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Women lead in local sport

Gisborne Soccer Club committee members Mikki Maheras (vice-president), Leonie Williams, Bernice Mathers, Erin O'Reilly, Kathy Van Emmerick and Taylah McIntyre.

Soccer communities across Australia united to celebrate Female Football Week from 19-28 May.

The aim was to acknowledge and elevate the contribution of women and girls in football, and

encourage participants to embrace their love for the game and its positive impacts.

Gisborne Soccer Club has been blessed with many wonderful female players, office bearers

and volunteers. The club currently has seven female committee members, six junior girls' squads, a senior women's team, and a multitude of female volunteers.

As a community club, the aim

to keep fees low to encourage young participants is certainly working as Gisborne's enquiries for new players grow each year.

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From the Editor's desk

After a bracing autumn, winter weather is upon us. If the prospect of dark skies and cold rain fills you with gloom I suggest that you go to Belinda Carlton-Doney's Macedon Musings column on page 8 to read her dozen suggestions for combatting the winter blues.

One of the bright features Belinda suggests is the fireworks night at the Woodend Winter Arts Festival.

This local festival goes from strength to strength and this year's program is star-studded and packed with a great range of programs and activities. Besides the Friday night's fireworks, another public event on Saturday night will see a massed choir of 250 voices sing by the clock tower while the town is bathed in illuminations. Look out for the Gisborne Singers in the massed choir and also as they perform as part of the Choir Marathon at Woodend Community Centre. Not to be missed! Google the festival to find the full program and to buy tickets.

The GREAT Association is applying to the council for an amended permit to continue running the Olde Time Market in Gisborne. See the article on page 3 and please respond to its appeal by letting the council know how much you value the market and the positive things it does for the Gisborne and district community.

Also on page 3 you will see news of two major developments in Gisborne about which the council is seeking community input. Gisborne's rapid increase in population is creating growing pains and these two proposals are aimed at addressing some of those issues. The Benetas proposal is not without controversy so learn about what is planned and make your voice heard.

This month's edition welcomes articles from two new Macedon and Mount Macedon organisations: the Community House and Landcare group. The *Gazette* wishes them well; the paper will be happy to support their growth by providing their regular news to our readers.

Our front cover this month honours the increasing role of women in sport, not only as competitors but also as administrators of their clubs. The cover features the women of the Gisborne Soccer Club but I'm sure that there is hardly any local sporting club that does not now have women involved in its running. More power to them!

Bryan Power

Dianne Egan checks out the May copy of the *Gazette* at the memorial cairn at the National Trust of Scotland Culloden Battlefield on 26 May.



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A MINUTE WITH MAXINE

Shirley and John Cross have been delivering the *Gazette* for 13 years.

Shirley was born in Mildura and John was born in Blackburn, England.

They met in February 1962 at the Victoria docks. John was in the merchant navy and Shirley was studying nursing. Their eyes met across a crowded room...

With John returning to England, a lot of letter writing followed before John returned to Australia in June 1962; he proposed and they were married in April 1963. They have three sons and four grandchildren.

They bought a Spanish-style house in Mount Macedon in December 1983 and during their 35 years



John and Shirley Cross

there it was a B&B for six years.

In 2018, it was time to downsize but they wanted to stay in the Macedon Ranges, and they moved to New Gisborne.

Shirley is a founder member of the croquet club and enjoys reading and walking with a group of ladies on a weekly basis. Both are members of the Mount Macedon Uniting Church. John enjoys reading and gardening

They have just celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary and received cards from Australian dignitaries and a handwritten card from King Charles III and Queen Camilla.

Maxine Barker

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CFA holds annual memorial service

The annual memorial service for fire fighters was this year held at the Victorian Emergency Management Institute at Mount Macedon on Sunday 7 May.

Despite very bleak weather a large gathering of CFA members from across Victoria were in attendance to remember the 80 colleagues who have died over the years in the line of duty.

A particularly moving part of the ceremony was the reading of the names of the 80 deceased volunteers, with each name followed by the tolling of a bell. The last name on the honour roll is that of Peter Harry of Gisborne Fire Brigade who died while attending a house fire in Gisborne on 30 December 2012.

One of the seven wreath layers was 4th Lieutenant Bryan Smith of Mount Macedon Fire Brigade.

The Captain of the Macedon Fire Brigade, Ross Luke, read the Firefighter's Prayer which commences with:

"When I am called to duty, God,
Wherever flames may rage,
Grant us the strength to save lives,
Whatever be their age."



Macedon brigade captain Ross Luke, Leanne Harry and CFA CEO Natalie MacDonald at the service at Mount Macedon in May.

Council urges residents to have their say on two significant developments

Gisborne residents are being asked to give their opinions on two significant local developments.

They are the redevelopment of the old hospital and The Oaks site between Hamilton and Robertson streets in central Gisborne, and the rezoning of residential land on the corner of Willowbank and Brady Road in south Gisborne to allow commercial development.

Benetas-Macedon Ranges Health proposal

Benetas proposes a three-storey nursing home on the corner of Hamilton and Neal Streets and a retirement village on the rest of the block down to Robertson Street. This land, however, is protected by a covenant placed by Humphrey P Dixon when he donated it to the people of Gisborne on the condition that it always be used for health purposes – ie, a hospital or nursing home. A change of zoning is required to allow residential use as a retirement village. Retirement villages are not nursing homes and do not provide aged care.

Councillors were divided on the matter at a meeting in May but the vote was ultimately passed six to three to put the plans out for public feedback.

To have your say: Documents are being prepared for public exhibition and will be advertised in local papers. Keep an eye out. It is particularly important for local people to have their say on this site because it carries

a community history with it. The current proposal will forever remove the availability of this land for a hospital or other medical purpose, and renounce the wishes of the family who donated it. The Dixon family, throughout their long history in Gisborne, were committed to the community. They also donated the land that became Dixon Field sports precinct.

Benetas came into possession of the property through its merger with the non-profit Macedon Ranges Health in 2018.

Willowbank proposal

An application has been made for commercial development of a large vacant block on the corner of Willowbank and Brady Roads in South Gisborne. The block is currently zoned residential. The council envisages the development would include a childcare centre, a small supermarket, offices, two cafes and 57 parking spots. The block is surrounded on two sides by housing and on the western end is a childcare centre and two osteo/physiotherapy businesses.

A large block nearby on Willowbank Road was recently approved for a retirement village.

To have your say: Plans can be viewed at the council's Gisborne office or online via mrsc.vic.gov.au/your-say. Submissions close on June 13.

Please support the Gisborne Market

The Gisborne Market committee is proud that we restarted the market in February 2022 after the COVID disruptions and have run it every month since. We now need to amend our council permit to match the area the market currently occupies along the Hamilton and Aitken Street service roads.



We are keen to keep running the not-for-profit market every month indefinitely, as it is a major Gisborne event and contributes to many good works in our community. Since February 2022 alone, funds obtained through the market have supported Gisborne Secondary College, the Mt Macedon Dawn service (twice), the Lions Club Christmas Festival, Bullengarook CFA, the New Gisborne Scouts and the Gisborne Foodbank.

We ask readers to please send an email or letter to the council this month supporting the market. These can be sent to mrsc@mrsc.vic.gov.au quoting reference PLN/2004/429/A. Further detail can be found in the advertisement on page 28 of this *Gazette*.

Rick Arden
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Workshop on offer: What's going on with boys?

Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health is joining expert presenters from the Man Cave in an evening workshop, to be held in Macedon, aimed at parents, carers and anyone who mentors or works with boys and young men.

Presenter Joel Hines will share key insights and original research on what is happening in the teenage male brain and the key principles that govern how to address challenging behaviour and mindsets.

"We offer impactful programs, role models and resources," said Joel, "that give teenage boys and people who work with them the language, permission, space and role modelling to explore and challenge the traditional scripts of masculinity they have inherited, and engage with one another in a safe environment."

Following the success of last year's 'Mentoring Boys in the Macedon Ranges' project, presented by Man Cave, a group of youth leaders, carers and parents formed an ongoing mentor support group. Participants reported that after taking part in the program, they were more confident in making a positive impact on the boys they mentored.

"The workshops helped me to see through the eyes of young men better and appreciate some of the ways they are struggling at the moment," said one of the participants from last year's workshops.

Parents, carers, teachers and mentors will walk away from the presentation with an understanding of how rigid gender stereotypes and expectations can affect the mental health of boys, and with insights into the world of young men and the challenges they are facing.

They will also gain practical tools and tips for engaging young people at school, in sporting clubs, at youth organisations and at home.

'What's Going on With Boys?' is on Thursday 8 June, 6.30pm to 8.30pm at the Macedon-Woodend Scout Hall, 118 Railway Place, Macedon.

Light supper will be provided.

The presentation is free, but registrations are essential as numbers are limited. Go to www.surveymonkey.com/r/Whatsgoingonforboys, or email healthpromotionsunbury@scchc.org.au, or call Amanda Perry on 0493 683 023 to book your place.



SEEN AROUND TOWN



As Gisborne grows ever bigger and busier, it is delightful to find sights like this – llamas on Willowbank Road, just a short distance from the centre of town.



The trees in Aitken Street hung on to their glorious autumn foliage well into May.



The new ambulance station in Robertson Street is fast taking shape.



Celebrating the Biggest Morning Tea at Gisborne Oaks. The day was a huge success. With generous donations from families, staff and residents, all together the Oaks raised \$600.

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Appreciation shown to firefighters with national medal

The 2019-20 bushfires which are now commonly referred to as the Black Summer fires burnt more than 10 million hectares of land across Australia.

Many people have been formally recognised for their efforts during and after the fires, including close to 20 firefighters from Gisborne CFA. Firefighters took many roles over approximately two months, showing commitment to fighting the fires and continuing to show up and extinguish hotspots whilst assisting to rebuild communities, lives and spirits.

Firefighters were deployed interstate to areas across NSW. Gisborne firefighters were also deployed to Mallacoota where Gisborne Tanker 1 spent an extended period and was used by crews from all over the state. Our firefighters were extricated by air or with the assistance of Royal Australian Navy vessels as at the time Mallacoota was completely cut off by road.

On 2 April these members were formally recognised with the presentation of the National Emergency Medal. This medal is an operational service medal which recognises significant or sustained service to others in a nationally significant emergency.

