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Players Corinne Morgan and Lachlan Baille enjoy a game at South Gisborne Tennis Club.



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From the Editor's desk

Thank you

It was a pleasure to be able to thank many Gazette reporters, distributors and sponsors in person at our annual Gazette reception in October, and to celebrate 200 editions of the Gazette together. To those who weren't there, I send you my appreciation here for being part of what I have come to think of as possibly the largest team effort in the South Ward. Special thanks to the Gazette committee who work hard behind the scenes to get the local news to the community eleven months a year – you are all legends.

Partnering with our youth

I had the privilege of being a 'community partner' for the Gisborne Social Innovators program at Gisborne Secondary College in October (story on page 4) and think we adults in the community have a big opportunity before us.

Local young people have some brilliant ideas to make the world a better place and many are interested in helping to make our community safer, more caring and more sustainable. The challenge is figuring out ways to let them do that. How can we better enable, tap into and connect with local students and youth to create positive change around Gisborne?

Besides bringing minds and passions together, I think there are benefits to bringing generations together more too.

I see this in action at the *Gazette* where we are lucky to receive a variety of content from local young people, such as school and club reports, the 'spot the difference' for the kids' page (drawn by secondary school student Eliza Ransome) and a periodic column by university student Rue Kelly. The same is true on the distribution side, where young people, and children and grandchildren of designated distributors, help deliver the *Gazette* to local letterboxes.

This collaboration makes our paper better and, from what I see, the young contributors appreciate the opportunity to be part of our community newspaper as much as we enjoy having them.

Their involvement can help build their skills, confidence, networks and even their CV – as happened for Rue last month when she was a finalist in the Community Newspaper Association of Victoria award for young reporters. Congratulations, Rue!

Happy reading, especially the parts by local young people!

Corinne Shaddock

Gazette hits 200 issues

The October 2024 edition was the 200th *Gisborne Gazette* full of community news, photos and stories from the South Ward of the Macedon Ranges Shire. To celebrate, the committee cut a '200 edition' cake at the annual Gazette reception in October.

In extraordinary community service, Bryan Power and Pip Butler started in their roles 18 years ago when the paper started, in 2006.

The committee thanks everyone who has helped the paper's success, which of course includes all our reporters, advertisers, sponsors and distributors.

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The *Gisborne Gazette* acknowledges the Wurundjeri people as the traditional custodians of the land on which we live and work. We recognise their continuing connection to land, water and community, and pay respect to elders past, present and emerging.



Gazette committee members celebrate the 200th Gazette. From left: Patsy Smith, Dorothy Murray (treasurer), Corinne Shaddock (editor), Maxine Barker (president and distribution manager), Bryan Power (writer and fill in editor), Deb Fleming (secretary), Pip Butler (production), and Jenny Shipp (social media and website).

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Gisborne Secondary College year 8 and 9 students with facilitators and selected community partners at the Gisborne Social Innovators pitch session on 24 October.

Young people full of ideas to shape future

How did you choose your job? Some local students would like to see ultrarealistic virtual reality games help them select which type of employment to pursue and an app that connects students looking for apprenticeships with businesses offering them. An opportunity to meet local businesses offering employment in person would also be welcome.

Do you miss the greengrocer in Gisborne? Two students would really like to see one back in town, with affordable prices and possibly run as a not-for-profit, so everyone can access healthy fruit and vegetables.

And what about pets and people who are home alone all day? A website that connects them could make both happier, and combat loneliness.

These are just a few of many great and actionable ideas presented by Gisborne Secondary College students to 'community partners' at the end of a two-day 'Gisborne Social Innovators' program in late October.

Run by Crazy Ideas College, the program guided more than 60 Year 8 and 9 students to generate "crazy good ideas that care for the planet and enable more people to live fulfilling and prosperous lives". Working in teams, the students were challenged to pare down their big ideas to actionable 'smart start experiments', build prototypes to help promote their concepts and, finally, pitch their projects to a panel of community partners.

In this time when so much of our lives can run online, it was not surprising that many projects incorporated new technologies such as virtual reality, apps, GPS tracking, and devices monitoring and even guiding human



Community partners at the event: Vicki Turner (CRLLEN), Simon Matthee (Millett Road Maker), Stephen Pepper (Go Renewable Energy Group), Justin Walsh (MRSC environment unit), Bianca Cutajar (MRSC Youth) and Scott Tutton (Gisborne Cricket Club and Australian Sports Commission). Not pictured: Corinne Shaddock (Gisborne Gazette).

behaviour. But creating new opportunities to connect with other people – in-person and in other ways, within and across age groups – was also a common feature.

A deep care for others shone through multiple presentations on new ways to educate young people on the safe use of alcohol and the dangers of recreational drugs and driving under the influence.

One team made a passionate plea and plan to remove

rubbish from Jacksons Creek in Gisborne and another landed on selling fire preparation kits as a first step towards an 'anti-bushfire system' that links to aquifers.

Organisers said local community and business partners were connected into the program so that teams extended their thinking and so that their great ideas could be acted upon.

Through the support of Crazy Ideas College, community partners will be invited to provide further feedback to teams as they develop their ideas, and connect them with the right people and resources so their ideas can be brought to life.

The community is encouraged to check out the students' ideas on www.cicbeyond.com. Ideas developed in last year's Gisborne program, and many others around the country, are also on the website.

Local people wanting to connect to students about their ideas can contact Gisborne Secondary College.

In the words of Kieran Murrhry, the founding director at the Crazy Ideas College, "we all benefit when we unlock the ingenuity, resourcefulness and optimism of young people."

Corinne Shaddock

A student presents the idea of using gamified virtual reality for job discovery.




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Rue Kelly and Corinne Shaddock with their Community Newspaper Association of Victoria awards.

Gazette recognised in newspaper awards

The *Gisborne Gazette* was recognised four times in the 2024 Community Newspaper Association of Victoria awards, announced at the association's annual conference in Bendigo on 12 October.

The *Gazette* was one of 10 papers from across the state shortlisted for 'Best newspaper'. In her comments as category judge, journalist Jeanette Severs said the shortlisted papers "demonstrate a wonderful and interesting compilation of news, profiles, and history and community features." She also praised these publications' photos "that tell the stories", good layouts, spelling and grammar and, for those that have them, children's activity and puzzle sections.

Corinne Shaddock's article 'American highs for Burnip family' in the February *Gazette* won 'Best sports reporting'. The judge described the article on James Burnip's success playing gridiron for the University of Alabama as "a standout" and "a great read", and commended the family insights, photos and mention of James' life outside football.

For the first time, the *Gazette* was a finalist in the 'Best article by a person 18 or under' category, with Rue Kelly's article 'Railing against the mundane', published in the June issue, receiving much praise from the judge: "This clever and witty reflection on rural youth using public transport was entertaining to read. Wonderful vocabulary and a strong voice in this short piece." Rue started writing for the *Gazette* in 2023 and started a new occasional column this year under the title 'Ruelections'.

Finally, Corinne's 'From the editor's desk' column in the February edition received an honourable mention in the 'Best editorial comment' category.

The *Gazette* team thanks everyone who contributes to the content and layout of the paper for being part of the paper's success in this year's awards.

Environment and literary rockstars headline at Mountain Festival

Australia's first and only environmental festival, Mountain Festival, will feature luminaries such as *Alone Australia* winner and author Gina Chick, environmentalist Bob Brown and Miles Franklin winner Alexis Wright.

Other popular guests include the author of *Dark Emu*, Bruce Pascoe, Tasmanian writer Robbie Arnott, renowned chef Annie Smithers, garden designer Paul Bangay and Australian rock icon Tim Rogers.

Running from 22-24 November at Jubilee Hall, the Mountview Theatre and in the forests of Geboor (Mt Macedon) on Wurundjeri country, Mountain Festival pivots from its 2022 birth as a writers' festival to a story festival this year.

An expanded program includes nature immersion, Indigenous astronomy, art classes and kids' workshops in a bid to gather with the community to embrace storytelling in all its forms.

Bird walks, fireside stargazing, yoga and medi-



tation are also on offer.

The Ash Wednesday play reading that was a local feature of the 2022 festival makes a comeback, with actors Shane Jacobson and Pia Miranda performing alongside local performers to bring the story of community resilience to life.

Festival founder and director Sonia Orchard hopes guests return from this year's festival feeling spiritually, intellectually and physically nourished.

The sell-out success of the inaugural festival showed "just how much support there is for these kinds of cultural

conversations and experiences about place, story and nature," she said.

Weekend and day passes are on sale now at mountain-festival.com.au.

The Mountain Festival e-newsletter and social media will provide updates on the festival.



Three of the festival speakers: Bob Brown, Gina Chick and Robbie Arnott.

Water posters make a splash

Three local primary school students are to be congratulated on their creative entries in Greater Western Water's 2024 National Water Week poster competition.

Norah from St Brigid's Primary School placed third in the Prep category, Jennifer from New Gisborne Primary was third in Years 1 and 2, and Alison from St Brigid's was given third place in the Years 5 and 6 category.

The trio's posters were selected by Greater Western Water staff from more than 1240 entries submitted by children from 47 schools and early learning centres.

Greater Western Water employees voted for the posters which they felt demonstrated outstanding creativity and a deep understanding of this year's competition theme, 'Water for All, Inspiring Action'.



Third place for Years 1 and 2 in the Greater Western Water poster competition was this poster by Jennifer in Grade 2 at New Gisborne Primary School.

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Chance to visit Mt Macedon's Durrol garden

Take a step back in history and enjoy a day exploring Durrol, a quintessential example of a hill station property on Mount Macedon.

The current family has owned Durrol for over 100 years.

The gardens date back to the early 20th century and incorporate an enclosed garden by the noted garden designer Edna Walling.

Visitors can wander the rock-walled paths, mossy steps and lawns while taking in the magnificent array of mature trees including maples, oaks, lindens, beech, weeping elms and ash to name a few.

This garden opening is hosted by the Mt Macedon

and District Horticultural Society. Funds raised are to achieve a life-sized bronze statue of Ellis Rowan, to be placed in Mt Macedon. Ellis Rowan (1848-1922) was a prolific artist, painting thousands of works that reflected her exploration of Australia and remote parts of the world hunting for wildflowers, rare plants, insects and birds to paint.

Details: Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 November, 800 Mount Macedon Road, Mount Macedon, 10am-4pm, Entry is \$10.

Duneira house and garden are also open, on 2 and 3 November, for the Bluebell Festival. Address: Officer Lane, Mount Macedon. See page 6 for details.

Interested in bushwalking? This is the time to try it

November marks a special milestone for Bushwalking Victoria, celebrating 90 years of supporting bushwalkers and encouraging people to explore the natural beauty of the state. To celebrate, it's Try Bushwalking Month. Victorians of all levels are invited to join walking events hosted by bushwalking clubs.

Gisborne Bushwalking Club is leading three walks in November as part of Try Bushwalking Month:

Sunday 17 November – Brisbane Ranges, Extended Loop. 17.7km, level: medium+. Leaders: Mark Summers (0402 934 775) and Gail Davies (0419 374 603)

Thursday 21 November – Kyneton River Walk (sunrise walk) 6.5km, level: easy. Leaders: Elizabeth Summers (0405 523 121) and Laraine Hanks (0402 089 480).

Wednesday 27 November – Castlemaine Heritage Diggings Loop – 11km, level: easy/medium. Leaders: Helga Ohlmus (0407 908 741) and Jeanette



There are many things to see when bushwalking, from big vistas to small plants like this common bird orchid Gisborne Bushwalking Club members saw in October.



Willowbank Primary School went Halloween in the last week of October, and what a scary picture they made!

Collinson (0438 744 067).

For more information, visit bushwalkingvictoria.org.au/try-bushwalking-month or contact the walk leaders directly to discuss if the walk is suited to you.

There is no fee for visitors during November, so it is a great time to try a bushwalk. Otherwise, you can join one of our other walks in any other month for \$5 (insurance coverage).

Last month the club enjoyed a great walk through the natural bushland of Macedon to discover wildflowers, orchids and very active bird life. Although a bit of a slower pace than we usually get up to, it was amazing how much we discovered.

For details about the Gisborne Bushwalking Club, please contact Gail on 0419 374 603 or visit www.gisbornebwc.org.
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New public defibrillator in Gisborne

A new publicly accessible automatic external defibrillator (AED) has been installed on the front of the Gisborne Ambulance branch at 49 Robertson Street, Gisborne, and is available to anyone in the vicinity in case of a cardiac emergency.

The device was generously donated by two community members, Braeden Strahan and Jonathon Wieckowski, who lost their friend Scott Newell to a cardiac arrest one year ago; they raised money through a local role play games community of which Scott was a big part.

Ambulance Victoria Macedon Ranges senior team manager Tim Fraser said the AED will help locals in Gisborne respond and save lives when there is a medical emergency.

"Every day, around 21 Victorians will suffer a cardiac arrest but only one in 10 survive," he said.

We know that bystander intervention has the greatest impact on improving someone's chance of surviving a cardiac arrest.

When a patient receives cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and a shock from an AED before paramedics arrive, their chance of survival more than doubles."

The AED was installed as part of Ambulance Victoria's 'Shocktober' campaign last month which aimed to teach Victorians that you do not need to be a paramedic to save lives.

"Anyone can, by following three simple steps – Call, Push, Shock: (call triple zero 000), Push (perform CPR by pushing hard and fast on the middle of the chest) and Shock (use an AED)," said Tim.

Shocktober also encouraged people to sign up to the GoodSAM app, which connects Victorians in cardiac arrest with members of the community who are willing to start CPR in the critical minutes before paramedics arrive.

Local GoodSAM responder Helen Barker helped to save the life of a Gisborne father of three last year.



Horace Vella (Ambulance Victoria Gisborne), Tricia Kaye (Gisborne Ambulance Auxiliary), Jonathon Wieckowski, Braeden Strahan and Tim Fraser (Ambulance Victoria Macedon Ranges)

Remembrance Day, 11 November



One of the most important dates for RSL and the veteran community comes with the commemoration of Remembrance Day on 11 November.

On this day we pay solemn respect to all those service men and women who lost their lives in service for Australia, New Zealand, Britain and all our allies.

The Gisborne Remembrance Day commemoration service will begin at approximately 10.50am, with a minute's silence observed at 11am, at the Gisborne cenotaph in Hamilton Street, next to the community centre.

All members of the community are encouraged to attend this annual commemoration service.

If you intend to lay a wreath of remembrance at the ceremony or, alternatively, would like our sub-branch to lay one on your behalf, please contact our secretary at admin@gmrrsl.com or call 0487 278 681.



Red Poppy

To commemorate our fallen, you may wish to also show your support by wearing a

commemorative Red Poppy.

Local RSL members are out and about selling Poppy badges in the leadup to Remembrance Day.

RSL Victoria has recently advised that all current serving men and women of the ADF are invited to join RSL sub-branches as service members at no cost.



Darren Grevis-James

Darren Grevis-James, president

When Harry met Alice ► see page 14

A story of wartime love and loss involving a young Gisborne soldier.



The bluebell drive at Duneira.

Don't miss Duneira Bluebell Festival

The Duneira Bluebell Festival is on Saturday and Sunday 2 and 3 November, at Officer Lane, Mt Macedon. Tours of the historic garden and 1875 Victorian mansion with Stuart Stoneman's art collection are included in the ticket price. There will also be live music and local stalls including CWA scones, coffee, sausage sizzle, wine, gin and crafts.

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New faces

After 24 years as a barber in Gisborne, Danny Ciantar retired on 12 October and is moving to Yeppoon in Queensland to relax in the sun. Danny is pictured with the new owners of the barbershop, barbers 'Sam and Sam', formally Sarnd Fario and Sarnd Marcus. Kevin is still at the shop.



▲The Town Butcher in Hamilton Street has a new front of house team of Phil Kennedy and Donna Anderson. Donna has worked in the business for 12 years, and Phil started in May.

