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## 200 games for Gisborne



*Anthony Belcher is carried off by teammates through a guard of honour of both teams at Golden Square on April 17.*

Anthony Belcher, 38, played his 200th senior game for Gisborne Football Netball Club on April 17.

A Macedon boy who started off playing juniors for the Cats, Anthony joined the Bulldogs at age 16 to play U18s then made the seniors two years later.

He is now the oldest and longest-running player on the team. Describing footy as "more of an addiction than true love", Anthony said his desire to win premierships is what has kept him on the field and he could not have lasted so long without the support of others.

See the club's tribute on page 31

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## From the Editor's desk

How beautiful it is driving into Gisborne amid the wash of yellow right now! The inaugural Macedon Ranges Autumn Festival may be over, but we should have lovely colours around the area for a few more weeks to enjoy.

After the quiet last year, I'm finding it invigorating to see junior and senior footy back in action on local reserves. Community football plays a large part in many people's lives around town and it certainly has in Anthony Belcher's, the Macedon local on this month's cover who played his 200th senior game with Gisborne Football Netball Club on April 17.

Besides loving the thrill of winning a competitive game, Anthony values the way community football can teach people teamwork and selflessness. A father of four young children, he would love to see football (or another sport) benefit his children as much it has him. Anthony is a busy man but wouldn't speak of retirement, so I congratulate him on reaching 200 games and wish him many more. See the club's tribute to Anthony on page 31.

Also making local sporting history in April was the Macedon Ranges Basketball Association's U14 squad 1, who took out the Basketball Victoria Country Championships on April 18. It is the first time a local rep squad has ever won Division 1 and is a huge achievement for the team and the region. Bravo for putting us on the basketball map, guys!

Moving to the arts, local author Rozzi Bazzani has released a new book (see page 3) and after a year of empty stages it's excitedly showtime again for the Mount Players and the Gisborne Singers. Both groups have performances in May and I encourage you to enjoy and support these local arts groups. Details on pages 11 and 12.

I am delighted to welcome local grade five student May Zarins who loves to write to the Gazette team. Continuing the spirit of The Adventures of Max the Dog that ran in the Gazette last year (and I can now divulge was written by Graham Marshall of Mount Macedon – thanks for the fun, Graham!), May kicks off a new serial she has called Dipper Diaries on page 19.

Thank you to Dr Umair Masood for providing another informative coronavirus vaccine update this month, on page 16.

Last but not least, congratulations to my tennis teammate Deb Fleming on her success at the Echuca Easter tournament (see page 34). I hope your running streak continues back home!

There are plenty more interesting items in this edition. Happy reading!

Corinne

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## A MINUTE WITH MAXINE

Isobelle and Kevin Gossip have been delivering the *Gazette* for 15 years.

Both were born in Essendon and they married there in 1960. They built a house in East Keilor then moved to Gisborne in 1971. They are parents to David, Peter and Helen and have five grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Kevin was a school teacher and spent the last nine years before his retirement as a coordinator of the technical studies area at Gisborne Secondary College.

Isobelle was involved for some years coordinating the Gisborne Leisure Learning Centre, first of all located within the Gisborne Library and then in the specially built community building, now known as Macedon Ranges Further Education Centre. Their other community interests have included the Gisborne Cemetery Trust, Probus, U3A, Girl Guides leadership and Scouts committee. Isobelle and Kevin have been members of the Gisborne Uniting Church since its inception in 1977.

Due to COVID restrictions last year, they spent their first winter in a long time at home and found



Isobelle and Kevin Gossip

it to be unpleasantly cold. However, they did get to see the wattles in bloom and the daffodils emerge.

They enjoy walking, caravanning and gardening, and Isobelle enjoys baking. They have a family of magpies that visit daily and Margaret, the mother magpie, knows where the fridge is located!

Maxine Barker

# Hayley's historic chop helps others



When Hayley Goodall decided in April to cut her hair for the first time in almost 14 years, she was ready for a new look and keen to use the occasion for charity.

With the help of Renee at Junae Hair in New Gisborne, Hayley was "extremely excited" to donate over 40cm of her hair to children's charity Variety through its Hair with Heart program. Hayley's hair will be made into a wig for children with cancer or alopecia.

At the time of writing, the Variety website said 35,447 people have donated hair to the program.

Thirteen-year-old Hayley really likes her shorter hair and is pleased she was able to help others in the process.



*Before and after. Left: Hayley prepares for the chop. Above: Happy with the new look, and being able to help someone else at the same time.*

## Petanque club member double national champ



Mt Macedon Petanque Club member June Hunter was a team member of both the 60+ doubles and triples winning teams at the National Petanque Championships held at Easter in Adelaide.

What drew June to petanque? See club report on page 34.

June Hunter, petanque boules in hand, sports her two Australian Petanque Championship medals.

## Local author releases first fiction book



Rozzi Bazzani of South Gisborne with her new book, *The Piano Woman*.

Local author and musician Rozzi Bazzani has released her second book, a dual timeline mystery with a touch of romance titled *The Piano Woman*.

The book follows the discoveries of a modern fiction writer living on the outskirts of Melbourne as she seeks the story behind her unexpected inheritance of an antique piano from an English woman she has never heard of.

Highlighting the fragility of family, the price of love and the importance of traditions that can sometimes save us from ourselves, *The Piano Woman* is available online from Arcadia (\$29.95), Readings, Dymocks and Amazon.

Raised in Bendigo and now a resident of South Gisborne for many years, Rozzi started her career as a librarian thinking "books were written by other people".

She proved herself wrong when her first book, *Hector*, a non-fiction recount of the life and times of influential Australian television producer Hector Crawford, was published in 2015 and won the history publication award at the Victorian Community History Awards in 2016.

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# \$3m more towards sports hub at New Gisborne

A \$3.2 million funding boost for the planned Macedon Ranges Regional Sports Precinct will help deliver the first stage of the project. This will include gardens, a wetland, an outdoor gym, barbecue areas, a play space and a walking, cycling and fitness track.

The additional funding to the Macedon Ranges Shire Council was announced by Local Government Minister Shaun Leane on April 16.

Prior to this, \$21.7 million had been committed to the project by Council, the Victorian Government and AFL Victoria. These funds will allow the completion of the design and the first stage of construction. The complete project is estimated to cost \$41.4 million.

The new funding has come from the Victorian Government's Growing Suburbs Fund.

*Member for Macedon Mary-Anne Thomas among representatives of sporting groups that will use the new precinct.*



## Barber invites community to celebrate with him Danny celebrates 20 years in Gisborne

Danny's Barber Shop reaches its 20th anniversary this month and barber Danny Ciantar invites the community to celebrate the milestone with him.

He opened Danny's Barber Shop in 2001 when Gisborne had about 5000 people. Raul was already set up in town, as a hairdresser. Danny focused on barbering and only accepted walk-ups from day one.

The local population has more than doubled over the years and the business has been good to him. Danny thanks his loyal clientele and invites people to call by on Saturday May 22 to celebrate his 20 years with him.

A barbershop quartet will provide music in front of the shop from 11am to noon and a free barber-cue will run from 11am to 1pm (permit pending).

Working as a barber since the age of 15, Danny has cut a lot of hair and cannot see himself stopping any time soon.

He's seen hairstyles come and go, and then come back again – like the mullets and skin fades that have returned to fashion. What does he like most about



*When Danny Ciantar opened in Gisborne the population was about 5000.*

being a barber? "I like making people feel good when they walk out." Make Danny feel good by calling by on May 22.

'Barber-cue' one week, morning tea the next...

## BIGGEST MORNING TEA IS ON

St Paul's Anglican Guild in Gisborne is happy to announce that they will be hosting the Biggest Morning Tea again this year. This community event helps raise vital funds to help make a big difference for those impacted by cancer.

The money we raise will help fund life-saving research, support services and education to prevent cancer.

So bring your friends and come and share a cuppa on Thursday May 27 at the Gisborne Masonic Hall, corner of Aitken and Fisher Streets, at 10am and together "let's all do what we can to beat cancer".

Entry is by donation at the door or if you would prefer to send a donation, please contact Elaine Millar on 5428 2522.



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# Anzac Day in Gisborne

As the Mount Macedon Anzac Dawn Service was not held this year, the committee produced a video service and released it on morning of April 25 on the group's website, [www.mtmacedondawnservice.org](http://www.mtmacedondawnservice.org)

As part of the video production, Gisborne RSL and Gisborne Secondary College were invited to lay a wreath at the Gisborne Cenotaph.

Initially no Anzac Day service was planned in Gisborne, but after restrictions were loosened the service was reinstated and



St Brigid's pupils Eleni, Ruby and Calyn lay a wreath that they made themselves.



Gisborne Secondary College vice-captains Joseph Daulatzai and Tess Cole lay wreaths with Tony Graham of Gisborne RSL at the Gisborne war memorial.

a gathering of about 100 people attended the service at the war memorial in Hamilton Street.

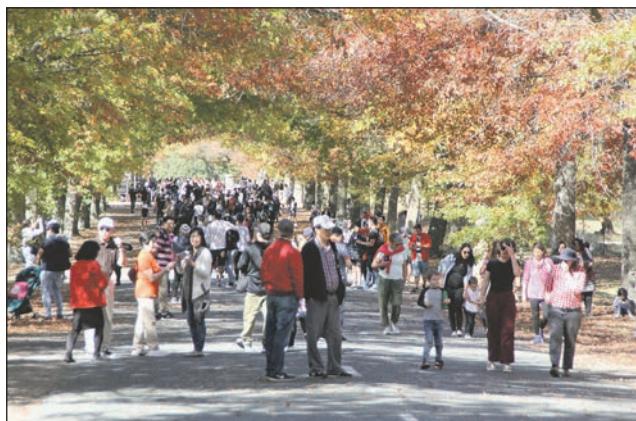
## SEEN AROUND TOWN



Eva Almond of New Gisborne was the first customer at the Gisborne Aldi when the store opened on March 31.



The end of two more houses in the town centre. The brick house above was on the corner of Hamilton and Goode Streets, Gisborne, and the one below was nearby at 37 Hamilton Street, beside the hairdresser.



April 5 on Honour Avenue, Macedon. The street was closed to traffic from 9-5 on weekends and public holidays in April.



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## Good Friday Appeal raises \$15,000

Scouts, CFA members and Gisbus drivers joined together to carry out the doorknock appeal.



Thanks to community support, we raised a grand total of \$15,222.90 in the Good Friday Appeal this year.

We would like to give a massive thanks to the New Gisborne Scouts for providing ground troops, our Senior and Junior members of the Gisborne Fire Brigade, GisBus for providing three buses for the day to ferry our troops around, Goodstart Early Learning New Gisborne for providing staff to



serve our troops lunch to stay COVID compliant with their food handling qualifications, Doonies Diner for providing potato cakes and chips at a discounted price and of course our amazing team of money counters behind the scenes.

Thank you to each and every person who donated throughout the day either in person or via our online virtual tin.

*Bevan Moody, Gisborne Fire Brigade*

## Gisbus drives for Children's Hospital Appeal

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

Good Friday is always a special day on the GisBus calendar. This year we had three buses supporting the Gisborne CFA conducting their annual Royal Children's Hospital appeal, travelling down most Gisborne streets ferrying Scouts, CFA volunteers and friends to do the doorknocking.

Except for last year due to COVID, GisBus has provided buses and our drivers have donated their time to support this great community effort since 2014.

With roadworks continuing along Station Road, please be advised the Farrell Street bus stop outside



the Ranges Medical Centre will be unavailable for approximately two months. Drop-off and collection points will be relocated as close as possible to this stop. GisBus, VicRoads and the contractor are consulting regularly to minimise impact on the bus services. Please continue to check our website – [gisbus.com.au](http://gisbus.com.au) – for the latest updates.

Please remember that everyone must still wear a face mask on public transport.

There are exemptions for children under 12 and individuals with medical conditions making it difficult to wear a mask.



## CWA expo highlights creative talent

The Central Highlands Group of the Country Women's Association (CWA), which includes the Gisborne and Macedon branches, held its annual Creative Arts Exhibition on the weekend of April 17-18 at the Kyneton Masonic Hall.

Over 800 items produced by 80 members from each of the 11 CWA branches across the Macedon Ranges were on display. Exhibits included both home industries (baking, jams and preserves, garden and home produce) and creative arts (including painting, photography, quilting, knitting and crochet, embroidery, beaded jewellery and much more).

Every branch also entered a craft table with items inspired by leaves, giving a very autumnal feel to this year's exhibition.

Winners ranged in age from two years to over 80 – with Gisborne's Fay De Lai taking out the aggregate prize for the Over 80s category.

Live demonstrations of crafts also took place across the weekend. The exhibition was attended by hundreds of visitors, some coming from as far away as Dimboola and Warrnambool. Special thanks to Creative Arts Convenor Melva Beer of the Romsey branch and to our tireless team of volunteers who assisted with setup, stewarding, working in our ever-popular café and on the trading table. The exhibition was a tour de force of skill, creativity and talent.

CWA membership enquiries can be directed to email: [cwacentralhighlandsgroupgp@gmail.com](mailto:cwacentralhighlandsgroupgp@gmail.com)

Amanda Millar  
Group President, CWA Central Highlands



Winner Fay De Lai (left) of Gisborne is presented with her award by Group President Amanda Millar.



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We look forward to your support.  
Bronwyn Tacey  
Secretary, GSC Chaplaincy Committee

New office bearers of Bullengarook CFA whose term runs through June next year.



## New leaders at Bullengarook CFA

The Bullengarook CFA had belated elections for the remainder of the 2020-22 term in March and it is with pleasure we can announce the results.

Captain, Training Officer, Group and VFBV Delegate: Phil Challis. 1st Lieutenant and Group Delegate: Simon Hayward. 2nd Lieutenant: Matthew Hunter; 3rd Lieutenant and Apps Officer: Steve Culos; Secretary and Community Safety: Nicole Culos; Treasurer and Brigade Support: Rita Turner; Comms Officer and Health and Safety: Andrew Fairmaid; President and VFBV delegate: Gerry Shepherd. These changes came into effect on April 1.

A massive thank you and recognition must be



given to three of our outgoing officers: David Goodie, who served as 1st Lieutenant since 2000; Siggy Thiner, who served as 2nd Lieutenant and President since 2016 and 2004, respectively; and Phil Sanders, who served as Asset Maintenance Officer since 2002.

These three members have contributed to the brigade significantly over the past 20 years and leave some big shoes to fill. The service they have provided to the Bullengarook community cannot be overstated and we are all thankful for the dedication and commitment they have shown over the years.

Simon Hayward

## GREAT News

Gisborne Region Events, Activities & Tourism

Exciting times are ahead as the GREAT committee is pleased to announce the appointment of Grace Pryor as the new Gisborne Olde Time Market manager.

Grace comes to us with experience that includes managing the Swan Hill Farmers Market, Lake Boga Summer Days Market, Shepparton Farmers & Speciality Markets and Melbourne community events. We are progressing towards reopening the Market, so watch this space and also the Market Facebook and website for updates.

The GREAT Centre windows were decorated to support the Macedon Ranges Autumn Festival and even though it was a cool night, we found time for an ice cream at the Gisborne street party.

Please call in to find out how to be a volunteer for GREAT or the Gazette, the centre is open most days Monday to Friday 10am to 4pm. The centre is also a drop off place for Foodbank donations. Maxine Barker



New market manager Grace Pryor



Rosemarie Jones (left), incoming CWA Group President, and Amanda Millar, current Group President of the CWA Central Highlands Group, hand over the CWA donation to Tony Woodgate from the Gisborne Foodbank.

## Foodbank thanks CWA generosity

The Gisborne Foodbank is very grateful to the CWA Central Highlands Group for the generous donation of \$1200 raised at their International Women's Day event held recently.

