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Storm hits the Ranges

It was all hands on deck for local emergency services when unprecedented south-easterly gales hit Victoria on June 9. Emergency services swung into action to clear roads and effect temporary repairs to damaged properties and once again the community showed its resilience and generosity. See feature on pages 7 to 9.

Mount Macedon Road Picture: Bevan Moody, CFA

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From the Editor's desk

In their article about Family Week at St Brigid's Primary on page 28, Sophie McCabe and Boston Binney share a quote from Pope Francis: "How marvellous it would be if, at the end of the day, each of us could say: Today I have performed an act of charity towards others!" I think it's a wonderful light to live by, and after the storm-of-the-century hit the Ranges on June 9, local emergency service volunteers and many others did just this, dedicating countless hours to making our community function again. I thank them for their care and extraordinary efforts.

In our storm feature (pages 7-9), Di Dale (Gisborne SES) and Bevan Moody (Gisborne Fire Brigade) share frontline accounts of the storm response effort, shedding light on the size of the task and the charity so many generously offered, even in wet and wild conditions. We are so fortunate that no one was injured during the storm or mighty cleanup operations.

On a more positive (but still wet) note, this month Bryan Power profiles South Gisborne teenagers Jacob and Corey Saddington who are making their name in competitive water skiing. The boys are currently in Darwin where it's 35 degrees each day (wouldn't that be nice!), but usually train at Bridgewater where the water temperature gets down to eight degrees. "I'm a Gisborne boy," said Corey, "So I'm used to the cold when training in Victoria." (Story on page 14)

Winter is certainly here with its cold, wet weather and if you're worried about catching cold, Christine Edwards of Gisborne CWA recommends drinking herbal tea regularly (see page 21).

It's easy to hide away in the colder months, and Dr Masood's article on loneliness, which encourages us to look out for others, is especially relevant (see page 24).

After the tumultuous June we've had and with COVID rearing its head in other states leading to restrictions on interstate travel, a leisurely read of this month's edition may be the perfect antidote to any worries and an opportunity to discover yet more about our vibrant and resilient community.

Happy reading,
Corinne



Anita's happy rescue boxer stops for a roll and a grunt as they deliver the paper.

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A MINUTE WITH MAXINE

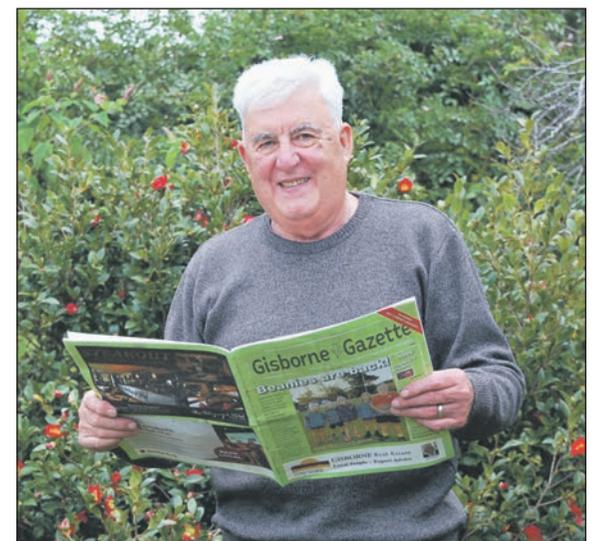
Fifteen years ago, Rob Taylor was walking his American staffy dog Tonka in Macedon, when he was approached by Bryan Power (editor of the *Gazette* at the time) and asked if he would like to deliver the *Gazette* to letterboxes in his local area. So began his lengthy service as a distributor...

Tonka was a very special member of the Taylor family and her claim to fame was being patted by Bruce Springsteen at what was then Olive Jones restaurant, in Macedon. Unfortunately, Tonka had to be put to sleep in 2018.

Rob met Marge at teacher's college in 1965 and they married in December 1969. They have two sons and two daughters and nine grandchildren.

Rob taught at primary schools in Newham, Kyneton, Woodend and St Albans North, then spent 18 years at Tylden Primary. He has not fully retired as he and Marge have 'grandparent duties' three times a week. Rob is an avid gardener and has three chickens in residence.

One of the memorable moments in his life occurred at the 2019 Melbourne Cup Carnival Country Final held on Oaks Day, when the horse Star Missile in which he had a share won the race.



Distributor Rob Taylor. Rob's dog was famously once patted by Bruce Springsteen.

Rob is a Western Bulldogs fan, and on his wishlist is a trip to England.

Maxine

Honour for South Gisborne super man

South Gisborne resident Joe Farrugia was recognised in this year's Queen's Birthday honours list for more than four decades of service to the superannuation sector. Joe said it was a privilege to be nominated and selected to receive a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM).

"You've got to be lucky. I was fortunate to work for two great employers. A lot of good people work in the industry and are equally worthy," he said.

Joe fell into the industry by chance, accepting an offer from AMP in 1971 after leaving school. Good with numbers, he was given an analytical role and loved it. Thus started a 49-year career in the industry, at AMP and the Catholic Superannuation Fund, before his retirement in October 2019. Keen to give back to the industry he loved, Joe was a founding director of the Fund Executives Association set up in 1999 to enable information sharing and networking opportunities for industry professionals.

He stayed on the board for 20 years, receiving a life membership upon retirement.

As highlights of his long and successful career, Joe cited the forever evolving nature of the superannuation industry which meant work was never boring,



A life in superannuation: Joe Farrugia was awarded an OAM in June.

ing, working with many great people, and meeting his wife Beryl at AMP with whom he worked for 10 years. Joe and Beryl moved to South Gisborne in 1982, where they raised four children. Joe continues to give back locally at St Brigid's Parish, and encourages young people to contribute to super as much as possible, as "the younger you start, the better".

Local author's book aims to help in career change

Amalia Chilianis of Gisborne has published her first book, *Work-a-holistic*, which she hopes will inspire people seeking more meaning or satisfaction from their work to take the leap and change careers.

In her experience, many people think that they need more study to be able to change careers but it is often not true.

"When you're in the washing machine, you can't see it," says Amalia.

She believes the key is to understand your values, strengths and capabilities in order to determine the roles that are right for you and to articulate the value you will bring to your next opportunity.

Based on positive psychology research, neuroscience and interviews with people who have shifted their careers, the book helps readers understand their transferable skills and provides practical advice about navigating the job market and job-application process.

With more than 25 years in human resources under her belt, Amalia decided she wanted to write the book after leading the transition program for the Holden closure and supporting thousands of workers to secure new employment. Living in the city then, she had "no time to write, be creative or breathe".

The move to Gisborne three and a half years ago with her family provided more physical and mental space to write a book, and a pandemic-driven work slowdown created the opportunity to dedicate herself to the task. Released in June 2021, *Work-a-holistic* is available in hard copy and as an e-book from online booksellers and will come to bookstores in August.



Amalia Chilianis with her book.



Chair wisdom

'Everyone has been SO kind'

Using a walker temporarily after a recent operation, John Randles says he has been bowled over (only figuratively!) by the kindness people have shown him around town – making way, opening doors, offering a hand and asking how he is.

"I've always thought Gisborne is a great community, and this has just shown me again how special it is," he said.

The *Gazette* couldn't agree more and wishes John a speedy recovery so he can get stuck back into his beloved New Gisborne Community Garden.



Gisborne teens making waves Two young local brothers, 14 and 18, are making waves in the world of waterskiing, competing in national championships and bringing home many trophies. Read their story on page 14.



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COVID information and support

As the *Gazette* went to press, COVID-19 was breaking out again around the country, with NSW particularly troubled. Victoria was still in a pretty good position, but as experience shows, the situation can change very rapidly. Some of the following information may be of use to local businesses.

QR Codes

All businesses are required to use the Victorian Government QR Code Service, unless an exemption applies.

Businesses must ensure that every customer and visitor has checked in, no matter how long they are at the premises – even if a customer is only popping in to pick something up.

Retail businesses that do not comply with QR code requirements risk fines.

Support for businesses

There are a number of support programs available to businesses that have been impacted by COVID restrictions.

- The Circuit Breaker Business Support Package provides support to employing and non-employing

businesses. Applications are also open for the Business Costs Assistance Program round two and Licensed Hospitality Venue Fund 2021.

- The Regional Tourism Support Package provides assistance to tourism businesses, including accommodation providers, attractions and experiences.

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For more information and to apply, visit Business Victoria.

Other important information for businesses

Anyone with symptoms should get tested immediately – please encourage your workers to get tested if they are unwell. The list of testing sites online includes wait times.

All Victorians over the age of 40 are eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine. For information on how to book a vaccine appointment, visit the coronavirus website, coronavirus.vic.gov.au.

For more information, visit coronavirus.vic.gov.au or call the Business Victoria hotline on 13 22 15.

New date set for Gisborne's Big Freeze



The Big Freeze at the Little G, scheduled for June 20 but cancelled because of snap COVID restrictions, is now planned for August 1 (fingers crossed).

Please come along and support this event, which will feature an ice slide – just like the Big Freeze at the MCG. This free day is to celebrate all the funds raised through beanie sales – 5000 when the *Gazette* went to print – and other community efforts for the fight against motor neurone disease.



Light moment after the June storm:

Text from a resident:

"Power outage up here since 6.50pm....we are sitting in the lounge with the fire and candles going... a tender romantic moment sharing our feelings about isolation? Or discussing global events over a glass of wine? Nah...we're both on our iPhones!"

A special thank you



Bendigo Bank made \$1500 donations in June to local emergency services in gratitude for their selfless work during and after the big storm in June. Gisborne Fire Brigade presentation – from left: Rob Stevens, Bruce Vernon, 1st Lieutenant Bevan Moody, Captain Henry Neal, Erin McKinnon (director Gisborne Bendigo Bank), Berris Saultry, Darren O'Connor.



Gazette at Large

Lucky Kath Bamford holidayed in Kingscliff, NSW, in June before the COVID flare-up and enjoyed the sun and catching up on home community news on her balcony facing the beach.

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Jacksons Creek between Gardiner Reserve and Sankey Reserve, with flooded seat just visible.



Melbourne Pathology has moved to the the Village Shopping Centre and is now beside the Post Office.



The expansive multipurpose gym under construction at Gisborne Primary has been closed in and is expected to open in August.



Macedon Regional Park is closed to visitors after the tree falls in the June storms. There is no public access to Cameron Drive or the Memorial Cross. Check www.parks.vic.gov.au or ring Parks Victoria Information Centre on 13 19 63 for updates.

Extensive works have started on a development on the south side of Ferrier Road near Station Road, New Gisborne, making both sides of the road west of New Gisborne Primary School construction sites to avoid, if possible.



FOR THE RECORD

The Healers and Wellbeing Market that ran in the Gisborne Mechanics Hall on the first Sunday of each month for four years prior to the introduction of COVID restrictions is resuming on Sunday July 4.

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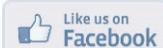


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Longstanding Chinese restaurant closes its doors

After 25 years of serving Chinese food to Gisbornites and visitors at Hai Yan restaurant in Hamilton Street, owners Yan Yun and Antonio Ly called it a day on June 11.

Yan Yun said it was an emotional moment and they were touched by the flowers, cards and good wishes that loyal customers brought to the restaurant in their final weeks.

The support and friendliness of the local community has always been a highlight.

Yan Yun said it had been a joy to see and serve multiple generations of the same families at Hai Yan over the years. She can remember when some current customers with young children ate at Hai Yan as children with their parents. She has also proudly watched students who worked at the restaurant get good



Antonio and Yan Yun Ly on their last day at the restaurant.

jobs after their studies.

In their time Antonio and Yan Yun have seen Gisborne grow and develop considerably, but customer favourites have consistently stayed their spicy squid and honey and lemon chicken.

What will they do now? "Have time to rest!" Antonio grew up on a farm in East Timor and would like to

work in his garden. Yan Yun looks forward to taking it easy and continuing to say hello to the many people she knows when she's in town. They have no plans to leave Gisborne.

The Hai Yan premises will continue to be dedicated to food, with Japanese restaurant Zen Zen to be opened in the premises by the owners of Kuzu Izakaya in Woodend.

Plastic Free July Challenge

As part of its efforts to reduce plastic waste, Macedon Ranges Shire Council has taken on the Plastic Free July Challenge to help our community avoid single-use plastics.

Council staff will take on personal plastic-free challenges and share information about how people can reduce their use of single-use plastics. To participate in this free program, visit www.plasticfreejuly.org/take-the-challenge

The restaurant windows wear a Japanese newspaper look while the premises are being prepared for opening as Zen Zen.



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THE BIG STORM

Corinne Shaddock reflects on the community response to the once-in-a-lifetime storm that devastated the Mount on June 9.

After 18 months of hearing 'We're all in this together' about the pandemic, the slogan took on a whole new meaning when record storms hit Mount Macedon and the surrounding area on June 9.

Torrential rains coupled with howling winds from the unusual southeasterly direction brought down hundreds of trees across the district, blocking roads and cutting power to Mount Macedon and most of Macedon (in some cases for up to five days), and again later as trees continued to fall.

Emergency services – led by the SES – sprang into action and members worked around the clock, often in treacherous conditions, to help provide safety, access and power to residents. Fortunately, the SES had conducted a simulation three weeks earlier of a crew getting stranded by tree-blocked roads so were well prepared. Supporting the SES, CFA crews from Macedon, Mt Macedon, Gisborne, Bullengarook, Heskett, Riddells Creek, Woodend and Newham were tasked to storm damage calls on the south side of Mt Macedon and worked tirelessly to clear fallen trees and enable power works.

Faced with another shared challenge, the community again looked out for itself, neighbours and places with power and heat welcoming those without for a cuppa, comfort, device charge and even a shower. People commiserated with and helped one another online, in person at venues with power, and over fences. Households huddled by wood heaters and driving to Gisborne to charge devices became a common activity.

With all the damage, we cannot be thankful enough that no one was hurt. It was the worst storm to hit the area in at least half a century and as Paul Hosking aptly put it, "You can't fight against nature." A resident of highly treed and severely blocked Alton Road in Mount Macedon, Paul went out briefly to clear a tree but quick-



This big tree that fell across a Mount Macedon driveway fortunately did not hit any buildings.



CFA volunteers cut up a fallen tree on the road at Mt Macedon

ly returned inside and weathered the storm with a slow roasted lamb shank and a gutsy Shiraz to calm his nerves.

Di Dale, Divisional Commander of the SES-led multi-agency storm response, describes the storm as a "wet fire event" as the results in terms of destruction of trees and property were the same as a major fire. It was the worst storm damage she has seen in her 35 years in the

area and residents who have lived on the Mount for 50, 60 years agree they have never seen anything like it.

The coordinated emergency response saw more than 200 people, the majority volunteers, attend to over 900 calls (twice the average annual number of SES call-outs) in the five days after the storm, but incredibly none involved ill health or worse.

The preparedness of local volunteers to help was simply extraordinary. Forty-three active members of Gisborne SES went out in various crews and shifts during or after the storm, supported by teams from Woodend SES, local fire brigades, Forest Fire Management Victoria, Powercor and the council. This all when many had loved ones at home without power. It was an intense, at times harrowing, couple of days that many will long remember and for which the community at large is indebted.

And oh, the trees! Over 500 tree falls were reported to the SES in the Macedon Ranges. The native and exotic tree cover is one of the things that makes the area so special and draws people to live here. It has been heartbreaking to see so many beautiful trees down then cleared away, often taking local history and valuable wildlife habitat with them.

We regularly hear from the CFA that having trees close to your house is a fire risk. The storms highlighted additional risks of having tall timbers nearby – potential danger to life and property and expense. It can cost thousands to have a big tree cleared by an arborist and it may be a challenge for some local property owners to remove all fallen or dangerous trees.

The storm has passed and the power is back on, but many trees on the Mount are still on a perilous lean. This will be the 'new normal' for some time. Another huge tree came down across Mt Macedon Road on Saturday June 26, taking down power lines and leaving local residents without power again for most of the day. Thankfully, again no one was harmed but it was a stark reminder that the impact of the storm is far from over and we all need to heed the warnings to be alert and proceed gently in our ravaged area. Take care, everyone!

Di Dale (SES) and Bevan Moody (Gisborne Fire Brigade) share their personal accounts of the storm ► next page



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Selfless service after storm



A CFA member clears a fallen tree from a resident's car.



Picture: Paul Hosking

A Powercor crew at work on Alton Road. One resident of the street said the storm brought down 20 to 30 trees across the road.



SES volunteers attend to roof damage.

Working together, local emergency services went above and beyond for the community after the June 9 storm. Two local members share their experience on the front line.

First-hand account from Di Dale, Divisional Commander coordinating the storm response, Gisborne SES

THE EYE OF THE STORM

On Wednesday June 9, a destructive storm hit our communities leaving a path of destruction across our towns, in particular heavily treed areas like Mt Macedon. The storm strengthened about 11pm and gained momentum as it hovered over the Macedon Ranges footprint and subsequently devastated areas around Mount Macedon, Gisborne, Woodend, Tylden and Trentham. In the initial phase, a Divisional Command Centre was established at Woodend SES.

About 11.30pm, the wind calmed and we hoped, 'maybe the storm's subsided'. However, we realised we were sitting in the eye of the storm and a short time later the wind started again with a vengeance. At this time, the areas became too dangerous for our SES crews to be working, and they were forced to cease operations until the storm passed and local areas deemed safe again.

