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Despite a lockdown pausing activities in July and icy cold weather but no access to the top of the Mount to hopefully catch some snow, our community continues to find the upside whenever it can.

These students from Holy Cross Primary delighted in an excursion to Sovereign Hill (complete with fake snow) on the last day before statewide lockdown 5.0 kicked in on July 15.

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From the Editor's desk

Congratulations! By the time you read this, you will have survived a fifth lockdown (hopefully in full, but at least in part). Lockdown 5.0 certainly put a damper on things in the middle of July, but from my seat at the *Gazette*, people around town just got on with things, moving activities online if possible, rescheduling others, checking in with each other, etc.

Despite this resilience that to many has become a reflex, the repeated stop start of the pandemic can take its toll on our wellbeing. I'll admit I'm tired of it all and found Dennis Webster's words "Knowing our limits is essential" and Shelley Farrugia's "our words can be the arms of compassion" on page 38 insightful and inspiring.

This *Gazette* is full of words and photos of happy local news to help brighten your day. From the excited Holy Cross students on the cover to the lockdown readers from Swinburne Avenue Kindergarten in the Brilliant Books feature on page 25, to proud Cub Scout Emma helping cook for the New Gisborne Scouts' fundraising team on page 30, our community is making the most of winter 2021.

And it's interesting to read in the late Harry Buckland's recollections of life in Gisborne on the History Page on page 21 that locals being 'in this together' was a thing nearly 100 years ago, albeit in a different way.

Music can also soothe the soul and on page 11 Bryan Power profiles local trumpeter Ben Mansted who will have touched many with his playing.

In honour of Legacy Week that starts on August 29, we also profile local Legacy chairperson Jan Field on pages 16-17. Jan's career as a trauma psychologist around the world is remarkable and you may get goosebumps reading about some of the hairy experiences she's survived.

A special shout out to *Gazette* photographer Chris Fleming this month. As many will know, Chris enjoys taking sport photos all over the district and thanks to his taking photos in Bendigo on July 3 and locally on July 10-11, we have two pages of Sport in Pictures despite the lockdown (pages 34-35).

At the time of writing, things are looking good that the lockdown will end on July 27, but only time will tell. I therefore close with the words of Bernard Sucher in his Garden Club report on page 23: "Please look after yourselves, stay engaged with your friends and know that spring, full of flowers and new growth, is just around the corner."

Happy reading,

Corinne

MARKET UPDATE

The GREAT Association (Gisborne Region Entertainment, Activities & Tourism) advises that its committee remains in discussion with the council regarding the reopening of the monthly market.



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A MINUTE WITH MAXINE

Brian Smith was busy working in his garage 15 years ago when Bryan Power asked if he would like to deliver the *Gazette* to letterboxes in his local area, and he is still delivering today.

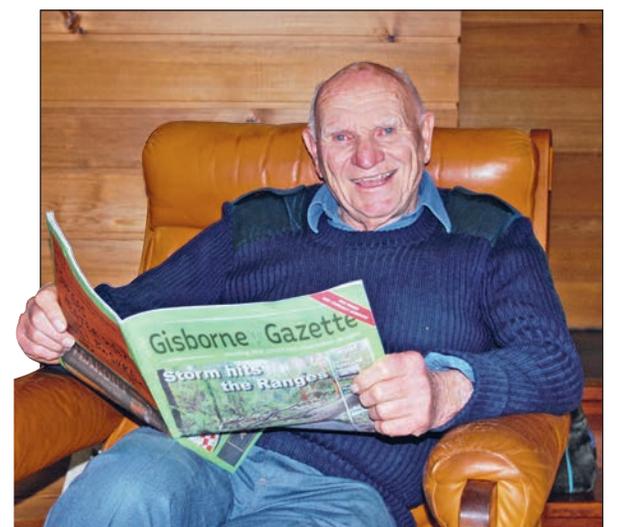
Brian was born in West Ham hospital in London and emigrated to Sydney with his parents when he was 15 years old.

He moved to Alice Springs where he worked as an aircraft engineer and met and married Sheila in 1964. In 1965, they travelled by sea to the United Kingdom for three years for a working holiday, where Brian worked for British United Air Holdings in Southend. Sheila called into the labour exchange (job centre) to enquire about job vacancies in the area and they were so impressed with her resume, she was given a job there.

The two also spent twelve months in Spain before returning to Australia in 1969.

They built their home in Macedon in 1974 and Brian continued to work as an engineer at Tullamarine until he retired in 1993.

He enjoys bushwalking, lawn bowls and maintaining his lovely garden. Macedon's fresh air and the vast bird life that visits the garden,



Brian Smith relaxes and catches up with community news in the *Gazette*.

especially for breakfast, are why Brian enjoys living in the Ranges.

Maxine Barker

Local author shares her love of quality quilting

Deborah Dorward of Mount Macedon has quilted actively for 26 years and after 15 years of publishing patterns in quilting magazines, released her first book in April. Three years in the making and full of beautiful photographs, 184-paged *Stitches of Time* features technical tips and 14 quilt projects.

Deb's love of quilting started when she made her first patchwork quilt at secondary school. The project was meant to take a term, but Deb discovered a natural affinity to quilting and made it in two days.

For the most part self-taught, Deb has made over 300 quilts since then, some taking up to a year to complete. Quilting comes so easily to her that she jokes that she must have quilted in a past life.



Deborah Dorward with her new book.



Some of Deb's lovely quilts.

Traditional quilts with predominantly reproduction fabric of the 1800s and animals are Deb's preferred style of quilt and she sews the majority by hand, preferring the look and feel. True labours of love, she designs all her quilts herself – drawing, drafting then doing the maths (“Quilts are all maths”) – then lets the pattern evolve as she stitches. Although she clearly has the touch for it, Deb is intent that her

quilting remain a hobby so that it remains joyful.

She does not sell her quilts and only publishes or teaches quilting to “fund the habit”. The creative process and being able to admire her handiwork at any time are ample reward and keep her sewing for hours every week.

Stitches of Time is published by Quiltmania in France and available from Patchwork 'n Quilt in Gisborne or online from Quiltmania or Can Do Books (\$74.99).

Macedon Senior Cits would love new members: join for a cuppa and a laugh

Macedon Senior Citizens Club held their Biggest Morning Tea on May 18 and were very pleased to raise \$573.

Would you like to join the Macedon Seniors Club? Please come along for a laugh and a cuppa on Tuesdays at the Macedon Community Centre at Tony Clarke Reserve, Waterfalls Road, Macedon. We meet at 11.30am for a lovely home-cooked two-course meal and good company every Tuesday. The cost is \$10 per person.

If you are interested, please ring our president, Robin Bishop, on 0409 610 458. *Jane Davies*

From left: Club members Wray Taylor, Robin Bishop, Rena Moore and Gwen Archer.



COVID UPDATES

The COVID situation can change daily: for the latest on restrictions applicable locally and Council services and facilities such as gym, swimming pool, public buildings etc, visit www.mrsc.vic.gov.au and click on COVID-19 Updates



Baker Simon Mathee is grateful for the helpful spirit of local retailers.

A small business thanks local retailers

If someone asks me where to get our bread or crumpets, or even where to shop more generally, my first answer is always from one of our awesome retailers, and here is a good example of why.

With the snap lockdown and a cancelled farmer's market in mid-July, our business had a whole bunch of crumpets with nowhere to go. Without hesitation stores in Woodend, Newham and in Kyneton took our excess Friday stock (originally destined for local B&Bs) and then Gisborne Foodworks stepped up to take almost all of our farmer's market stock – organising a Saturday special at the drop of a hat.

As a small local producer, support from local independent retailers makes our business viable, and their ability to help out without hesitation makes uncertain times like this so much easier.

I've said it before, and I'll say it again, shop small, shop local, shop independent. It's a special part of our community, and something that I will never take for granted.

Simon Mathee
owner of The Millet Road Maker



Books can be stacks of fun, especially during lockdown. See page 25.

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Small businesses to see boost in council support

Local small businesses will have more support to start, run and grow their businesses, with the Macedon Ranges Shire Council signing up to the "Small Business Friendly" initiative.

By signing, the council is pledging to work with the Victorian Small Business Commission on a range of measures, including:

- Helping small businesses to keep trading while council works are underway
 - Paying small business suppliers within 14 days
 - Helping new local business networks to get up and running and existing ones to grow
 - Streamlining approval processes
 - Raising local small business issues with the Small Business Commission and working on solutions.
- Sixty councils have now made the pledge.

Burn-off restrictions lifted to help in storm debris cleanup

Burning off restrictions on small properties have been lifted for August this year.

Residents are usually required to apply for a permit to burn on land less than 4,000 square metres (one acre). However, lifting this restriction will make it easier for property owners to clear debris from the June storms.

It is also a good time for people to start reducing the amount of fine fuels from fallen trees and branches which could pose a fire risk later in the year.

Residents must ensure that when burning off they do not create a nuisance to neighbouring properties, and monitor the burn-off.

They must also register the burn by calling the Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority on 1800 668 511.

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

For more information go to mrsc.vic.gov.au/burning-off

SEEN AROUND TOWN

'There was movement at the station...' well, not quite the station of the famous poem, but there has been movement around Gisborne in the past month or so, and here is the word being passed around...



The Computer Company has moved from its position in Hamilton Street, where they had been for years, around the corner to Aitken Street. You'll find the familiar faces in the cluster of businesses that includes the Salvos op shop, Merrington Optometry, TJ Scott & Son and Caddick Designs.



Colour is my World hairdressers opened in the former Marinelli's spot in Aitken Street at the end of June.



This business in Gisborne Village Shopping Centre has changed hands and as the sign says, specialises in dumplings.



Gisborne Family Dental has expanded to the Coles shopping centre on Robertson Street and features the fun and funky '#May The Floss Be With You' neon sign (thanks for the reminder!).



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Historic tram artwork lost to vandals

The attempt by a small group of Gisborne enthusiasts to save and restore this vintage 1950s W class Melbourne tram with its unique historical advertising artwork was dealt a severe setback when a vandal painted graffiti over the artwork in late June.

By destroying the artwork the vandal has destroyed the unique character of this tram.

If anybody has information about the attack or knows the identity of the person with the tag RPB, could they please advise Gisborne Police on telephone 5428 2500.



The W class tram before it was damaged.

Watch out for black ice

Emergency services were called to a single vehicle accident on the Calder Freeway just after 7:30am on July 9. Due to black ice, a driver had lost control of a ute on the bridge outbound between Melbourne Road and Kilmore Road, hitting the barriers on both sides before coming to a stop in the righthand emergency lane. Fortunately, the driver and passenger sustained only minor injuries.

Gisborne Fire Brigade Lieutenant Bevan Moody said the event served as a timely reminder to slow down on icy mornings and drive to the conditions, and to be patient with other drivers who had slowed to the conditions.

"Black ice is very hard to see and is like an ice-skating rink for vehicles," he said. "Bridges and overpasses are more susceptible to black ice because air can circulate both above and below the surface of the elevated roadway when the ambient temperature drops, causing the [surface] temperature to fall more rapidly."

The bridge is notorious for car accidents on icy mornings and the brigade has attended many accidents there over the years due to black ice.

If you hit black ice

Stay calm

Don't brake

Do as little as possible and allow the car to pass over the ice

Try to keep the steering wheel straight

If your back wheels start to slide left or right, very slightly turn the wheel the same way (If you turn in the opposite direction, you risk skidding and spinning off the road)

Slow down by taking your foot off the accelerator (not by braking).



Black ice can form on top of roads when there is light freezing, or melting and re-freezing of water on the surface. It most often occurs in early morning.

Sniffing the winds of deja vu...

REFLECTIONS

with Warwick McFadyen

Early morning. Mid-July. I'm back to the park bench and the steps of the new change rooms at Gardiner Reserve to drink my takeaway long black, while the dog sniffs around looking for clues as to why we're here and not at our usual haunts.

It's COVID, pup, I say. We're in lockdown No 5. I can tell you the clues. The streets, if not empty, are drained of the usual traffic, it's quieter, the people we pass are all wearing masks (though you canines seem to be going about your business as usual). A lot of places are shut, and we're sitting here and not outside one of Gisborne's 362 cafes, so you're not getting your usual pats.

He still keeps sniffing the air. Maybe he's trying to work out which way the wind is blowing. After all, dogs don't need a weather person to tell them that.

The winds of lockdown 5 have landed us here. The view from the bench, and from walking along the paths through and around Gardiner and Sankey Reserves and across the road to the Botanic Garden, hasn't changed that much from the other



four lockdowns. Less a couple of trees, that is, from the recent storm, and more rubbish flushed downstream in the creek.

But from where pup and I are sitting, looking out at the oval and beyond to the trees on the ridgeline, faintly lit from the rising sun, among the universal, there is the personal.

It's easy, and necessary at times, to extrapolate from a small sample size generalisations about the state of mind of the population on certain issues; the prime minister of the day, for instance. Media do it all time, and then from a base survey of say 1500 people, publish the findings as to how the entire nation feels. The truth is in the details of the base.

Sipping on my takeaway long black this morning, I conducted a survey of one. How do you feel about the sun coming up, I asked myself. Pretty good. And the birds singing in the trees. Tick. And being in lockdown? Safe. This is a pandemic. But you're on the steps of the footy club changerooms, a mask under your chin. Is that good? Good doesn't come into it. In the personal is the universal. It's called community.

I decide that's enough of surveying myself, and call the dog. Did that make sense I ask him. He sniffs the air. Woof!



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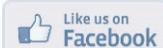


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NEWS FROM THE COUNCIL

Storm recovery efforts and support

Council has welcomed the announcement of a total of \$55.5 million recovery funding to address urgent requests to help communities affected by storm damage in June, including those in the Macedon Ranges Shire.

Council crews responded to emergency callouts and supported the SES in the initial response. Since the storm, Council officers have responded to hundreds of calls for on-site clean-up, other support or insurance and financial advice.

Property owners can now register with Bushfire Recovery Victoria for funding of flood and storm clean-up operations under jointly funded Commonwealth-State disaster recovery arrangements. A link to register with Bushfire Recovery Victoria is on Council's storm recovery webpage, mrsc.vic.gov.au/storm-recovery

Specialist arborists and clean-up contractors have been engaged to help assess storm damage and lead the clean-up and tree clearing efforts. The clean-up is expected to take at least six months. Officers are identifying sensitive conservation areas while gradually reducing the fire hazard.

Macedon Ranges Shire Council CEO Bernie O'Sullivan said staff across key areas of the Council continued to assess the level of support community members needed for their long-term recovery.

Accessing support

If you have been directly affected by the recent damage, please visit mrsc.vic.gov.au for information and updates on support available. This includes how to register for the clean-up program delivered by Bushfire Recovery Victoria. The website also gives general advice on tree removal, drainage, access, road closures and roadside wood collection, transfer stations and free tip vouchers for debris disposal. Our relief and recovery staff will be on hand to speak with and help you with your basic needs via the Recovery Operations Centre on 5422 0237 Monday to Friday, 8:30am to 5pm, or email recovery@mrsc.vic.gov.au



The clean-up is ongoing.

Council adopts budget and new rating plan

Council adopted its annual budget and the Revenue and Rating Plan 2021-2025 on June 29.

The budget and associated documents were available for public comment throughout May and June. At least 151 submissions were received, with 13 submitters speaking to councillors directly at the Submitters Committee meeting on June 16.

Some changes were made to the budget based on community feedback which included, for Gisborne, the Wyralla Reserve Stages 2 and 3.

The budget includes \$36 million in capital works across the shire. In the South Ward, projects include \$5.2 million for the Macedon Ranges Regional Sports Precinct at New Gisborne and new entrance landscaping for the Gisborne Botanic Garden.

A rate rise of 1.5 per cent is proposed, in line with the State Government's rate cap. This will support efforts to maintain critical community infrastructure while continuing to provide quality services.

Once changes have been incorporated, the final documents will be made available on Council's website. For more information, call 5422 0333 or visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/budget

Last chance to give feedback on Economic Development Strategy

Community input on the draft Economic Development Strategy 2021-2031 closes on August 9.

The draft strategy provides a vision for economic development, job creation, education and training and COVID-19 recovery in the Macedon Ranges over the next 10 years.

There are a number of ways to provide feedback:

- Fill in online survey at mrsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay
- Email mrsc@mrsc.vic.gov.au
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Have your say on draft Rural Land Use Strategy

Council invites the community to have their say on the draft Rural Land Use Strategy until August 30.

The aim of the Rural Land Use Strategy is to:

- Develop a vision for land currently in the Farming Zone and Rural Conservation Zone
- Identify important values and features to be protected and enhanced
- Respond to land use changes
- Identify mechanisms to foster best practice land management
- Promote economic development
- Make recommendations on Planning Scheme changes required to implement the strategy.

The director of Planning and Environment, Angela Hughes, emphasised that community feedback was an essential part of the process.

"Recommendations in the draft strategy are based on an analysis of the land and the results of surveys previously conducted with residents and landholders," she said.

The Council encourages residents to have their say on recommendations in the draft, "which include changes to Planning Scheme controls including zones and overlays and will affect a range of land use and development opportunities in rural areas."



One of the primary purposes of the strategy was to ensure that agricultural land was available for farmers and other agribusiness operators to conduct business.

"Agricultural land is a finite resource, and we must ensure it is protected as it has an important role to play in the economy of the shire, as well as contributing to food and fibre production," she said.

"The strategy seeks to provide farmers and other agribusiness operators with the certainty that they need to invest in and operate their businesses."

Ms Hughes said that environmental and conservation policies remained central to the management of the shire's rural areas.

There are a number of ways you can have your say:

- Web: mrsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay
- Phone: 5422 0333
- Email: strategicplanning@mrsc.vic.gov.au
- Mail: PO Box 151 Kyneton 3444

Submissions close on Monday August 30. If you would like to receive updates as the project progresses, register at mrsc.vic.gov.au/rural-land

Council joins 'Sport4All' pilot, seeks coordinator applications

Macedon Ranges Shire Council is proud to be one of six councils across Victoria to join a pilot program called Sport4All. The pilot is an exciting program to help build capacity for people with a disability to be welcomed into local schools and sports clubs.