The presentation was performed by CFA Chief Officer Jason Heffernan who commented on the dedication and commitment shown by all firefighters over the period of



Back: Jon Haworth, Brent Hunter, Captain Henry Neal, Lt Ethan Brailsford, Lt Jordan Whitefield, Tom Ruff, Sandra Barrotta. Middle: CFA Head Office official, Nathan Mills, Deputy Group Officer Bevan Moody, Doug Peart, Corey Stomilovic. Front: Group Communications Officer Ian Large, Bruce Harker, Steve Bezzina, Darren O'Connor, Jason Gruevski, Chief Officer Jason Heffernan.

the emergency.

Please join us in congratulating these firefighters for their achievements. We also pass on thanks to our

families and friends for supporting us and allowing us to serve our community.

Jordan Whitefield, 3rd Lieutenant

Where to get 'Memories of Ash Wednesday'

The *Gazette* is happy to report that the first print run of the book *Memories of Ash Wednesday* sold within a week and so a second print was ordered. It too is selling well so be quick to buy your copy as it is not likely that another print run will be ordered.



Author Bryan Power

The *Gazette* team is grateful for the many congratulations and generous comments they have received from those who have bought the book. It can be purchased at the news agencies in Gisborne and Macedon, the Gisborne and District Community Bank (Bendigo Bank), the Trading Post in Mount Macedon and the *Gazette* office in Hamilton Street, Gisborne.

Council grants to support community close on 5 June

Local community groups and organisations with a community-driven project or event idea are invited to apply for funding through Council's annual grants programs.

Applications for the council's 2023-24 Community Funding Scheme and Events and Festivals grants will close on 5 June, with totals of up to \$160,000 and up to \$75,000 available respectively.

The Community Funding Scheme is open to not-for-profit community groups and will be allocated under three streams, including community, cultural and environmental projects; organisational support; and small community infrastructure. The Events and Festivals Grants offer funding and in-kind support (including in-kind venue hire) for both not-for-profit and commercially run events.

For information on guidelines or to apply for either grant program, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/grants, email grants@mrsc.vic.gov.au or call 5422 0333.

Netballers go PINK



The Macedon Ranges Netball Association competition turned pink on 13 May in support of Australians affected by breast cancer.

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Importance of noting sources when researching



Genealogists (family historians) love to find information about their ancestors. We get so excited we often forget to record where that information actually came from. However, it is a very important part of the research process. We always need to be able to validate our information, and know whether it is a primary or a secondary source.

'Citing Sources' will be the topic at the next meeting of the Gisborne Genealogical Group to be held on Thursday 22 June, 7.30pm, at the Uniting Church, Gisborne. Dr Fran Thiele will lead this discussion. Supper will follow. Visitors are always welcome.

The next Saturday Workshop will be held in the Family History Room adjoining the Gisborne Library on June 3 at 10am. The topic will be 'Government Gazettes'.



Lyn Hall

In the 19th century every Australian colony published regular gazettes to communicate legislation, regulations and information to the public service and to the general community. Some departments, such as education and police, produced their own gazettes. They are an invaluable source of information for the family historian. Please book for the workshops with Lorna – details are on our website – www.ggg.org.au

The Family History Room is open for research on Tuesdays 10am to 1pm, and Thursdays 2pm to 5pm.

Forward planning: On Saturday 26 August, we will be holding a full-day Family History Seminar. The topic is 'Convicts'. Guest speakers are Professor Janet McCalman and Bronwyn Quint. Genealogy Group members will also share stories about their convict ancestors.

Lyn Hall, President

Paw, cold little dogs

But we can do something about it



The May new members' induction at Macedon Ranges Obedience Dog Club was cold, and we had some rain and hail, but still we had seven new puppies join us.

Winter is approaching and it's getting colder outside. Some breeds, such as huskies and malamutes, cope better with the cold, unlike short-haired breeds like dachshunds, chihuahuas, and dobermans.

We use jackets and coats to keep them warm and dry, but what about their paws? There are some steps you can take to help protect them such as:

Keep paw pads moisturised – dogs' paws can dry out which can cause sores/infections and can be painful. There is dog paw wax or paw balm, even a beeswax-based moisturiser, which will provide a barrier to keep paws dry.

Keep your pup hydrated. It is not only paws that can dry out in the colder months but skin as well. Make sure your pup has water readily available. If you have a humidifier this can also help keep them hydrated and keep the skin irritation and itch-free from drying out.

Walks are great but keep them short – unless you have a dog that loves the cold. Make sure they are geared up and, if needed, dog boots or booties can also help keep feet warm and dry whilst out and about and protect from ice and other winter hazards. But make sure they are the correct size; you know how much your feet hurt in the wrong size.

Keep paws well groomed. It's easy to forget about keeping the nails and fur between the toes of longer-haired breeds trimmed.

For further information, visit our website www.macedonrangesdogclub.org.au, our Facebook page or email info@macedonrangesdogclub.org.au and we will contact you.

Carol
Instructor/Treasurer MRODC



MEMBER'S MESSAGE

With Mary-Anne Thomas

Hello Gisborne community,

I'm hoping this message finds you well as we head into winter in the Macedon Ranges.

During May, I was delighted to participate in celebrations recognising both the International Day of the Midwife (May 5) and International Nurse's Day (May 12), each recognising the efforts and contribution of nursing and midwifery staff worldwide. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the extraordinary nurses and midwives in the Gisborne community who give so much to our patients and health services. Thank you!

With winter upon us, it is a joy to see the junior sporting teams of Gisborne and beyond hit the fields and courts. I'm proud to be providing sponsorships to a range of netball, football, soccer and other sporting clubs across the Macedon Ranges Shire in 2023 with a special focus on women's and girls' sport.

Power Saving Bonus

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 are available to assist with lodging applications at Shop 14, Nexus Centre, 9 Goode St, Gisborne during business hours.

See you soon!

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OBITUARY

Marlene Elizabeth Walker
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Marlene was raised at Epsom on a poultry and sheep farm and went to the Epsom Primary School and later the Bendigo Girls High School. After leaving school Marlene worked at a number of places including the Bendigo Pottery as a pottery decorator, where she was the first female to be employed.



Marlene Walker

At the time of Marlene's 21st she was diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis. Marlene was dealt this hand which she lived with for 50 years.

Marlene met Russell at a Golden Square Football Club function when Russell was playing for the club and they were married two years later, in 1976, in Bendigo.

With Russell beginning work at the Victorian Auditor-General's Office, they initially lived in Sunbury, where Marlene worked helping mothers who had new babies. After 11 years, with Sunbury growing, they decided to move to Gisborne and in 1988 bought in The Willows. What they purchased was a house with no garden on an acre, which they progressively developed into an expansive country garden.

Marlene had a great love of Australian football and a good understanding of the game. She was a passionate member of the Western Bulldogs for 41 years; she and Russell were player sponsors for 26 years.

Marlene became involved with Guide Dogs Victoria in 1993. She trained 16 puppies over a 20-year period and cared for a retired guide dog and two breeding stock. Marlene, who became affectionately known locally as the "dog lady", would introduce each puppy to new environments from shopping centres to public transport. She had a great rapport with dogs and developed a strong bond with each puppy. For five years, when Marlene ran the Macedon Ranges Guide Dog Auxiliary, puppies she trained became key attractions at the Gisborne Market where guide dog products were sold.

In recognition of her voluntary services to the community Marlene received a certificate of appreciation from the State Government.

Marlene was fun-loving and always known for her infectious smile. She was always positive. She was determined to do what she could and hid the pain she was in. She had a local GP, five specialists and the local pharmacist who looked after and cared for her.

Marlene was kind, caring, determined and courageous. She will be sadly missed.

RSL pleased with Riddell memorial grant and federal support for veterans

Gisborne-Macedon Ranges RSL is pleased to announce that Riddells Creek Lions together with Riddells Creek Primary School have obtained a grant to refurbish the Riddells Creek War Memorial gates.

The war memorial was built in 1950 and damage caused by vehicles, the roots of the neighbouring gums, rust and time has caused the gates and bluestone pillars to degrade. Restoration is much needed.

The 'Restoring Community War Memorials and

Avenues of Honour' grant program is supported by the Victorian Government and grants range up to \$50,000.

The war memorial has become the focus for the Riddells Creek ANZAC Day dawn service and more recently it has become the venue for the Riddells Creek Farmers' Market.

Major works will have to wait until better weather in spring, but planning and some early works can begin shortly.



Riddells Creek War Memorial gates as they stand at present.

Budget boosts health and wellbeing support

RSL Australia has commended the Federal Government's commitment to the health and wellbeing of veterans, which was outlined in the Federal Budget in May.

The budget provides an additional \$328 million to support the 340,000 veterans and dependants accessing services through the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

It includes an additional \$4.8 billion in funding for veterans' compensation and support payments, as well as additional allocations for the department's mental health literacy and suicide intervention training program for the ex-service community. RSL Australia has called on the government to prioritise the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide.

The budget noted "expanded eligibility" for the Acute

Support Package introduced in October 2022 Budget to include 'grand-carers' – grandparents who are full-time carers of children of veterans. Just over \$82 million has been allocated for the Veterans' Home Care Program and Community Nursing services.

The Gisborne and Macedon Ranges RSL Sub-Branch is proud to serve the veteran community in our district. We welcome all veterans, current Defence Force and emergency service personnel, and other members of the community.

General meetings are held at the Gisborne Golf Club at 1.30pm on the first Monday every month. 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, President

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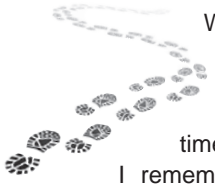
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Hello from Gisborne Ramblers



Welcome to winter!
The years seems to pass so quickly as you age, already tax time is on the horizon.

I remember as a child you gave your age with a fraction beside it - now if all the candles are lit on a birthday cake, you need to have a fire extinguisher on standby!

The weather has been kind to the ramblers over the past month, saving its downpours until we finished our walks. No doubt the weather gods will be plotting revenge shortly!

Our standout walk over the past month seemed to be to the Antimony Mine at Coimadai. This walk takes in the remaining extensive foundations of the mine's processing plant.

This is a medium grade walk, some hilly climbs and descents with an interesting wire mesh bridge to cross before reaching the foundations.

I have described this walk in more detail, published alongside.

