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Community remembers



Large crowds attended Anzac Day services in the district and paid their respects to those who served and are serving Australia. Jack McLaughlin, Edward Charnock and Layla McLaughlin are pictured with private Luke Taylor by the war memorial in Hamilton Street after the Gisborne service. ▶ More pictures from local commemorations on pages 36 and 37.

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From the Editor's desk

Congratulations to everyone who contributed to *Memories of Ash Wednesday*, the book compiled and edited by Bryan Power featuring personal accounts of dozens of residents of 16 February 1983, when the district was devastated by bushfire. As Bryan said at the book launch on 30 April, the biggest thanks should go to those who were strong enough and brave enough to share their stories of that fateful night. It will not have been easy and may have brought back difficult memories for some, so please know you have helped create a very valuable resource for our present and future community. The State Emergency Services Commissioner, Andrew Crisp, attended the launch and noted that communities themselves did the most impactful resilience building, and the book is a shining example of that.

Details of where *Memories of Ash Wednesday* can be bought are on page 3. Special thanks to Bryan and to Pip Butler, who designed the book, for all their work and for donating the profits from book sales to the not-for-profit *Gazette*. Thanks also to the *Gazette* committee for organising the very successful launch at Jubilee Hall, Athol Guy AO for launching the book, Andrew Crisp for speaking and Woodend Lifestyle Carers Group for providing a delicious afternoon tea. Everyone who attended and shared memories on the gorgeous autumn afternoon appreciated your efforts.

Five days before the book launch was Anzac Day, another occasion to remember and pay respect to the experiences and service of others. Residents attended local services in large numbers; see pages 36-37 for photos of local commemorations.

April saw masses of visitors descend on Macedon and Mount Macedon to admire the autumn leaves and take part in activities of the autumn festival. At times it was total mayhem on the roads with cars everywhere, so the following quote from a 1927 *Gisborne Gazette* in this month's history article on page 18 was very prescient: "If visitors from the great metropolis can be induced to visit the many beauty spots of this district, they will invade the place afterwards and not waste time over sandy shores, as we have scenery around Gisborne that nothing can excel." The crowds will soon be gone and our beautiful area will once again be mainly ours – perfect for "nature prescriptions" as Warwick McFadyen mentions in his reflections on page 6.

Happy reading,
Corinne Shaddock



Sue Kohler, carer for William who delivers 830 copies of the *Gazette* each month, maintained her *Gazette* connection while on holiday in Japan in April.

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A MINUTE WITH MAXINE

Glennis and Alan Speed have been delivering the *Gazette* for 10 years.

Both were born in England and they met at the age of 11, when they were in the same class at school. They were married in Dronfield, Derbyshire, in 1961. Glennis and Alan had a son and a daughter but sadly their daughter died suddenly nearly two years ago. They have four grandchildren.

Further education was the career path that they both took initially. Glennis was a school principal and Alan became a civil engineer for 35 years before retiring. Glennis retired the year after Alan.

After their first visit to Australia in 1993, they visited yearly and finally decided to emigrate to Gisborne in 2011 as their son was living in the Macedon Ranges.



Glennis and Alan Speed.

They both joined the Gisborne Uniting Church and Probus. Alan enjoyed walking with the Ramblers for many years and goes to the Men's Shed. Glennis volunteered at the GREAT Association when she first arrived, as she wanted to repay the community for the friendship they had both been shown.

They have travelled extensively overseas (their favourite place was

France, where their daughter lived).

For their golden wedding anniversary, they received cards from the Queen, Governor-General, Prime Minister, Victorian Premier and the local MP.

Maxine Barker

Our thoughts and condolences are with the Hemphill family on the passing of their father, Noel.

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Memories of Ash Wednesday bring survivors together

A book containing the personal accounts of more than 60 people on how they survived the Ash Wednesday fire in 1983 was launched in Macedon on 30 April.

Compiled and edited by former *Gazette* editor Bryan Power, the book was launched at Jubilee Hall by Athol Guy AO to a packed audience, some people travelling from as far as Adelaide and Canberra for the event. Victoria's Emergency Services Commissioner, Andrew Crisp, was a special guest.

The graphic accounts of survival and the aftermath of this catastrophic event, centred on Macedon and Mount Macedon but also affecting Gisborne, Bullengarook and Woodend, are supported by a wealth of pictures and other information.

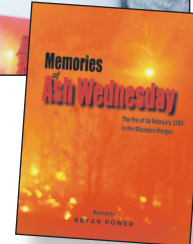
The book is available at the newsagencies in Macedon and Gisborne, the Trading Post in Mount Macedon



Emergency Services Commissioner Andrew Crisp, author Bryan Power and Athol Guy at the launch.

and at the *Gisborne Gazette* office for \$40. All profits from sales will go to the non-profit *Gazette* for distribution on community projects. For online purchases, go to

the *Gisborne Gazette* website www.gisbornegazette.org.au, or to pbpublishing.com.au.



Josh Thomson and Victoria Gill serve fresh rice paper rolls at DO Food Cafe.

Kickstarting careers at DO Cafe

Your first job is a life-changing moment and the experience can be daunting if you don't feel properly supported. With funding from the NDIS, Victoria Gill and Josh Thomson joined Distinctive Options' DO Food Cafe project, which provides supported employment opportunities at the DO Food Cafe at Macedon Ranges Health.

Josh and Victoria work two days a week and are learning essential skills such as using a point of sale machine, preparing meals, customer service, cleaning tables and washing up.

The DO Food Cafe is the result of a relationship between Macedon Ranges Health and Distinctive Options Pathways, both organisations commit-

ted to improving health outcomes for the local community. There are seven supported employees at the cafe.

Paul Pearman from DO Pathways, said, "The Gisborne community has embraced our unique cafe and together we're building an awareness of the benefits of having a diverse workforce that truly represents our wider society."

DO Food cafe is in Macedon Ranges Health at 5 Neal Street Gisborne and is open Monday to Friday 8am to 4pm. Indoor and outdoor seating is available.

Contact the cafe on 0438 321 379 to see what's on the menu or to preorder drinks and meals.

Mother's Day cheer

Sunday 14 May is Mother's Day. We hope all the mothers, grandmothers and great-grandmothers in town are feted in their own special way.



Marnie (age 6) and Logan (age 7) of Gisborne give their mum Bec Taylor a happy cuddle.

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SEEN AROUND TOWN

The Gisborne Easter Egg Hunt on 1 April was a great opportunity for the community to meet members of the local police and emergency services ... but was really about chocolate!



▲ Courtney Sneddon, Emma Johnson, Nikola Espinosa-Draskovic, Alberto Espinosa-Escalante and Amy Starzer – with special guest and Easter treats.



▶ Quinn Norman gets down to business.



Members of Friends of Wyralla Inc that spearheaded and drove the project to completion, with representatives of Macedon Ranges Shire Council and Community Bank Gisborne who helped fund different stages.

Ten years in the making, reserve now official

The official opening of Wyralla Reserve, a beautifully landscaped public park on Wyralla Crescent, Gisborne, featuring natural elements, was held on 22 April.

Deputy mayor Jennifer Anderson cut the ribbon and local resident John Wren of Friends of Wyralla Inc spoke about the 10-year journey of the project.

It started when the council planned to sell the two vacant residential 'reserve' blocks it owned in the development.

Residents neighbouring the blocks had always

assumed it would stay a reserve and objected.

To build their case, they consulted with and gained the support of many residents in the wider vicinity to work towards the development of a public park on the site, as there were none nearby.

Cr Anderson said the group's systematic and respectful approach to the project, of completing community consultation, developing a master plan and advocating consistently for its delivery were big factors in its ultimate success.



▲ A rare view of empty Honour Avenue, Macedon, in April, when thousands of visitors thronged the area to admire the autumn leaves. Gazette photographer Chris Fleming snapped this photo at 8am.

◀ The closed section of Honour Avenue between Mt Macedon Road and Waterfalls Road on Anzac Day. Picture: Paul Hurley.

Have your say on Budget and Council Plan

Macedon Ranges Shire Council is inviting feedback on the draft 2023-24 Budget and updated Council Plan (Year Three). The Budget of around \$110 million is supported by planned revenue of about \$63 million, primarily from rates and service charges, helping the council to deliver services to and implement almost 40 initiatives to support a growing shire.

To account for rising service costs, the council is proposing increases to rates (in line with the state-wide rate cap of 3.5 per cent), charges for kerbside collection (absorbed by the council in 2022-23) and gate fees at council tips. Have a look at the draft documents and have your say on these and other matters.

Submissions will be accepted from now until Friday 19 May. Those who provide a formal submission will also be eligible to speak to a council meeting at 7pm on 31 May. View the documents at the council offices or at mrsc.vic.gov.au/Have-Your-Say. Submissions on the draft documents can be sent to PO Box 151, Kyneton VIC 3444 or emailed to mrsc@mrsc.vic.gov.au.

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NEW SHOPFRONTS IN TOWN



Mountain Bar & Tasting Room in Meek Street in the New Gisborne industrial estate offers tastings of the locally made Australian landscape-inspired spirits of Mountain Distilling. Meat boards and cheese platters are available too.



Kids Ink next to Danny's barber shop in Hamilton Street provides literacy and numeracy support classes and tutoring for pre-school and primary school-aged children.



Max Potential Fitness opened on 8 April in Aitken Street (in the former site of F45 Training) and offers morning and afternoon/evening group fitness training classes.



Harvest & Soul Providore opened in Victoria Street, Macedon, on 7 April (in the former site of Macedon Chippy) and offers take-home meals, sweet treats, coffee and snacks. It is an extension to and shopfront of a catering and event business that founder and head chef Abby Mitchell has run for many years. Abby lives locally and has two small children.



GISBORNE GOSS

- Congratulations to Gisborne-based illustrator Darcy Prendergast who had his first children's book published earlier this year, *The most boring book in the world*. The book follows the narrator, Mr Boring, as he teaches the reader about what, in fact, constitutes something boring... but things don't always go to plan.

In collaboration with writer Charlie Leahy, Darcy spent almost a year toying around with character designs and layouts to create the eye-popping interior. The book is published by Hardie Grant and is available online and in many stores selling books.



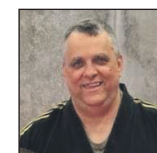
Picture: Josie Mackerras

- Congratulations to the team at Bindi Winery for placing 12th in wine website the Real Review's 'Top Wineries of Australia 2023' list.

- Long-time Aitken Street cafe So Latte closed its doors in April.

- The Mint Lounge in Hamilton Street has also closed its doors.

- After many years running Gisborne Taekwondo, Glyn Thomas has moved on to other projects.



- The recently opened Gisborne Food & Wine Co on the corner of Brantome and Hamilton Street is seeking staff. Their Facebook page asks for resumes to be sent to gisborne@foodandwineco.com.au.



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Autumn

The branches of the oaks arch over me. They bend towards each other from either side of the path on which I walk, forming a vault of green, gold and brown.

They are bowed like the rafters of a cathedral's domed ceiling. Behind and above them, the sky is a Renaissance canvas, swirls of angelic clouds and shades of blue.

In this benign tableau, there is a force of nature at work. It is not wild and impetuous, but rather a stilled wonder of the senses. It is a slowing down, a casting off, a leaf floating to earth.

The early morning light seeps through the canopy. In a few weeks, the filter of the foliage will be underfoot and the limbs will be bare. The light, though weaker, will come into me more easily. In its quiet illuminations it gives off intimations of mortality and renewal. This is nature's way of speaking.

The ground is strewn with fallen acorns. Occasionally, you can hear them dropping in a slow rain of hope. Occasionally, one lands on your head (it hurts).

Easter has just passed. Christians have celebrated the Resurrection. In the prayer is the peace, and here on this path there is a peace, too. And a balm.

A study reported recently in *The Age* found that people have better mental and physical health if they spend more time in nature. In the way of the modern world, it has been given a name: "nature prescriptions", issued by therapists as supplements to other treatments.

The report said: "Nature prescriptions have become increasingly popular as an adjunctive therapy to traditional treatments in adults with cardiovascular diseases, psychological distress or those who are physically inactive, sedentary, lonely or



Pathway in Gisborne, 17 April.

REFLECTIONS

Warwick McFadyen

burnt-out." Nature nurturing, then. As Joni Mitchell sang in *Woodstock*: "We are stardust/We are golden/And we've got to get ourselves/Back to the garden."

This is the same garden that forever carries the seasons in the soul. Painters and poets have walked among its flowering, and in autumn drawn forth on it: Artists such as Vincent Van Gogh: "As long as autumn lasts, I shall not have hands, canvas and colours enough to paint the beautiful things I see," and poet John Donne: "No spring nor summer beauty hath such grace as I have seen in one autumnal face."

As the colours burn and fade along my path, there is a whispering: wait, have faith in us, we'll be back in spring.



COUNCILLOR'S COLUMN

With Cr Rob Guthrie

Sports hub caught up in building industry troubles

March 31 was a bad day for the building industry and its customers. First, we heard that a number of companies in the Porter Davis Homes Group went into liquidation, and then Lloyd Group Pty Ltd went into voluntary administration. Porter Davis had built a number of homes in the Macedon Ranges with many more currently under construction. Lloyd Group had 59 projects under construction in New South Wales and Victoria and were constructing the Macedon Ranges Regional Sports Precinct in New Gisborne. Council officers are in discussions with Deloitte, the administrator, and we hope a satisfactory outcome can be achieved.

Councillors and staff have been working on the Draft Budget and Year 3 of the Draft Council Plan since mid-February. This is a very challenging process with so many good projects competing for a limited pool of funds.

By the time you read this, the draft documents will be available for public comment until 19 May. Please review and provide your feedback. Some of the projects in the South Ward include reconstructing 1.8km of Hamilton Road, New Gisborne; footpath works in Howey Street, Gisborne, and Station Road, New Gisborne; design/planning of stage 1 of the Dixon Field Master Plan, change rooms redesign works at Tony Clarke Reserve, Macedon; new tiling and refurbishment to change rooms and sauna at Gisborne gymnasium; implementation works for the Gisborne Fields landscape plan stage 5; new lights at New Gisborne tennis courts.

Applications for the council's 2023-24 Community Funding Scheme and Events and Festivals grant programs will be open from 1 May until 27 June. The Community Funding Scheme is open to not-for-profit community groups and will be allocated under three streams: community, cultural and environmental projects; organisational support; and small community infrastructure.

For information, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/grants or email grants@mrsc.vic.gov.au.

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Steam rally coming up on 21 May

Gisborne Vintage Machinery Society will be holding their 43rd rally on Sunday 21 May at the Gisborne Steam Park in Webb Crescent, New Gisborne. Gates will be open from 9am to 3pm.

Planned activities include a tractor-pull competition and exhibits of live steam equipment, vintage machinery and cars, and model railways. There will also be activities for children, and food and drink will be available.

A recent arrival in Gisborne is the Fowler steam traction engine shown in the photograph, belonging to retired engineer Chris Dixon.

This engine, which will be on static display at this year's rally, came to Australia from Leeds in England and, subsequent to inspection by the Mines Department, was put on display at the Melbourne Agricultural Show of 1912. The inspector stated in his report, "Material and workmanship of the best quality."

After the Show, the traction engine worked on various agricultural tasks around Victoria, its last job being driving a saw bench on a farm at Tarnagulla.

Traction engines were often used to belt-drive chaff cutters and threshing machines (which separate grain from straw). There were several threshing contractors using traction engines in the Gisborne, Romsey and Lancefield areas.

Chris and fellow members of the society look forward to working on the Fowler engine and getting it back



Vintage Machinery Society members with Chris Dixon's Fowler steam traction engine.

into steam over the next few years.

The society also has in its care a vintage Clayton and Shuttleworth threshing machine, which is undergoing restoration.

To help with preserving and operating the steam part of Gisborne's agricultural heritage, the society is currently facilitating the training of a batch of members wishing to obtain steam boiler attendant's and/or reciprocating steam engine driving certificates.