Sport4All is a collaboration between the Federal Government, Sports Australia and Get Skilled Access (founded by tennis champion and Paralympic gold medalist Dylan Alcott). The Sport4All pilot program will help bridge a significant gap in the understanding and capability of sporting clubs and schools to include people with disability effectively in sport.

A Sport4All spokesperson, Ben Pettingill, said sport was ingrained in Australian culture, and participation should not be a privilege for only some depending on ability, it should be every Australian's right.

As part of the pilot, Sport4All will fund Council to employ a Sport4All disability inclusion program coordinator three days a week.

The coordinator will be a person with disability and/or lived experience who has been involved in sport as a player, volunteer or administrator. They will work with Council to engage local sporting clubs and schools in the Sport4All website, resources and program.

For more information or to apply, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/jobs or call 5422 0333.

Never forget bin day with new waste app

Council has launched a new app to help residents do the right thing with waste. The app will enable people to quickly find up-to-date information on what bins go out on what night and guides people on what should and should not go in each bin.



Features include

- Personalised bin collection calendar for residents, with optional reminders
- A-Z list of materials and images showing which bin to put materials in
- Information about Council's waste and recycling services and facilities, including opening times and maps and contact details
- Notifications to advise people of changes to collection dates, as well as events and programs.

The app is available for Apple and android users. Download the app by searching MRSC Waste App or visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/bin-days



MEMBER'S MESSAGE

With Mary-Anne Thomas, MP

I hope that you are all doing as well as you can in this very cold weather. It is definitely a time to stay at home, keep warm by the fire and enjoy some local food and drink.

During these difficult times of COVID-19, I ask that you support local businesses as best you can. By shopping and spending local you can help our Gisborne businesses get through the challenges they are currently facing.

In other news, I am thrilled at what a busy month it has been across our schools in Gisborne.

Willowbank Primary School has a principal – welcome Ms Rynn Anderson – and the school is also now taking expressions of interest for enrolment for 2022. Please visit the Willowbank Primary School Facebook page for further information.



Principal Rynn Anderson

The Disability Inclusion funding package means Gisborne Primary is receiving \$123,000, New Gisborne Primary \$121,000 and Gisborne Secondary College \$186,000 to implement practices that support the inclusive education of students with diverse learning needs, including students with autism and learning difficulties.

I encourage our local students, families, employers and educators from local secondary schools to tell us how to best support them with the Senior Secondary Pathways Reform plan. To participate and give feedback go to engage.vic.gov.au/have-your-say-senior-secondary-pathways-reform



Gisborne Primary School principal Julie Soutter, left, the school captains and assistant principal Lisa Maxwell welcome Mary-Anne Thomas to the school for the announcement of the Disability Inclusion funding.



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August and the arts in Woodend

Part Two of this year's reimagined/rescheduled/reconstructed Woodend Winter Arts Festival is planned for August 7 and 8, pending outcomes of lockdown of course!



In any case, whatever happens, the festival committee is spurred on to host another weekend of arts and culture in Woodend over this longer winter period.

Share in a very special experience on August 7 as John O'Donnell gives the first performance of his edition of the original version of Bach's *Art of Fugue*. Prior to this premiere performance, John will present a free lecture on the work.

Two additional musical events from different parts of the spectrum are showcased for Sunday August 8. The Melbourne Octet will present an afternoon of close harmony jazz arrangements, of repertoire written in turbulent historical times, which seem eerily familiar in some ways. Talented students from the Melbourne Conservatorium of Music will perform alongside their teachers in a special ensemble called MCM Winds, presenting a program of Beethoven's Octet in E-flat major and Raff's Sinfonietta for 10 wind instruments.

Besides those musical gems, Woodend's world-renowned filmmaker Michael Dillon will show *A Little Bit Mongolian*, a multi-international award-winning film about Angus Paradise, a 12-year-old Australian horse rider who dares to race with local Mongolian children in their dangerous long-distance horse races.

Author Beth Wilson will discuss her new (and first) novel with Dr Sally Cockburn (known to many radio listeners as Dr Feelgood). Beth's book looks at a range of themes and she'll also discuss what it's like to be a first-time author in her 70s!

And finally, complete your August festival experience with three local arts organisations who will fling open their exhibitions as part of the official umbrella events. COVID-safe and flexible, the 2021 Woodend Winter Arts Festival is certainly brimming with fantastic options for everyone.

Find out more by visiting www.woodendwinterartsfestival.org.au

Submitted by Irene O'Duffy

High anticipation over Winter Art weekend

It has been a long time between exhibitions for members of the Macedon Ranges Art Trail and what a showcase we have in store for visitors to our 10th group event!

'CRESCENDO' will feature work by around 50 artists from across the Macedon Ranges and Sunbury. The exhibition will include paintings and drawings in all mediums, mixed media, photography, sculpture, ceramics and other diverse 3D artwork.

All the art will be for sale so this is an excellent opportunity for personal shopping and gift purchases,

while lending support to our extraordinarily creative community which has been seriously challenged financially and emotionally over almost two years.

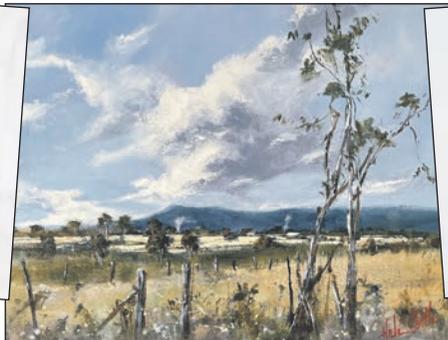
This will be MRAT's biggest exhibition since our formation in 2012. It is being held in conjunction with the Woodend Winter Arts Festival so the town will be buzzing all weekend with visual, performance and literary art events.

CRESCENDO

August 7 and 8 from 10am to 4pm at Woodend Tennis Club, behind the visitor information centre. Entry by donation. *Submitted by Nadine Hartnett*



Pottery by Jan Guest, Julie Luck and Patricia Beasley.



Helen Cottle landscape



Wren pair, pastel, Bindi-Lee Byrne

Clay creations at the Gallery

The focus exhibition at The Gallery Mt Macedon during August is titled 'All Things Clay' and features the work of Patricia Beasley, Julie Luck and Jan Guest.

"We all met through working with clay as our common interest," said Jan Guest. "After learning to pot initially at Macedon Ranges Further Education, two of us went on to become tutors at the centre, with Pat undertaking a Diploma of Art, Ceramics at ANU in Canberra in her later years. Going on to join local groups to practice our craft, we formed a friendship that has lasted for almost 30 years.

"Our pottery styles differ from wheel-thrown and hand-built functional work to sculptural and non-functional pieces. Throughout the years we have developed our interests by attending tutorials, workshops and firing days, broadening our knowledge and tech-

niques to develop our own individual styles.

"Attending firing workshops led us to experiment with primitive firings of various types including Raku, Sagger and Pit firing to mention a few.

This exhibition brings together the diversity of our skills and highlights our abilities in 'All Things Clay'."

Visit The Gallery during August to appreciate the exhibition, which runs from August 6 to September 5.

The Gallery will be going to the Woodend Winter Arts Festival on the weekend of August 7 and 8; our theme is Look Learn Create.

Workshops will be offered each day and there will be a free 'Make your Mark' children's activity. To book, visit our website. See us at the Neighbourhood House, Woodend.

The Gallery, Mt Macedon, is at 684 Mt Macedon Road and open Friday to Tuesday 10am to 4pm.

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Bach's genius on show at Macedon

Friends of Music at Resurrection are pleased to advise that the Australian Chamber Choir will perform its second concert for 2021 on August 7. At the first concert in May the Fauré *Requiem* was performed (with a reduced choir and pre-recorded orchestral accompaniment) to a capacity and very appreciative audience.

The forthcoming performance, *Bach's genius*, will feature 18 choristers singing the six motets of Bach. Unlike the majority of Bach's music, these challenging works have always been recognised as works of genius and have been performed continuously since the composer's death. It is known that some were composed for funerals, but it is unlikely that they were sung at Sunday services during



F.O.M.A.R

Bach's lifetime, the preference being for chorales (hymns) and cantatas.

Between the motets, well-known early music cellist Rosanne Hunt will perform movements from the *Suites for unaccompanied cello*, which are regarded as core works of the cello repertoire.

From the time of Bach's death they were quite unknown until discovered and revived by Pablo Casals in the early 20th century. Comprising a prelude and dance movements, these are works of great beauty, profundity and pure genius.

COVID restrictions will apply. Bookings: www.auschoir.org
Dianne Gome



Australian Chamber Choir at St Thomas, Leipzig.

Picture: Guruh Sukowati



Group two – night astrophotography session. Picture: Stan Mansas

Cold days and colder nights

Members of the Macedon Ranges Photographic Society are not letting cold winter days stop them from getting out and about with their cameras. In fact, the icy conditions do not stop them at night either.

Winter days bring a cool colour palette, bare trees and rich green grass which can provide a lovely landscape backdrop to their images.

Armed with their cameras, beanies and gloves, one of the recent excursions to the Walter J Smith Reserve at Riddells Creek involved some of the newer club members. With an opportunity to socialise and share their love of photography, it was the perfect way to spend a cool day.

Cold winter days often lead to the clearest and chilliest of nights. Temperatures in the Macedon Ranges can fall below zero at this time of year but that does not stop the lovers of astrophotography from rugging up with extra layers and filling their pockets with hand warmers.

In July a number of club members braved icy overnight temperatures to gather together and focus on astrophotography.

With a fire pit and a hot flask or two, they were



Members of MRPS on a photographic walkabout in Riddells Creek.

Picture: John Spring



Macedon Ranges
Photographic Society

able to capture images of the Milky Way and other night landscapes by setting up tripods and long exposures on their cameras.

With a fire pit and a hot flask or two, they were

New members are very welcome at the club, but you will need a good coat and beanie to join in with the winter outings.

The club generally meets on the first Tuesday of the month, followed by the next Monday at Dromkeen in Riddells Creek. 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.

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Hunter. The Hunted.



Daniel Champagne

Daniel Champagne – a must see for music lovers. Daniel is Australian-born and Nashville-based. He has been touring Australia and New Zealand, selling out shows wherever he plays. When: Friday September 17, 8pm.

Two of Us: The Songs of Lennon and McCartney – if you love The Beatles, this will be the best sing-along of all time. Damien Leith brought the house down the last time he visited and this time he is teaming up with Darren Coggan. All the Beatles classics! When: Saturday September 18, 7.30pm



Damien Leith and friend

Electronic Music Adventure – School holiday program. Get the kids off their phones and creating their own soundtracks. Participants will learn how to collect and manipulate sounds using intuitive apps on tablets. When: Tuesday 28, Wednesday 29 and Thursday 30 September, 10am and 1.30pm sessions each day.

For all bookings phone 1300 888 802 or go to mrsc.vic.gov.au/arts-events



Vivos drum up a storm.

Young Voices to mark anniversary

Young Voices of Macedon are looking forward to celebrating their 10th anniversary at a workshop/party at the home of conductor Julianna Clark in mid-August. The workshop will make up for rehearsal time lost in an earlier lockdown and afford the opportunity to make a couple of videos in the well-equipped studio. It will also give the children an opportunity to sing *Captain Noah* songs with soloist Alex Owens from the Australian Chamber Choir and string bass player James Clark.



The party segment will obviously involve birthday cake and a sumptuous afternoon tea, along with some professional entertainment. It promises to be a great day.

Just hours prior to the recent snap lockdown, the choir held an open rehearsal – not ideal timing but nevertheless a worthwhile recruitment exercise. Each of our groups performed a song about rain for our visitors. From the *Captain Noah* cantata, the song *It looks like rain* is a dramatic depiction of the beginning of the great flood. Also very dramatic (and huge fun for the performers), was the atmospheric depiction of a thunderstorm using body percussion as an introduction to the Vivos' song *After the storm*.

New members are welcome. See our webpage yvmacedon.org.au

Dianne Gome

Music we cannot live without

Following on from a recent ABC initiative, Gisborne Singers members were asked what music they could not live without. The message was variety!



"I like music from lots of different genres which is why I enjoy singing with the Gisborne Singers who are willing to try music from a broad range of sources." Members liked the power of big classical pieces to alternative country with lyrics easy to relate to, within a vocal range and with accessible guitar chords; beautiful harmonies, trad jazz, musicals, humorous songs, bluegrass, blues and rock.

Also, Faure's *Requiem* and *Lacrimosa* in Mozart's *Requiem* to *Les Miserables*, and *I'm Gonna Be* from the Proclaimers; singer-songwriters from Gilbert and Sullivan to Bert Jansch, JJ Cale and Sarah Jeroz.

Another opinion: "Perhaps music we can't (or shouldn't) live without are our nursery rhymes, folk tunes and culturally significant/indigenous songs that are handed down through generations.

"Historically important, they often tell stories about the time or place they were written. They bring people together to enjoy the simple act of singing together."



Membership drive

The Singers' next concert will be our already sold-out cabaret. The choir is planning a membership drive/open session (perhaps September 4) for singers to join for the beautiful Brahms' *Requiem* in November. Potential new members should find it much easier to join early in the rehearsal schedule. For further details please contact us at www.gisbornesingers.org.au

Alison Kinghorn, with thanks to Gráinne Black, Robert Blair, Lesley McLure, Jo Irwin and Kitty Skeen

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Changing brass to GOLD

Bryan Power explores the career of local brass musician Ben Mansted

Gisborne resident Ben Mansted is a leading figure in the world of brass music both as an instrumentalist and as a creator of arrangements that have been performed by the world's renowned brass musicians.

During his long musical career, Ben spent 20 years as a member of the RAAF Band and over those years was involved in many high-level ceremonies including acting as the bugler at the Anzac Day dawn service at Gallipoli.

Ben was born in Sydney in 1967 but the family moved to the Gold Coast where Ben, at the age of nine, was enrolled at The Southport School and it was there that he was dazzled by the range of instruments available in the college's music program. He remembers reaching out to take a trumpet and that instrument has been prized by him for the rest of his life.

When the family moved to Melbourne Ben auditioned for and was accepted by the Victorian College of the Arts to complete Years 11 and 12. He continued his studies there to graduate in 1988 with a B.Mus(Hon), majoring in music performance on trumpet.

After graduating Ben went on to perform regularly with the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra and also worked with the Adelaide, Tasmanian and West Australian Symphony Orchestras, the Australian Chamber Orchestra, State Orchestra Victoria and the English Baroque Sinfonia. From 1991 to 1993 he was First Trumpet in the orchestra for *Phantom of the Opera* in its Australian record-breaking season.

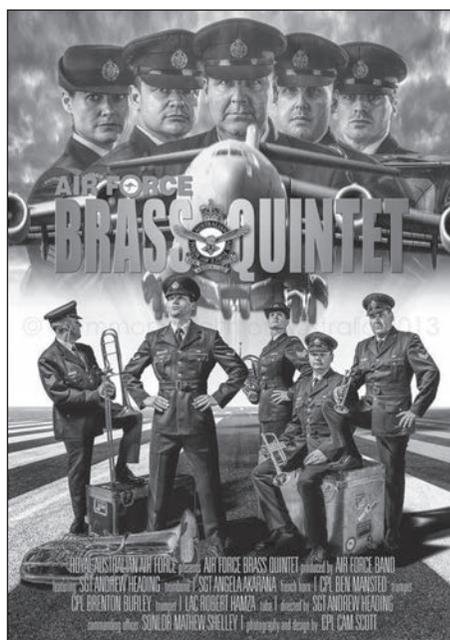
Following that, he taught at St Leonards College as head of brass for four years.

It was while he was playing for the

musical *Mac and Mabel* that he met Juliette Banks, who was performing in the show as a singer/dancer. They married in 1993 and built a home in Narre Warren in 1999. To pay the mortgage Ben knew that he would need to be more regularly employed so joined the Royal Australian Air Force in 1999, and after 10 weeks basic training became a member of the brass section of the RAAF Band.

His new career saw him based at Laverton and getting there each day from Narre Warren was a long and tiring commute. Also, in his new role he was flying a lot to interstate and overseas ceremonies and Juliette was also travelling by air for work, so they decided on a tree change. While investigating the Macedon Ranges because of its proximity to Tullamarine, they fell in love with Gisborne and moved here in 2003 with their six-year-old daughter Laura.

Laura has since become a tal-



Poster for the Air Force Brass Quintet with Ben as a member.



ented violinist and is currently completing a Music Industry course at RMIT. Ben shares Laura's love of movies, particularly those with the great musical scores by the likes of John Williams, John Barry, Ennio Morricone and Michael Giacchino.

In the RAAF Band, Ben was the Principal Trumpet and Bugler and also founded the Air Force Brass Quintet. Across two decades of performances (most notably including those with the Quintet) Ben featured as bugler for multiple Anzac Day dawn services and the Lone Pine service at Gallipoli, along with Anzac Day dawn services at Villers-Bretonneux in France, multiple *Last Post* performances for the AFL Anzac Day match at the Melbourne Cricket Ground and the Anzac Day dawn service in Melbourne.

Playing the *Last Post* on such sol-

emn occasions with TV audiences numbering in their millions is a test of nerve and concentration and the imperative always is: "don't stuff it up!"

Ben says the accepted wisdom among buglers is that the *Last Post* and *Reveille* are "easy to play but difficult to perform". Ben counts his favourite performances as his first Dawn Service in Melbourne in 2001, Gallipoli in 2017 and at the 2009 Villers-Bretonneux Dawn Service when he played atop the tower at the cenotaph in rain with the temperature around minus 1 degree. On that occasion he was inspired by the memory of his grandfather who fought in France during World War One. His most difficult performances were at the Gallipoli Dawn Services when it was difficult to sleep beforehand and because of the cold and the emotion of the occasion.

His most disconcerting performance was at the 2016 Anzac Day match at the MCG when the huge crowd was so quiet that the silence was almost offputting. The plus side of the MCG performances was being cheered by 90,000 spectators as he marched off the arena!

Early in his career Ben recognised that he had an exceptional skill for music arranging and orchestration. In 1994 he returned to the VCA (then in-



At the MCG the huge crowd was so quiet that the silence was almost offputting



corporated with Melbourne University) to complete an honours degree in arranging and conducting.

Finding there was a lack of quality brass chamber music, he began producing bespoke arrangements for trombone quartet and trombone choir, whilst adding to the brass quintet and brass ensemble repertoire.