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

Cheers

Charles (gisramblers@gmail.com)



Marsh. Take the turn towards Diggers Rest - this is the Diggers Rest-Coimadai Road. After passing the Merrimu Reservoir, look for and turn into Antimony Mine Road.

Follow the road to its termination and park. There is a gate with access to the state park.

The walk begins with a steady upward gradient on a wide dirt track. Take your time, this is perhaps the hardest part of the walk. Eventually a peak is reached and then a descent to a dry creek. At this point a tee junction offers the option of left to the Antimony Mine or right to Mount Sugarloaf.

Follow the Antimony option - this leads alongside the creek with an occasional crossing. Along the way, a defined track merges from the left, on the return from the mine, taking this track will give a shortcut back.

Continue on until reaching the wire mesh bridge. This is great fun to cross, but can be bypassed on the left if preferred. After crossing, look out for some collapsed brickwork and twisted old rail line on the left, this is the start of the mining area. Walk a further 100m and look out for the processing foundations over the creek on the right. The foundations are extensive and well worth exploring.

Return the same way you came in.



MACEDON MUSINGS

With Belinda Carlton-Doney

So, it's winter! Not my favourite time of year. I whinge about the cold. Constantly. My poor husband hears about this a lot! In an effort to cheer myself up (and possibly you) I will make an effort to maintain a positive mindset and scribe a list.

Ten things I love about winter



Fireworks! I know they will be happening at the Woodend Winter Arts Festival opening, June 9. Who's not going to brave the cold for fireworks! Sparkles amongst the stars! I'm more excited than the kids.

Candles. I can light my candles early in the evening for that gorgeous ambience. Can't do that in summer.

Red wine. Perfect in the cold evenings. Surely, it's a must.

Wood fires with their hypnotic glow. Complementary to the red wine. Hmmm, I'm feeling better already.

Chocolate and marshmallows. (May as well go the whole hog).

Scarves/jackets/boots. Our northern cousins don't get to wear these often – and don't we look fabulous!

Slow cookers. Coming home to the aroma of a slow-cooked, hearty winter meal. Yummy.

Snow. Waking up in the morning to a snow-covered garden. How beautiful is nature! It's like fairy land. Narnia anyone?

Hail. Weird, I know, but watching kids collecting hail and eating it is priceless. Forget the fact that it causes damage and is basically freezing, falling ice.



Throw rugs. Snuggling under a throw with hubby, watching a movie, eating the slow-cooked meal...and drinking the wine. Bliss.

Here's an extra one for you – **Christmas in July.** Gotta love Christmas: fairy lights, egg nog and tinsel – half way through the year!

Do you feel better yet? Apart from the above, there's always the promise that spring absolutely, positively has to come eventually, bringing sunshine, blossom and bulbs.

As a last resort, forget positivity, fly north and have a holiday in some tropical paradise, while the rest of us bunker down.

See you at the fireworks.

WALK

Antimony mine Coimadai


Antimony Mine, Coimadai

Distance: Approximately 8km **Level:** Medium

This is an interesting scenic and bush walk with a historical focus.

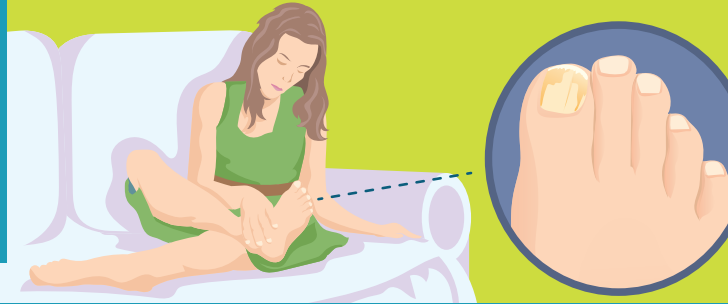
The mine opened in the 19th century before closing in 1905. It was reopened during WWII and worked between 1942-44. Antimony is a metallic element, mainly used as an addition to other metals to improve their properties, but finds its use in paint, batteries and electronic devices. It is rarely used as a stand-alone product, the exception being the ancient Egyptians who used it as eyeliner (kohl).

Getting there: From Gisborne: drive towards Bacchus



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Get ready for Plastic Free July



Did you know that more than 100 million people worldwide have participated in Plastic Free July?

The council is an official partner of Plastic Free July, a global movement that helps millions of people be part of the solution to plastic pollution. Join the revolution and make an impact by pledging to avoid the big four single-use plastics (bags, bottles, cups and straws) or aim to go completely plastic-free for July.

Learn more about Plastic Free July and how the council is taking action on single-use plastics, at mrsc.vic.gov.au/single-use-plastics or call 5422 0333.

Village Connect events for over-55s



Pathways for Carers

This initiative offers carers of older people, people with a disability or mental illness a chance to attend free walking events in Victoria together, and to learn more about news, services and supports available to them.

These walks are currently held in the Botanic Gardens at Kyneton. The next dates are Friday 2 June and 7 July. Meet at 9:45am at the rotunda, 2 Campaspe Crescent, Kyneton.

Board games and cards

Meet, gather and keep connected with like-minded individuals in your community who are aged over 55, with casual rounds of cards and board games.

Scrabble — Friday 23 June, Lancefield Neighbourhood House – The Townhouse.

Backgammon — Friday 28 July, Romsey Co-op Café
Events run from 10:30am to 12 noon, followed by light refreshments.

Registration is for Pathways for Carers and board game events are essential. Please call the Village Connect team on 5422 0333 or visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/village-connect.

Macedon Ranges Heritage Strategy 2023

The saying goes that a picture is worth 1000 words and residents are being encouraged to share what they love about our shire's heritage through photos, to help inform a revised Heritage Strategy.

The shire's heritage is rich and special; this strategy aims to identify the heritage we need to know about and how we are to manage, protect and celebrate it.

In the first stage of consultation for this strategy, the task is simple: tell us what you love about the heritage of Macedon Ranges. Take a picture of the heritage aspect you love – it could be a person, a place, or a thing – and tell us in 25 words or less why you love it, or what you would change for the better about it.

Photos are invited until 23 June. For more information, terms and conditions or to submit your photo, visit www.mrsc.vic.gov.au/your-say



Gardeners Garage and other buildings along Hamilton Street, Gisborne, c1940s-50s.

Staying Strong: strength training for over 55s

Staying Strong is a circuit-based class designed to improve muscular strength, aerobic fitness, flexibility, balance and coordination in a safe and social environment. Experienced instructors provide exercises that cater for a range of exercise abilities.

In Gisborne, sessions are run at the Gisborne Fitness Centre. For information on how to get involved, contact the centre or visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/leisure.

Activities for young people in the shire

Music In The Sticks is now recruiting

The council's youth team is looking for people aged 12 to 25 living or studying in the Macedon Ranges and who are interested in the music industry to join our crew. Get trained in sound, lighting and event management, and help contribute to the local music scene. For information, email mits@mrsc.vic.gov.au

The Zine crew is now recruiting

Future Creations Zine is the council's magazine for young people in the shire. Editions are published each term and showcase the talented and creative young people in the Macedon Ranges.

Our Zine crew is currently looking for new writers, editors, artists, digital artists and designers. If you are aged 12 to 25 and are looking for a creative new project to get stuck into, email youth@mrsc.vic.gov.au or call 5422 0333.

To view the latest issue of Future Creations Zine or find out what else is on in the youth area, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/youth

Woodend Youth Space

Come along and join some fun after-school activities. Every second Tuesday, with the next session on 13 June.

Free entry and food provided! All young people aged 12 to 17 are welcome. No need to register. For information, email youth@mrsc.vic.gov.au.

Wednesday Knights (Kyneton Youth Space)

Join us at our new Kyneton youth space! Centred on all things gaming, Dungeons & Dragons, Magic the Gathering and more. Running from the Kyneton Youth Portable every second Wednesday, with next sessions on 7 and 21 June.

Free food and entry. All young people aged 12-17 are welcome. No need to register.

For information, email youth@mrsc.vic.gov.au.



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Gisborne CFA celebrates Lao New Year



On 9 April, Gisborne Fire Brigade members attended Lao New Year celebrations.

Stefanie Southivong from the Lao Buddhist Society said Lao New Year, known as Pi Mai Lao, is the biggest holiday of the year. People clean their houses, focus on charitable acts and participate in religious ceremonies. The water-pouring ceremony cleanses and blesses individuals for the New Year. People also throw water at each other to wash away the negativity of the past year and bring forth blessings for long life and happiness.

The Gisborne Fire Brigade is proud to support the great range of diverse community activities in the Macedon Ranges. Brigade Members were made to feel



Gisborne CFA members with Buddhist monks at Lao New Year.

very welcome and invited to join in a celebratory meal. Lieutenant Steve Blaker said he was so well fed, it was hard to walk back to the truck!

Henry Neal
Captain, Gisborne Fire Brigade

What's on at the library this month?

The library has another busy month coming up, with lots on offer. Here are some highlights of the new winter program. Jump on our website to view the entire program, or pick one up from the library next time you're in.

Steve Biddulph – Raising Boys

Tuesday 13 June, 6.30 to 8pm and Wednesday 14 June, 1 to 2.30pm.

While highly regarded psychologist and author Steve Biddulph no longer does live talks, he continues his mission to raise happier, kinder boys and men.

Come along for a screening of his fantastic talk for information and inspiration on navigating and supporting the development of boys. Steve Biddulph book packs to be won.

Local author talk – Phillipa Nefri Clarke

Thursday 15 June, 2.30 to 3.30pm

We're pretty excited to have local author Phillipa



Nefri Clark introduce book one in her gripping new Melbourne series featuring homicide detective Liz Moorland. Phillipa will talk about her writing process and working with actor John Wood for the narration of the audiobook version.

Book sales and signings.

Bookings are required for all of these sessions. Head to our website to book <https://goldfieldslibraries.com/gisborne-events/> or give us a call on 5428 3962.

Also keep an eye on our Facebook page, website and in the library for info about the upcoming school holiday program, it's sure to be lots of fun!

REFLECTIONS

Warwick McFadyen

Our dog died a couple of weeks ago. He was approaching 14, so it wasn't unexpected. He had long gone grey, his gait had slowed, his appetite diminished, as had his eyesight; he could hardly walk up stairs, and he was deaf. He lay next to our bed on the last night, faithful to the end. As he lay down for that final sleep, I stroked the top of his eyes, and they slowly shut. A few hours later, he was gone.