MEMBER'S MESSAGE

With Mary-Anne Thomas

Hello, Gisborne community.

I have so much good news this month.

I was delighted to welcome the Minister for Public Transport, Ben Carroll, to the Macedon Ranges on 31 March to launch the new regional V/Line fare cap. Ben travelled by train from Southern Cross Station to Woodend Station for his visit. The good news is that the cost of a daily ticket on the entire regional Victorian network is now capped at the same prices as metropolitan daily fares – currently \$9.20 for a full fare or \$4.60 for a concession. Great news for Macedon Ranges travellers.

The new car park at Gisborne Station is open, with 100 upgraded car parking spaces, four of which are accessible, now in use.

Trees are important in our community, and I'm thrilled to tell you that 20 specially grown elm trees have been planted at the new Melbourne Road and Kilmore Road roundabout in Gisborne. The trees were planted as part of landscaping at the roundabout following the completion of major works last year. The trees have grown from budwood taken from two large elm trees removed during the project and are genetically identical to the two original trees to maintain the look and feel of the original streetscape.

A reminder to apply for your \$250 Power Saving Bonus open to all eligible Victorian households by visiting the Victorian Energy Compare website (compare.energy.vic.gov.au). My local electorate office team is available to assist with lodging applications at Shop 14, Nexus Centre, 9 Goode Street, Gisborne, during business hours.

Enjoy autumn in gorgeous Gisborne.



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Wine pioneers are moving on

By Bryan Power

Long-time residents and business owners Bob and Barbara Nixon have moved to live on a 92-acre property near Bacchus Marsh.

They have sold their well-known business Gisborne Peak Winery in Short Road, South Gisborne, but Bob will be continuing as the principal of Nixon Advisory Services at the business's office in Hamilton Street, Gisborne.

Bob bought 12 acres of bare land in Short Road in 1976. He and his first wife built a house on the block in 1978 and Bob planted his first acre of grapes in the same year. "I needed a diversion from the stresses of commercial life," Bob said.

From the age of 14 Bob had enjoyed getting his hands dirty by helping out at weekends on a hobby farm at Hurstbridge owned by his father and two uncles. He earned his pocket money by helping to grow strawberries and flowers and run a flock of 700 chooks for egg production and table birds for Easter and Christmas. He became "hooked on playing on the land". Bob lived for a year on the block, caring for the chooks during his student days at Melbourne University. He still has the 1954 Fergie tractor that was used on the hobby farm all those years ago.

Bob became a teacher of commercial subjects at Maryborough High School for four years before going on secondment to Papua New Guinea for three years (1970-72). On his return to Melbourne, he became disillusioned with teaching and took the brave step of resigning and becoming self-employed, starting up a financial advisory business, first at Sunbury and later in Gisborne.

Bob and Barbara met in Chicago while attending conferences at the same venue. Barbara was there as an employee of the American Cancer Society with whom she was responsible for fund raising and the recruitment of volunteers.



Bob and Barb Nixon have left the winery which was started from bare ground.

Barbara had grown up in Wisconsin and was a city girl who knew nothing of farming. She laughed when recalling that as a child she thought that strawberries grew on trees. She had never drunk a glass of wine before coming to Gisborne. "I'd never met an Australian; didn't know where Australia was; knew nothing of Australia." Barbara moved to Australia in 1986 with her nine-year-old daughter, Jessica, who went to Gisborne Primary and later to Lowther Hall, where she became school captain. Jessica then studied law at Monash.

Barbara quickly learnt about wine. She created Victorian Wine Tours in 1991 and ran it for nine years. During that time, Barbara learnt a lot about the marketing of wineries by talking to the people who took the tours about what

they had most enjoyed. They spoke of the ambience, of the stories told, of the warmth of their welcome. The enjoyment of the wines often came in as the third or fourth most important element in the day's experience. After nine years Barbara sold the business to her driver Trevor Armstrong, also a Gisborne resident.

From the mid-1990s Bob and Barbara conducted tours of the Melbourne Fruit and Vegetable, Flower and Fish Markets three

days a week from 5am with an electric buggy towing three carriages. They were also appointed by Parks Victoria to manage the Point Nepean Park up until the early 2000s.

In 2001 Barbara established the cellar door at Gisborne Peak, opening it seven days a week and applying all the lessons that she had learnt during her time with Victorian Wine Tours. Sales were personality driven, thus staff selection was important. Barbara worked towards making a visit to the winery an ever-expanding experience adding food, wine club membership and, eventually, accommodation as part of a total package. A good website was essential, as was the gathering of the names and addresses of customers. The 'Adopt a Vine' program was a great initiative through which participants have a vine tagged with their name, date of joining and suburb. They receive an adoption certificate and become a member of the cellar door family. They can attend four hands-on days a year with Bob and staff learning about the earth, the vines, the grapes and the romance of wine. People come to Gisborne Peak to enjoy the food, wine and the ambience; they are happy to just relax and talk.

The grapes go to the Ellis family at Hanging Rock where John and Annie and now son Rob make the wines. Annual production is approximately 1200 cases, 90% of which is sold at Gisborne Peak. 10% is sold through local outlets.

"Bob grew and I sold," said Barbara. Indeed, over those years Bob extended the area under vines to 13½ acres of pinot noir, chardonnay, semillon, riesling — all cool-climate wines. "It was a hobby that got out of control," Bob laughed.

However, he learnt that you can't beat nature: you're continually tested by the variability of the weather, pests, diseases and European wasps.

Barbara joined the Macedon Ranges Tourist Association and



It was a hobby that got out of control



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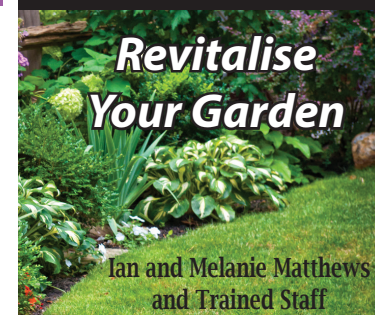
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Wine pioneers move on

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served time as its president and secretary. she was the first female president of the Macedon Ranges Vignerons Association and was made a life member of the Victorian Tourism Association in recognition of her work in regulatory reform for that body.

She was on the Board of the Victorian Food and Wine Industry. "Every committee there was, I was on it," said Barb with a smile. She won awards for wine tourism and was a sought-after speaker at conferences. At Margaret River (WA) and Stanthorpe (Queensland) conferences she was recognised as a national leader in the world of wine tourism.

Another initiative of which Bob and Barbara are proud was the establishment, against considerable opposition, of four eco-cabins in 2011. Now named Winery cottages, these units are completely off the grid, powered by solar panels and a 19-metre wind tower. Three western suburbs families have bought the property and they have retained the services of all the present staff.

At their new home, 40 acres will be suitable for grazing cattle after Bob has removed the serrated tussock and rejuvenated the soil, a task he is expecting to take 18 months.

Barbara considers herself fully retired but looks forward to spending time on her hobbies: quilting, photography and preserving fruits. Of course, she and Bob also look forward to travelling and to spending more time with their 11 grandchildren.

In her early days in Gisborne, Barbara helped Mike Willett, the Gisborne Town Crier, with the production of the Town Crier newsletter. Its replacement, the *Gisborne Gazette*, has been supported since its inception in 2006 by Bob and Barbara who have advertised Nixon Financial Services and Gisborne Peak Winery in every issue over those 16 years. The *Gazette* team wishes to express its warm appreciation for that loyal and generous support.



Vote now for best business in Community Choice Awards

Don't forget to cast your vote in the Telstra Macedon Ranges Community Choice Awards for the nominated businesses you think go above and beyond in their day-to-day delivery of goods and services. the categories are Agribusiness and Primary Producers, Health and Wellbeing, Hospitality and Accommodation, Retail and Service and Trades and Manufacturing.

Voting closes on 2 June. To vote, visit, mrsc.vic.gov.au/community-choice

National Reconciliation Week

The council will host and support a number of events and activities across the shire during National Reconciliation Week, this year from 27 May to 3 June.

A key event will be at the Kyneton Town Hall on 30 May at 7pm, with Brent Ryan, assistant director at the Yoorook Justice Commission, and one of the commission's truth receivers. They will be presenting on the past 12 months of Truth Telling across the state.

There will also be yarnning circles, smoking ceremonies and Welcome to Country held on the lands of the three traditional owners in the Macedon Ranges; Dja Daj Wurrung, Taungurung and Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung peoples.

This year's theme is *Be A Voice for Generations*.

Details of Reconciliation Week events are available on the council's website.

If your group is holding an event for Reconciliation Week, we'd like to hear about it and support you, so please get in touch with the community development team on 5422 0317 or email comdevadmin@mrsc.vic.gov.au.

RESOURCE RECOVERY

Reusable nappy, sanitary and incontinence product rebate program

The council has launched a reusable nappy, sanitary and incontinence product pilot rebate program to reduce waste to landfill and assist residents to access affordable reusable items.

Residents can claim up to 50 per cent of the purchase of selected reusable items (conditions apply). The pilot rebate program will run until 31 June, unless the funds are exhausted prior.

To learn what items are eligible for the rebate and terms and conditions, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/reusables or contact 5422 0333.

Recycle right and win!

Keep an eye out for your bins on recycling day. The council is rewarding households who make a big impact by sorting their waste correctly. If you receive a 'Kerby' bin mascot sticker on your bin between now and 31 July, your household will automatically go into the lucky prize draw for one of three \$100 gift card vouchers each month.

Curious about modern cloth nappies?

Whether you are motivated by cost savings, environmental impact by reducing waste, or the health benefits for your child; join Leesa from Darlings Downunder for a workshop to discover the world of modern cloth nappies.

Leesa is a mother of two toddlers. Her passion for cloth nappies has led her to running a store in Kyneton. She will

take you through everything you need to know to get started with cloth nappies – join us in Gisborne on Monday 15 May at 1pm.

Each participant will receive a \$20 gift voucher to spend on reusable cloth nappies as well as going into a lucky prize draw on the day to win \$200 worth of nappies. Bookings essential.



For more information visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/nappies

Registrations open for Kindergarten 2024

Online registrations for 3 and 4-year-old kindergarten in 2024 are now open.

Our kindergartens have highly qualified and experienced early childhood teachers and educators and, with their beautiful natural features and outdoor play areas, are rich in nature-based and creative learning experiences.

For information on when your child is eligible to start kindergarten, and guidance on making an informed decision about which year is in the best interest of your child to start, go to mrsc.vic.gov.au/childergarten.

For further advice on whether your child is ready for kindergarten, please book an appointment with a maternal and child health nurse on 5422 0281 or mchadmin@mrsc.vic.gov.au

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Gisborne's creatives step up to the challenge

Over the summer school holidays the Gisborne Library ran a writing and illustration challenge as part of its summer program and in conjunction with the *Gisborne Gazette*, which donated prizes. Experts in writing, poetry and illustration held workshops at the library, and attendees, as well as others in the community, were invited to take part in a competition.

The categories included: a book cover; a comic strip; short stories for teenagers and adults, and poetry for adults. The book cover theme was 'Gisborne's Greatest Day', and the theme for the other categories was 'Summer'.

Library staff Sara and Adrian and *Gisborne Gazette* committee member Katrina judged the pieces and were impressed by the quality of the writing and drawing. The winners were:

Book cover design (5 - 8 years): The Greatest Day in Gisborne by Ruby Spurling.

Cartoon or manga strip (9 - 12 years): Marvel-lous Summer by Archer Byron Smith

Short story/creative writing (13 - 17 years): Turtle Bay by Elony Barker

Poetry (adult): Summer Memories by Karen Visagie

Short story (adult): Beach Daze by Shannon Ingleton

Ruby's winning book cover depicted the Gisborne Festival, which is certainly a beloved event of the town. Archer drew a humorous exchange between two Marvel characters at a barbecue. Elony's short story used three perspectives to tell of the plight of sea turtles; a unique



From left: Library manager Sara Shaw with winners Karen Visagie, Archer Byron-Smith, Shannon Ingleton, Elony Barker, Katrina Buttigieg (*Gisborne Gazette*), and Ruby Spurling.



Winning book cover design (5-8 years): 'The Greatest Day in Gisborne' by Ruby Spurling.

way to inform and engage the reader. Karen's poem was full of colour and texture and evoked a real sense of vivid memories we have when we have lost someone close to us. Lastly, Shannon's short story melded the struggles of the everyday parent with a beach adventure gone awry. All of the winning entries can be viewed

online at www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au/gisbornechallenge

The winners received prizes at a special gathering at the Gisborne Library on 4 April.

Thank you to all those who assisted in running the challenge, and to everyone who entered.

Katrina Buttigieg

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Old-style puppets hand out fruit and veg Colourful duo at April market

The April market was blessed with perfect weather and a large crowd of marketgoers; some were regulars but there were also a number of first timers who stopped me and commented on how they were enjoying the market and how beautiful Gisborne was.



The April market was also part of the Macedon Ranges Autumn Festival. The Macedon Ranges Shire sponsored the unique Gardeners puppets who roamed the market and provided pieces of fresh fruit and vegetables to visitors.

The puppets were certainly a hit with young and old and provided some great photo opportunities. We would love to have the puppets back later in the year. Thanks must go to the council for providing the market with these unique puppets.

DOGS – The April market unfortunately also saw an increase in the number of dogs in the market precinct. The Market Committee would like to stress again that while service dogs are welcome, we would really appreciate if pet dogs were kept out of the market area.

We have a number of visitors who are frail and an incident with a dog or their leash could be disastrous. We also have a large number of children who are often on eye level with larger dogs, and this could lead to an incident. Even the most even-tem-



The Gardeners made the April market especially exciting.

pered dog can be unsettled in such a large crowd of people. We want the market to be an enjoyable day out for all.

The next market is on Sunday 7 May from 9am to 2pm.
Karan, Market Committee

Coming events at Gisborne Library

Movie Club: Ticket to Paradise (M) – Wednesday 10 May, 1pm

A divorced couple teams up and travels to Bali to stop their daughter from making the same mistake they think they made 25 years ago. Starring Julia Roberts and George Clooney.

Author Talk: Robyn Annear: *Adrift in Melbourne* – Wednesday 24 May, 2.30-3.30pm


Adrift in Melbourne showcases fascinating hidden histories from locations one might easily scurry past. Experience the history and secrets of Melbourne – from the great corset scandal to the reason George Mallaby starred in *Homicide* wearing a hat two sizes too small. Charming, erudite and sometimes gossipy, Robyn's highly entertaining guide to Melbourne past and present unravels some of the lurking surprises of the city. Followed by book sales and signings.



Bookings are required for all of these events. To book, head to goldfieldslibraries.com/gisborne-events/ or give us a call on 5428 3962.

Also, don't forget to come along for our regular 'Crochet and conversation' sessions, held on the first Monday of every month at 2.30pm. Learn how to crochet or work on a project in the company of others.

Submitted by Sara Shaw




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Adam celebrates business milestone with a fundraiser for Foodbank



What better way to celebrate 30 years in business than by giving back to the community where you live. Adam Mizzi, Macedon Ranges local and owner of Sunbury Autobarn, celebrated this major business milestone over Easter by holding a fundraiser for the Gisborne Foodbank, raising \$2000. Adam has been a long-time supporter of the Foodbank, regularly dropping by with food donations and donating hand sanitiser and masks during the Covid-19 shutdown.

It is wonderful to have the support of so many of the small business owners in our community to help the Foodbank look after those in need. Thank you so much, Adam.

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

Julie Ireland



Lynne Margret and Wally van Dort from the Gisborne Foodbank with Adam Mizzi and his daughters Addison and Alexandria.



Off and running in the hunt for Easter eggs.

Coming together for egg-citing Easter Egg Hunt

Around 300 children in Gisborne had a blast during the Community Easter Egg Hunt, which was held at Jacksons Creek parkland in the lead-up to Easter. The event was organised by Rotary as a non-profit event aimed at bringing the community together, and it was a huge success.

