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What a month at Gisborne Golf Club

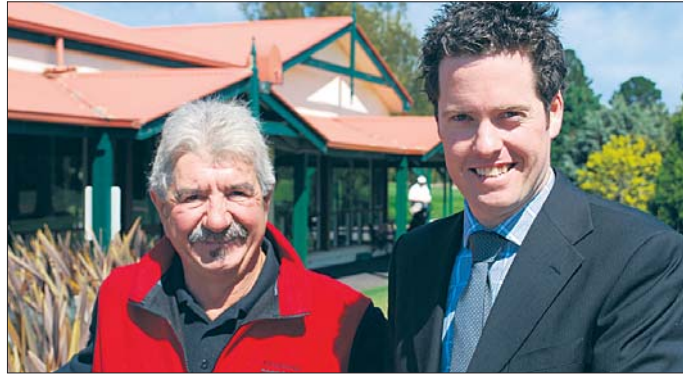
November saw much activity around the club with the following events being held: • the 59th Gisborne Open • Melbourne Cricket Club Golf Day • Victorian Corporate Golf Championship • Men's Club Championships.

The 59th **Gisborne Open** was held during Melbourne Cup week and saw players from all over Victoria compete. Melbourne Cup day was supported extremely well with 128 entrants.

The **Melbourne Cricket Club Golf Day** was held on Friday 5 November. 82 players competed on the day in great weather. All players had an enjoyable day which included a gourmet BBQ following the golf.

The **Victorian Corporate Golf Championship** was on 19 November with 29 teams competing including National Australia Bank, Toll Tasmania, State Trustees and Russell Consulting to name a few.

Jarrold Lyle attended following his impressive performance in the Australian Masters. Jarrold visited all groups on course and passed on some handy tips. During lunch he provided an insight into life as a pro golfer on the US Tour. Well known player manager Ricky Nixon also had some interesting stories to tell.



Gisborne Golf Club president Ron Albany, left, and manager Gareth Scott.

With regard to the Australian Masters, the Club was also pleased to see former Gisborne member, Daniel Gaunt, going so close to victory. A great effort!

The Men's Club Championships began on Saturday 20 November. Back-to-back Club Champion Tim Maddern was looking to continue his success in the Championships and make it a three-peat.

Twilight Nine: The Twilight nine and dine starts on Friday 3 December. Nine

holes are played between 4pm and 6pm, followed by a BBQ. This is a great way to unwind. For further information call the club on 5428 2493.

Juniors: The number of keen junior golfers attending after-school programs is very encouraging.

These clinics are co-ordinated by volunteer members who do a fantastic job.

For information call 5428 2493.



Snippets from the South

South Gisborne Tennis Club – wrapping up another great year of tennis

SGTC has enjoyed another exciting year of tennis, with many of the teams in end-of-season finals as we type.

The Club Championships in late October and early November proved great successes – enjoyed by all for the company, laughs and food as much as the tennis!

SGTC looks forward to another fun, social and sporting year in 2011 and welcomes all membership enquiries and new members.

Remember, SGTC also has tennis coaching available for all ages and stages. Please feel free to contact the club with any queries on 5428 2996.

Sponsorship from the following local businesses who have supported the club throughout the past year is gratefully acknowledged: Michael A Wicks, BScOptom(Melb) – Optometrists; the Sunbury Physiotherapy Clinic; Dependable Building Services and Muscle Focus Myotherapy (Kim Smalley).

The Committee and members of SGTC wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy 2011!

Jessica Cotter 5428 3718



South Gisborne Tennis Club has had another successful year.

Soccer Club gears up for night games

Earlier this year, we were successful in our application to the 'Strengthening the World Game' fund to upgrade lighting at Dixon Field's main oval. This will enable us to meet Football Federation Victoria night time training and competition standards.

Macedon Ranges Shire Council has now appointed the contractor who starts these works in December. Senior Men and Women's teams are now available for 2011. Early Bird registration is available until 17 December. Download and submit the pre-season registration form from our website, www.gisbornesoccerclub.com.au to be eligible for the Early Bird discount.