He had had a good, long life. And we had had a good life because of him. His name was Denis. Our son gave him that moniker, for no apparent reason. We all laughed and liked it.

Did Denis know what was happening? Who knows? After all he was a dog, not a god. But if dogs knew of a thing called dignity in death, he'd be wagging his tail. He'd be happy maybe not in the end, but in his manner of ending. It's said that some animals know of their time of ending, that they go off alone to find a spot to shut their eyes forever. Denis did wander around the rooms in the last day or so, bumping into the walls. Was he looking for his spot? In the end, he found it next to our bed. He was with us.

His dying occurred just as debate and correspondence surfaced in *The Age* on the experiences of people dealing with relatives who have/had dementia and who wanted access to the Victorian voluntary assisted dying legislation. A common thread was this question: did the prolonging of a life mean more than the quality of that life? It goes to a person's place. When the sense of self, indeed the self, has vanished, where and what is their place in the world? Does life then have meaning? Who should decide this? Surely, many with profound and heartwrenching experience of this should have a say. Death can occur when the person is still alive.

Several years ago my aunt died. She had motor neurone disease. One clear, fine afternoon I visited her in her nursing home – as it happened not that many months from the end. She was incapable of movement, but for the twinkle in her eyes, and slight action of lungs to render sound without definition. She did not have dementia. I could see she knew who I was. I talked to her. (My cousin, her daughter, would sit and read to her for hours.) I stroked her hair and gave her a kiss on the cheek. She replied in a low gurgle and moan; sometimes it changed pitch, went a bit higher into a wail. It was heartbreaking.

I walked back to my car, shaking and numb at the same time. Seeing her in her chair, trapped, brought to my mind Edward Munch's *The Scream*. I sat behind the steering wheel and thought, this was the end of a life, and yet it wasn't. She had her faith. Each breath was life, after all, and yet it wasn't the inhalation and exhalation of life.

Choice, at times, can be a luxury. We kid ourselves to think we have everything under control. Surely though when terminal illness calls in its cruellest way, those who it has visited can have that choice of taking that ride. To be with us or without us.

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Appeal shows heart of a community

Joint effort notches up over \$15,000

Good Friday this year saw thousands of CFA volunteers raising money for the Royal Children's Hospital.

The Gisborne Fire Brigade has been part of this appeal for over 40 years. The Junior Brigade displayed outstanding leadership, walking all over Gisborne to help collect donations for the hospital.

We were supported by Bullengarook Fire Brigade, First Gisborne Scouts, First New Gisborne Scouts, O'Riley's Coaches and, for the first time, Sunbury Coaches, who operate Gisborne Transit.



Doonie's Diner supplied lunch for everyone at a generous discount.

A huge thank you to all who helped.

The day would not be such a success without the great support of Bullengarook Brigade, the Scouts and the bus operators, who supplied their vehicles free of charge.



Sunbury Coaches buses, local scouts and CFA members

Gisborne Homewares, Gisborne IGA and Gisborne Cellarbrations also have collection tins throughout the year and send these to us on the day.

And, of course, to all the generous people throughout the community who donated to the appeal.

Despite the rain and cold, the two Brigades, Scouts, local business and buses raised a total of \$15,823.65.

Henry Neal

Captain, Gisborne Fire Brigade

Woodend Winter Arts Festival back with a bang

A selection of events



Friday 9 June to Monday 12 June

The 18th Woodend Winter Arts Festival is an annual celebration of music, literature and the visual arts, taking place over the King's Birthday long weekend. The four-day program is a showcase of vibrant, traditional and thought-provoking events.

Musical highlights include performances by acclaimed jazz musician Simon Tedeschi with George Washingmachine, Ensemble Gombert, Accademia Arcadia, Ensemble Liaison, the Affinity String Quartet, Jacqueline Ogeil and the Alma Zygier Trio.

The Words & Ideas program features discussion of challenging contemporary issues with luminaries Peter Doherty, Alan Finkel, Don Watson, Jock Serong, Tom Griffiths and more.

New to the program is the **Choral Marathon** and the **High Street Festa**. Over one evening, Woodend's main street will come to life as historic buildings are illuminated with colourful projected artworks. The evening will culminate with a **Big Sing** as the 250+ singers of the choral marathon combine.

For more details on all our events and for tickets, please visit woodendwinterartsfestival.org.au.

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- receive guidance on making a decision about when to send your child to kindergarten.

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Commonwealth Bank grant will help Men's Shed weld together more community activities

The Men's Shed has been lucky enough to win a \$500 community grant from the Commonwealth Bank.

The Shed was one of two local organisations chosen by staff at the Gisborne branch. The staff recognised the work Men's Shed members do supporting our community, particularly the annual Cubby House Raffle fundraiser for the Gisborne Foodbank.

The next step was for branch customers to vote for which of the two organisations should receive the grant, and the majority voted for the Men's Shed.



"We really appreciate this acknowledgement and support and thank the CBA branch staff and voting customers," a happy Men's Shed member said.

The funding will go towards the purchase of TIG welding equipment to expand their metal-working capabilities.

Give us a few weeks to get organised, the men say (because things rarely move quickly at the Shed), then drop in any Monday, Wednesday or Thursday morning to check out our new welding equipment.

Shedman Gunther and the Gisborne Commonwealth Bank team.



Gisborne CWA enjoys high tea



A very successful Association Day was enjoyed by all. Our members made sandwiches, savouries and sweets, served on three-tier plates, with all our pretty cups and saucers to set the tone.

Thank you to Baringo Food and Wine Co for lending us the plates and thank you to Bunnings for a basket of garden goodies for our lucky door prize.

The week before, many of our members had triumphs at the Creative Arts display in Lancefield.

Helen Hallett won the Most Successful Overall Exhibitor, Allison Baker won the Best Machine Sewn entry and Fay Delai won the Best Over Eighties Exhibitor.

It is the branch's 24th birthday in June so after our meeting on Monday 5 June members are going for lunch at Macedon Lounge.

Coffee, Craft and Chat will be on Monday 19 June at 10am in the stadium at Gisborne Secondary College. All ladies are welcome to come along for a cuppa.



Pictured at High Tea are Edie Gundy, Osija Anolak, Maria Berens, Cheryl Liddy and Val Jarred.

Time for Macedon Ranges Youth to shine

Nominations are now open for the 2023 Macedon Ranges Youth Awards to help recognise the amazing achievements of young people in the shire. The awards are open to young people between 12 and 25 who have made a significant contribution to the community. Categories are:



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

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

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

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

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

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

Winners will be announced at an event at Kyneton Town Hall on 10 August. Nominations close on Friday 30 June. Visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/youth-awards.

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A night of community, camaraderie and togetherness raises \$10,000-plus Lion Hearts' fundraiser a success



Loving the 80s fashion!

The Lion Hearts hosted an '80s-themed bingo night on 6 May at the Gisborne Mechanics Hall, raising over \$10,000 for the Cancer Council.

The night was a roaring success. Games aplenty, prizes to be won, best-dressed and silent auctions with items generously donated by a variety of sponsors. Everyone enjoyed the theme of the night, dressing in their best '80s gear, reminiscing about the songs, TV shows and movies from their childhood.

The younger people loved getting to know some eclectic retro content. The bar flowed as the night maintained a high energy, with everyone bringing their '80s positive vibes.

The Lion Hearts thank everyone for their attendance and contributions and hope to see you at the next bingo night.

The Lion Hearts are a not-for-profit Gisborne group founded by Sarah Cooper who, with the support of her family, ran two fundraising bingo nights prior to COVID. This time, however, the Lion Hearts expanded to include ladies from EnVie Fitness in Gisborne to help Sarah run the event and arrange sponsorship.

To avoid confusion, the Lion Hearts are not connected to the Lions Club.

Sarah and members of the Lion Hearts have been directly touched by cancer, either through their own personal experience or those of family and friends.

The Lion Hearts especially acknowledge the Collingwood, Western Bulldogs, Geelong and Richmond Football Clubs, EnVie Fitness Gisborne, Ripple Effect Support, Macedon Ranges Tennis Coaching, Autocopy Printing, Switch Hair Room, Gisborne Golf Club and Pro Shop, Foodworks, Adjust Pilates, Dance with Kristina, Rever d'Art, Fallen Freight, the Collective and the Young family.

Aidan Vaughan



The Lion Hearts

Lions grateful for community support

The Gisborne and District Lions Club is very appreciative of the community support for its recent various fundraising activities – the Mother's Day raffle, Easter raffle and the barbecue at the Steam Park Rally.

The club is also very appreciative of the local businesses and Lions Club members who supported these activities by donating prizes and products.

The lucky winners of the Mother's Day raffle were Rod Robertson (ticket no 0169), Christine Gilmour (ticket 0186), Coralie Hudson (ticket 0113), Sue Corbell (ticket 0269), Rhiannon Iannacone (ticket




0082) and Jody Takos (ticket 0370).





Winners of the Easter raffle were Lillian Tounson (ticket no 0620), Debbie Brierty (ticket no 0790), Henry Klaayse (ticket no0060) and Rebecca Plunkett (ticket no 0598).

If you are interested in assisting the Lions Club in its fundraising activities, please contact the president, Ross Sapwell, on 0417 305 590 or at president@gisbornedistrict.lions.gisnet.net.au.

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Store makes generous 'E-Meals' donation



Thank you to Abbey and Saxon Mitchell, owners of the recently opened Harvest & Soul Providore in Macedon, for their donation of 150 frozen meals to the Gisborne Foodbank as part of the Rotary E-Meals project.

Saxon is president of the Rotary E-Club of Melbourne. An E-club is the same as any other Rotary club, the only difference being that it uses technology to conveniently connect its members.

The club has members who meet regularly online and conduct service projects in their local and international communities.

Rotary E-Meals is a project of the Rotary E-Club of Melbourne that provides pre-prepared fresh and frozen meals to people experiencing food scarcity. The meals are created by club and community volunteers using as much donated food as possible, cooked in a commercial kitchen and frozen for distribution. The Gisborne Foodbank is very grateful to be one of the recipients of meals donated as part of this fantastic initiative.

Please support Harvest and Soul Providore, a wonderful local business giving back to help those in need in our Macedon Ranges community. They are in



From left: Saxon and Abbey Mitchell and barista Vanessa De Lacy. Picture: KGMG Creative

Victoria Street, Macedon, so drop by and grab some of the delicious food on offer.