The event, held at the Victoria Hotel in Woodend, brought together a fantastic panel of Macedon Ranges women – Professor Jenni Lightowers, Dean of Law at Deakin University, Debra Saffrey-Collins, Head of Chaplaincy and Diocesan Partnerships at the Brotherhood of St Laurence, and Jeni Kolkka from Curly Flat Winery. These inspiring women talked about their careers, their pathways to success and their hopes for the future.

The Gisborne Foodbank is open on Wednesdays and Fridays from 10am to 3pm. Please contact us on mobile 0492 850 520, email info@gisbornefoodbank.org.au, drop in on Wednesday or Friday, message us via Facebook (@GisborneFoodbank), or visit our website ([www.gisbornefoodbank.org.au](http://www.gisbornefoodbank.org.au)).

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## Macedon Musings

With Belinda Carlton-Doney



Archie and Emily raising money for the Good Friday Children's Hospital Appeal

Are these Macedon's youngest philanthropists? Meet Archie, 8, and Emily, 12 years old. I met the two in March, while they were out walking around Macedon, raising funds for the Good Friday Children's Hospital appeal.

Let's take a step back, to discover how it all started.

Recently their dad had chopped off all the heads from hydrangeas in their backyard. In their own words, "They [the blooms] were going to die anyway, so we thought we'd do something with them."

Using their own initiative, each stem of the beautiful blooms was carefully wrapped in foil, and the kids set out to sell them. First time around, they raised money for the CFA – almost \$40. Excellent job!

With some flowers still left over, they set off again and gave half of their further earnings to the Good Friday Hospital Appeal.

Both Emily and Archie say their favourite hydrangea color is the blue...mine too kids, the colours are truly amazing. At the time, they were both looking forward to the holidays, hopefully with a bit of their hard-earned income to spend.

How great to see that generation already trying to make a difference. Congratulations to Mum and Dad also. Job well done.

Welcome to winter all!



## Three cheers for volunteers

To mark National Volunteer Week later this month, Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health's Volunteer Central Vic service wants to acknowledge volunteers across the region who are helping our communities recover from the events of 2020.

"We know that up to 36% of volunteers permanently stepped back from volunteering during the COVID pandemic last year," says Lisa Richards, coordinator at Volunteer Central Vic. "As a result, many community organisations and services are now desperately trying to recruit new volunteers. It is critical in this recovery period that we continue to support community connection and social cohesion through volunteering."

Have you enjoyed volunteering in the past? Now is a great time to reconsider how to connect with what matters to you, whether that is helping the environment, working with animals, brushing up on your workplace skills or supporting people in need.

From May 17 to 22, Volunteer Central Vic will be hosting drop-in desks at local libraries, where you can find out more about volunteering opportunities in your area. Staff will be there to offer advice and support. See their website for more details at [www.volunteercentralvic.com.au](http://www.volunteercentralvic.com.au) or call Lisa Richards on 5421 1619 or email [info@volunteercentralvic.com.au](mailto:info@volunteercentralvic.com.au).



## MACEDON RANGES GROUP OF BENDIGO LEGACY

Legacy has a long and rich history in Australia. In 1923, the first Remembrance Club was founded in Hobart by General Sir John Gellibrand. Another returning soldier, Stanley Savage, established a similar club in Melbourne.

In Australia, Legacy supports 48,000 veterans' families, including widows in their senior years, younger widows with children and veterans' dependents with a disability. With over 4000 volunteers, Legacy strives to ensure that those in their care fully realise their potential.

The Macedon Ranges Group of Bendigo Legacy was established in 1955.

If you are a widow of a deceased serviceman, perhaps you may be unaware that Legacy can offer you assistance in many ways.

You might also like to know more about Legacy in the Macedon Ranges or you may wish to know how to become a Legatee and join the volunteer men and women who support the widows and their families. For further information, please contact our Secretary Brian Moritz on 0417 591 441 or email [bmoritz@bigpond.com](mailto:bmoritz@bigpond.com)

## ST PAUL'S OP SHOP JOTTINGS

This is a busy time of the year at St Paul's Op Shop catering for the heavy demand for winter clothing. Blankets of all kinds have been selling incredibly fast and we are having difficulty keeping pace with sales, so if you have blankets, large or small and no longer require them, we would be delighted if you could pass them on to our Op Shop.

Dog blankets are also in great demand. For the avid reader, there is a great range of adult, fiction and non-fiction and children's books avail-

able.

We appreciate the tremendous public support given to our Op Shop over many years from customers and those donating goods.

Food items for the Gisborne Foodbank can be left at the shop and they will be passed on to the Foodbank on a regular basis.

This month we feature Leonnie Wellington who volunteers at the front counter and in the sorting room.

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Op Shop volunteer Leonnie Wellington

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# Overcoming an invisible disability

Jemima Hutton of New Gisborne shares her dyslexia journey with Bryan Power

Educator, businesswoman, medical student, sportswoman – 21-year old Jemima Hutton leads a very busy and productive life. Diagnosed with dyslexia at the age of 15, she began to reflect on her educational experiences and to seek out technologies that would assist her to overcome the barriers standing in the way of academic success.

By the time she had graduated dux at Braemar College in 2017, Jemima had created a social enterprise - Dyslexia Demystified – presenting keynotes and workshops at schools and running a one-on-one mentoring program for dyslexic students. Within a few short years she has recruited several other young dyslexics to assist her to provide services to schools, teachers, parents and over 2000 students.

Jemima attributes much of her positive attitude and success to her parents Peter and Fiona who are both senior educators. Being dyslexic himself, Peter was Jemima's dyslexic role model growing up, demonstrating that you can achieve despite your difficulties.

Jemima encountered problems with reading at her first schools – Montessori, Macedon Grammar and New Gisborne Primary – where she sometimes wondered whether she was 'stupid' or 'lazy'. As she moved into high school, she developed strategies and used assistive technologies to navigate around her reading difficulties.

Most of her time out of school was

spent in the pool, swimming up to 100km per week in pursuit of a National title. In 2014, Jemima was number one in Australia for 2.5km free-style and was awarded Victorian Open Water Swimmer of the Year.

Following her diagnosis, Jemima received accommodations such as extra time and a computer to complete her exams. As a result she felt the displeasure of fellow students, many of whom believed she was cheating or held an unfair advantage over them, although the research tells us that the opposite is true. Jemima has a bright and engaging personality and her verbal skills are excellent so it is easy to understand why those around her could not see that she had a problem. Jemima points out this is why dyslexia is often referred to as an invisible disability.

Looking back now to her school years, Jemima says, "The assistive

technology available when I was a student was archaic at best, despite graduating just four years ago. Moreover, most of my teachers were unaware of what assistive technologies were and how to access them, so I only really mastered them at university. Unfortunately for me, this meant that at the age of 16, my mother and grandmother still read to me at night. Although I am grateful to both of them for being my human audiobooks, this rendered me dependent on others to learn, and I hated it. It was humiliating!

Thankfully, when I reached year 12, I was able to source my English novels in audio form and slowly but surely, trained myself to listen to audiobooks at high speed. By the time exams came around, I was not only able to read and learn independently, but could do so three times faster than my

peers; reading a 12-hour book in just four hours, three times over. It became my greatest party trick and one of my greatest strengths.

"I now had a deeper understanding of the text, and went on to receive the highest English score of my cohort without ever reading the books...with my eyes. These days I even speed up my Netflix, allowing me to binge Grey's Anatomy faster than ever before!"

Jemima is now following her older sister Zoe into a career in medicine and will gain her midwifery qualification this year at the University of Queensland. She will then have four more years of study before finally graduating. On the sporting side she represents the university in water polo.

Because of COVID travel restrictions Jemima has been confined to Queensland but hopes soon to be able to return more regularly to Victoria to spend time with her parents at their property in New Gisborne.

A visit to Jemima's website, Dyslexia Demystified, will reveal the extent of her involvement in this little understood field. I suggest you also catch her on YouTube, Facebook or Instagram where you can watch her engaging videos.

If you or someone you know is experiencing learning difficulties I recommend that you contact Jemima whose advice will be coming from a young person who has a deep experience of the frustrations and anxieties a child will be enduring at school.

Her strengths-based mentoring program is suitable for students from year 5 to tertiary level and is conducted online via Zoom.



Jemima Hutton

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Judy Booth with the CWA donation to the Ronald McDonald House charity.

## CWA charity walk to Mount Macedon Cross on May 1

In keeping with our country of study being indigenous Australia this year, our April meeting was opened with an Acknowledgment of Country.



This recognises that the Macedon Ranges Shire has a strong Aboriginal history. Osija's eight-year-old granddaughter Lucija, visiting for the day, read the words beautifully and received a round of applause at the conclusion.

On Saturday May 1 there is a walk to the Mount Macedon Cross to raise money for Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW), which supports rural women in Australia and around the world. The cost is \$10, with a short walk from the car park from 10.45am and a harder walk starting at 10am from the corner of Mount Macedon Road and Douglas Road. A photo will be taken at the end of the walk of all participants.

Judy Booth has a collection of knitted teddies and rugs, baby singlets and sleeping bags that our members have made in the past few years. She will deliver these to Ronald McDonald House in the near future.

Our next meeting is May 10 at Gisborne Secondary College stadium, at 10 am. Coffee, craft and chat the following Monday, May 17. All ladies are welcome to come along and see what CWA is all about.

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# Genies set to mark 30 years

May is a big month for the Gisborne Genealogical Group (GGG): on Saturday May 22 we will celebrate our 30th birthday. It will be held in the Gisborne Library and the adjoining GGG Rooms.

As numbers are restricted due to COVID-19 social distancing regulations, anyone wishing to attend must contact our secretary at [juliedworsk@hotmail.com](mailto:juliedworsk@hotmail.com) by May 11.

Our monthly meeting will be held on Thursday May 27 at 7.30pm in the Masonic Lodge Hall. Appropriately, Graeme Millar will be speaking to us about the Masonic Lodges. Many family historians have ancestors involved in lodges and friendly societies, yet most of us know very little about them. We look forward to Graeme's talk. Members are asked to bring a small plate of supper.

At our March AGM the executive for the following year was elected: president: Lynley Hall; vice-president: Mary Ritchie; secretary: Julie Dworsk; and treasurer: Lorna Jackson. Committee members

are Tricia McLay, Lorraine Greer, Pat Gordon, Pat Morgan and Wayne Jones.

Thank you to all the members who volunteered to help in other areas of our organisation as well –library, newsletter, website etc.

At the AGM, certificates of appreciation were given to the following people for their support and commitment to the group: 30 years: Heather Tumber; over 25 years: Robyn and Peter Thomas, Liza Wilson, Mary Henry, Jeanette Syndikas, Pat Gordon, Michele Pinti, Lynley Hall and Wayne Jones; over 20 years: Bryan Power, Marion and Robert Evans and Mary Ritchie.

A 20-year certificate was also awarded to Betty van der Wilde, a much-loved member who passed away in January. Her certificate was presented to her daughters Jenni and Carolyn.

*Lyn Hall*



## PROBUS NEWS

Club members certainly appreciate being able to get together in person again. Numbers at meetings are gradually increasing and the recent outing was very well attended.



The level of chatter on the bus trip was testament to the importance of face-to-face interaction after being isolated in 2020.

At the April meeting, Bob Nixon gave an interesting and informative talk about financial planning in retirement. Given that we will live on average to our mid-eighties, the talk was a relevant topic for the group. Bob spoke about the need to plan financially for retirement and the need to have a plan that is "aged-care prepared". He presented some thought-provoking questions to consider in making plans during retirement and tips for getting the most out of Centrelink.

The next meeting will be held on May 6 at the Mechanics Institute Hall. Our speaker will be Ron Fitt, a retiree from the Bureau of Meteorology. He will, of course, talk about weather – something we all love to do.

If you would like to find out more about the club or attend a meeting as a guest, contact our president, Helen Nettleton, on 0491 174 847.

## VIEW Club: social fun while helping charity

Sunbury-Macedon Ranges VIEW Club is a fun club of women who enjoy socialising while raising money to support disadvantaged Australian children through The Smith Family charity. We enjoy a laugh and friendship and currently sponsor six children.

We meet on the third Friday of the month at Club Sunbury, 49 Riddell Road, Sunbury, at 11am for the 11.30am meeting. At most meetings we have a guest speaker and afterwards enjoy lunch together. Lunch costs about \$16.50 with \$3 being a donation.

Through the year we have various outings for all interested members. Once a month we have a coffee or lunch date.

On June 18 we will celebrate our 30th birthday and a fun day is planned. There will be a special guest speaker and a two-course luncheon for \$25. The event will be held at Club Sunbury at 11.30am. Our president is Judith McPherson and she would love to chat with you about what we do. Phone Judith on 9740 8310.

VIEW was established 60 years ago to empower women through its Voice, Interest and Education of Women, as well as to raise money for the Smith Family.

*Helen Bird, vice-president*

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## Theatre open for lots of laughs this month



▲ From left: Tony Harvey, Chris Davis, David Runnalls, Justine Press and Daniel Kehan rehearse for *Too Many Crooks*.



Well, after 15 months with an empty auditorium, our first production for 2021 finally opens on May 14.

*Too Many Crooks* is a hilarious radio play set in the 1940s in the traditional BBC manner. The play consists of seven actors taking on multiple voice over roles in front of microphones, a couple of sound effects ladies working on stage, fabulous audio effects and a very funny story about some totally inept crooks who just can't get it right!

Great characters, brilliant accents and a wonderful way to snuggle in and forget about the worries of our current world, even for a short time.

We look forward to welcoming you back into the Mountview Theatre for a unique, 'step back in time' experience.

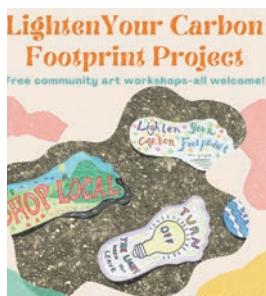


Bernadette Tonna and Karen Hunt make the sounds of floorboards creaking for the radio play.

Book your tickets at [www.themountplayers.com](http://www.themountplayers.com) or call 5426 1892 for assistance.

See you at the theatre...at last!

Karen Hunt



## Join Carbon Footprint art project

Gisborne artist Joanne Mott is encouraging people to join her free workshop to create colourful footprints which will adorn footpaths across the shire.

Participants can plan and then hand-draw footprint-shaped artworks depicting images and text informing us of everyday actions and tips to help

lighten our carbon footprint.

The workshop will be held at Gisborne Mechanics Institute on Saturday May 8, from 1pm to 3pm. It is free but tickets need to be booked through [eventbrite.com.au](https://www.eventbrite.com.au) (search 'Gisborne').

The project is one of 11 supported by the Macedon Ranges Shire Council.

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# Singers' first concerts in over a year coming up in May



The Gisborne Singers' first concerts are fast approaching, on Sunday May 23. Two concerts on the one day will be performed at the Barcham Theatre, Gisborne Secondary College (at 1pm and 3:30pm).

An Americana theme of sublime music by Billy Joel, Eric Whitacre, Morten Lauridsen plus *Shenandoah* (trad.) is sure to delight the audience.

Accompaniment includes grand piano (Anna Clarke) and violin (Daniel Tan).

Don't miss the choir's first performance for over a year! Tickets are available through our website, [www.gisbornesingers.org.au](http://www.gisbornesingers.org.au)

Phone enquiries on 0480 156 263.

## Life memberships

At its recent AGM, the choir was finally able to award life memberships to Margaret Brockman and D'Arcy Wood for their outstanding contributions to the Gisborne Singers.

Outgoing accompanist Alan Grinton was also presented with a parting gift.