During the event, children excitedly combed the field in age-based groups to pick up as many chocolate eggs as they could. If screams of glee were any indication, they had lots of fun. There were also other fun activities, such as animal petting zoo, egg painting, egg and spoon races, and a display of primary schools colouring competition entries. Emergency service officers and



vehicles, including those from the SES, CFA, and Police, joined in and had a ball. The Gisborne Rover Scouts were great helpers, keenly getting involved and added a touch of cheeky humour throughout the event.

Thanks to generous donations from Foodworks, IGA, and Coles, there were lots of lovely prizes for the Easter Hampers raffle and the primary schools' colouring competition. Gisborne Rotary members and other volunteers remarked how rewarding the experience was and were overjoyed to see so many families out and about having fun.

Submitted by Barry Wills

St Paul's Op Shop Jottings

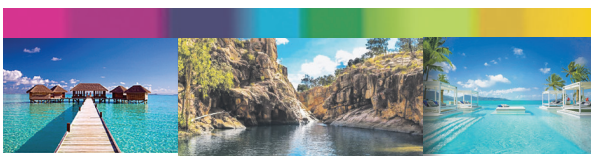
Cooler weather is rapidly approaching, so we've been busy filling our clothes section with warm jumpers, coats, beanies and scarves for everyone in the family. Blankets and clean doonas are in high demand during the cooler months so if you have any excess to your requirements, we would be very glad to receive them.

Early May will see the feature table stacked with AFL items such as guernseys, books and collector cards to name a few. There is something to please every footy fan. Follow us on Facebook for the exact date they will be available: just search St Paul's Op Shop, like and follow our page and you will get the scoop on what's happening in the shop.



Margaret

This month we feature one of our longest-serving volunteers, Margaret, who shared the following about her time with us. "I have been volunteering at the shop for approximately 20 years, having been recruited by Graeme Millar. I enjoy interacting with our customers and seeing their pleasure at finding a bargain, often it will be something they have been looking for for some time. It's especially pleasing to watch children decide how to spend their one or two dollars, an early lesson in budgeting. People visiting the shop for the first time are surprised at the cleanliness of the shop and the quality of goods for sale." Janine Sanders, Op Shop coordinator



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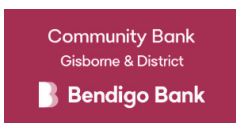


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Community bank says congratulations and extends a thankyou

Congratulations to the business that wins the Edgy Veg Awards that will be announced in May. Community Bank staff enjoyed some delicious meals at local eateries as part of the Edgy Veg Awards, and the Macedon Ranges Pie and Tart Trail which we sponsored, and we hope the programs helped local businesses and inspired many locals to go out for a meal nearby. We are lucky to have so many great options on our doorstep.



Congratulations also to Ava Clarke and James Watson of the Gisborne Rookies who were the Bendigo Bank Junior Players of the Week in Round 1 of the Riddell District Football and Netball League season. We're happy to be helping clubs celebrate some of their outstanding junior players and helping keep the cost of playing play down by sponsoring the league.

In early April we marked 15 years since Macedon Ranges Community Enterprises Ltd, the local public company that owns and operates Community Bank Gisborne & District as a franchise branch of Bendigo Bank, was registered with ASIC. The facility invests in projects to benefit local residents and we thank the founding directors for their vision, hard work and dedication in establishing the company. We look forward to celebrating our 15th birthday in style later in the year.

Community Bank Gisborne (Bendigo Bank) team



Zoe Olive and Courtney Alexander enjoy a vegetarian meal at the Flying Pigeon, which took part in the Edgy Veg Awards.

Hamish Ryan with James Watson of Gisborne Rookies. James received a \$50 bank account voucher as one of the Players of the Week.



Relay For Life raises almost \$50,000

Those little flames, those candles placed with such care and love are the memory I cherish from the Relay for Life (from a poem by Robyn Poletti)



The participants in the Relay for Life held in the Lancefield Park on 4 March can be rightly proud of the wonderful sum of money raised for the Cancer Council. Without those people, our

Relay volunteers and of course the generous donors, these funds would not be available for researchers and clinicians to keep up the fight against cancer. The funds also assist in funding the programs that support sufferers and the advocacy work of the Cancer Council.

Gisborne resident, associate professor Jane Oliaro from the Peter MacCallum Hospital, spoke about the importance of her research in extending the lives of many sufferers. She spoke of real people who had been helped by the immunotherapy and various drug trials now available as a result of research funded in part by Relays. The importance of our contributions was brought home to us by her words.

Walking then began in perfect sunny and warm conditions. Fourteen teams were registered with countless walkers in each team.

During the day, lots of activities entertained kids and adults alike. Local musicians put on hours of live music, all of it voluntary.

The Newham Primary School choir together with the Gisborne Singers' performance of *Amazing Grace* and *Ave Verum* brought to an end the day as little flames were placed around the oval, each one representing a loved individual.

A sincere thank you to all involved.

Maureen Wiltshire

Maureen and Rosie Wiltshire at the Relay for Life in Lancefield.



Two very young participants head off in the Relay.



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Probus out and about again



On a lovely sunny day in March a group of 31 Gisborne Probus Club members travelled to Heathcote to experience and wander through the Pink Cliffs Reserve.

This colourful reserve was created by gold mining activities in the 1880s which revealed the 'pink' hills. The terrain was formed by a variety of rocks such as smooth ironstone, giving a distinctive volcanic appearance.

We all enjoyed wandering through, viewing and photographing this fascinating landscape. After exploring the area, we travelled by bus to the Commercial Hotel in Heathcote where we enjoyed a lovely lunch.

The small group photo was taken from the lookout with the Pink Cliffs in the background. If you want to learn more about the Probus Club of Gisborne, you are very welcome to join us at one of our meetings. We meet on the first Thursday of the month in the Gisborne Community Centre Hall (old Senior Citizens Room) at 10am.

Our next meeting will be on the 4 May. For further information you can contact our president Michael O'Brien on 0427 762 757.

Dianne Egan



Carol Shiell, Wray Taylor, Pam Barton, Susan Denheld, Anne O'Brien and Jannece McClelland.



Focus on photography

U3A (University of the Third Age) offers a range of social and learning activities for Macedon Ranges residents who have retired from full-time employment.

Do you have a camera that has been sitting in the cupboard while you have been using your phone? Your camera can do much more than your phone — why not find out more?

Our photography course, run by experienced amateur photographer Ken Galbraith, is open to anyone with a camera, from basic models to high-end ones. Ken is happy to share his experience in photo editing and enhancement. The group meets monthly at the Kyneton Mechanics' Institute or at a scenic venue, where members take photographs which are compared and analysed. As the course continues, members will learn to visualise scenes or subjects in different ways and to expand their photographic techniques.

New members are welcome and will be given special tuition to understand the basics of photography and the use of the camera's various functions.

There are many other courses to choose from. For more information, visit u3akyneton.org.au, email members@u3akyneton.org.au or call 0439 360 763.

Submitted by Roni Taubman

KYNETON TOWN HALL EVENTS

Tim Winton – Love Letter to Nigaloo 7pm, Saturday 13 May.

A reflection on writing in the throes of a climate emergency and extinction crisis.

Tim Winton has been writing about coastal life for over 40 years, but instead of publishing a new novel, the four-time Miles Franklin winner has delivered a natural history series for television. What makes an artist step so far outside his lane at this stage of his career? How does a novelist reconcile a lifelong defence of 'useless beauty' with the urgent need for action?

Cost: Full \$40, Concession \$35, Senior \$35, Student \$35.



Tim Winton has created a natural history series.

Junklandia



1:30pm,
Thursday
1 June.

In the hands of the Junklandians, everyday objects and recycled materials are transformed into ex-

traordinary musical instruments, and forgotten junk comes alive in exciting and surprising ways! Two brothers from the faraway planet JUNKLANDIA embark on a mission to Earth to teach the earthlings the Junklandian ways of music and creative recycling! Cost Full \$35 Concession \$30 Children (under 12) \$20 Student \$20.

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

The practical and occasionally the esoteric on offer in further ed

Macedon Ranges Further Education Centre has classes available across a range of topics including some brand new courses. There are some fantastic activities on offer in Term 2.

Interested in understanding the cosmos? Peter Spinks, a former science reporter with *The Age*, will take us on a memorable journey through space and time, as he paints a vivid picture of the amazing world in which we live. You can book online for this free talk on 25 May, 6pm-7.30pm with a light super provided.



breathe new life into a favourite item.

Create your own painted silk scarf and learn techniques through our two-session workshop with a local artist.

The Child Safe Seats program will be onsite on 15 May, 1-2pm. You can book online and either have a child

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seated fitted or have seats checked for correct fitting.

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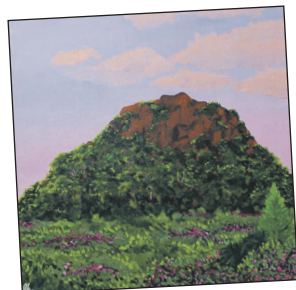
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Congratulations to Landscape Prize winner



Congratulations to Gisborne artist Bindi-Lee Byrne, who won the inaugural Landscape Prize at The Gallery Mount Macedon. Her delicate rendition of snowy Mount Macedon, "August on the Mount", was universally praised. The charcoal has a light green tinge, adding to the atmosphere.

Competition judge Phillip Edwards, of Bullarto Gallery, commented, "The charcoal on paper is a beautiful, delicate rendering of a snow dusting on the mountain. It is subtle and executed with mastery."



"Sunset at Hanging Rock", by Rebecca Leahy, second prize.

Second prize went to Rebecca Leahy's "Sunset at Hanging Rock", which "captured the very central Victorian dusk colour with evening pinks low to the horizon."

The award was sponsored by Community Bank Gisborne (Bendigo Bank branch).

The Gallery is impressed by the quality and range of mediums. Landscape is open to interpretation. Our response to a sunset or a river or a snowy landscape is quite different to our response to fire in a landscape.

The Gallery will again be hosting an art prize next autumn, this time focusing on portraiture. Look out for further details soon but start thinking about who you might like to portray.

Speaking of portraits, Jo Hoyne has created a portrait of *Gisborne Gazette* editor Corinne Shaddock. Using red pencil, Jo has captured Corinne's energy and vision. Have a look when you are next in the Gallery.

The Gallery is open 10am to 4 pm Friday to Tuesday.



Corinne Shaddock by Jo Hoyne.



Gallery president Jo Hoyne (left) and landscape prize winner Bindi-Lee Byrne in front of Bindi's winning entry, 'August on the Mount'.

May activities at the Gallery

The colder weather does not mean that The Gallery goes into hibernation. Artists are busy preparing new works, and with three new members, there are many new, exciting and varied works.

You will also see us at the Woodend Winter Arts Festival, where we will have a pop-up gallery space, demonstrations and children's workshops at the Woodend Neighbourhood House on each of the three days of the King's Birthday weekend in June.

Not long after, on Saturday 15 July, we will present our Art to Wear fashion parade and stalls at Jubilee Hall in Macedon. A feature of the Macedon and Mount Macedon social calendar, local creatives will present beautiful handmade original clothing, jewellery, hats, scarves and other items. Modelled by a diverse range of models, garments are for sale. Tickets will be on sale soon, so look out for information about how to buy them.

The Gallery is a lovely warm place on these cold autumn and winter days. Have a warming coffee or hot chocolate at the Trading Post, and then wander down the lane for a warm welcome and inspiring art.

The Gallery opens 10am to 4 pm Friday to Tuesday.

Jo Hoyne, 0418 488 582

Local artist explores pandemic in solo show

Gisborne contemporary artist and psychologist Helen Fraser's second public solo exhibition is currently on display at Town Hall Broadmeadows Gallery in Broadmeadows.

For the exhibition, titled *Under One Sky*, Helen has created 55 original paintings and textiles in response to the grief, social isolation and stress of the pandemic.

The immersive exhibition explores themes of death-rebirth and transformation, and draws on mythology to speak to the vitality of the sky as a protective force.

The show explores how symbols help people connect to the sacred or spiritual realms as comfort during times of crisis.

For more information go to www.helenfraser.net.au or [@helenfraser_artist](https://www.instagram.com/helenfraser_artist).

Under One Sky runs at Town Hall Broadmeadows Gallery until 3 June. There will be an artist talk on 3 June at 1pm. Bookings can be made via Helen's website.



'Under One Sky' by Helen Fraser.

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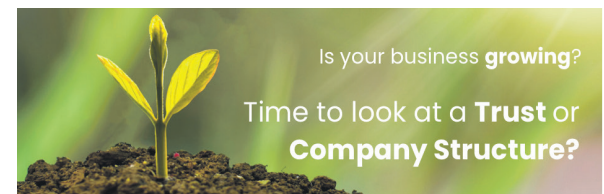
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Singers amidst 'Requiem' and preparing for festival

Gearing up for 'Choral Marathon'

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Gisborne Singers

As we speak the Gisborne Singers are mid-production of Mozart's *Requiem*. Sunday 7 May sees their final performance at Our Lady of the Rosary Church in Kyneton. Artistic director Luke Severn conducts the choir with the Macedon Ranges Chamber Orchestra and world-class soloists Teddy Tahu Rhodes, Michael Petrucci, Merlyn Quaife and Kristen Leich.

In other news, the choir is launching its 2023 fundraising drive through the Australian Cultural Fund; the link is www.artists.australianculturalfund.org.au/s/projects, follow the search prompt for Gisborne Singers. If you have any questions about donating, please contact sponsorship@gisbornesingers.org.au.

On Saturday 10 June, the Gisborne Singers will take part in the Woodend Winter Arts Festival Choral Marathon. The performance times are 3.30 to 4.10pm in the Woodend Community Centre and outdoors in High Street from 4.20 to 4.35pm.

At 8.30pm at the clock tower, all choirs will perform in a Big Sing Flash Mob as part of the festival's first High Street Festa. Tickets to the Choral Marathon are \$20 for adults and \$15 concession, and buyers can nominate which choir they want to support (50% of ticket sales will go to the nominated choir).

Come along and hear seven choirs and help support the Gisborne Singers at the same time.

The choir always welcomes new members. We are non-auditioned and the ability to read music is



advantageous but not essential. Choir practice night is Wednesday from 7.30pm to 10pm at the Gisborne Uniting Church, 23 Brantome Street, Gisborne.

Enquiries: www.gisborne.harmonysite.com or phone 0408 156 263.

Alison Kinghorn

All eyes are on Luke Severn for final touches to the Requiem at rehearsal on 19 April.



Rehearsing a scene for *Buried Child* are (L-R) Ron Kofler, Vicki Smith, Garry Dover and Russell Servis. Picture: Karlana Santamaria.

Mount Players happenings



The Mount Players

Our second production for 2023, *Buried Child* written by Sam Shepard, was first presented in 1978 and won the 1979 Pulitzer Prize for drama, launching Shepard to national fame as a playwright.

The play is an intense drama set in an old farmhouse in mid-century Illinois. A macabre look at a Midwestern American family with a dark, terrible secret. Heavily atmospheric and challenging, the play will entrance its audience with questions of morality and its take on the disintegration of the American dream. Although dark in many respects, it is delivered with humour and pathos. There is hope, however, as

the final moments of the play suggest salvation with a surprise ending.

With a superb cast, brilliant set and one hell of a script, the audience will be taken on an emotional journey under the experienced eye of director Robert Wallace. This is our 2023 Victorian Drama League entry, a competition in which the Mount Players have received many accolades for their productions over the years.

The season runs from Friday 12 May to Sunday 28 May with only nine performances, so book early to avoid disappointment.

Bookings at www.themountplayers.com or call 5426 1892 for assistance.

See you at the theatre!