New names

- The former Brumby's Bakery next to Coles Gisborne has changed its name to Fortune Bakehouse. The owners remain the same.
- Ann Maurie Hair Salon is now Kalandra following its sale earlier this year. The hairdressers at the salon have not changed.
- After many years of providing women's fashions in Hamilton Street, Style 25 boutique closed its doors in late October. A new clothing store will be opening on the site.

New business

Gisborne Mowers and Chainsaws has opened next to Gisborne Collision Centre in Robertson Street and will be expanding into the building next door in the next 12 months. Store manager Jacob Hartley and mechanic Chris Jackson are pictured at right two weeks after opening. Readers of a certain vintage may remember a mower shop being just across the road from this site 30-odd years ago, in the building that now houses Gisborne Food & Wine.



November already!
The Macedon Village Hotel is still on schedule, with major improvements happening over the past month. Fingers crossed we will have a local pub again by Christmas!

Police are investigating a recent theft of a vehicle in Victoria Street. This is a timely reminder to be vigilant and keep things secure. Local CCTV footage has been invaluable to police. If you are thinking of installing CCTV, Senior Constable Woods is happy for you to pop into the Macedon Police Station on Mondays between 8am and 4pm to discuss.

At the recent Riddell District Football Netball League presentation night, Macedon senior coaches Alistair Meldrum (football) and Katie Clarke (netball) were both named Coach of the Year. A great achievement and congratulations to both Al and Katie.

We wish Mel (from Mr Cafe) all the best as she goes on maternity leave. We look forward to hearing some exciting news in the next few weeks.

Good luck to some of our locals who are competing in the New York Marathon in November. Stay tuned for an update next month.

Rainfall in Victoria Street in the four-week period 21 September to 19 October was 79mm. This is 25mm more than the same time last year. The total so far this year is 649mm (26 inches in old terms).

With summer approaching the CFA remind us to get properties ready for the fire season. Contact Macedon CFA via email (Macedon.sec@cfa.vic.gov.au) or Facebook if advice is needed. If you do not have email access, come into the post office and we will put someone from the local CFA in contact with you.

Please pop in and see us if you have anything you would like us to include in next month's column. Have a great November!

Anne and the team at Macedon Post Office

IN BRIEF

Reminder: Woodend art show

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.

Be prepared for bushfire

Macedon Ranges Further Education Centre in Gisborne is holding a Bushfire Preparedness workshop on Tuesday 19 November, from 7pm to 9pm. To enrol online, please go to www.mrfec.net.au.

Tales of old Gisborne Saturday night at the pictures



with Peter and
Eddie Gardiner



Poster for the popular *Some Like It Hot*

Eddie: Pictures were a huge event. They started in the early 1950s and became a great attraction for a number of years. Set up in the Mechanics Hall with two aisles, 16 seats per row, and 20-odd rows with wooden forms down the front for the kids.

Many of the seats were double, known as cuddle seats, especially if they sloped into the middle. They were sought after. The hall was packed out each Saturday, in fact it was advisable to have your seat booked.

There was a crying room to the side where mothers could go with crying babies and still watch the movie through a window.

I sat at the back with my football mates John Richie, Ray Kean and Ray Coleman. All the young guys tried to get on to Lyn Black, the usherette, and 60 years ago I married her.

Peter: I sat on the other side with my mates Bill Richie, Freddie Thomas and Rick McCorkell. The back seats were raised on a platform.

The pictures were run by an out-of-towner who brought his own projectors and sound system. He had an assistant named Roma and she sold the tickets. The films were projected from a room high above the entrance. It was a proper professional show. There was a newsreel, a cartoon (the favourite was *The Road Runner*) and then a movie until half time. People went across the road to the milk bar run by Bill Deverall and later by John Pepper for an ice cream or a drink. After intermission the main movie was shown.

Eddie: The first movie shown there was *Lassie Come Home*. Other popular movies were *Jedda*, *Three Coins in the Fountain*, *Rebel Without a Cause* and *Some Like it Hot*. When the feature film ended we all stood up for *God Save the Queen*.

Before the pictures started at Gisborne there was a bus from Gisborne on Wednesday and Saturday nights that took people to the pictures at the Star Theatre in Woodend. It was where the present IGA supermarket is. I saw my first picture there. It was *The Bells of St Mary's* with Bing Crosby.

Peter: I saw my first movie in Melbourne. It was in 1945 and it was called *The Sullivans*. It was the story of five American brothers who were all drowned when their ship was sunk during World War Two.

There was also the Talkies Theatre in Sunbury. The pictures there were run by Eric Boardman who also had the newspaper in Gisborne.

By about 1962 most people had television so the Saturday night pictures ended.



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A fond farewell

Ryan Alexander will be stepping down from his position as manager at Hardy's and Gisborne UFS pharmacies to become a stay-at-home dad. Staff at both pharmacies said they will miss Ryan but wish him the best for this new chapter in his life. Ryan (front) with the team at Hardy's in Brantome Street at the team's 'pink morning tea' on 17 October to raise funds for breast cancer research.



WHAT'S ON AT GISBORNE LIBRARY

During the school holidays, the Gisborne library bustled with activities. Families enjoyed movies, craft sessions, and our Indigenous Literacy Foundation book swap. We were able to raise \$183 for the foundation, which will be used to buy books for young people in remote communities. Thank you to everyone for your contribution!

November events:

Film: *Argylle* (M, 2024) – Wednesday, 13 November 1-3.20pm



Speechie Library Talk – Monday, 18 November 10.30-11.15am. We welcome a special guest, speech pathologist Laura, to Storytime to share a book from the Speech Pathology Australia book of the year awards. Laura will also provide information for parents on the role of speech pathologists in language and literacy development for 0–5-year-olds, and things you can do at home to help.

Introductory car maintenance workshop for women – Saturday 30 November, 10am-12pm. This session will help you feel empowered and better understand your car. Hosted by Rich, a mechanic of 26 years. All ages and abilities welcome, including new drivers.

Coming up in early December

Meet Christine Gregory – Tuesday 3 December, 6-7pm. Christine is the author of *The Community*, an intricate, compelling crime drama set against a distinctive Australian backdrop. Book sales and signings.

Watercolour workshop for adults – Thursday 5 December, 2-3pm.

For bookings and details on all of these activities, head to goldfieldslibraries.com, or give us a call on 5428 3962.

MRFEC hits the jackpot with bingo



We are thrilled to have been hosting 'Bingo Monday' over the past few months at Macedon Ranges Further Education Centre (MRFEC) in Gisborne. With free entry and no cash prizes, the real prize is an afternoon spent in good company enjoying the timeless classic, Bingo!

Previously hosted at the Gisborne Golf Club, 'Bingo Monday' started in July and has been a great addition to the centre. To join the fun, drop in on the day or give us a call if you would like to RSVP. The final Bingo Mondays for 2024 will be held from 10am to 1pm on 11 November and 9 December.

At MRFEC we are also wishing season's greetings a little early this year by kicking off our festive and standard workshops in November. 'Tis the season

to try something new. These include the following:

Macrame Workshop – Friday, 8 November 9.30am-12.30pm; **Floristry Wreath Workshop @ MMMCH (Macedon & Mount Macedon Community House)** – Friday 8 November 9.30am-12.30pm; **Mandala Workshop** – Friday 22 November, 9.30am-12.30pm; **Floristry Christmas Arrangement Workshop @ MMMCH** – Friday 29 November 9.30am-12.30pm; **Floristry Christmas Arrangement Workshop** – Friday 6 December 9.30am-12.30pm.

Special bushfire preparedness workshop: Tuesday 19 November 7-9pm. Led by Mt Macedon CFA member Bruce Dudon.

For further information or online enrolment, please head to our website www.mrfec.net.au. Keep an eye on our Instagram and Facebook pages for other events.



All were winners of good company at Bingo Monday on 24 October.

What's on at Community House

Macedon and Mount Macedon Community House is offering floristry activities in conjunction with Macedon Ranges Further Education Centre in November. See the MRFEC report (above) for details. Please book for these events at www.mrfec.net.au.



Regular programs at the Community House

Canasta Club – Wednesdays 2-5pm – New players welcome to drop in, gold coin for tea and coffee; **Permaculture Group** – Permies at the House – See Permies@theHouse on Facebook for activities; **Playgroup** – Mondays 10am-12pm and Wednesdays 9.30-11.30am – New families are welcome to join our

free playgroups. Email playgroup@mmmcommunityhouse.org for details; **Over 55s Yoga** – Wednesdays 6.30-7.30pm – For more information and

to discuss prerequisites, contact Loris at loriscassar@gmail.com; **Craft Circle** – Thursdays 10am-12pm – Bring your own sewing, knitting or craft project and meet creative, like-minded locals; **Library Drop-in and Co-working Space** – closed for November; **House hire:** see www.mmmcommunityhouse.org.

Sponsorship Drive – The committee is calling out to local businesses and philanthropies to participate in our Sponsorship Drive.

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Improved capability at Gisborne CFA, and a stalwart rewarded



The Gisborne Fire Brigade has been busy over the past few months preparing for the fire season. We have been checking and updating our equipment, including upgrading our forward command vehicle.

The CFA is also upgrading radios within the district, which are a vital piece of equipment not only for our emergency operations, but for our firefighters' safety. The brigade has been training on these new pieces of equipment, to familiarise ourselves with the new technology.

Shifting focus to member achievements, our Annual Fire Brigade Dinner last month saw the brigade and the CFA present Thomas Ritchie with his 60-year service medal. It was an honour to present such a milestone medal to a long-serving and much-loved member of the brigade, and community.

Thomas joined the Gisborne Fire Brigade in 1962, when he was only 17 years old. In his early years, he was heavily involved in the running team, helping them become very successful during that time. Thomas was part of the firefighting efforts during Ash Wednesday in 1983 and Black Saturday in 2009, and many other significant emergency events in Victoria and NSW. He held the position of Third Lieutenant from 1984 to 1986, was awarded a National Medal Third class in 2018, and National Emergency Medal for the 2009 and 2019-2020 fire seasons. He is also a Gisborne Fire Brigade and CFA Life Member.

Thomas's entire family has been involved with the CFA throughout his tenure, including his wife Mary, who has supported him in his valuable community service.

Ian Ward, community safety officer



Gisborne firefighter Thomas Ritchie has served 60 years.



Gisborne Fire Brigade's new forward command vehicle.



Monster truck joins the street parade at last year's festival.

Festival seeking further support

A number of entities have come on board as sponsors to help Lions fund this year's Gisborne Festival.

There are 10 major sponsors at this stage.

However, the Gisborne and District Lions Club, which coordinates the festival, is still seeking additional business sponsorship to help fund this free community event which consists of the street parade and, on Gardiner Reserve, live music, free activities for children, market and food stalls, carnival rides and a fireworks display.

All sponsors will be recognised with their names continuing to appear on the electronic scoreboard at the reserve on the day of the event.

In addition to obtaining participants for the street parade, and market and food stallholders, the Lions Club is working to engage a range of attractions such as musicians, free activities for children such as face painters, henna tattooist and hair braiders; a carnival ride company; a pyrotechnics company; and the very popular monster truck.

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Scout Leader Michael Wurm (who moonlights as a Qantas A380 captain) with Scouts using the new technology.

1st Gisborne Scouts go high-tech



With technology such an important part of modern life, the GREAT Association (Gisborne Region Events Activities and Tourism) was happy to assist the 1st Gisborne Scouts with a major upgrade to their technical capability in September.

The Scouts recently established a technology hub at their Community/Scout Hall in Howey Street, Gisborne. This delivers the high-speed fibre connectivity that is so important in today's world.

It enables youth members to collaborate at the hall during regular meetings while using Scouts Australia's 'Terrain' software, as well as all the usual internet-based programs and applications. Terrain is used by youth members to prepare, maintain and record their own "Adventurous Journey Plan" through their time

in Scouting. Special interest projects can be created, sharing ideas and information with other youth members right across the country.

The technology hub also helps youth members participate in exciting STEM projects that are promoted by Scouts Victoria. The hub has been made possible through the generous support of the GREAT Association which funded the NBN fibre to premises infrastructure to the tune of \$2750.

The network charges for the first year of operation have been funded by Telstra and the computer hardware was funded by Qantas. The Computer Company in Gisborne came to the party with a generous discount on the purchase of the network hardware.

The Scouts thank all these community-minded bodies for their support.

Rick Arden, vice-president, GREAT Association

Call for 'Local Hero' nominations

Nominations are still open for the 2024 Local Hero Award which 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 gisbornelocalhero@gmail.com by 17 November or contact Bronwyn Tacey on 0417 028 605 for further information. *Gisborne Community Carols Committee*

Featured op shop volunteer for November

I began volunteering at St Paul's Anglican Op Shop after being asked by a friend to fill in for another volunteer who was going to be away for a few months. I was given the opportunity to work in the shed with a small group looking after the book, CD and DVD donations.

The amount of goods donated was unbelievable; so many excellent items that needed to be sorted and shelved in the shop every week.

My time volunteering quickly became extremely satisfying and enjoyable. I was immediately made welcome by the ladies in the shed and in the shop and helping each week is something I look forward to.

Volunteering has always been a part of my life, whether as a primary school teacher or as a parent in whatever activities my three children were involved. St. Pauls Op Shop has become an important part of my weekly routine.



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At the heart of a healthy community

Local nurse marks half a century caring for community

She has delivered babies, assisted in surgeries, worked in busy emergency rooms and delivered community nursing support for 50 years.

But over that remarkable career, Macedon Ranges Health community health nurse Louise Beer's passion for her clients, patients and the community has not changed since her first day on the job in October 1974.

Louise has found it especially rewarding to work in her own community.

"I have a gratitude for living and working in my community and witnessing the changes to this special part of Victoria," she said. "My motivation is related to working in different roles within nursing which have evolved along with the needs of our local community."

Louise was initially inspired to enter nursing after attending a Royal Melbourne Hospital Open Day as a teenager, drawn to the nursing profession by the range of areas the job offered. After four years at the Royal Melbourne Hospital, and a year at the Royal Women's Hospital, she applied for a job at Gisborne and District Bush Nursing Hospital, providing medical, surgical, midwifery and emergency care.



Louise Beer

"It proved to be a solid grounding," she said. "Working alongside other nurses with a range of experience and having local GPs as our doctors with specific expertise, all enhanced my knowledge."

After the Gisborne hospital closed in 1997,

Louise transitioned to her current role in community health at Macedon Ranges Health, supporting thousands of locals over the next 27 years.

She said she maintained a focus on many areas of healthcare but highlighted working with adolescents, cardiac rehabilitation and women's health in recent years.

"I feel privileged that I am still able and am motivated to care for clients in the manner in which I currently do," she said.



Macedon Ranges Suicide Prevention Action Group is opening a community-led safe space at Woodend Neighbourhood House.

Photo: Nikki Barker.

'Emotional safe space' to open at Woodend

Passionate volunteers of Macedon Ranges Suicide Prevention Action Group (MRSPAG) are busy transforming their vision for a community-led safe space in the Macedon Ranges into reality.

The idea has been a dream for many years, and thanks to a partnership with Woodend Neighbourhood House for a venue and financial support from Community Bank Gisborne & District, MRSPAG will soon be opening a non-clinical drop-in centre to support people in the district experiencing emotional distress.

In a welcoming space at Woodend Neighbourhood

House, individuals will be able to find a compassionate environment where they feel heard, supported, and understood. The calm and safe space will encourage reflection and have peer workers available to share their experiences and offer empathy.

Operating times will be announced soon and include evenings and weekends. For more information and updates on the project, visit www.mrspag.com.au/safe-space or scan the accompanying QR code.

If you or someone you know needs support, call Lifeline on 13 11 14 or text 0477 13 11 14 (24/7), lifeline.org.au or Beyond Blue 1300 224 636 or beyond-blue.org.au/forums.



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It may not look like it but the 2024 model cubby is almost finished. The roof is made but won't fit until the rest of the Cubby is moved out of The Shed.

As in previous years, from the end of this month it will be on display at weekends in the carparks of local supermarkets, thanks to the co-operation of their management. The location timetable is on the Gisborne Foodbank and Gisborne Men's Shed Facebook pages.