Practice is held at Gisborne Uniting Church, 23 Brantome Street, on Wednesdays, 7.30-10pm. Always looking for new singers (especially tenors and basses), the non-auditioned choir under the new leadership of Luke Severn is breaking new ground. Choral experience and the ability to read music are advantageous but not essential.

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

Alison Kinghorn

▲ Margaret Brockman is presented with life membership by D'Arcy Wood.



▲ D'Arcy Wood is presented with life membership by Judy Couch.



Two sea-based artworks by Debbie Harman.

## They're all at sea at The Gallery – join them!

### Debbie Harman exhibition

This month at The Gallery we welcome visiting artist Debbie Harman with her exhibition *Underwater and finding footing*.

This series of works loosely uses the subject matter of the beach and the sea to explore forms and materials and the act of making art. It is what an artist would make – making for makings sake.

Some of the works were made while the artist was living in Tasmania and others made on return to Melbourne in 2020. The sculptured works are mixed media and use ceramics, detritus from land and sea, and other materials.

There are also works on paper.

Debbie Harman (also known as Qadri) has been making art most of her life. She currently works as a primary school art teacher in Melbourne where she often makes permanent collaborative artworks with communities.

She is also a researcher in the area of public art by community members.

Join us for the opening on Saturday May 8. Enjoy a brief artist talk and an activity while viewing the exhibition.

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



## Young Voices perform at Woodend Mass



Members of Young Voices of Macedon attended Mass at St Ambrose on Sunday April 18 (the last day of their holidays) to lead the service in singing. As well as the congregational hymns the Vivo group sang the song *If I were a butterfly* during Communion, and the Cantabiles performed a very uplifting 3-part setting of *Exultate jubilate*. After the service the children enjoyed lunch and games at the children's park.

It recently came to our attention that Lily Flynn, a past Young Voices chorister who subsequently attended the VCA Secondary School majoring in

Voice, achieved the highest grade in the state for VCE music and composition in 2020. Lily is now studying opera at the Melbourne Conservatorium of Music and is a scholarship holder at Trinity College, where she sings in the chapel choir.

Lily has very fond memories of her time with Young Voices of Macedon, saying that the choir gave her a love of classical music and a firm grounding in all aspects of singing. She is looking forward to visiting one of our rehearsals, meeting and singing with our current choristers.

As always, new members are very welcome. Visit [yvmacedon.org.au](http://yvmacedon.org.au)



Vivos perform the Butterfly song during Communion.

# Photographers in motion capture exercise



Macedon Ranges  
Photographic Society

Have you ever seen photographs of sportspeople in action and noticed how every little detail was clearly captured? Or have you seen shots of people walking through the city, with a blur showing their movement? Members of the Macedon Ranges Photographic Society recently experimented with the theme of Motion.

If you have a camera with manual settings, you too can attempt to capture motion by freezing a fast scene or showing movement through blurring the motion. This technique is one which relies on being able to change the shutter speed of the camera. A fast shutter speed can capture and freeze a scene. This can show us movement that can't be seen with our eyes, for example the individual droplets in a surfing scene or sand flying off the tennis ball in the midst of a high powered hit.

To attempt photographs with intentional blur, select a slow shutter speed. This will show any moving object and the path it takes. You could try this technique with cars as they pass, people walking along the street or your children playing in the garden. Experimenting



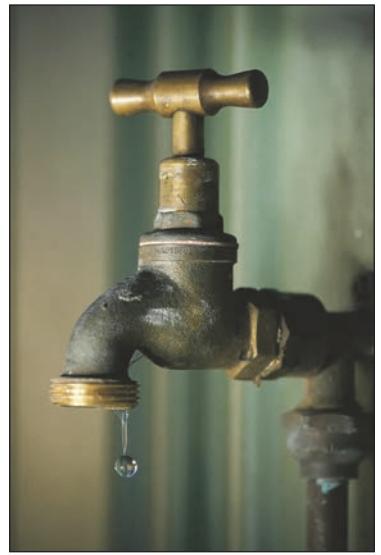
*Swimmer in Motion by Kate Van der Wel. Droplets of water are frozen in time with the use of a fast shutter speed.*

with shutter speed can result in some very creative photographs.

For more photographic techniques, social and more, contact MRPS. Visitors are very welcome to come along to Dromkeen in May or June. The club generally meets on the first Tuesday of the month, followed by the next Monday. Social chats start at 7pm with the meeting beginning at 7.30pm. Please visit [www.macedon-ranges-photography.org.au](http://www.macedon-ranges-photography.org.au).

Colleen Mahoney

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*Badminton by David Aitken. The players are a blur of movement by using a slow shutter speed.*



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Gisborne Autumn Village Party April 9. The Aitken Street service road was closed to traffic between the two roundabouts for the event.



Dorothy Murray, left, Mike Smith and Maxine Barker enjoy an ice cream at the Gisborne street party, one of the most popular activities.

## Autumn Festival street parties show promise

Street parties on the evening of Friday April 9 in Gisborne and afternoon of Saturday April 17 in Macedon attracted curious residents and visitors, showing people are keen to get out and socialise after the quiet past year, and support local businesses.

Organised by the council as part of the inaugural Macedon Ranges Autumn Festival, both events were limited by COVID event restrictions (limiting the number of stalls possible) and low awareness among residents and local traders, but the set up in both towns showed much potential.

Two of five autumn village parties organised around the shire in April, the events were funded by the State Government and provided welcome work for local artists and event workers.



Maggie and Ted liked getting their faces painted at the Macedon party.

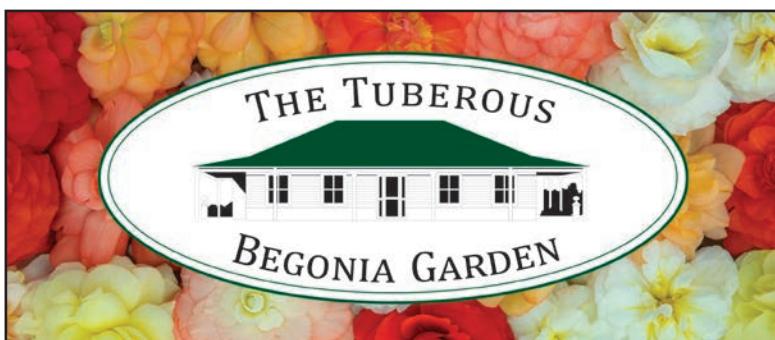


Macedon Autumn Village Party on April 17, held in the park on the corner of Bruce and Victoria Streets.



Graham Glasson does a sound check for performer Cassidy at the Macedon Village Party. Local arts people are happy to have work again after a tough past year.

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The increased capacity has come at the right time too because we've signed a few new members

Following the latest government social distancing guidelines, it's nice to be able to fit more Shedmen into each of our spaces. It reduces the need to shout

since re-opening in November.

Despite that recent membership increase, we can easily accommodate more new members. If you'd like somewhere to sit for a (probably not so quiet) chat over a cuppa, our kettle is rarely far off the boil.

If you want to compare notes on your solar panels or vegie patch, some of our members are already waiting for you.

If your preference is to make something or learn a new skill, we might just be your one-stop shop.

Come along and check us out any Monday or Thursday morning and see for yourself.

To ask any questions you can also contact us on [gisbornemensshed@live.com](mailto:gisbornemensshed@live.com).



*Cervical screening a major tool against cancer.*

## It's key to care for your cervix

Cancer Council Victoria is making an urgent call for young Victorians to prioritise their health by booking a cervical screening test. Less than half of eligible Victorians aged 25 to 34 are currently taking part in the National Cervical Screening Program.

Cervical screening can be seen as the ultimate act of self-care as it can prevent the development of cervical cancer by detecting cell changes early, when successful treatment is more likely.

Women aged 25 to 34 are urged to use the Cancer Council's directory of cervical screening providers

([www.cancervic.org.au/cervical-screening-test/where.asp](http://www.cancervic.org.au/cervical-screening-test/where.asp)) to book their screening test. Alternatively, please call Macedon Ranges Health on 5428 0300 and book an appointment with Louise Beer, Nurse Cervical Screening Provider, who can complete your cervical screening test.

The National Cervical Screening Program aims to improve early detection and save more lives. All women aged between 25 and 74 years are now invited to have a cervical screening test every five years, instead of a Pap test every two years.

*Submitted by Macedon Ranges Health*

## Junko jabbed

In July 2020 the *Gazette* featured a story on local nurse Junko Mishima who works in the Austin Hospital Intensive Care Unit in Melbourne and was treating patients with or suspected of having COVID-19.

We are pleased to report that Junko has continued her valuable work in health and received her second

COVID vaccine in April. "Getting vaccinated gives me peace of mind and I am grateful," said Junko.



*Junko gets the second dose of her COVID jab.*

## Call to flag rainbow pride

Local businesses are being encouraged to display the rainbow flag in the leadup to International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Interphobia and Transphobia, or 'IDAHOBIT', on May 17.

Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health hopes that the Macedon Ranges will join organisations, schools and individuals across the country in a display of colour to celebrate the LGBTIQA+ community.

A flag-raising ceremony will be held at the Kyneton Town Hall on May 17 at 12pm with flags also being raised at Council buildings in Gisborne and Woodend.

"After being forced to hold last year's flag-raising ceremony online," says Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health's Jeremy Hearne, "We are thrilled to be able to mark this day together in person and we encourage all community members to join us."

Hosted with Macedon Ranges Shire Council, the event aims to raise awareness of the discrimination LGBTIQA+ people still face.

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I know Easter has been because I have eaten so many Easter eggs – and I still have some left. On Easter Sunday residents arrived at breakfast and at each resident's place was a Red Tulip chocolate rabbit; then we had a surprise visit from the lovely Merinda who gave a very nice gift bag with chocolate from the chocolate factory on the Great Ocean Road. How good is that?

Recently I saw two letters our carer Stephanie received from her grandchild. I hope we can share these lovely letters from a little girl called Maddie.

There are two things that really bug me: the child-proof lids on all sorts of packaging like jams, and the plastic wrap of the newspaper. Our newspapers are now delivered by the Gisborne paper shop. I will take this opportunity to thank the ladies and gents for the wonderful service they have given residents of the Oaks over many years.

We are very lucky here to have such wonderful people. Another is Hazel from Gisborne Cottage Flowers who supplies us with lovely flowers, and a big thank you to all the other friends who looked after the residents of the Oaks at this very hard time.

On a recent trip to the shops we were able to go without masks so we could smile at people and say 'hello'. It was good.

Stay safe, Betty.

## Relay for Life reset for October



The Lancefield and Macedon Ranges Relay For Life for 2021 has been rescheduled to October 9 at Lancefield Park.

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It has been a roller coaster ride with the rollout of the vaccines. There have been some logistical issues with locations and vaccine delivery and some of these issues are ongoing. However, thousands of Aussies are getting vaccinated on a daily basis now.

There has been a lot of news regarding blood clots related to the Astra Zeneca vaccine. The government has decided that people under the age of 50 are at a higher risk of getting clots. As a result, the Astra Zeneca vaccine will now only be given to people under 50 if the benefits outweigh the risks on an individual basis.

The statistics are still emerging and vary slightly depending on the source. The rate of clots with the vaccines in comparison to the oral contraceptive pill are:

5 in 1 million for the Pfizer vaccine

6 in 1 million for the Astra Zeneca vaccine

400 in 1 million for the oral contraceptive pill

With the Astra Zeneca vaccine, clots have been reported with people also presenting with low

levels of platelets in their blood (thrombocytopenia). Platelets are the smallest of our blood cells and are involved in forming clots. It seems that the Astra Zeneca vaccine when it causes clots also seems to lead to low platelet levels. This condition has now been called vaccine-induced prothrombotic immune thrombocytopenia (VIPIT).

Blood clots can cause significant issues if they happen in critical areas of the body. It seems that 25% or more of the clots with the Astra Zeneca vaccine appear to be happening in the brain. More specifically, they are happening in an area called the cerebral venous sinus. This is one of the main blood vessels that drain the blood from the brain.

The platelets seem to be clumping in the cerebral venous sinus and causing back pressure in the vessels, which can lead to blood leaking into the brain. This causes a similar clinical picture to a stroke.

Symptoms of these clots can be severe headaches, blurred vision, loss of consciousness, inability to move limbs, and red spots under the skin. These symptoms happen between four and 20 days after

vaccination in people under the age of 50. If you have had the vaccination, it is sensible to be aware of these symptoms.

Clotting is a complex system in the body. We are still trying to understand the mechanism of clotting with regards to this vaccine and evidence will continue to emerge.

It is important to weigh the risks and the benefits of the vaccine. COVID-19 changed all our lives

and put a halt on our lifestyles. Getting a COVID-19 infection is fraught with danger and has caused deaths in the millions around the world. Having a vaccine is literally a life saver and we should all seriously consider having the vaccine done. There are always risks and complications with any medication or vaccine you take. Let's look at some figures with regards to the risk of getting a clot:

Pfizer vaccine is 0.0005%  
Astra Zeneca vaccine is 0.0006%

Oral contraceptive pill is 0.04%.

Check the website [www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au](http://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au) for updated details on vaccine eligibility and vaccination locations.

## Ramblers News



The Ramblers have been pleased to welcome some new people to the group and with surprisingly fair weather have enjoyed some pleasant walking over the past month.

A highlight was a walk along a section of the Coliban Main Water Channel near Malmsbury. This is Local Walk #12 (see facing page) if you care to try it.

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

Walk details are emailed out each Tuesday or Wednesday prior to the Friday, after considering the weather forecast.

If you would like to receive details of the walks, please email me at [gisramblers@gmail.com](mailto:gisramblers@gmail.com).

Charles

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# Back to work we go

Finally the day had come, our new building was finished and after a year working at home, it was time for me to go back to work in an actual office, and see colleagues in person instead of over Zoom.

I felt excited to be getting back into the 'real world', but also quite anxious. Would those that I hadn't talked to on a regular basis remember me, would I remember names, would it be awkward? Would social distancing rules work in an office environment? My anxiety grew the more I thought about all the negatives my mind had conjured up.

Recent research on workers adapting to a new COVID-normal work life indicate that I was not alone in being a little anxious in returning to the office.

Working from home had been great. Not sitting in traffic for 90 minutes a day meant saving money on travel and more time with my family. But what about the year of uncertainty and loss of human connection that the pandemic threw at us? I had enjoyed working in an office environment, working with smart people from all over the world whose research made a difference in people's lives, taking lunchtime walks with colleagues, and chatting over a coffee.

It is important to ease back into the workplace if you are able to do so, and to communicate with your supervisor so that you can manage expectations and make the transition at your own pace. This will ensure that you look after your mental health while you settle back into new work arrangements.

I decided to take up the offer of a tour of the new building before we moved in. As I walked into the foyer, anxiety started to take hold, but then I was greeted by a couple of my work colleagues and the year spent working at home just melted away. We excitedly toured our new office space, chatting the whole time and planning our first get-together as a team. Moving back to the office didn't seem so bad after all!

Take care of yourselves everyone.



An article  
on general  
health by Julie  
Ireland

## Bushwalkers tick all the boxes

The three main benefits of bushwalking in a group are: socialising with others; enjoying the scenery; and maintaining, if not improving, fitness levels.

Enjoyed by 13 club members, the walk on April 10 at Tipperary Springs ticked all of these boxes.

Starting at Tipperary Springs car park, the walk comprised a short circuit to the south and a longer circuit to the north that included Bryces Flat and the Blowhole.

It was an easy walk with gradual slopes up to great viewpoints down to the creek. Of interest along the way was a rather inquisitive wallaby and the sealed-off shaft head of the disused Mistletoe Mine.

On arriving back at the car park, the group enjoyed afternoon tea before heading home.

Find out more about the club at [www.gisbornebwc.org.au](http://www.gisbornebwc.org.au)

Martin Leitch

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



Tipperary Springs walk on April 10.