As daylight emerged, the impact was evident and confronting as we observed many homes, community infrastructure and natural habitat all affected during the storm, which left some residents without shelter, utilities and major assets.

The Divisional Command Centre was moved to the Kyneton CFA station which operated with all emergency stakeholders and support agencies, to coordinate the response to in excess of 800 requests for assistance across the Macedon Ranges. Tasks ranged from building damage, through tree operations, storm damage assessment and other



CFA members help clear Mount Macedon Road

rehabilitation processes. One plea for assistance required our SES rescue officers to rendezvous with a midwife and convey her to Trentham to assist with a homebirth. At one stage this seemed an impossible task as the roads were inundated with trees, and the crews had to cut their way through the ravaged area.

However, they persevered and after several hours eventually gained access to a paddock that ran parallel to the roadway, which enabled them to arrive safely with the midwife. What an amazing effort!

Gisborne SES volunteers, in conjunction with Woodend SES, SES volunteers from Northwest Region, Forest Fire Management Victoria, Parks Victoria, CFA and Macedon Ranges Shire Council, dedicated endless hours during the flood/storm. We cannot do what we do without the extraordinary support of other emergency services, families and friends.

For now, all our affected communities and their families remain in our thoughts and we will continue our endeavours to respond to issues arising in the storm's aftermath as they emerge.



Di Dale

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Member of Bullengarook CFA busy with a chainsaw.



A light moment after some intense days cleaning up. From left: Torianna Collins, Di Dale, Ross Evans, Mike Bagnall, Tobin Connell, Andrea Wattis, Joel Wood.



SES members in action fixing a roof.

First-hand account from Bevan Moody, 1st Lieutenant/2IC, Gisborne Fire Brigade

On the night of June 9, the SES requested assistance from Gisborne CFA as they were starting to get inundated with calls, ranging from building damage to minor flooding and of course fallen trees over roads and power lines.

Conditions that night for our crews were difficult due to heavy rain, high winds and low visibility in the darkness. A high risk of falling trees en route to calls was also of concern. Eventually conditions were too dangerous and the call was made to rest CFA crews, ready to hit the ground running the next morning.

On Thursday I was working out of the Gisborne Fire Station which is also the Mt Macedon Group of Brigades Headquarters. Working with the CFA Commander and SES Sector Commander, we coordinated crews and activated a CFA taskforce made up of fire trucks from the eight brigades within the Mt Macedon Group (Gisborne, Bullengarook, Macedon, Mt Macedon, Heskett, Riddells Creek, Woodend and Newham). The SES allocated the entire south side of Mt Macedon and lower Macedon to the Mountain Group Taskforce. The majority of calls were for fallen trees and to make access for stranded residents.

Just before noon, taskforce leader DGO Dave Thompson made the decision to pull the crew out and retreat to the Mt Macedon Fire Station, as the situation was very dangerous due to continuous high winds and a near miss had occurred, with a tree falling within metres of his command vehicle. A red flag warning was



Bevan Moody

placed on the entire Mt Macedon area and crews started to focus on the lower Macedon area.

On Friday I was the driver for Taskforce leader DGO Marcus Bootle to lead the crew in the command vehicle. The red flag warning for Mt Macedon was lifted that morning and it was safe enough for the team to be reallocated to that area.

The amount of destruction that had occurred within the previous 48 hours was something I have never encountered in my 20 years with the Brigade. We have assisted the SES in the past with flood response and some storm damage but never to this scale. As soon as we cleared a road, within metres there would be another tree down.

Our crews split up across the Mount with the taskforce leader prioritising jobs, this took into consideration how long residents had been stranded, how long they had been out of power and whether they had any medical issues. Some crews were assigned to assist power utility crews to gain access to areas where powerlines were severely damaged and to start repairing lines and also retention lines to hook up temporary generators.

The Mt Macedon Fire Station was set up not only for CFA member welfare but for power crews to also use the facilities. By the end of the day we had gained access for at least 30 residents, cleared numerous roads and given power crews access to high priority areas.

A tremendous amount of work was done throughout Mt Macedon; well done to all crews who worked tirelessly for long periods of time.

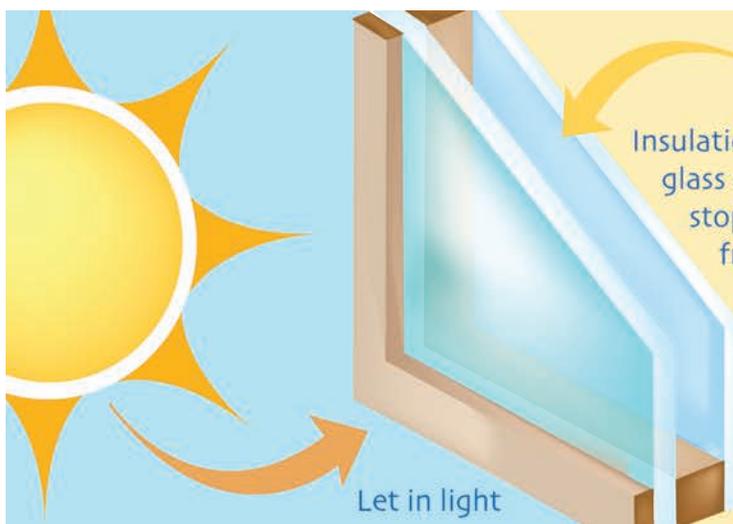


Mount Macedon Fire Brigade clears a misty Mount Macedon Road.

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Thank you to the people who responded to the request for blankets. The demand is still strong and also blankets for animals are needed.

We also have a great range of books for you to read during these cold nights. In fact, we recently received a large number of books written by Virginia Andrews and Sidney Sheldon. If you would like to look over them, please give me a call and we can arrange a time for you to browse through them.

During winter, we would be grateful if you would place your clothing donations and all other items inside the bins provided near the sorting shed. If the bins are already full when you arrive, we would be pleased if you could bring your donations back at a later time. Generally by 7pm each night, the donation bins have been emptied.



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events in the shop.

Our volunteer of the month is Carmel Clemson who works on the counter.

Graeme Millar 0413 781 501

Next Chaplaincy fundraiser

Gisborne Secondary College & Community Chaplaincy: The Chaplaincy Committee and House of the Rock Church invite you to a morning tea with guest speaker Pastor Christie Buckingham.

As spiritual advisor for Myuran Sukamaran (one of the "Bali Nine"), Christie walked with Sukamaran to his death by firing squad in 2015 and was with him in his final moments. "I was so taken by how inspirational they were and how they had reformed themselves inside Kerobokan," she said. Chaplaincy will be making a donation to Kingdom First International which is an organisation that supports international prison ministry, specifically Kerobokan.



Pastor Christie
Buckingham

WHEN: Saturday August 14 at 10am, House of the Rock Church, 247 Station Road, New Gisborne. Tickets \$25, available from Snapshot Photos (beside Priceline). Cash only please. If you are unable to visit Snapshot Photos, please contact Bronwyn on 0417 028 605. We look forward to your support.

Bronwyn Tacey
GSC & Community Chaplaincy Committee



Look what a flood produces

Last month's wild weather saw a surging Jacksons Creek pick up all sorts of litter. The photo shows some examples pulled out of a small section of the creek as it winds its way through the Gisborne parklands.

The Friends of Jacksons Creek invite you to join them once a month in their efforts to maintain the beauty of the town's great natural asset. Please give David a call on 0415 534 477. He would love to hear from you.

VIEW Club 30th birthday lunch coming up

Sunbury-Macedon Ranges VIEW Club is celebrating its 30th birthday on August 2 at "Club Sunbury", 49 Riddell Road, Sunbury, at 11.30am.

It will be a fun day with guest speaker and two-course luncheon for \$25. If you are able to join us, please call our president, Judith McPherson, on 9740 8310 or email Judith on 38omeo@gmail.com.

VIEW Clubs of Australia is a national women's organisation formed in 1960 as a service club for women. VIEW is proud to be the largest community sponsor of the Smith Family *Learning for Life* program. Collectively, VIEW members sponsor the education of more than 1450 students. All money raised is sent to the Smith Family to sponsor individual children and assist in other educational programs for disadvantaged Australian children.

Sunbury-Macedon Ranges VIEW Club will sponsor eight children this year.

Helen Bird



View members at one of the group's workshops this year.

Scholarship awarded to attend science forum

Each year the Gisborne Rotary Club sponsors a local student in Year 12 to the National Youth Science Forum. The forum is a not-for-profit organisation which runs a number of residential programs to encourage young people in their passion for science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM). Their programs show the wide variety of engaging, rewarding and inspiring study and career options available in STEM fields.



Clare Moloney

This year the club is sponsoring Clare Moloney, a Year 12 student at Sacred Heart, Kyneton, who has a passion for science and maths and is looking towards future opportunities in those areas.

The Year 12 program, which has been running since 1984, offers a range of in-person and digital STEM experiences for participants across Australia and will run for 12 days in January next year. Students will have opportunities to tour science and technology facilities, learn about cutting-edge research, learn about university and STEM career pathways and network with former forum participants. Entrance to the forum is selective and competitive, so Clare is to be congratulated for her endeavour. We wish her the best of success.

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With Belinda Carlton-Doney

A call out to Powercor workers

Such a massive storm! A big call out and thank you to those involved in the cleanup and restoration.

Local resident Andrew McArdle is a construction project manager for Powercor. During his 30 years in the industry, he has never seen such destruction and devastation. Throughout the restoration process, Andrew operated a team of 50 personnel tasked with restoring power to residents. Many times they could not even get near homes due to fallen trees or ongoing dangerous situations.

Powercor teams from Warrnambool, Shepparton and Geelong came to help restore power in our region. They left their families behind to come and help ours. Citipower also provided crew. The local station at Kyneton swelled from 20 line workers to 170 at the peak of it all.

Together, they all worked in the freezing cold, wet, windy and dark conditions; only stopping when it was simply too dangerous to continue.

Andrew tells of working through the night, soaked to the bone and freezing. He would return to his own home, also with the power out. This was a common story for local workers.



Andrew McArdle and his team worked tirelessly to get the power back on.

Andrew said the support and good will from the affected community was amazing, especially as some had spent days without power; it really helped to keep the crews going and they are extremely grateful. Initially there were a reported 250 fallen wires to attend to, with 120,000 affected residents, in the North Central area of Victoria. That number may have risen since writing, as trees continue to drop. Andrew is extremely proud of the Powercor crew, their enormous efforts through such challenging times and their determination to restore supply to the district. We are just as thankful to Andrew and the Powercor crew, and all those organisations who contributed during this time.



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Lunch to go ahead

Gisborne Friends of Vision Australia is very happy to announce that it will continue to hold its popular annual fundraising event, the 3S Luncheon of soup, sandwiches and slices, but due to the COVID restrictions in place, the format has been changed.

Normally held in the Lodge Hall, this year our friends and supporters are informed that it will be held at the Gisborne Golf Club on Tuesday July 27 at 12pm. The cost will be \$20 per head and there will be a speaker and entertainment. Bookings are essential. To book a table of 10 or, alternatively, be placed at a table, please contact the secretary, Elaine Millar, on 5428 2522 or 0413 781 501 by July 23.

Another drop-off point for Foodbank

We welcome Inform Osteopathy to the Gisborne Foodbank family this month as the latest drop point. The clinic is on Willowbank Road in Gisborne (entry off Brady Road) and has many clients who donate to the Foodbank. Practice manager Michelle Evans thought she would make things easier for them by accepting donations of non-perishable food items at the clinic.



The Gisborne Foodbank has a number of drop points around the Macedon Ranges so that community members can drop off donations when it is convenient for them, including days on which the Foodbank is closed. A full list of drop points can be found on our website.



Michelle Evans, practice manager for Inform Osteopathy.

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

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Turiscail families receive much-needed food supplies donated by Macedon Ranges East Timor Friendship Group.

News from Timorese Friendship Group

The pandemic has presented the Macedon Ranges East Timor Friendship Group with many challenges in the quest to support our Timorese friends in the district of Turiscail.



As if COVID-19 was not enough for a developing country to have to deal with, Timor-Leste was hit with floods in April that resulted in 42 deaths and 14,000 people forced into temporary shelter. Although Turiscail escaped the worst of the flooding, the main road that leads to the district was significantly damaged.

Unable to conduct our regular welfare visits due to travel restrictions, we have looked at other ways we can assist our Timorese friends. Working closely with Turiscail district community and church leaders over the past month, we have been able to provide for the funding and distribution of 300 25kg sacks of rice, six boxes of sardines, bath soap, cooking oil and other essential provisions. The sole high school in the district also received a new computer and printer thanks to the generosity of the group's supporters.

The group continues to sponsor Turiscail students, enabling them to complete their last three years of high school. Our group has been asked if we can provide any second-hand musical instruments for school students.

Donations are always appreciated and we have established a relief fund to ensure the delivery of essential supplies. Deposits can be made to this account: MRFoET Relief Fund, BSB 633-000, account number 183166636.

Further information can be obtained by contacting mrfoet@bigpond.com Warwick Potter

Families in need benefit from Lions school grants

With a recent contribution of \$4000, the Gisborne and District Lions Club has provided \$15,500 over the past three years to local state government schools for students from families in need.



The Lions Club donated these funds to Gisborne Secondary College, Gisborne Primary School, New Gisborne Primary School, Macedon Primary School and Mount Macedon Primary School.

The schools direct the funds to support the students' education needs; and facilitate the students' participation in sport external to the school.

The Lions Club is pleased to support these students, and in turn their families, with the assistance of our local community.

The club generates funds from its various fundraising activities within Gisborne and the surrounding district and is extremely appreciative of those people who support these fundraising efforts.

Further, with the damage caused by last month's storm in and around Trentham and the impact on



Lions Club president Russell Walker OAM presents \$1000 to Gisborne Primary School principal Julie Soutter.

members of the community, the Lions Club has also donated \$1000 to the Trentham Lions Club's Storm Relief Fund.

Russell Walker

Overlays proposed in Macedon, Mount Macedon

Have your say on heritage plans

Macedon Ranges Shire Council has prepared an amendment (C127macr) to the Macedon Ranges



Macedon Ranges
Shire Council

Planning Scheme which applies heritage overlays to certain properties. There are 32 heritage places affected by the amendment in Macedon, Mount Macedon, Lancefield, Woodend and Woodend North.

The amendment, any supporting documents and the explanatory report can be inspected at the Macedon Ranges Shire Council website mrsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay or during office hours at the Council offices at Gisborne (free of charge).

Anyone who may be affected by the amendment may make a submission to the planning authority. Submissions must be made in writing giving the submitter's name and contact address, clearly stating the grounds on which the amendment is supported or opposed and indicating what changes (if any) the submitter wishes to make.

Name and contact details are required for Council to consider submissions and to notify submitters of the

opportunity to attend Council meetings and any public hearing. The closing date for submissions is Friday July 16.

The properties proposed for heritage overlay in Macedon and Mount Macedon are:

Macedon: Macedon Cemetery; House at 29-31 Margaret Street, Macedon.

Mount Macedon: Penola, 222 (part) Alton Road; Cheniston, 20 Cheniston Road; Ard Rudah, 51 Devonshire Lane; Marnanie, 53 Devonshire Lane; Glen Drouitt, 51 Glen Drouitt Road; Dreamthorpe, 455 Mount Macedon Road; Mount Macedon Presbyterian Church (former), 682 Mount Macedon Road; Sefton, 864 Mount Macedon Road; Craigielea, 109 (part) Mountains Road; Ard Choille cottage, stables, fernery and garden, 80 (part) Turner Avenue.

Submissions must be sent to Macedon Ranges Shire Council, PO Box 151, Kyneton 3444, or can be made via the Council's 'Have your say' webpage at mrsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay or emailed to mrsc@mrsc.vic.gov.au.

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Last year's young award recipients.

Nominations open for Council 2021 Youth Awards

Do you know a young person doing amazing things in our community? Tell us about the inspiring young people in your life by nominating them for Macedon Ranges Shire Council's annual Youth Awards.

Nominations are now open and can be for any young person, or group of young people, aged 12 to 25 years who lives, works or attends school in the Macedon Ranges. The award categories are:

Willpower: young people who show real character and perseverance, especially in the face of adversity.

Good Deeds: young people who give their time and energy to activities that support the wellbeing of another individual, group or community.

Pure Imagination: young people pursuing their passion for creativity through the arts.

Nicely Played: young people kicking recreational and physical activity goals.

Skilling It: young people excelling in a mentorship program, workplace or business.

Well Aware: young people who shine a light on important issues/social causes, and raise awareness in the community.

Submit a nomination online at mrsc.vic.gov.au/youthawards. Nominations close on Sunday August 8. Winners will be announced at a special event on September 15 at Kyneton Town Hall.

For more information, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/youthawards or contact Terence at Youth Services at tjaensch@mrsc.vic.gov.au

Draft Rural Land Use Strategy out for discussion

The draft Rural Land Use Strategy seeks to update the policy direction for rural land in the Macedon Ranges Shire to account for Council and State Government changes to regulation, land use and development since the strategy was introduced in 2002.

Consultation on the draft will start in mid-July. If you wish to be notified of the pending consultation, please email strategicplanning@mrsc.vic.au.

The shire's location within Melbourne's peri-urban region has, and will continue to have, a significant influence on the shire. Issues facing the shire's rural areas include population growth and employment opportunities in adjoining shires; growth pressures; land banking; Contraction of commercial-scale farming to the northern and north-eastern parts of the shire; increased rural lifestyle development and land use conflict, particularly in the south-east of the shire and Calder Freeway corridor; rural land uses changing to a mix of viticulture, hobby farming, rural lifestyle, environmental living and tourism, and the emergence of the equine industry as a significant and growing sector.