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

Julie Ireland

Macedon and Mt Macedon Community House

AGM

The Community House's AGM was a great success on May 1. We welcomed the incoming committee and thanked outgoing committee members Brea Newcombe and Blake Byron Smith for their incredible work getting the House to where it is today. Thank you to our AGM chair Mandi Mees and to all in attendance for being part of our community.

Friday Library Drop in Launched

In partnership with Goldfields Library Corp we will open our Community Street Library every Friday from 10am to 1pm. No membership required, just drop by, enjoy a coffee or tea, and browse our shelves for a book to borrow. Our volunteers will be there to help and receive any good quality books you may wish to donate. You can also use the space to work from home as we are now connected to the NBN.

Gold coin donation for tea and coffee

Sit and Sew Craft Group

Bring your own sewing, knitting or craft project to the community house on Thursdays from 10am to 12pm and meet some creative, like-minded locals.

Hope to see you there!

Playgroup sessions on Wednesday mornings. If you would like to start your own group, please email playgroup@mmmcommunityhouse.org

The Macedon and Mt Macedon Community House early years' program is supported by the Foundation for Regional and Rural Renewal.

Introduction to Permaculture in partnership with Macedon Ranges Further Education. Please register interest via MR FEC on 5428 3799 or enquiries@mrfec.net.au.

Proposed dates for 2023

Term 3: 20 August to 10 September

Term 4: 4 October to 8 November



Macedon and Mount Macedon Community House.

Pregnancy Yoga

Expressions of Interest for Pregnancy Yoga classes held every Wednesday afternoon in June. For more information and to discuss pre-requisite requirements, please contact Loris at loriscassar@gmail.com.

Gentle Chair Yoga

Expressions of Interest for Gentle Chair Yoga. Please contact Renata for more information at dragonflying27@hotmail.com

House Hire: Please contact us if you wish to hire the House for your community activity, classes, meetings or kids' party at hello@mmmcommunityhouse.org

Volunteer with us! As we are run solely by passionate volunteers, we could really use your time and skills – either by joining our committee of management or working groups. Please contact hello@mmmcommunityhouse.org.

Friendship and laughs at Macedon CWA



Welcome to winter – even though the weather is colder, we are still enjoying warm friendship and lots of laughs at our CWA meetings.

The special event in June for us is our state conference. This is a yearly event which will be held this year in a wonderful venue at the Melbourne Showgrounds.

Members from branches from around Victoria come together to elect state office bearers and confirm new group presidents for the coming year,

We also vote on resolutions for our organisation to lobby industry bodies and governments – federal, state or local – in areas as diverse as accessible banking for those with limited computer skills, particularly those in regional areas; availability of sandbags in flood-prone areas; minimising Queensland fruit fly spread; retention and maintenance of swimming pools in regional areas.

Over the year, all branches contribute to a 'Thanksgiving Fund'. The proceeds amount to a sizeable sum of money being given to a worthy organisation to use to further their work. This year the cheque will be presented to 3D Hands – a remarkable organisation enabling people to get prosthetic hands and assistance devices and change their lives.

Many other presentations of interest take place but perhaps the best part is seeing so many women come together to share friendship and debate issues that change their lives.

Like to know more about CWA? Call Anne on 5426 2210.



Registrations open for kindergarten next year

Give your child the best start to their learning journey at one of the council's eight kindergartens in the Macedon Ranges. 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

Register online by 30 June at mrsc.vic.gov.au/kinder-rego or call our Enrolment Officer on 5422 0239.

New Landcare group for Macedon-Mt Macedon



The Macedon and Mt Macedon region has a new Landcare group. The launch for the group was held on 30 April at the Macedon and Mt Macedon Community House in Macedon.

A Welcome to Country by Aunty Karen Jones opened the launch proceedings.

Representing Macedon Ranges Council, the Mayor, Cr Annette Death, and Deputy Mayor, Cr Jennifer Anderson, both spoke. Jointly they endorsed the critical role that volunteer environmental community groups play in protecting the region's environment. They welcomed the new Landcare group and encouraged anyone interested in caring for the land to get involved.

Greg Boldiston, a well known local with a passion for natural science, spoke about the geological history of the mountain, compressing about half a billion years into 10 minutes. "Where we are standing, the land beneath us, that was laid down first, is about half a billion years old. It was in an ocean off the coast of a now disappeared supercontinent." He fascinated listeners with other enlightening details about the formation of the Macedon Ranges.

The group's agreed focus will be on waterways. The President of the group, Kate Lawrence, highlighted the vital role waterways played in connecting every aspect of the local ecosystem. Referencing how the platypus was emblematic of the condition of the region's waterways, she said, "My dream is to imagine our waterways fit for



Attendees at the launch of the Macedon and Mt Macedon Landcare Group launch on 30 April.

the reintroduction of platypus. The magnitude of the task can feel overwhelming, but the history of landcare is one of hope. And being in and of community, and taking action through Landcare we have the perfect counterweights to being overwhelmed."

Renowned Conservation Reserves Officer at Macedon Ranges Shire Council, Simon Purves, con-

cluded the launch presentations with an update on the state of local waterways. The event was hosted by Peter Davies from the Landcare committee.

For more information and to get involved with the group, email mmm.landcare@gmail.com and request to be put on the e-list. For more information contact Kate Lawrence kate@storyground.com.au or 0402 080 445.

News from Daly Nature Reserve

The Friends of Daly Nature Reserve enjoy the nature walks held in the reserve with Gisborne Primary School grade 3 students every autumn and spring.

The duration has been shortened, so that instead of pointing out the many highlights during a long walk, we concentrated on looking for fungi.

As well as taking the opportunity to advise of their probable poisonous properties, we quickly discovered several species including the large showy red-capped fly agaric (*Amanita muscaria*).

Inclement weather did not deter the students from happily



searching for fungi while learning that what they saw above ground was the fruiting body of an underground network of fungi roots (mycelium).

These roots feed on leaf litter, rotting wood, anything decaying in the soil and turn it into nutritious benefits for living organisms, including tree roots. The spread of mycelium can be enormous, the largest known expanse is in America being 3.5 kilometres in diameter.

Scientific research is discovering fungi have valuable properties to aid humanity, including medicines, and one has been proven to devour oil slicks in the sea.

Everyone is welcome to join our working bees. We start at 9.30am, every second Tuesday of each month and 11.15am is cuppa time. Enquiries dalynaturereserve@gmail.com

Friends of Daly Nature Reserve




Appealing to the eye, but poisonous.

Feeling the cold? So is your water meter

Water meters can freeze in very cold temperatures. Luckily, Greater Western Water has the tips you need to keep your water flowing throughout winter.

The secret is to keep your meter covered with a blanket, container or bucket. That traps the air inside and stops the water from freezing. Cover any pipes above the ground too. Most hardware stores sell materials that work well as pipe insulation. Otherwise, when the temperature drops below zero, your meter or pipes could freeze, leaving you without water or with split pipes. Make sure anything you put on can be easily removed, so the meter can be read and maintained.


If your meter freezes, just wait. It thaws naturally as the temperature rises. If your meter splits or breaks, call GWW on 13 44 99 to arrange a replacement.



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The Gallery Mount Macedon

Congratulations to Tiffany Warner, winner of the Landscapes on the Mount photographic competition. Thank you to all those who entered and to Bendigo Bank, the sponsor. The Exhibition closes on 6 June.

TEA BAG TAROT

The Gallery Mount Macedon will be taking a completely different direction in June when member Jahne Hope-Williams presents an exhibition that will focus on TEA BAG ART and original tarot card designs.

Who would have thought you could create perfect images in miniature on tea bags? Jahne's work is original and inspired by the spiritual. Don't miss this unusual and inspiring exhibition, opening on Saturday June 10 and running until Sunday July 2.

A matted and mounted print will be presented at a draw at the end of the exhibition. Just come in person and fill in an application.

Come and see us during the Woodend Winter Arts Festival at the Woodend Neighbourhood House. We take the gallery to Woodend where we will be doing demonstrations and children's activities over the three days of the King's birthday weekend. Free entry.

Finally keep the date free – July 15 at 1pm. Once again we will stage our Art to Wear Fashion Parade at Jubilee Hall Macedon. A popular event not to be missed. Bookings only at Trybooking or enquiries; thegallerymtmacedon.com.au

Colleen Weste 0419 009 030



Work by
 Jahne
 Hope-
 Williams



Buried Child in rehearsal: Front: Ron Kofler, Garry Dover, Vicki Smith, Duncan McGauchie; At Back: Jason Triggs and Ashleigh Macken. Picture by Karlana Santamaria

The Mount Players happenings



The Mount Players

The Mountview Theatre was buzzing at the gala night of our second production, *Buried Child* on Friday 12 May.

A full house enjoyed the debut performance of this intense drama which is the company's entry in this year's Victorian Drama League Awards.

The stage was transformed into an old, run down farmhouse set in Illinois in the mid '70's, creating a macabre, tense atmosphere from the moment you sat

down. The cast and crew are to be congratulated on the acting, set design, sound and lighting which, after months of hard work, culminated in a production we are incredibly proud of.

Looking ahead, we will see the return of our One Act Play Festival on the weekend of 8-9 July and a very funny Shakespeare production in August.

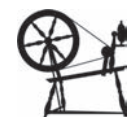
For full details on everything happening at the Mountview Theatre go to www.themountplayers.com
 See you at the Mountview Theatre.

By Karen Hunt



Yarn dyed for a short time in the eucalyptus pot

Colours of autumn



The Macedon Ranges Spinners and Fibre Group made the most of a lovely autumn day in May to enjoy dyeing their hand spun fibre.

The 'Natural Dyeing Day' used plants. Large pots of water were heated with Eucalyptus leaves in one and madder root powder in another. The Eucalyptus pot coloured the fibre in tones of pale lemon and green though to orange. The madder root pot produced hues of orange/salmon pink.

One member brought along some silk cloth strips that she had dyed by using actual leaves – some stunning examples to inspire others.

Some new members have been learning to spin and are making excellent progress.

The group meets weekly each Wednesday afternoon at the Bullengarook Hall. Our members include experienced spinners, weavers, knitters, cross stitchers, embroiderers and those who crochet as well as doing other fibre crafts. New members are always welcome.