## Local Walk No 12



View along the water channel.

### Malmsbury/Taradale – Coliban Water Channel

An open picturesque walk.

Distance: approx 7km

Level: Easy

Directions: From Gisborne, drive towards Taradale, passing through Malmsbury.

Approximately 6km from Malmsbury (before Taradale) turn left into Conlans Road. After 300m, turn left at the T-intersection. Follow this for about 500m, then turn left into Tyquins Road.

Drive for about 1.5km until a solitary farmstead is seen on the left. Park opposite on the side of an upward track. The walk starts from here.

Walk up the track to the tree line crossing the fence line via a stile. This brings you to a feature known as the siphon (in fact just a pipe outlet). If you look back you will see the line of the pipe coming down from the horizon. The siphon is the start of the Coliban water channel at this section and supplies water to Bendigo.

Follow the easy dirt track along the side of the channel which reaches a main crossing road (Old Drummond Road). About 50m along this road, turn left on to a dirt track. The track forks at this point; keep to the left.

Follow this undulating but generally climbing track through bushland until reaching a crossing with the Humbolt Track. Take the left fork, generally descending back down to Tyquins Road and then left back to your car.

The water supply runs from the Malmsbury reservoir to Bendigo via a generally open channel system with some pipe sections and has public access along its length. It was built in the 1870s and is about 70km long.

## Documentary on birth services to screen locally

This documentary follows three women on a mission to find out why an increasing number of women are emerging from their births physically and emotionally traumatised.

Their discoveries lead them to forge a movement that hopes to change the face of maternity care in Australia and across the developed world.

*Birth Time* aims to educate women about different maternity services that are available to them, including new and evolving midwifery models of care.

**When:** 6pm on May 5 at Baringo Food & Wine cinema. Cost of \$27.50 includes a glass of wine on arrival; limited to 30 seats. Tickets available on at [Eventbrite.com.au](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/birth-time-gisborne-tickets-14900700000) (search 'Birth Time Gisborne').

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# Charles Ryan of Mount Macedon

With the death of Charles Ryan in 1898, at Upper Macedon, passed away one of the oldest colonists at that time, and one of the few who, without taking part in public affairs, became widely known and respected. Charles Ryan left behind a widow and three children, including Charles Ryan (jnr), a well-known surgeon; Henry Ryan, of the auctioneering firm of Ryan, Hammond & Mates, of Queen-street; Lady Charles Scott, and Ellis Rowan, whose paintings of Australian flowers earned a worldwide reputation.

Charles Ryan was born in 1818 at Kilfera, in the county of Kilkenny, but left Ireland at a young age to make Australia his home. He arrived in Melbourne in 1839, at a time when the country surrounding Melbourne was but primeval forest – he ventured out into what was then the heart of the bush and took up a tract of country on the Broken River, where he continued squatting. His station he named Kilfera, after his native town.

Two days before his arrival at Kilfera, two shepherds who had preceded him had been killed by Aboriginals. Notwithstanding the unfavourable outlook, Charles Ryan stuck to his ground, and turned the station into one of the most successful of the district – relinquishing it only after some years to take up his better-known station at Longwood. This spot he called Killeen, and it was there that most of his children were born.

Ryan sold this property and relocated to Brighton in the early 1870s. But he had no love for continuous life in the city, and soon Ryan left Brighton for Mount Macedon, where he resided for 24 years.

Derriewit Heights, at Douglas Road, was the first homestead to be built near the peak of Mount Macedon and was the inspiration of Charles Ryan to capture the views over Port Phillip Bay and create a world-class garden.

The house was surrounded with gardens, which for variety of plants and beauty of arrangement was unsurpassed in any private grounds in Australia at that time.

Ryan occupied Derriewit Heights until failing health and diminishing fortunes forced him to relocate to a less extensive residence.

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**Edited by Robin Godfrey**

The original house, built in 1873, stood for over 100 years only to be largely destroyed by the Ash Wednesday fires in 1983. Rebuilt in French Provincial style, the house still retains the original coach wing.

As the founder of stock and station firm Ryan & Hammond, Charles Ryan had a reputation among those associated with pastoral pursuits, extending over the length and breadth of the country, and there were few better-known men in Victoria.

**D**uring the early days of the colony Ryan was a participant in many a stirring adventure, and was present at the capture of the notorious Captain Gepp and his gang of bushrangers at the Plenty Ranges.

The bushrangers had stuck up a homestead and, surprising the men on the station at breakfast, had carried off all the arms in the place, in addition to the rest of their loot. The owner of the property, indignant at the insult



Charles Ryan

more than the loss, visited Melbourne in haste, and, after stating his case, a party, headed by a brother-in-law of Charles Ryan and including the latter himself, set out after the gang.

Reaching the ranges at dusk, the party camped for the night, and on arising next morning, one of the party found to his dismay that his horse had slipped away during the night.

Being well acquainted with the district, Ryan remained behind with this man while the rest of the party went on; but as some hours' search failed to reveal a sign of the missing animal, he abandoned the quest, and set off on his own horse to overtake his companions.



Derriewit Heights before it was largely destroyed in the Ash Wednesday fires of 1983.

The morning was a foggy one, and after riding some miles at a hot speed, Ryan spied a party of horsemen shimmering through the mist on the top of a hill along the road. Cooeeing loudly, he spurred his horse forward, and dashed right into the midst of the bushranging gang. Ryan was instantly disarmed and placed in the centre of the group; a half-drunk fellow was assigned to act as guard, and was instructed not to be afraid to use the double-barrelled gun if occasion required.

As the day progressed, the mist melted away and the hot summer's sun poured down with such intensity that Ryan asked that he might be allowed to leave the road, to get a drink at one of the many creeks. Captain Gepp, however, declined to take the risk of letting him go, and offered his prisoner a drink of brandy from a bottle they had among the stolen property.

The trouble of opening the bottle then arose, but Charles Ryan solved the difficulty by producing from his pocket an overlooked knife – a big, heavily plated dagger of splendid workmanship. The bottle opened, Captain Gepp glanced at the knife, and with a grin transferred it to his own pocket, remarking that it might come in useful one day.

A little further along the road the bushrangers came in sight of their pursuers and, with a chivalry unknown to latter-day criminals, released Ryan that he might join his own party. They then took to a hut and, the others besieging it, a fight followed in which two of the bushrangers were killed.

Captain Gepp, the leader of the gang, was struck over the breast, but, strange to say, the bullet was turned aside by the knife he had taken from Charles Ryan, and the man was captured. Afterwards, when awaiting execution in Melbourne Gaol, he was visited by Ryan, to whom he said, "I wish I had let you have that drink of water, Mr Ryan. Then I should have been shot like a man, instead of being hanged like a dog!"

Charles Ryan had almost reached his 81<sup>st</sup> year at the time of his death. He had been ailing considerably for some weeks – so much so, that his death had been expected at any moment.

## Vet Talk

with Dr Caitlin Horwood-Skelton

### Arthritis in cats



It's getting colder: our joints are starting to ache. Maybe your cat, too, is suffering a reduction in mobility.

Cats are often sedentary – so how can you tell?

Arthritis pain in cats often goes unrecognised. We miss the subtle signs and do not realise that it is not just "old age". The wear and tear on joints does progress with time, but it can also be a product of genetics, injury or trauma, and obesity.

As the joint cartilage erodes away, it leaves a rough and painful surface instead of a nice smooth and lubricated joint as your cat prowls through his poses.

Look for the subtleties. A cat who used to jump straight up to the table, now jumps via a chair; they may avoid striding up the stairs; or hesitate on the descent; they may not be able to turn



*Are Piglet and Wolfgang lazing about because it's been a rough day or because of rough joints?*

and groom their own coat so well; they can be grumpy when you groom or pat them; they may sleep more and play less... difficult to measure!

Can we restore their mobility with a return to feline acrobatics? Sure. There are plenty of options to manage arthritis pain in cats (anti-inflammatories, joint supplements, nutrition etc.), once we identify the problem, to give our cats full value of dancing out their entire nine lives.

### Introducing...



### my family

C-R-E-A-K, I'm awake, but what was that sound?

"Dipper?" I heard my name echo through the basement. I looked over and saw my owner, 'Screen Fingers'. He usually sits all day long and plays screens for hours and hours, but Screen Fingers was still asleep.

"Dipper?!" called the voice again, it was mama/'Walk Fingers', she walks me in the mornings. Yay! Walk time! I jumped up and ran to Walk Fingers, who harnessed me up and we were on our way.

'Runner Fingers'/papa, was working. For some reason he calls me dog face man. I'm not sure why.

We passed 'Girl Fingers' and 'Boy Fingers' bedrooms – they were still asleep. I could hear heavy snores from Boy Fingers' room.

We walked down Angel Hills; it was steep and rocky, but because I'm awesome I survived it. I sniffed a pole and smiled – Rosie had been there.

### DIPPER DIARIES

I weed on her spot and marked it as mine.

On the way back I saw one of my friends from doggy playdates, Daisy the poodle. Suddenly I had an idea. Doggy playdates were this afternoon so I could tell her then.

We got home and Girl Fingers was in her school uniform, eating breakfast and listening to music.

I really liked the song and began to sing. I'm an amazing singer, but unfortunately, no one recognises my talent! Because of my singing I accidentally woke up Screen Fingers, and sadly Boy Fingers was told to put me outside. Luckily it was a nice day and I lay on my beanbag and let the sun's rays warm me.

I am so excited to share my great idea with my friends, hopefully they'll agree, oh, will noon just come already!

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Under 14 Gisborne Rookies of the early 1980s



Gisborne Lions Club Ball 1983

## Teens of the '80s enjoy blast from the past

Laughter, beers, hugs and memories occupied the beer garden at the Telegraph Hotel on April 17.

What started as a couple of mates wanting to organise a little get-together turned into a reunion of more than 100 Gisborne teenagers from the early '80s.

Adam Bourke, Tim Peavey and Mick De Lai (all born in Gisborne around 1966) had met up at a couple of funerals in recent years and this was the catalyst for them to organise a reunion. The three mates wanted to meet under happier circumstances so they could reminisce and have a few bevvies and laughs.

They decided on two photos as the basis for the reunion, a Gisborne Lions Club Ball of the early 1980s and the local Under 14s football team of the same period. So they got busy contacting as many people in the photos as they could via phone call, emails and Facebook.

The event was originally scheduled for April 16 last year but COVID put an end to that. In January this year the Gisborne Teens 82/83 Facebook page was rebooted and over a number of

weeks the numbers wanting to attend the event grew and grew.

Old photos were posted, memories were shared and the banter started. By 2pm on Saturday April 17 everyone was primed for a wonderful afternoon. The weather was kind and as the gas heaters and fire pits warmed the beer garden, the former Gisborne teens, now mostly in their 50s, started to arrive.

Some came from as far as Queensland and many from regional areas of Victoria as well as Melbourne. Over the course of the next 10 hours the air was filled with '80s music, conversations, old photos, laughter and statements like "OMG is that you... and remember when we..."

The event was such a success (resulting in a few sore heads on Sunday) that many people are calling for another reunion, but at this stage the original organising team are planning on a few years' break before the next one.

Next time they are looking to extend it even more and into a larger venue, so watch this space if you grew up in Gisborne!

Loren Peavey



Some of the dozens of one-time Gisborne teens who attended the reunion.

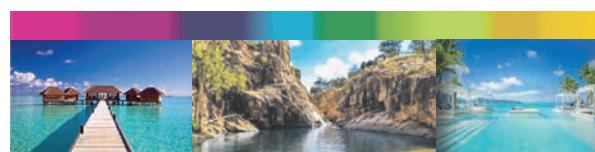


Loren Peavey, Jen Purcell, Glen Fisher and Mike De Lai.



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## YOUNG BEAT

with Asher Kroon

Following on from last month's Minecraft origins article, this month I will take you on a Minecraft journey like no other... and one that is very close to home!

As you know, Minecraft is a unique and diverse game. You can build just about anything – including the City of Melbourne!

Mini Melbourne as it is so described is quite literally Melbourne, in Minecraft. In 2019 a team of talented people from the Victorian Department of Education and Training, Metro Tunnel Project and Rail Projects Victoria produced this stunning map from scratch. It takes gamers on a journey of our beautiful city, past iconic landmarks, down famous streets and alleys and past shopping strips all built with incredible attention to detail.

The idea behind the Mini Melbourne was to teach schoolkids about the CBD and navigating their way around our famous landmarks without having to actually go into the city. It was a pretty genius idea.

The developers had a rough idea of what areas of Melbourne they wanted to build (CBD), but they didn't know how to go about bringing it to life. The team decided to use a mapping software that could take

pictures of Melbourne then transform them into a 3D model. They then imported this model into Minecraft, and then they had a very, very basic version of the city. At the time it was just all grey and had no colour in any of the buildings.



*The Flinders Street Station area when the model of Melbourne was imported into Minecraft. Source: Metro Tunnel Project*

They then installed a plugin that would detail the map. The plugin added colour and texture. Now the build was almost complete. The next thing they needed to add was the small details like the colour of the buildings, signs and the famous arts centre spire.

The map of Melbourne was originally built as a private map, only accessible by schools. But then the

Department of Education and Training decided it was too good and they should release it to the world! The map can be downloaded at [fuse.education.vic.gov.au/pages/minimelbourneee](https://fuse.education.vic.gov.au/pages/minimelbourneee)

In the map, you can visit landmarks such as Melbourne Town Hall, St Paul's Cathedral, Flinders Street Station, the Eureka Building including the famous glass Skydeck, Chinatown, Federation Square, Princess Bridge, Yarra River and many more.

As you navigate around the city, you can dive into the Yarra. You will be impressed to see they have added dirt and mud for true-to-life detail!

The map is very detailed and almost reflects the whole city of Melbourne. I definitely think you should download it if you have Minecraft. It is fun to explore and it teaches you how to navigate around Melbourne.



*Mini Melbourne when it was finished.*



*Victor, Nev, Rob and Kirra left on April 14.*

## SES volunteers help in WA



On April 12, cyclone Seroji hit the WA towns of Kalbarri and Geraldton leaving a path of destruction across the region. The cyclone strengthened and gained momentum as it hovered over the sea and subsequently collided with a second storm before reaching the land.

Homes, community infrastructure and natural habitat were destroyed during the storm, which left local residents without shelter and utilities.

A taskforce of SES volunteers from Gisborne, Castlemaine and Bendigo joined forces to deploy to the affected areas to assist in tasks ranging from repairing building damage, tree operations, storm damage assessment and other rehabilitation processes.

The taskforce deployment is expected to continue over a number of weeks.

Di Dale

Deputy Controller Service Delivery, Gisborne SES

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## COUNCILLOR'S COLUMN

With Cr Anne Moore

Where have the past six months gone?

So many events have occurred, alas yet again others were cancelled due to COVID lockdowns and restrictions. Like yourself, I am looking forward to when things return to 'normal'.

We at Council were shocked by the untimely death of music producer Michael Gudinski. November 2020 was the 10th anniversary of the first concert ever held at Hanging Rock with Leonard Cohen performing. Frontier Touring later advised that "Cohen's soulful voice and the stunning ambience of Hanging Rock were clearly a winning combination as the performance earned Cohen the Helpmann Award for Best International Contemporary Concert and overwhelming acclaim." Michael loved Hanging Rock and the Macedon Ranges, owning property here since 1985. Vale Michael Gudinski.

The Gisborne Sports precinct has been given a further \$3.2 million for stage 1 works by the State Government's growing suburbs fund which sees landscaping, playground, footpaths, picnic/barbecue facilities and the establishment of wetlands within the precinct. I have been informed that tenders for Stage 1 development will be put out late 2021 or early 2022.

By the time this goes to print, works will have commenced for the Shared Trail Network, starting in Woodend. This project will see a bike riding/jogging/walking and in some places a horse-riding trail between many of our towns. Funding for this was significantly assisted by the State Government.