The draft Rural Land Use Strategy recommends a number of changes to zones and overlays to address these issues, including:

- Rezoning land between Mount Macedon and the Cobaw Ranges to Farming Zone;
- Rezoning land between Woodend and Malmsbury to Rural Activity Zone;
- Introducing the Environmental Significance Overlay to recognise biolink areas;
- Rezoning land to the north of the Cobaw Ranges, the western tip of the Cobaw Ranges, and to the west of the Lauriston Reservoir to Rural Conservation Zone.

A copy of the draft strategy can be found on Council's website – mrsc.vic.gov.au/rural-land



COUNCILLOR'S COLUMN

With Cr Rob Guthrie

In the three months since my last *Gazette* column, Council has been extremely busy working on a number of strategic documents including the Draft 2021-22 Annual Budget and 2021-25 Revenue and Rating Plan.

The public display and receipt of written submissions period closed on June 8 and I was very pleased to see that we had received 128 submissions. There were a wide range of issues raised and Council will hear from submitters on June 16 (I am writing this on June 14) and will then amend the Draft Budget as necessary.

The issues that Council received multiple submissions on were the Woodend Golf Club building works, upgrading of lights at Lancefield Park oval, replacement light towers at the Gisborne Tennis Club for all eight courts, additional lighting at the New Gisborne Tennis Club for courts 1 and 2 and the Stanley Park Reserve Master Plan.

There are some great initiatives in the Budget for the South Ward including the Regional Sport Precinct, the Shared Trails project, Gisborne Aquatic Centre modular change rooms and Gisborne Fields Landscape Plan implementation.

By the time of publication, councillors will have held a workshop to consider the Citizens Assembly Report, a new 10-year Community Vision, a new four-year Council Plan and a new 10-year Financial Plan. The plans will be released for public comment and I encourage everyone to get involved and comment on these documents as councillors are elected to represent their community's views.

As I mentioned previously, I was very pleased to receive the submissions to the Budget and hope that we continue to receive your submissions on all the documents that are released for your comment.

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Jacob Saddington launches into a spin. Photo: Boyd Robertson.



Corey flies off the jump. Photo: Boyd Robertson

Super skiers on the rise

Bryan Power reports on two young water skiers who are making a splash

It all started during school holidays at Lake Eppalock when, at the age of nine, Corey Saddington persuaded his father Mark to attach a rope to the family fishing tinny to tow him on a pair of borrowed water skis across the lake.

The bug had bitten and it was not long before Corey and his younger brother Jacob were pleading with Dad to buy a proper water ski boat, promising in return that their behaviour from that time would be excellent.

Over the following years Mark took them to several boat shows before eventually deciding on the purchase of a Malibu Response that has now clocked up more than 300 hours towing the two boys in training runs. And, of course, Mark has been the driver of the boat for those many hours as well as the driver between their home in South Gisborne and the Loddon River at Bridgewater near Bendigo where the boys train.

Their mother, Mardi, and sister, Mia, support the boys from the sidelines. Mia enjoys water skiing but is more interested in horse riding.

Mark is a builder and Corey, who finished Year 12 at Salesian College last year, is more or less following in Dad's footsteps as he is now, at 18, studying building management at RMIT. He is part of the athletics program at the university which entitles him to free gym membership and a degree of flexibility with his course requirements that allows him sufficient time for training.

Jacob is in Year 8 at Braemar College where he has an arrangement

Corey slaloms at speed around a buoy. Photo: Boyd Robertson.



to leave early some days to train when the National Championships are coming up.

There are three categories of water ski competition: jumps, slalom and tricks. Jumps are judged by the distance achieved, slalom by the length of rope used and number of buoys cleared, and tricks by the number that can be performed in 20 seconds. Jumps require two skis, slalom a single ski and tricks are done with an oval-shaped board. Neither of the boys competes in bare-foot skiing events.

Corey's first competition was at Bridgewater in 2017 where he gained half the qualifying points needed to compete at national level and from that time his rise up the ranks has been rapid. He competed in his first international event in 2019, representing Australia against New Zealand, and in his age group won

held in Mulwala earlier this year, competing in the Under 21 division, Corey was runner-up with a jump of 45.66 metres, missing out on the gold medal by only four centimetres.

Corey and Jacob are currently in the Northern Territory, training at a private lake at Berry Springs near Darwin. They have been assured that there are no saltwater crocodiles in the lake – only freshwater ones! When asked if they had a sponsor to pay for the expenses of this trip they replied, "Yes, Mum and Dad." However, the family gratefully acknowledges the support of KD Watersports, Albury.

Corey has competed at senior level with encouraging success and hopes to go to Florida when COVID travel restrictions are lifted to work and train at one of the many ski schools there. His other ambitions are to represent Australia at senior level and compete again against the best at Moomba. Asked what he most likes about water skiing, Corey replied, "It's a great feeling racing on top of the water and then there are the adrenalin rushes when you do the jumps and tricks."

Jacob, now 14, began competing at Under 10 level and at the Victorian state titles and the nationals in Mulwala this year, in the Under 14 division, he swept the pool, winning jumps, slalom and tricks. Like Corey, his future in the sport is very bright and he is looking to move up a big step when he skis at the 2022 nationals in Perth in the Under 17 division.

Jacob has also taken on football this year with the Gisborne Giants Under 16s.



The trophy cabinet

the slalom event and was runner-up in jump. He has won three Masters competitions and has been invited to compete against some of the world's best at Moomba.

At the most recent national titles

Every cloud has a silver lining...

...That's what photographer Chris Fleming thought when he saw this sunset after the wild storms cleared on June 10.



Greater Western Water – Gisborne's new water corporation

Greater Western Water is now the water and sewerage service provider for the Gisborne area. The corporation is a merger of Western Water and City West Water and began operating on July 1.

Greater Western Water's service area spans 3700 square kilometres, covering Melbourne's CBD, outer and inner west as well as regional towns including much of the Macedon Ranges. The corporation says



bills and payment arrangements will continue as usual. The bills will have new branding and name but there's nothing customers need to do differently. Bills will continue to be issued three times a year. Payment plans, concessions and direct debit agreements will remain in place.

Charges for water and sewerage services are updated from July 1.

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VLine shutdowns

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Our Route 474 timetable has more flexibility, so in the afternoon we usually wait until coaches arrive and divide the town into two Gisbus routes to get our returning passengers home as quickly as possible. This may mean waiting at the station a little longer for another coach to arrive, so we appreciate your patience.

These shutdowns are usually advertised via the PTV website—www.ptv.vic.gov.au—where you can also subscribe to a weekly travel alert email. GisBus services are still being affected by roadworks and most of the details are available on our website.

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Journey from Melbourne to the Diggings, 1855

July 23

Today at three o'clock, we left Melbourne for Bendigo. We did not know until three yesterday that we were going so soon. Frank, Annie and I spent the night at Mrs Weston's, as there was such a fuss at home.

We went along quickly on the road to town from St Kilda, when Daisy [a goat] got her foot broken, as she was tied behind the dray and got her foot under the wheel, which went over it.

When we reached Melbourne, Mamma took Daisy and her kid to Mrs Foster's in Little Collins Street, where she will have more care taken of her than we could.

When we were within a mile of Flemington, a gentleman came up to the dray and it appeared that he had taken a place in the dray, to go to his uncle Mr English in the Black Forest.

He got on the dray and was talking, when a gust of wind blew off his hat. "Oh My Hat!" cried he and before the driver could stop the horses – for they were trotting briskly – Mr McConnell, the gentleman, sprang off the dray and catching hold of a rope to swing down by, it gave way and before we knew what was the matter, the wheels passed over him and he lay bleeding in the road behind.

The horses were immediately stopped and a crowd of people gathered round him. His collar bone was broken but he wished to be lifted back into the dray, but as he was not able to take care of himself, we left him at the Moonee Ponds Hotel.

This journal account was written by 12-year-old traveller **Lucy Hannah Birchall** to her grandmother in Yorkshire in 1855. Alongside Lucy and her parents were her siblings **Eleanor, Annie, Frank, Harriette and Wilhelmina (Minnie)**, and a companion/servant, **Miss McAllister**.

Edited by Phyllis Boyd



The National Hotel at South Gisborne (first known as Cabbage Tree, before the area's name was changed to Couangalt in 1875 and then South Gisborne about 1965).

We then went to Keilor where we stopped at Jackson's Hotel. Here we are very stiff and tired and quite ready for bed.

July 24

We had a tolerably good night and at nine o'clock this morning, we started from Keilor. I was in a different position from what I was yesterday and I was most dreadfully cramped, for I had Harrie [Harriette] on my feet and my knees were jammed by boxes, but Mamma was worse for she had Minnie on her knee, Frank kneeling on one foot, while the other was under

a large bundle and she was sitting on a sharp ridge of a box.

However we were very merry as we sang all the songs we could recollect and the time passed on quickly until 12, when we stopped at the Diggers Rest to water the horses.

While Papa was taking some porter to Mamma, I overheard the following conversation between the waiter and the barmaid. Barmaid: "Those are fine children". Waiter: "Yes and a jolly looking mother too". Barmaid: "I do not think they can have been very long in the Colony, they look so fresh and rosy"... There's a compliment!

When we started again, Frank and I would not ride again, so we set off with Papa to walk to the Gap Inn five miles off. During our walk across the Keilor Plains, we picked a kettle full of mushrooms.

In due time, we arrived at the Gap Inn and while the small children were getting out of the dray, a conveyance rattled past on which we recognised Dr Weston but I do not know whether he saw us or not.

Everybody gave us such dreadful accounts of the state of the roads. Just after we set out, it began to rain nasty drizzling stuff that beat in our faces, so we went into a store to see if it would stop. Here I got a pennyworth of peppermints, about 50 of them,

and Eleanor got some lollies. We then walked on through dreadful roads and when we reached The Gap, we saw the Gold Escort upset, but we were not surprised for only a few minutes before, they had rattled past at a fearful rate.

At the other side of The Gap there was a dreadful hill going up, which the dray got stuck in and had to be pulled up by some bullocks, for it is the custom for men to stand with bullocks to help drays out of the mud, on payment of a small sum. We went on still walking for about a mile, when the dray got stuck again, but there were no bullocks near to help them, the horses were very tired and it was nearly dark, so they proposed that we should set off to the National Hotel to sleep and leave the driver to camp out and take care of the horses, so we set off.

A more miserable walk we never had: it was quite dark, the rain was falling fast and we were up to our knees in mud. Mamma carried the baby and although so wretched wet and miserable, felt that if she stopped to give her to Miss McAllister, she would faint. Harrie was coming along with Papa behind and she was very good, talking merrily and laughing every time she was in a deeper puddle than usual.

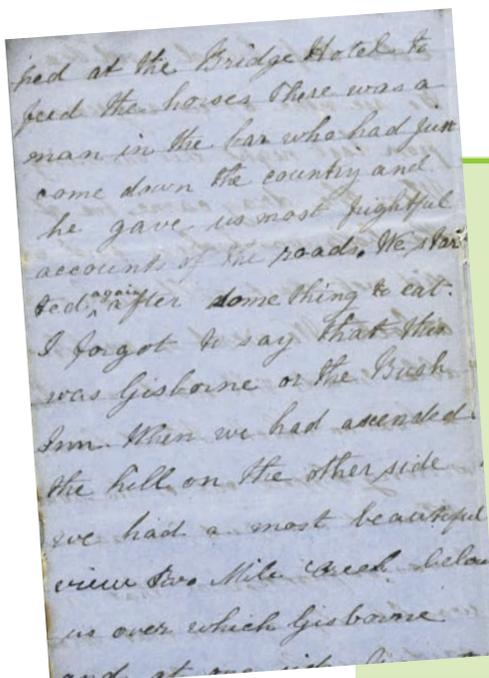
After a walk of at least two miles, Eleanor and I, who were a few yards the first, spied a light at the bottom of the hill and it was the National Hotel. We all hurried on and in a few minutes, we arrived there. Two rooms were engaged and we all hurried to bed.

July 25

Last night when we were undressing, we found that our clothes were so thick with mud that Miss McAllister and Mamma set to and washed. When we were in bed we got some beautiful cold beef, bread and tea. We are none of us this morning, any the worse from last night.

When the dray came, one of the bolts was broken so we did not start until 12 o'clock. We went on over tolerable roads until about one o'clock, when a box on which I was sitting, slipped out on the road. When it was put in again, I was so frightened that it would slip again, that Mamma said I might walk.

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LUCY HANNAH BIRCHALL

The Birchalls were a Quaker family from Leeds in Yorkshire. Lucy's father, William, had been in the family's wool and blanket business before leaving to try his luck in Australia. They stayed in Bendigo for less than two years, returning to Melbourne where William Birchall worked as a clerk.

At the age of 19, Lucy married a Scottish-born tea planter, James Donald Bruce, and returned with him to his home in Assam, India, where she died in 1879.

Journey from Melbourne to the Diggings, 1855

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We stopped at the Bridge Hotel to feed the horses. There was a man in the bar who had just come down the country and gave us a most frightful account of the roads. We started again after something to eat – and I forgot to say this was Gisborne or the Bush Inn.

When we had ascended the hill on the other side, we had a most beautiful view of the creek below us, with Gisborne at one side and Mount Macedon on the other, overlooking a plain with a few trees and a great deal of swamp.

We then went on and about half past three we entered the far famed Black Forest. Such roads! No one that has not seen them can imagine anything worse. Now we are in a crabhole, places three or four feet deep filled with soft mud and water, now rattling over logs laid across the road of different breadths and with a space of nine or ten inches between each log, where we were shaken to bits.

Papa had to go before the dray to pick out the best places, walking through all the mud to find out how deep it was.

Every time we were in a crabhole, the driver used to terrify us by shouting to the leading horse, Tom.

In the evening the dray got stuck, so we were determined to make a fire and camp out. We found a fire half out so we made it up, put on the kettle and began to lay the things for tea. After half an hour's hand struggles, the dray was got out and we got tea.

After we had done, Papa and I set out to take Mamma, Eleanor and baby to English's Hotel to sleep as Mamma was afraid of baby taking cold. We however only went about three hundred yards when we were obliged to come back. So here we are camping out in the Black Forest. We are all going to sleep on top of the dray, all nine of us!



The Bridge Inn in Gisborne (c1913), where the Birchall family stopped to rest and feed their horses on July 25, 1855. Gisborne was also known as Bush Inn in those days. Today, the Gisborne Aquatic Centre is on the former Bridge Inn site.

July 26

Well here we are again. We slept in our clothes, but it is not the nicest thing in the world, lying on top of a dray all night. Papa slept on a mattress rolled up in a blanket. Whenever we woke, it was pleasant to hear the horses' bells now close at hand, now dying away until we could not hear them and then hear them come louder and louder again.

We started to walk this morning for the roads were even worse than before. We went on until we reached English's Hotel and warmed ourselves at the fire. When Papa told them about Mr McConnell, it was quite amusing to hear the discussion as to whose son he was and they came to the conclusion that he was a cousin. They gave two fresh eggs for Minnie.

We then walked along what is called a government road where we had difficulty finding a safe place to walk and Harrie walked like a queen and she amused us with queer speeches. At two o'clock, we found ourselves at the end of the forest and in a pretty town called Wood End. We had our dinner about half a mile from here and then started walking over the

last piece of bad ground. We went on, waded through two creeks up to our ankles in water, having sometimes to cling to the fence to get over a very bad place. Just at sunset, it began to rain and we were obliged to take shelter in a woman's house until it should pass. When the rain abated, we set off again and found a fire close by an accommodation tent.

Mamma thought we should be more comfortable here than in the dray, so she engaged a little tent with four beds in it, paying half a crown for each bed, while Papa slept by the fire.

July 27

A frosty morning. We found the water for drinking covered with ice half an inch thick and the frost in proportion. Everybody says it is the hardest they have known this winter. We had the most delectable beds, boards with sacks stuffed with straw for mattresses, but we were perishing with cold for we only had a sheet and a single blanket to cover us. Miss McAllister says that she does not think she had a dozen feathers in her pillow.

Nothing happened today of any

consequence and we are now camping close to Sawpit Gully where they are all singing around me, so can't get any sleep.

July 28

We have been riding through parklike scenery all day. Papa has been calculating how much we have all walked... Mamma, Miss McAllister and Harrie, 21 miles; Annie 25 miles; Eleanor 45 miles; Papa 75 miles and myself, 52 miles. How delightful to think that tomorrow we shall reach Sailors Gully. We are now camping in Ravenswood, 11 miles from our destination.

July 29

Here we are in Sailors Gully. We started this morning about nine o'clock and two hours afterwards entered Bendigo. I don't know what to think of the diggings, for in Bendigo the streets have diggings on one side and shops on the other. And now we are here at peace and I have, on the whole, liked our journey very well. Perhaps at some future time, I may write a journal of our life in Sailors Gully.

• Can you help fill in gaps in Gisborne Golf Club history? See story on page 34 •

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Gisborne link to brewing history

Victoria's beer industry would not be the same without a man named Alfred Terry. As master brewer for Carlton Brewery from 1865 to 1881, his knowledge and experience helped turn the small city brewery into the thriving business that became Carlton United Breweries, a mammoth force in brewing today.