Karen Hunt

Thanks for support, from Phoenix Macedon Ranges Art & Craft



The members of Phoenix would first like to thank all those who attended our exhibition is on Saturday and Sunday 1 and 2 April; we greatly appreciate your support.

Our raffle basket, which included a unique piece of work from every one of our members, was drawn late Sunday afternoon and was won by Damian Hallinan, a Gisborne resident.

We had our AGM in April and the new committee members are president, Michelle Beveridge; vice-president, Kaye Taylor-Law; secretary, Susy Holgate; treasurer, Julie Luck; promotions and publicity, Carmel Buchanan.

Our next exhibition is the weekend of the Christmas Market in December. It will be a very special exhibition as we will be celebrating our

group's 40th anniversary, as we started after the Ash Wednesday bushfires in 1983 which affected so many local people. If you want to find out more about our history, work and the next exhibition, visit our website, www.phoenixmrac.com.

If you are interested in joining our group, contact our long-time member Kay Beale on 9744 2646.

Dianne Egan

Silhouettes and more



Recently the Macedon Ranges Photographic Society provided a workshop covering the use of back lighting to create silhouette images. The club lighting equipment was set up and with cameras at the ready, we were able to experiment with the shape and outline of our subjects.

At a later meeting we had an in-house presentation and received feedback on members' photos.

Tip: When exposing for a silhouette, take the camera meter reading from the lighter background. Slightly underexposing will turn the silhouette a deeper black tone.

We have selected our 30 club images to be entered into the Victorian Association of Photographic Societies competition. The open category images are a collection of winning prints from last year's club competitions.

Judging takes place in Colac when members from many clubs come together for a social weekend with workshop opportunities.

The club welcomes new members. We generally meet on the first Tuesday of the month, followed by the next Monday at Dromkeen in Riddells Creek. Social chat starts at 7pm with the meeting beginning at 7.30pm. Please visit www.macedon-ranges-photography.org.au Sue Steward



Clockwise from above: *Silhouette* by Sue McBratney; *Morning Invitation* by James Holgate; *Morning Dew* by Judy Harrison; *Homeward Bound (Hamilton Street)* by Sue Steward.

News from CWA in Gisborne, Macedon

GISBORNE

By the time this goes to press, the Central Highlands Group Creative Arts weekend will be over for another year and members will be working on their projects for next year.



Christine Edwards

Those who love crafts have something on the go at all times; whether it's stitched, knitted or crochet or any other craft, it's a hobby to enjoy all year round. There are group craft sessions coming up including organic dyeing, circular weaving, flower embroidery and air-dry clay at Macedon CWA Hall and Kyneton showgrounds.

For those interested in photography, members have a competition every year and also a literary award with a few different categories.

Handicraft and home industries judges are always needed for CWA competitions, local shows and the Royal Melbourne Show and courses are available for CWA members to learn the finer points of judging.

Our May meeting will be on the 15th at Gisborne Secondary College as 8 May will be too busy with our Association Day High Tea. We invite members from other branches to join us on this day and it is always a happy gathering.

Christine Edwards

MACEDON



Our Easter Egg Raffle proved to be a wonderful fundraiser to help our work at Macedon CWA. It was lovely to chat to locals and tourists while we were selling the tickets, although at times the weather was chilly and damp. Congratulations to Lee, Ben and Lisa who were our lucky winners. Thank you to all who bought tickets for your support.

I hope some readers were able to visit our Central Highlands Group Creative Arts Exhibition in Lancefield in April. If you did, I am sure you will have been impressed with the lovely work on display. We have some very talented ladies in our group.

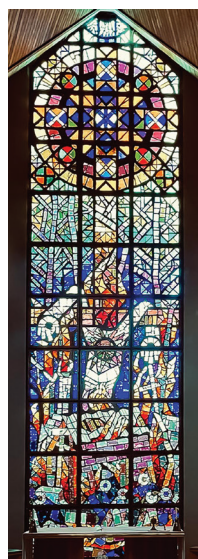
Some of us have been baking fruit cakes to go to Rochester for flood victims. These will be given to those who are not back in their homes yet and will, hopefully, let them know that they are not forgotten, especially as the weather turns colder.

In May, the women of our branch are looking forward to visiting Gisborne Branch for their Association Day. We will be enjoying a lovely High Tea.

If you would like to know a bit more about CWA, please call Anne on 5426 2210.

Anne Fyfield

Chamber Choir presents Mozart's 'Requiem'



"...a virtuoso ensemble with a burgeoning international reputation"
– *The Age*, 2022

Local music lovers can look forward to the performance of the celebrated Mozart *Requiem* (K626) by the highly acclaimed Australian Chamber Choir directed by Douglas Lawrence at the Church of the Resurrection, Macedon, on Saturday 20 May at 3pm.

A distinctive feature of this performance will be the inclusion of two basset horns (the only two in Victoria) in the orchestra of period instruments.

The extraordinary window that enhances any experience at the Church of the Resurrection.

A relatively new instrument in Mozart's lifetime, the basset horn held much appeal for him, featuring also in operas and works for basset horn ensemble.

Its presence is keenly felt in the opening bars of the *Requiem*, where it contributes to a haunting and emotionally charged entrée into the work. The basset horn is not unlike the clarinet, but with a more extensive lower range and a unique sound.

The program also features the much-loved *Ave verum corpus*, also composed by the terminally ill Mozart in 1791.

Bookings: www.auschoir.org



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Sawmillers at mill north of Barringo Creek



Mountain's House

The Beauties of Barringo

On a Saturday recently, a party arranged by Mr and Mrs J H Power, comprising Messrs H Lamb, W Thom, J Smith and D G O'Donnell, all old-time bushmen, left Gisborne for Barringo and on foot trudged to what is known to mountaineers as Mountain's Bridge.

This is a moss-covered remnant of an old-time rustic crossing over Barringo Creek. Around it are lovely dells, groves and thickets of native musk, wild elderberry, dogwood, native lilac and other mountain shrubs, bound together in fond embrace by the traveller's joy-clematis, with its clusters of fuzzy white blossom gently waving in the breeze.

Here a halt was made and in a shady bower, "all decked by nature which made it sweeter than a coach and four or a feather bed", was one of nature's treasures, far from the madding crowd.

At this choice spot, Mr and Mrs Power made preparations for lunch, while the old veterans of the bush crossed over to what is known as Slattery's selection and ascended the steep escarpment, amidst titanic granite outcrops, white gums, milky messmate, blackwood and other towering forest trees, and set out for Carmody's Hill, where a scene of indescribable beauty and grandeur met the eye in all directions for a distance of perhaps 60 miles.

Ever and anon the old timers halted to fix upon the former site of Slattery's hut, of Black Jack's garden, Bullocky Tim's tent, Pat Scully's spring or some other old-time identity's shack.

The endless forest of towering 'telegraph poles' amidst which acres of fern seven feet in height grew with luxuriant wealth added to the romance

From an article in the *Gisborne Gazette* of 22 April 1927

Edited by Phyllis Boyd OAM



Barringo Creek 'town water supply'.

of the scene.

Mr Lamb, who had not been back amidst the mountains for over 80 years, declared himself lost in reverie. In places where smiling gardens and orchards formerly thrived, amidst that wild and rural scene, houses and huts had disappeared, fences had gone and not a vestige of garden, orchard, house or fence remained. Now forest trees of extraordinary height and fern occupy their places and add solitude to the scene.

Here in these glorious ranges, however, adorned with all the wealth of magnificence that nature can bestow, no other wealth than the forest and natures grandeur, wild flowers and granite outcrops is now in evidence.

The scenery is grandly magnificent, the hill sides easy of ascent, the cool mountain springs and glittering streams, clear as crystal between mossy banks overgrown by shrubs and ferns, come tumbling down like waters. Here too, the Christmas bush is growing in profusion.



Tree ferns at Barringo.

After an appetising lunch, washed down by excellent tea made by Mr Power in an iron kettle according to a secret recipe of his own, a start was made for the head of that famous gorge where the first Victorian saw pit was started by the family Robertson's of 'Wooling'. That gorge supplied the best of Victorian timbers and was named by the pioneers as 'The Cockpit', a name that has stuck to it ever since.

The way to it led high up over the Barringo Creek on its western bank, through matted bracken and over fallen trees and skirted the side of the mountain range for a considerable distance, overlooking a green mossy valley containing an endless array of tree ferns, dryland ferns, ferns of coral, parsley, oak, sword and other varieties, some having a spread of 16 feet [about five metres], looking like immense green umbrellas.

Along the sides of the range are Leviathans of the forest, tall, stout and erect. One old monarch had fallen down the hillside and it measured forty feet [12 metres] at its base, and seventy yards [64m] from the stump it measured two feet nine inches [83cm] in diameter, with its head across Barringo Creek, ninety feet [30m] away.

High up and almost abruptly over Barringo Creek, the residence of Mr Mountain seemed like a fairy mansion in the sky and around the side of this mountain, the newly surveyed tourist road can be easily traced by the blaze marks on the trees.

A more interesting, picturesque, all-engrossing and awe-inspiring landscape it would be difficult to imagine.

The Barringo Creek, fed by innumerable springs, comes tumbling down the valley, shaded and sheltered by ferns and shrubs. For many decades, this pure untreated water provided Gisborne with its water supply.

If visitors from the great metropolis can be induced to visit the many beauty spots of this district, they will invade the place afterwards and not waste time over sandy shores as we have scenery around Gisborne that nothing can excel.

■ Barringo Creek goes through the Barringo Recreation Reserve, through the property of Bolobek to join four other creeks that run into Bolobek, namely Middle Gully, Turitable, Willimogongong and Finlayson's Creeks, to become Riddells Creek from Barringo Road to the township of Riddell.



The banner is outside the court house on Wednesdays when it is open.

HISTORICAL HAPPENINGS

Every Wednesday we fly our banner to welcome people to share with us our many Historical Society attractions.

Of particular interest in coming weeks will be the availability for perusal of all copies of *The Gisborne Gazette* from 1894 to 1955, *The Gisborne Macedon Ranges Telegraph* from 1980 to 1997, and monthly copies of the *Gisborne Gazette* from 2014 to the present day. We continue to provide family and property research, local book sales and memberships. And online payment is now available at the courthouse.

Lindsay Armstrong

Genies invite all to book talk

The next meeting of the Gisborne Genealogical Group will be held on Thursday 25 May at 7.30pm at the Uniting Church, Gisborne.

We have had to change our planned program slightly, and will now be welcoming Jenny Trehwella to speak about her recently published book *Over the Log*.

Her book is based on the life of her great-grandmother who travelled from Cornwall to Victoria during the gold rush, settling in the Blackwood district, and of the difficulties she and other women faced at that time. Supper will follow Jenny's presentation. Visitors are most welcome to attend.

At our AGM in March the same executive was elected as last year, and Mary Henry joined the committee, replacing Tricia McLay. Certificates of appreciation were awarded to 38 members for 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30 years of service and support.

Wayne Jones received the honour of becoming a life member for his considerable service to the group over



Joint Member of the Year awardees Lynley Hall (left) and Lorna Jackson (right) with vice-president Mary Ritchie who presented the awards.



Wayne Jones receives a life membership. Pictured with fellow life members Heather Tumber (left) and Lynley Hall.



30 years, especially in the field of computer technology. Lorna Jackson and Lynley Hall jointly shared the Member of the Year award this year.

The next Saturday Workshop will be held on 6 May when we will get together to try to break down some brick walls and help solve each other's genealogical dead-ends. The workshops run from 10am to 12 noon and bookings are essential. For further details, check our website www.ggg.org.au

The Family History Room adjoining the Gisborne Library is open for research on Tuesdays 10am to 1pm and Thursdays 2pm to 5pm. Lyn Hall, President

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Behind the counter

Persistence pays off for Gogo and Guri

The *Gazette* begins a new series in which we find out a little about the people behind local businesses

This month, we meet brothers Gurpreet and Karanveer Singh Toor, who own Kaffeine Bar on Aitken Street.

Karanveer, known to locals as Gogo, manages the cafe while his older brother Gurpreet (Guri) is overall manager of the brothers' other outlets, and comes to help out at Gisborne as often as he can.

Guri and Gogo grew up in the city of Sangrur in Punjab, India. Guri arrived in Australia first, migrating at the age of 19 in 2006 as a student.

Ten years later he was firmly ensconced in the hospitality trade and needed help. He asked his brother to come and in 2016 Gogo arrived and joined the business. They bought and fitted out Kaffeine and Gogo became manager.

For the first year or so, reflecting the experience of so many new migrants, Gogo was lonely and unhappy. Business was quiet, he knew no one and he wanted to go home. But Guri had had the same difficult times when he first came to Australia. and was able to persuade Gogo to stay – he knew things



Guri (left) and Gogo, the brothers behind Gisborne's Kaffeine Bar, at a wedding.



would get better.

And he was

right. Five years on, Gogo is extremely happy and settled in Gisborne. He is building a new house here for himself, his wife and their three-year-old child, and both brothers say Gisborne is the best community in which they have lived in Australia. They love it.

Guri, married with two children, lives in Wollert and travels between the pair's other cafes in Seymour, Kilmore and Sunbury, and Gisborne when he can.

Their parents now spend a great deal of time in Gisborne, travelling back and forth between here and India. Gogo and Guri's father is easy to spot when is town, as he wears the traditional Sikh garb and turban. The brothers generally do not wear the traditional clothes, but sometimes will do so for family events, Guri said.

They both work long hours, so there is not much time for other activities at the moment; any valuable spare time is spent with their young families.

And their advice for the best way to drink coffee? Ah, that's a secret.

Pip Butler

Chamber Poets' words of war and haiku

To celebrate International Haiku Day on 17 April, the Fringe Myrtles haiku group featured at the Chamber Poets spoken word event on the preceding Saturday. The focus of the afternoon was haiku, and words inspired by Anzac Day.

Eighteen poets from local towns and Melbourne read in the Open Section, many of them choosing to read their own haiku. Myron Lysenko's band Black Forest Smoke also performed haiku in song form throughout the afternoon. After the interval, various Fringe Myrtle members shared their works to a captivated audience. Marietta McGregor, a haiku poet from the ACT, was a special surprise guest who read a selection of her evocative nature haiku and a moving Anzac Day haibun.

Poets, musicians and the general public are warmly invited to the next event on 13 May from 1pm at the



Myron Lysenko, far left, with other members of the Fringe Myrtles and some Chamber Poets regulars.

Woodend RSL, featuring internationally acclaimed and award-winning poet, Andy Jackson.

Jackson will be reading poems from his latest book, *Human Looking*. These autobiographical and biographical poems speak with the voices of the disabled and disfigured, in myth, art, history and now.

Entry is by \$5 or \$10 donation at the discretion of the attendee. Afternoon refreshments will be provided by the RSL for a small fee.

Katrina Buttigieg



Young men learn the tools of the trade

Gisborne Secondary College students Danny, Leonard, Billy and Kade are our newest members. They've joined us this year for our Young Shedmen program, which first started in 2017.

These young Shedmen come to the Shed every Monday afternoon to work with our not-so-young volunteer Shedmen.

They will develop some workshop skills including safe operation of equipment, choosing the right tool for the job and aspects of working with a variety of timber, both new and used. They will also see some practical application of their school curriculum, learn



about communication, teamwork and project management, and experience an environment that is more like a workplace than a classroom.

But the information doesn't just flow one way. The not-so-young men (we avoid the term "old") learn about what is going on in the world from a young man's perspective, which is just as important.

If you happen to see any of these young Shedmen, ask them what they think of their Monday afternoons. We hope it will be a positive response.



Danny, Gunther and Leonard.



Billy, Roger and Kade.

What exercise am I meant to be doing?

When it comes to exercise, we are surrounded by a thousand and one opinions.

An aunty swears by reformer Pilates, a neighbour says that running is bad for you, and a co-worker has a tiny shrine to CrossFit in his top drawer. So what the heck are we meant to be doing?