However, you don't need to wait until then. Just use this QR code to buy your raffle tickets to support the Foodbank. Last year, thanks to your generosity, we raised over \$8,000.



Because of the ongoing support of Benetas (Macedon Ranges Health), GREAT and Inform Osteopathy, and the contribution of materials from Bentons Plumbing Supplies and Frosts Timber and Building Supplies, all raffle proceeds go to the Foodbank to support this much-needed service.



Shedman Fred, Terry, Mick and Colin.

Dental Talk with Dr Jacob Chan

Getting our teeth into environment



Have you ever considered the environmental impact of your dental visit, amid all the cleaning and safety protocols? Let's walk through a typical appointment and see how both patients and dental practices can contribute to sustainability.

In the waiting room

While waiting, consider whether the clinic maximises energy efficiency. Are they using natural light or low-energy LED bulbs? Is the air conditioning set to a comfortable, yet eco-friendly temperature?

In the surgery

Pay attention to the materials used. Are single-use plastics minimised? For example, our practice uses compostable and biodegradable materials, like cups and sterilisation wraps made from recycled content.

Waste management

Ever wonder why you don't rinse and spit into a sink any more? This is often because practices use specialised waste management systems to prevent harmful materials, such as mercury fillings, from polluting landfills and waterways.

How you can help

Eco-friendly practices: Have a conversation with your dentist to see if they use energy-efficient equipment, eco-friendly materials, and digital X-rays, which reduce radiation and waste.

Sustainable oral care products: Opt for bamboo toothbrushes, silk floss, and toothpaste with minimal or recyclable packaging.

Bulk and sustainable packaging: Look for oral hygiene products in bulk or with eco-friendly packaging.

Consolidate appointments: Reduce the number of visits by addressing multiple issues in one appointment, helping to minimise travel emissions and clinical waste.

It's Gisborne's turn for Mindful Moves session

Hosted by the Macedon Ranges Suicide Prevention Action Group (MRSPAG) and led by Functional Fitness Plus, Gisborne, a 'Mindful Moves' session will be held on Saturday 2 November from 9.45am to 12 noon at Dixon Field, Gisborne.

Mindful Moves combines physical activity with discussion about mental health. The series of Mindful Moves events has been rotating around the shire.

This month's event in Gisborne begins with fitness games designed to help participants connect with one another through laughter and fun.

A full-body workout will follow



MINDFUL MOVES

and then a grounding cool-down session.

During the session the Macedon Ranges Suicide Prevention

Action Group will also hold discussions about mental health and suicide prevention efforts within the community, providing resources and information on healthy eating, mental well-being, and local support services for you, your family, or friends.

Healthy snacks will also be available for all participants. We hope to see you there!

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Young Gisborne soldier found love on the boat to Gallipoli ... but died without anyone knowing

When Harry met Alice



Harry Lowry
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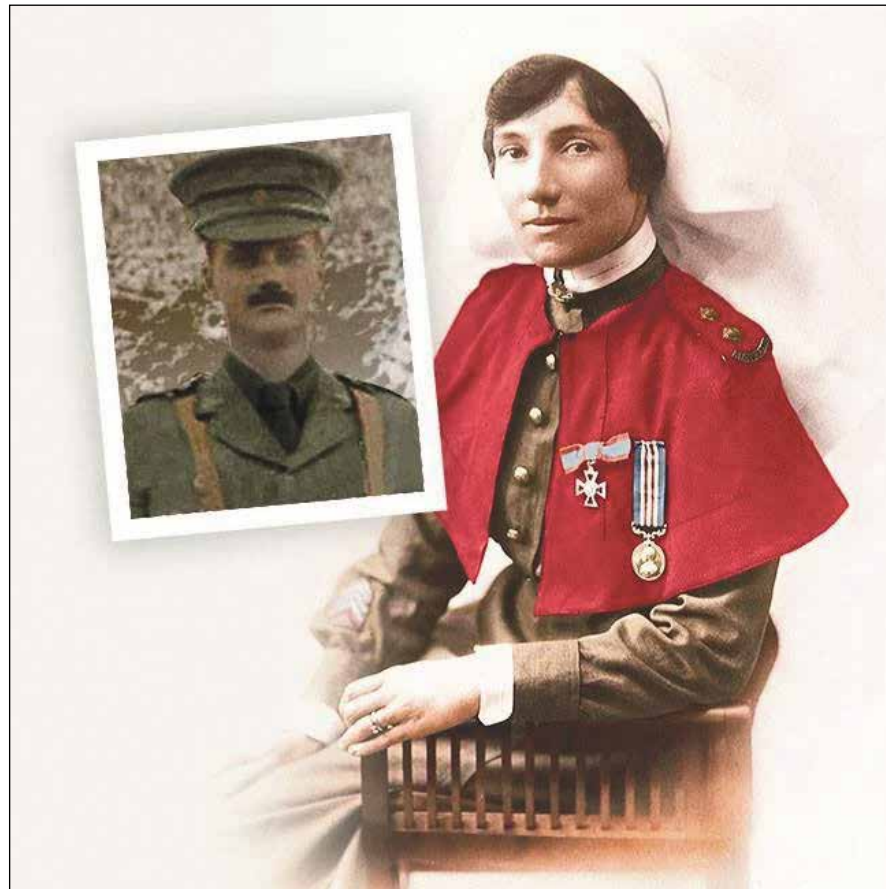
Embarked:
26 August 1915.

War service:
Gallipoli,
Egypt and
Western Front.

Next of kin: father,
George Lowry Moffitt,
'The Willows', Gisborne.

Occupation: accountant.
Description: 179cm, 69kg,
eyes blue, hair brown,
complexion fair.

Fate: Killed in action,
19 Jul 1916, Fromelles,
age 33. No known grave.



Sister Alice Ross-King and (inset) Lt Harry Moffitt.

Almost 100 years after Harry Moffitt proposed to Alice Ross-King, their tragic romance was revealed.

Harry Moffitt was the only son of George Moffitt, owner of a thriving drapery store in Gisborne. The family lived in an 1890s home on Kilmore Road then called The Willows but now known as Erin Vale.

As well as Harry, George and his wife Rebecca had a daughter Ethel. A third child, Mary, had died as a child.

The young Harry Moffitt, tall and fair, became an accountant and worked in the Aitken Street drapery before taking a job with a firm of accountants in Melbourne. He was able to live with an aunt, Marian Moffitt, who ran a renowned drapery near the Atheneum in Collins Street serving the elite of Melbourne.

Harry was living with her when he enlisted in March 1915. In June that year, the 32-year-old accountant gained a commission as second lieutenant, having completed officers' training school. He left Australia on the troop ship HMAS Anchises on 26 August 1915.

This would prove to be a fateful journey for him: aboard ship, Moffitt met the woman he was to fall in love with and make plans to marry.

That woman was 28-year-old nurse Alice Ross-King. She had been nursing soldiers in Egypt and had travelled back to Australia on transport duty caring for soldiers wounded at Gallipoli. For her return to the war zone, Ross-King was allocated a berth from Melbourne on HMAS Anchises with 1400 reinforcements — including Harry Moffitt.

After leaving Melbourne and just before the ship arrived in Fremantle to collect Western Australian recruits, Ross-King's diary (30 August 1915) first mentions a 'Lieut. Moffat', who she

describes as a tall fair man with glasses and the common touch, but who was more interested in her colleague Sister Martin than Alice herself, she thought.

Ross-King's shipboard diary contains many references to Harry Moffitt in the following weeks and maps the ups and downs of a blossoming romance, until she writes in mid-September:

"I am really & truly in love... I am very very happy because I believe Mft loves me just as much... He is the only man in the world for me."

Egypt: war, illness and romance

On arrival in Egypt, Ross-King returned to nursing duties at the Heliopolis hospital in Cairo. On September 23, she wrote:

"Mft came over today to see about his eyes. I showed him over the hosp and afterwards on to the roof where we had a little kiss and a cuddle..."



Ross-King and Moffitt enjoyed romantic days together around Cairo in late 1915-early 1916.

A week later Moffitt sailed for Anzac Cove, but not before Ross-King had taken the opportunity to show him the local sights, including camel rides, dinners at the renowned Shepherd's English hotel and trips to the pyramids, the tombs of the pharaohs, and old Cairo. For Moffitt, it was a whirlwind tour of Egypt's highlights with his own personal guide.

At Gallipoli, Moffitt's battalion was assigned mainly defensive roles, though the troops had to endure continuing artillery and sniper fire. Shortly after his arrival, Moffitt came down with dysentery and typhoid and was hospitalised in Alexandria. His recovery was slow and Ross-King managed some visits and phone calls during November and December 1915.

11 November 1915, Alexandria:

"Moff ... is in Alex. I went to see him the other day & he is thin but looking very well. I don't think he is a very strong character. Still he has every bit of my heart."

The couple spent Christmas apart but managed to share the New Year celebrations together, as Moffitt was transferred to the Heliopolis hospital with severe jaundice. Ross-King's opening diary entry for 1916 noted that she spent New Year's Eve with Harry "on the piazza until nearly ten, listening to the music and watching the big bonfire in the distance..."

In mid-January, Moffitt began a six-week convalescence at Helouan, south of Cairo, allowing the couple time together before he was sent back to duty.

January 30, 1916:

H made me feel quite sure about him today. The ride out [on donkeys] was delightful...and we came across beautiful patches of desert wild-flowers near the sphinx. It was moonlight. Had a love and a kiss and then dinner."

February 1916:

"...we sat on the balcony at Shepherds and talked of our future. There was a wonderful sunset, a beautiful apricot glow. H said, 'When we are married I'll give you a dress that colour.' He caught the 8pm train to the [Suez] Canal and I have not seen him since."

Moffitt's illnesses had earned him a recommendation that he be returned to Australia, but he refused. Did Alice Ross-King's presence in Egypt fuel his determination to remain?

Moffitt returned to camp, where rumours swirled that troops would shortly be heading for France. Medical staff were being reorganised and by April, Ross-King was in France waiting impatiently for an erratic postal service to deliver letters from Moffitt to hear when he, too, might arrive for the Western Front.

1916: At the front

Moffitt's battalion was sent in late June. Arriving in Marseilles on 28 June, the troop then had a 62-hour train ride followed by a 35-kilometre march to the front lines. Moffitt had sent a wire to Ross-King to say he would be passing through on his way to the front but, sadly, her attempts to see him did not succeed.

Her diary entry of 1 July 1916 is heartrending, reading in part: "All the afternoon spent on the railway station hoping against hope that I might see Harry come through. But no luck."

Just over two weeks later, the Australians went on the offensive. The attack went in four waves. Moffitt and his commanding officer Lt-Col Ignatius Norris went over with the fourth wave.

Norris reached the German front line but was struck down as he led the charge towards the enemy's second line. Adjutant Lieutenant Harry Moffitt joined another soldier in trying to bring Norris back to their own lines, but Moffitt was hit by machine gun fire. The end was swift. According to a witness,

"Mr Moffitt was with Colonel Norris, leading the battalion. The Colonel was killed by a shell and Mr Moffitt called out for four men to bring the Colonel in. He had no sooner done so than he himself was shot in the back of the head and fell dead across the Colonel's body."

Moffitt's body was not able to be recovered at the time, or afterwards.

Ross-King's diary reveals her terrible devastation.

29 July 1916:

"Well, my world has ended.

Harry is dead. God, what shall I do! Killed on the 19th. I heard the news last Tuesday. Major Prior sent it up. I have been bowled completely over. Nothing on earth matters to me now. The future is an absolute blank. I have kept on duty but God only knows how I have done so.

Oh my dear, dear love, what am I to do?

I can't believe he is dead. My beautiful boy. I'm hoping each day that the news will be contradicted."



The Willows on Kilmore Road, now known as Erin Vale (pictured c1920-30), was the Gisborne home of Harry Moffitt and family.



Harry Moffitt's parents George and Rebecca Moffitt in 1932.

George Moffitt ran Moffitt's Drapery in Gisborne for many years and also travelled around the local district in horse and cart with apparel for farmers' families. The Moffitts retired to Mentone in 1931.



Alice Ross-King takes part in a women's services march-past in Melbourne in 1942.

The aftermath

George and Rebecca Moffitt in Gisborne were notified in early August 1916 of the death of their son, but details given to them were limited. A burial place was unknown. (It turned out that he was buried by the Germans in a mass grave at Fromelle).

In mid-1917, the family received Moffitt's personal effects, including his identity disc, returned by the Germans.

After the war, his parents also received his service medals and a memorial plaque.

Ross-King's diary traces the course of her emotions, from her early hopes that Moffitt might be alive or a prisoner, to the knowledge that he had no known grave, to anger at the waste of life — all the while trying to maintain the 'normalcy' of nursing in a war zone.

She wrote on occasions to Harry's mother and later to his cousin, Dorothy Moffitt, but it is not known how the Moffitt family interacted with her over

this time. Moffitt, fairly typically given the uncertainties of war, had seemingly not written to his family of matters of the heart. Certainly, present-day family were not aware of Harry and Alice's romance and engagement until an ABC television program brought it to their attention in 2008.

The program that revealed the story was *ANZAC Girls*, based on a book by Peter Rees called *The Other ANZACS* (2008) about the nursing force of World War 1.

Alice Ross-King picked up the pieces and carried on nursing through the rest of the war, creating a distinguished record; she was awarded the Military Medal and was mentioned in despatches more than once.

After the war she married a doctor, Sydney Appleford, and they settled in South Gippsland and had four children.

She later went on to serve in the Second World War.

The price of grief

George Moffitt was a man of repute in the Gisborne district, successful in business and a devoted member of the Presbyterian church.

As shopkeepers often did in those times, Moffitt would regularly load up a horse and cart and take goods from his drapery around to local farms.

One time, in the years after his son's death, Moffitt was observed stopped near a dam on McGeorge Road in South Gisborne. The watcher saw something glinting in the sunlight, before Moffitt threw it towards the dam, gee'd up his horse and set off towards home. On investigation, the local found a big stack of empty gin bottles in the water. It seemed, tragically, that this had become a regular secret stop for the twice-bereaved, previously non-drinking, father.



Dog walkers reminded it's all about 'do' – keep on leash, and 'doo' – pick it up

Please do the right thing

If out walking your dog, remember to take your dog poo bags with you and adhere to the dog on leash areas to avoid a fine.

The council continuously receives community complaints regarding dog walkers ignoring the on-leash requirements and failing to pick up after their dogs, and the council's Local Laws officers are increasing enforcement at popular dog-walking locations.

Macedon Ranges is an on-leash shire, meaning dogs in public places must be on a leash, except in designated off-leash areas. (Note: all footpaths in the shire are dog on-leash, even those in designated off-leash areas. This is to ensure the safety of other footpath users including pedestrians, cyclists and others).

It is also a legal requirement to pick up after your dog and to carry bags – or a suitable device – for the collection of dog poo from your dog.

The current fine for walking dogs off leash in an on-leash area is \$198, while the fine for not picking up after dogs or for failing to carry a dog poo bag is \$395.

For more information about dog on leash requirements, designated off-leash areas, and your responsibilities as a dog owner, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/pets.

Fire prevention works starting

Annual fire prevention activities in council-managed areas have started, aiming to keep grass low and tree branches a safe distance from powerlines.

Roadside maintenance

Council contractors have begun roadside slashing in Malmsbury and will gradually work their way south, to provide initial coverage of the shire. Fires can start on roadsides due to hot vehicle exhausts, mechanical failures and collisions.

Typically, 80 per cent of traffic uses 20 per cent of our roads, so those roads are targeted as a priority.

The council is responsible for keeping powerlines clear of vegetation on nature strips and council-owned properties within declared areas of Gisborne and Kynton. Powercor is responsible for most other non-declared areas of the shire, with Jemena responsible for Gisborne South. Transport Victoria manages the roadside maintenance of state-managed roadsides.