With heavy and fond hearts we said farewell to acting CEO John Nevins on April 21. We wish him and his wife Susan all the very best for the future and thank him for his wonderful stewardship of the MRSC for the past six months.

Council has been working extremely hard on the current budget; this is scheduled to be endorsed for public consultation at a Council meeting on May 11 at 11am. On the same day we will be having a "Welcome to Country" indigenous smoking ceremony for our new CEO, Bernie O'Sullivan, who will have commenced at MRSC on May 10. Welcome Bernie.

Please feel free to contact me via email or phone at any time.

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## Waste management strategy open for input until May 10

Council is seeking community feedback on the draft Waste Management & Resource Recovery Strategy, available to view online and in person until May 10.

The strategy outlines how the Macedon Ranges Shire Council will assist the community to create a sustainable future by avoiding and reducing waste, and increasing the reuse and recovery of materials.

Council wants to hear your feedback before the strategy is finalised and adopted. It is available to view online, or in person at the Council offices in Gisborne until Monday May 10.

To have your say, visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay) or contact [mrsc@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:mrsc@mrsc.vic.gov.au) or 5422 0333.



## Seeking community support volunteers

Council's Community Support unit is looking for new volunteers to join the team.

The unit provides support services to older people, including those who may feel lonely or isolated, to participate and to feel included in community life.

Volunteers assist older people to attend medical appointments and other activities, increase social connections by having a regular visit in the home or going out in the community, and reduce social isolation by making regular phone calls for a chat, and to check in.

Volunteers can also help increase an older person's skills and confidence in getting online so they can interact with family and friends more easily.

If you would like to assist, call the Healthy Ageing Engagement Team on 5422 0333 or email [svassilios@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:svassilios@mrsc.vic.gov.au) to enquire about volunteering.

## Daly Nature Reserve cultural planned burn

Council will conduct a cultural planned burn, in partnership with Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung's Narrap Team, at Daly Nature Reserve in Gisborne during April, May or June, depending on weather conditions.

The burn will take place on a day when winds are light and consistent in direction to minimise inconvenience to residents. Community members are welcome to attend. This is a great opportunity to see a controlled burn in action and learn about cultural burn practices from representatives of Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung.

Interested community members will receive email notification once the day is confirmed. To register your interest, please email [mroberts@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:mroberts@mrsc.vic.gov.au)

Numbers are limited, so only those registered and within the observer limit set will receive a confirmation email with date and time. Preference will be given to members of the Friends of Daly Nature Reserve and community members who register their interest early.

## COVID Creative & Cultural Support Program

Earlier this year, Council invited submissions for art projects which increase engagement in arts and culture.

Eleven projects have been selected and will be happening over the coming months.

Known collectively as Creative Encounters, the projects range from temporary art installations to events that celebrate our environment. Local artists will undertake projects that help our creative sector survive the impacts of the pandemic.

Congratulations to the successful recipients: Joanne Mott for *Lighten Your Footprint*, Jenni Ivins for *Connecting Communities Game*, Josie Waldon for *Taking a New Breath*, Sandra Fiona Long with Charlotte Roberts and Ria Soemardjo for *The Lake Walk*, Cassidy Anderson for *Roving Music Trio* and *Children's Creative Workshop*, Elisha McKinnon for *Sing Park Sing*, Kathryn Portelli for *Mystery Art Trail*, Dolly Adamson for *Kyneton Museum Ghost Tours*, Sophie DeLightful for *Curbside Carnies*, Gabriel Macura for *Safe Space Performances*.

You can find out more about these projects, the artists, and how you can get involved at [mrsc.vic.gov.au/get-involved](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/get-involved).



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# A nod to helpful Post Office staff

Resident Kara Willoughby wants to send a shout out to one of the local Australia Post staff.

She says: "Australia Post often gets a bad rap, especially since COVID as the demand on the postal system has gone through the roof. I personally have had parcels delayed and lost, but there is one Australia Post superhero who puts Gisborne Post Office above all."

"Joe Vella, a long-time Gisborne local, who has worked in and managed the

Gisborne Post Office for over 30 years, provides exceptional service to the Gisborne community on and off the clock.

"Apart from the excellent customer service that Joe provides from behind the counter, he is often seen commenting on Facebook to track down owners of parcels or advise of scams and security alerts.

"Joe has also made a big contribution to the community with his work with Kidzflip. We are lucky to have Joe Vella in the community. Thanks Joe."



Picture: Cindy-Ann Felsingher  
Joe Vella at the PO.

## Alan William Edward Lowman

1939-2021

### OBITUARY

Alan was born in Hampshire UK in 1939 to Reginald and Nellie Lowman in uncertain times when war was on the horizon in Europe. Alan had a sister Marion and two brothers, Robin and Donald.

Upon leaving school, Alan became an apprentice electrical engineer. Later in life he also achieved mechanical engineering.

Alan met Margaret when both were in their mid-teens and they tied the knot in 1960. Their first home was in Southampton, where their two children, Frances and Richard, were born. In 1967, the family moved to Australia and lived in Melton for seven years.

For a short time, the family moved back to England but returned a year later. When they arrived back, Alan had a job waiting for him with the Australian Submarine Corporation in Maidstone.

In 1995 he joined the Association of Professional Engineers, Scientists and Managers Australia.

Also around this time, Alan became interested in becoming a real estate agent and gained a Certificate IV in Business Real Estate. Alan and Margaret later bought a house in Calthorpe Street, Gisborne, and lived there for seven years before moving to a larger property in Dixon Road, where they remained for a further 25 years.

Over the years, the family enjoyed holidaying at Fraser Island in Queensland, and had many trips to England.

Alan's sporting interests included cricket, fishing and motorcycle racing. He was a member of the Gisborne Cricket Club and his D Grade team won the premiership in 1987-88.



Alan Lowman

He had a great rapport with his grandchildren and was a strong supporter of them. His tremendous knowledge assisted them with their studies, especially maths at which he excelled.

Later, when Alan's health deteriorated, they sold their property to their son Richard and his wife Jenny, and they moved closer into Gisborne at Acacia Court.

Alan spent the last year of his life as a resident of the Oaks Nursing Home in Gisborne where he passed away peacefully on March 30. He leaves his wife Margaret of over 60 years, Frances and Richard, grandchildren Mathew, Daniel, Madison and Jack and great-grandchildren Astin, Ailey and Billie.

A graveside funeral service was held at the Gisborne Cemetery on April 9.

After a very challenging 2020, it has been wonderful to see our local sporting clubs back on the field, the court and the track.

I know how special it is for our grassroots athletes, young and old, to be back playing the sports they love. Whether you're an ace at tennis, kicking a footy for the Gisborne Bulldogs or Macedon Cats, scoring goals on the soccer field, show-jumping at the pony club, or zipping around a netball court – I want to wish you the best for the winter sports season ahead.

To give our local sports clubs a helping hand as they return to play, the State Government has announced the first recipients of the Government's Sporting Club Grants.

Congratulations to all our Gisborne sports clubs who have scored a grant, including the Gisborne Little Athletics Club and Gisborne Rookies Junior Football Netball Club.

I was also very excited to recently announce an additional \$3.2 million for the Macedon Ranges Regional Sports Precinct. The funding will help deliver the first stage of the project, including gardens, a wetland, an outdoor gym, barbecue areas, a play space and a walking, cycling and fitness track.

We know the Macedon Ranges is a great place to live, and the Regional Sports Precinct will make it an even better one – this investment will be great for families, children and everyone in our community.

Keep an eye out on my Facebook page for updates about this important project.



### MEMBER'S MESSAGE

With Mary-Anne Thomas

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# FOR THE GREEN THUMBS

## Botanic Friends groups unite



Members of the Friends of Gisborne Botanic Gardens were happy to visit Malmsbury Botanic Gardens recently.

We thank the Malmsbury committee for their hospitality, it was great to share experiences and tour the gardens.

We discussed the draft Malmsbury Botanic Gardens Master Plan, and found we have a lot in common in the issues we face. We are lucky in the Macedon Ranges to have three botanic gardens and we encourage you to visit them all.

The Friends group participated in eDNA sampling in Jacksons Creek, which resulted in an interesting collection of DNA being detected in the water.

On the day, eight fish, one frog, four mammals and nine birds were recorded. We look forward to



*Malmsbury and Gisborne Botanic Gardens members together at Malmsbury.*

follow-up studies and seeing results of other test sites throughout the Maribyrnong catchment.

One of the purposes of a botanic garden is scientific and this is being taken up by the Friends group, who are conducting research and sharing with other groups and authorities.

Working bees in the gardens are still on hold, while work on programs beneficial to the gardens continues. The new noticeboard in the gardens will keep everyone up to date with future events and information.

*Friends of Gisborne Botanic Gardens  
infogisbotgard@gmail.com*

## Garden Club news

 Although the majority of our members reside in the Gisborne/Macedon area, many had never had the opportunity to visit the Victorian Emergency Management Institute prior to our organised meeting on April 14.

Thirty-three members and four visitors appreciated a very informative and interesting presentation of the facility. Three staff members provided an overview of the establishment of the original private guest house in the early 1900s and the subsequent redevelopments of both the house and garden, particularly since the mid-70s, to the impressive venue seen today. Of particular interest was the most recent renovation which has seen the establishment of a large garden area replacing a neglected tennis court.

The weather treated us very kindly so a leisurely stroll through the grounds with a cuppa in hand was enjoyed by all, with staff members on hand to answer any questions if necessary.

Due to the easing of COVID restrictions, our next meeting on May 12 is planned for a member's garden in Gisborne. Information will be forwarded via email where applicable.

*Kerry Langmaid, 0408 115 759*

## Not all Daly Reserve mushrooms are fun guys



*Pretty but poisonous: the colourful Amanita muscaria.*

Fungi season is upon us. The flowering season for most plants has finished and the fungi are beginning to emerge.

Photographed in the Reserve, the colourful red, spotted fungus pictured shows its single white gills. It is known as fly agaric (*Amanita muscaria*). They can grow up to 20cm across and are often found under pine trees, and are common around Gisborne. However, this introduced

species is poisonous, as are many others, and should not be handled or consumed.

Daly Nature Reserve contains many species of fungi so keep a lookout for fungi with gills or pores, as well as puffballs, coral and jelly. All are important in our ecosystem.

During May we are looking forward to our guided autumn nature walks for grade 3 students from Gisborne Primary School.

Macedon Ranges Shire Council has

planned a cultural burn in the Reserve in April, May or June. The exact date will depend on the right weather conditions. The burn is in partnership with Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung's Narrap Team and will be filmed for educational purposes.

Our next working bee is Tuesday May 11, 9.30am. Come and join in, it's not all hard work. Enquiries: dalynaturereserve@gmail.com

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## JOKES AND RIDDLES

The invisible man married the invisible woman and they had a daughter. She wasn't much to look at either.

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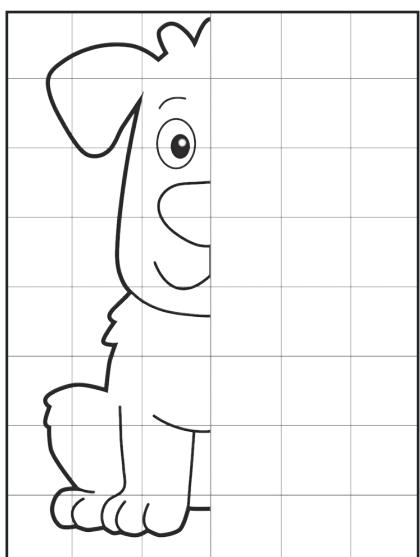
What does it mean when the smoke alarm goes off?  
In our house it means dinner's ready.

Why couldn't the sailors play cards?  
The captain was standing on the deck.

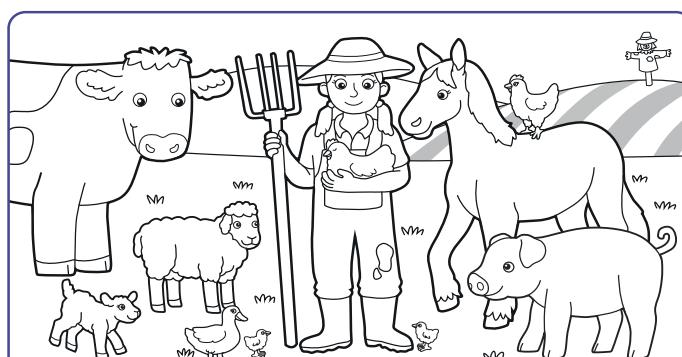
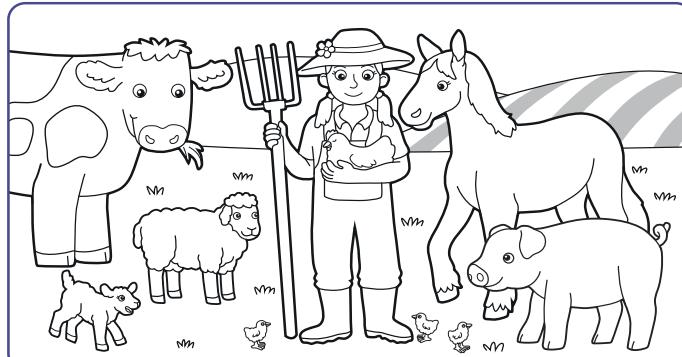
Why did the chewing gum cross the road?  
It was stuck to the chicken's foot.

Doctor, doctor, I seem to be getting smaller and smaller.  
Well, you'll just have to be a little patient.

## DRAW THE OTHER HALF



## SPOT THE DIFFERENCE



Can you find 8 differences between the pictures?

## JUNIOR QUIZ

- 1 Rapper Marshall Bruce Mathers is better known as who?
- 2 The Melbourne Cup is held at which race track?
- 3 By what other name was Tasmania first known?
- 4 What is the name for a baby kangaroo?
- 5 How many Dalmatians are there in the title of the Disney film?
- 6 Who is the Prime Minister of Australia?
- 7 Who wrote the Harry Potter series of books?
- 8 Buttered bread sprinkled with 100s and 1000s is usually called what?
- 9 Which planet is nearest the sun?
- 10 How many items make up a "baker's dozen"?

## It's never been cheaper to join playgroup



It's been a busy couple of months for New Gisborne Playgroup! We had our first parents' night at Baringo which was a great opportunity to meet parents from other sessions and have an uninterrupted conversation.

This was followed by the biannual cleaning bee – big shout out to all the volunteers – followed by our Teddy Bears' Picnic Open Day which was loads of fun.

In the pipeline is an open play session as well as another parents' night. Stay tuned for dates.

New members are always wel-



The playground at New Gisborne Playgroup.

come. Check out our sessions below. You could join a group or start your own. Playgroup Victoria is waiving their annual membership fee this

year, so joining only costs \$60 per semester plus a \$25 toy levy.

New Gisborne Playgroup sessions run at the following times:

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Tuesday 9-11.30am, 11.30am-2pm,

2-4.30pm  
Wednesday 9-11.30am, 11.30am-2pm, 2-4.30pm

Thursday 9-11.30am, 2-4.30pm  
Friday 9-11.30am, 11.30am-2pm.

If you are interested in joining any of these sessions, email our membership secretary on [newgisborneplaygroup@gmail.com](mailto:newgisborneplaygroup@gmail.com) to schedule a visit.

*Isabella Easton  
New Gisborne Playgroup Committee*



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NGPS House Leaders Seamus, Isabel, Madeline, Kaida, Charlotte, Eloise, Hamish and Tyler.

## Students shine at New Gisborne's arts day

New Gisborne Primary School was once again a sea of yellow, blue, red and green as students and staff proudly represented their houses in the annual Performing Arts Competition.