Heather Parry
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Silk strips dyed with leaves

Accolades to Singers for Mozart performances

the
Singers

The Gisborne Singers turned on two memorable concerts of Mozart's *Requiem* in recent weeks. Introducing

the Macedon Ranges Chamber Orchestra and securing internationally acclaimed soloists, artistic director Luke Severn proved he is a master director and conductor.

One review, acknowledging the skill of our passionate and dynamic conductor, stated that "he achieved tones and contrasting effects that were absolutely striking".

Soloists included Merlyn Quaife, Kristen Leich, Michael Petruccelli and Teddy Tahu Rhodes. The performance "couldn't have been better".

"Some of the challenging soft sections were very emotional and soared out effortlessly in perfect balance with the orchestra," the review said.

The first concert was held at St Mary's in Sunbury on 30 April and the second, a sell-out, on 7 May at Our Lady of the Rosary in Kyneton. Rapt audience members were treated to an encore of Mozart's last complete work, *Ave Verum*, at both performances.

Next up for the Singers is the Woodend Winter Arts Festival Choral Marathon on Saturday 10 June. Come and hear us sing at 3.30pm at the Woodend Community Centre and at 4.20pm outside in High Street, then in the Big Sing Flash Mob with seven other choirs in the High Street Festa at 8.30pm.

If you buy tickets (\$20 full, \$15 concession) to the indoor session and nominate us, we receive 50% of



Luke Severn conducts Mozart's *Requiem* at Our Lady of the Rosary, Kyneton. Picture: Anne Diver

the ticket price. The choir pays industry award rates to our visiting soloists, so we actively fundraise to provide high-quality performances for the Macedon Ranges community. We have launched our latest fundraising drive through the Australian Cultural Fund at www.artists.australianculturalfund.org.au – if you would like to help, click on 'Search & Donate'. Sponsorship queries: email sponsorship@gisbornesingers.org.au.

New choir members always welcome to rehearsal night (Wednesday 7.30pm to 10pm) at the Gisborne Uniting Church.

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

Alison Kinghorn

Nothing could be finer than the sound of singing

Over 80 voices from four choirs came together last month in what the organisers hope will be the first of many such joyous occasions.

The brainchild of choir conductors Andrew Price (Woodend Warblers) and Stella Savy (Ballarat), four

choirs met at Daylesford Town Hall to learn new songs and to have fun. In under three hours the choirs learnt four new songs, in four part harmony. Friends and guests were welcomed to hear the new songs followed by each choir's short repertoire.

KYNETON TOWN HALL SHOWS

Real Pigeons: *When Doves Crime* 1.30pm, Saturday 24 June

Junior crime fighters, get ready to spread your wings and join the Real Pigeons as they tackle a brand-new mystery! Author Andrew McDonald, illustrator Ben Wood and host Janet McLeod are bringing the Real Pigeons to life with a fresh, exciting pigeon mystery packed with live drawings, sound effects, and all your fearless feathered friends.



Whalebone 2pm, Friday 30 June



Whalebone takes a fun and magical look at the importance and future of stories in a new era where Artificial Intelligence starts to substitute human decisions. It is a visually rich family show about real memories in a world flooded by digital media.

The Alphabet of Awesome Science 11am, Monday 3 July

A scientific race through the alphabet – where awesome words inspire awesome science! Join professors Lexi Con and Noel Edge for a thrilling voyage through the alphabet – where great big, chewy, sesquipedalian words inspire mind-blowing scientific surprises.



After the show, join the professors for a fun-filled workshop that combines word games and hands-on science activities. Recommended for ages 7 to 12. Bookings for workshop are separate to show. Limited places available.

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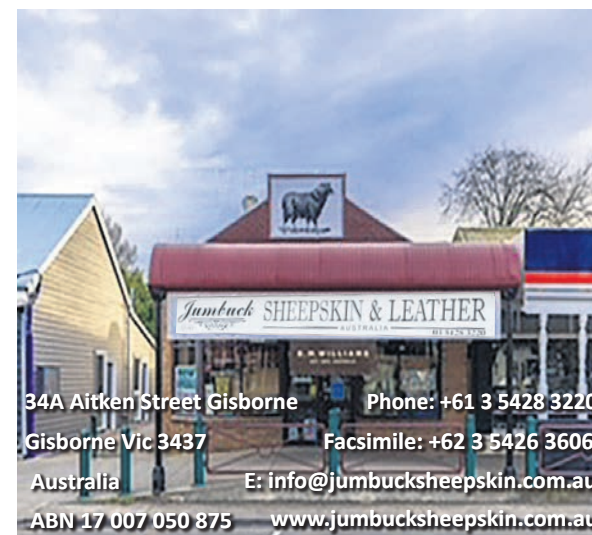
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Young Voices sing at Montsalvat



Following the COVID era the Choralfest@Montsalvat returned on 7 May, offering yet again an invitation to Young Voices of Macedon to perform.

Our young singers and their families made the long journey on a very cold and rainy day for a picnic lunch prior to the performance in the Great Hall. The cold was quickly forgotten by all when the children began to sing, starting with the very energetic *Eye of the needle* by Paul Jarman.

Throughout a predominantly Australian program that was sung from memory, the choir entranced a large audience with their beautiful tone, clear diction, accuracy and, most importantly, their projection of the meaning and sentiments of the songs.

Our teachers Jess Demare and Peter Hagen, along with accompanist Cathy Hutchison, are to be congratulated in helping our singers to reach such a high standard while enjoying the experience of singing together.

In June the choir will participate in the Woodend Winter Arts Festival with a program of unaccompanied songs, and preparation is underway for the annual concert on Sunday 10 September at the Church of the Resurrection, Macedon.



Big smiles after a stunning performance)

Young Voices of Macedon is an un-auditioned choir for children from the age of 5, with separate groups for the very young and older singers. New members are very welcome. All that is required is a love of singing.

For further information visit www.yvmacedon.org.au

'Finding Freedom' – stories of human survival

Actor, comedian and broadcaster Tom Ballard will be host and keynote speaker at Kyneton Town Hall on Sunday 18 June to mark the beginning of Refugee Week 2023 – a program whose theme this year is 'Finding Freedom'.



Tom Ballard

Though humour is an integral part of Tom's life, he remains a passionate advocate for the rights of the disadvantaged and believes in comedy as a vehicle to drive social change. He has long been a critic of attitudes towards refugees and asylum seekers.

"There's no better time than Refugee Week," he says, "for concerned citizens to come together and recommit ourselves to the fight for a better future."

Appearing with Tom will be Hazara photographer and human rights activist Muzafar Ali, and others who will share stories of survival and the struggle to rebuild lives in a new land. They include Lizzy Kuoth, who fled war-torn South Sudan, found safety in Australia, and now mentors young people, striving to promote social cohesion. Kuoth is grateful for the chance she has been given and is keen to help others.

The event will include the launch of a student writing competition and the drawing of Macedon Ranges Rural Australians for Refugees' major raffle with prizes totalling \$2500 in value. Organisers anticipate an overwhelming response and urge those interested to book early.

When: Sunday 18 June, 1pm-4pm, Kyneton Town Hall. Tickets: Adults \$35, Students \$10. Buy online via mrsc.vic.gov.au/refugee-week, by phone on 1300 888 802 or by email at comedevadmin@mrsc.vic.gov.au.

Music to make you smile

Delight in a variety of popular and modern musical numbers presented by the Savoy Singers.

Highly experienced performers from stage, musical theatre and opera, featuring a show filled with music from the wonderful musicals we all grew up with.

The Savoy Singers will perform at Gisborne Uniting Church, Brantome Street, on Sunday 18 June at 2pm.

Tickets: Adults \$25, Concession/Student \$20

Tickets at the door or from Maree on 5428 3852.

Afternoon tea to follow the concert.



The Savoy Singers will be in Gisborne on 18 June.

More music to make you smile...



The next screening of the Macedon Ranges Film Society is *The Commitments*, which has been deemed by one reviewer "as the best Irish film ever made" – notwithstanding that it was funded by Americans and made by the British; but in keeping with gist of this movie one ought not to worry too much about fine detail.

The Commitments sees a group of northern Dubliners assemble a blues band among some of the poorer classes in the area. It is a funny and energetic movie with some well-known blues and popular music of the fifties and sixties featured.

The screening is set for 9 June at the Norma Richardson Hall, Woodend, and begins at 7.15pm. We gather at 7pm with drinks available beforehand.

The screening coincides with the launch of the Woodend Winter Arts Festival. Last year a great view of the fireworks was had from the balcony prior to the film starting.

Supper and wine are offered afterwards, providing an informal opportunity for members to discuss the film, the fireworks or any other matters of mutual interest.

The year's full program may be found on the Film Society website www.mrfilmsociety.org.

Neil Aplin



Craft Corner with Mary Beth O'Brien

Amigurumi is a branch of crochet originating in Japan, loosely translated as the crocheting of small items. The word is a compound of the Japanese words ami, meaning "crocheted or knitted", and kurumi, literally "wrapping", as in nuigurumi "(sewn) stuffed doll".



A multitude of patterns and colours are used to create amigurumi by applying standard crochet stitches and it is perfect for creating small items such as toys. If you have the patience to attempt amigurumi, start by mastering a sphere, being the building block of many common amigurumi pieces. The results speak for themselves.

'Crochet and Conversation' group

If this column has piqued your interest in crochet, join the 'Crochet and Conversation' group at the Gisborne Library at 2.30pm on the first Monday of the month. Bring your enthusiasm along with a hook, wool and latest project to enjoy crocheting and conversation in a warm, friendly setting. All skill levels are welcome. If you prefer a class-based learning environment, Riddells Creek Neighbourhood House is hosting crochet classes, starting on 7 June.

The happy chappy: a bouncy 'brachy'



The brachycephalic breeds of dogs are those which have a shortened head, with the face and nose having a “pushed in” appearance, often with big cute bulging eyes. You know the type: pugs, pekingese, french bulldogs, and boston terriers are classic examples.

These dogs can be so delightful, such cute and candid companions, lapping up your love and attention. So why do they get such “bad press” in the media these days?

It's really important to recognise that some of their cuteness comes at a cost.

The brachycephalic breeds face some serious facial issues. The short and snuffly nose often mean less airway volume to bring through the basic breathing requirements for exercise and play. This restriction in airway is usually visible at the nares, or nasal openings, which may look obviously narrow compared with other dogs.