We are also asking for coaches and team managers to support our senior and junior teams. Interested persons are asked to submit their details, previous experience and requested team to registrar@gisbornesoccerclub.com.au

Future projects include further lighting to ensure more training pitches as well as extending our club rooms to cater for this growth. Community support is also greatly welcomed.

Cricketer moves up the ranks

Young Gisborne cricketer, Tegan Orwin, 18, is moving up the ranks of Victorian senior women's cricket. Tegan has been selected in the state 2nd XI team to compete in Canberra from 15 to 21 December.

Tegan is still playing in the Premier One division of Melbourne club cricket but has moved to the Plenty Valley Club where she will have more batting opportunities.

Despite the demands of training, Tegan has progressed well in her studies for a sports diploma at Melbourne University and will complete the course in 2011.



Tegan Orwin has been winning cricket trophies for several years. She has now been selected in a state team to play in the ACT this month.

Pre season starts for Gisborne Football Netball Club

The Gisborne Football Netball Club started its pre-season last month, and is looking towards a successful new season.

Luke Saunders is the Senior Football Coach for 2011, with Steve Simpson the U18's Coach and a Reserves Coach to be appointed shortly.

The Netball group is still reviewing coaches for 2011, and is looking forward to new U17 players joining the club.



The club has launched a quicker and easier website to improve communication – www.gfnc.com.au All information about games, functions, Calcuttas etc will be published on this site.

The Christmas Party will be held at Gardiner Oval on 10 December between 6 and 9pm, with a BBQ and drinks

available. The club is planning a golf game in early March: watch the website for details and come and enjoy yourself with players and committee.

The GFNC wishes all their sponsors and supporters a Merry Xmas, with special thanks to our 2010 Major Partners in McKibbins Transport, Mitre 10, Vic Tavern and Foodworks.

Phil Crosbie

Cyclists ride to buy bikes for Cambodia

240 cyclists lined up on Sunday 14 November for the inaugural 'Ride for Bikes' through the Macedon Ranges.

The ride was a fundraiser organised by the Cambodian Kids Foundation, which is based in Woodend, in partnership with the Rotary Club of Elsternwick.

The peloton of riders climbing out of Gisborne wearing their official 'Ride for Bikes' jerseys was quite a spectacle. The jerseys were generously sponsored by GREAT, the Gisborne Region Events, Activities and Tourism Association.

The ride co-ordinator, Margaret Douglas, said "The feedback from so many of the riders has been absolutely



Macedon Cats, left, line up ready for the start, and Cambodian Kids Foundation volunteers, right, ready to wave them off.



fantastic; they loved the routes, the rest stops with home-baked muffins, the jerseys, our friendly volunteers and, of course, the people from Melbourne were blown away by the beauty of the Ranges."

The ride raised \$18,000 which will be used to buy bikes, helmets and bike

locks for children supported by the foundation so that they can attend school in Cambodia. Remaining funds will go towards training a bicycle mechanic and for ongoing educational costs. The 'Ride for Bikes' team thanks their many generous sponsors, in particular Trek

Bicycle Company, Wheelspeed Cycles of Gisborne, Color Me Cooper of Woodend and the GREAT Association. So riders, lock in Sunday 13 November 2011 when 'Ride for Bikes' will return to Gisborne even bigger and better.

Margaret Douglas, Ride Coordinator

Gisborne Masters cap off great year

Two make All Australian side



Gisborne Masters Football Club capped off a great year when they defeated Sunbury at Gardiner Reserve late in August. The win confirmed Gisborne as the best team in AFL Masters country division, going through the season undefeated.

Congratulations go to the players and the triumphant coach, John Kemp.

Players and their families then attended the end of year presentations where Danny Klaaysen received the "golden boot" as the leading goal kicker.

Kenny Grech was given the "silver boot" for his contributions to the over-47 team while the best clubman went to Tony Andrews for his tireless work all year, arranging social functions and coaching the over 47s' team.

The club would like to thank all the people who helped out during the season. Without significant contributions from many family and friends the club would not be in such a strong position, so thank you to all.