In the following years, the Chicago Symphony Orchestra Low Brass performed Ben's arrangements as did the Vienna Trombone Quartet and the Tasmanian Symphony Brass Ensemble. In more recent years the Vienna Symphony and the Berlin Philharmonic Brass have also performed Ben's work. His arrangements cover the works of many of the great composers including Bach, Handel, Mendelssohn and Mozart.



Ben Mansted plays at an AFL Anzac Day match at the MCG...

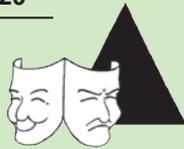


...and performs the Last Post at the Gallipoli dawn service.

Love Song funny, touching and profound

Expected opening: August 20*

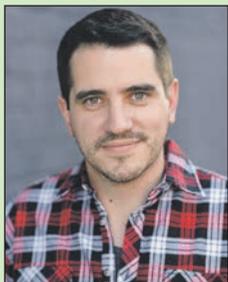
Despite the name, *Love Song* is not just a story about love. It is a story of hope, of fight and of learning not to be afraid of change. It explores the notion that it is ok not to be ok.



The Mount Players

When we meet Beane he is an exile from life – an oddball, and has been subject to social judgment for most of his life. Once he meets

Molly, he realises that life is worth living, it is worth fighting for and, in turn, he changes the lives around him.



Director
Travis Handcock

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

"It's a very special and important story in an age where society is making large strides to

understand mental health issues and illnesses," said Travis.

"I chose this play not just because of the great script and characters but because I believe that the show will help the conversation around these issues moving forward."

Travis has been acting and directing successfully for more than 10 years and has worked at many theatres across greater Melbourne. This will be his second play as director with The Mount Players.

This play contains some coarse language and sexual references so is suitable for a mature audience.

*For full details on show dates and to book tickets, go to www.themountplayers.com or call 5426 1892.

Karen Hunt

Tales from the Sea Shepherd

After the cancellation of activities during June, Probus members were keen to get out and about again. The July meeting was very well attended and those present were rewarded with a riveting talk by Haans Siver.



Haans is an ambassador for Sea Shepherd Global and she spoke about campaigns undertaken in the past decade, illustrating how the organisation has evolved over time. Haans joined Sea Shepherd in 2010 and has undertaken 10 campaigns. Her first was as quartermaster on board the Steve Irwin with 'Operation Relentless', defending at-risk whales in the Southern Ocean Whale Sanctuary.



Haans Siver

The seas were rough and sailing through the Antarctic ice was not for the faint-hearted. While the scenery was stunning, the images of illegal whaling and fishing were gruesome.

During a more recent campaign, 'Operation Jodari', Haans was First Officer on the Ocean Warrior. This campaign saw a partnership with the government of Tanzania to prevent illegal fishing and smuggling in Tanzanian waters. Haans has certainly led a fascinating and varied life with Sea Shepherd and she is passionate about the work that they do.

Planning is well under way for Probus activities for the remainder of 2021. If you would like to find out more about the club or attend a meeting as a guest, please contact our president, Helen Nettleton on 0491 174 847.

Christmas in July offers indigenous insights

Our Christmas in July get together sparkled with Christmas fare and after a busy meeting and Christmas quiz, we enjoyed plates of home-made goodies. With a couple of our ladies headed north in their caravans, it was pleasing to see three new faces and Helen's granddaughter at our meeting.



Osija gave us information on Australian native foods that are being used more often lately in mainstream cooking, whereas the Indigenous community has been using them in ceremony, medicine and cooking forever – such as finger lime, Kakadu plum, lemon myrtle, quandong, sea parsley, snowberries and Warrigal greens.

Four of us travelled to Craigieburn branch for their Association Day. We learnt about the Angel Flight charity from volunteer pilot Rex Booth from Riddells Creek.

Pilots give their time and expertise free of charge to transport ill and needy people around the country, they really are angels.

Coming up in the next couple of months are the group half yearly conference, Macedon Association Day, the state Creative Arts in Ararat and the Daffodil Festival in Kyneton, so let's hope the state gets free of COVID again so all these events can take place.

Our next meeting is on Monday August 9 at 10am at Gisborne Secondary College Stadium, and Coffee, Craft and Chat the following Monday, August 16.



Christine Edwards

Local business awards are back



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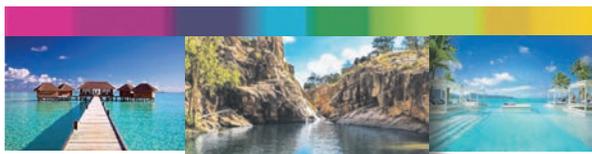
Is your business doing amazing things? Share your stories by entering the Josh's Rainbow Eggs Macedon Ranges Business Excellence Awards.

This is an opportunity to share your business story or the story of an individual who works in your business – tell us how this has contributed to business excellence in the shire.

The award categories are Business of the Year; Excellence in Agribusiness and Food Manufacturing; Excellence in Manufacturing, Trades and Innovation; Excellence in Health, Wellness and Care; Small and Thriving; Excellence in Professional Services;

Excellence in Tourism and Visitor Experience; Young and Professional Award; Champion of Social, Environmental or Sustainability Principles; COVID-19 Business Adaptability; People's Choice Award.

Self-nominations close on Friday August 20. Free online business mentoring sessions are being held at 6.30pm Monday to Wednesday, August 9, 10 and 11. To register for a session or for more information about the awards, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/business-awards or call 0429 932 191.



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Golfers to play child cancer fundraiser



Golfers were stuck mirror swinging in the second half of July with Victoria's latest coronavirus lockdown. Gisborne Golf Club manager Jacqui Flinn was in search of the best 'mirror swing' to encourage a lighter take on lockdown 5.0.

Entrants have the chance to indulge in a two-course meal at the Gisborne Golf Club Bistro (once sitting resumes) if their swing is up to scratch.

August will hopefully bring a full month of golf and events to Gisborne Golf Club; at the forefront is our #doingitforjarrodday on Saturday August 21 to raise funds for Challenge, a charity that offers practical support to children with cancer. Australian golfer Jarrod Lyle, who died in 2018, was a great supporter of Challenge and its work.

To learn more about Challenge and the day, head to www.challenge.org.au/event/doingitforjarrod/

Early July – pre-lockdown – proved eventful inside and outside the clubhouse despite the unpleasant weather. President Alistair Boustead won the 2021 Winter Cup by four stableford points with rounds of 38 and 36, meanwhile, Graeme Maddern won the July Monthly Cup with 38 points.

Jason Lock and Leigh Coundon won the 42nd Ray Keane 4BBB Knockout and most recently, Karen Dillon, Denise Dunn and Emma Brown were victorious at the Bacchus March West Bowl.

Inside, a stunning performance by Back Lash on July 10 got the community on its feet and the 'Smartini's' won the recent Trivia Night.

The course itself is still playing fine despite the recent rain and importantly, our course staff are still able to tend to the course during lockdown.

The same goes for the bistro team who have been providing a takeaway and delivery service from 5pm to 8pm throughout the lockdown.

*John Griffiths
GGC Committee*

Can you help fill in history gaps?

2021 is the 100th year of Gisborne Golf Club.

We would be pleased to hear from anyone with any information about the club prior to 1946 – especially from longstanding residents who may have records stored away. If you might be able to help, please contact Jacqui Flinn on 5428 2493 or Dick Barker on 0417 527 735.



Staff member Molly Sparke and Ryan Alexander, who manages the UFS Gisborne pharmacies in Brantome and Neal Streets.

Gisborne Foodbank thanks UFS for support

Foodbank would like to thank UFS Dispensaries, who operate two pharmacies in Gisborne, for their recent generous donation of \$1500 to the Gisborne Foodbank and for their continued support. This helps enable the Foodbank to help people in need in our Macedon Ranges community.

The donation will be used by the Gisborne Foodbank to buy fresh fruit and vegetables, meat and general pantry items so that we can provide a wide variety of food each week to our customers who need assistance putting food on the table.

The Foodbank is open on Wednesdays and Fridays from 10am to 3pm. If you need assistance, please contact the Gisborne Foodbank on mobile 0492 850 520, drop in on Wednesday or Friday, send a message via the Facebook page (@GisborneFoodbank), or visit the website (www.gisbornefoodbank.org.au). We are here to help so please don't hesitate to contact us.

Julie Ireland



Genies go Celtic for Family History Month



August is Family History Month and this year the Gisborne Genealogical Group hopes to run several activities – as

usual, COVID permitting. In lieu of the monthly night meeting we will have a Celtic Day on Saturday August 28.

It will be held in the Gisborne Uniting Church, starting at 9.30am and concluding at 4pm. Lynley Hall will present "The Celts, Cornwall, and the Cornish in Australia", Joy Roy "Scottish Kirk Session Records", and Susie Zada "You can't research Irish ancestors – All the records were lost – WRONG!". Each session will be preceded by Celtic harp music played by Fran Thiele.

Bookings are essential as numbers will be limited due to COVID restrictions. Cost is \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members. To book please phone Lorna on 0402 091 034 or email her at lorna_jackson@bigpond.com

During the week preceding the Celtic Day (Monday August 23 to Friday 27) the Family History Room, adjoining the Gisborne Library, will be open each afternoon from 1pm to 4pm, when volunteers will be available to help you with genealogy queries.



The Genealogy Group plans to run workshops in the Family History Room on the first Saturday of the month starting on Saturday August 7. These will run for two hours, from 10am to 12 noon, and be limited to 10 people.

The first workshop will be on the genealogy website The Genealogist, an excellent site for British research.



Lyn Hall

It will be led by Julie Dworak.

The cost is \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members. Bookings and payment are essential prior to the workshops. Please contact Lorna to book a place (details above).

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SES overwhelmed by gratitude

Since the storms on June 9 the Gisborne SES Unit has received an overwhelming amount of support from the community ranging from our regular supporters, such as the Bendigo Bank – which kindly donated \$1500 to both the Gisborne SES and CFA – to the local businesses that put on a tab for coffees (which were very welcome after the long nights) to the many residents who have stopped us in the streets just to say ‘thank you’ for what we have done.

The support we have seen has been overwhelming to say the least.

And when we thought we had seen all of that wonderful community spirit, we received a message from one of our newest members, Kristen, whose children, along with others in the neighbourhood, had raised money as a thank you to the SES by having a bake sale and doing chores for residents in the street. It had been young Annie, seven, who came up with the idea to raise money and enlisted local kids to help.

To say thank you to this wonderful group of kids, Tori organised a quick visit from our members on Friday July 2 to show off some of the equipment we use and talk to them about the storms.

Ross Evans



▲ Gisborne SES members (L-R) Marcus Lisle, Kristen Kerr, Tori Collins, Mike Bagnall and Ross Sapwell (and unit mascot Smudge at the front) with grateful residents in Macedon.

◀ Billie Bagnall gives the popular Smudge a pat.



Setting up the chainsaw education session at the Gisborne Village Shopping Centre.

Crew offer tips for chainsaw 'newbies' after storms

Recognising that there would be first-time chainsaw users cleaning up local properties after the recent storms, Gisborne SES ran a community education event on July 10 about chainsaw safety.

Tips included the importance of wearing safety equipment such as chaps, hearing and eye protection as well as steel-capped boots when using chainsaws.



SES members at the event. L-R: Mike Bagnall, Shanleigh Meldrum, Tori Collins, Ross Evans, Alistair Dorward, Grant Veness and Denise Hoare.

Secondary College & Community Chaplaincy event

The Chaplaincy Committee Church invites you to their next fundraising event, a morning tea with guest speaker Pastor Christie Buckingham.

Christie has campaigned alongside organisations such as Reprieve and Amnesty to see a global moratorium on the death penalty.

Christie was the spiritual adviser for Myuran Sukamaran (member of the Bali 9), and was with him in his final moments before his death by firing squad in 2015.

Chaplaincy will be making a donation to Kingdom First International which is an organisation that

supports international prison ministry, specifically at Kerobokan. Come and listen to this inspirational speaker, enjoy a delicious morning tea, and support this worthy cause.

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.

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Secretary Noeline Richardson receives a service award from President Richard Stewart.



New President Lyn Robinson thanks outgoing President Richard Stewart for his service.

Rotary holds its changeover dinner

The Gisborne Rotary Club held its annual changeover of president and committee on June 29. A large group of Rotarians, partners and guests welcomed new president Lyn Robinson who took over from departing president Richard Stewart.

The changeover is an opportunity to review the club's activities and listen to the future plans of the incoming committee.

Hosted by Rotarian John Scott, who was, as usual, in fine form, we welcomed representatives of the GREAT Association and *Gisborne Gazette*, the deputy mayor and past president of the Kyneton Club, Mark Ridgway, our local police commander and Rotarians from other clubs including our future District Governor.

Outgoing president Richard congratulated club members on helping the club make a difference in the community including through our ongoing support



for the region's homeless and disadvantaged, our Christmas community lunch held in conjunction with the Gisborne Golf Club, and scholarships to local students.

Of particular note are the efforts of members Martin and Di Taurins, whose Rotary Action Group against multiple sclerosis sponsored a new action group during the year in India, and Rotarian Dick Barker who coordinated our annual Golf Day charity fundraiser.

We look forward to another year in supporting the community. If you would like to join us at one of our get-togethers (we meet at the Telegraph Hotel on the first and third Tuesdays) and see what we get up to, you would be most welcome. Why not give secretary Noeline a ring on 0426 500 516 for details.

Richard Stewart

VIEW club putting on pearls on August 20

Sunbury-Macedon Ranges VIEW Club will celebrate its 30th birthday on Friday August 20 at Club Sunbury (part of Sunbury Bowling Club), 49 Riddell Road, at 11.30am. The theme is 'Breakfast at Tiffany's' and the cost is \$25 for a two-course lunch.

The VIEW Club brings women together to enjoy friendship which leads on to raising money for disadvantaged Australian children. VIEW is a national organisation founded by the Smith Family in 1960 and funds raised go to the Smith Family.

If you would like to join us to celebrate our birthday, come along wearing your pearls – we would love to meet you.

To make a booking, please call Judith McPherson,



our president, on 9740 8310 or email her on 38omeo@gmail.com.

Sunbury-Macedon Ranges VIEW Club has outings twice a month and holds a meeting on the third Friday of every month at 11 for 11.30am at Club Sunbury. We have guest speakers, raffles, a trading table, lunch and lots of fun.

Helen Bird



Quelle horreur! – the *Gazette* apologises for giving the incorrect date in last month's issue for the VIEW Club's lunch. Please note that the correct date is August 20, as above.



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Helping the world one trauma at a time

Jan Field of New Gisborne may appear quiet and unassuming but inside she is razor-focused on providing compassion, and must have nerves of steel.

A highly-educated and decorated psychologist and the chairperson of Macedon Ranges Group of Bendigo Legacy, Jan has endured harrowing experiences to spend most of her life helping others survive trauma. In doing so, she says she has met the very best and the very worst of humanity.

What drove her? "In my early 20s I thought I could change the world. As time went on, all I was trying to do was make a little of a difference."

Jan was born and raised in Queensland, her father an Army veteran whom others described as an 'old-style Australian'. To her, this means he lived by the saying 'You always help out a mate'. Jan studied psychology at university and over the years has completed numerous further qualifications in the field, including a doctorate on the Cross-cultural Comparison of Pilot Reactions to Stress.

Her experience in Vietnam in 1970 during the Vietnam War gave some understanding of the many sides and difficulties of trauma. Jan began work as an Air Force psychologist at RAAF Richmond in NSW and later, as the Senior Psychologist for Northern Defence in the Navy in Darwin, was responsible for selecting, leading and implementing the Critical Incident Stress Debriefing Team and other issues.

A critical incident is a potentially traumatic incident, usually something out of the ordinary where people had been in acute danger. "Military people work in teams and if there is a serious accident, there can be lasting fallout. It usually can't be dealt with immediately, but debriefing should be done within



48 hours to have any impact," said Jan. Those impacted are organised in a group together to talk about what happened, what their thoughts were and ultimately what their feelings were – expertise she also used in humanitarian disasters around the world.

Jan first moved to the area in 1979 to live at Mount Macedon with her partner.



Above and right: Jan recovers from a broken shoulder and bruised face in Gjilan, Kosovo. But she is not kept down for long.

Left: In flak jacket, about to go to Grozny.



He had bought a shell of a house and they completed it over the next four years only to have it burn to the ground in the Ash Wednesday fires. Living in a caravan on Gisborne oval afterwards, one person said to her, "You wouldn't be affected, you're a psychologist". Throughout her career, Jan has seen people assume that as a psychologist you can take care of yourself, but said that was not always the case.

Jan began a humanitarian career when she went with CARE Australia to Rwanda in 1994 as a psychologist

for staff. Rwanda had just experienced genocide and in next-door Zaire a cholera epidemic was raging. Virtually the whole Rwandan population was in shock; not a family hadn't suffered loss. There were 450,000 severely traumatised children alone – most of them orphans who had witnessed their parents' deaths and sometimes been forced to perpetrate crimes on them. An Australian army team was also there but had not deployed a psychologist, so she assisted in that capacity too.

Jan stayed in Rwanda for eight months, after which she was completely exhausted. "It was chaotic, working seven days a week and staff were affected, so you never got away from it," said Jan, who feels she still has not fully come to terms with the experience.

After a four-year stint with the Navy in Darwin, Jan headed back overseas in 1999, this time to the Kakuma Refugee Camp in Kenya with Lutheran World Federation, an NGO. For eight months she supported and created opportunities for some of the 80,000 refugees on the Sudanese border, travelling also to war-torn South Sudan.

From there she went to Kosovo

SOLDIERS WITH HANGOVERS

The traffic rules were different during the Second Chechen War back in 2002, especially when negotiating the many Russian military checkpoints on the road to Grozny. In most war zones when approaching a military checkpoint in a safe manner, you drive slowly; hands in sight; stop when requested etc.

NOT in Chechnya – you travelled with your armed MVD (Ministry of Internal Affairs) escort. Your guards set the pace at speed. They radioed ahead before each checkpoint and barrelled through at speeds of at least 100 kmh. The reason for speed was simple. The checkpoint itself was not a danger for your escort but MVD were a target for the Chechen insurgents and a fast-moving target has less chance of being killed.