In the weeks leading up to the PAC Day, Year 6 leaders of each house demonstrated their team spirit by composing lyrics, choreographing routines and designing costumes. Congratulations to all students and staff who practised their singing and dancing and arrived at school dressed and ready to impress the judging panel.

Galloway Grizzlies wowed the crowd with their messages of teamwork and persistence. Devlin Dingoes howled



as they danced across the stage with their talented gymnasts. Lee Lions rocked as they taught us about the true meaning of being a champion. Hurst Hawks' chants and synchronised beats inspired the audience to strive to do their best.

While team pride was strong, it was also wonderful to see students from all houses supporting each other and showing enthusiasm for performing arts at NGPS. At the end of the day there could only be one winner. Congratulations to Devlin who won the PAC Day House Cup!

Kylie Miller

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## Paying our respects for Anzac Day

Gisborne Primary School's Art Leaders, Emily, Thomas, Jarrod and Josie, have accomplished their first student-led project for 2021.

After scheduling multiple meetings and hours of hard work, the final masterpiece erupted on the front fence of our school. A herd of beautiful Anzac poppies!

This splendid piece was constructed from recycled plastic bottles and has a grand total of 106 poppies, commemorating the 106 years since the Gallipoli campaign.

This project was developed to pay our respects and in memory of those who have fought in the war.

*By Emily Briggs, Art Leader and Millie Damen, Communication Leader*

### Mathletics Day ambassador

Mathletics World Maths Day is on Wednesday May 5.

On this day, students around the world will compete in different maths activities.

I have been chosen as the World Maths Day ambassador because I love to be challenged and I am really good at maths.

My main role is to promote World Maths Day and help people in



my year level at school.

I will write a blog for this event which will feature on the World Maths Day page for Mathletics.

I am very hard-working and I love challenges so I can build on what I know.

I am very excited to be selected as their ambassador.

*By Lenny Maxwell, Year 5*



*Gisborne Primary Art Leaders and helpers constructing a memorial for Anzac Day: Jarrod Reinking, Thomas Floreani, Ellie McNulty, Josie Mathers, Millie Damen and Emily Briggs.*

## New school zones coming next year with Willowbank Primary

Works continue on the new Willowbank Primary School which will open its doors on day one of Term 1 next year.

New state primary school zoning will come into effect for residents in the south of Gisborne in 2022. Families can view Willowbank Primary and Gisborne Primary Schools' 2022 zones by visiting [www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au](http://www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au).

According to Gisborne Primary's April 1 news-

letter, no students currently enrolled at Gisborne Primary School will be required to change schools due to a zone change.

"All children have a right to attend their designated neighbourhood school, but families can also choose to seek enrolment at another government school."

"If a Prep student already has a sibling attending Gisborne Primary School, they can enrol

at Gisborne Primary School. There may also be other exceptional circumstances which mean it is more practical or suitable for a new student to attend Gisborne Primary School rather than the new school even though the student resides in the zone for the new school.

"Decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis by the principals associated with each school."



A young girl gets an egg from the Easter Bunny.

## Easter fun at Swinburne Kinder

At the end of last term, the families at Swinburne Avenue Kindergarten were delighted to come together for the Swinburne Family Easter Picnic.

The event, organised by the kinder committee, was a fantastic opportunity for children to connect outside their usual kinder sessions and for parents to meet and socialise with other parents and teachers of the kindergarten.

New Gisborne Primary kindly allowed the picnic to be held on the school's brand new oval which was the perfect location for picnicking, running, playing and dancing!

In the leadup to the picnic, families and supporters of the kinder generously donated Easter eggs and gift vouchers which became amazing raffle prizes drawn at the picnic. The raffle is one of the kin-

dergarten's main fundraisers for the year so thanks to all who donated and bought tickets. There were some very enthusiastic prize winners on the day.

Of course, the most important guest at the Easter Picnic was the Easter Bunny himself. The children were thrilled to meet the fluffy guest of honour and indulge in some Easter eggs.



Happy raffle winner Autumn with her prize.

## No couch potatoes at St Brigid's



Recently, in Japanese through Sustainability, St Brigid's students have been working in groups with their teacher Emma Barker to make the school more eco-friendly.

The students have spread across the school, looking for places they can plant, revamp and neaten up. We have planted veggies, herbs, flowers, trees, fruit trees and many more.

We have had a lot of fun planting and growing our vegetables.

Our questions were: What do we plant? What will survive cold conditions? What are some companion herbs and flowers? And, who is in our group?

We have had an absolute ball doing Japanese through Sustainability this term with Emma. We have also had a lot of success with growing potatoes!



Abi

Written by Abi Phegan and Summer Busby



Jake and Jeremy enjoy collecting potatoes from the garden.



## Sport at Mt Macedon

Here at Mount Macedon Primary School, we've had multiple events so far. These include: Cross Country, Jump Rope for Heart, Macedon Bike Ride, Williamstown Bike Ride and Swimming Carnival. Two more are coming up, Athletics Carnival and Swimming Lessons. These events all have one thing in common... can you guess what it is? If you guessed that they're all athletic/sport based, then you guessed right! We at MMPS are aware of the increase in the rates of obesity in our culture, and the trend towards less exercise. We understand that healthy lifestyles are not just about exercising but also about diet and balance in our lives too.

Of course, we have PE, and lunch and recess play times, but we could still be doing more. Each classroom does daily exercises, usually a 5-8-minute workout. At recess and lunch, I spot lots of my fellow students zooming past me, off on an adventure of tag. Other students can be found playing sports on the oval and the basketball courts.

A healthy lifestyle is crucial in staying fit, and here at MMPS we realise that and are doing our part to make sure that happens.

Ryan McClurkin

Mount Macedon PS School Reporter

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# Book club gets Montessori students reading

Everyone enjoys getting together with friends and talking about favourite movies and books. Many adults enjoy being part of a book club; children are no different, and it's a great way to help them discover the joy of reading books.

Year 4, 5 and 6 students at Gisborne Montessori School began Term 2 by sharing their thoughts and opinions in their weekly book club. Students have the opportunity to read independently and share their personal reactions to their group novel. They enjoy reading great stories, exploring 'big' ideas, and finding special parts, using sticky notes for quick reference. Students enjoy having control over their reading and each child has the opportunity to have their views heard.

Small groups can be seated on the carpet, at tables, in the classroom or in the library, wherever they are comfortable. Each group is run in a unique way, depending on the members.



Students relax with a book. From left: Liam Leyden, Jessica Frankenberg, Ryan Borg and Brody Philpot.

This term, book club members have the opportunity to read and discuss *Charlotte's Web*, *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* or *Wonder*. At the end of term, book club groups will watch the film version of their particular book and share their preferences on what was better, the movie or the book.

## Holy Cross takes a look at democracy

Throughout last term, the year six students learnt about democracy and the election process in Australia.

We linked this learning to our writing genre, 'Discussions', where the students were asked to highlight a local issue and present it to their peers in the form of a presentation.

We were very proud of the hard work and dedication that the students put into the whole process, which included researching, designing posters and slogans, writing and presenting their speeches in groups.

This learning culminated with an incursion led by James from the Victorian Electoral Commission. The students took part in a mock election, where they learnt about preferential voting. We ultimately had a winning party - The Farmers Party.

It was a great learning and fun experience for all involved!



Grade 6 carefully consider their preferences.



Maddy Waddington casts her vote under the watchful eye of Elena Coughlan.



The Farmers Party – The winning party!

Joseph Daulatzai and Tess Cole



## CAPTAINS' RAP with Hayley Fisher



Hayley Fisher

Recently GSC co-captain Hamish Nicoll and I took part in a "remake" of the dawn Anzac Day service at Mount Macedon.

It was an honour to take part in such a special event and to see all the hard work put in by local members to deliver an event that enables communities to honour service men and women.

In Term 1 we were able to celebrate our whole school athletics, which is a great day every year. It was wonderful seeing all teachers and students getting involved wearing house colours and the Year 12s dressing up in awesome costumes.

It's days like this that enable all students to get involved and allows school spirit to thrive, while providing added memories for Year 12s in their last year of schooling.

On the last day of Term 1, the teachers organised a Teachers vs Students netball game. It was fantastic to witness all the Year 12s (even if they did not take part in the game) supporting fellow Year 12s, and although the result may have not gone our way, it's the experience that counts, right!?

As we move into Term 2, I wish all Year 12s the best of luck for the rest of the year and to continue doing the best they can, while still having fun, looking after each other and, most importantly, looking after themselves.



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New Gisborne Scouts around the campfire at Anglesea.

## Scouts camp at Anglesea

New Gisborne (Church of Christ) Scouts had a wonderful close to Term 1 with Cub Scouts, Scouts and Venturers all enjoying outdoor activities.

Cub Scouts with Leader "Rama" and Venturer helpers attended "Cuboree" near Gembrook while Scouts attended an extended camp near Anglesea in preparation for the Victorian Jamboree.

Over Easter some of our Venturers took part in the "Hoadley Hide" activities in the Wombat Forest.

There's much more activity to come around our wonderful Macedon Ranges, and further afield, we are looking forward to getting to the snowfields in September with the annual visit to Mt Baw Baw.

We continue to remember our Law and Promise, living out "love thy neighbour". Our thoughts and prayers continue for essential workers on the COVID front line.

We're awaiting the building permit for our Scout Hut. All contributions to help fit out the Hut are welcome-and tax deductible.

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

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

## Cub Scouts get down and dirty at Cuboree



The mud obstacle course was a full body experience!



From left: New Gisborne Cubs Noah, Cara, Tori, Callum and Emma enjoy Cuboree.



Macedon-Woodend Venturers help set up Sub Camp 1.

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# Gisborne Girl Guides



Last term the Gisborne Girl Guides finished off their Emergency badge with the girls learning basic first aid so hopefully will be able to tackle any emergency that confronts them in the future.

Problem solving is one of the skills girls develop as they work in groups on tasks. They especially enjoyed being let loose on each other with a basket of bandages.

Many of the girls attended the River Region Revels in Bendigo and engaged in a variety of activities with girls from other units. Our Region spreads from Gisborne as far up as Kerang.

Term 2 will begin with the guides undertaking tasks to earn their Anzac badge. As Gisborne will not be inviting groups to attend their service this year we will organise our own wreath laying as well as learning about the Anzac tradition.

If you are aged 8 to 12 and would like to try Guiding, phone Deb on 0409542619 for details. We meet on Thursday nights between 5 and 6:30.

## Venturer achieves top award

Congratulations to Macedon-Woodend Venturer Thomas Shaddock on achieving his Queen's Scout Award, the highest youth award in Scouting, in March.



Thomas is pictured after his successful interview with Macedon Ranges District Commissioner Andrew Smyth on March 26.

Below: Macedon-Woodend Venturers were presented their new group scarves on the Maribyrnong River after a night canoeing session to end Term 1.



Scouts  
AUSTRALIA



## Basics and biomechanics from champion fly caster



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In April we had our life member, world casting champion, and old friend John Waters come up to deliver a clinic in fly line casting.

His message was to focus on the basics, both overhead cast and roll cast, to get the fly line, leader, and the fly where it needs to be. We should consider all other casts a variation on the basics; the better the basics the better the variations.

John invited us to base our casting on the application of biomechanics, the science of human movement, as we should in any sport. This denotes that motion should be initiated at the biggest joint and finish it at the smallest for optimum power production.

For us, fly casters, his message was to follow the science and best practice to master a cast, fo-

cusing on this body movement as the driver, not the rod or line; we should consider that an outcome. He also recommended that for the quickest and best fly placement we should minimize our false casts.

John detailed technical specifics such as rod grip, body stance, smooth movement and acceleration, of the arm, and blocking of the wrist. He also detailed a good practice regime for casting improvement. Even seasoned fly fishers came away from the presentation with some new knowledge.

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

Louis Bokor

## Let's ride folks...

This month's report is all about riding two and three-wheelers, because that's what we do!

Members of Macedon Ranges Ulysses Branch (MRUB) ride a variety of bikes: big and small, vintage and modern, as well as Harleys and "others". A good sample can generally be found in Gisborne on Saturday mornings, so stop and chat if you're interested; we love talking about our bikes.

Over the past several months, we've upped the variety of local rides in addition to venturing further afield in the glorious autumn weather.

Our members enjoy a mix of long and short rides, some overnights as well as opportunities to share dirt rides if that's your thing!



One recent Saturday lunch ride saw our members taking the twisty route for lunch at Pyalong. Another was a zig zag journey through the wilds of Toolern Vale and Melton on the way to fish and chips at Williamstown's historic pier!

After significant planning by our new committee, MRUB has developed a Ride Calendar with something for everyone. An updated calendar can be found at [www.mrub.org.au](http://www.mrub.org.au) or join us on Facebook for the latest news.

And please, stay safe and stay upright.

Cherry Cole



A three-wheeler and a two-wheeler from a recent Gisborne Saturday morning "Tyre Kick"

### Ha ha ha

It was the opening day at the new doctor's surgery. The doctor's assistant told him there was a man to see him. This was his very first patient. The young doctor told his secretary to send him in. Pretending to be a busy doctor, he picked up the phone just as the man was coming in. "Yes, that's right. The fee is \$200. Yes, I'll expect to see you at ten past two. Don't be late, I'm a very busy doctor." He put the phone down and turned to the man waiting and said, "May I help you?" "Yes" said the man, "I've just come in to install your phone"!





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## AROUND THE GROUNDS



# Belcher racks up 200 games for Gisborne



A Gisborne Football Netball Club stalwart on and off the field, Anthony Belcher achieved an extraordinary 200 senior football games for the club in the game against Golden Square on April 17.

Anthony's involvement with the Gisborne Football Netball Club began in 1999. His junior football years were spent playing with Macedon and he moved to Gisborne to play U18s as Macedon did not field an U18 team that year.

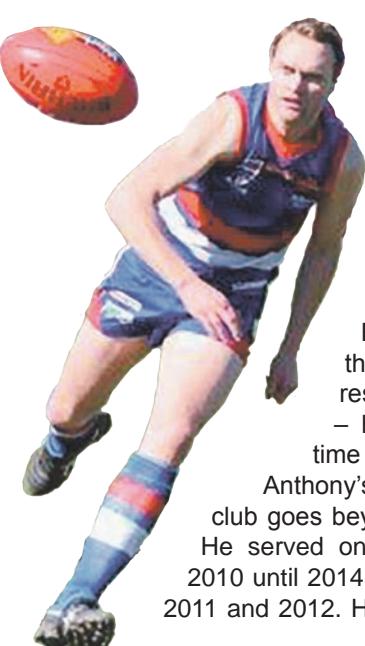
In his second year at Gisborne he played in the U18 premiership team and was awarded Best on Ground. He capped off a successful year on the football field by winning the club U18 Best and Fairest.

Moving on from U18s, he was a member of the 2002 Reserves premiership team and won the club Reserves Best and Fairest that year.

From 2003 until 2016 Anthony played his football with the Gisborne senior football team. His on-field resume includes premierships with the senior side in 2005 and 2006, and club Best and Fairest in 2006. He was named senior captain in 2008 and represented the Bendigo Football League in the interleague competition in 2009, 2012 and 2013.

Anthony was assistant coach in 2013 and was named in the Gisborne 2000–2009 Team of the Decade. He is the only player to have won the club Best and Fairest award in all three grades – U18s, reserves, and seniors – having done so each time in premiership years.

Anthony's contribution to the club goes beyond the football field. He served on the committee from 2010 until 2014 and was Treasurer in 2011 and 2012. He continues to organ-



Left: Anthony Belcher leaps for the tap in an earlier game, and (right) is still jumping for the Bulldogs in his 200th game for the club on April 17. Far left: Anthony in the chase.

ise the annual Past Players Reunion and was instrumental in helping galvanise club members when, in recent times, Gisborne Football Netball Club faced significant off-field challenges.