Alfred Terry's abilities were already well known in colonial brewing circles when he went to Carlton Brewery. For several years from 1856, Terry ran the Gisborne Brewery. According to CUB's history, "He was known to have the magic touch when it came to brewing palatable, bright and clear beer which preserved well."

It seems likely that Terry was producing, or at least developing, the beer that attracted Carlton while he was at the Gisborne Brewery.

Gisborne was well placed for a brewery in the 1850s. There were at least half a dozen pubs in the town itself and several more scattered around the surrounding district, not to mention those dotted along the road to the goldfields. Historical references to the brewery site in the township are not specific but from mentions in relation to other businesses, it seems likely to have been on or near the corner of Aitken and Robertson streets where Coles is now situated.

Alfred Terry arrived in Gisborne in 1855-56 and remained until about 1861.

In 2013, Alfred Terry's original beer recipe was discovered by chance by a Melbourne beer historian (yes, such creatures do exist) in the back of a dusty notebook in a bookshop in Maine, USA. The notebook evidently

dated from about the time Terry went to Carlton in 1865 and was written in a semi-shorthand form. He had bound into the notebook important brewing calculations, tables, scrawled notes and information, as well as the recipe.

After some late nights deciphering the notebook, the beer historian, Andrew Bailey, got together with a boutique brewery in Brunswick to produce Alfred Terry's beer. The once-lost beer, appropriately named Terry's Ale, was bottled in 2013 and even flowed from the taps of Melbourne's famous Young & Jackson's pub.

The brewery involved, Thunder Road, went to great lengths to get the ingredients right, seeking out the correct English hop variety in Tasmania and importing from Mauritius the unrefined sugar that was used at the time. They followed Alfred Terry's processes to the scribbled letter.

These types of experiments often do not end well. To our modern palates, food and drinks produced to original recipes can taste awful. Terry's beer was, however, according to Thunder Road's senior brewer at the time, a pleasant surprise; he described it as having an incredibly fruity flavour, almost a marmalade taste, and a bright copper tinge beneath a foamy, creamy white head.

Four hundred litres (or 1400 pots) of the ale was produced and all proceeds were donated to a medical research group in Queensland, the Institute for Glycomics at Griffith University.

Alfred Terry died a very wealthy man in Melbourne in 1881, with a reputation as the best brewer in the colony. But his success in



A glass of freshly brewed ale made to Alfred Terry's recipe.

business life did always not cross over into his personal life, particularly while he was living at Gisborne.

The son of a brewer, Terry was born in Bath, Somerset, in 1824, and followed his father into the trade. Why he left England is not known, but he arrived in Victoria in 1852, and is first recorded working for a small brewer in Bourke Street. He then moved to Gisborne to take on the Gisborne Brewery in 1855 or 56.

He married his Irish housekeeper, Bridget Carthy, in 1858 but the marriage did not go well. Following the death of one of the couple's newborn twins in 1859, Bridget Terry turned to alcohol for solace.

After the death of another newborn in 1860, her drinking became so bad, Terry later said, that he moved her for a time into a cottage he had bought on the corner of Robertson and Goode streets, nearby the brewery.

There followed in fairly rapid succession the death of another

newborn infant and a number of miscarriages over the next three years and the problems in the marriage deepened.

By late 1863 Terry had threatened to take away their one surviving child, the first twin, and place her with his sister. This was too much for his wife and she ran away to Melbourne where she found somewhere to stay (reportedly in a brothel) and went on a terrible bender.

Nasty divorce proceedings followed but Alfred Terry was not granted a divorce. What the couple were given was a "decree of judicial separation", whereby they were officially no longer a couple, but neither could remarry during the life of the other. The court gave custody of their child to Alfred Terry and his sister. Five years later, the tragic Bridget Terry, living in poor conditions in St Kilda, died of typhoid.

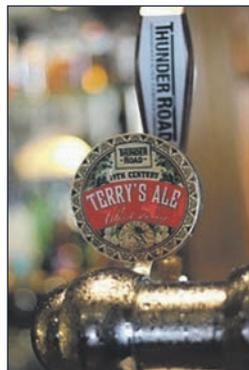
Alfred Terry meanwhile entered into a de facto marriage with a married woman from Richmond and they had four more children, so his personal life clearly picked up, along with his success in business. He remained master brewer at Carlton until his death in 1881.

As well as his brewing skills, Alfred Terry had another claim to fame. A big supporter and patron of Carlton Brewery's fire brigade, he invented a safer type of 'jump sheet' to break the fall of people jumping out of the windows of burning buildings.

So engrossed was he in fire brigade effectiveness and activities such as training competitions that his last words before he died were not of family or friends, reported a friend, but rather of his hopes that the Carlton Brewery fire brigade would win the Britannia Fire Association's Challenge Cup that year.

They did.

Pip Butler



Terry's Ale on tap at Young & Jackson's in 2013.



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Vines put in the picture

Members of the Macedon Ranges Photographic Society love nothing better than trekking outdoors with walking shoes on and their cameras at the ready.

Recently however, a group of club members decided to raise the bar. A photography outing to Art in the Vines at Hanging Rock afforded them the opportunity to take photos, go for a walk, then put their feet up and socialise over a glass of red.

The group wandered amongst the vines and sculptures to soak up the last of the Autumn colour. Empty vines signalled the oncoming winter season and the sunlight bounced from the last few leaves on the branches. Colour and texture were in abundance, with birdsong coming from every tree and bush. Finishing with a wine tasting and friendly conversation rounded off the day. In hindsight it was the perfect outing as everyone found themselves back in lockdown shortly after.

In the following weeks, club members remained



Part of Brigit Heller's Tracing sculpture of rusted wire contrast with the autumnal vines behind. Photo: Colleen Mahoney.

connected with their online activities and meetings. The club has a vast array of online tutorials and step by step guides to improve all aspects of photography. Members have unlimited access to all of the resources on the website and new members are very welcome.

The club generally meets on the first Tuesday of the month, followed by the next Monday. These meetings are held online if restrictions are in place. Social chats start at 7pm with the meeting beginning at 7.30pm. Please visit www.macedon-ranges-photography.org.au.

Colleen Mahoney

Players prepare for 'Love Song'

Here we are in July with that dreadful feeling of deja vu... how we all long for no more lockdowns and restrictions.

The Mount Players' May production enjoyed a successful but short season as the final weekend had to be cancelled.

We are hoping to have a 'pop up' weekend this month to complete *Too Many Crooks*, so keep any eye on our website for announcements.

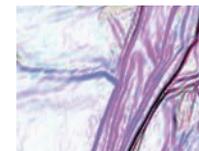
Looking ahead (with a positive attitude), our next production, *Love Song*, has been cast and is now



in rehearsal. Talented Melbourne director Travis Handcock will bring this play to life on our stage in August.

Love Song opens on August 20, running until September 5. The story revolves around Beane, an exile from life – an oddball. His well-meaning sister Joan and brother-in-law try to make time for him in their busy lives, but no one can get through. For session details and bookings, see our ad (on page 28) or go to www.themountplayers.com, or call us on 5426 1892.

Karen Hunt



ART TO WEAR PARADE

Annual Art to Wear event July 10

Hosted by the Macedon Ranges Arts Collective, more than 20 artists from around Victoria showcase their original Art to Wear creations on a fun day at Macedon.



Enjoy a fashion parade with champagne afternoon tea while our models present unique garments, scarves, hats and jewellery.

All garments not sold on parade day will be featured in The Gallery Mt Macedon during July.

Bring your friends. This is a unique event not to be missed.

WHEN: Saturday July 10, 1pm to 3pm at Jubilee Hall, Smith Street, Macedon.

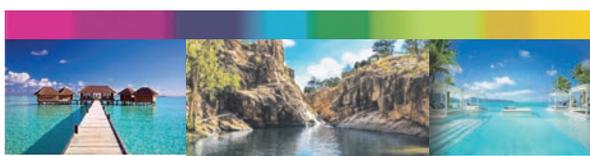
Tickets \$25, available at The Gallery or online via email at info@thegallerymtmacedon.com.au or phone 0419 009 030.

Colleen Weste



Some of the unique pieces in the 2019 Art to Wear show.

Gallery art feature
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A new board game highlighting some of the best bits of the Macedon Ranges is now out. The Council-supported Connecting Communities game takes players on a journey across notable features and hidden gems of the Macedon Ranges. The game is available from the council offices, Robertson Street, Gisborne.



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Roller coaster ride for choir

The highs and lows of the past six weeks have been extreme. As a choir we relished that incredible buzz of once again being able to celebrate and perform our music in public. It was a joy to present our recent concert and as the news worsened around COVID lockdowns we felt even luckier to have been able to perform together, without restrictions. And so, back to Zoom, postponing rehearsals and singing in smaller groups with masks. We are a determined bunch, supporting each other as we keep rolling with the constant changes.

Then, the storms hit. Many choir members were without power for hours or days, with homes and properties damaged. Macedon Ranges residents are in our thoughts as you face this new set of challenges.

One of our choir members wrote to the group, "Being cut off from others reminds me of how much singing can help heal and bring us closer together," and he is most definitely right. The benefits of singing include positive effects on our physical, social and emotional wellbeing. Studies have shown that when people sing, endorphins are released by the brain which in turn lower stress and anxiety levels. Singing together creates a strong sense of community and social inclusion (not to mention it's

the
Singers



One of the choir members atop a huge messmate that the storms brought down at her property.

fun!) and in times like this, that sense of connection has been really important for many of us.

Our new repertoire, *Kings and Queens*, started on June 23 so if you're a fan of Queen or Elvis then now is a great time to join. New singers are always welcome. For further details please contact us at www.gisbornesingers.org.au

Emily Shanahan

Spotlight on Vivos at Young Voices of Macedon

The past month has been challenging for everyone in the Macedon Ranges. For Young Voices of Macedon an extended return to Zoom rehearsals was necessary as the Melbourne lockdown prevented our Sunbury choristers from travelling to Woodend.

Nevertheless, great progress is being made. Under the impressive tutelage of Jess Reidy, our Vivo group of mainly five to eight-year-olds has a current repertoire of at least 10 songs, including part songs and a section of the finale of our major work, *Captain Noah and his floating zoo*.

The Vivos sing tunefully and with a lovely tone.

Having a strong background in dance as well as voice, Jess incorporates actions into all the Vivo songs in a way that stimulates musicality and drama in performance. We are indeed proud of our Vivo group.

Our Open Rehearsal will take place on Thursday July 15 at 4.15pm at the Norma Richardson Hall, Buckland Street, Woodend. Visiting children will be invited to join in our warmups, hear the choir sing songs planned for our annual concert and learn a new song with the choir.

New members are very welcome, especially at the beginning of Term 3. See yvmaqedon.org.au

Dianne Gome



'Lighten Your Carbon Footprint' workshop a gas



Local artist Joanne Mott conducted an enjoyable environmental workshop at the Gisborne Mechanics Hall on May 8. The 20 participants drew and coloured footprint-shaped artworks to illustrate everyday things that we can do to lighten our carbon footprint.

Noah Rocard, a Grade 6 pupil at Macedon Primary School, drew a packed family car (presumably full of recyclables on the way to the tip) with the message "Stuff your car to the brim".

Noah Rocard and workshop facilitator Joanne Mott with Noah's 'Lighten your carbon footprint' artwork.



Keen Vivo singers Seraphina and Xavier Zammit.



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New dates set for Winter Arts Festival

The Woodend Winter Arts Festival events planned for the June long weekend have been rescheduled to the weekends of July 10 and 11 and August 7 and 8. Tickets are still available and your going supports the arts industry which has been hit hard by the pandemic.

Last year the festival community were devastated by the loss of one of the founding members and half the driving force behind its literary program, Sheila Drummond. In honour of her unwavering belief in the good that the festival could create by making a space for sharing words and ideas, the festival proudly presents the inaugural Sheila Drummond Memorial Lecture this year.



It will be presented by one of Australia's best known public intellectuals, Barry Jones AC. Jones is a former activist, politician, teacher, lawyer, writer and quiz champion and is listed by the National Trust as one of Australia's Living Treasures.

At the time the *Gazette* went to print, the days and times for each performer/artist/speaker were still being confirmed. Please check www.woodendwinterartsfestival.org.au for updates and any further COVID-related impacts on scheduled events as restrictions change in response to the pandemic.

CWA shares tips to keep colds at bay



Once again due to COVID restrictions our June meeting was abandoned. You can have emails and phone calls but it's not quite the same as face-to-face encounters.

The Bunnings sausage sizzle went well in May on a beautiful sunny day. Thank you again to our supportive husbands, Eddie, John and Les, for helping out with the cooking. The money raised goes back into local organisations to help with their work.

There is a new book out from the CWA full of handy hints called *Thrifty Household*. At this time of the year there are more colds and sore throats around so here are a couple of tips from the book.

Drink a cup of hot herbal tea every hour or so. Blend equal parts of dried peppermint, elderflower and yarrow and brew in a ceramic pot – one teaspoon for each cup and one for the pot. Steep for five minutes, strain and sip slowly.

Turn the herbal tea into a hot toddy by adding lemon juice, honey (for sore throats) and a good dash of whisky.

Hopefully our Christmas in July meeting will go ahead on July 12 and coffee, craft and chat the following week on July 19, both in the stadium at Gisborne Secondary College at 10am.



Christine Edwards

Christine Edwards

The world of crochet in 21st century

Crochet, an accessible, affordable and portable craft carried out with the simplest of equipment, opens a world of possibilities.

Crochet is not to be underestimated, with items featuring on the fashion runways of Paris, London and New York, through to the everyday. It can be worn casually as a cowl, scarf, beanie or shawl or enhance any setting such as a light shade, cushion, blanket. Take a ball of wool, a crochet hook, a sharp pair of scissors and a yarn needle and the journey begins.

Looking for others?

For anyone looking to make crochet-savvy social connections in this region, there is much on offer. Crocheters meet regularly from Trentham, Woodend and Sunbury and warmly welcome those new to crochet as well as the more experienced practitioners – happy to chat, share and swap details on the latest project and emerging masterpiece, provide advice on patterns or dilemmas while providing a comfortable



setting to crochet socially. Riddells Creek and Woodend Neighbourhood Houses have 'woolly friends' gatherings, not specifically crochet but all things woolly craft.

Riddells Creek: Tuesdays and Fridays. The cost is \$4. Bookings are not required but you will need to register – email coordinator@riddellscreeknh.com.au

Woodend: Wednesdays, entry is a gold coin donation. Call 5427 1845 or email reception@woodendnh.org.au for details.

Try weekend craft markets to connect with those who embrace the crafty, such as the monthly Riddells Creek Makers Market, held on the third Saturday of each month at Riddells Creek Primary School.

Crochet is ideal with the cold winter months this region is renowned for and few days pass without my passion for crochet being indulged.

So now is the time to grab your hook and wool and start a foundation chain.

Mary-Beth O'Brien

Opportunity for local company directorship

Macedon Ranges Community Enterprises Ltd operates Community Bank Gisborne & District as a franchise of Bendigo & Adelaide Bank and returns local profits to the community.



We are seeking expressions of interest from energetic, committed residents of Gisborne, Bullengarook, Macedon, Mt Macedon and Riddells Creek to join the volunteer board of directors.

Directors support and drive the company's strategic direction, goals and objectives and have a real say in how the company's profits are directed for the benefit of the community.

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Fun and games at the library

The library was open extra hours in the aftermath of the storm last month. We were so lucky to still have power in Gisborne and were able to offer the library as a place of refuge for those without power, water or internet.

The library was packed with people charging devices, studying, working, having online meetings or just hanging out in our warm space. The community was so grateful and appreciative to have somewhere to go and we were happy to help in a small way.

Thankyou to everyone who was kind, patient and respectful as we worked to fit people in and find power points for everyone, all the while sticking to our COVID restrictions on numbers and socially distancing.

Keep an eye on our Facebook and Instagram pages as well as our website for any updates to restrictions and service changes.

WHAT'S ON IN JULY

Movie book club is back

The movie book club is all about movies based on books. We'll be screening a movie on the second Wednesday of every month from 1pm. Starting off with *Penguin Bloom* on Wednesday July 14 and *The Dry* on Wednesday August 11.

Bookings are essential – Give us a call on 5428 3962 or via the website goldfieldslibraries.com

Social games night

Everybody loves a good game! Try a new game, or sit down to a classic in a social setting. Come with a friend or by yourself – there will be card and board games to enjoy, whatever your age. Tuesdays 4-6pm

Sara Shaw

Probus members fondly recall hot pants



A group from Gisborne Probus was fortunate enough to visit the Mary Quant exhibition in Bendigo just prior to lockdown.

The exhibition chronicled the development of the Mary Quant fashion empire during the 1960s, seventies and eighties. As we wandered through the display of 110 dresses, rainwear, shoes, bags, cosmetics, patterns, photographs and even 'daisy dolls', we were transported back to our youth. It was interesting to reflect on the impact that Mary Quant had on our lives.

She defined the playful, fun look of the sixties, allowing young women to choose styles very different from those of former generations. We well remembered the mini-skirts and hot pants, and the reactions of our parents.

Mary Quant had a major impact on the fashion industry. She oversaw the democratisation of fashion with the mass production of her ready to wear garments. Coinciding with a time of better education and greater affluence, fashion became affordable and available to many more women.

Mary Quant was a powerful role model for women. Her fashions were liberating and they became



Pam Barton and Di Barbie enjoy the Mary Quant exhibition in Bendigo.

a means of communicating new attitudes, ideas and change.