Sounds simple. No, nothing in Russia ever is and as one of the few foreign humanitarian workers making the trip to Grozny, I had a steep learning curve, with my main learning objective being to travel as safely as possible.

Firstly, timing was important in your trip plan. You took care not to be too early as the soldiers had hangovers. Too late in the day was not optimum as the soldiers could be drunk and a soldier armed with an AK47 and warm with vodka could be an unpredictable

mix. Mid-morning was the best time. Humanitarian workers were also a target for kidnapping from various groups wishing to make a political point or for ransom purposes. Therefore, your travel checklist included a number of personal survival items:

Change of season clothes (a hole in the ground during a Russian Winter is very cold); medication; small currency bills for bribery purposes; personal family photos to humanise you to captors; cheap watch and no valuable items.

Overkill you think. No, as in my time two foreign aid workers were kidnapped – one for 30 months and one for six months before they were released. Three were killed.

In Ingushetia, the rules were different; my driver without exception always leaned over and undid my seat belt when approaching a checkpoint slowly, so I did not show I was a foreigner. Ingushetia was a little safer but foreign humanitarian workers were liable to be harassed. The Russian Government had not lost their distrust of the West and its motives for humanitarian intervention.

Jan Field

with International Rescue Committee, an American NGO, in the first winter after the NATO-led international peacekeeping force had arrived. Based in Gjilan in eastern Kosovo, in the US KFOR (Kosovo Force) Section, Jan managed a team of Albanian and Serb staff to run community programs in 18 severely traumatised communities. The area was still unstable and “there weren’t any good guys,” said Jan, who focused on helping people through “all the things you’d expect in an ongoing war in terms of retribution”.

While working with a group of Kosovo Forces, who through the UN were referring her to war crime survivors, she received a death threat from the alleged perpetrators. Shortly thereafter, she was thrown violently down a concrete flight of stairs, badly breaking her shoulder and arm. She explained the experience saying, “People and some aid workers don’t understand that not everyone likes you. You will always make someone unhappy.”

US KFOR patched her up and her insurance covered her transfer to Switzerland for further treatment. After a few weeks’ recovery in Australia, she was returned to Kosovo and continued physio for 12 months to get back full movement of her arm.

Jan then took an assignment as Country Representative for CARE International in Russia’s North Caucasus. Based mainly in Nazran in Ingushetia, and the only Western agency person travelling to Grozny, Chechnya, Jan managed a number of community-based programs – in the camps, youth projects and with youth mine survivors in Ingushetia, to help them integrate into society. The latter multi-faceted program built survivors’ skills, leadership ability and self-esteem but was unpopular with the Russians, who accused Jan of being a political dissident. Jan was outraged but the American Embassy representative was not, saying “You teach people to be independent – of course you are a dissident!”

Jan likens her time in Russia to living in a John le Carre spy novel. Diplomatic immunity did not exist. She had armed guards from the Russian



Above: Jan (centre) at the opening of a community building at Ingushetia camp in the North Caucasus built by CARE in 2003.

Ministry of Interior 24 hours a day and only travelled to Chechnya wearing a stainless-steel flak jacket which was heavy and hot (“The modern ones are Kevlar and lighter.”) Risk and danger were palpable and “every time you went to Chechnya you took change of season clothes, a little money for bribes, a cheap watch and some photos in case you were kidnapped.”

Just before a planned trip home for Christmas, the CARE safe was taken and Jan and her guards were accused of stealing it. She was told she had to prove her innocence (in Russian law you are guilty until proven innocent) and detained for 10 days. Jan remembers an interrogator putting his hand on her shoulder and saying “You’re not going anywhere” and admits it was frightening.

Her luck ran out late in 2003. The lead vehicle in her motorcade (a Ministry of Interior escort) ran over a detonated mine, killing everyone inside. In the car immediately following, Jan was lightly injured in the blast and left Chechnya two months later.

Offered positions in Iraq and Colombia, Jan thought she needed a break so next went to Malaysia in the role of Community Services Section Head for UNHCR/RedR in Kuala Lumpur. Her duties included negotiation with imprisoned refugees who were on a protracted hunger strike. She

managed to convince them to call it off, making them understand it was futile to strike – refugees were not recognised as Malaysia had not signed the UN Refugee Convention.

Later roles included working behind Tamil lines in Sri Lanka with UNICEF to support a population traumatised by civil war and the recent tsunami, and a UNICEF role as Sex and Gender Based Violence Coordinator in Sudan.

Every time you went to Chechnya you took change of season clothes, a little money for bribes, a cheap watch and some photos in case you were kidnapped

Between postings, Jan would come home to Australia and recuperate for a few months, and say she’d never do it again. But the resilience and generosity of people who had lost everything kept her going back. “In the middle of the desert, people who have nothing are still offering you hospitality,” she said. In Jan’s experience, many aid workers can’t explain why they continue to work in the field.

While Country Director for CARE International in Jordan, working in some of the largest refugee camps in the world, Jan decided it was time to slow down. She bought her current house in New Gisborne and moved there in 2010. She now mentors some NGO workers and works on the occasional short-term assignment, such as developing a stress training program for RedR and being an associate trainer in their Security Training Program.

The ceremonial Chechen sword presented to Jan.



Did being a woman present challenges in her work? Jan said it had hardly ever been an issue. In her humanitarian work in gender-segregated societies, she was often treated as an “honourary male”, exemplified by her permanent guard presenting her with a real Kinjal sword (usually given to Chechen boys when they reach manhood) when she left the country. Around the same time, a senior member of the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs said, “If Jan was a man, she’d be my best friend!”

Based on feedback, Jan believes the appreciation and respect she received were due to her genuine caring for people and her humility.

Given her extraordinary career, it is no surprise that Jan has post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). She is open about the fact and says she has always liked the idea that PTSD comes from having the courage to do the things that others do not dare. This certainly seems true in her case!

Motivated by her first-hand knowledge of war-related stress and its effects on veterans and families, Jan joined Legacy in 2016 and is in her second year as local chairperson. Legacy was set up by veterans after WWI to support the families of fallen comrades and continues to connect war widows and veterans’ families with assistance agencies and offer social connection to support their wellbeing.

Macedon Ranges Group of Bendigo Legacy looks after 96 war widows who range in age from their 70s to over 100. Jan admires the women who supported their men who came home from war as well as the widows who were left to rear families alone.

She looks after the war widows and veterans at Warrina at New Gisborne, usually trying to visit them at least once a month, and makes an effort to include war widows speaking about their experiences in the RSL Armistice Day Service at Warrina. On occasion this has led to family and friends learning something new about their loved one.

August 29 to September 4 is Legacy Week and, COVID-permitting, the local chapter will be selling badges to support funding at Gisborne Village

Shopping Centre as well as in other locations in the shire. In addition to gratefully accepting any donations, members (called legatees) would be most pleased to speak to anyone interested in joining their group. Local legatees are ageing and though the number of war widows and veterans is dropping, Jan said their needs are becoming more complex.

With Australia’s borders closed, Jan sadly cannot visit some of her closest friends who live overseas. Fortunately, she loves to watch movies, especially international ones. She favours SBS On Demand over Netflix and, perhaps not surprisingly, recommends the Russian spy series *The Optimists*.



Jan with CARE Chechnya staff in bombed-out Grozny in 2003.



Heart attack warning signs everyone needs to know

Heart attacks happen when one or more of the coronary arteries become blocked. This means blood and oxygen cannot reach the heart and this causes damage to the heart muscle.

Chest discomfort or pain is the most common warning sign of a heart attack. In some people, a life-threatening heart attack can start slowly with only mild pain or discomfort. In other cases, people might not get any chest pain at all.

Here are five warnings signs:

1. Dizziness, light-headedness or feeling faint

Tell someone right away if you are experiencing these symptoms.

2. Nausea, indigestion, or vomiting

Can be symptoms of many conditions, but do not dismiss them - seek urgent help.

3. Shortness of breath

Can be due to other factors however tightening in the chest, with breathing difficulty with or without chest discomfort can be a warning sign for a heart attack - seek medical help right away.

4. Sweating or a cold sweat

Like a sudden chill in your body, regardless of temperature in the environment - can also be warning signs of a heart attack.

5. No warning signs at all

It is entirely possible to experience a 'silent heart attack', where you might not have any symptoms at all. This might not be picked up until later down the track.

Knowing the warning signs of a heart attack and acting on them quickly can increase the chance of survival. If you, or someone else, is experiencing the symptoms of a heart attack, call 000 immediately and ask for an ambulance.

Submitted by Macedon Ranges Health

I have so much to tell you.

Once again, thanks to Gisborne Cottage Florist who gave the Elms some special roses - some were black, others a beautiful rich blue and a third rose called Rainbow Rose. The stems were placed in water with special food colouring overnight.

One of my special things in our garden was roses. Brian planted roses right around the front of our home.

Residents have gone all out for the Olympic Games, with walls decorated with lots of flags from every country. There is a lovely 'Australia' sign right across the top of the flags and the residents have made the Olympic rings.

Benetas have torch relays. Maps have been put up on the walls with the torch and residents waving flags. The start was from Bendigo Home Base to Eaglehawk, then some days later the torch was carried to Kangaroo Flat then on to beautiful Gisborne. There were 11 more towns before the torch finished at the support office.



BETTY'S BOOP

With Betty Doolan

The relay went from July 2 to July 23. At each of the towns, a lovely afternoon tea was provided. One of the stops that was well known to me was Colson Close in Glenroy.

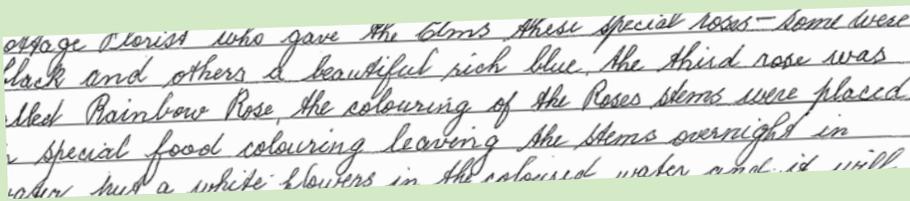
Residents, staff, visitors, family and friends all wish the Australian teams the very best of luck to bring home lots of medals.

Recently I went into the Gisborne Mechanics Hall. There is a small pop-up second-hand shop there and my friend Lois bought a lovely little fairy frock. I bought a little teapot. The shop is run by Windarrang and I believe we should support it.

Residents were looking forward to Christmas in July - reading the menu was mouth-watering!

Keep warm and stay safe,

Betty



Betty hand writes every column for the Gazette in this beautiful, neat cursive script. It is lovely - and rare now - to see such handwriting in use.

Social fun for gender-diverse children

Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health's WayOut team is hosting



Mez Lanigan from WayOut said it "will be safe, welcoming and inclusive".

a morning of games and activities for non-binary, transgender and gender-diverse children and their parents and carers.

'Planet GAGA' (Gender Affirming Games and Activities), aimed at primary school aged children, will offer an opportunity for people from across the Macedon Ranges to connect and have some fun.

"We have exclusive use of Bug-a-Lugs Indoor Play Centre for the morning which has always been a popular place for children to have a run and a jump around, especially in the winter," Mez said.

When: Saturday August 14, 10am to 12 noon, at 3 Hoyle Court, Kyneton. Aimed at children 6 to 11 but if your child is older, please Call WayOut on 5421 1666.

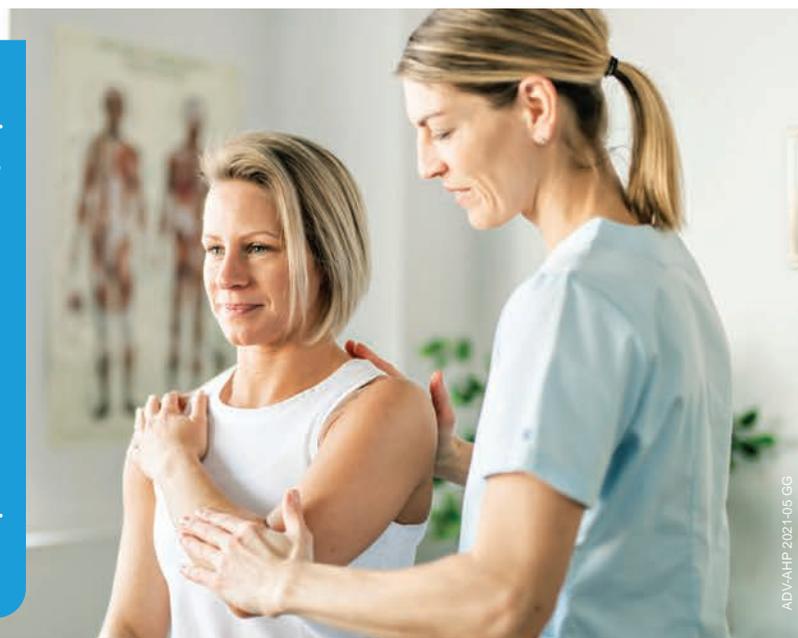
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Health Talk Chest pain

with Dr Umair Masood



Chest pain can be a serious issue.

It can be a sign of a heart attack.

Angina or a heart attack tends to happen when not enough blood is flowing to the cardiac muscles.

This can be quite serious and needs urgent attention.

A heart attack can be fatal and does kill many Australians every year.

You can have a central chest pain, which can be felt as a pressure, choking, squeezing or a heavy feeling. The pain can radiate towards the neck or down your arm.

Sweating, dizziness and feeling slightly faint, a feeling of anxiety and nausea can also happen. Shortness of breath can also occur. These symptoms may last longer than 10 to 15 minutes and will not settle readily. It is also important to understand that not everyone will have all these symptoms and different people have a variety of symptoms.

Angina is a short-lived chest pain that can occur when the heart is not getting enough blood. When someone has regular angina attacks, it can signify damage in the coronary vessels supplying the heart.

The risk factors with regards to having cardiovascular problems such as angina or a heart attack are numerous.

Doctors will most likely try to manage some of these risk factors so that they minimise the chances of heart attack or angina. This is one of the primary reasons that doctors measure cholesterol levels and blood pressure on a regular basis.

Making sure that blood pressure and cholesterol levels are within normal limits on a regular basis will reduce the chances of having a cardiovascular event. Other risk factors that need to be considered are diabetes, smoking, lack of physical activity, being overweight, excessive alcohol, family history of heart disease, increasing age, male sex, and an unhealthy diet.

There can be other causes for chest pain as well. Quite commonly anxiety attacks, indigestion and reflux, muscular chest pain and respiratory causes can also be implicated. Given the complexity of the presentation it is always important to

seek urgent medical attention when you do have chest pain.

When someone presents with chest pain it is quite common to have an ECG (heart tracing). You will also have blood tests done to determine whether you are having an acute cardiac event.

If there is consideration for a cardiovascular event, you will be referred to hospital for further assessment. If it is determined that you are not having an acute



The most important message is that you should seek urgent medical attention if you do have chest pain



event you may be discharged after the appropriate investigations are done. You will then be referred to a cardiologist for a stress test.

This is a test done to determine how the blood supply of the heart copes under stress. This gives us an idea if there is any blockage in one of these vessels supplying the heart. If there is an issue, then the patient will be referred for an angiogram (pictures taken of the coronary vessels under X-ray).

If definite blockages in the coronary vessels are noted, then a decision will have to be made regarding stenting, balloon dilating or surgical replacement of the vessels concerned.

The most important message to take home with regards to chest pain is that you should seek urgent medical attention if you do have chest pain.

You can visit your medical clinic locally. We also encourage people to call the ambulance in the event of severe chest pain, without hesitation. The key to treatment of cardiovascular events is time. The quicker you can get help, the more likely you will survive a heart attack.



Stroke is one of Australia's biggest killers...who knew?

The first week of August is National Stroke Week. I was really surprised to learn that stroke is one of Australia's biggest killers.



An article about general health by Julie Ireland

Stroke kills more women than breast cancer and more men than prostate cancer. And contrary to what I had thought, it is not only older people who are vulnerable to stroke. In 2020, 24% of total first-ever strokes occurred in people aged 54 and under.

So what is a stroke? The Stroke Foundation explains that stroke attacks the brain and can change your life in an instant. A stroke happens when blood cannot get to your brain because of a blocked or burst artery and, as a result, brain cells die due to a lack of oxygen and nutrients.

The good news is that more than 80% of strokes could be prevented by living a healthy lifestyle in order to better manage the risk.

According to the Stroke Foundation, high blood pressure is a key risk factor for stroke so it's really important to have your blood pressure checked regularly by your doctor or pharmacist, and if you are prescribed blood pressure medication, make sure you take it as directed (note to self).

Other risk factors are Type 2 diabetes, high cholesterol and atrial fibrillation (irregular pulse). All of these factors can be addressed or managed by taking some control of your health and staying active, eating well, not smoking, and drinking alcohol in moderation (another note to self).

Starting to make changes doesn't necessarily mean you need to cut everything you enjoy out of your life from day one (but of course, be guided by your doctor's advice on this). I saw an advertisement recently for a health fund talking about how good health starts with small steps. The advice that resonated with me was to eat a bit healthier, move a bit more, and take a moment to appreciate life, all contributing to better health...small steps. Good advice for us all.

Take care of yourselves, everyone.

Julie

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Young Shedmen are happily back in action

After a long hiatus due to COVID, our Young Shedmen program is finally back in operation after we recently welcomed four young men from Gisborne Secondary College.

Their first project was the construction of a model pier to be used in the latest school drama production, *Mamma Mia!* All the pieces were made in the Men's Shed and then assembled on site with assistance from young-at-heart Shedmen Roger and Gunther.



The aim of the program is for us to learn from each other so we can all develop our perspective on the opportunities and challenges of life. The older men gain satisfaction from passing on hard-won skills and experience and are revitalised with the energy of the younger men.

The students pick up new skills, learn more about being part of a team in a work-like environment and hopefully have some of their formal education reinforced in a practical way



Shedmen Roger and Gunther on site in the GSC auditorium with (from left) Josh, Blake, James and Jasper.

while working on a few projects such as the pier.

If you know any of these Young Shedmen, ask them about some of the things they have learnt during their time at The Shed.

Equal shared parental authority – What does it mean?