Gisborne Fields playground gets more equipment

A playground upgrade at Gisborne Fields Reserve in Tovey Drive in the south of Gisborne is almost completed. The existing playground has been expanded with a nature-based obstacle course, flying fox, looping concrete path, park benches and plantings.



A new double flying fox (top) joins other upgraded play equipment at Gisborne Fields Reserve.

Property inspections

Private property inspections targeting potential fire risks will begin in early November and council officers will be issuing notices to landowners where fuel reduction works are required to be completed.

Officers will check for fire hazards such as unmaintained long grass, excessive woodpiles or other debris. Property owners who do not comply with a fire prevention notice may face a fine of nearly \$2000 plus any costs associated with completing the required works.

If you plan on baling grass and receive a notice, please let us know by completing the application for extension on the back of the notice. If you are grazing stock, you must demonstrate that the number is sufficient to reduce the risk, and if not you may be required to do additional fuel-reduction work.

Visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/fire-heat to find out more about how you can prepare ahead of summer.

Pool or spa barrier compliance

If you own a pool or spa, it is your obligation to ensure the safety barriers comply with Victorian building regulations, have the barrier inspected every four years and submit a Certificate of Barrier Compliance (also known as a Form 23) to the council by the due date. Learn more at mrsc.vic.gov.au/pools-and-spas or contact the building department on 5422 0333 or building@mrsc.vic.gov.au.

ENVIRONMENT EVENTS

Koala Count at Hanging Rock

18 November, 10am-12pm.

Come along as a citizen scientist to walk the Hanging Rock grasslands or summit on the lookout for koalas. Bring your smart phone, and learn how to contribute to Hanging Rock Reserve's biodiversity data by recording sightings in the iNaturalist Australia app. To register, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/environment-events

Healthy Landscapes events

Farm Walk – Highland cattle

Newbury (near Trentham), 7 November, 6-8pm.

Join us on a property using a rotational grazing system with their small stud of Highland cattle.

Grass guide webinar

Online, 19 November, 7.30-8.30pm.

This webinar will step you through how to use *Your Guide to the Grasses of Central Victoria* in the farm paddock or bush to help identify common grass species.

Grass identification field days

Session 1: Greater Bendigo area – 28 November, 10am-12pm; Session 2: Macedon Ranges – 4 December, 10am-12pm; Session 3: Clunes – 12 December, 10am-12pm. For information and to register, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/healthy-landscapes.

Free website listing for tourism businesses and events

With the festive season approaching, we would love to see local tourism and event operators make the most of the free Visit Macedon Ranges website, which reaches over 400,000 users per year. To list your business or event, visit visitmacedonranges.com and scroll to the bottom of the page.

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Cool Climate Cinema short film festival



The Macedon Ranges Film Society has selected the program for its short film festival to be held on 23

November. The screening will comprise films from both Australian and international directors and has been curated to provide a range of thought-provoking, innovative and humorous topics.

The doors will open at 4pm and the show will begin at 4.30pm. A bar serving a range of drinks at bar prices will be open for guests on arrival and at the interval.

The show will screen 12 films spanning two hours, with a generous interval to allow guests to enjoy tasty refreshments. These are included in the ticket prices of \$30 for members and \$35 for non-members.

The festival is being held at Norma Richardson Hall, 15 Buckland Street, Woodend. Tickets are available at trybooking (www.trybooking.com/CVQVB) or by simply entering Cool Climate Cinema 2024 in your browser.

Submitted by Neil Aplin, committee member



Some items in the group's art show in April this year.

Phoenix art group end-of-year show



Phoenix Macedon Ranges Art & Craft Group's next bi-annual exhibition and sale will be Saturday 30 November from 10am-4pm and Sunday 1 December 9am-3pm, coinciding on the Sunday with the Gisborne Olde Time Christmas Market on 1 December.

It will be held in the Old Court House in Gisborne, where you will have the chance view all the varied artists' work and to purchase a unique item at a reasonable price.

Phoenix members produce a wide range of work including pottery, painting, paper-craft, woodwork and glassware, as well as textile crafts such as spinning, weaving, thread painting and puppets.

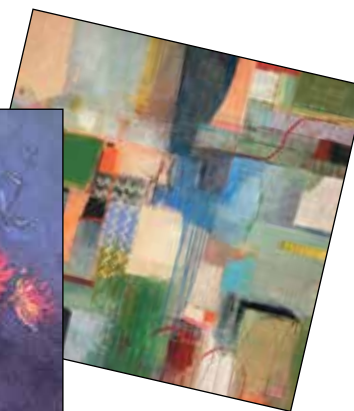
If you want to find out more about our history, work and the next exhibition, visit phoenixmrac.com or our Facebook page.

If you are interested in joining our group, please contact our longtime member Kay Beale on 9744 2646.

Dianne Egan



Madeleine Bethel – oils – Wildflowers.



Marian Alexopoulos – acrylic on canvas.

OPEN STUDIOS MACEDON



Open Studios Macedon members invite the public to visit their working studios in their gardens in the Macedon area on Saturday 30 November and Sunday 1 December .

The studios are open from 10am to 4pm each day. The artists will welcome you to their studios where you will see a wide range of skills and art produced – you will see pottery, painting, drawing, jewellery, textiles and printmaking as well as work in progress.

Brochures with maps of the open studios are available at The Gallery Mt Macedon and in cafes and businesses in the area, as well as through various Macedon Ranges tourist information sites online.

The open studios are all within a short driving distance of each other and include a pop-up display at Top of the Range Tearooms on the summit of Mt Macedon. Combine art in beautiful gardens with food at nearby cafes.

Sue Anson, 0413 581 632

Instagram: @openstudiosmacedon

KYNETON TOWN HALL EVENTS

Tim Rogers – Live in Concert

4-6pm, Sunday 8 December.

Thirty-one years after setting off on the great rock 'n roll adventure with You Am I, Tim Rogers is still writing songs that are rich, memorable and heart-breaking. A special Christmas show with Tim in an intimate, raw and live performance.



Get in early for Soweto Gospel Choir – Hope

7:30-9pm, Friday 14 February 2025.

This concert by the Soweto Gospel Choir commemorates South Africa's freedom movement and the civil rights movement in the United States.

For tickets to either show, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/buytickets or call 1300 888 802 (10am-4pm, weekdays).



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Final show for 2024 a hoot



The Mount Players are winding up their 2024 year with a lovely English comedy.

Come along and immerse yourself in a sleepy village in Suffolk and enjoy watching the Stratford Players prepare for their production of *King Lear*. Of course, as you will expect, not all things go to plan, especially for the American 'star' who is brought in to help save their humble theatre from the developers.

He thinks he is in Stratford on Avon, birthplace of the Bard... how wrong he is!

A Bunch of Amateurs will have you smiling and hopefully laughing out loud

as you watch these delightful characters work towards presenting their show to the Stratford community. It is a real 'feel good' show – something we all need right now.

The show runs from 1 to 17 November; so do yourself a favour and come and enjoy a complimentary sherry, free tea, coffee and treats at interval and, of course, the bar offering drinks at very reasonable prices. You will love it.

To book tickets and for everything theatre, we invite you to the website, www.themountplayers.com, or call 5426 1892.

See you at the Mountview Theatre.

Karen Hunt

Creating original art by...

Recycling and reusing



In November, the Focus Room at the Gallery will feature 'Recycle & Reuse', a theme very close to the hearts of many of

Macedon Ranges residents. Members of the Gallery are turning their minds and hands to creating a diverse collection of artifacts and products that have taken on new forms and purposes.

The variety of exhibits will demonstrate the breadth of talent we have in our gallery. While the artists are constantly updating and extending their skills, they are also conscious of the effects their use of certain materials has on the environment and the need to be ethical about disposal of the artifacts when they are no longer used for their original purpose. For this exhibition, they aim to give a new purpose in a new form that is environmentally sound and satisfying, using humour, flair and practical



Earrings made from recycled newspapers and copper wire by Elizabeth Harvey.

applications in the mix.

There will be a range of wall art, a variety of textiles, as well as metal and woodwork, to list a few objects that will be on display.

The exhibition begins on Tuesday, 5 November and will run until the end of the month.

The Gallery is at 684 Mount Macedon Road, Mount Macedon (behind the Trading Post cafe) and is open 10am to 4pm Friday to Tuesday.

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Why Volunteer?

- **Meaningful Impact**
Your time and friendship can make a difference and help combat social isolation and loneliness in our ageing community
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Develop empathy, communication skills, and a deeper understanding of diverse cultures and life experiences
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Choose when and where you want to volunteer

- **Training and Support**
Comprehensive training and support is provided to ensure you're confident in your role

Who Can Volunteer?

Anyone with a desire to make a positive impact on the life of an older resident. With aged care participants living in the Macedon Ranges and across the community, there are opportunities wherever you might live within the shire.

To register
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To find out more, visit:
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or call 5422 0333.



Preparing for massed Mahler

the *Gisborne Singers*

Mahler's Symphony No 2 is fast approaching. The Gisborne Singers will perform in a massed choir

with the Bendigo Symphony Orchestra. Under the baton of Luke Severn, artistic director of both the BSO and the Gisborne Singers, the performance will feature two soloists.

Soprano soloist Merlyn Quaife has been previously featured. Alto soloist Liane Keegan studied at the National Opera Studio in London, and has performed with the BBC Proms and famous opera companies and symphony orchestras around the world. Liane has also worked as a vocal technician in Berlin, London and Melbourne, teaches masterclasses, and is a vocal consultant. Rave reviews of her rich, dark and luscious voice include: "This was art



Alto soloist
Liane Keegan

to awaken even the most world-weary listener." (Eamonn Kelly, *The Australian*)

Tickets are selling fast for the Mahler on Sunday 24 November at the Ulumbarra Theatre, Bendigo.

Tickets: gotix.com.au Adults \$52, concession \$47, under 16: \$20.

The Gisborne Singers rehearse from 7.30pm to 10pm on Wednesdays at the Gisborne Uniting Church in Brantome Street, Gisborne. New members are always welcome. Enquiries: www.gisborne.harmonysite.com or phone 0408 156 263.

Alison Kinghorn

Resonance String Orchestra in concert

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Resonance String Orchestra's Annual Concert, 'Emotion', will take place in Castlemaine Town Hall on Sunday 17 November.

The orchestra, playing two concerts, will feature works by Respighi, Sibelius and Vivaldi as well as film favourites and more, and the concerts include performances by acclaimed cellist Zoe Knighton (Resonance's artistic patron), Resonance String Orchestra, the newly formed Apprenti Strings junior orchestra in collaboration with Maryborough Education Centre, the Resonance cello ensemble, the 2025 Resonance String Quartet, (tutored by Zoe under Resonance's partnership with Flinders Quartet) and Resonance soloist Thomasina Challender.

The first concert will be at 2.30pm and the second at 4.30pm, with minimal overlap in the programs. Details of the programs can be found under the 'Upcoming Events' tab on the Facebook page, www.facebook.com/resonancestringorchestra/.

Tickets are \$25 adult, \$15 child and \$75 family. If buying tickets for the first concert, tickets for the second concert are \$15 per person.

Concertgoers are encouraged to buy a discounted ticket, allowing entry to both concerts and a sumptuous afternoon tea between events. To book, go to www.events.humanitix.com/resonance-annual-concert.



A relaxed Samantha Gardiner in front of one of her pieces, inspired by growing up in the Macedon Ranges.

Buttlejorrk Artists in annual group show

Mark the calendar for the Buttlejorrk Artists Group Show which runs from November 14 to December 24, showcasing a diverse array of artwork by local artists.

Among the exciting lineup is Gisborne artist Samantha Gardiner, who can't wait to share her latest mixed-media creations inspired by growing up in the Macedon Ranges. Other Gisborne artists in the show include wood turner Tim Meager, ceramicist Brandy Monteith and fine artist Denise Martin.

There will be contemporary and traditional art, featuring everything from eye-catching sculptures and colourful paintings to intricate fibre art, functional and decorative ceramics and striking metalwork.

This year, Buttlejorrk is excited to include members of the Macedon Ranges Potters.

Join us for the launch of their new book, *The Potters Kitchen*, on Saturday 30 November.

This vibrant publication offers a glimpse into the lives of the 14 talented potters, showcasing the inspirations behind their creations and the cherished recipes they love.

We are also hosting two 'Meet the Artists' events where you can connect with the creators and uncover the process and stories of their creations.

These events are free and open to everyone.

Meet the Artists: Saturday 16 November, 2-4pm.

The Potters Kitchen book launch: Saturday 30 November, 2-4pm.

The exhibition is at the Old Auction House, 52-56 Mollison Street, Kyneton, open daily 10am to 4pm.

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News from Gisborne CWA



Our October meeting saw us giving donations for the year to local organisations. The Sunbury and Macedon Ranges Specialist School - Bullengarook Campus, Gisborne Secondary College for a new garden, Gisborne SES and the foodbank. We also gave a donation to Hope in a Suitcase, who provide a suitcase with clothes and something special for children going into foster care.

Osija gave a report on Romania, our country of study for the year, on five famous Romanians. One was Nadia Comaneci who most will remember from the 1976 Olympics as the first gymnast to be awarded a perfect score.



Christine Edwards

We then welcomed Mel, our group president, to officiate for our AGM. Kay gave her last secretary's report before retiring and leaving us, and we wish her all the best. President Margaret followed up with her report and Judy gave her comprehensive treasurers report for the year.

Elections saw Margaret remain as president, Judy as treasurer and the all-important secretary job being



Denise, Joanne, Margaret, Mel and Judy after Gisborne CWA's 2024 Annual General Meeting.

looked after by Joanne and Denise. Mel brought us up to date on group and state news before we retired to a delicious bring-a-plate lunch.

Our next meeting is Monday 11 November and, apart from recognising Remembrance Day, we hope to

see everyone in a hat for the races, 10am at Gisborne Secondary College. Monday the 18th is Coffee, Craft and Chat at the same venue, where visitors are welcome for a chat.

Christine Edwards

Gisborne Carols by Candlelight

Carols by Candlelight will be held on Sunday, 8 December at Dixon Field, at 6.30pm. Pre-entertainment will start at 6pm. There will be a sausage sizzle, ice cream and donut van, candles and glow sticks for sale.

Come along and listen to the choirs from local primary schools and join in the singing of carols with the Carols by Candlelight Choir. And see who will be awarded the Local Hero for services to the community over many years. We look forward to seeing you there. Special thanks to committee members Tracey Calnan and Sue Stevens for all their hard work.

Bronwyn Tacey, Carols by Candlelight Committee



A minute with Macedon CWA

On a lovely Saturday in October, the Macedon CWA hosted ladies from our sister branch Tyntynder.

The Tyntynder people left Swan Hill very early and were ready for morning tea on their arrival in Mount Macedon.

Then they went to visit the lovely garden at Viewfield. We were grateful to Vicki Hawken for allowing our guests to enjoy this beautiful property.

After lunch at our hall, we showed them around Mount Macedon.

We all had a great time chatting and catching up on CWA happenings. We all hope to meet up again soon.

The Duneira Bluebell Festival is on again at the start of November. We will be there selling morning and afternoon teas and light lunches.

Duneira will be looking splendid with the bluebells out and many other spring flowers blooming. We would love to meet you there.

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 with any questions or arrange a visit.



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Club visits a special garden

October is the month for the Gisborne Garden Club's bus trip to a magnificent garden, Sunnymeade, at Kithbrook near Strathbogie.

Sunnymeade Garden was started in 1986 and created by Graig Irving. Graig travelled to the UK and was inspired by gardens such as Sissinghurst and Hidcote. Those ideas have been created with beautiful walled garden rooms, some consisting of mature beech and hornbeam hedges, some built of stone with climbing roses and clematis.

These walled gardens are filled with old-fashioned roses, perennials, peonies, cyclamens, lavenders, bulbs and much more. Shade trees form part of the garden with birch and a large cherry tree.

Leaving the wooded garden, you walk through a large rose arbour leading to the colonnade with mounted lion sphinxes adorning the end. Manicured topiaries and box hedges are the finishing touches to this beautiful garden.