They often have deeper airway restrictions too – with thickening around the palate and enlarged tonsils, and with a narrowed trachea, the airway tube itself. Happily, many of these issues can be improved with surgery, so it is important to pay attention to any airway noises, snoring or potential panting or breathing distress while the dogs are young, for the best outcome.

If choosing one of these cuties as a pup, remember the rules for a good 'brachycephalic' pet: look for those individuals (and their parents) with a clear and open airway, a slightly longer snout, and good evidence of normal healthy exercise fitness. If the head and face and airways are clear, you will have a happy bouncy 'brachy', and a friend for life.



Louis and Dumpling.

Val's Way

Val McClure was never afraid to stand up for what she believed in; her strong sense of injustice always found her a voice for the vulnerable. Her care and advocacy for elders, whether family or community, leaves a lasting legacy.

A talented and hugely creative person, she gave and produced much in her life. A poet, pianist, singer, artist, designer and dressmaker to hands-on builder of a mudbrick manor; mother, grand and great-grandmother and tireless volunteer.

Whenever or wherever she could she would do whatever she could. Whether building a mud-brick chook house at Karlsruhe School to teaching a select group of teens the art of reading at Gisborne Secondary, to teaching mosaics to nursing home residents in Kyneton, Woodend and Gisborne, to fundraising at market stalls, she relished every experience.

Being taught the art of design and dressmaking by someone who had worked firsthand on the Queen's wedding and coronation gowns allowed her natural talent to shine, but neither her high society gowns nor exhibited art in Federation Square surpassed the satisfaction she felt when working with elders.

The sense of accomplishment, pride and self-worth her residents gained on producing their own mosaic art brought her immense pleasure.

"I just want to make their lives better," she would say, a legacy which should act as inspiration for us all. On days such as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, it is doing it 'Val's Way' that makes an older person's life worth living.

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St Paul's Church, Gisborne

Edited by Robin Godfrey

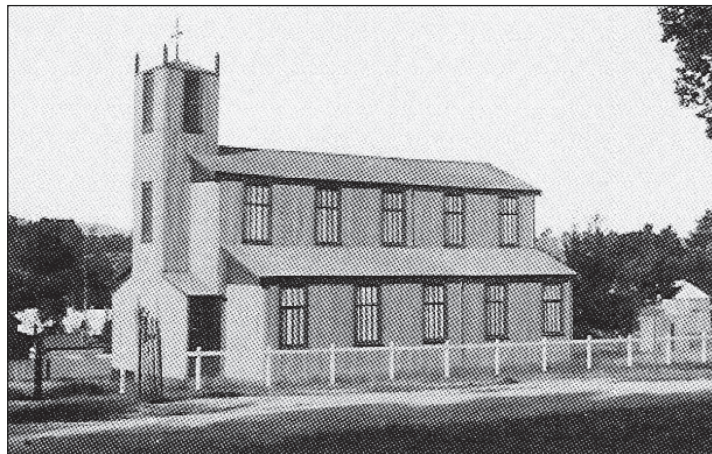
The last service in the old St Paul's Anglican Church, which once stood on the eastern corner of Brantome and Fisher Streets, Gisborne, was held on 7 February 1949.

The old church, a portable prefabricated iron building, was in need of repair and considered no longer suitable for the parishioners. It had stood on the site since July 1926, having previously been relocated from the corner of Melbourne Road and Rodney Street, where it was originally erected in 1855.

Preparations were already in hand to build the present St Paul's Church on the opposite western corner of Brantome and Fisher Streets. To help finance the project, the old church and the land on which it stood, was sold to Lincoln Mills. Lincoln removed the tower from the iron structure, reconstructed the roof in 'saw-tooth' factory style, and added a frontage built of bricks.

Under the direction of the Reverend Joseph Hollins Allen and his parishioners, it was decided that the new church would be built from local stone and architect Keith Reid of East Melbourne was appointed. In 1949 and for the next several years, the men of the parish had the task of loading and carting hundreds of tons of stone from Couangalt and the surrounding district. Much of this stone came from the old Reserve Hotel which was on the Couangalt/Benson Road corner. Cement was in short supply and many devious methods were adopted in its procurement.

In June 1951, a construction contract was let and the building work began. Three expert Italian-Australian stonemasons, Angelo and Bruno Matteo and Bruno Tombolato, were engaged – their workmanship proved to be exemplary. Harry Higgins and his son Neville milled and donated all the timber beams required for the internal structure of the church. Mr Higgins' sawmill



The old St Paul's Church after relocation from Rodney Street to Fisher Street. The current St Paul's Church, across the road.



Roof support timbers, interior of new St Paul's Church.



Interior of the church

was situated on the north side of Hamilton Street, in the block now occupied by the car parks between Brantome and Prince Streets.

The foundation stone was laid on 21 October 1951, by the Lieutenant Governor of Victoria, Sir Edmund Herring. Incorporated within the foundation stone was an 11th century fragment from Canterbury Cathedral. A time capsule was placed under the foundation stone as a record of the times when the new St Paul's Church in Gisborne was constructed.

The stones of the wall on either side of the foundation stone are inscribed with the words, 'Keith Reid, Architect' and 'J. H. Allen, Vicar'.

The first services held in the new church were for the Easter Celebrations of 1953 and the building was dedicated by the Archbishop of Melbourne, J. J. Booth, on 14 June 1953.

All the windows of the church have been filled with stained glass as memorials to former parishioners. One of the most interesting of these is the memorial to Colonel C.C. Riddell, a grandson of John Carre Riddell. The latter was one of the first white settlers in the Gisborne district. The window depicts the first Bishop of Melbourne (Bishop Perry), Melbourne's old St James

Cathedral, Gisborne's first Church of England, the three daughter churches of the Gisborne Parish and a country homestead with its nearby windmill.

The two corbel stones at the entrance came from the burnt-out Wilson Hall at the University of Melbourne, and the large stone steps were originally part of the home of George Cherry, which was situated on the banks of Jackson's Creek. Cherry had been an organist at the church for many years in the early days, and there is a plaque to his memory in the nave. The plaque was moved from the old church.

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The architect's name inscribed on the stone wall.



An 11th-century fragment from Canterbury Cathedral.

St Paul's Church, Gisborne - a long history

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The names of all those who contributed to the building of the church, by provision of money or labour, have been preserved in a beautifully inscribed Book of Remembrance, which is installed in a glass case in a niche in the western wall. This Book of Remembrance is of great historic interest and was the gift of Mildred Syme of Bolobek, Gisborne.

Later, in 1955, the stone fence around the church was built – the gift of Norman Hutchinson of Camelot, Mount Macedon.

In July 1961, the honorary secretary of St Paul's Vestry, Robert Hardiman, heard that the Lincoln Mills Company was about to cease operations in Gisborne and planned

to close their mill, and their Gisborne property was for sale.

The members of the vestry unanimously agreed to take steps to repurchase the property if suitable arrangements could be made. Lincoln's secretary proved to be most cooperative and he said the firm would be happy to see the property revert to the Church, its original owners. The purchase price negotiated was £5000.

The new St Paul's Parish Hall was reopened and re-dedicated on Sunday 17 September 1961. An appeal was opened for financial help in the form of donations towards the capital cost of the Parish Hall, and for the much-needed furniture, such as chairs, tables and for kitchen equipment.



Salwa El Amin from the winning Corner Boutique Coffee Bar, and Stephan and Stephanie Rocard from the Flying Pigeon.

Celebrating local Gisborne winners of Edgy Veg Awards

Gisborne has come up trumps in the Edgy Veg Awards for 2023.

The Corner Boutique Coffee Bar in Gisborne won the best plant-based dish in the cafe category of the awards, which were announced on 22 May.

The winner of the best restaurant category was a tie between another Gisborne establishment, the Flying Pigeon, and Woodend restaurant Sizzler Restobar.

The owner and chef at Corner Boutique Coffee Bar, Salwa El Amin, entered her dish magmour. It is an eggplant-based dish, and it received a huge number of votes and praise from locals and visitors to the area.

"I wasn't expecting to make it every single day," said Salwa. "They (customers) were taking it home for dinner. A lot of the business was through word of mouth."

"One tourist came all the way from Windsor in Melbourne — she told us she followed the Edgy Veg trail,

and that's how she found us."

Asked what her strategy was for getting regulars to try the new dish, Salwa said she put a sign above the dish saying "Be Brave".

"We spoke to everyone who came in — and if they didn't know what to eat we would recommend it," she said.

In the restaurant category, the Flying Pigeon won best dish for their dish yuxiang eggplant, of which one customer commented: "Perfectly seasoned with amazing taste and consistency. So amazing for a completely vegan dish! I'm not the biggest fan of eggplant but this dish changed the way I eat vegetables."

The awards are run by sustainability group Veg Action and supported by Macedon Ranges Shire Council.

Congratulations to Salwa and her family, and to Stephan and Stephanie!



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Helping young and old get out and about

We often hear about how good it is for your physical and mental health to be active, interact with others and discover new things, so we are very pleased that some recent projects are helping local residents do just that.



The students and staff of Gisborne Montessori School were very excited to receive a set of bank-funded fluoro vests last month that the school has already started using to take younger students safely on excursions in the local area. Their first trip, to Gisborne library, was a great success and we wish the school community many more safe, happy outings.

Thanks to recent refurbishment, Macedon Ranges Health's branch-funded minibus should continue to provide rides for frail and elderly members of the community for many more years to come. Donated to Macedon Ranges Health by Community Bank Gisborne



Courtney Alexander of Community Bank Gisborne with Janet Petryk and Jeff Lamb, MRH Social Support Program staff.

& District in December 2015, the bus is used nearly every weekday to bring local residents to Macedon Ranges Health for services and programs, and to take elderly community members living at home on excursions. Recent outings have included fish and chips in Williamstown and day trips to Daylesford with the Social Support Program. For information on these programs, call Macedon Ranges Health on 5428 0300.

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We wish everyone an active June!

Community Bank Gisborne & District (Bendigo Bank) team



Mikayla, Phife, Shinav, Jarli excited in the bank-funded vests.



BETTY'S BOOP

With Betty Doolan

On Friday 12 May Gisborne Oaks celebrated a thank you to all our wonderful staff with each shift starting with a beautiful morning or afternoon tea. And the staff working overnight were not forgotten. Then the residents were treated to High Tea.