The law does not seek to regulate the way parents make decisions about their children. However, if separated parents cannot agree on parenting arrangements and the matter goes to court, the court will make a Parenting Order allocating “parental responsibility” between them. (“Parental responsibility” is defined in the Family Law Act to mean “all of the duties, powers, responsibilities and authority which, by law, parents have in relation to children”.)

The law presumes that it is in the best interests of children for parents to have “equal shared parental responsibility” so, unless there are strong reasons for removing or reducing the parental responsibility of a parent (such as violence and abuse), orders granting “equal shared parental responsibility” are common.

Despite being common, “equal shared parental responsibility” is often misunderstood to mean equal time with a child. While this might be the case for some families, it is not uncommon for a child to spend more time, or even live full-time, with one parent, even if both parents have “equal shared parental responsibility”.

So, if it doesn't mean equal time,

LEGAL MATTERS

with Kate O'Loughlin



what does “equal shared parental responsibility” mean?

In short, it means that both parents maintain full parental rights and responsibilities but crucially, it means that both parents have a legal obligation to consult with each other and make a genuine effort to reach a joint decision about each “major long-term Issue” concerning their child until they reach 18 years.

The Family Law Act defines “major long-term issues” to mean “issues about the care, welfare and development of the child of a long-term nature” – eg a child's education and health, their religious and cultural upbringing, the name they go by and who they spend time with.

At the end of the day, courts consider what is in a child's best interests, and what is practically possible when determining how parental responsibility should be allocated.

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As related by the late Harry Buckland
 edited by Phyllis Boyd

Some time ago I had the pleasure of meeting up with an old friend, John, who in the course of our conversation happened to mention that he now lived in Gisborne. In the days that followed, I had one of those nostalgic trips, so thanks John for awakening some of those memories.

Gisborne happened to be my birthplace and where I spent my primary school years during the Great Depression of the 1930s. These were difficult years, with few opportunities and this applied particularly in the village of Gisborne. The work that was offered was plain hard yakka and was eagerly sought after by the majority of the townsfolk.

Jobs such as roadworks, shearing, straw pressing, woodcutting, fencing, potato digging, milking cows, blacksmithing and sanitary contractor, one took whatever turned up. You could almost count on one hand the local professionals – the policeman, the postmaster, the station master, the shire secretary, the bank manager and two school teachers.

Poverty is a great leveller. We were all poor, some more than others, but the sense of togetherness was a truly amazing feature. Catholics, Methodists, Presbyterians and Church of England, we were all in this together, sharing the opportunities and helping each other. With one exception of course: when the state school kids played football with the local Catholic school, there was great rivalry.

The understanding among locals was that if you couldn't do someone a good turn, don't do them a bad one. The bonds formed between townsfolk remained long after many left for richer fields, when cards and letters were exchanged on special occasions.

Cars were few, so most people walked or rode bicycles if they had one. Day after day there was a steady stream of swagmen passing through the town from Melbourne in search of work. Often they would call in to our place for a billy of water or tea, or maybe a bite to eat. At times old shearing mates of my Dad arrived and stayed a few days for a yarn and a rest. Our old house with its stables, once reputedly used as a staging place by Cobb and Co, has long gone.

Having painted such a bleak picture of the general situation, when I completed grade six, my family decided to move from Gisborne to Ballarat where they thought there would be more opportunities for my older brothers to find work, leaving me very homesick and unhappy. I missed the familiar surrounds and my Gisborne friends, where there had always been so much to do. Large families were the usual so I always had plenty of playmates. My sister had given me a football which meant there was never any trouble picking a couple of sides to get a game going. We played often and long with very few disputes.

In season, mushrooming was a very good pastime. On a fine autumn morning, it was utter bliss to go

Harry Buckland was born in Gisborne in 1926, the youngest of five boys and one girl born to Edward and Edith Buckland. After he finished primary school the family moved to Ballarat and later to Bacchus Marsh, where Harry worked at the milk factory before joining the RAAF and qualifying as a radio engineer. As an adult Harry was mentioned often in local news reports as a highly valued and entertaining musician at concerts and parties.

to 'Sunny Acres' above the town, with the birds aloft and the blacksmith's anvil ringing in the valley below. Landowners were very generous and welcomed us to pick mushrooms or catch rabbits on their properties, from which my mother made a delicious rabbit stew, flavoured with bacon bones that were given free to customers.

Jackson Creek was a fine trout stream flowing gen-

er towns, were well known to the Gisborne people, so it was a wonderful social day out. The last trip I made was very special because Melbourne was well illuminated by colourful, interesting neon signs for the Centenary Year. Days before the excursion, the topic of conversation between staff and customers in shops such as Sansom's Corner Store was, "Are you going on the Bay Trip?"



Gisborne State School (today's Gisborne Primary) where Harry Buckland went to school. (Pictured in 1920, about a decade before Harry started school.)



The old swimming pool in Gisborne.

tly through the town. In 1935, my brother Colin and I spent six blissful weeks fishing our favourite spots, when the school was closed due to an outbreak of infantile paralysis (polio). Now the flow is dependent on the release of water from the Rosslynne Reservoir.

Of course as kids we weren't perfect and we knew who grew the tastiest apples and pears, so it was not just the birds that occasionally helped themselves.

Only a select few townsfolk enjoyed a holiday away from the town each year, but the annual Bay Trip was enjoyed by many, when the old paddle steamer 'Weeroona' was hired for a trip to Sorrento and Queenscliff. A train from Kyneton picked up passengers all along the line and usually the people who came from oth-

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Regularly through the cooler months, the Macedon Hunt Club met and on a fine afternoon it was a pleasant outing to stroll up to Morrow's Hill between Macedon and Riddell to watch the colourful pursuit of the fine horses, riders in their red coats and the hounds passing by hurdling the stone fences in their stride, following the trail of fox scent that had been laid before.

We had two teachers at Gisborne State School, the head teacher Mr Fred Yee and a female assistant. Mr Yee took grades four to eight and was very well liked by the students. When I became a teacher many years later, I realised that he was such an excellent and dedicated class teacher. Outside school activities included vegetable plots, nature rambles in search of spring flowers and birds, Arbour Day tree plantings, Empire Day pageants and some wonderful football trips, playing Riddell and Macedon each year, travelling in Frank Slattery's Ford A covered van. The home team's teacher usually umpired and there were times when we wondered about his impartiality.

Mr Yee was an excellent breaststroke swimmer and he taught many pupils to swim. One method he used was with a strap attached to a leash. The strap went around the learner's waist and Mr Yee walked along the edge of the pool and supported the dog-paddling pupil until he could swim without assistance.

The Mother's Club always provided a very nice break-up in the last week of school. As well as a Christmas tree, there was a picnic in the park with sporting activities or an excursion elsewhere. Their raspberry vinegar served from large enamel jugs was very popular or, in colder months, their provision of cocoa at lunch times was very much appreciated.

It was and is still a very beautiful town, but much different from the Gisborne I knew. The winters were very cold and I used to get chilblains then, but haven't had them since. An occasional fall of snow and severe white frosts would remain in the shadows until the afternoon.

Although Gisborne and its people were great, I would not choose to return. As it has been said, "When you set your course ahead, hold firmly to the tiller and don't look back." ~ Harry Buckland.



Me and my dog



Julienne and her daughter's old English sheepdog Bowie (named after the rocker, of course) out for some essential exercise during lockdown. Big Bowie loves to play and with his shaggy mop has surely melted many hearts.

Vet Talk

Puppy training

with Dr Caitlin Horwood-Skelton



Puppy training is good timing

Introducing a new pup into the household is a time of joy.

There are a few minor exceptions, mainly when little slip-ups occur on the carpet.

The best way to address this is to "think like a dog", and realise that it is hard to tell the difference between where to play and where to pee, until the outside habit becomes entrenched.

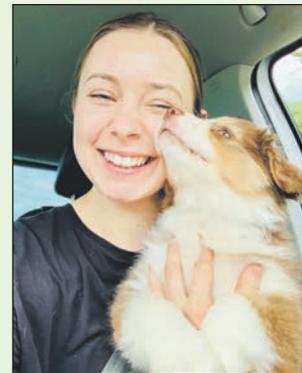
To help improve housetraining for a new puppy, there are five easy rules to follow.

Take puppy outside to do their toileting

- 1: after sleeping,
- 2: after eating,
- 3: after drinking,
- 4: after playing,

and of course, the most important, number 5: anytime you are not watching them!

It's number 5 that we tend to get wrong, of course. Mainly because we are so focused on watching them, we monitor their every move to get it right, then they start watching us watching them, and we heighten the focus, we take them outside



Alex brings Pip the puppy home then puppy training can begin.

to see if they need to toilet, and instead they play and we explore together, and then finally, when we think they have had enough, we let them back in and turn our backs... "Ah finally", thinks the pup, "I am free to pee in peace". Inside, oops.

To get it right, all we need to do is set them up for success. Taking them out following the first four rules is easy, and every time you do

that it reinforces the rule that "outside" is toilet time, not inside.

For number 5, give them a little time "unobserved": walk around with your pup outside when you get home from work, but don't pay him too much attention, let him find his space and do his toileting before you play, and make inside-time for eating, more play, lots of pats and creature comforts!

Groomed! Dipper suffers an indignity but comes out shining



Dipper Diaries

by May Zarins

My legs shook like an earthquake was happening, my tail went between my legs. A lady with pink curls beckoned me inside while Mama assured me it would be fine.

This lady is pure evil: The dog groomer! Why do dogs need to be groomed? I'm not going to a fancy dog show! "Bye Dipper," Mama said, handing my lead to the dog torturer with the long purple fingernails and pink hair. As I watched Mama leave, I felt the most afraid I've ever been (apart from my run-in with a Great Dane).

As I was taken into the house, I knew it was my last

chance to make a run for it. I took my lead in my mouth and chewed fiercely, finally breaking through. I fled through her garden and bolted to the gate – almost free but came face to face with her big white poodle, Tiny. Not so tiny to me. I squealed and ran back to the evil one who was now definitely the safer choice.

She picked me up and took me inside. I quivered as she placed me on a table in a small room. Showers squirted out of little pipes – man, I hate getting washed!

The evil one grabbed a sponge and snapped on rubber gloves. She began to scrub me then used vanilla and mint shampoo.

I sneezed and bubbles came out of my nose. I

popped them with my paw and the evil one chuckled. She got scissors and trimmed my fur. Then came the dreaded shaver and she shaved my ears and by my unmentionables. Last, she reached for a bow. This was the line for me and I growled. "Ok, ok," she said, "can't blame me for trying."

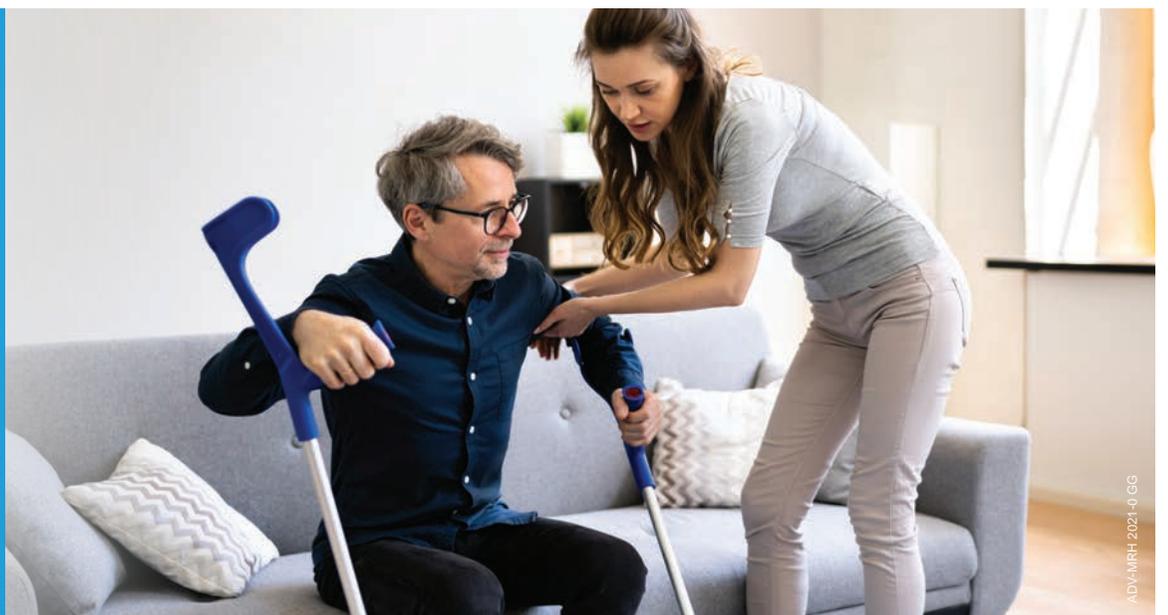
I looked in the mirror and I looked great! Mama picked me up and admired my beauty. It felt fabulous, but I still think that groomer is evil, inside and out.



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Daly Nature Reserve



Last month we looked back at Daly Nature Reserve's recent history. Now let's look forward.

COVID has certainly slowed down our activities over many months, but as soon as possible we will continue our commitments to work with 1st Gisborne Scouts. One project is to landscape an area in which cubs and scouts will add native plants which would normally grow in the Reserve. The scout group will learn about the importance of preserving native flora into future generations. A start has already been made and you may notice 'work in progress' as you drive along Howey Street.

At the entrance to the scout hall, there are native plant gardens. These were created 18 months ago by the cubs towards their gardening badges. It was expected that watering and trimming would be necessary. COVID stepped in and stopped the cubs' meetings, but the plants thrived at their own pace. As a result the cubs have learned that native plants need less maintenance than introduced species, as long as plant choice and positioning is considered.

Working bees continue every second Tuesday each month, at 9.30am. Cuppa at 11-ish. Enquiries: dalynaturereserve@gmail.com

Irene Perkin



Colourful native *Hardenbergia* brightens the entrance of the scout hall at the Reserve.



MACEDON MUSINGS

With Belinda Carlton-Doney

Well done to the Macedon Ranges Shire Council for their Plastic Free July. Every such contribution can make a difference.

On a recent trip to the Murray River, at Echuca, I was horrified to see the result of neglectful use of plastics. That part of the river is extremely low. Even talking to locals, they said it was unusually low. As a result, much more of the heavily eroded bank is exposed. Fallen trees line the bank, a common sight on the Murray. But what also became evident was the refuse and rubbish, left by people over time.

Fishing nets, yabby nets, all abandoned, yet still tied to snags. Plastic buckets, broken fishing lines and general waste, all stuck in the mud. Although we were able to remove some of these, much more was not accessible, so remains there. This plastic and wire will never break down, and will continue to affect the health of the river.

Having grown up on the Murray, I've seen the condition of the river deteriorate over the years. But even I was surprised by this level of abuse. Hopefully as the voice of conservation becomes louder, this will start to turn around.

This visit to the Echuca district was in July, just before the NSW lockdown. It was interesting to see the actions put in place by VicPol to manage the border. The police presence in Echuca was high. Every street seemed to have marked cars patrolling and we counted five cars within a few minutes at one point. LED traffic signs warning of COVID border checks were positioned on main roads. QR check in and licence checking was the norm in most businesses. Well done, Echuca – keeping us all safe.

At Rochester, a screen point had been set up. Every southbound caravan was being pulled over into a corral, to be checked. Does it sound bad that I found this comforting?!

As COVID continues...stay safe, Macedon!

COVID's a pain, but spring is around the corner



Hello to all you gardeners and fellow club members. Gardening has of recent times become a rather more solitary affair and like most voluntary groups, the Gisborne Garden Club program this year has had any number of setbacks due to COVID-19 restrictions.

The winter lunch meeting scheduled for July had to be cancelled.

Future meetings likewise may be subject to COVID restrictions though we hope to be able to follow through on our September bus trip to the Botanic Gardens in Melbourne.

Members are encouraged to contact our club secretary on 0412 234 021 to book a seat on the bus. Please refer to her email to members for details. Also please look out for future email notifications regarding the proposed August meeting, which may be affected by restrictions.

In the meantime, please look after yourselves, stay engaged with your friends and know that spring, full of flowers and new growth, is just around the corner.

I'm hoping for warmer days, or at least more sunshine to encourage me outdoors and get the pruning sorted.

Bernhard Sucher

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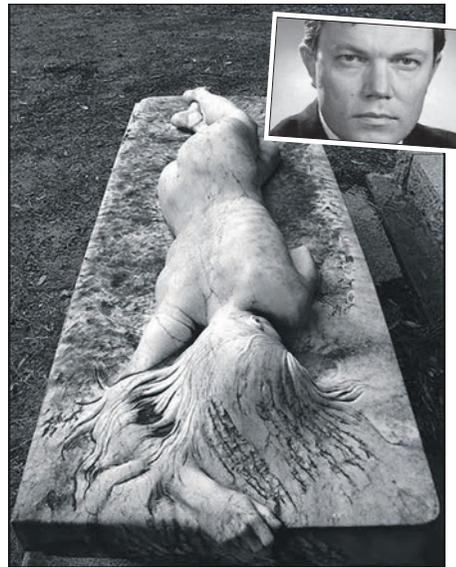
The story behind the marble sculpture that serves as Laurence Matheson's gravestone in Macedon Cemetery.

The life-size marble sculpture of a sleeping woman in Macedon Cemetery is the gravestone of Laurence Matheson (1930-1987). 'Asleep' was sculpted by Peter Shipperheyn, who first met Matheson, an "extraordinary individual" according to Shipperheyn, in 1981.

After an exhibition of work Shipperheyn had carved while on a scholarship in Carrara, Italy, Matheson had bought one of his sculptures. It was the largest work he had created, and required eight people to move it from the truck to Matheson's garden when it was delivered.

"After much cursing and one squashed finger, we placed the piece on the site," Shipperheyn wrote on his website. "At this point, Laurie, who had pitched in and was sweating like the rest of us, introduced himself, declaring he liked my work very much. Up until this point I had not realised [who he was], I thought he was one of the staff around the place."

Matheson invited Shipperheyn and his wife Cinzia to celebrate the arrival of the sculpture over a glass of champagne. In the course of conversation, Matheson



The sculpture 'Asleep' in Macedon Cemetery, and inset, Laurie Matheson.

asked the artist what his future plans were.