The Gisborne Garden Club meets on the second Wednesday of each month with a calendar of events.

In November the club will be meeting at a local garden in Mount Macedon. For further information, please contact Edwina on 0407 576 545.

Moira Treacy



Above: Walled garden of beech and hornbeam.

Right: Club members enjoy a coffee break.



Daly Nature Reserve news



Our featured indigenous plant this month is *Pultenaea daphnoides*

or large-leaf bush pea. This lovely local can grow between one and three metres tall. As our photograph shows, it produces yellow/orange flowers in spring.

A part of the pea family, this plant contributes nitrogen to the soil and could be an attractive addition to your garden.

Exotic weeds tend to suffocate native flora and, unfortunately, we have an occurrence of *Allium vineale*, or wild garlic, in the reserve which is next to the mowing line to the west of the mowed area. We will be working closely with the council's environment team to control this declared invasive weed.

We have a busy schedule ahead with two Nature Walks for Year 3 students of Gisborne Primary School, when we hope to find many native flowers.

Our working bees for November will be on Tuesdays 12th and 26th. Signing-in at the scout hall at 9.30am each day, tasks vary, there's nothing too strenuous. We work in groups and pack up at 11am with time for a cuppa and chat. Newcomers are always most welcome. Enquiries dalynaturereserve@gmail.com.

Friends of Daly Nature Reserve



Large-leaf bush pea flowers in spring.

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In 1837, Captain Phillip Parker King accompanied NSW Governor Sir Richard Bourke when he visited Port Phillip to decide on a site for a township (Melbourne), and to put the settlement generally 'upon its legs'.

Edited by Robin Godfrey

The party arrived at Port Phillip on 3 March 1837, aboard HMS Rattlesnake. Setting off on their inland journey on 9 March, the party – consisting of Governor Bourke, George Holden, William Hobson, Captain King and William Buckley – proceeded through Geelong and headed to the north-east, bound for Mount Macedon.

The following section of the extract from King's diary begins on Friday, March 17.

"We proceeded to the north-east, passing over extensive plains and intent on reaching the valley in which Mr Clarke's station is situated. Late in the afternoon, we proceeded for two miles through a wood and arrived at the edge of a steep hill which overlooked the valley. We had a superb view of Mount Macedon from this location, over the valley of the Werribee. The setting sun glowing over the projecting ridges of the mountain, formed a remarkable contrast to the shadowed hills beneath.

"The three branches of the Werribee formed a junction in the valley, rendered evident by the fringe of gum trees growing on the banks. The rosy glow of the setting sun on the higher mountains contrasted remarkably with the quiet appearance of the steep and darkly shaded hills that bounded the valley. The vivid green meadows spread-out before us while we watched our equipage moving to the place of encampment; which we found to be close to Mr Clarke's tent, across the river.

"The next evening, we were encamped on the north side of Mount Cottrell [near Melton], on the west side of which runs a considerable creek. This creek is formed by the junction of two streams, which take their rise in the valleys on either side of one of the summits of the range which was soon to be named Mount Aitken by the Governor. I ascended this mountain and found the rock to be of strong magnetic character. Placing the compass upon the rock altered the bearing taken in the hand by 28 degrees.

"In the morning, we proceeded to the north-east in search of a station belonging to a Mr Sams, to obtain information for the best route to Mount Macedon. A bare hill before us offered an opportunity of obtaining a good view. Mr Holden (after whom His Excellency named the hill) accompanied me and assisted in procuring an extensive set of bearing angles.

"The magnetic nature of the rock led to some initial difficulty in laying the true angles down on the survey plan. We observed several huts on the banks of the Saltwater River [Jacksons Creek] and proceeding there we reached it at an early hour.

"We found several settlers living here for the advantage of mutual protection. Mr Sams was absent and none knew very well the place where Mr Aitken, who we were in search of, resided. A young man named Jackson [one of the brothers William and Samuel Jackson, Sunbury settlers] very obligingly undertook to guide us, and after some considerable trouble we found it, and subsequently brought the dray and pitched our tents.



Commandant's (Captain Lonsdale's) House in Melbourne, March 1837 — painting by Robert Russell from a sketch by Phillip King. The tents in the near background are those of Sir Richard Bourke, the Governor. Mount Macedon in the far background. The figure at far left is John Batman and the group depicted nearby is Captain Hobson giving food to an Aboriginal group. Mrs Lonsdale is feeding chickens at the door, and the figure holding a spear at right is William Buckley. Bourke is one of the figures going up the hill with an umbrella. (Information from State Library.)

Governor Bourke's visit to Mount Macedon in 1837

The next day being Sunday we remained quiet. Divine service was performed — perhaps for the first time in these lonely wilds.

Mr Aitken — a shrewd, sensible and persevering person, who had travelled much about the country — had been up to the top of Mount Macedon, and offered to be our guide to it, which we gladly accepted. Mr Aitken possesses a flock of 800 of the finest sheep we had seen. Some of them were well-bred merinos, and did justice to the pastures and his judicious care. His plan is to move about from place to place, as the pasture gets scarce, or if a change would be desirable for his flock.

"It is remarkable that the areas occupied by the first settlers are by far the worst portions of the country — the better areas are all left open for those yet to arrive, and of course expecting to find the best runs occupied. The squatters are crowding together, quarrelling and starving their sheep, with the whole country unoccupied before them and without the least impediment in their way. Aitken's place is only 30 miles [approx 50km] from the settlement [Melbourne] and between him and Mount Macedon is a beautiful country of 12 miles [20km] in extent, as well as a considerable tract to the east and west, quite unoccupied and a complete terra incognita.

"We proceeded next morning on horseback with Mr Aitken as our guide and prepared to remain out at night if required. We came to a swamp [Jacksons Creek, Gisborne], which is the principal source of the Saltwater River [Maribyrrong River], and ascending a gentle rise, found ourselves at the foot of Mount Macedon.

"We commenced the ascent, which we found to be most laborious and fatiguing, the hillside being covered with loose rocks and stones and very steep.

"Our way was impeded by prostrate stems of mountain ash, which grow here to an enormous size.

"On the north-west side, close to the summit, from a cleared spot, we had an extensive view to the southward around by west as far as NNW. We took the bearings of Mount Blackwood, distant hills (probably the Grampians), the south end of supposed Pyrenees, two hills (through which the Loddon River probably flows), the You Yangs, and Mount Elizabeth.

"No view was obtained from this place of Port Phillip, and it was not without difficulty that we succeeded in obtaining a glimpse, between the trees, of Indented Head and a point on the eastern side of the Port, on which was a white rock. Major Mitchell took bearings of the same points we had taken, but I was not aware of the precise points from which he saw them. My bearings, being taken with Kater's compass held in hand, are perhaps not so correct as his observed, probably with a theodolite on a stand. Yet the readings are sufficiently near enough to prove that Major Mitchell saw the Port and made a correct report of what he saw, which some of his friends thought to be doubtful. It has given me much pleasure to prove his correctness, and to hear the Governor speak so highly of his labours.

"In returning we surprised some emus and kangaroos, and reached the camp at dusk. Next morning we packed up and left the place for our return to Melbourne, which we reached the same evening, crossing the ford of the Saltwater River at Mr Sams* and at Brodies, and down Gellibrand's Valley, where he has three stations."

*William Gardner Sams had been allotted property at Aitkens Gap as a member of the Port Phillip Association of 15 men from Tasmania but, seemingly by agreement, this land was taken up by John Aitken. Sams did not ever settle there.

Probus experiences life of the pharaohs



Members of Gisborne Probus Club travelled to Melbourne by bus to visit the National Gallery of Victoria Pharaoh Exhibition on 19 September.

It covered 3000 years of ancient Egyptian art and culture with over 5000 objects from the British Museum.

Included were monumental sculptures, architecture, temple statuary, exquisite jewellery, papyri, coffins and funerary objects.

We were overwhelmed by the size of some exhibits and enchanted by the art and craftsmanship involved in all the statues, papyri and jewellery (some of which looked so modern).

The exhibition covered a huge area to tell the story of the pharaohs, those powerful kings who claimed divine origin, and the influence they had over a large part of the ancient world. The photo below gives an idea of the size of some exhibits. After lunch in the cafe and a browse through the gift shop it was time to get back on the bus to travel home.

Gisborne Probus Club meets on the first Thursday of the month in the Gisborne Community Centre Hall (old Senior Citizens Room) at 10am. Our next meeting is on 7 November. Please contact our president, Susan Denheld, on 0419 530 041 for further information.

Dianne Egan



Norris McCarthy, Lucille McCarthy, Dianne Egan and Di Barbie in front of statues of the Goddess Sekhmet at the NGV.

New day dawns for photo society



Macedon Ranges Photographic Society

The Macedon Ranges Photographic Society (MRPS)

celebrated its last regular competition night of the year in October. Once again, an outstanding array of images was displayed.

Our guest competition judge Emily, from Emily Black Photography, provided feedback and scores for each of the 120 images. Members will now select their four 'best of the best' images for our end-of-year finals in December.

Fun Fact: During 2024, the society held four 'Set' and 'Open' subject competitions totalling 500 digital and print entries.

Moving house

Macedon Ranges Photographic Society is moving. November will see our final meetings at Dromkeen in Riddells Creek. This has been our regular base for several years and we thank Bernadette and Tony Joiner for their support during that period.

As a vibrant and growing club, we are now needing a larger, more flexible space to cater for our emerging requirements.



Cape Shank Lighthouse by Stan Mansas was highly commended in the October competition.

We are pleased to advise that we will begin regular club meetings, 'tech' nights and periodic exhibitions in 2025 at Jubilee Hall, Macedon.

And the changes do not stop there. We are also changing our regular monthly club nights to the first and second Mondays of each month, starting in February.

Keep up to date on changes and announcements via our website www.macedon-ranges-photography.org.au

Sue Steward/Cherry Cole

Genies close out the year



The last General Meeting of the Gisborne Genealogical Group for 2024 will be held on Thursday 28 November at 7.30pm in the Family History Room adjoining the Gisborne Library. It will be a general discussion on 'Where to find, and how to use, Western Australian resources for Family History'. Supper will follow. All welcome.

The next Saturday Workshop will be held on 2 November from 10am to 12 noon. Heather Tumber and Fran Thiele will demonstrate how to use the Australian Joint Copying Project (AJCP), a very useful resource for early Australian and British records.

This will be the last workshop for the year. Workshops will recommence in March. Thank you to the members who have led them during the year. Workshops are free for group members, \$10 for visitors.

The DNA Group (DIG) will hold its last meeting for the year on Saturday 16 November, at 10am. DIG is held bi-monthly on the third Saturday of the month. All welcome (\$10 for visitors)

Our final function for the year will be our annual Christmas dinner. This year it will be held at Holgate's in Woodend on Friday 6 December. For details and to book, please contact Lorna on 0402 091 034 or email lorna_jackson@bigpond.com.

We will be having our usual hamper raffle. Donations for the hampers can be left at the Family History room when we are open on Tuesdays 10am-1pm or Thursdays 2pm-5pm.



Lyn Hall

Lyn Hall

CRAFT CORNER

with **Mary-Beth O'Brien**

Spring has sprung

Around this time of year, the local agricultural shows are in their element and, for crocheters, an invitation to celebrate the year and welcome spring by participating in some healthy competition. They can also be just another excuse to crochet and network with other crocheters.

This year my entries at the Sunbury Agricultural Show were awarded a second place for the edging of a household item (a tea towel topper) and a third place in the garment class for a crochet cardigan. Congratulations to all those who entered and assisted on making the Sunbury Show a success.

The annual Finders Keepers Design Market at the Royal Exhibition Building in Carlton aims to build community, conscious shopping, mindful making and courageous creativity. It has become a much-loved design marketplace. Try getting there in 2025. The market is set for three days – Friday, Saturday and Sunday – in July and October. www.thefinderskeepers.com.

The Crochet Guild of Australia meets monthly online to discuss projects, swap tips and to share knowledge: www.crochetguildaustralia.org.au

Crochet and Conversation group meets at 2.30pm on the first Monday each month at the Gisborne Library. All those interested in learning about crochet or those more experienced are warmly welcomed.



Vet Talk **MRSA stay away!** with Dr Caitlin (Horwood) Retchford



MRSA These initials are coincidental to the Macedon Ranges region but can occur here or anywhere. MRSA (or MRSP in dogs) is used to describe multi-resistant bacterial infections, originally Methicillin-Resistant Staph Aureus, which cannot be cured by the common antibiotics.

This results in nasty infections that are very difficult to treat, in human medicine as well as our veterinary patients.

Our dog friend, Zita, has just come back from the veterinary specialist having had a complex fracture repaired, which required a steel plate to stabilise. The risk of her contracting a resistant infection is actually higher due to her stay in hospital, despite their attention to sterility. Part of this is not the facility itself. It is because antibiotics have come to be overused or misused in our modern lives, so the strains of bacteria resistant to them are more common. As well, the high turnover environment of a stressful hospital setting with multiple patients carrying many different bacteria makes contact and transmission of the MRSA superbugs more likely.

Add to that the open surgical wound itself and, most importantly, the fact that the metal plate and screws will remain in her leg, unfortunately creating a perfect environment for bacteria to enter.

Lucky for Zita, she is a big calm indoor-loving couch potato! She will spend the next eight weeks resting up,



Zita at home after her big surgery, with strict instructions to rest and keep the wound clean.

strictly keeping her bandage clean, and getting lots of treats to swallow the right antibiotics every day to keep MRSA away!

Dog training in 2025



October inductions happened on a nice morning with 14 new members joining.

By the time you read this, we will probably have finished our last induction for the year, on the first Sunday in November, and all our volunteer instructors and committee along with our members will be counting down the days till Christmas.

Christmas is a time of giving — presents, money and often new puppies. If you think you are going to have a new furry family member for Christmas, please think about training.

Obedience training can be of great benefit and Macedon Ranges Obedience Dog Club operates in nearby Riddells Creek. We train Sunday mornings at the Riddells Creek Recreation Reserve.

New members are always welcome and all club details, including online application, fees, age and vaccination requirements, can be found on our website, www.macedonrangesdogclub.org.au.

Induction is the first Sunday of the month and our first induction for 2025 will take place on 2 February. Once you have done your online member registration you will be contacted by email with your induction date and time. We look forward to seeing all our new members and each month and look forward to providing you with a safe and friendly environment in which to learn and further bond with your new, or old, addition to the family.

Carol, instructor/treasurer MRODC

Keep up awareness of potential for snake bite during summer

Quick veterinary support in the case of your pet being bitten by a snake is vital in the hope of a good outcome. The reality is that sadly not all will make it.

Important tips

- If you see the actual incident, or evidence of your pet

being involved with a snake, call your vet as soon as possible.

- Look for signs such as dilated pupils, drooling/frothing, vomiting, respiratory distress, shaking and weakness, loss of bowel or bladder control, paralysis and collapse.

- Do not hesitate if you think an incident has occurred. Even if your pet looks OK, symptoms can be delayed.
- If your animal is outside, keep the area tidy, grass low and reduce clutter where possible.

Source: Gisborne Veterinary Clinic Facebook

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QUIZ

1. A cocker spaniel is what kind of domestic pet?
2. Pearls are found in what sort of shellfish?
3. How many squares are there on a chess board?
4. Which popular soft drink has been shortened to 'Coke'?
5. Graphite and diamond are both pure forms of which chemical element?
6. Which three colours comprise the Italian flag?
7. What is the Australian national flower?
8. Which strait separates the Australian mainland from Tasmania?
9. What colour do you get when you mix red and yellow paint?
10. What is the capital of Papua New Guinea?

Answers on page 39



Artwork by Eliza Ransome

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE:

Find 10 differences between the two drawings.

JOKES & RIDDLES

What goes "Ouch", eight times?
An octopus with tight shoes.

Milk is the fastest liquid in the world. It goes pasteurise before you can see it.

What does everyone get for their birthday?
Another year older.

What happened when the glass blower inhaled?
He got a pane in his stomach.

If a girl slips on the ice, why can't her brother help her up?
Because he can't be a brother and assist her too.

