I also am facing an ending and new beginnings. This is my last article on behalf of the Anglican Parish of Gisborne, as my term as acting vicar draws to a close and a new vicar will begin in early October.

As I reflect on my time with the parish, starting in 2019 as a student priest, I am reminded of the courage it takes to step into new roles, to join a new community and to build trust and friendships. Welcoming a new member to a group may be viewed as a small act of kindness; it is also a generous act and one that may enrich the lives of all parties involved.

The memories and the lessons that I take with me into my new beginning will aid me in responding to my God's calling. My time here has been much enriched by kindnesses of many people, both members of the parish and more broadly the Gisborne community. Even though I will be sad to go, I am optimistic for the future of Gisborne, it has many good things to be thankful for.

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



# 100 YEARS AGO

## OCTOBER 1924

**Drinking Tap Water** – The danger of drinking water from taps without catching it in some vessel and seeing that it is alright, has been pointed out frequently. ... If anyone doubts the danger, he has only to pay a visit to Mr Charles Swinburne's shop and see, in a glass jar, what a layman would call a wire-worm which came through the tap and was caught in a bucket of water about three weeks ago. It is like a thin piece of wire in appearance, 15 inches or maybe more and it is extremely active, whisking around and making spiral shapes and other fantastic movements every few moments.

**Upper Macedon News** – The Progress Association and School Committee combined intend to go ahead with the swimming basin in Stanley Park. Mr Ewing (Shire Engineer) is busy preparing the plan and the cost of same. Circulars will then be issued to the residents of the Mount soliciting donations and I am sure the funds will soon be forthcoming so that the basin will be in readiness for the summer months.

*Gisborne Gazette – 3 October 1924*

**Radio Club for Gisborne** – Mr Henry Tate, Head Teacher at Gisborne's Higher Elementary School, has proposed the formation of a Wireless Club and the installation of a wireless receiving set at the school. Powerfully equipped licensed broadcasting stations are now sending out daily programs consisting of market and weather reports, general news items and musical and theatrical numbers, while messages are continually being received from such far-off places as America and New Zealand. To install a five-valve receiving set with aerial and complete equipment would cost £55.

*Gisborne Gazette – 10 October 1924*

(The set was installed two weeks later.)

**Electricity for the District** – An officer from the Electricity Commission paid a visit to Riddell about a fortnight ago, for the purpose of finding out to what extent electric supply from the Morwell scheme will be required in the district. The main will pass close to Riddell and one of the transforming stations will be situated there, where supplies will branch off for Sunbury, Gisborne, Macedon, Romsey, Lancefield and intermediate places.

*Gisborne Gazette – 10 October 1924*

**New Industry – Charcoal Burning at Bullengarook** – For some months past, it was known that preparations were being made by Mr Holmquist, a new arrival at Bullengarook, to commence a charcoal burning industry there. Kilns were being erected at Mr Higgins' place and wood of a special quality was being cut in readiness for operations. The kilns, which are huge cast-iron contrivances, took a considerable time to build and place in position. It was not till last week that a start was made. The first day's output was 128 bags of charcoal... It is intended to use motor trucks to convey the charcoal to Gisborne railway station for transmission to Melbourne and other places.

*Gisborne Gazette – 31 October 1924*

## WHAT'S ON REGULAR MEETINGS

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



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

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

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

**CAR CLUB** (Mac Ranges & District Motor Club) 1st Wednesday,  
8pm, Steam Park, New Gisb. [secretary@mradm.com.au](mailto:secretary@mradm.com.au)  
**CARERS GROUP** (Mac Ranges) 2nd & 4th Thurs, 1pm WoodendRSL  
Cherry 5420 7132 (Note: 4th Thurs carers only)  
**COMMUNITY GARDEN** Wed 9.30am Church of Christ  
(Facebook for updates)

**CROCHET & CONVERSATIONS** 1st Mon 2.30pm Gisborne Library  
**CROQUET CLUB** Wed & Sat 10am Dixon Field  
Noeline 0426 500 516  
**CWA GISBORNE** 2nd Monday 10am Gis Secondary College  
**CWA MACEDON** 3rd Tues 1pm & 7pm 5426 2210  
662 Mt Macedon Rd

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

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

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

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

**GARDEN CLUB** 2nd Wed various venues Jeanette 5420 7303  
**GENEALOGY GROUP** 4th Thurs 7.30 Family Hist Rm, Library  
**GIRL GUIDES** Thursdays 5pm Gis Scout Hall  
**GISBORNE SINGERS** Wed 7.30pm Gisborne Uniting Church

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY** open Wed 10am-4pm Court House  
**HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY** (Mount Macedon & District)  
1st Tuesday 8pm, Mount Macedon Horticultural Hall,  
583 Mt Macedon Road [mountmacedonhorticulture.org.au](http://mountmacedonhorticulture.org.au)

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

**LIBRARY: TODDLERS' STORY TIME** 10.30am Mon, Wed, Thurs;  
**BABIES GROUP** Fri 10.30am 5428 3962

**LIONS CLUB** (Gisb) 1st Thurs of month, 7.30pm 247 Station Rd

**MARTIAL ARTS** Thurs from 6pm St Brigid's Hall;  
[gisborne@junseikan.com.au](mailto:gisborne@junseikan.com.au)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**VINTAGE MACHINERY** Working bees 1st Sun of month, 8.30am  
Steam Park; meetings last Friday of month 7pm Steam Park  
0419 393 023

**WRITERS** (Scribes & Scribblers) 2nd Tues 10am-12 Riddell  
Neighbourhood House 5428 7836

**YOUNG VOICES** Thursdays 4.15-5.45pm House of the Rock,  
New Gisborne; [yv.macedon.org.au](http://yv.macedon.org.au) or [sdggome@patash.com.au](mailto:sdggome@patash.com.au)

## Baringo Film Club

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

Date	Film
2/10-5/10	<i>All of Us Strangers</i> US/Fantasy/Romance 1h 45m
9/10-12/10	<i>Perfect Days</i> Japan/Drama/Narrative 2h 5m
16/10-9/10	<i>One Life</i> UK/ Biographical/Drama 110m
23/10-26/10	<i>Past Lives</i> Korean/Romance/Drama 1h 46m
30/10-2/11	<i>Mr Jones</i> Polish/Ukr/British/True life 1h 59m

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

## KIDS' QUIZ ANSWERS

- |                     |  |
|---------------------|--|
| 1. One              | 7. Edinburgh   |
| 2. A meteorite      | 8. Cluedo  |
| 3. Clouds           | 9. At the Krusty Krab                                      |
| 4. One thousand     | 10. The kangaroo and emu (because they don't go backwards) |
| 5. Daniel Radcliffe |  |
| 6. Purple           |  |

## CROSSWORD ANSWERS

### ACROSS

- Anther
- Wattle
- Pink heath
- Petals
- Dahlia
- Nectar
- Rose
- Edelweiss
- Daisy

### DOWN

- Rafflesia
- Nightshade
- Tulip
- Chrysanthemum
- Lancaster
- Pea
- Daffodil
- Fuchsia
- Waratah
- Attic
- Flora

## QUIZ ANSWERS

- |                |                  |
|----------------|------------------|
| 1. Kookaburra  | 6. Atticus Finch |
| 2. A googol    | 7. John Glenn    |
| 3. John Howard | 8. 1854          |
| 4. 100         | 9. Robert Bloch  |
| 5. Bucharest   | 10. Citroen      |



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