"What I really would like to do is go back to Carrara and carve a big chunk of marble," Shipperheyn told him, but he had no idea how he was going to achieve that without money. "Laurie got up and came back shortly after, put a fistful of money in my hand and said 'why don't you go back

to Carrara and make me a BIG sculpture!'" Shipperheyn recalled.

Excited and grateful for the opportunity, the artist returned to his studio and worked up a clay model. Once completed, Shipperheyn and Cinzia again met Matheson to present his concept.

"We arrived at his country house [Duneira at Mt Macedon]. A party of Russian business people were whooping it up, fired up on the 'flammable stuff,' as they like to refer to Smirnoff," Shipperheyn said of the event.

The sculptor unwrapped his piece and placed it on the table. It was a mockup of what would become a tall, rough pillar with nude male and female figures back to back carved in Carrara marble.

"Everybody enthused over the image," Shipperheyn said. "When it came to formalising the business aspect of the commission, Laurie pulled me aside as the Russians broke out in song and said, 'Well, what will it cost?' I bit my tongue and told him the price. At the time it seemed to me like a small fortune.

"Without further mention, Laurie got up and disappeared, returning shortly afterwards and to my amazement he paid the whole amount upfront."

Shipperheyn and Cinzia spent the next 12 months in Carrara working on the

Laurie Matheson was a somewhat mysterious figure who worked for the Australian government in Europe.

He started his working life as a Navy frogman in 1947 before switching to government service, with responsibility for developing trade with the old Soviet Union.

After moving into private business in 1976, he maintained links with Soviet contacts and travelled a great deal, spending much time in Moscow. He returned to Australia permanently in 1981.

In the '70s Matheson employed infamous lobbyist David Combe to investigate business opportunities in Moscow.

Combe's own dealings in Canberra with Soviet spy Valery Ivanov caused a public scandal, and Matheson became a key witness at the Hope Royal Commission in 1975-78. Rumours that Matheson could have been an ASIO or a KGB spy have not gone away since his death.

sculpture for Matheson as well as many other works in preparation for his second exhibition.

In 1987, Matheson became ill and died not long after. His widow, Christina, commissioned Shipperheyn to carve one last piece for her husband – the sleeping female figure, 'Asleep', that now marks his grave.

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BRILLIANT BOOKS



Evie enjoys A Stack of Alpacas.

At Swinburne Avenue Kindergarten, the children have been exploring their all-time favourite books.

Some of the kinder groups have set up a 'Brilliant Book Bag' in which students take turns bringing in a favourite book from home to read with their teachers and friends.

The children are encouraged to ask and answer 'who', 'when', 'where' and 'why' questions about their brilliant book of choice.

The book sharing is a rich learning experience that promotes the development of communication and language skills. So far, books that

make everyone laugh have been popular choices, as well as books that rhyme and some of the well-known classics.

Other kinder groups have set up a kindergarten lending library, providing opportunities for families to foster and support a love of reading at home.

By immersing children in quality literature, we provide pathways for strong communication and language skills in life. *Shannon Ingleton*



Lucy likes The Very Cranky Bear.

Putting the kinder's book theme into action, Swinburne Avenue Kindergarten families kindly shared these photos of reading during the July lockdown.



Baby Torah, Tim and Mila read the Golden Book The Monster at the End of this Book.



Zach and Monique get into Monsters Love Underpants.



Sophie and Nick enter the world of Cinderella together.



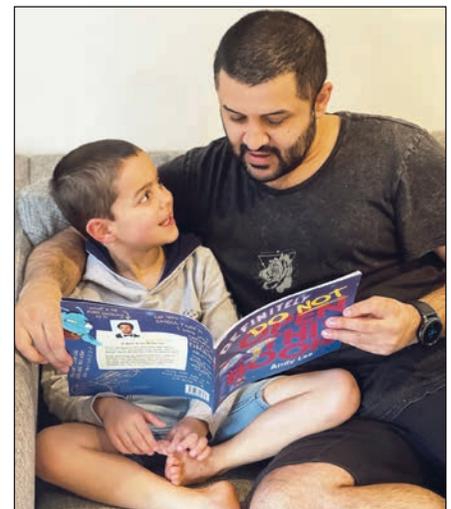
Shannon and George get into Go Go and the Silver Shoes.



Addison is engrossed in Twinkle Tames a Dragon.



Emma and Austin read Dinosaur Galore.



Arley and Gary read Do Not Open This Book (hope they didn't get into trouble).



JUNIOR QUIZ

1. Who is the only living person depicted on Australian currency?
2. How many squares are there on a chessboard?
3. How many moons does Mars have?
4. Pottery is "fired" in what kind of oven?
5. Most bread is made with flour from which grain?
6. Beatrix Potter wrote books about Peter who?
7. Who led the first fleet to Australia and became the first Governor of New South Wales?
8. What was the name of Harrison Ford's character in the film *Raiders of the Lost Ark*?
9. In which year did television commence regular broadcasting in Australia?
10. An instrument for measuring temperature is called a what?

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JOKE OF THE MONTH

Why do we tell actors to "break a leg?"

Because every play has a cast.



JOKES

What do you call a senior scout driving crazily in a four-wheel drive?

A deranged rover.

What has four eyes and one mouth?

The Mississippi.

Doctor, doctor, I feel like a pair of curtains.

Pull yourself together!

What instructions did Noah give his sons about fishing from the ark?

"Go easy on the bait, boys. I've only got two worms."

What happened when a prison van collided with a cement truck?

Six hardened criminals escaped.

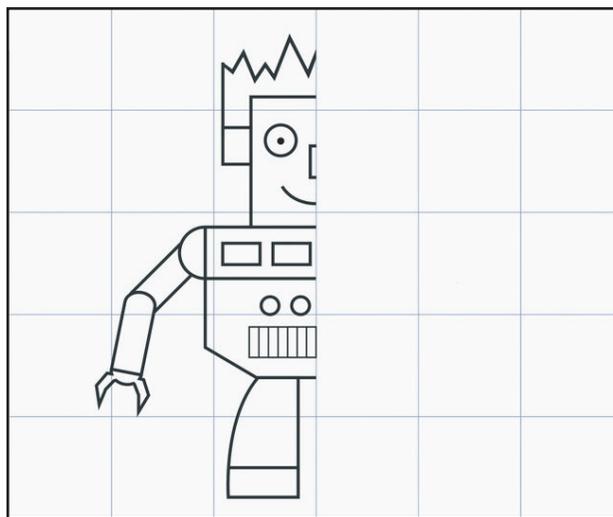
"Mum, Dad says I got all of my intelligence from him."

"Yes, well that would be right. I still have mine."

"You've come for this audition but have you had any stage experience?"

"Well, I once had my leg in a cast."

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MACEDON RANGES
MUMMA

with Kat Buttigieg

Four fun family drives

Need to get out of the house but want to stay warm? Why not take the kids for a drive? Here are four of my favourite drives in the Ranges and surrounds.

1 Lauriston Reservoir: Just out of Kyneton is this beautiful human-made structure. The road curves around the entire reservoir, and there are various points where you can park and walk closer for a better view of the water.

2 Straws Lane, Woodend: This is a next level road trip experience. On this road in Woodend there is an 'anti-gravity hill' where you can switch your car off while in neutral and it seems as though you are rolling uphill. While Mount Macedon is still closed off to the public after recent storms, the roads around Woodend and Hanging Rock are always a welcome place to drive, take in the surrounding landscape and get grumpy babies or children to nap!

3 Melbourne Airport Viewing Area: Do you have an aeroplane fan in your family? Why not drive just past Bulla and park in the public aircraft viewing area on Sunbury Road? The planes fly right over the top of you as they come in to land or depart from Melbourne Airport. It's a must for aircraft enthusiasts.

4 Colbinabbin and Rochester Silo Art: This is a fair day trip but if you are heading north to the Murray anyway, you should definitely schedule a pit stop at Colbinabbin and Rochester along the way to see the silo art. Both sets of artwork have bold and bright colours, the former with people and transport as their subject, and the latter a sugar glider and kingfisher. Remember that if COVID restrictions are in place at the time, it could affect how far you can travel by car from home. Stay safe and enjoy!

Kat



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One of St Brigid's girls' netball teams at the interschool sports.

St Brigid's enjoys interschool netball

St Brigid's Primary School senior students participated in Interschool Netball at Boardman Stadium in Sunbury on July 14.



We were split up into three teams: two girls' teams and a mixed team. Throughout the day we played some exciting games against other teams in the area.

We had lots of fun and it was a great opportunity to represent our school with pride.
Abi Phegan and Summer Busby



The mixed team.

New Gisborne students happy with new space



New Gisborne's new courtyard is popular.

It was an exciting start to Term 3 at New Gisborne Primary School as students arrived to find our brand-new courtyard!



Last term, staff and students had almost become used to walking around fenced off areas and watching builders digging, sanding and chopping but now we are enjoying our bright and cheery space. Students are flocking to the area to catch up with friends and play games.

Aleeya said, "I like the new courtyard. There is lots of room to run around and play. Now you can choose to play on the oval or at the courtyard and you won't get muddy."

Havanah loves how colourful the space is and said, "I really like it and it makes our school look even nicer than before. We are so lucky to have it."

Tyler agreed by saying, "It is awesome, and it feels really nice to walk on. We just need lots of sunshine now so we can enjoy it all day, every day".

Everybody is looking forward to using the updated and refurbished central courtyard for many years to come.



Havanah, Aleeya and Tyler

Aleeya, Havanah and Tyler

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Lily O'Connell and Lucy Whiting (above) and Zane Bennett and Mackenzie Whelan (above right) try their luck panning for gold panning at Sovereign Hill.



Thomas McCormack, Grace Lye, Nicolette Filbey and Zoe Falls show off the candles they made.

Sovereign Hill visit gets the gold



Holy Cross Primary School's grade 5 students rugged up well to explore Sovereign Hill on July 18, just before the lockdown came into force.

The excursion was part of our history unit in Inquiry.

The students experienced an amazing array of activities. Some of the many highlights of the day included gold panning (and finding gold!), a gold rush history-class session, the mine

tour, candle making and watching confectionery being made.

All of the students had a fantastic day together and wished we could have stayed even longer.

A special thank you to the students, who all represented Holy Cross so well by displaying their great manners and positive attitude all day.

Amanda Thomas

Gisborne Primary's facelift coming along

This year at Gisborne Primary School, we are currently constructing a new gym, playground and administration building and converting the old gym into classrooms.



The new gym is not only for students and teachers at the school, but for the community, and includes a ramp for wheelchair access.

Building has gone efficiently but many play spaces have been blocked off to keep students safe.

Some students have been moved from their usual play areas to the back or front of the school with the new playgrounds and mud kitchen.

The staff are excited about the new administration building being built, which is coming along smoothly. We can't wait to see the new buildings all come together.

Claire T, Tessa S and Charlotte U – Year 5



The whole community will be able to use the new gym.

CERES Zoom meeting

On July 15 we had a virtual meeting with Tom from CERES Community Environment Park.

He taught the Year 6s about waste and how we can prevent it. We had a fun session about what we would like to see in 2040 and how we can be sustainable to help the earth.

Tom showed us a preview of the documentary 2040, which showed us what we might see in the future. This included more wind turbines, fewer cars and more bikes, rooftop gardens and renewable energy. He explained to us how much plastic and toxic waste we produce in Australia each year, which is over nine full MCG ovals full of waste!

By Josh G – Year 6

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The benefits of long holidays

Ah, it's Term 3! Time flies fast, it's already halfway through the year. And probably you've heard at least **someone** complain that they want the holidays to be extended. But, you've probably also heard someone say that if we had infinite holidays, we wouldn't learn, progress, or do anything in life.

But! That's not entirely true! Today, I'm going to list three benefits of school holidays.

The main benefit of holidays is enjoyment. Well, this one's pretty obvious. Without fun, we'd be withering away from a lack of enjoyment! Without enjoyment, we'd be unmotivated, and then we would not want to do anything. Why do you think kids hate chores? Because they are boring.

Secondly, freedom. (This one kinda only applies to us children, as you adults out there have work, but...) School lasts around



six and a half hours, so there's not much time to go wherever you want, but with the holidays, *poof*, no school! You can go anywhere – overseas (not now, of

course) to your grandparents/parents, to a friend's house, etc.

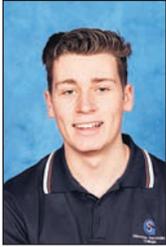
Third and last, but not least, knowledge. Let me explain. Say over the holidays you take a flight (in the future) to a distant country. You can learn their language, culture, foods, people, religion, and even more.

So, holidays are actually very beneficial! They're pretty important, and maybe they should be much longer. (I'll leave that to you to decide.)

Thanks for reading,

Ryan McClurkin

Gisborne Secondary hopeful of being able to put on Mamma Mia! soon



Hamish Nicoll

Hi all, I hope everyone is well. It has been a great start to Term 3.

Many of the students are back into the swing of the school routine, the Year 12s have already sat their first and second outcomes for term, as well as really getting stuck into their studies in preparation for the upcoming end of year exams.

As many of the Year 12s begin



their exam study, the Year 11s and 10s also got their chance to sit practice exams during the last weeks of last term, as it is a good chance for them to practise and get used to the conditions of an exam.

GSC also celebrated NAIDOC week at the end of

last term. Students got the opportunity to participate in classroom activities, indigenous students were encouraged to wear clothing that represented their background and the music for the bell was changed to music from indigenous artists.

Finally, GSC is looking forward to this year's college production of *Mamma Mia!* We've had to postpone the show until later in the term due to the state-wide lockdown but keep an eye out for when tickets go on sale again so you don't miss this great opportunity.

New sports added to 2021 Olympics

Carrying on from my last column about the origins of the Olympics, this month's article will be about the new sports that have been added.

As the *Gazette* went to print, the Olympics were under way in Tokyo. There are an estimated 10,000 competing athletes from over 200 countries. Australia sent a team of 472 athletes. This year's Olympics were supposed to be held last year, but due to Coronavirus restrictions they were postponed. As a result, there will only be a three-year gap between these Olympics and the next.

The Tokyo Olympics feature five exciting new sports, one of which is surfing. The best surfers in the world are debuting their sport, surfing along the Pacific coast of Japan. The direction and strength of the wind coupled with the unpredictable waves make it a very interesting competition. Athletes are competing against each other while navigating the ever-changing conditions of nature.

The next sport added is the young and vibrant sport of skateboarding. Being a brand new sport, I think it will be pretty interesting to see which countries dominate. The Olympic Committee has added two types of skateboarding – street and park. Street is a bit rougher and uses "street furniture" such as stairs, ramps, and grinds. Park is more focused on tricks, using different surfaces with slopes and curves. Australia has five competitors across the skateboarding discipline. My favourite to watch will be 21-year-old Poppy Olsen who has two junior world championships to her name.

Another new sport is sports climbing. There are



YOUNG BEAT with Asher Kroon

three types of climbing – speed, boulder (rock) and lead (difficulty). The holes on the vertical walls have been specifically cut and designed to make them difficult to grip and hard to hold. Australia has two athletes competing in this field, one of them is Oceania Mackenzie. Oceania is the national champion across all three disciplines on sports climbing.

One of the latest sports added is karate. It originated in Japan so it seems fitting that this sport makes its debut at the Tokyo games. It will be played out at the Nippon Budokan which is the spiritual home of Japanese martial arts. Karate is a good sport and I'm sure it'll capture your attention when it's on the TV.

Baseball and softball are making a return to the Olympics. They were last played at the Beijing games in 2008. I love playing softball at school, so to see it played at an international event should be even better – especially when they can pitch up to 160kmh. Australia won't have a baseball team so I look forward to cheering the softball team instead. They have won an Olympic medal in every event they have entered! Team sports are always good to watch, because it's cool to watch how everyone works together to achieve a victory.

BRAINBUSTER

1. By what name was Zimbabwe formerly known?
2. Who succeeded Queen Victoria to the throne in 1901?
3. Who assisted Sherlock Holmes on most of his adventures?
4. What is the smallest state in size in the USA?
5. On which mountain did Moses receive the Ten Commandments?
6. What is India's favourite sport?
7. In which American state is Fort Knox located?
8. What is the capital of Papua New Guinea?
9. What do you call a person who makes or sells hats?
10. The author George Orwell is well known for his books *Animal Farm* and *1984*. What was Orwell's real name?

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Scouts enjoy activities before lockdown

NEW GISBORNE SCOUTS

Despite COVID, we had some great times in July, with outdoor activities and warming campfires.

Following the blessing of the Scout Hut site, local contractor Shane Smith, kindly donating his services, began preparing the site. Alas, the wetness from recent rains was too much and we agreed to wait for drier times.



Scouts AUSTRALIA NEW GISBORNE

However, as we paused, we received news of possible state government funding so we are planning even better facilities. Donations welcome and are tax deductible. We are very excited about the hut and learning the joys of patience.

We are sending a great contingent of Scouts, Venturers and Leaders to the 2021-2022 "VicJam", the Victorian Jamboree. Under Troop Leader Russell Barker, the Scouts are honing the skills they'll need to have the most fun and excitement. Our Scouts are fundraising to help their trip to the Jamboree. Scout parents Leona and Rufina are leading the baking team.

As COVID persists, we remember our Law and Promise, living out "love thy neighbour". Our thoughts and prayers continue for essential workers.



Project engineer John Randles and contractor Shane Smith review the Scout Hut site conditions.

Cub Scout Emma helps with the cooking for the Scout fundraising team.