A dentist married a manicurist and they've been fighting tooth and nail ever since.

Doctor, Doctor, I keep thinking I'm a \$50 note.

I recommend you go shopping. The change will do you good.

While driving yesterday I got a puncture. I didn't see the fork in the road.

School holiday fun with Gisborne Toy Library



The Gisborne Toy Library put on another morning of game-filled fun at the Manna Gum Family and Children's Centre in the recent school holidays, allowing kids and their carers to explore and play some board games.

We pulled out the good old favourites such as Battleship, Chess and Monopoly Junior as well as some counting and turn-taking games for the littlies.

There was a good turnout of people and they enjoyed some snacks and drinks (and coffees!) to go with the game playing.

The 'Floor is Lava' game ended up being a big hit with kids of all ages.

If anyone has any suggestions of board games for the next game day, please get in touch. We would love to add to our collection.

A big thank you to those who helped set up and tidy up on the day. And a bigger thank you to those who came along, we would not be able to do these



Concentrating hard! Monopoly Junior is always a winner.

events without you. Hope to see you at the next one in January!

Find us on Facebook or just pop your head in when you are next at the centre and say 'hi!' We're open Monday mornings 9.15-10.15am and Saturday

mornings from 9.30-11am, during school term.

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



Young contributors

Sophie Wright and Eliza Ransome are part of the extended Gazette team and met at the annual Gazette reception in October. Sophie delivers papers to letterboxes in Macedon and Eliza provides regular 'Spot the difference' drawings for this page.



St Brigid's girls hit it for six in inter-school cricket

St Brigid's seniors had inter-school cricket at Dixon Field on 17 September. It was a day full of fun and competitiveness.

The boys' team played four games in total, finishing third overall. The girls' team played four games including the grand final, which they won by 96 runs against Holy Cross.

This was certainly a day that will go down in St Brigid's history. As a result of the girls winning, they went through to divisional cricket to represent the Macedon Ranges.

The journey continued one month later, on 17 October, when the team went to Aintree. The day started with a



We played three games in total. In the first two games we were undefeated, and we went into the last game excited as it would seal the deal on whether we would advance to regionals or not. After a fabulous game of great bowling, batting, and fielding, we won!

We are all pumped for regionals and hope to bring home a third flag to add to the collection. Regionals will take place on 1 November at Keilor.

Summer Connors and Scarlett Manion

fun play at the park, but then we had to prepare for the serious day ahead.



St Brigid's girls' cricket team has won the local and division inter school flags and has its sights on adding a regional one on 1 November.

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No doubt where the hearts lie at Willowbank Primary

The community of Willowbank was a sea of green and gold when we celebrated 'Green and Gold Day' in August.

It was in the middle of the Olympics and there were students that could easily be mistaken for Olympic athletes representing Australia in Paris.

The students of Willowbank embraced the Australian spirit by cheering each other on as we participated in many fun activities that displayed our amazing sporting talents. We enjoyed games of ping pong, frisbee golf, scavenger hunt, bean bag toss and javelin. Each of our groups represented different countries and we earned points throughout the day. It was incredible to see our whole school unite and celebrate Green and Gold Day.



Jack

Jack Cartwright (The Gazette apologises for inadvertently missing this report sent in by Willowbank for the September issue).



Willowbank Primary School students dressed up as fans and athletes on 'Green and Gold Day'.



Overcoming challenges with unity



When we first got to camp, which was on the Mornington Peninsula, there was a lake and a little beach-like area. We started with some raft building in teams, some rafts fell apart but others stayed together well.

We did many activities, but the camp favourites would have been the water-based activities, especially canoeing and stand-up paddle boarding. Canoeing got a little hard, but we were able to overcome challenges as we learnt how to paddle together. Some young people were flipped off their paddle boards by the guides for a little fun, that was funny to watch.

On land, damper making was fun and so easy – just flour and water, wrap it on a stick and place it over the fire to cook. It was so yum drizzled with honey! The gaga pit was another favourite and we were obsessed. [Gaga ball is a kind of variant of dodgeball] Everyone had different rules which made it hard.

Tree climbing to high up and then jumping down was a highlight for some, while the obstacle course on the last day was for others, notably the Tarzan where we had to get from one platform to another. Some of us had to keep our legs up and knees bent so we didn't touch the ground.

It was home time and it felt good. It



Climbing high at GVL camp.



Getting prepared to scale the heights.

was a fun trip because we had a party bus with lots of singing and some sitting down kind of dancing – some young people did sneak some camp snacks (lollies to be exact) to enjoy but *shhh*, don't tell anyone.

Max (Cycle 2), Shea and Charlie (Cycle 3)

Twilight Fair brings fun for Holy Cross despite poor weather



What an amazing community we live in! With a less-than-ideal weather forecast threatening our Twilight Fair, a dedicated group of parents quickly put together a contingency plan that ensured everyone's safety while preserving the spirit of the event. Thanks to their hard work and quick thinking, all the planning and effort paid off – and our children had fun.

The Cha Cha ride was a big hit, with children lining up again and again for their turn. The dunk tank was another favourite, drawing a large crowd keen to see teachers, parents, and even some brave children nervously waiting to see when they would have a refreshing dip!

Children and parents worked together

to run class stalls, offering everything from hair braiding and slime to toys, books, fresh produce, lollies, and cakes. Visitors to our fair could also enjoy laser tag, an art show, and a Lego competition.

We were also very grateful to the external stalls that came along and the music and creative talents that added to the community atmosphere. On a night when it would have been easier to stay indoors because of the weather, the wonderful families that made the effort to venture out in support of our school fair were rewarded with a wonderful family event.

We are so grateful to everyone who contributed to the success of our fair, even those people who rejoiced at the brave people who sat nervously on the dunk machine. *Kellie McDonald*



Ethan Spiteri, one of Holy Cross Primary's school captains, is dunked by his mum at the Twilight Fair.



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New Gisborne's Year 2 camp an all-round success

Camp was great, say these young reporters.



Year 2 canoes on camp



Ruby: The Year 2s from New Gisborne Primary School recently went to the Lady Northcote Discovery camp for one night. We tried new and adventurous activities.

Amelia: First, I got my body moving with Risky Kids. We started off with some warm-up exercises. Next, we ventured to a dry and dusty environment. We played 'the floor is lava' and did vaults, spins and chasing games.

Finn: Our second activity was yabbing. You tie a piece of meat to a string that is connected to a reel. It was challenging at first but then we got the hang of it. Darcy helped me catch the yabbies. I would turn the reel until I could see the yabby on the meat then Darcy would scoop it up in a net. It was so much fun!

George: On the second day at camp, I did the giant swing, and it was my favourite activity. First, the other people in my group pulled a rope and we went higher and higher until I said stop. Then my group did a count down. I pulled a hippo, and I went flying. Whee!

Eva: Finally, I went canoeing. We had to wear a life jacket and helmet. There were red canoes and blue canoes. The instructor showed us how to go forward, backwards, and how to turn left and right.



Some of New Gisborne's Year 2 reporters.

The canoes had names, and I was in a blue canoe called 'Unsinkable'.

Isabel: Then we had free time. I watched the boys and Eva play gaga. I didn't like dinner. I only liked the corn. After dinner we had a movie until it was time for a night walk. I spotted lots of owls and I had some time to read a book before I went to sleep.

Nash: I loved camp because we got to be with our friends, and we got dessert!



CAPTAIN'S RAP
with Louisa Cawood



Louisa Cawood

Hey everyone and welcome back to this month's Captain Rap! It has been an exciting few weeks at Gisborne Secondary, packed with events that really showcase our talent and spirit.

The Year 10s recently enjoyed a live performance of *Macbeth*, which added a new layer to their understanding of Shakespeare's work.

I would like to give a huge shoutout to our athletes who qualified for the regional athletics. There were some impressive results, and it was great to see so many give it their all during their events.

The Year 10 Behavioural Science students took a trip to the Police Museum in Melbourne, where they learned about the history and role of law enforcement in our community; and the Year 10 Humanities excursion to the Holocaust Museum provided a deeper understanding of this critical part of history as they got to interact with survivors and ask them about their experiences.

The Indonesian Gamelan incursion was also a highlight, where students learned about traditional music and practised their Indonesian skills.

The Year 10 Outdoor Education surf camp in Torquay was a blast, with students working together, embracing the waves, and building great memories. Meanwhile, Year 9 students explored the wonders of space during their Mission to Mars excursion at the Victorian Space Science Education Centre.

And let's not forget the Year 8 Youth Live4Life celebration recognising students' efforts in mental health training with engaging activities. We have also had the Year 11 Environmental Science camp head to Queenscliff where they focused on sustainability, and finally, the Year 10 Market Place Day was a showcase of student creativity and entrepreneurial spirit ranging from cake sales to dunking teachers. Fun for everyone.

As we wrap up the school year, we have had an amazing Year 12 Celebration Day and Graduation Assembly, and now look ahead to the start of VCE exams. It has been a wild ride, and these events highlight just how vibrant our school community is. Let's keep up the great work!

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SCOUTING



Above: Gisborne Venturers prepare to raft down the mighty Murray River.

Right: Rovers hike around Bellfield Lake in perfect weather.

News from 1st Gisborne Scout Group

It is hard to believe that Term 4 is here already. It has been a fun filled and action-packed year for all our Scout units and it will not stop during the Christmas holidays for a number of Scouts who will be going to Jamboree 2025 in Queensland.

The Scouts have been on two camps over the past month. The first was for a night hike through the forest at the back of Riddells Creek. The second was a three-night camp in Anglesea, to prepare for the upcoming Jamboree. Camp activities included archery, indoor caving, challenge valley obstacle course and a walk to the local beach for a swim.

Over the school holidays some of our Venturers went on one of the two annual BARCOM expeditions. These are weeklong trips rafting down the Murray River. This is a truly remote activity with each of the rafts carrying supplies for the week and bush camping on the river bank each evening. It is a truly unique experience with many Venturers returning with renewed confidence in their abilities and new memories and friendships.

The 'oldest' section of Scouts, the Rovers, went to the Grampians for a four-day, three-night camping expedition. They visited many scenic locations such as Bellfield Lake, Venus Baths and Clematis Waterfall and the trip was a great time for everyone.

If you think you would like to join in the fun and give Scouting a go, either as a Leader or a Scout, please email us at info@1stgisborne.com.au for more information.

Carolyn Goode (Joey Leader)



The latest from Gisborne Guides



Gisborne Lightning Guides have chosen two badges to work on for Term 4: Ears and The Arts. They are taking on activities that require good listening skills, considering what it would be like to have limited hearing and will learn some sign language. For the Arts badge they chose to create art works, develop skits and include music in the program.

We are excited to meet several new girls who are coming along this month to try Guiding. If you are interested, check out the Girl Guide Victoria website to see if Guides would interest you. We accept girls from seven years of age.



Deb Fleming

Deb Fleming

1st New Gisborne Scouts October news

Much is happening at New Gisborne. At our recent Annual Report and Presentation evening we heard of all that has happened in the past year and pointers to what is ahead. Most important was hearing from our youth members about the highlights of their year and their favourite activities. We are now starting to plan the final stage of our hut project with toilets and kitchen facilities. Donations tax-deductible are welcomed!

We have been continuing our fundraising for our Scout contingent to the January Australian Jamboree in Queensland. A wonderful result from our most recent Sunbury Bunnings barbecue. The Jamboree is getting close now and much excitement.

Over the holidays Cub Scouts hiked along the Domino Trail ending up in Trentham, much fun despite the wet weather. Joeys continue their outdoor focus with much fun at their Regional Camp. Everyone is looking forward to the Annual Canoeing Night and Barbecue on 11 December.

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 Wednesdays, 6.30-8pm, Venturers on Fridays. Contact Group Leader Russell Barker 0400 297 025 or russell@jeem.com.au to learn more. For Venturers, call Tracey on 0407 098 032.

John Frearson



Some weary Cub Scouts rest at Trentham Station.



A happy moment for the Joeys.

The ABC – and F – of tying flies



Huge shout out to Erhan Cinar (Commonwealth Fly Fishing Championships multiple bronze medallist) for his expert instruction.

As my first fly-tying experience, here is what I learnt. Grab your vice, because life's too short to tie a fly with your bare hands. And you will need something to hold onto when it goes sideways.

Clamp a size 16 hook in the vice. You can go bigger (the bigger the number the smaller the hook), but size 16 is the Goldilocks of hooks; just right for people like me who pretend they know what they are doing.

Going smaller, something like a size 20 could be your Everest.

Next add a bit of squirrel grip; at least that is what I heard?! (Squirrel fur dubbing on thread wound on the hook). Twirl it on like your life depends on it. You could use possum, but squirrel is the bee's knees.

Now, time for the feathers, and you can't go past duck. Someone said peacock, but all I had was duck. Grab your duck and go straight for the backside feathers, the butt area.



Louis Bokor's F fly.

Apparently, some magical glandular secretion (to help keep them, waterproof) makes them more 'authentic' cul de canard; I don't make the rules. Just make sure



Erhan Cinar's fly tying tricks engross the group.

no one catches you in the act. Now slap a bit of coloured thread or tinsel on the fly so you can see this masterpiece in the water.

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Erhan, you are the man! Thanks again for your tuition. Find us at: www.calderflyfishing.com.au, Facebook and Instagram.

Dominic Saporito

WALK

Lerderderg Heritage River Walk



Hello from the Ramblers. We have ranged a little further afield over the past month with our walks, with visits to Trentham and Blackwood.

The Wombat Trail at Trentham is a very easy walk on generally even ground and is well worth the effort if you are in the area. At Blackwood, we walked the Lerderderg Heritage River Walk, which starts at the Garden of St Erth car park and is well sign-posted. The trail is mainly single width, following old water races which pass through some leafy gullies.

Most of the races in this area were constructed by or under the direction of Pauline Bonnard — a French lady of remarkable character. Ponder the strength of this woman in the goldfields of the 1800s. Her grave is in the Blackwood cemetery.

The walk is quite easy, if long (about 9km). After the first 100m, a choice of direction is required, this is the start of the loop section. Take the left leg as this will eventually bring you to the river on the return and is much more attractive. The trail is marked at crossings with posts with red triangles to keep to you on track.

Details of our weekly walks are emailed out if you care to 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)



A view on the Lerderderg Heritage River Walk near Blackwood.

Hello Gisborne community.

I recently took advantage of the marvellous spring sunshine and joined Spark Tennis at South Gisborne Tennis Club for a round of Pickleball, one of the newest fast-growing sports and after having a go, I can understand why.

It was fantastic to join students, staff and parents at St Brigid's Primary School in late October to celebrate the official opening of the school's upgraded facilities. Thanks to \$800,000 of funding from the State Government this project added new general



With Mary-Anne Thomas, MP

learning areas for the school's senior students to enjoy, as well as upgrading and extending staff facilities.

It was also thrilling to learn about the students' upcoming mission to plant even more indigenous vegetation at the Gisborne Botanical Gardens to improve the gardens' biodiversity and natural habitats. The

school received \$4000 to support the project as part of the Victorian Junior Landcare and Biodiversity Grants program.

The Victorian Government is kicking off a major road maintenance blitz. Locally, Gisborne-Kilmore Road, Tylden-Woodend Road, Vineyard Road Sunbury, Kilmore-Lancefield Road, and Heathcote-Kyneton Road will all be repaired, rebuilt or resurfaced.

Sending my best wishes to all year 12 students and their parents for the upcoming exam season.



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AROUND THE GROUNDS



Little Athletics kicks off



The Gisborne Little Athletics summer season has started, and registrations are still open.

Here are some good reasons to register to join the Gisborne Little Athletics Club, starting with two free 'Come and Try' Friday afternoon competitions to see what it's all about.

Plus, you will meet new people and spend quality time with your family and friends; participate in a variety of running, throwing, and jumping disciplines; be coached up to three times per week at no extra cost to your membership; our members, girls, and boys, are from Under 6 to Under 15; surround yourself with a supportive community; improve physical fitness and mental health wellbeing; participate at local, regional, and state competitions; achieve your personal best and continue to improve your skills and, most important, have fun.