While it is not a total one-size-fits-all approach, the majority of folk can benefit from a combination of strength training (lifting heavy things) and cardiovascular training (walking, cycling, jumping on the trampoline... the options are endless).

Weight training is one of the holy grails when it comes to health, no matter what age people are.

Research has linked strength training with better balance and coordination, which is particularly important for our elderly loved ones.

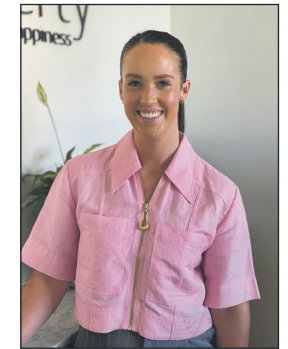
Once women reach menopause, bone density is something we want to keep an eye on. Again, weight training is the gold-standard for maintaining strong bones. The fact that it can also give us some extra muscles and improve self-esteem is a nice by-product that doesn't need to be discounted, either.

Complementing strength training with some movement that makes you huff and puff is important, too. Again, studies are clear that this kind of exercise keeps our heart and lungs happy. It can also help fight off bad stuff like high cholesterol.

Still not convinced? There has even been some research that has noted a link between regular exercise routines and a better night's sleep.

Now, with all of this being said — the best kind of exercise to do is the kind that you enjoy; take the dog for a walk, chase after a grandchild in the park, collect a gym buddy and chat while doing your bicep curls.

Happy sweating!



Virginia Croke

Virginia Croke, chiropractor

Stay safe from mosquitoes when travelling

The Department of Health has detected mosquitoes carrying Murray Valley encephalitis virus and Japanese encephalitis virus in parts of Victoria this year and is advising visitors to those areas to take precautions to protect themselves from mosquito bites.

Mosquitoes can carry diseases that may be passed on through mosquito bites, which can lead to serious health problems for some people. Recent wet and



warm weather has increased mosquito breeding.

Macedon Ranges is not classified as high risk for mosquito-borne diseases, but if anyone is travelling to the following local government areas they are advised to take care to avoid bites: Benalla, Buloke, Campaspe, Gannawarra, Bendigo, Shepparton, Hindmarsh, Horsham, Indigo, Loddon, Mildura, Moira, Northern Grampians, Strathbogie, Swan Hill, Wangaratta, West Wimmera, Wodonga and Yarriambiack.

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Bring on the comfort food!

Rather than be a glass half empty person and think about the cold and wet weather, I prefer to think of it as a free pass to start eating comfort food, after a summer spent eating salads.



By Julie Ireland

A regular article about general health

When the weather turns cold, we tend to feel hungrier and crave comfort foods. Why is this? There's actually science that explains this phenomenon (which certainly makes my feelings of guilt easier to stomach).

Research shows that the brain detects the cold weather and looks for warm food to provide a sense of cosiness and comfort. This is especially appealing during the chilly winter months in the Macedon Ranges when probably half the population tends to go into hibernation.

Shorter hours of daylight in winter may also cause serotonin levels to decrease, which can affect our mood and stimulate the urge to eat more foods that are rich in carbohydrates, fat and sugar. While eating sweet, carbohydrate-rich or fatty foods (sticky toffee pudding with ice cream anyone?) may improve our mood temporarily, the long-term effects of this type of diet can come with health costs such as weight gain and feelings of lethargy.

All is not lost though; succumbing to the desire for comfort food doesn't have to be unhealthy. Soups, casseroles and other meals considered comforting can be packed with vegetables, meat, fish and legumes which will keep you feeling fuller for longer, and who doesn't love a fruit crumble for dessert! It is also important to continue to exercise during the colder months as it can be great for our physical and mental health.

As long as we remember our personal health and wellbeing goals, comfort food can be enjoyed during the colder months, even a few treats, without severe repercussions for our health. Great news for all of us!



Bob Nixon (left) and Gary McSwain have a bit of fun kite flying. Gary is the treasurer of Woodend Lifestyle Carers Group and Bob is a member of the Macgregor's Farm Steering Committee.

The weather gods v. Woodend Lifestyle Carers Group...



Woodend Lifestyle Carers Group

Well folks, try as we may to hold a car boot sale fundraiser for the Macgregor's Farm Day Care Cottage, the weather gods just do not oblige.

After a torrential Friday evening, on Saturday 1 April the skies brightened – and our beautifully mown area offering individual parking spots for marketers to display their wares remained unused apart from two dedicated supporters and our own brand spanking new logo-ed sausage sizzle marquee.

Other stallholders cited the previous night's down-pour (we've had to cancel due to the weather more than once!), but one wonderful young Scout sold delicious home-baked cookies that attracted the attention of 30 or so attendees. Loki has been dedicating his spare time fundraising to attend the 25th World Jamboree. Good luck, Loki! We feel sure that all that wonderful baking will get you to Korea in September.

Our own loyal helpers enjoyed the morning kite flying with perfect wind conditions to keep the kite aloft, knowing that there were no trees (yet) to get tangled up in.

So, although something of a non-event, our would-be fundraiser was a great opportunity to enjoy chatting with the public; learning how to erect our new marquee; and enjoying childhood memories chasing after a kite.

Maybe it will be fifth time lucky in the spring. Watch this space.

Cherry Servis



BETTY'S BOOP

With Betty Doolan

The past couple of months have kept the residents of the Oaks busy.

We celebrated St Patrick's Day with lots of Irish music and so much green.

There was a beautiful display for Harmony Day, in the form of colourful cut-out hands with writing on them. The words that impressed me were:

"Hands across the world
We are one and we are many"

Residents are very lucky that we have wonderful people bringing us the world of music. A big thankyou must go to the Shed Men, Red Cross Singers and all those lovely gents David, Bernard, Brad, Chris and Dean. Each week residents can go and listen to the pianola playing.

We were treated to an animal farm and it was a great success as residents nursed and petted these lovely animals.

Cooking always brings a crowd as residents get to eat what is cooked. A new group has started for the men, and then there is always bingo.

The wonderful girls in the Life Enhancement Room surprised us with a wall covered with all the AFL football teams. And of course, the football tipping started, which always gets a lot of interest.

Our Easter started early with Joan Beaver and Geoff Anderson, both residents, bringing hot cross buns for everyone, then another resident, Lorraine McGuire, brought crumpets and I brought small Easter eggs. On Easter Sunday residents received a chocolate rabbit and more eggs.

I have just received a phone call to tell the residents that the granddaughter of one of our carers, Stephanie Hamilton, has received the bronze medal for hammer throwing in the national games in Queensland. Well done Hailey Stubbs.

Stay safe.

Village Connect: Free events for over-55s



Meet and keep connected with like-minded individuals in your community who are aged over 55.

• **Chess:** Friday

26 May, Gisborne Community Centre from 10:30am-12



noon, followed by light refreshments. Registration is essential. Call the Village Connect team on 5422 0333 or email villageconnect@mrsc.vic.gov.au.

• **Pathways for Carers:** Walking in the Botanical Gardens in Kyneton for carers of older people or people with a disability or mental illness – a chance to gather and to learn more about services and supports. Next dates: Friday 5 May and 2 June. Meet at 9:45am at Barry Doyle Rotunda, Campaspe Crescent. Registration is required: contact Abbey on 5422 0262 or visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/village-connect.

World MS Day urges people to think about connections



World MS (multiple sclerosis) Day will be celebrated on 30 May.

Its purpose is twofold – it is a day for all those affected by MS to celebrate hope for the future, and it also is a day for others in the community to think about social connection.

This year's MS Connections campaign seeks to build community connection, challenging social barriers that can often leave people affected by MS feeling lonely and socially isolated.

Activities around World MS Day take place throughout May and in early June. Visit www.worldmsday.org or www.msaustralia.org.au for further information

News from Gisborne and Macedon Ranges RSL

The Gisborne & Macedon Ranges RSL Sub-Branch thanks all those who attended and supported the Anzac Day commemorative service.

This year marked the 50th anniversary of the end of Australia's commitment in Vietnam, as well as the 100th anniversary of the Legacy organisation. We were most proud to formally acknowledge the World War II service of 100-year-old veteran and Gisborne resident Wallace Cusworth. He was presented with a certificate expressing the nation's gratitude and an Australian national flag.

We are grateful to the local community who once again generously supported the annual Anzac badge sales across the district as well as the tremendous support we received from Coles, IGA, Foodworks and Aldi in Gisborne, and Mr cafe in Macedon.

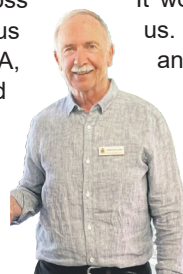
Funds raised from badge sales



are used to provide services and support to veterans and their families in times of need or crisis. If you are a current or serving member and you need advice or help, please don't hesitate to get in contact with the RSL. To access 24/7 emergency support, you can call Open Arms – Veterans & Families Counselling on 1800 011 046 for immediate, free and confidential support.

The Gisborne & Macedon Ranges RSL Sub-Branch has been part of this community for decades. Meetings are held at the Gisborne Golf Club and every month we have a social welfare lunch.

It would be great to have you join us. The branch is open to veterans, service personnel, or social membership. You can email us at admin@gmrrsl.com.au or leave a message on the Gisborne Macedon Ranges Facebook page or on Instagram. *Darren Grevis-James*



Darren Grevis-James, new president of the sub-branch.



CARING FOR THE PLANET

With Eliza Ransome

As the cold weather is trickling in, we tend to stay indoors a little more. So here are some suggestions on how we can reduce our energy bills and at the same time reduce our carbon footprint.

First of all, what does carbon dioxide do? It is a greenhouse gas and it traps the warmth from the sun. If too much carbon is emitted, it can heat the planet. One easy thing to do to reduce your carbon footprint is to switch off lights when you leave a room, or whenever possible. It can also save money on your energy bills, so it's a huge win!

Another great way to save energy is to shut the windows when the heater

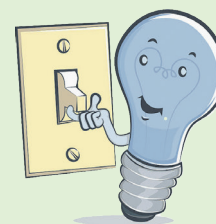
or air conditioner is on. This will help heat/cool the house faster, and save power.

It is said that if you increase or decrease the temperature of your heating or cooling unit by one degree, it increases or reduces your energy consumption by 10%. If you have a Power Energy Monitor at your house maybe you should test this theory.

You can also unplug devices that don't need to be charged or that are not in use. This could be logging off the computer at night or turning the TV off instead of leaving it in standby mode.

Finally, one of the biggest contributors to a home's electricity use is heating water. Therefore, wherever you can, reduce the time you spend in the shower, even if it is for only a couple of minutes.

These are only a few ways we can help. Keeping your home energy efficient can help the environment and save you money.



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Why are fish so smart?
Because they're always in school.

What's a cat's favourite song?
Three blind mice.

What's black and white and read all over?
The newspaper.

Did you hear the joke about Mount Macedon?
It's hill-arious.

Why did the tomato blush?
Because it saw the salad dressing.

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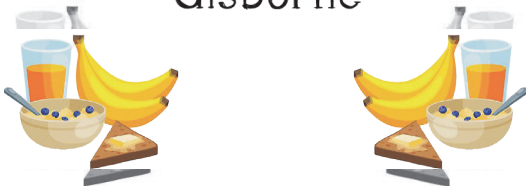
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- 2 How many metres in one kilometre?
- 3 In which L. Frank Baum book will you find a cowardly lion?
- 4 The Red Delicious is what kind of fruit?
- 5 What word means both a colour and a fruit?
- 6 In which sport are the terms diamond, strike, and base used?
- 7 Which planet has just one natural satellite?
- 8 Strings, woodwinds, brass, or percussion, which is usually the largest section of an orchestra?
- 9 In cricket, if you hit the ball along the ground and it reaches the boundary, how many runs do you score?
- 10 In which world war was the Spitfire fighter used?

Answers ► p39

Endurance events take place at Mount Macedon Primary



As part of our Bike Education program, the students in grades 4, 5 and 6 participate in two bike excursions.

The Macedon bike ride is the hardest ride that they do. It was a challenge for everyone to complete, even the teachers! Everyone showed an enormous amount of strength and support. The ride took us from Mt Macedon Primary School down to Tony Clarke Reserve. We then rode through the pine forest to Macedon Primary School and then back up through Macedon township.

On 31 March they had the Williamstown Bike Ride. The students took a bus to Maribyrnong where they rode along the river into the city, under the West Gate bridge and all the way to Williamstown and back: all in all it was roughly a 26-kilometre ride.

Everyone rode very well, and the students were obeying the rode rules in a variety of situations. Big thanks to the parents that came and to the teachers as well as Mr Ewels and Mrs Hyland; without them we wouldn't have been able to do this bike ride.

On the first Monday of April grades 3, 4, 5 and 6s did cross country at Dixon Field. Everyone ran really well, congratulations to anyone that made it to district cross country. Thank you as well to all the parents that came to help.



Harriet

Harriet Quinn, School Reporter



Scenic riding along the Maribyrnong River to Williamstown: a 26km ride but not as tough as the ride around Macedon and Mt Macedon.

Student leaders develop their skills



New Gisborne Primary School's Year 6 leaders recently attended the GRIP Student Leadership Conference in Melbourne. Our student leaders, house captains, Year 6 junior school councillors

(and Year 6 teachers) caught an early train into the city, full of anticipation and curiosity for what the day would bring.

Once in the city, we walked to the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, along with hundreds of other students from across Melbourne and beyond. We recognised uniforms of our neighbour schools from the Macedon Ranges and were able to catch up with friends and 'compare notes' about what it is like to be part of the student leadership team at our schools.

Excitement levels were high as so many young people came together with the common purpose of learning how to harness their talents as leaders.

Students learnt about the core values of leadership: generosity, responsibility, integrity and people (GRIP).

Through a series of inspiring talks, interactive segments and thought-provoking workshops, our student leaders began to think about ways they can take action and use their leadership skills back at school.

It was a big day and we really enjoyed watching the dynamic presenters on stage impart their messages



New Gisborne Year 6 student leaders in Melbourne for the GRIP Student Leadership Conference.

about student leadership and the powerful impact we can make on the present and the future.

We look forward to watching our students use their skills and grow as leaders at our school. *Kylie Miller*

Finishing the term with colour!



◀ George Fairmaid was very happy after his colour run.

Every term is busy, but the last week of Term 1 at Holy Cross was jam packed. It was only a four-day week, but we managed to fit in school photos, athletics, tabloid sports, an Easter raffle, School barbecue and a Colour Run.

The children came dressed in their House colours ready for a fun day of sports at Dixon Field. Our junior classes joined us for the first time and took part in 'tabloid sports' whilst the rest of the school were honing their athletics skills. These days are made possible by our wonderful volunteers helping out, and we are very appreciative.

We are also grateful to our school community for donating Easter treats for our raffle. There were a lot of families that went home on the last day of term with a colourful basket of Easter goodies.

And what better way to finish the term than a colour run on our oval. Our dedicated PFA and parent community were once again on hand to make this a fun and enjoyable occasion.



▲ Patrick McNaulty helped his Prep buddies Myles Davies and William Boddington complete the course.



▶ Kate Murphy was happy to be as colourful as the children in her class.



▲ Jaxon and Summer Cook with their mum Reenie support the Red House.



◀ Macedon Primary also capped off Term 1 with some colour run fun.

▶ Larissa Spiteri and Olivia Denko were very close in the sack race!



CAPTAIN'S RAP with Rue Kelly



Rue Kelly

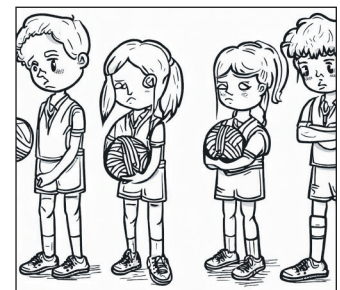
Just like that it was a wrap! Not only did the chilly weather come upon us (much too early for my liking), but Term 1 also drew to a close with an action-packed finish.