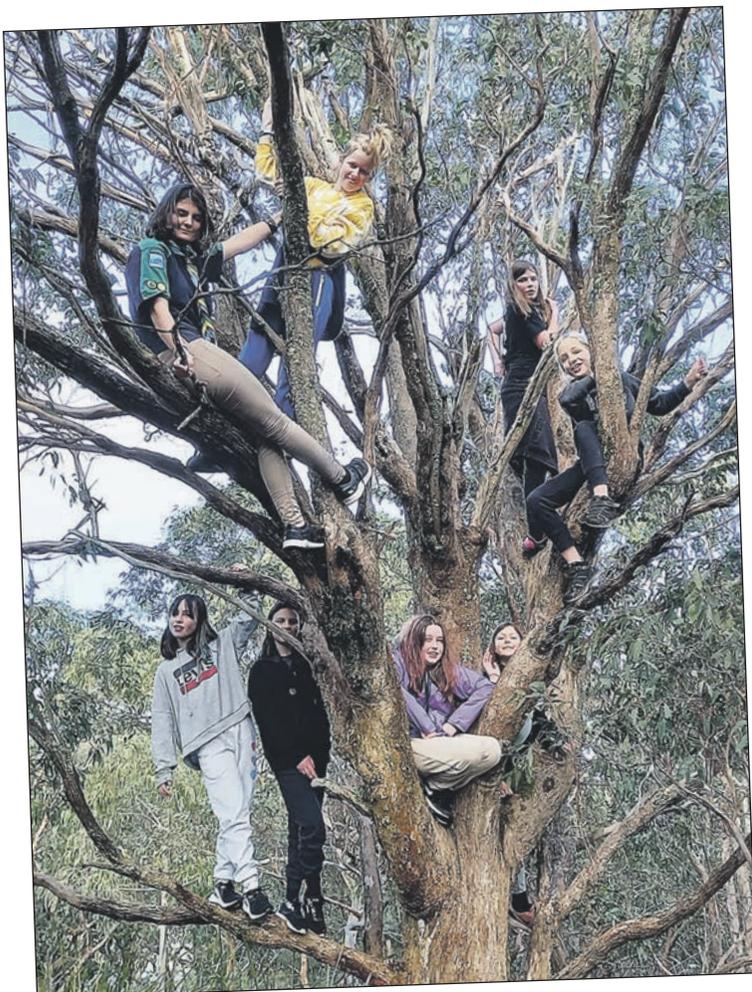


New Gisborne Scouts is based at the Gisborne Church of Christ and has vacancies in the Joey Scout and Scout sections. Contact Group Leader Skip-

per (0450 922 787 or johnfrearson@mac.com) to learn more about the fun and challenges ahead.

John Frearson, Group Leader

MACEDON-WOODEND SCOUTS



Macedon-Woodend Scouts get a big dose of nature before lockdown.

Macedon-Woodend Scout Group went for a weekend of camping and hiking on July 9 to 11. Nineteen Scouts attended the weekend camp at Rowallan Scout Camp at Riddells Creek.

The Scouts braved the cold weather over the two nights but had great weather during the days for hiking, game playing and other activities.

One patrol did a 17-kilometre hike up Mt Charlie and another did an 8km hike up Mt Tenerife, which helped them to qualify for their Campcraft and other badges. Along with hiking, the Scouts tried their hands at archery, navigation, cooking and obstacle courses.

If you are interested in joining the fun at Scouts, contact us through the Macedon-Woodend Scout Group website, macedonwoodendscouts.com. Cubs meet on Monday evenings, Scouts on Monday and Tuesday (two groups), and Venturers on Thursday.

Mark Baeten
Scout Leader

Biodiversity: Animals and plants of the Macedon Ranges

Exhibition at Kyneton Museum, Piper Street



Did you know that 376 animal species have been recorded in the Macedon Ranges? Or 1457 varieties of native plants?

Put a note in the diary to celebrate National Biodiversity Month in September with this interactive exhibition, which brings together a collection of historical accounts of local species and photos.

Get up close with a collection of animal specimens or take a peek inside some natural tree hollows to see who lives inside.

Opens on Friday, September 3, from 11am to 4pm (COVID restrictions permitting: please go to the website www.mrsc.vic.gov.au and follow the events tag to check towards the end of August).

POLICE BEAT

with Martin Kappel
Acting Inspector, Macedon Ranges

This month, from Gisborne Police Station

It has been a challenging few months for the members at Gisborne Police Station, and police within the Macedon Ranges in general.

Gisborne police, along with other local emergency service workers, attended the tragic loss of a young man in a motor vehicle collision in May. They supported CFA and SES managing a recent fire at the Macedon Railway Hotel. And they were kept extremely busy during the severe storm that hit our community last month.

Throughout this period we have continued to supply members to staff hotel quarantine in Melbourne, provide patrols to educate and enforce Chief Health Officer directives to keep the community safe during the pandemic, and, from late June, we have been supplying senior managers to help staff an operations centre at Bendigo coordinating border patrols enforcing interstate travel restrictions.

For newer members of our community, I would like to mention that the Gisborne Police Station is a 16-hour station. We have a response unit working from the station 24 hours a day but there may be times when the station is unstaffed. On such occasions the phones will divert to the closest 24-hour station in our service area, being Kyneton, and the intercom at the front entrance of Gisborne will also divert to Kyneton. For non-urgent matters that do not require police attendance, consider calling the police advice line on 131 444.

The Victoria Police Macedon Ranges Safety Survey is online now at engage.vic.gov.au (search 'Macedon Ranges') and open until September 1. We are keen to hear your thoughts on key safety ideas and confidence in your local



QR code for safety survey

police. The survey only takes a couple of minutes to complete, and will help us to better tailor our services to the needs of the community. The more responses we receive the clearer picture we will get of community concerns and how to best respond.

Lastly, I would like to mention that Inspector Chris Large is leaving the Macedon Ranges to take up a new position in Darebin. Inspector Tom Ebinger will be taking over from Chris. We wish Chris all the best in his new role and look forward to welcoming Tom to the Macedon Ranges.



GisBus driver Henry Neal and VIP Emma Norton

Community customers

As touched on in earlier columns, GisBus does not only provide a service for city commuters. There are some other Very Important Passengers who routinely ride the GisBus between home and Windarrang in Hamilton Street.

Windarrang clients such as Emma Norton (pictured in a beautiful bright jacket) who can travel independently, are regularly picked up as part of the Route 474 Demand Service. Details of operating times for all GisBus services are available on the website noted above.

Roadworks continue to affect travel times so please ensure you allow plenty of time if connecting to a train service.



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Benefits of book clubs

Book clubs are a great way to connect with others and make friends while discussing the stories and themes of a range of interesting and diverse titles.

Gisborne Library has a free book club program, giving access to book club groups a collection of over 320 titles in sets of 10. Book club sets come in a convenient bag, and can be loaned for up to six weeks, making them perfect for monthly meetings. Groups wishing to register as a book club can visit www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au/bookclubs for details on the program, along with a full list of titles available for loan. Individuals who want to join an existing group can come into the Gisborne Library and have a chat to the helpful staff about their preferences.

OBITUARY

Arthur Charles Sowden
1929-2021

A respected resident of Gisborne and Riddells Creek, Arthur Sowden passed away on June 7.

Arthur was born in 1929 to John and Evelyn Sowden at the Women's Hospital in Melbourne. He was the youngest of two brothers and three sisters. When Arthur was three years old, the family moved to England but returned to Australia seven years later.

Arthur began his schooling in Plymouth, Devon, and attended Williamstown and Essendon High Schools back in Australia. Upon leaving school, he started work with the State Savings Bank in the city where he met Ann. They married in 1963 at the Presbyterian Church in Braybrook and lived in Essendon.

Later, Arthur and Ann moved to Ballan where Arthur became manager of the State Bank and where their three daughters, Leigh, Helen and Linda, were born. He was also manager of the Moreland West State Bank branch in Brunswick.

In 1973 the family moved to Riddells Creek and in 1993 moved to their present home in Frith Road, Gisborne. Arthur enjoyed playing bowls, golf, tennis and badminton. In Ballan he won the bowls singles championship and in golf the Hartley Cup. He played bowls at the Flemington-Kensington Bowling Club for a number of years, was secretary of the Sunbury Bowling Club and a member at Gisborne. Arthur was an ardent supporter of the Essendon Football Club.

He also enjoyed music, in particular Elvis Presley and Frank Sinatra, jazz and music of the 1940s and 1950s.

Arthur was a worshipping and active member of the Gisborne Anglican Parish and for many years attended the Men's Group dinners and assisted on the fruit and veggie stall at the annual church fete held at St Paul's.

Arthur and Ann enjoyed many holidays within Australia to Queensland, the Grampians, Jamieson, Wandiligong and Geelong. They have eight grandchildren: Jessica, Ben, Sarah, Rachelle, Katelin, Tahlia, Tamara and Daniel, and two great-grandchildren, Ayla and Mila.

A memorial service was held for Arthur on June 17 at St Paul's Anglican Church Gisborne.



Arthur Sowden

New name, new look – Greater Western Water un.masks merged identity

The region's new water corporation, Greater Western Water was launched last month at the Sunbury office.

The merger of Western Water with City West Water follows long-term planning by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning and the two water authorities to best cater for population growth in the region.

The formation of Greater Western Water will save on costs and reduce household water bills into the future,

with former Western Water customers also securing greater access to the Melbourne supply system.

Managing director Maree Lang said it was an honour to lead and serve the new organisation which spanned such a wide region. "We will use our size, and the full resources available to us, to continue to deliver the water quality and security, affordability and reliability our customers deserve," she said.

Find out more at gww.com.au or by calling 13 44 99.



From left, Wurundjeri elder Uncle Bill Nicholson, GWW managing director Maree Lang, Chair David Middleton and Member for Sunbury Josh Bull unveil the new sign

Ho ho ho! It's Christmas in July



For members of the Macedon Ranges Ulysses Branch (MRUB) winter is the time to be "off-road" at our "Christmas in July" lunch with family and friends. Red and green were the featured colours and the venue looked terrific decked for the festivities.

Held this year in Woodend, around 40 members and guests enjoyed a sumptuous meal with all the trimmings.

This social event always features great company, lots of fun, plus a spectacular raffle conducted by Moira. There were so many grey/white bearded contenders for Father Christmas we were spoiled for choice!

So, a happy day was had by all with the bonus of three past and our current president attending. Once again, a great effort by the club committee for the outstanding organisation and rollout.

While traditionally August can be a chilly month, we will be venturing out for our regular monthly and weekly rides plus of course Saturday's tyre-kick in Gisborne. There's something for every style and inclination of rider, so check out our calendar for details at www.mrub.org.au or join us on Facebook for the latest news.

See you riding the Ranges!

Cherry Cole



One of the tables at the Christmas in July lunch on the 11th. Picture: Moira Burgess



It looked a lot like Christmas on the raffle table. Picture: Moira Burgess



Above: two of the scenes photographed on the bushwalkers' Vaughan Springs walk last month.

Historical gold area destination

On a clear, still July day, 19 members of the Gisborne Bushwalkers Club set out to walk around the historical area of Vaughan Springs following our experienced leader, Brian.



The area was discovered by alluvial gold miners in 1853 and once supported a population of over 500 miners and market gardeners for the Chinese miners and was once known as The Junction. Now it is more known for the giant slide, picnic and camping facilities, mineral water and a place to enjoy the outdoors.

Our walk took us up many hills affording picturesque views of the Loddon River and gullies then zigzagging along the track down to flat ground.

There are relics of the goldmining era including traces of mines and a few remaining skeletons of old structures to remind us of the history of the area.

There is also a well-used grinding stone used by the Dja Dja Wurrung peoples predating the miners.

Many of the exotic trees in the area were planted after the gold rush to prevent erosion and there are species of native box, stringybark and manna gums to admire.

Our clothing collected seeds from the many *Casinia arcuate* bushes, as it was useful for reclaiming the gravel pits of old mine dumps and widely used by the Chinese market gardeners.

At times the walk follows the old water race beside the Loddon and, as the river was fast-flowing, provided many photo stops. We also passed through an old chestnut orchard and other fruit trees planted post-mining times.

After enjoying the changing terrain, local wildlife and variety of birds, many of us finished our walk with a refreshing drink from the local mineral spring. A very enjoyable walk for all.

For more info 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.

Janeen Edward

RAMBLERS KEEP UP FRIDAY WALKS

Just as we seemed to have COVID in a sleeping state (hope it's back there soon), a storm came through causing so much damage.

From the standpoint of the Ramblers, this has resulted in the closure of many parks and walks in the Ranges (hardly onerous in comparison to the loss of houses and power supply endured by many).

We have managed a regular Friday walk, with many changes to the walk program and have welcomed new people to the group, mainly due to this column.

Some people find Fridays inconvenient due to work commitments etc, but when on the mailing list receive a weekly map and a

gpx file which can be downloaded onto a gps unit or smartphone to follow at their leisure.

A recent walk is described as Walk #15 (on opposite page) if you would care to try it. It is a bush walk on clear wide tracks, although storm damage to trees is noticeable.

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

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

Charles

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Spring Start Running begins soon



Club members on a chilly day before the last all-club 10km run in Riddells Creek in May...

The Macedon Ranges Running Club (MRRRC) will begin its Spring Start Running program on August 30 and 31. This program may not get you to the next Olympics as a competitor, but participants will successfully run 5k after completing the eight-week program.



MRRRC is a fun and vital outdoor running group with all ages, women and men, and varying levels of running ability experience and confidence.

We have active branches in Gisborne, Macedon, Riddells Creek, Woodend, Kyneton and Lancefield-Romsey. Macedon Ranges Running Club is a social, non-competitive, long-distance running club. If you would like to register, please check our website at www.macedonrangesrunningclub.com

Craig Thomas



... And runners in action.



Tom Jarman with a nice brown trout. It may have a dull name but the brown trout is a very colourful fish. And happily for this one, it goes back in the water.

Competition sport fly fishing

Recently club member Tom Jarman, champion fly fisher and fishing guide,



gave us a most interesting presentation on competition fly fishing: the benefits of taking part; the operation of the competitions; techniques used; and the additional interest and motivation available for fly fishers.

Competitions here are organised through Fly Fish Australia Incorporated, whose motto is "promoting competition sports fly fishing in Australia". They conduct formal state and national competitions to international and local rules for the purpose of selecting teams to compete at international competitions.

The benefits, particularly to the less experienced, of getting involved in competition fly fishing include fishing and partnering with experienced anglers and being exposed to up-to-date effective techniques. Competition may involve Modern European Nymphing styles or Modern Dry Fly Fishing. The knowledge obtained could range from leaders to use, experience with newer flies like "Tabanas" that can imitate our March flies, to "Pulling" of streamers on lakes and using wet flies such as the "Shrek" (an Australian invention that imitates smelt) to trigger a good trout response or the "Humungous" (originating in Scotland, that also imitates a small fish).

Naming popular brands, Tom said it was worth noting that the rods, lines, reels, hooks and other gear that fly fishers use are ultimately designed by competition anglers.

During the talk, Tom offered his own advice on techniques and flies, finishing with an in-depth question and answer session.

If you would like to see Tom in action look him up on YouTube or www.tomjarmanfishing.com.

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

Louis Bokor



Enlarged, the trout's beautiful markings are clearly visible.

Walk No 15

Bullengarook

Bullengarook: Walsh/White Road

Longer Walk: Approx 5.7km
Level: Medium/Hard.
Shorter Walk: approx 4.4km
Level: Medium

This is a walk with an option of both length and difficulty. Both start at the Bullengarook Reserve. Park near the pavilion and walk past the old primary school building (now a playgroup) and continue through the equestrian reserve to Walsh Road.

Turn right. Walk to the junction with Whites Road. Turn left following the road past the creek until reaching a sign indicating White Road extension and Mt Sugarloaf track. (You can also park at this point if you want to shorten the walk).

Opposite this sign you will see a wide track (with an adjacent sign banning firewood collection). This is the track to take. After about 70m there is a right fork in the track; ignore this and keep to the left. A further 200m along brings you to a definite fork in the road. Take the left track (the right track will be the return if doing the shorter walk). Roughly 700m from the fork will bring you to a cross road of tracks (look for a tree stump with quartz rocks). Do not take the left track as this leads nowhere.



View along the track

Decision time!

If you are feeling tested by this point, return using the right track, this is an easy loop back to the track you came along and then retrace your route to your car.

Taking the forward track is the longer walk with a more difficult descent to the creek and consequent steep incline out. I would recommend a walking pole on this section. Eventually this track leads out onto Walsh Road and then it is a straightforward return to the start.



SPORT IN PICTURES



▲Over-30 Masters – Gisborne v Sunbury – July 10



▲U13 – Gisborne Rookies v Sunbury – July 3



▶U13 – Gisborne v Sunbury – July 3



▲U15 – Gisborne Giants v Gisborne Rookies – July 3



▲Seniors – Macedon v Woodend – July 10



▲U13 – Gisborne Rookies v Melton – July 11



▲U13 – Gisborne v Sunbury – July 3



▲Seconds – Gisborne v Strathfieldsaye – July 3



▲C Grade – Macedon v Woodend – July 10



▲U11 – Gisborne Rookies v Riddell – July 11



▲U11 – Gisborne Giants v Gisborne Rookies – July 3



▲U13 – Gisborne Giants v Melton – July 11



▲A Reserve – Gisborne v Strathfieldsaye – July 3

Holly Mason umpires U13s Gisborne v Melton on July 11.



Pictures by Chris Fleming

◀U11 – Gisborne Giants v Gisborne Rookies – July 3



Busy August in the works for MRNA

Macedon Ranges Netball Association is pleased to have all competitions back up and running. We were incredibly lucky (and very relieved) to gain access to the stadium for our ladies midweek to have finals last term. Congratulations to all teams involved.

The junior competition is heading into round 9 and it is great to see our players develop and improve as the season progresses; thank you to the community for helping us get the players on the court. Like every sports group, finding umpires has been difficult; if anyone in the community has umpired and can help our junior competition, we would love to hear from you.

We have a lot happening in August. The annual Pink Sports



Day is on August 14 and on August 21 we will be celebrating the 40th anniversary of Gisborne Netball Association/Macedon Ranges Netball Association. Please keep an eye out for further information. We would love to celebrate with everyone who has been part of our netball community over the past 40 years. Our Annual General Meeting is scheduled for August 23.

*Katie Duoba
MRNA president*



First prize winner Chris Ford receives the keys of a Toyota Hilux from Nathan Thompson of Kyneton Toyota.

Macedon Football Netball Club news

Community football and netball have once again been impacted by COVID-19 restrictions and the lockdown in July.



The Macedon Cats are second to Wallan on the senior football ladder after a convincing 98-point win over Woodend on July 3. Our A Grade Netball Team also had a good win and are third on the ladder.

Due to the uncertainty at time of writing, further fixtures and timing of the finals are still unknown. We all hope that there will be some resolution regarding this in the near future.