Come and try athletics. Join or renew today. New members are always welcome. Register at www.lavic.com.au and select Gisborne as your club.

Have questions? Send us an email at enquiries@gisbornelittleathletics.com

Submitted by Drew Fisher

Bowls on at Gisborne



Members and visiting bowlers are enjoying the enhanced facilities at the Gisborne and District Bowling Club, including the new synthetic bowling green. Saturday and Tuesday pennant bowls started with the club having a team in division one, a team in division two, and two teams in division three.

A number of new bowlers have joined the club, and we look forward to their progressing through the ranks as they gain more experience in the game of bowls.

The revised start dates for barefoot bowls are now Tuesday 12 and Wednesday 13 November. If you are interested in playing on a Tuesday, contact Ailene Paterson on 0417 397 609, and on a Wednesday, contact Sean Lawless on 0418 335 662.

Barefoot bowls is a great sport for all ages, and is a great way to learn the game while having fun at the same time. The club provides you with access to bowls, and will find a team for you if you cannot get a team of four people together.

Russell Walker



Gisborne Cricket Club's Senior Women's team started the season with a seven-wicket win over Wallan.

Dragons off to a flying start



The season is off to a fantastic start for the Gisborne Dragons, beginning with our successful launch event at Castello's, where we introduced the committee, senior captains, and welcomed new local and overseas recruits. The night was made even more memorable as they delighted the crowd with some karaoke fun.

A special shoutout to former Dragons junior and Melbourne Stars player Tom Rogers for his first class debut for Victoria — well done, Digger! Congratulations also to Jarryd and Riley Vernon on being selected for the Victorian Country Cricket League team trials. We wish them the best of luck as they aim for the Australian Country Cricket Championships in the Barossa Valley in January.

Our junior teams are breaking records with participation numbers, and we are thrilled with their early results. The Blasters program for kids aged five to eight is in full swing every Sunday at Gardiner Reserve from 9am to 10.15am. There is still time to join — visit our Facebook page or website for details.

Lastly, huge congratulations to our senior women's team on their stellar seven-wicket win in round one. Bri's 50* and Ruby's 45* helped secure the victory — well done, ladies! Go Dragons!

Brett Vernon, vice-president

Twilight orienteering around local towns returns



Central Highlands Orienteering Club's Twilight Series offers an exciting opportunity for adventurers of all ages and abilities to explore local towns.

Held on Wednesday evenings 6-8pm, this family-friendly event guarantees fun and exploration while challenging your fitness.

Participants can choose from courses ranging from 3km to 9 kms, with a time limit of up to 60 minutes to complete their chosen path.

The cost is \$5 per participant, and parents can shadow their children at no extra charge.

Each event uses coloured maps and electronic timing to enhance the experience.

The series takes place at different locations, starting in Macedon on 13 November, followed by Sunbury on 20 November, Woodend on 27 November, Romsey on 4 December, and concluding in Gisborne on 11 December.

For more details, visit www.centralhighlands.weebly.com, email centralhighlandsorienteers@gmail.com or call Wendy on 0439 433 665.

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NOV 13th	MACEDON	Ash Wednesday Park
NOV 20th	SUNBURY	Galaxy Lands
NOV 27th	WOODEND	Information centre
DEC 4th	ROMSEY	Lions reserve
DEC 11th	GISBORNE	Jackson creek reserve

Registrations	6.00pm - 6.30pm
Starts	6.30pm - 7pm
Courses close	8pm

Up to 1 hour to complete your adventure
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A year of netball in review

2024 saw 638 players registered in the Macedon Ranges Junior Netball competition, playing 508 games over 18 weeks.

This year we welcomed Falcons Netball Club into the association, and we hope the growth of Falcons in Macedon Ranges Netball Association (MRNA) continues in years to come.

Well done to all players for coming out each week over the winter months. Congratulations to our 2024 premiers Riddell 2 (U16A), Woodend 1 (U16B), Kyneton 3 (13A), Possums 3 (U13B), Riddell 5 (11A) and Possums 6 (U11B) and a huge congratulations to our youngest players, the Under 9s, for starting their netball journey with MRNA.

Further congratulations go to Tessa and Lucca (U16A), Ralema and Heidi (U16B), Piper and Harley (U13A), Oscar and Gracie (U13B) for being best and fairest winners and runners-up, respectively.

With 32 games each week, it was not any easy job finding 64 umpires to cover all games. So, a huge thank you to all our MRNA umpires. At the conclusion of our junior winter season, our long-standing umpire supervisor, Gayle Hobbs, decided to hang up her white skirt, whistle and pink supervisor's vest. Gayle has been involved with the MRNA for over 40 years and will be sadly missed. Thank you, Gayle, and happy retirement.

With the 2024 season finishing it was not long before we were jumping into our Twilight season which started on 8 October, on a Tuesday night. With more than 60 teams registering in three days, it goes without saying that we have been extremely pleased with the interest in the Twilight comp. We would like to give the biggest of thanks to our sponsors for their continued support of the MRNA and for their help in installing additional lighting on Court 3 at the MRNA complex. This has enabled extra teams to join the Twilight competition as well as allow more teams to train later in the night over the winter months.

The Midweek Ladies competition continues to grow at our new home at the Macedon Ranges Sports Precinct with 217 current player registrations and 21 team registrations. We have players ranging from the age of 15 right up to 60 years young.

Finally, thank you to all our outgoing 2023-24 executive committee members for all your hard work and thank you to those members who are returning for 2024-25. Also, a huge thank you and welcome to Lauren O'Grady who is stepping up to the role of president for the 2024-25 season.

For information on Macedon Ranges Netball Association competitions, please contact admin@macedonrangesnetball.com.au

Tracey Calnan, administration officer, MRNA



MRNA president Lauren O'Grady turns on the new lights for Court 3 at the Macedon Ranges Regional Netball Complex on 8 October. With her are Jo Irwin and David Thomas representing Community Bank Gisborne & District, which contributed \$7000 to the lighting upgrade.



*Back row (from left): Maverick, Lachlan, Jeff, Angus, Tess, Alyssa.
Front row: C Caitlin, Cate, Mitchell.*

Thunder swimmers take their place in state pinnacle event



The Victorian State Age Short Course Championships, one of the pinnacle swimming events on the calendar, was held in Melbourne in early September.

This is one of the few events where country and city swimmers come together to compete, and was held at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre (MSAC) across three days. To attend, swimmers are required to meet qualifying times with times that they have swum throughout the recent season.

We had 13 swimmers from the club participate. Ava H was our only individual swimmer, and we had six relays teams across a variety of relay events.

Special mention goes to Ava who has had a tremendous short-course season, dropping nine seconds in 100m freestyle to gain her qualifying

time to enter the State Age Championships.

Our relay teams were made up of the fastest swimmers in the club in their age group. All six teams were competitive in their heats, making great improvements on their qualifying times. This was the greatest number of relay teams the club has ever entered in state age championships.

The atmosphere was loud and exciting, with friends and family cheering the teams on. For those who could not make it, they were able to live stream the event and cheer from home.

I would like to congratulate all the swimmers who attended the event, it is a huge achievement.

If you are interested in coming along to check out the club, our next club night is on Saturday, 16 November; registration from 5.45pm.

For more information visit us on Facebook and Instagram.

Caitlin G, club captain

Mt Macedon racks up award trifecta



Mt Macedon Golf Club was proud to be recognised in the recent 2024 Dalhousie District Golf Association as Golf Club of the Year. The award recognises the continuing commitment to the 'Ladies Get Into Golf@MMGC' program. These clinics have introduced around 200 women to golf through a skills program developed specifically for novice golfers, and was recognised by Golf Australia in awarding MMGC the 'Visionary of the Year' for 2022.

The club was thrilled to have president Matt Willis awarded the Dalhousie District's Long Term Volunteer of the Year, while course supervisor Nathan Fairley was recognised as Volunteer of the Year.

Terry 'T-bone' Bonello was our September Monthly Medalist returning a nett 65. The October mid-week Mug o' the Month was Darcy Doyle who compiled 37 stableford points, pipping Kellie Spry, Mark Burrage and Tony Carter by a single point.

November is a busy month for the club with the 27-hole Open to be played on the third, the mid-week Mug o' the Month, the Singles Matchplay qualifier, the Monthly Medal and the four-person Golf Plate on the 30th, all to be contested.

Congratulations to the incoming 2024-25 management committee of Matt Willis, president; Mick Doyle, captain; Brian Collins, treasurer; Darcy Doyle, OH&S; Nathan Fairley, course supervisor, and general committee members Garry Liddy, Peter Watson and Sean Bassett.

Finally, a huge thank you was received by the club from Macedon Ranges Suicide Prevention Action Group for hosting the recent Men's Mental Health event at the clubhouse, which was highlighted by a presentation from Paralympian triathlete Liam Twomey.

Walrus



Committee member Roberta Henry and professional Matt Duncan with enthusiastic golfing newbies who do not like break dancing.

There's no sport more social than golf



Now that the footballers and netballers have hung up their boots and skirts, it is time to enjoy the best social sport in the world: golf.

Some may argue there are more social sports, like the new Olympic sport where you get to dance around like a kangaroo. But at the Gisborne Golf Club you can dance with real kangaroos as you play a game of golf with your friends.

But don't take my word for it, here is what one Gisbornite had to say about it after attending our recent 'Come and Try Golf' clinic:

"Wow, who would have thought this game is so enjoyable, friendly and the most social sport in the world."

This lady was not the only person to attend our come and try golf day. It was a huge success, with 21 inquisitive golfing newbies who had heard how great



Sometimes even kangaroos want to get in on the act at Gisborne.

the game was.

Some had also heard the Gisborne Golf Club also holds a 'Monday Funday' game each week.

Monday Funday is a great way to learn the game in a very relaxed and enjoyable environment. It is called Monday Funday for a reason, and it is not because it is held on Mondays.

For those who want to go to the next level, the club also runs beginner clinics. Contact the club for more information.

Dom Hogan

Petanque is a game for everyone



Petanque is a game that can be played by people of any age group, any gender.

Several female club members will attend a 'This Girl Can' promotion at the Gisborne Market on Sunday 1 December, along with other Macedon Ranges sports representatives. Petanque will have an interactive display complete with some junior boules.

Petanque can also be played by people with disabilities, including players in wheelchairs.

Mt Macedon Petanque Club held a Mixed Triples Tournament on 13 October with 25 teams competing from all over the state. Congratulations to club members Caroliza Job, Paul Fox and Noel Gladman who came third.

In other recent competitions, Rhonda Shears, Danny Green and Noel Gladman came second at Nagambie, and Lindsay Kinghorn was equal third at Smythesdale (with two Pyrenees players).

If you are interested in trying petanque, drop into our club grounds behind the Ampol Service Station in Gisborne. Playdays are held every Wednesday. The time has been altered again to 2-5pm. Saturday playdays run 10am-1pm on the second and fourth Saturdays. For enquiries, please go to our website: mtmacedonpetanque.org

Alison Kinghorn



Ken Mason from Ballarat Petanque Club in action at the MMPC Mixed Triples competition.

Update from South Gisborne



With finals approaching for the Mountain District Ladies Tennis Association Tuesday ladies' tennis, we wish our teams all the best.

Interested in playing in 2025? We are always on the lookout for ladies to fill in or join up.

The club's annual 'have a go' day for the International Day of People with Disability will be on Thursday 28 November. All are welcome. See details on page 1.

Look up the club's website www.sgtenniscub.com.au or Facebook sites for all events, programs, coaching and club news.

Gail Scott

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 in March 2025. We now need your help to make it memorable.

We are looking for:

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

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

Stories and memories: Share your favourite mo-

ments 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@macedontenniscub.com.au

Let's come together to celebrate our shared history and make this anniversary unforgettable.

Thank you for being part of our story!

Jodee Hurley



SPORT IN PICTURES



Rob Hyland starts playing bowls for Macedon after giving up bandages as a longtime trainer for Macedon Football Netball Club in September. Division 3 Macedon v Woodend, 12 October.



Macedon Tennis Club B3 player Asha trains on 19 October.



Twilight Netball
Under 11 Rebels 8 v Shooting Stars, 8 October.



Vicki Noble bowls for Gisborne Division 1 v Kyneton, October 19.



Gisborne Little Athletics: Siena runs with Alani.



Back to Back v Sacred Heart Spirit, 22 October.

South Gisborne focus



The Friends of Mt Gisborne Bushland Reserve conducted a Wildflower Walk at Mount Gisborne on 12 October, identifying more than 100 species.

These antennae were installed on the tower in Couangalt Road, South Gisborne, on 16 October. They are expected to improve mobile phone service in the area.

Gazette at large

Gisborne residents Ken and Kerry Patton packed a *Gazette* for their recent trip to Easter Island and shared some information about the giant statues appearing to read over their shoulders in the photo.

Easter island, known also as Rapa Nui, accommodates a population of approximately 10,000 residents along with 900 of the renowned Moai stone statues. They were carved from volcanic tuff with eyes of white coral and obsidian, and mounted with a red scoria topknot. Four hundred Moai were erected between the 12th and 16th centuries, however internal warfare between the indigenous Rapa Nui resulted, over time, in all upright Moai being toppled face down. Slightly more than 40 have been re-erected to date.



Ken and Kerry Patton on Easter Island.



Bad luck for Macedon's Christian Hewitt, 19 October v Blackwood.



Grade 3/4 futsal – Blue Super Stars v Black Bandits, 18 October.



Gisborne captain Riley Vernon (centre) presents English players Josh Wills and Josh Brown with Dragons caps, 12 October.



Basketball: Grading night at Gisborne, 22 October.



Top right: Lottie focuses on the wicket at Junior Blast cricket, 19 October.

Above right: Andrew Meldrum bowls for the Cats – Under 15s Gisborne v Macedon, 12 October.

Right: Jim Hynes bats for Gisborne v Lancefield, 19 October

GAZETTE RECEPTION

The Gisborne Masonic Hall was full of community spirit at the 18th annual *Gisborne Gazette* reception on 18 October.

The *Gazette* committee organises the event to thank the many volunteers and supporters who contribute to the newspaper's success, and representatives from a wide variety of local groups were in attendance.

Five-, ten- and fifteen-year service certificates were presented to individuals for distributing the paper, to clubs and community organisations for providing regular reports, and to sponsors of pages or sections of the *Gazette*.

A delicious supper was provided by Macedon CWA and the most popular choice at the drinks table was the punch made to the late Graeme Millar's secret recipe.



Reports for 15 years: Gisborne Garden Club, The Mount Players, Gisborne Lightning Guides, Gisborne Croquet Club, Gisborne Bowling Club, Gisborne CWA.



Distributors for five years: Leonnie Wellington, Lynda Wenczel, Dianne Harper. Not pictured: Peter Wellington, Trevor Harper, Barbara Boyd, Dianne and Peter Egan, Jacqueline Nixon, Lou and Mick Maroulis, Penny Alsop.

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Distributors for 15 and 10 years: Lucy Padovani (15 years), Maxine Barker (10 years), Deb Fleming (15), Corinne Shaddock (15), Vicki Thompson (15). Ten-year distributors not pictured: Anne Ciesielski, Dom and Gillian Cafari, Keith Hallett, Peter Barker.



Reports for 15 years: Gisborne Library, Gisborne Fire Brigade, Gisborne Bushwalking Club, Mt Macedon Petanque Club, Gisborne Cricket Club, Gisborne Probus, Gisborne Ramblers. Not pictured: Gisborne Uniting Church, Mt Macedon Golf Club, South Gisborne Tennis Club, Anglican Parish of Gisborne.



Reports for 10 years: Macedon Ranges Photographic Society, the Gisborne Singers, Friends of Daly Nature Reserve, Gisborne Secondary College. Not pictured: Calder Fly Fishing Association.

Committee members Patsy Smith and Bryan Power manned the drinks table and served two big bowls of the late Graeme Millar's tasty punch.