The exhibition visit was followed by an enjoyable lunch at the historic Shamrock Hotel.

Probus members will be kept up to date with meetings and outings via email and newsletters as changing COVID restrictions make planning more difficult.

Anne Ciesielski

Which ancestor would you like to meet?

The next meeting of the Gisborne Genealogical Group will be held on Thursday July 22 at 7.30pm in the Masonic Lodge Hall, Gisborne. (Members note: This is the fourth Thursday of the month, not the last).



and why we would like to have a 'conversation' with them – there are always so many unanswered questions when you research your family history.

Supper will follow the discussion. Visitors are always welcome.

The family history room, adjoining the Gisborne Library, is open each Thursday afternoon from 2pm to 5pm, when you can make use of our resources and get help to break through some of those 'brick walls'.

Happy researching during these cold winter days.

Lyn Hall



Lyn Hall

This will be an informal Members Night where we will share information about our ancestors.

The topic is "The ancestor you would most like to meet".

No doubt we will hear some interesting stories about our ancestors

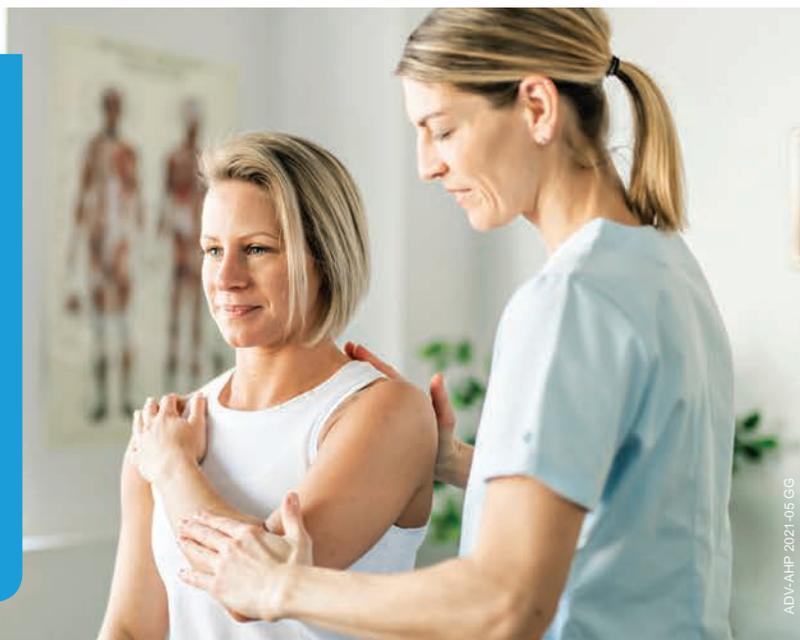
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A change is as good as a holiday?

I recently took a month off from writing my *Gazette* article because I was feeling somewhat stressed as we prepared to move house. Research tells us that moving house is in the top three most stressful life events, and they were not kidding!



An article about general health by Julie Ireland

I was excited about moving to a house that is closer to work and renovated, but humans don't like change and moving opens a Pandora's box of emotions. Are we doing the right thing moving out of a neighbourhood that we have lived in for over 10 years? Will my husband, son and our dogs be happy in the new house? Even down to the basic issue of 'will our furniture fit'? As I went over it all in my head, I could feel the anxiety levels rise.

It was time to cut myself some slack and concentrate on getting organised and start treating the move with a more positive attitude. Once I started to focus on logistics, my anxiety levels started to drop. Let's face it, packing is not fun, but I treated it as an opportunity to declutter and get rid of things that we just didn't need any more. I think the key piece of advice that I can offer is to accept that moving can be an emotional time and that it is okay to feel a bit upset and anxious. Be kind to yourself and your family – let's face it, they are moving too and may be feeling much the same as you are.

And don't be afraid to ask for help. I will be forever grateful to dear friends who were my constant support throughout this time.

So, the move is now over and most of the unpacking has been done (well, there are still the boxes in the garage to unpack). It was an exhausting process and one which I wouldn't wish to repeat any time soon, but we love our new house and it feels like we have always lived there.

I wouldn't say the change was as good as a holiday, but these days holidays are pretty hard to plan for too. Take care of yourselves, everyone.

Julie



Peter with the new welder.

Shedmen ready to show their metal

It's good to be back after another short enforced COVID absence. A cuppa at home is just not the same as a face-to-face cuppa and chat at The Shed and now we have a little something extra to talk about – our brand new arc welder. While we pride ourselves on catering for a wide variety of needs and interests, we've been a bit short on metal-working equipment. This latest acquisition fills a big part of that gap.

Thanks to some excellent work by Shedman Peter, our new welder is also complete with an all-encompassing trolley, ensuring each associated attachment is neat and tidy and easy to find. Perhaps even more importantly (given our average age is 73), it means we don't have to lug around that heavy blue box. So now most of us have a new skill to acquire.

If you'd like to try your hand at arc welding, or just want to listen to other blokes prattle on about MIG and TIG, pop in to 10 Lyell Street any Monday or Thursday morning for a cuppa. You might even like it enough to sign up.

How you can reduce risk of bowel cancer

Bowel cancer is the second biggest cause of cancer death in Australia. The good news is that with early detection, bowel cancer can be treated in 90% of cases. The Cancer Council recommends everyone over the age of 50 take part in the national bowel cancer screening program – look out for your pack in the mail or talk to your GP.

For those under 50, look out for these symptoms and speak to your doctor if you have any concerns: blood in stool or toilet; a recent and persistent change in your toilet habits, e.g. looser bowels or severe constipation; unexplained tiredness or weight loss or stomach pain. Risk factors include inflammatory

bowel diseases or certain types of polyps, family history and increasing age.

You can also help to reduce your risk of bowel cancer by eating more fruit and vegetables, eating less red meat and processed meats, maintaining a healthy body weight, doing daily physical activity and not smoking.

For more information visit the National Bowel Cancer Screening Program or call 1800 118 868.

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Health Talk

Loneliness

with Dr Umair Masood



Loneliness and social isolation are becoming an issue in Australia and the rest of the world.

Experts feel this is becoming a modern-day epidemic causing multiple health issues.

Loneliness is defined as an emotional response to the perceived mismatch between the amount of personal contact a person wants and the amount they have.

Individual loneliness is when a person is missing someone special they had a close emotional bond with, like a partner. Social loneliness is the absence of a social network made up of a wide range of friends, family, and work colleagues.

It is becoming more of an issue in our modern-day lives for several reasons.

Families do not live in villages anymore. We travel for work and buy houses in different areas to where we

grew up. We may have parents and siblings who live in different states due to work and other reasons. This causes a geographic isolation. We are also very busy in our lives with work, schooling, extra-curricular activities with children and social commitments. This does not always allow us to spend time with some of our extended families and friends.

Our online lives are also taking over in some respects. People spend time gaming online. Social media accounts are also becoming a big part of daily lives. Some of us even work and shop online. It may be more convenient but it is, however, taking us away from more regular human interactions.

There are three groups who are most affected by loneliness. People aged over 75, men in their 40s and young people aged 16-25.

People over the aged of 75 are affected due to the death of a partner, ill health, lack of family around them and loss of their friendship circle

because of ill health or death.

Men in their 40s have spent their 20s and 30s working hard and suddenly find they have no close friends in their 40s. They have not made the effort to keep in touch with their friends whom they were able to rely on or talk to. Most men in this age group rely on their partners for their social circle and don't feel like they belong in it.

Women in this age group are very social and do not seem to have the same issues.

Young people aged 16-25 are another group that are very affected. One person in eight in this age group experience severe loneliness. Most of them would have moved away from their parents to study or work for the first time. They are usually renting in areas where they feel like they do not have a community around them.

It may also take them a while to build up a social network in their new area and some have trouble with this. They may also have pressures with

study and finding employment.

Health issues such as depression, anxiety and stress are common in those living with loneliness. Substance abuse due to alcohol and drugs can be an issue. Cardiovascular risk also increases.

Cognitive decline becomes faster in the elderly. The risk of premature death due to the underlying cause of loneliness is as big as obesity or smoking 15 cigarettes a day.

Being aware of these issues mean we can do something about it.

Reach out to people who may need some social interaction. Pay attention to the three groups discussed as they are at higher risk. Ask them if they are lonely and what you can do to help.

As an individual, start mingling in the local community, join sporting clubs and other community organisations like the Men's Shed. It is never too late to reconnect with family and friends.

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BETTY'S BOOP

With Betty Doolan

A Queen's Birthday lunch fit for royalty

As I write, we are again in lockdown, yet this time it seems different. There are no dressing up or coloured hair days this time, the Life Enhancement girls do the regular groups, and the residents have started making and painting Olympic rings. This will be an exciting time as we will have our own Olympic Games (I hope I don't get picked for the hurdles).

On the Queen's Birthday holiday, a lovely printed royal menu was put on the noticeboard; it was really fit for royalty. The day started with morning tea of scones, jam and cream. Lunch was poached salmon with a watercress and white wine sauce served with garlic chat potatoes, honey carrots and zucchini (I like zucchini so I get an extra bowl of it).

Dessert was English trifle with whipped cream, afternoon tea was shortbreads. The theme went on to dinner which was grilled chicken with mashed potatoes and vegetables, followed by mousse for dessert.

Over the past few months we have had trouble with the stove and meals have been on the cold side, thanks must go to our chefs and kitchen staff and the two gents with the blue nets (shower caps) for the improvement in all our meals.

Well the ducks weren't in lockdown. As I watched out the windows, they crossed a very busy road, not one of them in a hurry.

My daughter Judith came down from Queensland for a few days and we went to Werribee Shopping Centre. I thought my head would fall off as I looked this way and that. Judith took the plane home; her partner was to drive back to Queensland but the borders closed so he is stranded in Melbourne.

Stay safe and please wear a mask.

Betty



Catering for human connection



Free tips on fostering relationships

A free webinar is being held on July 13 which explores ways to assist people with an intellectual disability and autism to foster, develop and nurture friendships and connection with a range of people, particularly those without a disability.

Relationships are one of the most important things in our lives and make a big difference to health and wellbeing. People who have an intellectual disability or autism are at greater risk of isolation, loneliness and disconnection.

The Fostering Relationships webinar is on Tuesday July 13 between 10am

and 12.30pm, organised by Belonging Matters in conjunction with Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health. Bookings can be made via www.eventbrite.com.au/e/fostering-and-developing-friendship-tickets-158671732423 or for more information, call Belonging Matters on 9739 8333.

LGBTIQA+ parent group

A group for parents and carers of young people up to the age 25 who identify as LGBTIQA+ is holding its quarterly meeting this month.

Parents Empowering Rainbow Kids (PERK) is an informal networking group that provides information and support for parents as well as the opportunity to connect. Coordinated by the WayOut program, meetings are held in different

locations across the Macedon Ranges according to the preference of group members.

Research has shown that young people with diverse sexuality and gender identities experience higher rates of anxiety, eating disorders, depression, social phobia and suicidal thoughts than their peers.

Previous PERK group members have reported that connecting with other parents of LGBTIQA+ children has given them the confidence to offer more effective support and a deeper understanding of what their child is going through.

The next meeting is on Wednesday July 14, 5.30pm to 7pm in Woodend. For information on the venue please contact WayOut on 5421 1666 or email healthpromotion@scchc.org.au.

Keeping watch



Colleen Mahoney, a member of Macedon Ranges Photographic Society, caught this fairy wren at attention at Hanging Rock Winery in June.

BRAINBUSTERS

- 1 What is the name of the south-westerly tip of land in England?
- 2 In which parts of the human body does a rhinologist specialise?
- 3 On what river does the city of Paris lie?
- 4 Which city/state was home to the infamous Changi Prison during World War 2?
- 5 Where did the Burke & Wills expedition leave from – Ballarat, Adelaide or Melbourne?
- 6 Which golf club do you use once you are on the green?
- 7 What is the name of the Japanese art of paper folding?
- 8 Which two South American countries do not share a border with Brazil.
- 9 What is the monetary unit of South Africa?
- 10 At which battle was Napoleon Bonaparte finally defeated?

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Parenting Plan, Consent Order or Parenting Order – which do I need?

A key issue for many parents who separate is how to co-parent, particularly when communication is at an all-time low.

The law does not require separated parents to have a written agreement regarding their children. Some parents separate amicably and manage arrangements without the need for anything in writing. However, most people require something more formal and there are different options to choose from, each with their own pros and cons.

So, what are Parenting Plans, Consent Orders and Parenting Orders anyway?

A Parenting Plan is a voluntary agreement signed by both parents that sets out agreed parenting arrangements, such as where the children live; who they spend time with and when; what happens on special occasions; how decisions about long-term issues (such as education) are made.

The main 'pros' of a Parenting Plan are:

- **Personalised:** it can be as simple or as detailed as the parents need it to be.
- **Flexible:** there is no set format and changes can be made easily if both parents agree.
- **Cost:** far cheaper than going to court.

The main 'con' is that it is not binding. The terms cannot be enforced against a parent who fails to comply so it is only effective if both parents follow it.

A Consent Order is like a Parent-

LEGAL MATTERS

with Felicity Jacobson



ing Plan in that it reflects the parents' agreed terms, but it has been formally approved by a court. The key benefit is that it is legally binding on both parents.

Drawbacks include:

Cost: it must follow a specific format which usually means engaging a lawyer.

Less flexibility: it is more formal and may not include the detail that could be included in a Parenting Plan.

A Parenting Order is sought when parents cannot reach their own agreement and a judge is required to make orders following a court hearing. It is legally enforceable (unless the parents later agree to replace all or part of it with a Parenting Plan).

The main pro is that it is legally binding.

The downsides are:

Time/financial cost: going to court is expensive and the process can be slow.

Emotional Cost: parents face examination and cross-examination in front of a judge.

Control: parents must comply with the orders made by the court, even if they do not agree.

The right choice depends on the parents' ability to communicate and prioritise their children's interests.



FOR THE GREEN THUMBS

Daly Reserve, protected place of peace



Despite an earlier agreement that the land would be kept as a nature reserve open to the public, UL Daly Nature Reserve came under threat from development in 2012.

A major campaign, including meetings, letterbox-drops, petition, T-shirts and yellow ribbons around the reserve caught the attention of the community. Subsequent research by locals and a comprehensive report by environmental consultants Biosis revealed the reserve's importance. Aboriginal artefacts were confirmed, rare flora discovered, the bushland deemed remnant vegetation and the whole area served as a wildlife corridor.

The reserve is now protected by Public Conservation and Resource



Yellow ribbons assisted the Save Daly Nature Reserve campaign in 2012.

Zoning, which translates to 'open to the public, all flora and fauna is protected and recognition as a seed bank'.

A licence is required to remove seeds. No flora may be taken from the site, including logs.

April's cultural burn was most appropriate, being designed to lessen the growth of introduced weeds while encouraging new growth of native grasses and springtime flora. In future

we will be able to observe nature's way of rejuvenation and be thankful that concerned citizens fought to save this special place for ongoing community enjoyment.

The Friends of Daly Nature Reserve AGM is coming soon, nominations for committee are open.

Enquiries: dalynaturereserve@gmail.com

Irene Perkin



MACEDON RANGES MUMMA

with Kat Buttigieg

Winter excursion ideas

Keep the kids busy (and warm!) with these winter excursion ideas in the Ranges and surrounds. Please note these opinions are our own. We have not been paid for mentioning any particular businesses.

Play centres: Check out Bugalugs in Kyneton, Jungle in Wallan, MacDougall's in Sunbury. A little further afield are Bounce at Essendon Fields, Crocs in Keilor Park and Jump and Jiggle in Tullamarine.

Kid-friendly cafes: Our favourites during the cooler months are those with indoor play corners, such as 3 Little Pigs in Gisborne and The Milko or Cosy Corner Cafe in Woodend.

Dromkeen: This homestead in Riddells Creek has a tearoom, bookshop, gallery, and gardens to check out if the weather is pleasant.

Aquatic Centres: Have a swim at the big indoor pool in Gisborne or Kyneton.

Bookstores: Visit delightful bookstores in Kyneton (Squishy Minnie and Aesop's Attic) or Woodend (New Leaves). Squishy Minnie has an occasional storytime.

Pop Gaming: Try your luck at arcade games at Gisborne Village Shopping Centre.

Lessons: Winter is the perfect time to enrol the kids in indoors lessons like Lovaball, Mini Maestros and Active Kidz, or swimming lessons.

Op shops and food banks: Have a 'good deed day' and drop some products into the Foodbank after your grocery shop. You could also give games, books or clothes to a local op shop and have a browse while you are there.

Remember that if restrictions are in place, it could affect the operation of these places.

Gisborne Garden Club news

Unfortunately, due to COVID lockdown, the June meeting of the Club had to be cancelled, and as it turned out, the weather on that particular day was extremely cold and wet so either way we could not meet.



Due to the ongoing restrictions on numbers for indoor meetings, we are also obligated to cancel the proposed lunch meeting in July. There may be an opportunity to organise an outdoor meeting and, if this is so, as far as is possible, members will be advised

by email or text message.

The committee encourages all members to be proactive in this regard, and if you have not received further details by the first week in July, please contact a committee member.

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JOKES

If King Kong went to Hong Kong to play ping pong and have a sing song and died, what would they put on his coffin?

A lid.

Doctor, doctor, when I stand up too quickly I see Micky Mouse and Donald Duck!

How long have you been having these Disney spells?

A hospital is a place where people who are run down generally wind up.