Off campus, the Outdoor Education Studies students had an eventful few weeks. The Year 10s transformed from surf groms to gurus with a day trip to Urbnsurf wave park in Tullamarine and a camp at Torquay, while Year 11s tracked to St Kilda Beach to master kite surfing.

Next on the agenda, a three-day hike at Mt Sterling was tackled, with pre-planning requiring selection of routes, meals and campsite set-up. They triumphed over the bleak conditions and reached the summit, albeit without the usual views.

Meanwhile, the VCE drama class attended the gothic drama *Nosferatu* at the Malthouse Theatre to analyse the use of lighting, costumes and acting styles. Learning from the professionals themselves with a Q&A session after the play, our students were thrilled to gain insight into the mechanics of a successful production.

Term 1 culminated with the annual staff vs Year 12 netball game. An air of superiority lingered as the teachers took the court, having been victorious over the past six Year 12 cohorts. Despite a fiery match the staff proved their prowess, maintaining their reign with a 17 to 10 win. The Year 12 egos mildly diminished, we remain primed for the next showdown – basketball in Term 2.



Jetting off over the holidays, a group of students embarked on a Greek study tour. Exploring the island of Santorini and Athens, the trip included a tour of the Acropolis, a pottery class, boat cruise and much more. They returned with lifelong memories and enviable tales to share. It is great to see students taking advantage of the vast range of opportunities offered at GSC – extending themselves and exploring the world around them.

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Rotary plans to repeat Community Volunteer Expo

The inaugural Macedon Ranges Community Volunteer Expo held at Buffalo Stadium in Woodend in March, convened by local Rotary groups, featured 16 volunteer organisations from across the Macedon Ranges.

Local groups that attended included CWA Macedon, Gisborne Foodbank, Kidzflip, Macedon Cemetery Trust, Macedon Ranges Further Education Centre and the Rotary Clubs of Gisborne and Macedon Ranges.

The organisations found it a valuable experience to

take part in the expo and many reported that they had gained new members.

Our next volunteer expo will be bigger and better. We look forward to seeing you and many additional volunteer organisations come together to celebrate volunteering in our region.

If you have questions about the next Macedon Ranges Community Volunteer Expo, please email rotarymacedonranges@gmail.com.

Submitted by Lynette Robinson

Every day is a good day to crochet

Craft Corner with Mary-Beth O'Brien

The Crochet and Conversation group which is held at 2.30pm on the first Monday of the month at Gisborne Library continues to grow in number, with all skill levels welcome. Returning members, as well as those new to crochet, enjoy sharing patterns and tips towards a creative, imaginative crochet journey.

Bring along your choice of wool, crochet hook and current project. You are very welcome.

The change of season brings inspiration, as the autumn palette of the Macedon Ranges coincides neatly with a good time of year to crochet. With crochet apparel emerging from wardrobes of the most fashionable, the signature style of crochet is simultaneously bold and decidedly groovy. The stored wool and many months of thoroughly researched patterns, along with the backlog of projects left languishing through summer, are about to experience a resurgence.

On those cool wintry days, few experiences equal wrapping yourself in a handmade crochet blanket by an open fire, with good food and refreshments to create a mellow introduction to your winter sojourn.

So, treat yourself to a quality handcrafted crochet blanket/throw this winter or, better yet, join us for Conversation and Crochet to create your own handmade piece of luxury.



A crochet rug is a winter treat.

A fun archery adventure



YOUNG BEAT

with Asher Kroon

During the school holidays, I visited an archery range in Melbourne's inner north. The range, named Ambrose Archery, provides you with the necessary equipment for archery as well as a couple of arrows.

It was quite a fun experience as I was able to watch myself slowly improve and move the target further and further back each time.

I started off with the target four to five metres away from me and began to gradually move it back until it was about 16 metres away at the end of the two hours my family and I were there. There was no doubt that I was much better at archery than my mum and sister as they occasionally struggled to even land the arrows on the target. I, meanwhile, was hitting bullseyes with the target double the distance of theirs!

The range itself had around 10 lanes with each lane having its own target. The way it operated was everyone would shoot their arrows until they ran out and only then were you allowed to go onto the range and up to your target to collect them and return to the start of your lane.

Once everyone was out of the way and at the start of their lane, you could then begin shooting again.



Asher (behind) and his sister Alyssa give archery a shot.

We were at the range for a total of two hours which was the equivalent of two sessions. I was shocked when the time had passed as it only felt like we had been there for 20 minutes.

Time really does fly when you're having fun.

I would definitely recommend this experience to people of all ages as it was really enjoyable and, even if you have never done archery before, it is never too late to give it a shot.

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Fungi to avoid (clearly not "fun guys" for pooch).

Vet Talk May mushroom mayhem

with Dr Caitlin Horwood



To wander in the woods of our magnificent Macedon Ranges on a cool autumn morning is to adventure into the magical realm of mist, faeries and fungi. If your canine companions accompany you on these forays, pay attention to their findings and be vigilant of where their exploratory snufflings may take them!

Dogs are renowned for sniffing out curiosities, and they love exploring their environment with their mouths. The mushroom varieties they may encounter have potential for toxicity, and it requires an expert to differentiate the delicious from the dangerous.

Mushroom poisonings in dogs can take many forms. The death cap (*Amanita phalloides*) is often mistaken for a regular edible mushroom, but ingestion causes severe abdominal symptoms and liver failure, with a fatal outcome.

The psilocybins will cause dogs to feel disoriented to the point of hallucination or aggression, vomit, and be generally miserable, but can be aided, with recovery in sight.

The muscarinic and gyromitra species will have dogs feeling rather seedy, with vomiting and diarrhoea, but veterinary supportive treatment can aid recovery.

The summary: Keep your dog on a lead. Enjoy the forest, but don't dabble in the 'shrooms.



Pirate returning home from the vet after an episode of messing with the mushrooms.

A reminder... Some field mushrooms can also be very dangerous to human health. Unless you are absolutely certain that the fungi you have picked are the right type, please do not eat them.

More to learn about the seasons

Friends of Daly Nature Reserve

Living in the Macedon Ranges guarantees changes in our four seasons. We expect the heat in summer, the cold in winter, the uncertainties of spring. Milder days arrive in autumn bringing the colourful display of introduced trees.

It was very different hundreds of years ago for the Indigenous people who lived here. They had their own version of seasons. In recent research we discovered the Wurundjeri people used several seasons to guide their lives. Their seasons were based on the expectancy of flora and fauna, as well as weather conditions. Melbourne Museum website has information about aboriginal seasons.

UL Daly Nature Reserve is a conservation area which has protection for native flora and fauna.

Some mown areas are now being allowed to regenerate and this is also evident after a recent slow burn. This means we, and future generations, can visit the reserve and see nature as it was in aboriginal times.

During recent working bees we have removed patches of ivy, gorse, broom, blackberries and 116 saplings of oaks, all of which would have had a detrimental impact on the reserve.

You are welcome to join us on Tuesday 9 May, 9.30-11.30am, signing in at the Scout Hall. Enquiries dalynaturereserve@gmail.com

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SCOUTING



News sails forth from 1st Gisborne Scout Group

All sections of 1st Gisborne got together for a combined Sailing Day at the Guide and Scout Water Activities Centre in Sandringham on 25 March.

Activities included beach games, paddle boarding, kayaking and sailing. It was a perfect day, the sun shone and there was a gentle breeze to hoist the sails.

A few leaders (including me) and parents got to go for quick sail at the end of the day. By this time, however, the wind had picked up and the sea was a bit choppy and during a particularly tricky tacking manoeuvre the boat capsized and... into the water we went. And there we were, bobbing about in our personal flotation vests.

The boat was expertly righted by our leader and helpers and we were back on board in no time, but we had the 'honour' of being the only boat to capsize that day.

The Joey section finished off term 1 at the Gisborne pool. We completed a lot of badge work as well as having fun playing games in the pool. The pool night completed the term of 'Water' activities.

The theme for this term is 'Air'. Some of the activities planned include kite flying, rocket craft, star gazing through telescopes and, of course, paper aeroplanes.

Venturers from across the Macedon Ranges participated in a joint activity in which they caught a train into



First Gisborne Scout Group having fun sailing at Sandringham.



Members of 1st Gisborne Scout Group are in good spirits as they collect money for the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal.

the city and had a great day ice-skating. It was good to see the Venturers getting out and about trying different things and having fun together.

Finally, there was a great turnout for the Good Friday Appeal. Money from this appeal goes towards the Royal

Children's Hospital in Melbourne. Even though it was a cold and rainy day, members of 1st Gisborne managed to raise over \$9000! Well done to all the youth, parents and leader.

Carolyn Goode, Assistant Joey Leader

All the latest from New Gisborne (Church of Christ) Scouts



The year got off to a good start with Group Leader Russell "Rusty" Barker and his leadership team packing a lot of Scouting into 1st term. Then came the Cub Scouts District Camp at Pax Hill, near Ballarat, at the end of April.

We had a number of ceremonies during April. A well-deserved Grey Wolf badge was awarded to Callum at a ceremony in the Church of Christ.

The Church held a formal farewell to outgoing Group Leader "Skipper" (John Frearson) with new Group Leader "Rusty" addressing the Church.

And our Queen's Scouts (and now Assistant Leaders) Maya and Harrison received their awards from the Governor at Government House.

Work on the Scout Hut continues with the sewerage connections now complete. We're still awaiting a decision on the permit for the use of the hut as a "place of assembly" as well as for storage. Donations made through Scout HQ are tax-deductible and most welcome. We're looking forward to the opening ceremonies.

We completed our 2023 Scout Census with 46 youth members. We have some vacancies in the Joey Scout, Scout and Venturer sections.

We meet on Wednesdays, 6:30 to 8pm, and Venturers on Fridays. Contact Group Leader Russell Barker 0400 297 025 or russell@jeem.com.au to learn more.

John Frearson



Callum, our newest Grey Wolf recipient.



Proud sister and brother, Caitlin and Callum, show off their Grey Wolf badges.

Timberrrr!



Gisborne Girl Guides undertook an engineer challenge for their science badge.

Working together in their Patrol groups they had to create a tower using spaghetti and Blu Tack. It certainly caused a lot of issues as the pasta broke and the buildings fell. Rosella patrol created the strongest design.

The girls have been working on their Anzac badge syllabus which has a theme of 'Saluting their service' this year. We made poppies, cooked damper, worked on our fitness and wellbeing, participated in a mock 'cooe' march and talked about how

to survive in the bush. The unit again marched proudly in the Gisborne Anzac Day service (see page 36).

This month we are pleased to welcome Abby to our unit but sad to say farewell to one of our young unit helpers, Kasey, who has moved to Adelaide.

If you are aged 7 to 12 years and would like to try Guiding, phone Deb on 0409 542 619 for details.

We meet on Thursday nights between 5pm and 6:30pm.



Deb Fleming

Deb Fleming



Blue wren patrol working on their spaghetti tower: Hollie, Emily, Abby and Alice.

Report from the Ramblers

There seems a noticeable change in the season now the clocks have changed. This is to be expected of course, but it does seem like we have been cheated out of the long series of mild autumnal days we used to enjoy.

As the saying goes, 'the golden age is never the present age'!

The Ramblers managed a full quota of walks for April, with a trip to Trentham to do the Wombat Trail and local walks at Woodend, Macedon and Gisborne.

The Wombat Trail is an easy, if longish walk, especially if the old racetrack is included, but well worth the effort. The added bonus being the refreshments available on conclusion in Trentham!

The walk is well described in the township with markers and starts near the lake or you can get a screenshot of the trail from the Ramblers by contacting me by the email address below.

Detailed below, is a pleasant, easy open country walk near Woodend you may care to try.

For details of our weekly walks, why not join our mailing list? There is no cost and details are emailed out each Wednesday.

Charles (gisramblers@gmail.com)

WALK

Blackmore Road,
Macedon/Woodend



A pleasant walk, with some panoramic views.

Distance: approx. 5km

Level: Easy

Directions: From Gisborne, drive along the Calder Highway taking the first turn off (Black Forest Drive) towards Woodend.

Turn right into Canning Park Road. Make sure to turn the first sharp left, then drive for approximately two kilometres until reaching the junction of Blackmore Road.

Park off road as the walk starts from here.

Walk along Blackmore Road (this begins as a tree covered route before becoming open country) until reaching Tweddle Road.

Turn right and walk along Tweddle Road until a right turn into Walkers Road. Following this road will eventually bring you back to your car, affording some great views to Mt Macedon along the way. The only downside is the drone of traffic noise coming from the nearby Calder Highway.



Metcalfe walk.

Weather gods eventually smile on Gisborne Bushwalkers Club



It's so pleasing to be out walking amongst both the native forests and the autumn splendour of nature.

Sadly, one walk had to be postponed due to a total fire ban on the day and another one was also postponed, this time due to wet weather. Nature throws up challenges sometimes.

However, a planned walk at Sherbrooke Falls was enjoyed by 12 walkers. The beautiful scenery, tall mountain ash trees along with an abundance of tree ferns and the spectacular Sherbrooke Falls, allowed everyone to soak in the temperate forest conditions.

This forest is home to lyrebirds and other wonderful wildlife, but unfortunately none were to be seen on the day.

Another walk in the Metcalfe Nature Reserve was held early in April in perfect weather. Seventeen walkers set off for the morning part of the walk which was mostly on dirt roads. We saw lots of kangaroos and passed over a disused rail track that used to link Kyneton to Redesdale.

As it was a two-part walk, four of us left after lunch but the others continued and were rewarded with a delicious afternoon tea at the end of the walk.

Along with many walks planned between now and the end of June, our planning meeting is coming up on 4 May when we set the walking calendar for July to December.



Sherbrooke Falls walk.

If you want to join us on a walk or require further information, please contact Margot on 0438 260 792, or Gail on 0419 374 603. Our website is www.gisbornebwc.org.au.

Janeen Edward

Bird walk for beginners on Jacksons Creek

Thursday 18 May, 9am to 10am, Macedon Ranges Shire Council office, Jacksons Creek, Gisborne

Join bird enthusiast and Biodiversity Project Officer, Tanya Loos, along Jacksons Creek for

an hour with the birds. Learn to identify the little birds, practise using the Birdata app to record your sightings. Monthly walks will be held on the third Thursday of each month.

Feeding the belly – warming the heart: refugee chef back to serve again



Chef Niro Vithyasekar

Chef Niro Vithyasekar has faced discrimination and detention, but it has not dampened his enthusiasm to share his culinary culture with his adopted home. He and his team are returning to Woodend to serve a traditional Tamil feast as guests of Macedon Ranges Rural Australians for Refugees.

When Niro, a refugee from war-torn Sri Lanka, was finally released from detention by Australian authorities in 2015, he and fellow Tamil asylum-seekers were encouraged to cater for occasional dinners at CERES, a not-for-profit organisation in East Brunswick. Niro and his mates were only too happy to showcase their culture and traditional cooking.

The response from diners was overwhelming. These occasional banquets evolved into Tamil Feasts, a social enterprise featuring stories and



communal dining three nights a week.

In 2019, the group received an enthusiastic welcome in Woodend and return visits were eagerly anticipated. Then COVID-19 intervened and plans were shelved.

Now Niro is back, together with his new team from Tuka Tuka Kothu Roti Man.

Tickets are priced at \$35, \$15 for children under 12 and \$90 for a family of four. BYO drinks, with a corkage fee donation. Doors open at 5.30pm and meals will be served from 6pm.

Places are limited to 50, and tickets are on sale now, via www.trybooking.com/CHLWG

VENUE: Norma Richardson Hall, 15 Buckland Street, Woodend, at 5.30pm on 7 May.

Scam preparedness – free education info session at Gisborne

An NBN officer will be in Gisborne on 9 May to share up-to-date information and tips on how to be prepared for scams in this one-hour workshop, followed by one-on-one sessions to have your questions answered.