Gazette president Maxine Barker proudly told the group that the October Gazette was the 200th edition of the paper, and was smiling all night.



Sponsors for 10 years: The Mount Players, The Gallery Mt Macedon, The Gisborne Singers. Not pictured: Bruce Ellis.

On the trail of something positive about the spitfire grub

Spitfire grubs are the most repulsive creatures on God's earth, are they not? These awful black grubs that get about in squirming clumps make everyone's skin crawl. No one has a good word to say about them.

But there must be something positive to these creatures, or else why do they exist?

What are they, exactly?

Spitfire grubs are the larvae of the sawfly, which is common across south-eastern Australia and is actually a type of wasp. The grubs are found around Gisborne and surrounds in spring and summer, usually clumped on eucalypt branches.

While known as 'spitfires', the grubs do not spit, they actually dribble. When threatened they wriggle their tails and regurgitate from their mouths a thick mustard-coloured goo that is made of concentrated eucalyptus oil. It may slightly irritate the skin if touched, but it is harmless.

And here are a couple of factoids to remember: The spitfire grub grows into a wasp but does not have a stinger, and most sawflies are females and lay fertile eggs without mating. Girl power!

The grubs usually feed separately on gumtree leaves at night and during the day live in large groups, clustered together to protect themselves from birds.

They can completely strip small branches of their leaves, but the trees usually recover. The grubs communicate with each other by using a kind of Morse code: when they spread out at night to feed they tap on the branches with their abdomens to let the rest of the group know where they are, so they can re-form their protective cluster before daylight.



Peter Barker spotted this clump of grubs making their way across a footpath in Gisborne. Inset: adult sawfly.

Growing up

Once the spitfires reach a peak size they crawl down the tree in their massed groups to pupate in the soil, some-

times migrating along fences and across pathways in the process. They use their eucalyptus goo to create cocoons in the soil then incubate for a few months. Then, if they are lucky, the grubs emerge as sawflies.

Why only 'if they are lucky'? This is because of the parasitic wasp, which lays eggs on spitfires and once these eggs mature, the parasitic wasp babies eat the pupating spitfire grubs.

The sawflies that do emerge live for only seven to nine days.

The Australian Museum says that sawflies are probably closest to the ancestral form that all hymenopterans (ants, wasps, bees and sawflies) evolved from, which lived more than 250 million years ago.

Scientists at the Australian National Insect Collection are currently studying sawfly fossils from NSW that lived in the Jurassic period, when dinosaurs were around.

So, what is positive?

Ultimately, probably the most positive things to be said about these disgusting-looking creatures is that they are a standout for independent femalehood, they are harmless, and they have a place in the food chain.

And maybe we can even work up some sympathy for them as they do have very tough little lives – though that may be a stretch too far.

Pip Butler

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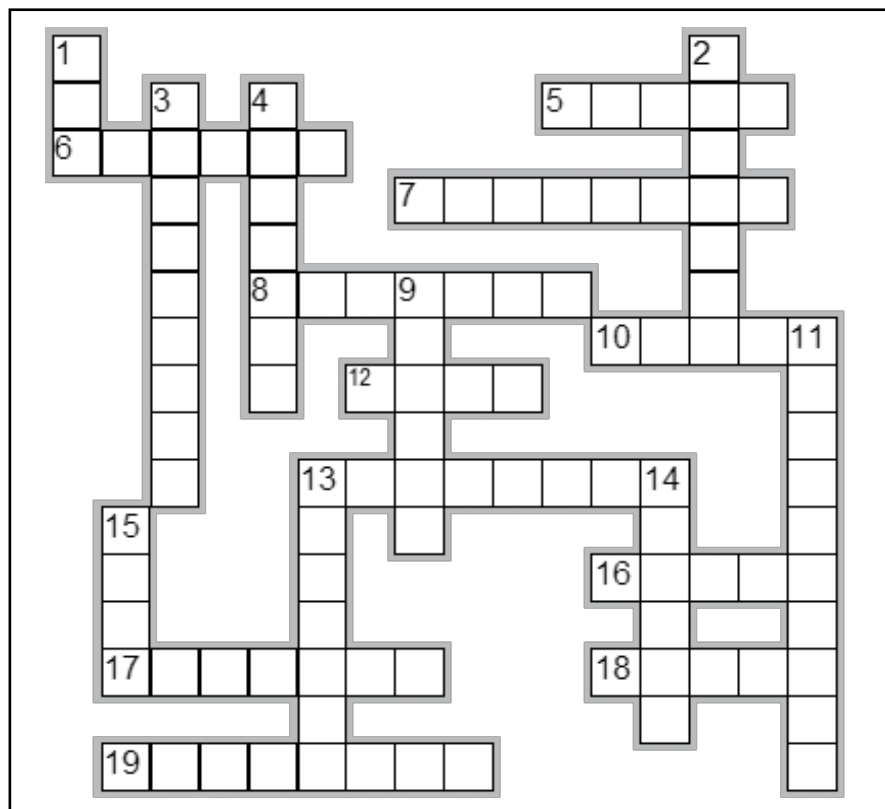
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5. The planet also known as the Morning and Evening Star.
6. The two moons of Mars are Phobos and ____.
7. The belt between Mars and Jupiter.
8. The first man in space, Yuri ____.
10. The largest terrestrial planet.
12. The crater Tycho is on this body.
13. The name of the galaxy we live in.
16. The planet demoted to 'Dwarf Planet' in 2006.
17. The very first artificial satellite.
18. Halley's is one of these objects.
19. The closest star system to Earth, Alpha ____.

DOWN

1. Betelgeuse in Orion is this colour giant.
2. The largest planet in our solar system.
3. The distance a beam of light travels in one year.
4. The name of two probes launched in 1977 and now in interstellar space.

Space: the final frontier Questions compiled by Chris Antoniou



9. Number 11 in the series, the first rocket to land humans on the moon.
11. 'Ingenuity' is the first of these to fly on another planet.
13. A moon of Uranus, and a female character in Picnic at Hanging Rock.
14. Our sun is this coloured dwarf.
15. The red planet.

QUIZ

1. The English war of the Roses was between the houses of York and which other?
2. Who wrote the book *Catch 22*?
3. What is depicted in the clear polymer window of the current Australian \$10 note?
4. Who was the only Tasmanian born prime minister of Australia?
5. Which VFL team won the 1970 Grand Final?
6. On which Japanese city was the second atomic bomb dropped in 1945?
7. What is the US term for what we call an op shop?
8. In 1967 which group was jointly named Australian of the Year?
9. Which metal has the atomic number 13?
10. What is the seventh planet from the sun?

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Answers page 39



Muddy's musings



It is my privilege to write this, my first contribution to the *Gazette* and to take this time to share a little of myself with you all.

I am Scott, your new friendly neighbourhood Anglican vicar. My wife, our cat and I have just arrived in the area, having moved from the Diocese of Riverina, where I was parish priest of three parishes in the middle of the canola belt: Coolamon/Ganmain, Narrandera and Lockhart.

I am originally from the Hunter Valley of NSW and was ordained in South Australia, serving my training in the Riverland, Murraylands and South Coast of the Diocese of the Murray.

I hope to get to know you over time. For now, I want to say thanks to all who have welcomed us into this community so far. I look forward to being a part of this community for many years to come.

With every blessing to you all,

*Fr Scott Mudd
Vicar, Anglican Parish of Gisborne*

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Anglican Parish Fair – details page 30



Bishop Dr Bradley Billings, the Reverend Scott Mudd and Archdeacon Michael Hopkins at Scott's commissioning as vicar of the Anglican Parish of Gisborne on 8 October.



St Brigid's Parish Gisborne – incorporating St Ambrose Riddells Creek and St Patrick's Macedon
Parish Priest: Fr. Vincent Nguyen

2025 SACRAMENTS

Registration is now open for Sacraments to be celebrated in 2025.

Please contact the office at gisborne@cam.org.au if you would like to be included in information sent out for Sacraments in 2025.

Reconciliation available to Year 3 and above, Holy Communion available to Year 4 and above and Confirmation available to Year 6 and above.

Sacrament fee for 2025 is \$100.

Baptism details required for registration.

Baptism is available all year round on the fourth Sunday of each month. Enquiries to: gisborne@cam.org.au or 5428 2591.

Parish Secretary: Tammie Dagleish

Office hours: Tuesday and Thursday 9am to 5pm

Parish website: www.melbcatholic.org/s/gisborne

From little things, big things grow



This wonderful, challenging song by Kev Carmody is like an earworm. Once heard, it rolls around in the memory. It is a song about people who were forgotten until one of them, Vince Lingiari, a traditional man, took on the 'money and muscle' of the vast Vestey land empire.

Moved by his courage, Carmody wrote these lyrics and sang them with Paul Kelly. From these 'small' acts the song and its message spread across the continent and the Wave Hill protest became a rallying point for change.

Its chorus suits our current circumstances. We cannot avoid knowing about the terror and trauma of the Israel/Gaza/Lebanon conflict (or Ukraine, Sudan...) The news disables us and makes us fear for others and even for the cohesion of our own community. Local congregations like ours are scarcely able to make wars cease but they can find many small ways to make a difference. Regular projects include collecting stamps for funding small projects across the Pacific and weekly collection of groceries for refugees.

And as November morphs into December, thoughts turn to Christmas. While it is easier to send a quick text of greeting, a card has more substance and meaning for the recipient. A range of cards is available from our social welfare agency Uniting (1800 668 426). Or if you



The Wrenwood Warblers were in fine voice at 'Muffin 'n More' at Gisborne Uniting Church on 8 October. Accompanist Malcolm Cole, Corinne Shaddock, Elizabeth Cooper, Ken Tacey and D'Arcy Wood.

are thinking longer term, you could join the Coffee Cup Challenge and set aside the cost of a coffee each week until Shrove Tuesday 2025.

Or looking even further, Act for Peace, an agency of the National Council of Churches, suggests a range of tax-deductible gifts. One such project is to provide food for refugees in Jordan, a refuge for many thousands of people fleeing from conflict areas.

So, yes, from little things, big things grow.

Janet Wood

Missionaries provide critical care



The film *The Surgery Ship* provides a glimpse into the amazing work of the medical missionaries on the Mercy ships. The Mount Macedon Uniting Church congregation viewed this film recently. The medical challenges of the volunteer doctors and nurses when faced with the most severe medical issues, such as huge tumours, massive deformities and more, are only half the picture. They must also make ethical decisions as they make life and death choices and the fate of patients among the poorest in Africa.

UnitingWorld is the international aid and partnerships agency of the Uniting Church. UnitingWorld partners with local churches in 14 countries across the Pacific, Asia and Africa, with 23 partners deeply rooted in their communities with a first-hand understanding of their issues.

Relationships spanning decades address poverty, food security, climate resilience, emergency responses, gender equality and developing good leaders and strong institutions. In India, families may be too poor to invest in education, with children helping in the household or the fields; girls are married off young. The partnership with the Church of North India supports girls to finish school, often the first in the family to do so. This opens opportunities for further education, and returning to the community as teachers, etc to inspire others to follow.

UnitingWorld is accredited by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, giving access to Australian aid grants for its partners. It is a small NGO compared to WorldVision, Oxfam and Fred Hollows, but one of many church-based aid groups such as Leprosy Mission and Act for Peace which we support with our Christmas Eve Carols service.

Neil Tweddle



100 YEARS AGO

NOVEMBER 1924

Gisborne Anglers' Club – Fishing Excursion to Deep Creek.

In the early hours of Tuesday morning 15 members, in three motor cars, left for a fishing competition at the Deep Creek. After a pleasant run of about 18 miles, they arrived at Darraweit and prepared for a good day's sport. The joint secretaries, Messrs. E. Gardiner and Frank Clarebrough, saw that the party was well distributed at convenient distances apart. The part of Deep Creek on which the descent was made is known to be well supplied with brown trout, as, since the opening of the season, more than 80 good specimens have been caught there. Unfortunately, on Tuesday, in consequence of recent rains, the creek was heavily coloured.

Gisborne Gazette – 7 November 1924

Gisborne Notes. A gale of cyclonic force, which raged one day last week, did a lot of damage through a strip of country between Gisborne and Sunbury. Buildings, haystacks, etc., on the track of the gale suffered.

Gisborne Gazette – 14 November 1924

An Amusing Race Incident. On Friday 1st, the whole of the Gisborne Race Committee were being somewhat later than usual in departing from the town for the racecourse. They were afraid they had left their departure too late. Mr. C. Pinney of the Telegraph Hotel came to the rescue and quickly took them to the course. All was well till long after the last race was run and the President, Secretary, Starter, etc., etc., were ready to make a start for home. Rain was threatening but there was not a conveyance of any sort in view, or likely to be. Luckily enough along came Mr John Fitzgerald, the caretaker of the Gisborne Mechanics Hall, with a little grey pony and a small two-wheeled spring cart. He very charitably took in the situation and generously offered to drive them. The whole nine racing club magnates were packed into the little cart like pickles in a bottle.

Gisborne Gazette – 28 November 1924

Bulla Shire Notes. At the most recent council meeting, Rev. Donald Dow asked that the gun in the reserve in front of the Presbyterian Church, Sunbury, be removed.

Cr. O'Brien: It is not doing a bit of harm there and is not in the church grounds.

Secretary: the church people suggest putting the gun at the corner of the monument.

Cr. O'Brien: Don't put it where the horses will be frightened.

President: If they want it shifted, why not do it?

Cr. O'Brien: Well, put it in the creek.

Cr. Johnston: It is certainly not much ornament and people don't want these reminders of the war in front of them continually.

Cr. O'Brien: If I had my way I'd leave it where it is.

President: Why not put it in our wastepaper basket – the Council's depot.

Decision: To be removed to Council's depot at rear of Memorial Hall.

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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 with details.



ADULT RIDING CLUB (Gis) 2nd Saturday Robertson Res, 5th Gis.
ADULTRIDINGCLUB (Bullengarook) 2nd Saturday Rec Reserve
AMATEUR RADIO CLUB 3rd Saturday 10am Woodend RSL.
www.mrarc.org.au

BOTANIC GARDENS working bee every Thurs 9.30am-10.30am
0439 887 178 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

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

CARERS GROUP (Mac Ranges) 2nd & 4th Thurs, 1pm Woodend RSL
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

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

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

LANDCARE: Gisborne Landcare working bee every 4th Sat,
place to be confirmed each month, 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

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

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

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 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

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 Sat 9.30-11am
71 Robertson St

ULYSSES GROUP 3rd Tues 6pm Sunbury FC
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 or sdggome@patash.com.au

Baringo Film Club

Screening times: 3pm Wednesday
7pm Friday (NB pre-show hot
snacks and drinks available at the restaurant.)
3pm Saturday

Date (November)	Film
6-9 Nov	<i>Heroic Losers</i> Argentina Drama/Comedy
13-16	<i>The Day of the Jackal</i> Thriller
20-23	<i>Wicked Little Lies</i> Drama
27-30	<i>Jeanne du Barry</i> French Historical

www.baringofilmclub.com

KIDS' QUIZ ANSWERS

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|-------------|-------------------------|
| 1 Dog | 6 Green, white, and red |
| 2 Oyster | 7 The golden wattle |
| 3 64 | 8 Bass Strait |
| 4 Coca Cola | 9 Orange |
| 5 Carbon | 10 Port Moresby |

CROSSWORD ANSWERS

ACROSS	DOWN
5 Venus	1 Red
6 Deimos	2 Jupiter
7 Asteroid	3 Lightyear
8 Gagarin	4 Voyager
10 Earth	9 Apollo
12 Moon	11 Helicopter
13 MilkyWay	13 Miranda
16 Pluto	14 Yellow
17 Sputnik	15 Mars
18 Comet	
19 Centauri	

QUIZ ANSWERS

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|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 Lancaster | 6 Nagasaki |
| 2 Joseph Heller | 7 Thrift shop or thrift store |
| 3 A windmill | 8 The Seekers |
| 4 Joseph Lyons | 9 Aluminium |
| 5 Carlton | 10 Uranus |

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