Despite retiring in 2015, he willingly returned to the football field in 2016 to help out the club and offer his experience to a senior team with an average player age of 19 years. Not only did he volunteer his time as a player, he also provided the club with his professional expertise as a physiotherapist.

Not surprisingly Anthony was awarded life membership in 2017 for his enormous contributions to the club.

Anthony has always been a selfless member of the Gisborne Football Netball Club and he is to be congratulated on reaching this outstanding milestone.



Gisborne Masters in action in the first game of the season.

## Masters win one, lose one, in season opener



Gisborne Masters Football Club fielded two sides for round one of the new Vic Country AFL Masters Season on April 11 in Ballarat.

The over 45s played first and it was great to see the enthusiasm of the players for their first game since the COVID restrictions were lifted.

Typical Ballarat weather saw both teams battle it out for four quarters with the wind favouring one end but it was the Gisborne Bulldogs that gained the upper hand and ran away with a 21-point victory.

Next it was the over 35s turn and Ballarat, using their home ground knowledge, took full advantage of the prevailing wind kicking four goals to zero in the first quarter.

The Bulldogs fought back in the second and third quarters bridging the gap significantly and setting up a final quarter blockbuster. But it wasn't to be as the wind stopped and Ballarat held on to win by two goals.

Both games were played in great spirit and players from both clubs caught up after the game for a well-earned beer and something to eat, and the best on ground awards were made.

If you think you might like to get involved, the Gisborne Masters train every Wednesday night at Sankey Reserve from 6.30pm followed by a drink and a barbecue.

So whether you're new to the town, an experienced or a first-time player, come on down and have a run around with no pressure to play. Alternatively, if you have any queries you can contact the Club President on 0417 258 555.

Mark McKenzie

Coach, Gisborne Masters Football Club

## Croquet club news

Those who took part in the Kyneton Croquet Challenge on April 9 thoroughly enjoyed the day. The Challenge resulted in a Kyneton win, nine games to seven.

Bill Humphries and Chris Eiffert returned on April 27 to complete their coaching sessions in Association Rules.

Some members may now wish to play Association Croquet rather than Golf Croquet which is currently played by our club. (For readers unfamiliar with cro-

quet, Association Croquet is an older, more complex form of the game. Golf Croquet still requires skill and tactics, but is a quicker game.)

Regionals were played on our courts on April 16.

World Croquet Weekend will take place in the first weekend in May.

Our AGM will be held on Wednesday May 19 at 9.30am. We usually go into recess during winter until mid-September, however members are welcome to play on if the weather permits.

We wish Joy a speedy recovery after her recent fall.  
Faye Armstrong

# Successful netball clinic kicks off MRNA 40<sup>th</sup> year

One week before the 2021 season, on the coldest Sunday morning of the year until then, many of our brave Macedon Ranges Netball Association netballers took to the court for the MRNA Netfit Clinic. It was hosted by Sarah Wall, former Suncorp Super Netballer and CEO/ founder of Netfit Netball.

Sarah and the team were fantastic, engaging with the children across age groups in a fun and exciting environment, keeping them all energised and warm on a chilly morning. The event formed part of the MRNA celebrating 40



years of netball. It began with a Netfit Return to Netball event thanks to a Netball Victoria grant aimed at assisting associations to get players back on the courts.

This MRNA winter season, which kicked off on April 17, 61 teams are taking to the courts across five grades – U9, U11, U13, U15 and U17. We are extremely excited to be getting back out there after such a long wait, especially onto our newly sealed blue show courts, resealed thanks to the Bendigo Bank.

*Katie Duoba  
president MRNA*



Players develop a range of skills at the Netfit Clinic



U17 Giants hit the ground on April 18.

## Growing Giants enter U17 competition

The Giants are excited to be able to provide the kids an opportunity to play both footy and netball this year after what has been a tough year for all the community.



Our club has grown again, in line with our expectations, affiliating teams across both codes throughout the entire age group of the Riddell District Football Netball League competition.

This season sees our first U17 football side, with some returning players from years past who left the club due to insufficient numbers in the upper age groups to field teams.

The orange and grey colours are becoming part of the community land-

scape as we continue to grow. Our dedicated team of "off field" volunteers have displayed resilience and willingness to adapt and provide this great platform for the community's kids.

We have available opportunities for new players across all age groups to further complement our teams in both netball and football. We look forward to hopefully completing the season without any COVID interruptions and wish all the players the best of luck for the season.

*Brad Young, Gisborne Giants Coordinator  
0409 28 1234*

## LAST CHANCE FOR OPPORTUNITY TO WIN NEW UTE!

Macdon FNC's raffle is still open and will be drawn on May 2. First prize is a new Toyota Hilux valued at over \$64,000 which includes on-road costs.

## Community football and netball are back

Saturday April 17 saw the Macedon Football Netball Club travel to Riddells Creek to challenge for the Puka Up Cup.

It was a great day all round with a positive result for Riddells Creek, who won B and U19 netball while missing out on A and C Grade.

In the football, Riddell won the U19 and Reserves, while in the Seniors the teams fought it out for a draw. Unusually, the scores were identical at the end of every quarter.

So, the cup now resides at Riddells Creek for a season.



If you are keen to be involved with Macedon Football Netball Club in any way – as a player, volunteer, member, sponsor or supporter – please contact Andrew on 0488

363 222 for information.

The club's major fundraising raffle is still open and will be drawn on May 2. First prize is a new Toyota Hilux valued at \$64,990 which includes on road costs. Tickets are available online at [macedoncats.com.au](http://macedoncats.com.au) or by calling 0488 363 222.

Only 3000 tickets are being sold, great odds!



Macedon Senior Football Coach Alistair Meldrum addresses players at quarter time.



Tickets are available online at [macedoncats.com.au](http://macedoncats.com.au) or by calling 0488 363 222.

# Clubhouse opening at I.R. Robertson Reserve



A formal celebration to officially open the new clubhouse at the I.R. Robertson Reserve in South Gisborne will be held at 2pm on Saturday May 15. Past members of the Gisborne Pony Club and Gisborne & District Adult Riding Club (GDARC) are cordially invited to afternoon tea and a showcase of equestrian activities.

If you would like to attend, please register using this link <https://www.Trybooking.com/BQPNL> by May 10 for catering purposes.

Enquiries to [gisborneponyclub.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:gisborneponyclub.secretary@gmail.com) or [gdarc.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:gdarc.secretary@gmail.com)

In 1982, Gisborne Pony Club moved to the Robertson Reserve for their rallies. It was a 30-acre paddock on Couangalt Road where the Couangalt school used to be. In 1983, the clubhouse was a five metre x nine metre open-fronted shed, later enlarged and improved to contain a canteen, office and meeting room. In 1992, GDARC (originally Couangalt ARC) was established there.



*In June 2020, the Council completed the demolition that the white ants had started.*

Unfortunately, in 2015 white ants started a demolition from the inside.

Over the next five years, members of GPC and GDARC raised funds and overcame many hurdles to build a new clubhouse. With support from community sponsors, Bendigo Bank and the Macedon Ranges Shire Council, the new clubhouse was finally completed in 2020. However, it was closed due to the COVID-19 lockdown!

This year the Melbourne Show Jumping Club have joined the Reserve equestrian groups, resulting in almost 300 members using the grounds and clubhouse.

In 1982, the pony club DC at the time, Mike Smith, said, "We must carefully plan the development so that it will eventually be an area we can point to with pride as a showplace for pleasure riders." That vision has been achieved. Now we are able to thank our sponsors properly and showcase the activities of the user groups.



*The new clubhouse was completed in 2020.*



*Horvat Cup winner Judy Trimble*

## Older, wiser and still swinging

A fabulous turnout on a gorgeous sunny day saw the 6th annual Horvat Golf Day for senior golfers (over 55 years) held at the Gisborne Golf Course on March 18.

It was a truly inclusive day with teams of both men and women taking to the field to vie for the ultimate and coveted Rudi Horvat Trophy.

The Horvat family continue to support the event in memory of their father Rudi, a much-loved member of Gisborne Golf Club who sadly passed away in August 2019.

They donated very generous cash prizes to all those lucky enough to take their best game out on the day.

Congratulations to the overall winner of the event, Judy Trimble.

Other winners on the day were Male: Cyril Saunders, Martin Cunningham, Norm Power. Female: Kerry Peterson, Jennifer Malberg, Kath Keating. Super 70s: Fran Crimmins, Harry Campbell and Graham Trewella.

*Suzanne Velk, ladies vice-president*



## All in the family: club teams play off against each other

The grand finals of two sections of the MRTA Junior Summer 2020-21 season saw teams playing off against another team from their club. Macedon Rafter

defeated Macedon Hewitt to win Friday D Grade and South Gisborne Silver defeated South Gisborne Gold to take the B1/C3 title.



*Macedon Friday D Grade grand final teams.*



*South Gisborne B1/C3 Grade grand final teams.*

## What petanque does for double national champ

Mt Macedon Petanque Club member June Hunter, as mentioned on page 3, was a team member of both the 60+ doubles and triples winning teams at the National Petanque Championships held at Easter in Adelaide.

June and husband Terry joined the club in late 2011 prior to their move to Gisborne in 2012.

Their nephew, already a member, suggested they might enjoy the sport and meeting others in the community. June began competing in 2013 and now competes regularly.

She says she enjoys petanque because it's accessible to a wide range of people regardless of age, physical fitness and gender (not necessarily dependent upon physical force to play successfully).

June believes the club does an excellent job for its members. They play socially "out of the hat" on play days, have great fun, and there's always something new to learn.

Says June, "The club also provides comprehensive training and preparation to allow

members to take up the challenge of competition with confidence, which I have benefited from, and greatly appreciate."

Play days are held on the second and fourth Saturday of the month between 10am and roughly 1pm at the grounds behind the Gisborne Caltex Service Station.

To register interest, please go to our website: [mtmacedonpetanqueclub.weebly.com](http://mtmacedonpetanqueclub.weebly.com)

Alison Kinghorn

**Q: Why did the golfer wear two pairs of pants?**

**A: In case he got a hole in one!**

### MT MACEDON GOLF CLUB RESULTS



#### Mt Macedon Golf Club congratulates –

Nuleaf Tree Services February Monthly Medallist – Trevor Atkins

Woodend Mitre 10 March Medal – Brian Freestone

Riddells Creek Nursery April Mug o' the Month – Levi Moss

GREAT Golf Gala 4BBB stableford – Peter Sinclair and Graham Bysouth



## News from Mount Macedon Golf Club

### Get Into Golf – Women



Following a successful sports equipment grant application, we have bought golf clubs specifically for women golfers.

With the support of our Golf Australia Regional representative, Shana Faralla, Bruce Fraser and Marcus Ward have achieved Golf Instructor Accreditation. Our plan is to conduct an introductory golf session in late May for women who are beginners, followed by four sessions of instruction through June.

We will keep our club members and the women of the wider community informed of when to register.

On behalf of members and green fee players alike, enormous thanks to these Wednesday Gentlemen who supported Rob Beatson with the recent greens' renovation: Graeme Bonsack and Jeremy Clare (two days), Neville Clark, Peter Watson, Karl Pongracic (drove from Ballarat), Gary Liddy, PJ Cushen and Gerry Timmins.



### Recent Competition Results

Trevor Atkins was the play-off winner of the February Monthly Medal.

In a day of low scoring where a quarter of the field achieved handicap or better, the March Medal went to Brian Freestone with a nett 61, pipping an overly confident Isaac Golden's nett 62, and relegating Darren Mantynen's nett 63 to third overall.

In the Wednesday Gentlemen's Mug o' the Month, Levi Moss took the victory with a nett 41 stableford points just squeezing past Damien Leatch and Marcus Ward, both on 40 points.

We were delighted to welcome back Bryan Power for the presentation of the *Gisborne Gazette* Golf Gala trophy to winners Peter 'Snags' Sinclair and Graham Bysouth on countback from Team Hohmann, Steve and Matt both finishing with 45 stableford points.

*Winners Snags Sinclair and Graham Bysouth flank the Gazette's Bryan Power.*

## Winners all around

What a terrific summer season it was for all the South Gisborne Tennis Club junior teams.

All four teams competed in the Macedon Ranges Tennis Association junior competition grand finals. The C1/B3 teams played each other on the most balmy of nights with many families in support.

The tennis was brilliant and the atmosphere was tense when on completion of the match they were level on games. Congratulations SG Silver (winners) and SG Gold on playing a match that kept spectators glued to their seats.

C3 played out another nailbiter, going down by three games. Many personal best sets were played out on the day. D grade were undefeated all season but came up against a full-strength opposition. Only three games split the teams at the end of the match.



South Gisborne Tennis Club

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*Summer 2020-21 C3 team, Austen, Lewis, Audrey, Keyannah and Jennifer. The team were runners up to Woodend.*

Thankyou to all our amazing team managers, parents, committee and opposition clubs on your commitment supporting junior tennis. We look forward to watching our junior players throughout the winter season to come.

Contact us on [southgisborne.tc@gmail.com](mailto:southgisborne.tc@gmail.com) for 2021 programs.

Gail Scott



## Congratulations on tennis double

Congratulations to Debbie Fleming of Macedon for her success at the Echuca Easter Tennis Tournament on April 3-4.

Playing in D Grade, Debbie won the ladies singles and the

*Callen Weasmith and Debbie Fleming after their final.*

ladies doubles with Robyn Mccluskey, and was runner-up in the mixed doubles with Callen Weasmith, who was nearly half her age and double her height.



The Macedon Ranges Under 14 squad with their Division 1 Country Championship medals

## Macedon Ranges win top honours at state Country Championships

The Macedon Ranges took out Division 1 at the Basketball Victoria Country (BVC) Championships for the first time on April 18.

Macedon Ranges Basketball Association's Under 14 Boys' squad won 10 games straight over three days at the round robin tournament in Traralgon, making them now the top-ranked country basketball team for their age group in Victoria.

Head coach John Maxwell, from Gisborne, said the main focus for the team was defensive intensity, and the success was a credit to the team's depth and fitness.

The general manager, member and community services for Basketball Victoria, David Huxta-



ble, said: "The Macedon Ranges should be extremely proud of the boys' achievement. It is a testimony to the hard work of all the players, coaches and committee for such a small association to achieve the Division 1 Victorian Country Championship flag."

The Country Championships are held each year for U12, U14, U16 and U18 representative teams from across Victoria. Each association fields its strongest team to take on the best from across the state from as far afield as Swan

Hill, Wodonga and Warrnambool.

The MRBA congratulates all involved in this major achievement including John Maxwell, assistant coach Chris Tarrant, team manager Anthony Woodcock and all the players – Christian Beecroft, Rhys Garrahan, Alex Gray, Noah Hangegraaf, Ruben Hewitt, Sonny Maxwell, Finn McGinty, Luke Laird, Ben Taylor and Joel Zoch.

The MRBA squad gains automatic entry to the National Junior Classic in September, where they will take on the best metropolitan and country teams from across Australia.

The MRBA squad draws players and coaches from across the Macedon Ranges.

## Vale Frederik van der Wilde

On 31 March 2021, Frederik van der Wilde died peacefully in his sleep, 12 weeks after his wife, Betty, passed away.

The couple were introduced by a friend when Frederik arrived in Mount Eliza from The Hague, starting a romance that led to 66 years of marriage.



Frederik van der Wilde

After many return visits to the Macedon Ranges, the couple moved here more than 30 years ago. They loved the countryside and birds, and enjoyed the friendships and support found in the area, especially in Gisborne and New Gisborne. They will both be missed.