During my operation I laughed the whole time. The doctor had me in stitches.

I think my teacher likes me.

Why's that?

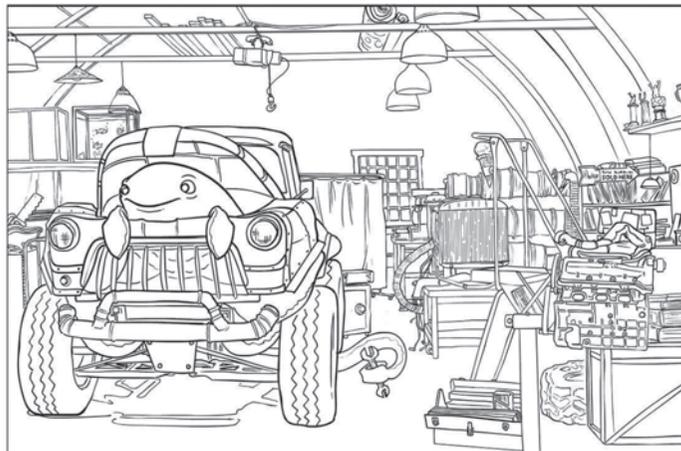
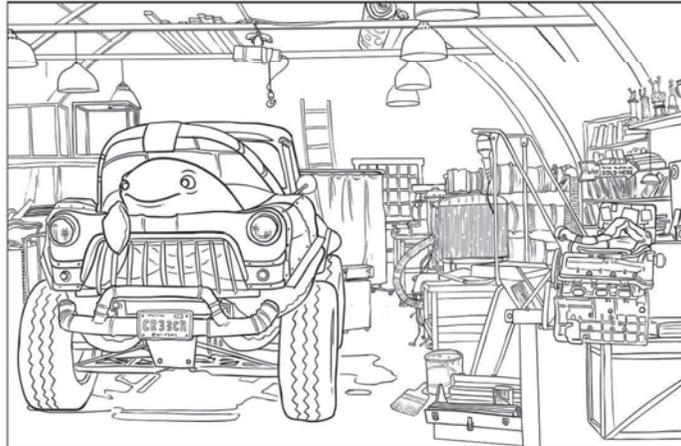
She keeps putting kisses all over my work.

A set of jumper leads went into a pub and asked for a drink.

"OK," said the barman, "but don't go starting anything."

A priest, an imam and a rabbit went into a blood bank. The rabbit said "I think I might be a typ-o."

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE



Can you find 18 differences between the pictures?

JUNIOR QUIZ

- 1 What building is depicted on the back of the Australian five dollar note?
- 2 Beginning with "A" what is the name of the program that first landed men on the Moon?
- 3 What is the capital city of Sweden?
- 4 Who was Flinders Street named after?
- 5 What is the lightest element in the Universe?
- 6 Who was the first female Prime Minister of Australia?
- 7 Who painted the Mona Lisa?
- 8 What number is represented by the Roman numeral CXVI?
- 9 Meringues are made with which part of the egg?
- 10 Complete the title of the Roald Dahl book: "Charlie and the"

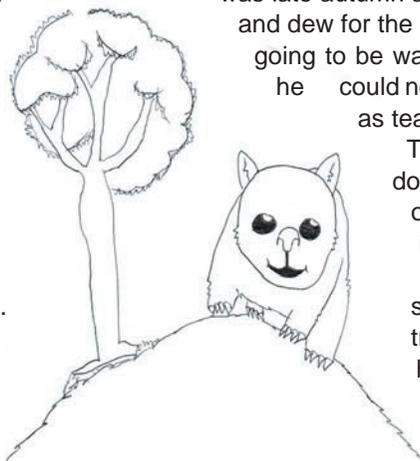
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A wombat's eye view of windy ways

One little wombat in the Macedon Ranges was out searching for food when a terrible storm broke out. The sky was filled with grey, moody clouds, the trees swished and swayed back and forth in the wild wind and as the little wombat peered inside a small cottage, it was pitch black.

A house being pitch black at six o'clock in the evening seemed pretty strange to the wombat. He thought the people who lived there were probably on a holiday, but after hearing shrieking and squealing coming from inside the house, the wombat knew for sure there were people inside.

As the wombat travelled in search of his burrow he heard a thud. Cautiously turning around, he saw a tree he had just been under now lying across the road. Petrified, the wombat kept going. He followed the same trail he always did



back to his house but as he turned the corner, his tree was not in its usual spot. He thought for a moment and then his face filled with horror and despair as he saw his tree had come out of the ground and was about to get towed away by a tractor.

Determined, the wombat dashed after the tree. It was late autumn and he had collected berries, plants and dew for the winter and all his autumn work was going to be wasted. No matter how hard he tried he could not keep up, it was no use. He sighed as tears slid down his face.

The sky rumbled and rain poured down from the grumpy clouds. Not only was the tree a storage unit, but it was also the wombat's home.

Wombat continued to cry as the sky rumbled once more and more trees fell and destroyed people's houses just like it had done to his house.

May Zarins, 12



'Sea of Hands' display. Swinburne Avenue Kindergarten put their hands up for Reconciliation.

Spotlight on Reconciliation

Swinburne Kinder

The children at Swinburne Avenue Kindergarten learnt all about the importance of reconciliation during National Reconciliation Week (May 27 to June 3). This year's theme was 'More than a Word'. The children talked about what it means to be fair, and how all Australians belong.

At the core of their learning were respect and acknowledgment of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. They shared indigenous stories, storytelling, games and discussed the significance of the flags.

To demonstrate that the Swinburne Avenue families will take action towards Reconciliation, they have 'put their hands up' to be fair and inclusive of all Australians. The children and their families created a beautiful and diverse sea of hands that are on display in the kindergarten foyer.

The conversations that happened at home as a result of this activity were incredibly significant in recognising that we all need to play a part in strengthening the relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people and non-indigenous Australians.

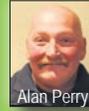
What does a cloud wear under its raincoat?

Thunderwear.

EXTRAS

Why can't Elsa from Frozen have a balloon?

Because she will "let it go, let it go."



Hannah and Katelyn display their poster of what should go in the green-lidded FOGO bin.

Students lead way in sustainability at school

New Gisborne Primary School students are taking action to make our school more sustainable.



The Sustainability Team is a group of students whose aim is to make a difference around the school. We aim to do this by not using as much plastic, saving water and electricity, protecting plants and bugs, and encouraging everyone to care for our planet.

We produce an 'enviro show' every three weeks to teach staff and students how to be more environmentally friendly and sustainable. We can all build a better school by reducing, re-using and recycling.

We have interviewed Mr Kozak and some Year 4 students about their Kitchen Garden Program. We organised a Nude Food Day last term when students were asked to bring food without any plastic wrap or tin foil. We encourage people to use the FOGO bins around the school. We also collect plastic bottles from the canteen and put them in the big school recycling bin.

As a team, we meet during the week to discuss how we can help the school be more sustainable. We think of our ideas for our next show and we draft the scripts and film the show. Once the latest episode has been recorded, we email it to teachers who show it to their classes.

We really like being a part of the Sustainability Team because it feels rewarding to help teach people how to be conscientious about our environment. It feels good to know we are making a difference.

By Hannah Thompson and Katelyn Fleet, Year 5

New Gisborne loses historic tree ▶ page 33

St Brigid's pupils experience new and old, and Family Week fun

St Brigid's Year 6s attended the GRIP Leadership Conference at the Melbourne Exhibition Centre on May 25, where they learnt about what it means to be an effective leader. GRIP stands for 'Generosity, Responsibility, Integrity, People'.

The day started off with catching an early train into the city and finding their seats in the front row. The students got to interact with students from schools all across Victoria and share their wonderful ideas.

Everyone had a booklet to write down things they learnt and any of their ideas. It was a fun day and St Brigid's would like to say a big thank you to Bendigo Bank for allowing us this opportunity for all Year 6 students to attend.

The Junior students participated in a fun recreation of olden-day schooling as an immersion into their inquiry unit. They arrived at school without their lunch boxes, but brown paper bags containing their lunch instead. Their classroom was in the unheated hall and they sat at desks in neat rows.

They had to use 'olden-day books' and stand up to read. Even our principal joined in by dressing up as a nun. She said, "Students must be seen and not heard." Playtime was different too – they had to play hopscotch, use the hoola hoops or skipping ropes. All in all, the juniors enjoyed the day and would do it again.

By Abi Phegan and Summer Busby



▲ Junior students are taught by a stern mistress and nun to experience 'olden day' schooling. "Children should be seen and not heard" was the rule back then.



◀ Year 6 students at the leadership conference.



◀ Mini Vinnies crew.

▶ Wynne Gunnell likes the cupcakes.



Family Week fundraising fun gets thumbs up

St Brigid's Mini Vinnies organised a week of fun events and fundraising initiatives during Family Week, May 10 to 14.

In the morning we sold "almost hot hot chocolates" and at lunchtime we had a St B's choc and bake sale. We are very proud to announce that all the generous donations and buying of our amazing hot chocolates and delicious baked goods raised \$650.20!

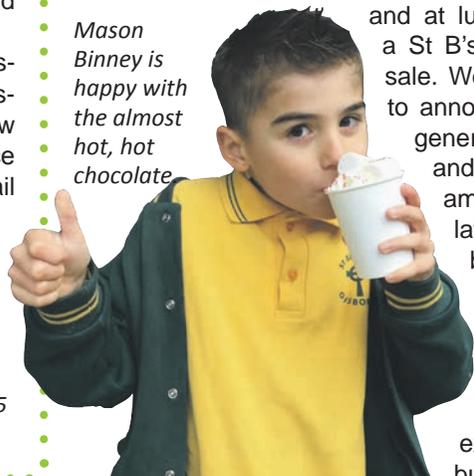
Part of our preparation for the week was a Mini Vinnies excursion to local businesses to seek

donations. Thanks to Foodworks, the Sweet Shop, and Super Bargains who kindly donated the supplies for our almost hot, hot chocolate stand. Please try to shop at these places as they have supported us.

We ran fun family activities during lunchtime, including craft and games. We also organised Catholic Care Victoria to come talk to us about the changes we are making in the world in assisting refugees settling into their lives in Victoria. This slogan was a highlight: "Our Family. Our Story. Our Future." And this quote from Pope Francis: "How marvellous it would be if, at the end of the day, each of us could say: Today I have performed an act of charity towards others!"

We also ran activities in our house groups and created some extraordinary mini houses. A big thankyou to all the Mini Vinnies and parent helpers who donated their time and effort into raising money for Catholic Care to help make this world a better place!

By Sophie McCabe and Boston Binney, Mini Vinnies



Mason Binney is happy with the almost hot, hot chocolate.

Storm hits Macedon Primary

With the massive winds and rainstorms in early June, Macedon district got pummelled like other towns in the area. We had just got over a week's lockdown and Macedon Primary students were faced with some devastation at our school.

After the storms and rain Macedon Primary lost a few trees. Branches were everywhere, and one of the major trees was a massive tree that nearly fell onto our John Curtin Building and water tank. Luckily nobody got injured.

We would like to thank all the SES and other volunteers who have been helping our community.
by Levi Enge and Cohen Bush



Some of the damage caused by a falling tree.

Macedon Primary honours Indigenous music and dance

The winter solstice [the shortest day of the year], was celebrated on June 21. To honour our first peoples, at Macedon Primary School we did a big flash mob dance for winter solstice inspired by the famous Aboriginal artist Baker Boy and the hit song *Music is the Meditjin*. Some of our dancers are pictured above.

We have been researching dances from the 1950s to now and looking at our ancestors and cultural dance moves to honour the traditional owners of the land.
By Levi Enge and Noah Rocard



CAPTAINS' RAP

with Hayley Fisher



Hayley Fisher

This term has been a busy one for Year 12s, completing numerous SACs and attending multiple career expos.

Our amazing careers teams have been working hard behind the scenes providing opportunities for us to talk and interact with several universities and TAFE providers, inside and outside of school. This has enabled us to find out more about desired courses and early entry programs, providing us with important information and advice. With it being a crazy term with only more to come, it has been pretty quiet for any social school events.

Our captain team has been working hard to organise the 'World's Greatest Shave' as many students and teachers are to take part in the vital fundraiser. Due to another lockdown, we have had to postpone the event. But don't worry, it will happen!

Students have been working hard and are now on a well-deserved break. Here's hoping it will be a "break" of some sorts for Year 12s!

More news from Gisborne Secondary College ►next page

Part of the team

Macedon Ranges Community Enterprises Ltd is a franchisee of Bendigo Bank and operates the locally owned Community Bank Gisborne & District.

Expressions of interest are now being accepted for the voluntary position of Director.

As a director you will be motivated, well organised, self-directed and community orientated. You'll support and drive the company's strategic direction, goals and objectives to have a real say in the future direction of the branch and community.

For more information or to apply, call our Company Secretary, Alice McMahon on 0456 919 549 or email eo@mrceltd.com.au.



Macedon Ranges Community Enterprises Ltd

More news from Gisborne Secondary College



It's been another busy term at the college. Although we again had to pivot to a short period of remote learning, we managed to hold numerous camps, excursions, incursions and inter-school sport, providing fantastic student experiences.

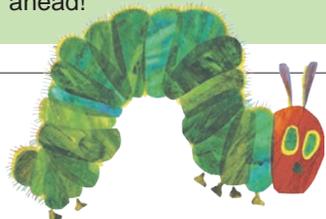
In April we were thrilled to hold our first general assembly in over a year, which coincided with Anzac Day. It was wonderful to not only have all the students together in the one space, but to respectfully recognise such an important day on our country's calendar.

In May we held an information evening for prospective families, and while our Year 10s were off doing their week of work experience, we welcomed current grade 6 students from local primary schools to participate in 'activities week'. This is a key component of our transition program, giving primary students an opportunity to experience secondary school for the day – undertaking activities in science, art and drama.

After being informed of a \$12.9m allocation in the state budget, we began consultation on our asset management plan with the school community.

As we finished up for the term, we saw a solar system being installed atop the Barcham Theatre – made possible through a State Government 'greener schools' grant, and our wonderful college spirit was on display as we supported those impacted by the destructive weather and power outages in the region.

In Term 3, among other things we look forward to holding the much-anticipated school production *Mamma Mia* and continue work on our capital works planning. Exciting times ahead!



Library programs

The Very Hungry Caterpillar Find & Seek

Can you find all the food the Very Hungry Caterpillar ate? Collect an entry form to find and seek – hand in for a small reward and the chance to win an Eric Carle book pack. Ages 4-12 years. At all shire libraries until Friday July 9.

Very Hungry Caterpillar necklaces

Make your own Very Hungry Caterpillar to wear around your neck using coloured card and pasta – so cute! Ages 4-8 years. **Gisborne Library Wednesday July 7, 10am and 11am.**

Felt Birds

Hand stitch a small bird from pieces of felt. Can be made into a bookmark, hung on a ribbon, placed on a stick or made into a brooch. 8+ years. **Monday July 5, 10.30am at Woodend library.**



Olympic origins: Where it all began



YOUNG BEAT

with Asher Kroon

Now that the 2021 Tokyo Olympics are set to start this month, I thought it would be a good idea to find out where it all started.

The first Olympics date way back to 766 BC. They were created to honour the Greek god Zeus. The famous Zeus festival was held every four years all over Greece. This is why the Olympics are held every four years. The Olympics were limited to a 100m sprint in the beginning but as more cities got involved, they were expanded into boxing, wrestling, military competitions and horse and chariot racing.

The winner would receive the classic "gold medal", while the others got silver and bronze. At the time, a single gold medal was worth a LOT.

It seemed like the Olympics were going well and were a fun event. This was until 393 AD, when Roman emperor Theodosius banned them entirely. He did this because he viewed the games as equivalent to paganism and he wanted to spread the Christian religion and try to suppress and silence paganism.

As the 18th century approached Europe had become fascinated with the games' culture, and small European towns had even started hosting their own informal local "Olympics". It was not until 1892 that a Frenchman by the name of Pierre de Coubertin proposed the idea of making an international Olympics. He attended a conference on International Sports in June 1892 and explained his idea and it was approved by 79 representatives from nine different countries.

A little while later, the International Olympics Com-

mittee (IOC) was formed. They were to hold an Olympic Games event every four years, and the first "official" Olympics were planned for 1896 in Athens.

There were 43 events ranging from track and field to gymnastics and swimming. All competitors had to be male, and any tourists who were passing by could sign up by just putting their name on a sheet of paper!

The track and field events were held at Panathenaic Stadium which was built in 330 BC but was restored and renovated to fit the 1896 Olympics. The American team ended up winning 12 of the track and field events, placing them at No 1.

The Olympic Committee also added a marathon to the track and field events. Competitors were expected to run 26 miles (41 kilometres) in honour of the Greek soldier who ran that distance to bring Athens news of victory over the Persians in 490 BC. The soldier ran the distance

while wearing his heavy army gear as well! The marathon was won by Spyridon Louis, a Greek competitor.

Pierre de Coubertin became International Olympics Committee President in 1896 and helped the Olympics get off the ground. The games did not have popular support in the beginning and were overshadowed by world fairs. The first "successful" Olympics were held in 1924 where 3000 athletes, 100 of them being women, from 44

nations competed. The first winter Olympics were also held that year.