The one-hour workshop is an opportunity to learn about scam trends in Australia, common types of scams and how to detect common scams, what to do if you think you have been scammed, and top tips to stay safe, including securing your personal devices and keeping your financial information safe.

The session is on Tuesday 9 May from 10am to 12 noon at the Macedon Ranges Further Education Centre in Hamilton Street.

Registrations are essential. Contact the Village Connect team 5422 033 or email villageconnect@mrsc.vic.gov.au



Heritage Strategy

Macedon Ranges Shire Council will begin to review its Heritage Strategy this year. Initial community consultation is expected in May to find out what residents love about the shire's heritage.

Keep an eye on the council's heritage protection and planning page on our website, www.mrsc.vic.gov.au, for updates, or call 5422 0333 to register your interest.

Another expo, and fishing the Goulburn and Delatite

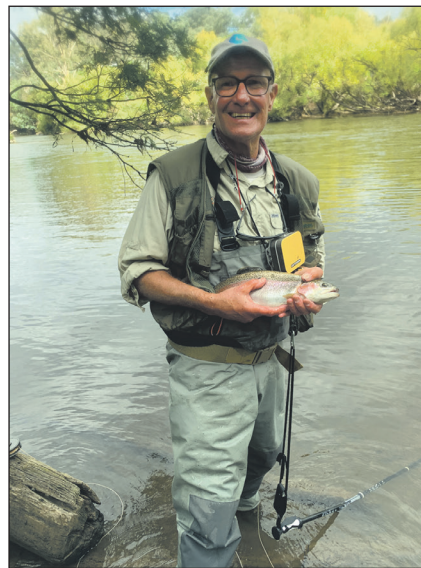


Our club now boasts three expos this year: ours, the Victorian Fishing Authority's Ultimate Fishing Expo, Melbourne City, then the Riddells Creek Community Group Expo in March.

We blew into the site at 7am and very nearly blew out with the wind around 10am. Fortunately, Riddells Creek local and club member Alain Doisneau managed to grab our table and materials and removed the gazebo cover.

We had significant interest in both our display of flies and information. I understood from one very interested enquirer that he had apparently needed to come all the way over from a Colorado, US, fly fishing club; although I believe he did have other business in the area.

In April we fished the Goulburn and Delatite Rivers. An afternoon session on the Goulburn yielded a few good rainbow trout on a "dry and dropper" – a dry fly fished on the surface with a weighted nymph fly deeper below it. A very pleased Macedon Ranges member, Mike Hamer, claimed a personal best



Mike Hamer's lovely rainbow trout.

rainbow. In the morning we went on to the Delatite River; where I learned some useful casting practices trying to catch brown trout at the edges of the fast-flowing water from my guide, member Will Healy.

If you'd like to know more about the Calder Fly Fishing Association, please visit <http://www.calderflyfishing.com.au>.

Louis Bokor

There are more species of fish than all the species of amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals put together.



OBITUARY

Noel Edward Hemphill
1939-2023

Noel Hemphill was born in the Lancefield Hospital to Albert and Ruby Hemphill and along with Noel's sister Joan lived in Monegeetta where they had a poultry farm.



Noel Hemphill

Noel attended Bolinda State School and later Kyneton High School. The family moved to Bendigo for several years for the benefit of Noel's asthma, but missed the community of Monegeetta and returned after one or two years.

Noel was passionate about football and enjoyed his years playing for Romsey, with the highlight being the drawn grand final with rivals Lancefield in 1963.

Noel married Betty in 1965 and settled in Gisborne, first living in Prince Street where they raised their children Colin, Wendy, Shane, and Bruce, and then later in Cherry Lane.

Noel worked for many years with the Lands Department and Forestry Commission in Gisborne then Sunbury and later Macedon.

In the 1970s, Noel started his nursery, Gisborne Shrub and Seedling Supplies, which on top of his Monday-to-Friday job kept him and Betty very busy.

The monthly Gisborne Market was always a busy but very social time for Noel who enjoyed the friendship of the other stallholders and also his many regular customers. Noel's horticultural knowledge was self-taught and very practical.

The nursery was always immaculate and received a glowing write-up in *The Age* in the 1980s. It was a lovely surprise for Noel who was unaware the writer had visited.

Noel enjoyed his years of involvement with the Gisborne Tennis Club and later the Gisborne Bowls Club. Noel and Betty were active in the Uniting Church making many lifelong friends.

Noel passed away at Warrina Nursing Home on 26 February this year.



SPORT IN PICTURES



The Cats command the ball in the netball A Grade Macedon v Diggers Rest match on 25 April, won neatly by Macedon 47 to 20.

► High catch by a Bulldog in the U17 Gisborne v Strathfieldsaye match on 16 April.

► Far right: U16 Saints v United, 1 April.



A Bulldog leaps in the Gisborne v Strathfieldsaye match on 16 April.



Jack Reaper, 2023 captain of the Gisborne Bulldogs senior side.

Pictures by CHRIS FLEMING

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Brad Fox, coach of the Gisborne Bulldogs this year.



A senior Bulldog withstands a tackle in the Gisborne v Strathfieldsaye game on 16 April.



Gisborne has the ball in the Rookies v Sunbury Kangaroos game on 2 April.



Girls U15, Macedon v Diggers Rest, April 30.



Junior Cats and Giants battle it out in the U17 Macedon v Gisborne Giants game on 23 April.



Cats' teamwork in U18 women's Macedon v Melton game on 23 April.



Tussle in the U19s in Gisborne's game against Strathfieldsaye at Gardiner Reserve on 15 April.



A Cat's kick gets through Romsey's defence in the U15 Macedon v Romsey match on 2 April.



Giants lead the chase in U13 Gisborne Rookies v Gisborne Giants on 23 April.



Jarryd Vernon has had a stellar season.

Dragons fall short in cricket finals



Gisborne Cricket Club had two senior sides in grand finals after great seasons. Our father-son team and father-daughter team each did exceptionally well to reach grand finals but

could not get the job done on the big day. Our McIntyre Cup side went into their semi-final against Romsey as warm favourites but could only make 123 on a difficult day for cricket against a determined opponent. This was not enough so the season ended a bit earlier than the Dragons would have liked.

Our Under 13A boys were successful in winning their grand final after a great season.

Club captain Jarryd Vernon won the Kevin Sullivan medal as the best player in the competition, with Mick Allen runner up. This capped off a superb season for Jarryd.

Andrew Headberry

Free mental health workshops for football-netball clubs

Tackle Your Feelings is a free training program for community AFL and netball coaches, as well as committee members and other club support staff.

The program aims to help participants understand, recognise and respond to signals regarding the mental health of players and members. It consists of a face-to-face presentation from a local psychologist and three online modules. To book a workshop or obtain more information, contact Lauren Fawcett at Sports Focus on 5442 3101 or email laurenf@sportsfocus.com.au.

Two clubs recognise long-serving contributors

New Gisborne Tennis Club honours Neil Moorhouse

Neil Moorhouse has been recognised for his long-standing contribution to New Gisborne Tennis Club with life membership.

Neil has served as president of New Gisborne Tennis Club continuously since 2007 (15 years). His commitment to remain as president for the past five years has ensured the club's survival during a period of borderline viability due to low membership, particularly through the COVID-19 pandemic.

Neil led the engagement of a new club coach, which has assisted in rebuilding membership to a healthy level. He has also donated countless personal hours to maintaining the courts and facilities, including court cleaning, grounds upkeep, light replacement and clubhouse maintenance.

Neil has served as the club representative on the Macedon Ranges Tennis Association for the same period – much of that time as secretary of the MRTA. Finally, Neil has taken a lead role in developing the master plan for Ross Watt Reserve in conjunction with Macedon Shire Council for the future benefit of local residents, including options to upgrade and extend New Gisborne Tennis Club.

Submitted by Robyn Johnston



Neil Moorhouse receives his award from club secretary Brian Cooper.



Neil with fellow life members of the club, Jill Bennett and Rob Allen.



Tom Stotten, new life member of Gisborne Golf Club, has been an active member for 55 years.

Gisborne Golf Club honours Tom Stotten

Tom Stotten joined the Gisborne Golf Club in 1968. In March this year, 55 years later, Tom was honoured and made a life member of the club.

Tom's contribution to the golf club has been remarkable; a direct reflection of his passion and dedication to making the club one of the best in the region.

Tom was on the committee for 25 years, including six years as captain, three years as vice-captain and several years as head of greens.

He was an integral part of having the course rated by Golf Victoria and introduced the yellow tees to make the course friendlier for little hitters.

He was also heavily involved in the introduction of the score card reading and online booking systems. He was a man ahead of his time.

In other news, the new driving range has become a roaring success. Who knew there were so many locals just busting to get down to the range with their families and partners to show how badly they can hit a little ball.

Why not pop down, buy a bucket, and start swinging. It is truly great fun.



Many hands make... a well-deserved trophy.



More lady golfers' success at Mount Macedon



The final March session for the Ladies Get Into Golf@MMGC program was completed with 25 enthusiastic participants. Following the 'on course' ambrose, we were delighted to welcome 13 new lady members to our club. This brings our total number to 50 from a starting point of just four! A remarkable achievement.

From Mary Anne Thomas MP for Macedon: "Your efforts as allies in getting more women into golf are so important, and it is heartening to see that Golf Australia has recognized and rewarded your hard work. Your dedication to creating a welcoming and supportive environment for women in golf is inspiring and sets an example for other clubs to follow.

By actively promoting golf as a sport for everyone,

your club is not only helping to break down barriers to participation, but also growing the game. Your efforts have undoubtedly had a positive impact on the local Mt Macedon community, and I am confident that they will continue to do so in the years to come."

An excellent recent mid-week field of 27 meant three grades for a shotgun start for our April Mug o' the Month. Though the course is greening up after the recent rains, there is still plenty of top spin run for those that choose to take the terrestrial route rather than hit the ball in the air as proven by the dozen players who achieved handicap or better.

Our Scratch pennant team continues on its march towards the final with a third consecutive win, while the handicap team has been pipped in its last two rounds and looks to bounce back in the coming weeks.

Walrus



The happy winners of the Ladies Get Into Golf 'on course ambrose' competition in March, with club volunteers Peter Palmer (second from left) and Bruce Fraser (far right).

Tennis coaching paying off as juniors make their mark



◀ Eoin Ryan of Gisborne won the School Sports Victoria Western Region Tennis competition for his age group and will progress to the next stage in Bayside in May.

Eoin was photographed at Macedon Tennis Club where he trains with Scott Vaughan.

▼ Juliette Debrincat came 13th in the 14/u Australian Claycourt Championships in Canberra in April.

Juliette trains at Macedon Tennis Club with Scott Vaughan and is a junior coach for the Macedon Ranges Girls' Tennis Academy.



The new toilet facility at the croquet club.

Woo hoo – croquet club gets a loo!

The members of Macedon Ranges Croquet Club are delighted that our long-awaited toilet facility is now complete. Our thanks to the council for providing it.

We would like to say a big thankyou to our community for their support of our very successful Easter raffle. Congratulations go to JW, D family, PP, LC, NM, and Karen who were the six lucky winners.

A donation of 10% of the proceeds of the raffle has been sent to the Royal Children's Hospital Appeal.

We are looking forward to a return visit from the students of Gisborne Secondary College on 3 May to learn more of our great game.

The last general meeting for this season will take place on Wednesday 24 May. This will be followed by the AGM and lunch at the Vic Hotel. Any members interested in filling any executive positions are invited to submit their names prior to the AGM.

We will go into recess on 24 May. The opening day for the new season is Wednesday 13 September.

Members are welcome to play during the winter recess, weather and courts permitting.

Faye Armstrong

What's running at Gisborne Little Athletics

With a record number of members and our best performances in the Regional Championships and the State Carnival, Gisborne Little Athletics Club is going strong with significant improvements happening again in this year.

Club Championships and awards evening

After a fun afternoon in late March, we had our end of summer season presentation night. Most of our athletes and their families were present to see a healthy number of athletes take home ribbons, medals, and trophies for their achievements during the season.

We had age champions, the most personal bests and other milestone awards presented.

The premier awards were the following:



Best Boy – Tyler T, Best Girl – Isabella H, Club Champion – Elke F. Congratulations to all our athletes for their dedication to having fun and improving on their chosen track and field disciplines.

Cross-country season

Our club has now begun the cross-country season. We have set out all the running courses and have dedicated coaches and parent helpers assigned.

If your child is interested in cross-country running, please come down to Dixon Field each Monday at 4.30pm for training and/or each Friday at 4.30pm to compete. This is a great time to get in touch with us to find out more. New members are always welcome.

Submitted by Drew Fisher

This Anzac Day closes a chapter

ANZAC DAY

Eighty-one years ago, a US submarine torpedoed the SS Montevideo Maru off the coast of the Philippines. Unknown at the time was that the ship was carrying over 1600 prisoners of war captured around the Rabaul region of Papua New Guinea. It was to be the worst wartime maritime incident involving Australians.

For many of the relatives of people on board, there has been a long search and hope that the ship's remains would be found, bringing a sense of closure. In the past month, this has been achieved. The ship will remain in the South China Sea undisturbed.

For Gisborne Anglican parishioner Dorothy Hughes, this enabled her to reflect with certainty on what had happened to her grandfather, Herbert Shelton.

During the First World War, Herbert was a young soldier at Passchendaele, Belgium. He later served as a missionary in Rabaul and the islands of New Britain. On Anzac Day, Dorothy laid the wreath at the memorial cairn on the corner of Mount Macedon Road and Honour Avenue. In doing so, Dorothy said it would enable her to reflect on all those who served with him.

It will also enable "the families they left behind to honour their sacrifice".

Dennis Webster



Dorothy Hughes lays a wreath at the memorial cairn on Honour Avenue, Macedon. Picture: Dennis Webster

Macedon



An Anzac Day service was held at Tony Clarke Reserve before the senior football match on 25 April. Pictured are Janelle Birch, Hamish Govan, Maggie Payne and Mitchell Jensen.

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Gisborne



Gisborne Girl Guides attend the service at the memorial in Gisborne.

▲ Federal Member for McEwan Rob Mitchell (left) presented 100-year-old veteran Wallace 'Wal' Cusworth with a certificate of appreciation for his service in the Vietnam War. With Wal is his son David.

Mount Macedon



The Dawn Service at the Memorial Cross, Mt Macedon. Picture: Rob Mitchell Facebook.



From left: Braemar co-captain Matthew Barake, Memorial Cross Committee chair David Mann, bugler Gary Andison, Acting Deputy Commissioner Fire Rescue Victoria Ed Starinkas, and Braemar co-captain Julia Smith.