## BRAINBUSTERS

- At which ski resort in Victoria would you find 'Bourke Street'?
- Which iconic Indian building can you visit in Agra?
- Which Australian state capital has the suburbs of Highgate, Mt. Lawley, Northbridge, Kensington and Osborne Park?
- What is the name of the cocktail made from gin and vermouth?
- Panama hats originated where?
- Jack is twice as old as Vic. Vic is three years older than Harry. Harry is two years old. How old is Jack?
- Mont Blanc, Europe's highest mountain, is in which country?
- Which historic British city is famed for its Roman baths?
- How many squares are there on a chess board?
- Lake Tiberias is also known by what name?

Answers page 39

## OVER 65? WANT TO EXERCISE MORE AND MEET NEW FRIENDS?

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**Contact:** Kristie Hess, 0477 285 613 or betterlifefitness@live.com.au



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# SPORT IN PICTURES



U13 netball – United v Possums – April 24



U15 netball – Saints v Rebels – April 17



U17 netball - Possums v new team Tiger-Bells – April 24



C Grade netball - Riddell v Macedon - April 17



Shanae Reid of Gisborne Pony Club goes over the jumps on her horse Centurion.

## Puka Up Cup



Riddell and Macedon players stand together before the Puka Up Cup which shines a spotlight on mental health – April 17



Senior football – Puka Up Cup  
Riddell v Macedon – April 17



Darren Bell, Melanie Jorgensen and Scott Trezise at the Puka Up Cup



U17 football – Macedon v Gisborne – April 18



U17 football – Macedon v Gisborne – April 18



U19 football - Gisborne v Kangaroo Flat – April 24



Pictures Chris Fleming

Senior football – Riddell v Macedon – April 17



▲U19 football – Gisborne v Kangaroo Flat – April 24

◀Seconds football – Gisborne v Kangaroo Flat – April 24



▼U17 football – Macedon v Gisborne – April 18



Elizabeth Payne, Ken Anders, Olwyn Snape and Gill Punshon of Macedon Ranges Croquet Club (based at Dixon Field, Gisborne) played in the croquet regional championships on April 16. Ken Anders came runner up.



U15 football – Macedon v Sunbury Kangaroos – April 18



## It's all about light

### Anglican Parish of Gisborne

Last month, the Leonard French window at the Church of the Resurrection was highlighted. At the dawn service for Easter morning, the light through the window brought many things to the front as the sun rose.

Light has always been a strong metaphor regarding the presence of God in the community. Many of the scriptures talk about 'the light coming' and 'the light that darkness cannot overwhelm.'

Even in our darkest times, there is always a glimmer of hope, and the image of light is very helpful.

Lighting a candle is a sign of hope, a symbolic portrayal of presence of Christ and an expression of faith. Imagine being at a concert or show without the use of lights to help tell the story. The metaphor of light helps Christians understand the story of Jesus.

As a photographer, I am very conscious of light.

I took a photo recently of a dormant agapanthus. It was nothing exciting, except for the interplay of light around it. I saw the plant differently as the light highlighted aspects otherwise not seen.

So it is with faith. The light shines in the most unexpected ways, allowing us to see anew the beauty that is otherwise overlooked.

*Fr Dennis*

A rather ordinary agapanthus can be transformed by the play of light.



### Faithworks launches Sunday afternoon service

We are going to change things up a bit here and try something different... On the first Sunday of every month, we will not be having our usual Sunday morning service, we are going to have an afternoon service instead.

Some of our members (including us), find it difficult to get to church every week at this time of year, largely to do with our kids' sporting commitments. This got us thinking if there were other families around who were in the same boat. Or if there were people who just wanted to have a sleep-in on a Sunday morning – sleep-ins can be hard to come by!

We will have our first afternoon service on Sunday May 2, 4.15pm to 5.15pm. (If you would like a nice proper coffee beforehand, come at 4pm.)

So if, like us, you would occasionally benefit from an afternoon church service, feel free to join us at FaithWorks on the first Sunday of every month.

Have a great month everyone!

Shelley Farrugia  
<http://faithworksscc.com.au> or find us on Facebook

## Back and busy at Uniting Church



Much-loved member Joan Johns contributes to the greening of the Cross.

### Gisborne Uniting Church

After a year of thinking about what we couldn't do, now the congregation of the Gisborne Uniting Church is energised for what we can do.

Last year's Easter services were distinctively distanced. While Zoom technology is undoubtedly a blessing, even more so is gathering together. And so on Easter Day last month people brought beauties from well-tended gardens to 'green the Cross'.

Also back is a shift in focus from our Australian selves to those who live in much more challenging circumstances.

The Uniting Church is partners with churches in other countries, sharing faith, fellowship and also funds. This year our national program is titled '7 Days of Solidarity: a celebration of our global neighbours.' Church communities featured include the United Church of the Solomon Island, the Methodist Church in Zimbabwe and our very close neighbour, Timor Leste's Protestant Church.

Our links with the Timor Leste are strong, both as an Australian community and as a church. Each Anzac Day, we remember the courage and care its people showed Australian forces.

That generation has passed on but Timor's current adults lived their early lives in a climate of deprivation and desperation. With independence came hope but all hope needs a concrete base. Recent floods and the ever-present threat of COVID in a country short on health services has brought the needs of Timor Leste back into the priorities for Australian aid agencies and for us. So what's also back is fundraising.

*Janet Wood 5428 6700*

### Mount Macedon Uniting Church

April was very busy at Mount Macedon Uniting Church. Traditional Easter services were well attended by visitors and our people as did earlier generations. We also hosted two weddings, different but each beautiful expressions of love.

On Sunday April 11, we enjoyed a pleasant afternoon visit to the beautiful gardens at Pinjara on Mount Macedon Road owned by one of our families. The restoration work augurs well for a spectacular display in spring. Afternoon tea followed at the church.

Men's Group on April 6 heard of Kevin Petherbridge's experiences with IT commissioning during construction of Hazelwood power station and similar projects. The Men's Group will hear from John Randles on Tuesday May 4. We meet on the first Tuesday monthly at 10am.

The Thistle Club ladies shared items of remembrance on April 29, and will be discussing flowers



Mount Macedon parishioners visit the gardens at Pinjara.

and plants with special meaning on Wednesday May 26 at 2pm. Visitors are always welcome.

Our supply minister Lorraine Saultry and Les are leaving on their much-delayed trip to the Kimberleys. We wish them a safe and interesting time.

Anyone is welcome to join our services or either of these groups.

*Neil Tweddle, 5426 2045*



# 100 YEARS AGO

## MAY 1921

**Growth of American Trees** Professor E.H. Wilson of Harvard University will complete an investigation of the principal types of Australian forests for which he came here seven months ago. "The thing that impresses ... is the way trees from America, especially those of western Northern America, thrive here. There are good places here to grow Oregon pine, redwood, yellow pine and probably the sugar pine – four of the finest of American trees, and comprising some of the most valuable soft-wood timber in the world. At Mount Macedon I saw the natural regeneration of yellow pine and Oregon pine, which were shedding their seed and doing splendidly."

"The people of Australia," he concluded, "should set themselves to help for forestry services to prevent a recurrence of the errors of the past that denuded this fine country of much of its primeval timber wealth. We don't want all Australia to become a desert."

**Social Notes** – Sir John and Lady Grice spent the holiday weekend at Coolangatta, their Macedon home. Mr. and Mrs. W. Hamilton are expected to arrive from England this week. Mr. Hamilton is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Hamilton, of Mount Macedon. In the early years of the war, he went away with the 4<sup>th</sup> Light Horse, but later on joined an English regiment. While abroad he married an English girl.

**Wheel Notes** – Sunbury, Gisborne, and Melton. The route described here is one of those so popular in the early cycling and motoring days. Can be reached by two routes, both fairly good; they really form a loop, diverging at North Essendon and meeting again near the summit of Buttlejork [Aitken's] Gap.

For the outward journey at least, adopt the right-hand branch at North Essendon, keeping to the left at several other junction roads passed – to Broadmeadows at approx. 9 miles, to Inverness at approx. 13 miles and to Lancefield at approx. 19 miles. At Bulla, a deep valley is crossed and in another five miles, Sunbury is reached... The route bears to the left and, passing the railway station, the line is crossed on the level and the road followed over rising country for three miles to the main Bendigo road at Buttlejork.

Through the Gap, the descent is very rough over a short distance but soon improves and a pleasant run follows to Gisborne at 32 miles. At the crossroads in the centre of town, turn to the left. At the summit of the hill and bearing to the right past the cemetery, turn again to the left, the road leading through forest land for the most part. At four miles from Gisborne there is a junction; take the right-hand branch and in two miles the edge of the hills is gained, affording some pleasing views of the country many hundreds of feet below. The descent is easy through an attractive timbered gully, the locality being known as Breakneck Hill.



## WHAT'S ON REGULAR MEETINGS

New members always welcome

ADULT RIDING CLUB (Gis)	2nd Saturday	I R Robertson Res
ADULT RIDING CLUB (Bullengarook)	2nd Saturday	Rec Reserve
ANGLING CLUB	2nd Wed 8pm	Railway Hotel Macedon
BOTANIC GARDENS working bee	every Thurs 9.30am-10.30am	
BRIDGE CLUB	Mon 12.30, Tues 7.15, Thurs 12.30	St Mary's Church Hall, Woodend 5420 7595
BUSHWALKING CLUB	Various locations	Tel 5428 3490 or 5427 0888
CANASTA CLUB	1.30pm every Mon except first Mon of month	
	Parish centre (behind St Pauls Church, Gisborne)	
CANCER SUPPORT GROUP	last Wed of month	MRH
CAR CLUB	1st Wednesday 8pm	Steam Park, New Gisb
CARERS GROUP (Mac Ranges)	2nd & 4th Thurs, 1pm	Woodend RSL 5420 7132 (Note: 4th Thurs carers only)
COMMUNITY GARDEN	Wed 9am	Church of Christ
CROQUET CLUB	Wed & Sat 10am	Dixon Field
CWA GISBORNE	2nd Monday 10am	Gis Secondary College
CWA MACEDON	3rd Tues 1pm & 7pm	662 Mt Macedon Rd
DALY RESERVE WORKING BEE	2nd Tues 9.30am	Scout Hall, Daly Res
FILM SOCIETY	2nd Wed	Woodend Neigh'hood House 5427 2323
FLY FISHING CLUB	4th Wed 7.30pm	MRFEC Gisborne
FOCUS CLUB	2nd Fri 12 noon	Gisborne Golf Club
FRIENDS OF JACKSONS CREEK	Working bees	3rd Sun 10-noon David Tunbridge 0415 534 477
GARDEN CLUB	2nd Wed various venues	0424 038 474
GENEALOGY GROUP	4th Thurs 7.30	Family Hist Rm, Library
GIRL GUIDES	Thursdays 5pm	Gis Comm Hall
GISBORNE SINGERS	Tues 7.30pm	Gisborne Uniting Church
HISTORICAL SOCIETY	open Wed 10am-4pm	Court House
LIBRARY: TODDLERS' STORY TIME	Mon 10.30am, Wed 10.30am	
LIONS CLUB (Gisborne)	First Thurs of month 7.30pm	247 Station Rd
MARTIAL ARTS	Thurs from 5.15pm	St Brigid's Hall
MASONIC LODGE	2nd Thurs 7pm	Masonic Hall Aitken St
MASTERS AFL	Wed 6.30pm	Sankey Reserve
MT MAC & DIST HORT SOC	1st Tues 8pm	Horticultural Hall
MUFFINS 'N' MORE	2nd Tues 10am-noon	Uniting Church
MUMS' GROUP	2nd Mon 9.30-11.30am	49 Fisher St
OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB	Sun 9am	Riddells Rec Res
PARKINSON'S SUPPORT	2nd Wed 1pm	Lancefield Bowling Club
PETANQUE	2nd & 4th Sat 10am	behind Caltex service station, Station Rd, Gisborne 0439 887 178
PHOENIX ART & CRAFTS	1st Thursday	phoenixmrac.com
PHOTOGRAPHIC SOC	1st Tues & 2nd Mon 7pm	Riddell's Creek Neighbourhood House
PONY CLUB Bullengarook	1st Sunday	Rec Reserve
PONY CLUB Gisborne	1st Sunday	Robertson Reserve
PROBUS	1st Thurs 10am	Masonic Hall
QUILTERS (Gisb)	Wed 7pm	Room attached to Gisb Library
RAMBLERS	Fridays 9.15am	Tennis Club Dixon Field
ROTARY (Gisborne)	First & third Tues evening, call Sec on 0426 500 616	for confirmation of venue
ROTARY (Macedon Ranges)	1st & 3rd Monday	Baringo Food & Wine
RUNNING GROUP	Tues & Thurs 6pm, Sun 8am	Gis Aquatic Centre
RSL	1st Mon 2pm	Gis Golf Club 5428 2233
SENIOR CITS (Macedon)	Tues 11am	Tony Clarke Res
SPINNERS & FIBRE GROUP	Wed 12 noon	Rec Reserve Bullengarook
TABLE TENNIS	Wed 7.30pm	Tony Clarke Res, Macedon
THUNDER SWIMMING CLUB	2nd Sat 5pm	Gisborne Aquatic Centre
TOY LIBRARY	Every Sat 10-11am; first & third Wed, 8.45-9.30am, second & fourth Fri 9-10am	71 Robertson St
U3A	Mondays 10.30am	MRFEC
ULYSSES GROUP	3rd Tues 6pm	Sunbury FC
VINTAGE MACHINERY	Working bees 1st Sun of month, 8.30am at Steam Park; Meetings last Friday 7pm at Steam Park	
WRITERS GROUP	Last Sat of month 2-5pm	Woodend N'hood House
WRITERS (Scribes & Scribblers)	2nd Tues 10am-12	Riddell N'hood House
YOUNG VOICES	Thursdays 4.15-5.45pm	Norma Richardson Hall, Buckland St, Woodend, 5426 4801 or sdggome@patash.com.au



## WHAT ELSE IS ON

### Date

### MAY

1 CWA charity walk to Mount Macedon	10
1 Learn to make Chinese dumplings	7
2 Macedon FN Club raffle drawn	32
5 Birth Time documentary	17
8 Meet the artist at The Gallery	12
8 Free art workshop	11
10 Last day for feedback on Council waste management strategy	22
14 Opening night of 'Too Many Crooks'	11
17 International Day against Homophobia	15
19 Croquet Club AGM	31
22 Gisborne Genealogy's 30th birthday	10
23 Gisborne Singers' Concert	12
25 Get started on your iPhone - Library session	21
27 Biggest Morning Tea	4

## Baringo Film Club

The Baringo Film Club runs three screenings per week.

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

Note change of time with end of daylight saving.

### Dates

### Film

### MAY

5-8	<i>It Must Be Heaven</i> (Comedy/France)
12-15	<i>The Children's Act</i> (Drama/ UK/US)
19-22	<i>A Good Woman is Hard to Find</i> (UK/ Belgium)
26-29	<i>Freedom Writers</i> (Drama/ US)

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

## JUNIOR QUIZ ANSWERS

- |                      |                   |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Eminem            | 6. Scott Morrison |
| 2. Flemington        | 7. J K Rowling    |
| 3. Van Dieman's Land | 8. Fairy Bread    |
| 4. A Joey            | 9. Mercury        |
| 5. 101               | 10. 13            |

## BRAINBUSTERS ANSWERS

- |                  |                        |
|------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Mt Buller     | 6. Ten years old       |
| 2. The Taj Mahal | 7. France              |
| 3. Perth         | 8. Bath                |
| 4. Martini       | 9. Sixty-four          |
| 5. Ecuador       | 10. The Sea of Galilee |

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**SUNDAY 16<sup>th</sup> MAY**

**10:30- 2:30PM**

176 STATION RD NEW GISBORNE



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DAY AND SUPPORT SMALL LOCAL BUSINESSES

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DAY

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