Our annual major fundraising raffle (permit No.10348/20) was drawn on May 2. The winner of the \$65,000 first prize, a Toyota Hilux bought from Kyneton Toyota, was Chris Ford of Macedon. The Macedon Football Netball Club would like to thank everyone who bought tickets for their support of our community club. Money raised is assisting us in navigating through these challenging times.

If you are keen to be involved with the club in any way, as a player, volunteer, member, sponsor or supporter, please contact Andrew on 0488 363 222 for information.

Andrew Meldrum

Gisborne Golf Club to run child cancer fundraiser ▶ see page 17

Teaming up with Maldon

Mt Macedon and Maldon Petanque Clubs have been negotiating some friendly events to start up between the two clubs. The first of a planned annual event to alternate between both clubs will be held on Sunday August 8 in Maldon. The second competition will be a series of four game days starting on Saturday July 31 in Maldon. The second of these days will be Saturday August 28 in Gisborne. The last two dates will be in September. The whole idea behind the competitions is to involve players of all ability and experience in a friendly event. Skills, rules of the game and player etiquette are elements of the game that will be promoted.



Mt Macedon players practise at their grounds.

Club playdays are held on the second and fourth Saturday of the month between 10am and roughly 1pm at the grounds behind the Gisborne Caltex Service Station. Playdays are being held during winter on two Wednesdays of the month but it's best to contact the club to confirm these dates from week to

week. If you're wandering by our grounds on a lovely walk by the river, feel free to come over and ask questions, or you can register interest on our website: mtmacedonpetanqueclub.weebly.com

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MT MACEDON GOLF CLUB RESULTS: July

Mt Macedon Golf Club congratulates

Kudu Constructions midweek gentlemen's July Mug o' the Month went to Ryan Toholka with 32 points.

SGA Solutions Agribusiness June Monthly Medallist was Jarrod Plowman with a nett 64.

Ladies enjoy 'Get into Golf' days

Despite the winter weather, Mt Macedon Golf Club has had an excellent response to these introductory Sunday afternoon 'Get Into Golf' sessions for women, which involve learning the basics of chipping, putting and driving.



The 'Get Into Golf' ladies strut their stuff on the third fairway.

Much laughter, banter, enthusiasm, encouragement and the all-too-familiar groans of golfers' disappointment as that putt lips out of the hole. Enquiries are already coming in for the opportunity to continue during spring.

Interested ladies should check our website and Facebook page for updates.

Despite the best efforts of mother nature to try to delay the third round of the club championship and June monthly medal – with the electricity being cut to the clubhouse all day due to a massive fallen tree blocking the mount road – 38 players were able to get a round before it became too dark.

Congratulations to eight-time winner Jim Hynes who retained the Club Championship from Alex Fraser on the second playoff hole. The overall handicap winner was Isaac Golden. Congratulations also to the following Club Championship winners.

B Grade Scratch: John Andrew; C Grade Scratch: Isaac Golden; A Grade Handicap: Mick Doyle; B Grade Handicap: Sean Smyth.

The mid-week gentlemen's July Mug o' the Month went to Ryan Toholka (18) with 32 points.

June Monthly Medal and A grade winner was Jarrod Plowman with a nett 64.

The new membership year began 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

Don't be shy, try lawn bowls at Macedon

If you enjoy physical activity, being part of a team, have a competitive spirit and love socialising, lawn bowls is the game for you, and the Macedon Bowling Club is the place to be. The club has had recent success in the Penant competitions on both Saturdays and Tuesdays. Social bowls has proven popular, with Barefoot Bowls played monthly during the season and club dinners held regularly.



Our club has recently undergone a makeover, both on the bowling green and in the clubrooms, made possible through grants from the Macedon Ranges Shire Council and the Bendigo Community Bank. The bowling green has been made accessible for people of all physical capabilities, while the clubrooms have received a facelift with new kitchen appliances, new flooring, upgraded bathrooms, new lounge chairs and a fresh paint job throughout.

The club committee and members are immensely grateful to these organisations for their generosity. Should you think lawn bowls may be the game for you and would like further information, a visit to the Club or coaching, please contact Helen on mobile 0402 812 550.

Helen Kennedy

CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 2 This town is just across the border in Queensland from Boggabilla.
- 3 This town sits at the end of the silo art trail in Victoria.
- 5 The Tropic of Capricorn passes through this city.
- 9 The only state capital city in Australia not named after a person.
- 11 Victorian town across the river from Mulwala.
- 12 Reputedly known to have the hottest temperatures in Australia (two words).
- 15 Birthplace of QANTAS.
- 16 Deakin Avenue is one of the main streets in this Victorian city.
- 18 Second largest city in Tasmania.
- 19 Where in New South Wales is the Big Merino?
- 20 Japanese planes bombed this town on February 19, 1942.

DOWN

- 1 Home of the Big Galah in South Australia.
- 4 Postcode 2222.
- 6 The most southerly South Australian city (two words).
- 7 The most easterly town in Australia (two words).
- 8 Firebrace Street is one of the main streets in this Victorian city.
- 10 What city has a market in Salamanca Place?
- 13 City at the mouth of the Swan River.
- 14 Gwynneville, Bulli, Woonona and Bellambi are suburbs of this NSW city.
- 17 There's a saying "They live out the back o'"

Answers

ACROSS

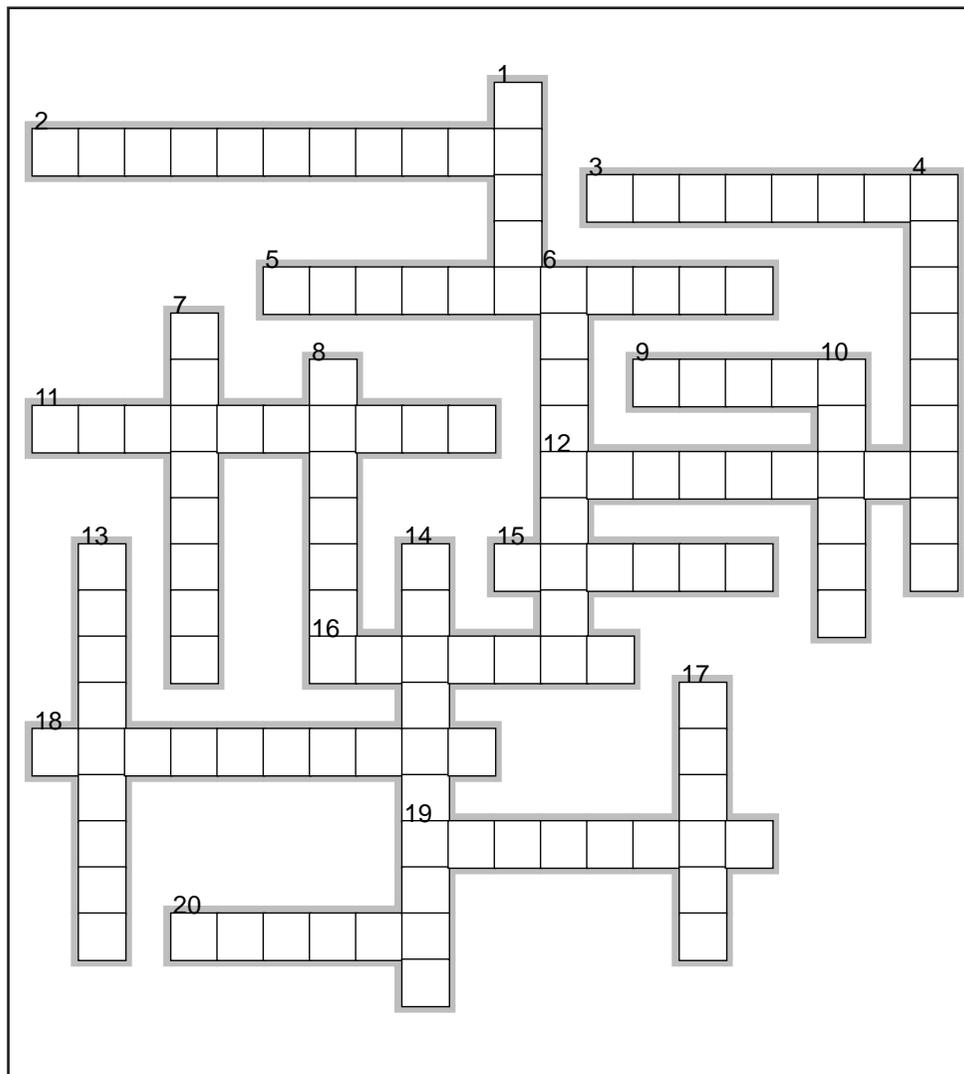
- 20. Darwin.
- 19. Goulburn
- 18. Launceston
- 16. Mildura
- 15. Winton
- 12. Marblebar
- 11. Yarrawonga
- 9. Perth
- 5. Rockhampton
- 3. Rупanyup
- 2. Goondiwindi

DOWN

- 1. Kimba
- 4. 17.
- 14. Wollongong
- 13. Fremantle
- 10. Hobart
- 8. Horsham
- 7. Byronbay
- 6. Mtgambier
- 4. Peshurst
- 1. Kimba

Towns and cities of Australia

Questions compiled by Graeme Millar





Samoan Youth Group visit Mount Macedon Uniting Church



The Samoan Youth Group from St John's Uniting Church, Essendon, led our service on July 11. Their singing, dance, dramatisations and interactive reflections on the scriptures was inspirational.

There were eight young Samoan boys and girls and one "Anglo" boy in the group plus Victoria, the group's leader.

Afterwards, we had a most enjoyable lunch with the young people and their families. It was difficult to get anyone to go home. We hope to see them again soon.

The Men's Group on July 6 heard from John Cross about his experiences as a young marine engineer on his first ship: surviving a massive storm for six days in the Bay of Biscay, visiting ports in West Africa and working at a new dry dock in Nigeria.



The visiting Youth Group leads the service.

Unfortunately, our rostered speaker John Emmett, was still recuperating in Melbourne from his car accident earlier in the year.

The Thistle Club ladies on June 30 shared quick and easy meal ideas.

Sadly the much-anticipated annual "Christmas in July" lunch scheduled for July 28 had to be cancelled due to the COVID lockdown.

Neil Tweddle
5426 2045

Back to basics

St Paul's Anglican Parish



Set limits. Encourage. Help. Be patient. Don't worry. Be happy. Remain faithful. This almost sounds like a little song that someone wrote. It is a primary teaching of the Church in community.

Boundaries are essential things, and warning (or admonishing to use the archaic word) is part of the duty we all have.

Upset a dog or a cat, you're usually first warned with a growl, hiss, or disagreeable body language. Proceed with what you are doing; it's gonna hurt!

Sometimes saying 'no' is one of the most loving things we can do.

Knowing our limits is essential. It is easy to get the other ones right. Sometimes though, we do need help.

Our community has responded to those in need following the recent storm. People have been resilient and brave. Some people have found it all too much.

As a modern community, we have been tested a lot in recent times.

Boundaries are in place to keep us safe.

It has been a frustrating time as our way of life has been challenged. Yet, the birds are still singing, the grass is growing, the spring bulbs are emerging, and kangaroos in high spirits.

Indeed, don't worry. Be happy. Remain faithful.

Dennis Webster

An indigenous voice to the churches

Every three years, the Uniting Church in Australia (UCA) holds its national assembly. It is a grand occasion beginning with the pomp of processions, choirs, the induction of the incoming president and invigorating preaching.



This is followed by days of discussion, debate – and listening. Those listened to include representatives from other Christian denominations and from other faiths and those from overseas partner churches. A major voice in recent decades has been that of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Christian Congress.

Congress has set the model for the development of other national conferences with opportunities for people of the same culture to meet for worship, fellowship and discussions. The first of these, formed in 1987, was the Tongan National Conference and the most recent that of the Ibero-Latino National Conference. There are now 13 of these groupings.

Recognising the multiplicity of voices and reducing the volume of the once dominant Anglo conversation is a Pentecost moment for the UCA. It is a time for agreeing that we really are all in this church together.

In 1988 the UCA Assembly was challenged to listen intently to the voices of Australia's first peoples. It was an exciting but also uncomfortable time, a time to recognise that 'caring for' was not the same as sharing.

A covenant was made between the church's in-



Traditional and contemporary craft work collected by Deacon Meg Evans, including lovingly made gifts from Aurukun in the Northern Territory.

igenous members and others which recognised that the church's past processes and actions had not been equal and fair to all.

Locally the Gisborne church draws on the long experience and wisdom of the Rev. Deacon Meg Evans who worked with the people of Aurukun and other north Queensland communities. She earned great respect from the people of the north by first respecting them. How good would it be to see this echoed across this great land.

Janet Wood

Let your words speak life

Well, as I write this, we are in another lockdown. Hopefully by the time you read it, we are out of it!



It's frustrating, but here we are. No matter what you believe and where you sit on today's current issues in society, I do believe this message is for all of us.

There is so much fear in the world at the moment. So much uncertainty. So much grief. So much worry.

And in times like this, when we hear 'We're all in this together', it does not just mean to give your neighbour a cup of sugar when they run out. We underestimate the power of words.

I am inspired by the lyrics of my son's favourite song at the moment: "Speak life, speak life, to the dearest darkest night

Speak life, speak life, when the sun won't shine and you don't know why

Look into the eyes of the broken hearted, Watch them come alive as soon as you speak hope, you speak love, you speak life."

It also speaks about how our words can be the arms of compassion, and our words can make hope live or die.

So think about that the next time you're speaking to someone. Speak life.

Shelley Farrugia

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100 YEARS AGO

From the pages of the old *Gisborne Gazette*

AUGUST 1921

Upper Macedon

One of the heaviest falls of snow for 12 years took place last night, being 4 to 5 in. deep [10 to 12.5cm] in places. The Mount is capped to a depth of 9 to 12 in. [23cm to 30cm].

Accident soon after start

Biting south-westerly winds prevailed when Lieut. [Ray] Parer yesterday morning made a start to fly round Australia. When between Gisborne and Riddell, at a height of about 3000 ft. [900m], he found that the engines of his aeroplane were not working satisfactorily. He made a perfect landing in a paddock and sent his two companions, Mark Parer and Anthony Kane, away to obtain some wood with which the engines could be dismantled and overhauled. Whilst they were absent, Lieut. Parer decided to undertake the task single-handed and set the engines going; but ... a strong gust of wind caused him to lose his balance, and his legs and feet were caught in the revolving propeller.

He was wearing his leather coat and heavy boots reaching to the knees and this protection probably saved him from more serious injuries. The big toe of his left foot was broken and both feet were severely bruised. When his companions returned, they found Parer disabled and suffering from exposure to wind, rain and cold. They were forced to leave him to find help and before a car could be secured to take the injured aviator to a train, he had been exposed to the bitter weather for over two hours. Parer and his companions returned to Melbourne by the Bendigo express and Lieut. Parer was admitted to a private hospital.

The aeroplane is still in one of the paddocks of the Campbell estate, securely roped down. It is on an elevated position not far from the Riddell township, and on Sunday people came from Macedon, Woodend, Gisborne, Sunbury, Romsey and many other places to view the machine.

Death in Gisborne

The death of Mr. William Holmes Hall, formerly of Glen Osmond, South Australia, on Saturday, at the home of his grandson in New Gisborne, at the age of 85, recalls a name which was well known in the early days of Australia's history. His father, the late Mr. Edward Smith Hall, was proprietor and editor of *The Monitor*, the first newspaper published in Sydney. "Monitor" Hall, as he was called, was a strenuous champion of the freedom of the press, and his advocacy of this cause brought him into conflict with the authorities and resulted in his serving a term of imprisonment. The late Sir Henry Parkes once declared that no man had done more to preserve liberty in Australia than Edward Smith Hall. The late Mr. William Holmes Hall was well known in Victoria and South Australia.



WHAT'S ON REGULAR MEETINGS

New members always welcome

*** NB: Check with organisations re COVID arrangements ***

- 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

Balancing act



These Scouts from the Macedon-Woodend Group test their balancing skills during activities last month. They are not the only ones doing a balancing act at the moment, as we all scramble to manage the COVID-caused ups and downs but, like the Scouts, stay positive and enjoy life. The usual index on this page of What's On this month has been omitted due to uncertainty at time of printing about COVID restrictions in August.

Baringo Film Club

The Baringo Film Club runs three screenings per week.

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

Dates Film

AUGUST

- 4-7 *The Belier Family* (comedy/drama, Australian)
- 11-14 *The Keeper* (biographical/drama/love story, UK-German)
- 18-21 *West Side Story* (classic musical, USA)
- 25-28 *An Education* (drama, UK)

For membership details see www.baringofilmclub.com

JUNIOR QUIZ ANSWERS

to quiz on page 26

- 1. Queen Elizabeth 11
- 2. 64
- 3. Two
- 4. Kiln
- 5. Wheat
- 6. Rabbit
- 7. Arthur Phillip
- 8. Indiana Jones
- 9. 1956
- 10. Thermometer

BRAINBUSTERS ANSWERS

to quiz on page 29

- 1. Rhodesia
- 2. Edward V11
- 3. Dr Watson
- 4. Rhode Island
- 5. Mt Sinai
- 6. Cricket
- 7. Kentucky
- 8. Port Moresby
- 9. Milliner
- 10. Eric Blair

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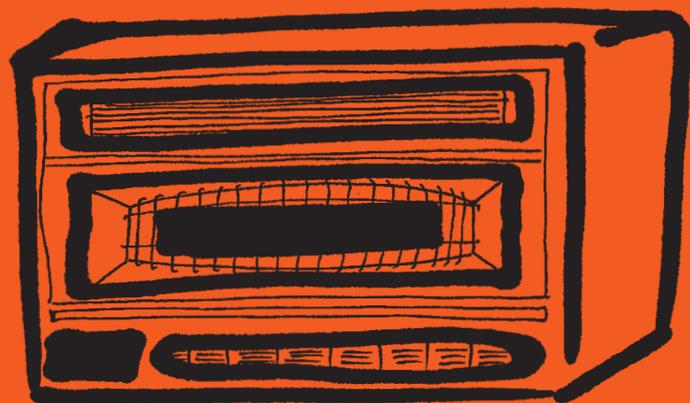
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