Across

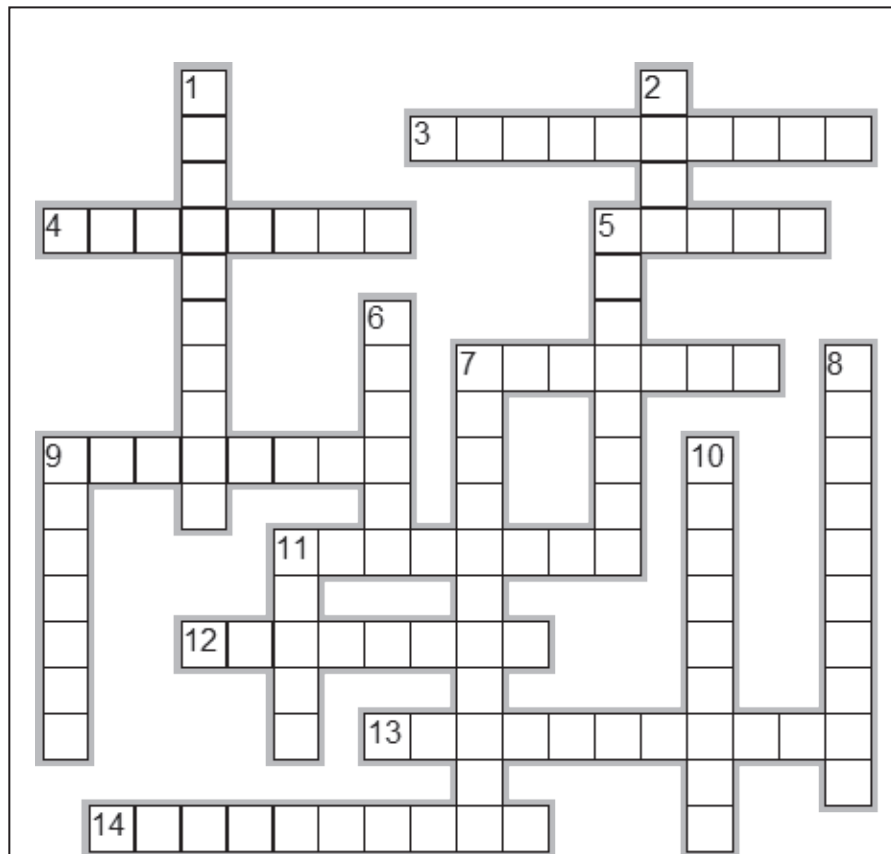
3. Name for a group of owls
4. Four-digit number allotted to every mail delivery town in Australia in 1967
5. Ascot Racecourse is located in this Australian city
7. The largest ocean in the world
9. The country directly West of Spain
11. Island on which the mutineers from the ship "The Bounty" took refuge
12. Mountain range that separates France and Spain
13. Magellan was killed here
14. John Batman, a founder of Melbourne, was born in this Sydney suburb

Down

1. English port from which the First Fleet sailed in 1787
2. Australia's 11th prime minister
5. Former champion cricketer Imran Khan became the prime minister of this country in 2018
6. Name for a baby hedgehog
7. A person who collect stamps
8. The official language of Brazil
9. "As proud as a _____"
10. In law, the name of a person who takes a dispute to court or who is the initiator of a law suit
11. The Eiffel Tower is this city's tallest landmark

CROSSWORD Words starting with the letter 'P'

Questions compiled by the late Graeme Millar and his daughter, Heather.



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QUIZ

- 1 Who directed the film *Frenzy*?
- 2 What colour light do you get when you add red, blue and green lights together?
- 3 In which city did the Australian parliament meet prior to 1927?
- 4 Who created SpaceX?
- 5 What was Adele's debut album called?
- 6 Which sense is carried by the optic nerve to the brain?
- 7 Which duo wrote the music and words for *The Mikado*?
- 8 A suffix is usually placed at which end of a word?
- 9 What is the national dish of Scotland?
- 10 What is both a smoothing tool and a folder where papers on a subject are kept together?

Answers ► p39

Gisborne Uniting opens appeal for beanies and bedsocks



While there are balmy, blissfully warm days in autumn, there are enough chilly ones to remind us of what is ahead. So, we check our heaters and jumpers and all the things that make for a comfortable winter. Recent news reports have reminded us that not everyone will feel warmth. Flooded out of their homes in towns such as Rochester and Echuca, many people are looking at — not forward to — spending winter in caravans.

Last year the Gisborne Uniting congregation, with help from other community members, filled 39 buckets with cleaning stuff. This year we launch a new appeal, for beanies and bedsocks, throughout May. Some of us will knit these, others will buy them — a small contribution for helping to keep others as warm as we will be.

In April we welcomed Paul Banks to the ministry team, a chap with a range of skills. Perhaps significant for a Christian group, Paul is a carpenter. He also is energetically invested in issues around climate, supporting reconciliation with Indigenous communities and those of other faiths.

Something that doesn't require much but sheer enjoyment will be another visit to our church by the Savoy Singers on Sunday 18 June at 2pm. While we work for harmony in our community, we will enjoy again the harmony of happy music.

Janet Wood



May musing

"And after winter folweth grene May." — *Chaucer*

In our antipodean reality, after May 'folweth' winter! May, named after Maia, the goddess of spring and eldest Pleiades, is a time to sow our bulbs in preparation for the summer.

Oxford has a beautiful tradition for May Morning involving hymns and madrigals, blessings for the spring; of course, revelry led by Morris dancers sowing merriment wherever they are.

Madrigals feature very much in folk songs. Don't read too much into the words lest you be led astray!

Think about the many events of May: May balls, maypole, May Day, Mayfair, Mayflower, and Mother's Day.

At the end of May this year is the Week of Christian Unity, during which the different denominations are asked to pray and meet with one another.

As part of this time, from Ascension Day (18 May) to Pentecost (28 May), there is also an international movement of prayer called "Thy Kingdom Come". As part of that international 10 days of prayer, the Anglican Parish of Gisborne looks forward to once again praying intentionally for our community and diversity of paths.

The wonderful thing about our creation is diversity, which we are encouraged not to tolerate but to accept and respect.

May it be a merry month of May where the beauty of the approaching winter leads us hopefully and lovingly into an even merrier spring.

Dennis Webster



A special day at Mount Macedon Uniting Church.

Busy times at Mount Macedon Uniting Church



The Easter Services at Mount Macedon Uniting Church were well attended by members, family, friends and visitors. The message of sacrifice, love, faith and peace still resonates in these modern times.

Baptisms were celebrated on two successive Sundays later in April. It was wonderful to have many family members and friends of the little boys join in these special events in their lives. Both families had previous connections to our church.

For eight years we have donated food and household goods from our congregation to the Asylum Seeker Welcome Centre in Brunswick conducted by Uniting, the community services organisation of the Uniting Church, but it no longer needs donations of foodstuffs. Vouchers will now be issued enabling their clients to buy foods of their choice. Instead, we will support the new Woodend Community Food Bank. Support will also continue for the Kyneton and Gisborne food banks.

We continue to explore options to appoint a regular minister, but without success to date. However, we still hold a worship service each Sunday at 10.30am with the support of a wonderful group of retired ministers and lay preachers.

The Thistle Club and Men's Group also continue their monthly meetings. Further details can be found on our website mountmacedonunitingchurch.org.au. Visitors and new members will always find a warm welcome.

Neil Tweddle, 5426 2045

As we gift to others, we gift to ourselves



Each year the Presbyterian Craft Group gifts (donates) more than a hundred quilts to those in need. We partner with organisations providing services to new mums, children, survivors of domestic violence and those doing it hard in the current economic environment. Through our effort, either expert or novice, we give of ourselves as well as our 'finished product'.

We meet as a group of ordinary people from all walks of life to be productive, share skills, encourage each other and at times to share our sorrows in a safe environment. Sometimes one of us needs a friendly ear, encouragement or a cuppa in our busy lives and we are always ready to welcome a new person to our group.

We meet on the first and third Thursdays at the church hall 9.30am to 3pm. Bring your craft project and machine etc and your lunch for the amount of time that suits you. If you do not have a current project, we have quilt kits available to make gifted quilts. We also encourage other crafts and have people willing to assist and teach a new skill if you wish.

We will be having a quilt show in October to showcase our achievements and would like to include your efforts in the display. For information, please contact Glenys 0424 383 016, Marsha 0428 843 959 or Marion 0448 887 657.

Submitted by Marion Place



A selection of quilts from the last donation.



St Brigid's Parish Gisborne – incorporating St Ambrose Riddell's Creek and St Patrick's Macedon

Normal weekend services:

Saturday 6pm St Brigid's Gisborne

Sunday 8am St Ambrose Riddell's Creek

Sunday 9:30am St Patrick's Macedon

Sunday 11am St Brigid's Gisborne

2023 Sacrament bookings are now open for Holy Communion Year 4 and Confirmation Year 6 students. Please email gisborne@cam.org.au for details.

St Vincent de Paul

A new chapter of St Vincent de Paul has recently been established in Gisborne. If you are in need of assistance, whether it be by way of food vouchers or perhaps furniture, please reach out on 1800 305 330.



100 YEARS AGO

MAY 1923

Fighting Foxes – Letter to Editor, Melbourne *Herald*. “Fifteen years ago, I heard those agonizing cries. The night was a bright, frosty one, and my brother and I were stepping briskly along the Melbourne road, in the neighborhood of Gisborne. We had arrived at a point opposite what is known locally as McGregor’s Swamp, when this horrifying cry broke upon the night air. Both of us were certain that a woman had been foully stabbed to death, and we searched the paddocks without of course finding any traces of tragedy. When we returned to the township, we were informed by an old bushman that the noise was made by foxes fighting. Having heard the noise made by the Bunyip, the sounds are not comparable. I have lived in heavily-timbered districts but have never since heard that noise. What is more, I have no wish to hear it.”

T.J. White
Melbourne Herald, May 3, 1923

Protection of Australian Birds – Letter to Editor, *The Age* “Your correspondent ‘Also a Bird Lover’ is of the opinion that our birds should be looked after, but would include in the list of those still available for exportation the mountain lory and the rosella, and presumably also the cockatoo, on the grounds that they are pests to the fruit grower and that if they are sent away by dealers, they will be valued and cared for but if they remain here they will be poisoned. Every reasonable person will sympathize with the man on the land who has great difficulties to contend with, but if the farmer or the fruit grower is being harassed by the depredations of our imported deer, the opossum or any species of bird, he should complain to the responsible authorities and not destroy valuable fauna without official permission.

Though it is 40 years since I lived in the bush in Victoria or New South Wales, my interest in the mountain lory and other native birds began before then and has lasted until now. My endeavour to get them really protected covers nearly as long a period. Of late years, my opportunities of observing the mountain lory and the rosella even in Mount Dandenong or Macedon, where I frequently stay, have been few and far between. It is only reasonable to assume that with unrestricted exportation added, these beautiful birds will soon be unseen and unknown in Victoria.”

John L. Menzies
The Age, May 3, 1923

Local Notes – It is the intention of the Shire Council to take steps to prohibit carriers passing through the town on Sundays with loads of furniture, etc. This class of traffic is showing a marked increase, and it is thought the town should be free of it at least one day a week, and that day Sunday.

Gisborne Gazette, May 11, 1923



WHAT'S ON REGULAR MEETINGS

New members always welcome

- ADULT RIDING CLUB** (Gis) 2nd Saturday of month IR 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
BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP 1st & 3rd Tues 10.30am Gisborne Golf Club
- BRIDGE CLUB** Mon 12.30, Tues 7.15, Thurs 12.30 St Mary's Church Hall, Woodend 5420 7595
- BUSHWALKING CLUB** Various locations 0438 260 792 or 0419 610 811
- 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** Mon, Wed & Sat 10am 0426 500 516, Noeline Richardson 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
- EUCHRE GROUP** Tues nights 7pm St Brigid's Hall, Gisb. 0417 527 857
- FILM SOCIETY** 2nd Fri 7pm Norma Richardson Hall 0402 299 153
- FLY FISHING CLUB** 4th Wed 7.30pm MR FEC Gisborne
- FOCUS CLUB** 2nd Fri 12 noon Goonawarra Golf Club, Sunbury
- 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 Scout 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 6pm St Brigid's Hall; gisborne@juseikan.com.au
- 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
- OBEEDIENCE 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** Saturdays as required 0409 121 025
- PHOTOGRAPHIC SOC** 1st Tues & 2nd Mon 7pm Dromkeen, Riddells Ck
- PONY CLUB Bullengarook** 1st Sunday Rec Reserve
- PONY CLUB Gisborne** 1st Sunday Robertson Reserve
- PROBUS** 1st Thurs 10am Senior Cits room, Gisborne Community Centre
- QUILTERS** (Gisb) Wed 7pm Room attached to Gisb Library
- RAMBLERS** Fridays 9.15am Tennis Club Dixon Field
- ROTARY** (Gisborne) First & third Tues 7pm Telegraph Hotel, email gisbornerotary@gmail.com 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 12.30pm Rec Reserve Bullengarook
- SUPPORT AFTER SUICIDE** 2nd Monday each month, even if public holiday, 7 to 8.30pm Newham Mechanics Inst. (1292 Rochford Rd) E: peersupport@mrs pag.com.au
- TABLE TENNIS** Wed 7.30pm Tony Clarke Res, Macedon
- THUNDER SWIMMING CLUB** 2nd Sat 5pm Gisborne Aquatic Centre
- TOY LIBRARY** Every Tues 9.30-10.30am; Sat 9.30-11am 71 Robertson St Sunbury FC
- 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 sddgome@patash.com.au

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Crossword answers

ACROSS	12 Pyrenees	5 Pakistan
3 Parliament	13 Philippines	6 Piglet
4 Postcode	14 Parramatta	7 Philatelist
5 Perth		8 Portuguese
7 Pacific	DOWN	9 Peacock
9 Portugal	1 Portsmouth	10 Plaintiff
11 Pitcairn	2 Page	11 Paris

Quiz answers

1 Alfred Hitchcock	6 Sight
2 White	7 Gilbert and Sullivan
3 Melbourne	8 The end
4 Elon Musk	9 Haggis
5 19	10 A file

Junior Quiz answers

1 The Wiggles	4 Apple	8 Strings
2 1000	5 Orange	9 Four
3 The Wizard of Oz	6 Baseball or softball	10 World War II
	7 Earth	

Baringo Film Club

3pm Wednesday | 3pm and 6pm Saturday

MAY

3 to 6 <i>Sunshine on Leith</i> (Scottish comedy/family/music)
10 to 13 <i>Kompromat</i> (French drama)
17 to 20 <i>Banshees of Innesherin</i> (Irish black tragicomedy)
24 to 27 <i>The Fablemans</i> (Bio/drama)
31 to 3 June <i>Blueback</i> (Australian drama)

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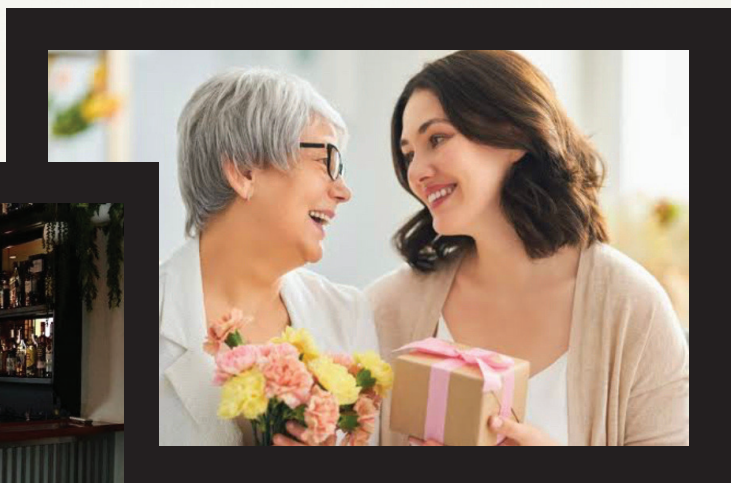
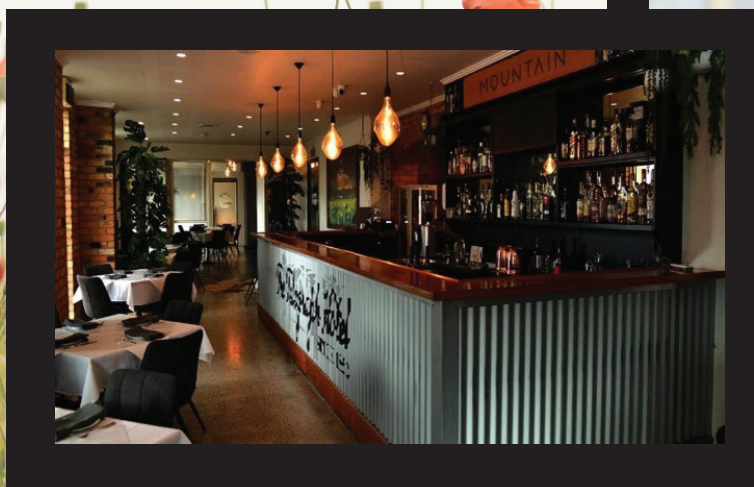
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