Gisborne also had 10 members who

Gisborne's two "All Australians", Tony Andrews (left) and Paul Nicols.



attended the annual interstate carnival, this year held in Canberra.

Two representatives gained All Australian honours. Paul Nicols made the over 40s' team after playing three great games during the week, while Tony Andrews was named All Australian coach of the over 50s' age group after leading the Country Victorian team to the premiership in that division.

Steve Simpson was also a member of the victorious over 50s' team, playing a pivotal role and kicking the winning goal in the grand final to clinch the flag.

The club trains right through summer, every Wednesday night at Gardiner Reserve at 6.30pm. Any new players are welcome. For club information visit: www.gisbornemastersfc.com

Richard Perkin

Weekend washouts leave Dragons breathing fire

The past month has caused great frustration for the Gisborne Dragons with many games being washed out across the grades.



McIntyre are sitting on nine points for the year with confidence that the two-day games are more suited to their style of cricket.

B grade has had a positive start and are fourth on the ladder. E grade are fielding a very young side with a young captain in Geordy Nolan who is performing outstandingly to have his side at fifth. H grade are flying and on top of the ladder so far.

The Dragons also field a veterans side who are all about having fun but have secured one win and had a tight one-run loss.

The Women's 1st XI is performing positively and looking forward to getting back after washed-out games. The 2nd XI Women's side has won its last two games.

Off the field the Dragons have had a team song professionally developed which is exciting back at the clubrooms after a win. There is a game scheduled every Saturday and most Sundays at Gardiner and Sankeys Reserves so don't hesitate to come and provide support for your local team!

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Macedon Ranges
Basketball Association

All Abilities Group

Invitation to Clinic and Sausage Sizzle Saturday 4 December, noon, Buffalo Stadium Woodend.

The all-abilities membership of the MRBA has received some generous grants and funding from local Woodend traders and Basketball Victoria.

This group was established over 18 months ago within the association and has been running regular basketball skills training every Saturday in the summer season and every Sunday in the winter season during school terms. There have been over 50 enrolments in the club over this period.

The group has now invited the Sunbury All Abilities Basketball group to a Skills Clinic and social sausage sizzle to be held at Buffalo Stadium, Woodend on Saturday from 12 noon onwards. Cost is the normal fee of \$3.

Both basketball groups would like to extend an invitation to any member of the community and their carers, either in Sunbury or the Macedon Ranges, who wishes to come and try on this day, and also meet new friends. New members are always warmly welcomed.

There is no age or ability barrier for this clinic. Our existing members range from age nine to seventy-five. Carers are also welcome to attend.

For catering and coaching purposes please RSVP to Mauraid Clayton on 0408 550 69

Good weather for guests and sponsors

With so much rain over the past month and cancellation of two Monthly Medal events, it was fortuitous that our Guests and Sponsors Day was blessed with clear skies.



A full field were treated to a course in great shape followed by a delicious lunch supplied by Macedon IGA.

Dave 'Rock' Hudson of SGA Solutions Agribusiness and his partner Shaun Ryan took out the event with an Aggregate Stableford points score of 69.

Leading the members home were

Peter 'Snapper' Berkeley and Marcus Ward, also with a combined 69.

Peter Clark's 40 points were good enough to grab the individual winner's prize.

Mt Macedon Golf Club wishes to thank its sponsors for their ongoing support of the club.

Visit our website at www.mtmacedongolfclub.com.au for further details regarding these sponsors.

We wish them, our members and green fee players a safe and prosperous new year.

- The Walrus



'Rock' Hudson accepts the G&S Trophy

Bowling Club Babble

The bowling season is well under way with the men's and ladies' teams doing quite well.

The green is being replaced on 5 December and that will be our last home game until the season starts again next year, when we will have a brand new tift dwarf green. Sunbury Bowling Club has graciously offered to allow us to bowl at their facilities for the remainder of the season.

The clubrooms are available for hire for functions and we have celebrated two 21st birthdays in the last month: Elaine and Roger Bains' son, and Michelle Trembath's son. Outfit Health and Fitness had a bowls and sausage sizzle on 26 November and Mitre 10 will be having their Christmas party at the club on 3 December.