Australia has hosted two Olympics – Melbourne in 1956 and the very popular 2000 Sydney Olympics. The Sydney Olympics ended up having 10,000 athletes from over 200 countries compete. Next came the 2004 Olympics when they were returned to Athens. The 2004 Olympics had 11,000 athletes from 202 different countries. Despite some complaints about the games going ahead in Japan this year during the pandemic, the Olympics Games are widely accepted and almost everyone who can tune in to watch at least one event.



Olympic Stadium, Athens, 1896.

School Holiday Programs

Dee White: Writing workshop

Author Dee White will show how to write stories based on your personal experiences and identity, and introduce literary techniques to add layers of meaning. A must for budding young writers! Ages 11-14. **Tuesday 6 July, 10.30-11.30am Woodend Library.**

To book any library session visit www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au/holidayprogram

Kyneton Town Hall

New Owner: Tuesday July 6, 10am-10.55am; 1.15pm-2.10pm

A story of love, loss and new beginnings involving Bart, a boisterous puppy waiting to be chosen from the animal shelter. **Please note:** Recommended for children aged 7+ as it contains scenes of sadness and loss that may be upsetting for small children.

Tickets: online via www.mrsc.vic.gov.au or contact the box office on 1300 88 88 02 (Mon-Fri 8.30am-3pm) Adult \$25, senior \$18, concession/student \$15, child \$10, family (four tickets) \$65.

Have your say on draft Economic Development Strategy for shire

Council is encouraging residents and business people to have their say



on the draft Economic Development Strategy 2021-31. The draft was developed in consultation with the community and provides a vision for economic development, job creation, education and training and COVID-19 recovery in the Macedon Ranges over the next 10 years.

Council encourages residents of all ages and business operators to take this opportunity to give feedback until August 9.

There are a number of ways to provide feedback:

- Complete an online survey at mrsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay
- Email mrsc@mrsc.vic.gov.au
- Post a written submission to PO Box 151, Kyneton, 3444
- Call the Economic Development team on 5422 0333

For more information, contact ecodevadmin@mrsc.vic.gov.au The online survey will be open until 5pm, Monday August 9.



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Help Macedon-Woodend Scouts adventure

It was just last year when paper raffle tickets were a thing – but we could not stand outside selling to passers-by. This year we welcome the Scouts & Schools Monster Raffle digital ticket sales!

Fundraising is a big element of Scouting. It helps provide opportunities for youth and volunteer leaders to participate in activities and events far beyond what families and schools can offer.

At the end of the year we have Scouts attending VicJam in Elmore – a scaled down Victorians-only event, replacing the triennial National Jamboree. We have Venturers planning to head to East Timor next year to assist with projects there and the Cubs are always up to something amazing.

The Macedon-Woodend Scout Group committee aims to subsidise the cost for our members to take part in these life-changing experiences, and we hope the community will support us, as all funds raised come directly back to the group. So, who wants to win a new car and be in the running to win over 100 prizes? Tickets are \$2 each (plus a small processing fee) and available in multiples. Buy yours today online at scoutsvic.raffletix.com.au/macedon-woodend or by scanning our QR code above.



Tanya Graham, Treasurer

New Gisborne Scouts break ground for their new home

Despite the COVID pause, New Gisborne (Church of Christ) Scouts had some great times in June, with lots of outdoor activity. Nothing like the taste of damper on a chilly evening.

On June 17 we gathered around the campfire to pray for blessings on the site of our new Scout Hut and the activities ahead. Using a special 'Gold Spade', our youth members broke the first ground. We then repeated the Scout Promise and the Scout Prayer. Weather permitting the hut will be erected in early July with concreting soon after.

We are very excited about the new Scout Hut and looking forward to having our equipment stored and easily available to pack trailers for camping. A further extension will provide a toilet block and kitchen area as well as meeting spaces. Donations are welcome and tax deductible.

As the COVID threat remains, we remember our Law and Promise, living out "love thy neighbour", as a community.

We've had a number of Joeys (ages 5-7) "go up" to Cub Scouts so we have vacancies and also vacancies in the Scout section.

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

John Frearson



Isla and Zara enjoy making slime.

What's the magic ingredient in slime?

Gisborne Lightning Guides were glad to be able to meet again in mid June after a three week break due to closure of the hall and power outages.



To complete their Arts badge, Macey and Claire organised the resources to make slime. You need PVA glue, shaving cream, glitter and food dye and the magic ingredient borax.

Be warned: children tend to get messy coloured fingers!



Deb Fleming

I asked the girls what they like about being a Girl Guide in Gisborne: Working in Patrols on activities; cooking; making friends and spending time with them; undertaking challenges to earn badges; fun craft activities; use your creative minds and learning new things.

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

Deb Fleming



Archer, Noah and Victoria break the first ground for their Scout Hut.

News from 1st Gisborne Scout Group

A lot can happen in a month! The resumption of COVID-19 restrictions put face-to-face Scout meetings off the table for a few weeks, but we are so pleased to be able to meet again.

The Joeys had lots of fun at a tie-dyeing evening where they made very colourful patterns on white T-shirts (as well as their hands, shoes and faces!). They also enjoyed fun and games at the pool.

The Cubs have a sleep-over planned at the Discovery Science and Technology Centre at Bendigo (I don't think too much 'sleep' will be happening) and the Scouts have been brushing up on cooking skills and helped construct a camp kitchen.

The 'oldest' section of scouting – Rovers – were looking forward to the annual 'Mudbash' event on the Queen's Birthday long weekend but due to COVID restrictions it was postponed until later in the year. At Mudbash, Rover units from across Australia put unit-built 'buggies' to the test in obstacle races and mud runs.

1st Gisborne is looking for some new leaders. No scouting experience? No problem – training and support are provided by experienced Scout Leaders from Scouts Australia and there is no cost involved. Training normally involves a combination of e-learning, practical experience and a few residential weekends.

There is plenty of support on offer when you volunteer and you will be surrounded by like-minded people who want to play a part in helping young people grow and develop into being the best they can be. For more information on becoming a leader, you can email us at info@1stgisborne.com.au

Carolyn Goode (Assistant Joey Leader)



Joeys from 1st Gisborne Scouts have fun tie dyeing.



Scouts round the campfire with the 'Golden Spade'.

A great trout catch and how she did it

Gisborne resident Tameka Hobbs, 11 years old, achieved a great catch on the last weekend of this year's trout fishing season in mid-June.

Tameka and her father Mark set up their fly rods with a two-nymph set up with an indicator before heading off to the Goulburn River for one last fish.

A quiet weekend, and a low river allowing Tameka to wade, made for a great fishing adventure for father and daughter.

Noticing a fish upstream near a weed bed, Tameka cast her flies in front of it a number of times before getting the perfect drift for them. Then, BANG! The fish took her fly and the fun began; she played the fish skilfully in to her dad who helped her net a beautiful rainbow trout measuring 59cm – for Tameka the best of many fish that she and Mark have caught in this area.

Tameka loves fishing and she encourages other kids to get out with their family and try fly fishing. She recently joined the Fly Fish Australia youth development program; her father Mark is a member of the Calder Fly Fishing Association.

On July 28 the club will be addressed by John Billing from Mending Casts, a non-profit organisation that promotes the health and well-being benefits of Fly Fishing to people coping with cancer.

All are welcome at 7.45pm at Gisborne Communi-



**CALDER
FLY FISHING
ASSOCIATION**



Tameka Hobbs with her beautiful big rainbow trout.

ty Centre, 8A Hamilton Street, Gisborne.

For more information on the Calder Fly Fishing Association visit www.calderflyfishing.com.au.

Mark Hobbs

Putting the sizzle in the sausages

For members of the Macedon Ranges Ulysses Branch (MRUB) it's been far too long between sausage sizzles! Community sizzles have been a longstanding tradition and integral part of the club's fund-raising activities.



Despite mobility limitations due to COVID, we recently held a successful pop-up barbecue in conjunction with a local retailer. Members from our branch did a fantastic job of keeping customers well fed and spreading the word about our great motorcycle branch.

The committee determines the allocation of fund-raising proceeds across various charitable causes as well as their use for member support.

In the past, the club has allocated significant amounts to the Ulysses Club Arthritis Research Fund which has been Ulysses' preferred national charity since 1997.

So thanks to everyone who dropped in to say hello and support our barbecue. We hope to do it again in warmer weather and will let you know when and where.

Coming up on July 11 is our annual members and guests "Christmas in July" lunch in Woodend, plus we have regular monthly and weekly rides.

Our calendar can be found at www.mrub.org.au or join us on Facebook for the latest news. See you riding the Ranges!

Cherry Cole

Here we don't go again! But soon we will



June turned out to be another month in which the Gisborne Bushwalkers had to rely on their own resources, and find their own favourite walks, close to home, and with their own company!

All our planned, and as yet "unwalked", walks have only been postponed...so if anyone is checking out our walking calendar on the Bushwalkers' website, you'll see lots of opportunities for the second half of the year, hopefully, from July on. We look forward to seeing our club members from the Sunbury area too, who have been missing their great walks in the hills.

The photo is from a very quiet and pretty walk, near Lagoon Park on Black Forest Road south of Woodend.

New members are always welcome. Come and take us up on our sharing of our local knowledge of these walks.



The pink and white heath is already in bloom at the Lagoon Park walk near Woodend.

Call Pierre on 0417 515 468, Janeen on 0416 052 366, Nigel on 0437 715 972, or Ashley on 0490 133 656. Or check out our website: www.gisbornebwc.org.au.

Margaret Muehlheim



Team MRUB – Macedon Ranges Ulysses Branch staff the recent barbecue. Photo: Ken Hager

Historical Society president Frank Porter (right) receives a grant certificate from Community Bank chair Gary McSwain.



Grant for Historical Society

Gisborne & Mount Macedon Districts Historical Society is extremely pleased to have received a grant of \$4,982 from Community Bank Gisborne for a much-needed computer upgrade.

The group's application was for an upgrade of the computer system and incorporated a main server onto which all our critical documentation will be transferred from the existing computers, which are incredibly old and needed replacement.

The Computer Company of Gisborne will be supplying the three new computers, transferring all data on these computers, and networking the total system. The system upgrade will provide the society with a more integral and reliable system for many years in the future.

Frank Porter

Croquet Club holds AGM

At the Macedon Ranges Croquet Club AGM on May 9 we elected Noeline Richardson as our new president and Denise Carter our new treasurer. Angela Healy is to continue as secretary.

We thanked Ros Anders for leading us during the past two difficult COVID years and Elaine Murphy for her service as treasurer.

Although the club is now in recess until mid-September, some members are enjoying playing when the weather is suitable.

Faye Armstrong

Ramblers can guide your walk now, or later

At the time of writing, COVID had come back to bite us, cancelling one of our walks and restricting numbers on others. However, we are fortunate in the Ranges in that the restrictions are not too onerous. Our regular cohort from Sunbury, who cannot join us, are much more disadvantaged.

Before the restrictions were reintroduced, one of our Ramblers led a walk along Jacksons Creek at Sunbury. This is described alongside as walk #14 if you would care to try it. It is a short but very picturesque walk.

Details of each walk are emailed out each Tuesday or Wednesday prior to the Friday ramble, after considering the weather forecast.

If you would like to receive details of the walks, please email me (gisramblers@gmail.com) and I will add you to the mailing list.

Friday may not suit you, but the walk details generally include a map and a gpx file which can be opened and followed in Google Earth or similar tracking apps at your convenience. *Charles*

Walk No 14

Sunbury – Jacksons Creek
South track - Distance: approx 3.5km return
Level: Easy
North track - Distance: approx. 1.5km return
Level: Medium

Getting there: Drive to Sunbury along Riddell Road and turn left into Racecourse Road. Drive the full length of Racecourse Road turning right at a small roundabout into Valley View Crescent.

Park about 300 metres along this road, then look for an entrance opening in the fence line which leads down to Jacksons Creek.

Before the creek, there is a wide flat area currently being replanted. Here, you need to make the decision on which track to take. The tracks begin at the end of the flat section.

The south track is the more obvious, easy and has the better views. The undulating single-width track



View looking back along the south track.

follows the creek until ending at a property fenceline. The return along the same track offers a different aspect.

The north track is less distinct and a little trickier with some uncomfortable encounters with gorse bushes, but worth the effort.

This track ends at a gate to a private property and your return is again along the same route.

New Gisborne Primary loses one of its historic trees



A piece of history falls in the schoolground.

Generations of children will have fond memories of New Gisborne Primary School's two grand pine trees that border the Year 3-6 playground.

They have been part of the grounds for close to 100 years.

Unfortunately, the smaller of the two giants fell victim to the recent storms. The remaining tree, a Monterey pine, needs to be inspected to see whether



it has been structurally damaged and also needs to be removed. The trees have provided shade and opportunities for play for thousands of students over the decades and will be sorely missed.

Vet Talk

with Dr Caitlin Horwood-Skelton



Don't cut the quick

Clipping your dog or cat's nails can be tricky if they don't like having their paws touched. It's a good idea to start with desensitising them to the feeling, before you even pick up the nail clippers.

Start when they are calm or sleepy. Begin by patting them or giving them a treat, then start to gently hold or massage the foot, while still rewarding them. Once they get accustomed to it, they should allow you to hold up the foot, spread the toes, and touch or hold the nail without their pulling away.



Toto and Turtle line up for their nail clip.

Keep rewarding them for tolerating this, and go slowly until they are happy with it.

Once you are ready to clip, pay attention to the length of the nail bed or "quick". This forms the core of the nail and consists of sensitive tissue with blood vessels and nerves on the inside of the hard nail shell. You don't want to cut to the quick – it hurts and it bleeds.



Don't cut into the pink nail quicks.

If you're not sure, have a look from the underside of the nail, so you can identify the hard flakey hollow nail tip which is safe to clip. If the nail is light coloured, you can usually see the quick as a pink core. For dark nails, apply a little pressure with the nail clippers first to ensure you are not clipping too short.

Sometimes a nail file or even a Dremel tool is tolerated better in dogs.

For cats, holding the paw from underneath while gently applying pressure from above the middle toes will extend their claws for you to see. Nails cut too short, down to the quick, seem to bleed profusely.



The trick to extending cat's claws.

If this happens (don't panic!), apply gentle pressure with a tissue or cotton ball, or consider plugging up the bleeding nail with corn-flour or by scratching it into a bar of soap. Take your time, don't cut quick!



Big thank you to emergency helpers

What a wild, wet and windy week we endured in June. Houses unroofed, trees uprooted, power outages across the Macedon Ranges and the state.

A huge thank you to our emergency services teams and others that have worked and continue to work tirelessly to get the state reconnected. Thanks also to the hardy team that were on course to begin the job of clearing debris from across the golf course; it was a credit to you that we could get any golf played at all.

Final thanks to Martyn Bona of the Victorian Emergency Management Institute (VEMI) for his kind offer of a cuppa, the opportunity to charge mobiles and to open their fridges and freezers to those without power.

It was difficult to countenance the difference just a few days makes when the weekend was so still and even the sun was shining, compared to the deluge of biblical proportions we endured earlier in that week.

After several postponements due to weather and lockdown restrictions, we were finally able to commence our 'Ladies Get Into Golf' program for novice players interested in discovering what all the excitement is about.

The new membership year starts on July 1 and at \$450 for an adult full membership allowing unlimited golf seven days a week, we believe we offer a challenging and picturesque course without breaking the bank.

Visit our website at www.mtmacedongolfclub.com.au to contact us and for application forms for a range of membership options: juniors, students, couples, concession.

Walrus



The ladies' initiation into golf was a lot of fun. Lessons continue this month.

'Ladies Get Into Golf'



After a number of false starts due to lockdown restrictions, we were finally able to begin our Ladies Get Into Golf introductory session in late June.

Huge thanks to Bruce Fraser who has taken on the organisational responsibility. Thanks also to our Golf Australia representative, Shana Faralla, who was on hand along with president Matt Willis, member Carolyn Doyle and secretary Marcus Ward to offer advice to the 13 ladies who attended.

Much laughter and cries of frustration echoed across the course as the novice ladies tried their hand at putting, chipping and driving.

The plan is to continue these sessions until mid-July, weather and COVID permitting. If someone you know may be interested, please forward their contact details to fourwards00@hotmail.com.

Can you help fill in gaps in Golf Club history?

2021 is the 100th year of the Gisborne Golf Club and we are working on a number of celebratory activities to mark the occasion later in the year.



Our research has revealed considerable information on the establishment and development of the club but there is one period where we have come up short.

From the mid 1920s until 1946 – when the golf course was on and near what is now Sankey Reserve – there is a paucity of information. Of course this period included the Great Depression and World War 2 and no doubt sporting activities were pushed into the background, so a lack of records is not surprising.

In 1946 the Golf Club relocated to its current site on what was then known as Brady's Paddock, and from this date onwards we have considerable recording of activities.

We would be very pleased to hear from you with any information, documentation, publications etc that will fill the gaps prior to 1946 – especially from longstanding Gisborne and district residents who may have records stored away.

If you might be able to help, please contact the manager (Jacqui) at Gisborne Golf Club on 5428 2493 or project leader Dick Barker on 0417 527 735.



Gisborne Bowling Club members competed for the Gisborne Gazette Shield on May 8. On the 10th anniversary of the tournament, the 2021 winner was the team of Russell Walker (left), Judy Butterley and Ian Ball, whose names will be inscribed on the shield. An enjoyable day of competition was rounded off with a much-appreciated afternoon tea.

Looking for a family-friendly, fun, interactive sport?

Why not give table tennis a shot?

Then why not give table tennis a shot? It will keep your mind and body sharp, flexible and engaged.