We would also like to thank our sponsors and wish them well, and a Merry Christmas to the Gisborne community for the festive season.



John Evans, Jo Kendon, Stephanie Vehrinas and President Rob Paterson.

Gisborne Bowling Club celebrates Cup Day

Gisborne Bowling Club held its annual Melbourne Cup Day on 2 November. The day started with a sausage sizzle and then bowls followed at 1pm.

A roll to the spider was won by John Kinton and then a roll ditch to ditch was won by Jo Kendon. Winner of the Best Outfit was Colleen Such.

Eighteen players attended the day and the winning team was John Evans, Stephanie Vehrinas and Jo Kendon.

Everyone had a most enjoyable day and we thank everyone for their help.



We would like to thank the community and our dedicated volunteers for their support through the year, which has enabled the Gisborne Auxiliary to raise \$5,000.

In the raffle held at the Village Shopping Centre, first prize of a hand-drawn scene of Gisborne by local artist Terry Poor was won by Kaye Molden, and the hamper by Charlie Stonehouse.

Large print calendars for 2011 priced at \$10 each are now available from the secretary, phone 5428 2522.

Without your support Vision Australia could not continue to provide its mostly free services to those who are blind or have low vision.



Secretary Elaine Millar

We would also like to thank the Gisborne Gazette for its valued support and wish the committee and readers a safe and happy Christmas.

Elaine Millar



Alan Perry

Young achiever of the month

Sponsored by
Gisborne Collision Centre



Trish Bell



This month's award goes to Madeline West of St Brigid's Primary School for being cooperative and using her initiative while on camp. Madeline receives a certificate and \$50.

This monthly award rotates among local schools who wish to participate by nominating a student.

TOWN – the Take Off Weight Naturally club

Gisborne Take Off Weight Naturally (TOWN) Club has set a healthy but achievable weight loss target for Nov-Dec with graduates giving lots of help and encouragement to members wanting to reach their goal weights. This will also help minimise a bit of indulgence over the festive season.

In recent months Pam, Glenda and Carmel have reached their goals, completed maintenance and are now Mini-Graduates. Well done to all of them.

If you need help from this friendly weight-loss group which meets on Mondays at the Gisborne Bowls Club at 6pm, please ring Jenny on 5428 7562, Joy on 5428 2911, Carmel on 5428

3856 or Kathy on 5428 1334.

Please note the club will be closed on 27 December and 3 January; full meetings resume on 10 January. Best wishes to all for a safe holiday season and a prosperous 2011.

Mt Macedon Petanque Club

The season is under way with social matches played at the Petanque pistes, west of Gisborne Caltex Service Station, from 5pm Thursday evenings and on the second and fourth Saturday mornings, weather permitting, from 10am.

Macedon Ranges Orienteering Summer Series



The Macedon Ranges Orienteering Summer Series has been organised for selected Wednesday nights in the Macedon Ranges and surrounds by the Central Highlands Orienteering Club.

After a 1 December start to the series in Macedon, the second event will be in Gisborne on Wednesday 8 December, starting at the John Aitken Reserve opposite the Aquatic Centre.

The courses usually take less than one hour. Power walkers are involved in a one-hour score event where they visit as many controls as possible in one hour. The A, B and C courses involve competitors visiting 18, 12 and 8 controls in any order as quickly as possible.

All abilities are catered for and coaching is available. Orienteering is an ideal way to spend a summer evening for all the family. Contact 54261649 (H)

Wednesday 8 December – starting Gisborne (opp Aquatic Centre); Melway 197 D8 Vic Roads 284 C7

Wed 15 December – Hannah Watts Reserve, High St, Melton; Melway 337 D8

Wed 9 February – Shields Street Reserve, Shields Street, Sunbury; Melway 382 E6

Wed 16 February – Creek Reserve, Kilmore Road, Riddells Creek; Melway 609 H11 Vic Roads 285 J7

Wed 23 February Visitors Centre, Earnshaw Street, Woodend; Melway 609 G9 Vic Roads 290 C8

Mt Macedon and Macedon Community Christmas Carols

Carols will be held at Centennial Park, Mt Macedon or, if the weather is bad, at the Church of the Resurrection (across the road from the park) on Tuesday, 14 December from 6.30pm.

Bring a picnic or sample the BBQ cooking prepared by Gisborne SES.

Athol Guy will MC and introduce the Macedon Ranges Children's Choir, the Mt Macedon Primary School choir, the Kyneton Municipal Band and Stefanie Mott. Fr Greg Davies will deliver the Christmas message.

Year's end for local CWA groups

Gisborne CWA

Gisborne CWA Day Branch will be selling raffle tickets for a Christmas Hamper at the Gisborne Shopping Village with all proceeds going to Bullengarook CFA.

Our trip to Trentham Falls was very enjoyable as was a lunch at the Tylden property of branch treasurer Marianne Merchant.

Six members attended the Central Highlands Group CWA Oaks Day which was a fun day with

- The Gisborne Branch Christmas Lunch will be held on 13 December after meeting a Kris Kringle at the Victoria Hotel.
- Final arrangements have been made for a long weekend away to Port Fairy next March.
- The competition for next month is Birthday Cards.

Gisborne CWA winning the best decorated table contest.

The group will have a

Christmas Dinner at Macedon CWA Hall on 14 December. Our Catering Group will be busy with a sausage sizzle at Bunnings in Sunbury and catering for a social function. The group has also been making Christmas treats for the residents of the Elms and Oaks. Christmas greetings to all.



Funds raised from the CWA's Christmas Hamper will aid Bullengarook CFA.

Macedon CWA

Macedon CWA is slowing down at the end of a very successful year both socially and in the CWA community service traditions.

Curtain call for the branch year is a Christmas Lunch at Hanging Rock restaurant on 6 December.

Macedon CWA thanks Bryan and his wonderful Gazette team for their devotion to Gisborne and district residents in keeping them involved and informed.

To all CWA members and potential members and Gazette readers, we wish a merry, safe and enjoyable Christmas. May the New Year bring success, happiness and contentment.

Lorraine Tweddle, 5426 2045

Oaks Day at Central Highlands Group

An entertaining Oaks Day celebration was attended by 37 CWA members from Macedon, Gisborne, Riddells Creek and other Central Highlands branches at the Macedon CWA Hall on Thursday 4 November.

Umbrellas and chairs were ready for a luncheon and games in the garden but the rain came, and then came again! Needless to say, our ladies did not wish to be puddling around in their spring fashion splendour, so we all moved inside.

With the heaters on, the day began



with nibbles and drinks, leading into a beautiful buffet lunch of salads then desserts, followed by coffee and slices, in the CWA tradition. Everyone enjoyed a range of competitions, including a race (gentle, of course), best dressed, novelty dressed, best hat and home made hat.

There were quizzes and jokes, and much laughter and chatting filling our small hall. Thanks to all who attended, and especially to Trish McCorkell, Group Social Coordinator, and helpers who made this a special day.

Lorraine Tweddle, Group President, Central Highlands Group

Opp Shop Jottings...Opp Shop Jottings...Opp Shop Jottings...

St Paul's Opp Shop wishes to thank their many customers for the support they have given throughout the year and to the people who have donated clothes, books and bric-a-brac to keep our shelves well stocked.

Many interesting people come into our Opp Shop. On one occasion, four car loads of ladies from Seymour called in as part of an Opp Shop crawl. Many customers

remark that they buy most of their clothes, books, magazines, DVDs and toys from Opp Shops. They save a considerable amount of money throughout the year.

Our Opp Shop in conjunction with Toy Kingdom, Gisborne, will be supporting Anglicare's Children's Christmas gift program and toys and books may be bought at Toy Kingdom and left under their

Christmas tree.

We close at 4pm on Thursday 23 December and reopen on Tuesday 25 January. Our volunteers wish their many valued customers a happy and holy Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year. We look forward to your continued support next year.

Graeme Millar 5428 2522

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