Whether you are new to the game, on the comeback trail, wanting to play a fun family sport with your kids or just looking for a great social sport then the fastest ball sport in the world is waiting for you and your family.

Gisborne and Districts Table Tennis Association welcomes new and past players to play in our upcoming Summer-Autumn competitions for all ages and skill levels, starting in August.

Two 'come and try' practice



evenings are scheduled on August 11 and 18 from 7.45pm onwards.

Pennants begin on August 25 from 7.45pm onwards.

Group and one-on-one coaching is available.

Where: Macedon Community Centre (Tony Clarke Reserve), 37 Waterfalls Road, Macedon.

For more information please call or email Stan Thomas on 0437 508 338 or email: stthomas@gisbornectts.com.au



Matches played at Gisborne without spectators

A 'no spectators' Bendigo League fixture between Gisborne and Kyneton was held at Gardiner Reserve on June 12, during which Gisborne teams proved too strong in both football and netball against the Kyneton Tigers.



The decision to rejig the fixture and hold the matches in Gisborne was worked out late in the week before the matches were due.

Gisborne and Kyneton were hardest hit by the short-term COVID restrictions banning travel for more than 25 kilometres for anyone in the metropolitan area, as both clubs have players living in the greater Melbourne area.

But without spectators, and with strict control on anyone wanting to enter the ground, eight matches (five netball and three football) went ahead.

"It's a good outcome for both clubs," Gisborne Football Netball Club president John Wood said at Gardiner Reserve on the day. A number of country league teams did not play over that weekend.

The league said, "The path this year will be difficult at times, but after a COVID-decimated 2020 season, our clubs and the Bendigo League are eager to support our players, who just want to play."

with thanks to Midland Express



A happy bunch of participants completed the Gisborne Giants All Abilities sessions in June.

All Abilities clinics wrap up

The All Abilities football clinics came to a close on June 19 after some weeks off due to bad weather and the COVID lockdown.

A great effort by coordinator Scott Vernon and his two assistant coordinators Tate Kemp and Darcy Thomas allowed for an outstanding program, delivered by young coaches from the Gisborne Giants Football Netball Club and other community members.

The final session ended early to enable the presentation of trophies to all participants. The trophies were eagerly accepted with big grins.



Everyone received a Gisborne Giants football jumper and a trophy thanks to the generous support of local businesses.

Coaches and participants enjoyed the experience of the program and developed friendships along the way. Everyone is looking forward to the next All Abilities activity.

A big thankyou to New Gisborne Primary School for the use of their amazing all-weather oval.

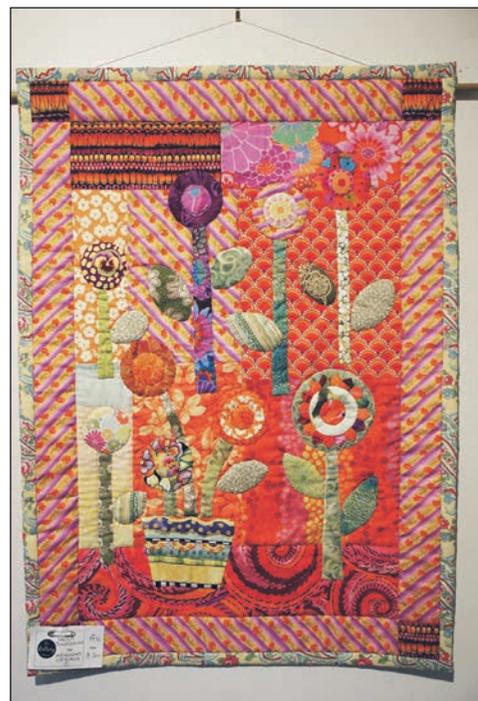


Matthew Barake

Art on the mount

Local art feature: Artists of The Gallery Mount Macedon were unable to hold their busy annual exhibition on the Queen's Birthday long weekend at the Woodend Winter Arts Festival this year as June festival events were postponed due to the Melbourne lock-

down. The exhibition is now planned to take place in August. A wide variety of quality local art is always on display at the Gallery behind the Trading Post in Mount Macedon and a visit can be a lovely antidote to cold winter weather.



A Bright Spring: wall hanging by Paula Templeman

The Gallery is open 10am to 4pm, Friday to Tuesday. (Closed Wednesday, Thursday).
684 Mt Macedon Road, Mt Macedon



Furry Little Face: by Lesley Rosochodski



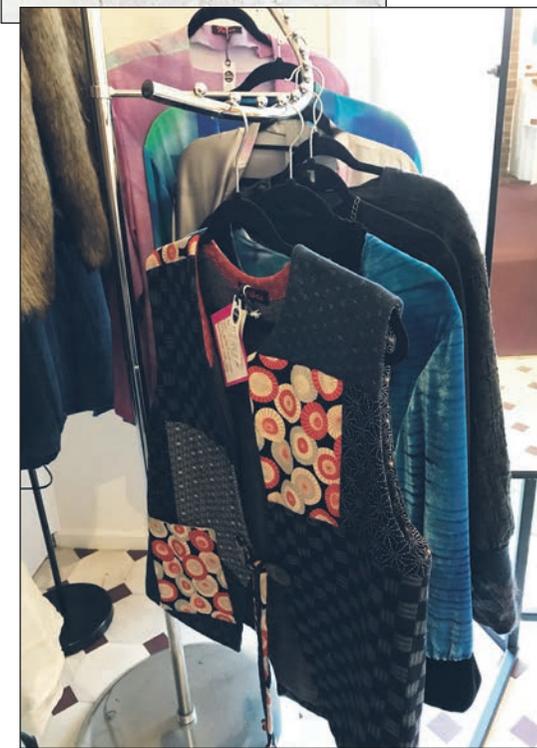
Basketry by Libby Bourke



Marianne Bradman jewellery



Wooden bowl by Dale Leach



Art to wear: clothing by Colleen Weste



SPORT IN PICTURES



▲ Junior football – U11 Gisborne Giants Orange v Gisborne Silver practice game – June 6



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▲ Junior football – U13 Macedon v Gisborne – June 20



▲ Senior football – U19 Gisborne v Kyneton – June 12



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▲ Senior football – Gisborne v Maryborough – June 19



▲ Senior football – Gisborne 2nds v Kyneton – June 12

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▲ Senior football – U19 Gisborne v Kyneton – June 12



▲ 2nds football – Macedon v Melton Central June 19



▲ U17 netball – Gisborne v Kyneton – June 12



Seniors football – Gisborne v Kyneton – June 12



▲ C Grade Netball – Macedon v Melton Central – June 19



▲ U17 netball – Macedon v Tiger Belles – June 19



▲U13 netball – Possums v United – June 19

U17 netball – Gisborne v Kyneton – June 12 ▶



▲ A Grade Netball – Gisborne v Kyneton – June 12



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Green-fingered Nola Anderson pots up ready for Spring sale.

Delayed but not downhearted

On a noticeboard in the church foyer there is a planning calendar and a number of rosters, lists of volunteers for all sorts of tasks – providing transport, welcoming people, preparing banners. The flower roster even takes us into 2022. We humans like planning for the times ahead. Alas, we live in unpredictable times so any event mentioned carries an 'if' qualification.



What we plan and hope for in July are regular worship services (fully compliant with health regulations) at 9.30am each Sunday morning. That's a time and place that shapes our faith lives.

Then there's a time for coffee, crumpets and conversation the second Tuesday, July 13. We call it Muffin 'n More, inviting people to drop in any time between 10am and noon. On Tuesday July 27 at 10am there is an opportunity to discuss topics secular or religious. Enquiring minds most welcome.

Those with green fingers are busy even now potting up plants readying for a plant sale in September. It has been commented that we have sufficient to start our own nursery. What a way to greet a season of new growth and increase the horticultural beauty of this already beautiful town.

And, at any time, members of the congregation are available to support our Gisborne community in practical and pastoral ways.

Janet Wood

Out of darkness comes... colour and hope

Anglican Parish of Gisborne

The past few articles have been about light.

For many people across the shire, the past few weeks has been conversation about the lack of light.

There is no doubt that darkness can be a disturbing situation. This is made more so in our modern age, where we are so dependent on light being provided by the power grid.



The plunge into complete darkness was an inconvenience. As the days went by, it moved from inconvenience to challenge, and for some, disaster.

Anger at any authority figure in such times is not unusual. Someone is responsible, to blame and should fix it!

During the storms, many of our workers and volunteers placed their lives at risk to restore our amenity. Someone should thank them!

Once the storm subsided, I was removing limbs from the Church ground when I noticed that the light of the mountain had changed. It was right on sunset, and a shaft of orange light changed the appearance of the clouds.



A colourful sunset presents a sign of hope.

I saw that colour as being the same shade of candlelight as a sign of hope for those beginning the reality of cleaning up.

The light was undoubtedly shining in the darkness. Someone was truly inspired.

Fr Dennis Webster

Are you struggling with change?

They say a rut is just a grave with the ends kicked out. And once you get into a rut, it's hard to get out, especially if it's comfortable. But you'll never become what all that you could be, as long as you resist change and insist on staying as you are. There are two kinds of change.



1. *The change you personally must make.* Astronaut James Irwin said: «You might think going to the moon was the most scientific project ever, but they literally threw us in the direction of the moon. We had to adjust our course every 10 minutes, and landed only 50 feet inside of the 500-mile radius of our target.» On that mission every change, no matter how small, was essential to success.

2. *The change through your faith.* We believe God's goal for your life is to develop character qualities in you that cannot be accomplished through self-effort. The Bible says: 'That same glory, coming from the Lord, who is the Spirit, transforms us into His likeness in an ever-greater degree of glory.'—Corinthians 3:12

Don't be afraid of change, face it head on and look at what the purposes are behind it.

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Darren Farrugia

Mount Macedon Uniting Church news

Presbytery Minister Rev Narelle Collas visited on June 13 and led worship highlighting the importance of not relying on first impressions and having hope.



We later had a discussion with her about the processes for seeking a minister into placement. A range of options will need to be considered, including establishing a link with Lancefield congregation to share a minister.

Members see the foundation being Sunday morning worship and "keeping the doors open". They are open to change and willing to explore new ideas. However, it is likely to be a long haul.

In the meantime, we will continue to hold services each Sunday at 10.30am with a range of leaders. Everyone is welcome to attend and to share morning tea afterwards.

Our ecumenical Men's Group will be hearing from retired Marist Brother John Emmett at our next meeting on Tuesday July 6. Unfortunately, last month our Master Mind quiz planned by former members and long-term local residents Cliff and Barb Talbot, to which partners were invited, was cancelled due to the COVID lockdown.

The Thistle Club ladies last month discussed their favourite plants and gardening in general. On June 30, the topic was "what's for dinner", sharing quick and easy meal ideas.

Their next meeting is on Wednesday July 28 at 2pm. Contributions for the Gisborne or Kyneton food banks will also be collected.

Neil Tweddle, 5426 2045



100 YEARS AGO

From the pages of the old *Gisborne Gazette*

JULY 1921

The new Clyde Girls' Grammar School at Mount Macedon. The school was established [in Melbourne in 1910] by Miss Isabel Henderson, who has had much experience in Victoria of the education of girls. She bought the Braemar estate of 170 acres on the northern slopes of Mount Macedon. The buildings are roomy and the site very salubrious. Some ladies who had received their education at the original Clyde School in Melbourne, desiring to perpetuate and connect the old and new Clyde Schools, with the assistance of various gentlemen, formed a company which purchased the estate from Miss Henderson, to supply educational advantages, especially to Clyde scholars and those who desire to pass the public examinations of the Melbourne University. Miss Henderson continues to be the principal of the institution, which is a mountain home and an excellent school combined.

Forestry Department appointments. Mr. Joseph M. Firth goes to the Scottsdale district of Tasmania. Born in Macedon in 1884, Mr. Firth served for a time as a junior teacher. It was only natural that he should take an active interest in forestry, as his father has been superintendent of the state nursery at Macedon for the past 40 years. When he first took up forestry, his father was in charge of a number of trainees, many of whom are leading foresters at the present time. After being thus trained, he was selected to take charge of the valuable pine plantations and adjoining forest of Mount Macedon. After passing the necessary examination for district forester, he served for some time in charge of the valuable Otway Forests. While there he experienced the great Otway fire of 1918, where about 200 settlers were burnt out in one afternoon.

National Gallery Trustee. It will be learned with general regret that Mr. Edward Cairns Officer, one of the trustees of the National Gallery, died at his home at Macedon yesterday at the age of 49. Mr. Officer was a student at the Gallery in 1893 and in 1894 he went to Paris to complete his studies. He was a member of the Royal Society of British Artists, from which, however he resigned and exhibited extensively at the British Institute and both the Paris Salons. While president of the Australian Artists' Association in 1916 he was made a trustee of the Art Gallery, and he was also a member of the Felton Bequest Purchase Committee.

Death of a District Pioneer. On Sunday morning, William Hay, one of the pioneers of the district, was found dead at his Riddell residence. Mr. Hay lived alone. His wife and niece were drowned by a cloudburst 58 years ago. Mr. Hay, who was 87 years of age, lived at Riddell for 60 years. Constable Kennedy found about £100 secreted about Mr. Hay's house.



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 Wed 7.30pm Gisborne Uniting Church
- HISTORICAL SOCIETY** open Wed 10am-4pm Court House
- LIBRARY: TODDLERS' STORY TIME** Mon 10.30am, Wed 10.30am
LIONS CLUB (Gisborne) First Thurs of month, 7.30pm 247 Station Rd
- MARTIAL ARTS** Thurs from 5.15pm St Brigid's Hall
MASONIC LODGE 2nd Thurs 7pm Masonic Hall Aitken St
MASTERS AFL Wed 6.30pm Sankey Reserve
MT MAC & DIST HORT SOC 1st Tues 8pm Horticultural Hall
MUFFINS 'N' MORE 2nd Tues 10am-noon Uniting Church
MUMS' GROUP 2nd Mon 9.30-11.30am 49 Fisher St
- OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB** Sun 9am Riddells Rec Res
- PETANQUE** 2nd & 4th Sat 10am behind Caltex service station, Station Rd, Gisborne 0439 887 178
PHOENIX ART & CRAFTS 1st Thursday 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 of month, 7pm at Steam Park
- WRITERS GROUP** Last Sat of month 2-5pm Woodend N'hood House
WRITERS (Scribes & Scribblers) 2nd Tues 10am-12 Riddell N'hood House
- YOUNG VOICES** Thursdays 4.15-5.45pm Norma Richardson Hall, Buckland St, Woodend, 5426 4801 or sdggome@patash.com.au



WHAT ELSE is on this month

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4 Healers & Wellbeing Market	5
6 Show 'New Owner' for kids 7+, Kyneton	30
7 Make Very Hungry Caterpillar necklaces @ Gisb Library	30
10 Art to Wear parade	19
10-11 Woodend Winter Arts Festival	21
16 Closing date for submissions on heritage overlays	12
13 Webinar - Fostering relationships - disability	25
14 Movie <i>Penguin Bloom</i> at Gisborne Library	22
14 LGBTQIA+ parent group meeting	25
27 Vision Australia auxiliary 35 fundraiser lunch	11
AUGUST	
2 VIEW Club birthday lunch	10
7-8 Woodend Winter Arts Festival	21
8 Youth Award nominations close	13
11 & 18 Come and try table tennis nights	34
14 Chaplaincy fundraiser	10

Baringo Film Club

The Baringo Film Club runs three screenings per week.

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

Dates Link

JULY	
7-10	<i>The Dry</i> (Mystery/Thriller, Australian)
14-17	<i>The Third Man</i> (Mystery/Thriller, UK)
21-24	<i>The Mystery of Henry Pick</i> (Comedy/Drama, French)
28-31	<i>Romantic Road</i> (Documentary, UK/India)
Jun 30-July 6	<i>Dark Waters</i> (Legal thriller/Drama, US)

For membership details see www.baringofilmclub.com

JUNIOR QUIZ ANSWERS

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| 1. Parliament House | 6. Julia Gillard |
| 2. Apollo | 7. Leonardo Da Vinci |
| 3. Stockholm | 8. 116 |
| 4. Matthew Flinders | 9. The whites |
| 5. Hydrogen | 10. Chocolate Factory |

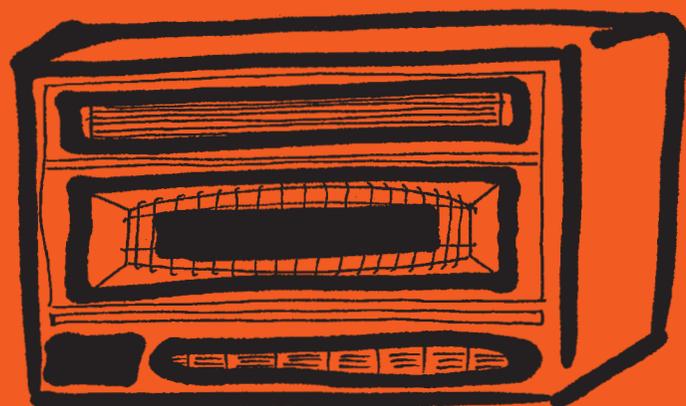
BRAINBUSTERS ANSWERS

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| 1. Lands End | 6. A Putter |
| 2. Nose, ear and throat | 7. Origami |
| 3. The Seine | 8. Chile and Ecuador |
| 4. Singapore | 9. The Rand |
| 5. Melbourne | 10. Waterloo |

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