When a resident entered the Life Enhancement Program (LEP) room they were asked to choose a colour, either blue or gold. This done, the resident was given a little carry bag which was filled with beautiful scrolls and a very nice crocheted tissue box cover (these covers were made by a lovely girl overseas and donated by her to the LEP).

Then we saw the tables set with beautiful crockery. The lovely food was set out on long tables. Staff served the residents and this was a wonderful high tea.

On returning at tea time we found on every table a lovely pot plant of chrysanthemums.

For residents on Sunday (Mother's Day) there was a special menu that went from morning to afternoon tea and a special lunch.

Thank you to all the wonderful staff who made these lovely days – kitchen staff who made the food, and other staff who served the food – making sure that every resident shared in the very happy day.

Gisborne Oaks had a lovely service for Anzac Day. Hymns and poems were sung and read and the service ended with the playing of the last post. Residents were thrilled to see in our courtyard two mounted soldiers on their beautiful horses. We moved around and patted these beautiful horses, which stood perfectly still. A big thankyou to those two soldiers.

Lest we forget.

Stay safe,

Betty

What's worse, chronic disease or poor posture?



with local chiropractor Virginia Croke

If I forced you to pick lung disease, congestive heart failure or poor posture as a condition that you had to have, I imagine you'd lean towards poor posture. It definitely sounds a lot less scary, and what's the big deal about being a little wonky in comparison to a dodgy heart or lungs?

Well, researchers have dug into this for us and found that people who have poor posture actually

enjoy their lives less, when compared with people suffering from chronic diseases such as arthritis, diabetes and heart disease.

A 2014 study compared 24,000 people from eight countries with these chronic conditions with a group of people with what they labelled "adult spinal deformity" (ASD).

To qualify for the ASD group (in lay terms), you had to have your head coming forward of your shoulders 5cm or more, an increased hunch in your mid back, a sideways tilt to the spine known as scoliosis, or a forward tilt to the pelvis.

People in that poor posture group reported their health being a greater limiting factor in their ability to enjoy their lives. This branched across things such as focus at work and feeling emotionally flat or overwhelmed.

It got in the way of the fun stuff (golf or bowling), and the essential stuff (getting dressed and having a shower).

All of this goes to say that your spine is important. And, there's no reason to wait until you look like Quasimodo to start taking care of it.

Hobbies and lifelong learning found to increase wellbeing

Scientists in New Zealand reported in a recent edition of the *Journal of Positive Psychology* (13:2) that people who engage in creative activities such as creative writing, knitting and crochet, visual arts and musical performances increase their wellbeing.

Being involved in a hobby or learning a new skill can assist in reducing stress, increase social connection and unwind a busy mind. Activities that get people out and about can make them feel happier and more relaxed.

Macedon Ranges Further Education Centre (MRFEC) has classes available across a range of topics including some brand-new courses. MRFEC offers small class sizes, highly skilled and experienced tutors in a friendly environment. We are located next to the Gisborne Fitness Centre. Get involved in any one of the many courses on offer. Term 3 enrolments open online at 11am, Monday 19 June. For more information go to the MRFEC website, Facebook page or contact MRFEC on 5428 3799 or email enquiries@mrfec.net.au.

Copies of the term schedule are available in the MRFEC baskets next to Chemist Warehouse, Gisborne Library or the MRFEC office.



Art is one of the courses offered at MRFEC.

Chemist to walk again to aid brain cancer research

On 30 June, Gisborne pharmacist Ryan Alexander will again be putting on his walking shoes to raise much-needed funds for the Mark Hughes Foundation. He will be walking 150 kilometres with 60 other trekkers from Newcastle to Sydney over three days.

Last year Ryan, who works at Hardy's UFS Pharmacy, and the rest of "The Big Three" trekkers (his brother Luke and two of Luke's mates – all from Newcastle) raised more than \$180,000 for the Mark Hughes Foundation and this year they are hoping to go even bigger, with a goal of \$200,000.

The Mark Hughes Foundation's mission is to raise funds for research, to create awareness and to support brain cancer patients and their families. Funds raised over the past 10 years have allowed the foundation to contribute \$25 million to the Mark Hughes Research Centre in Newcastle which is committed to finding a much-needed cure for brain cancer.

Brain cancer receives less than five per cent of Federal Government cancer funding. This under-funding has led to a rise of just one per cent in survival rates in over 30 years. Brain cancer kills more people under the age of 40 than any other cancer and it is the leading cause of death for children out of all diseases. Only 20 per cent of people diagnosed with brain cancer will live for longer than five years.

If you would like to make a donation you can do so online via www.thebigthreetrek3.gofundraise.com.au or head to Hardy's UFS Pharmacy in Brantome Street where there will be collection tins.

All donations over \$2 online will be acknowledged with a tax-deductible receipt.



Ryan Alexander, of Hardy's UFS pharmacy with his wife Tessa. Ryan will be walking 50km a day to raise funds.



You had me at 'hello'



By Julie Ireland

A regular article about general health

Recently I left my admin job after 11 years because I decided that I needed a change of pace. After working mostly from home for three years, I felt isolated from the human contact associated with a busy office environment, so I decided I wanted to work where I could be with people. Fast forward ... and I am now working at an awesome local cafe.

What better place to experience the social connection that we all need to help us maintain good mental health than a local cafe? My first day was spent greeting customers as they came into the warm and welcoming cafe out of the winter chill and from that moment you couldn't wipe the smile off my face.

There are many research studies that have shown that people who have satisfying relationships with family, friends and their community are happier, have fewer health problems, and live longer.

Social interaction is so important for both our physical and mental health and cafes offer the opportunity for social connection in spades. There is nothing more comforting than walking into a cafe where someone says hello, welcomes you, and if you are a regular patron, knows your name, your coffee order and favourite foods. It is like a warm blanket.

I found that while I have enjoyed this feeling of belonging as a customer, it was even more meaningful now. I spent my whole shift warming people up with coffee, food and kind words. And they paid me for that! I'm not sure who benefited most from my day of human contact, me or the customers – seems like the benefits were mutual.

So, head down to one of the local cafes, on your own or with a friend, grab a coffee, and have a chat to the staff there.

The words of the *Cheers* TV theme song have never been more relevant: "Sometimes you want to go where everybody knows your name, and they're always glad you came".

Look forward to seeing you there.

Take care of yourselves everyone.

Julie

Cheaper regional fares

The average V/Line passenger is now paying 50 per cent less for their trip. More than 1.5 million people took a trip on public transport across regional Victoria in the first month of the new lower fares, including over 210,000 passengers on the Bendigo line.

Daily fares are now capped at the current metropolitan fare of \$9.20 or \$4.60 concession, while on weekends or public holidays, fares are capped at \$6.70 for a full fare or \$3.35 for concession per day. As Victorians continue to embrace travel on V/Line, the State Government will upgrade and boost the regional public transport network, including progressively adding new trains and more services to the network.



JOKES & RIDDLES

A man couldn't stop laughing all the way through his operation because the doctor had him in stitches.

What tastes hot but always has ice in it?
Spice.

People with open minds should wear warm hats.

What vegetable can draw water from a well?
A pump-kin

Doctor, doctor, I'm suffering from hallucinations!
No, you're only imagining that.

My teacher loves me so much she puts kisses next to the answers to my sums.

What do you call a man who can't swim?
Bob

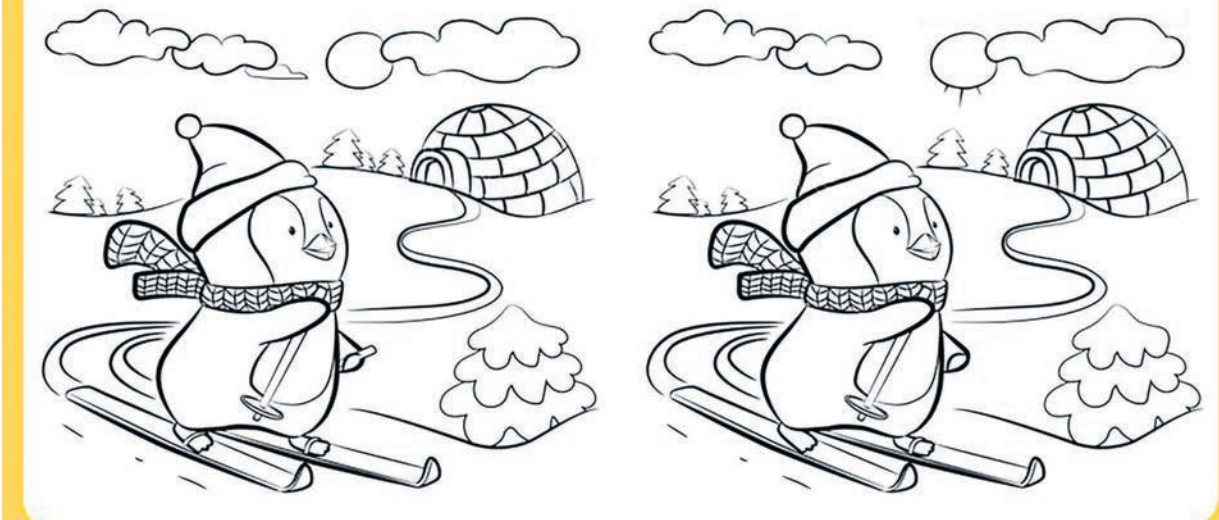
How do you know if there is an elephant under your bed?
Your nose will be touching the ceiling.

KIDS' QUIZ

1. The poodle is what kind of domestic pet?
2. The Australian Federal Parliament has two houses, the House of Representatives and which other?
3. Brussels is the capital city of which country?
4. Which scientist discovered the Theory of Relativity?
5. Which animal is on the back of an Australian 20-cent coin?
6. Which famous Australian singer with the initials ONJ played Sandy in the 1978 movie *Grease*?
7. Proverbially, a bird in the hand is worth how many in the bush?
8. Complete the title of the Tom Roberts painting, 'Shearing the.....'?
9. What is the branch of mathematics that studies triangles called?
10. The cacao tree produces the cocoa bean, which is used to make which confectionary item?

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Find 7 differences



Here is the cut and paste crew at New Gisborne who did this month's edition: Luke, Shuyu, William, Darcy, Blake and Macy.

New improved Planetarium opens

Stargazers can explore outer space just by going to Bendigo now that the new Planetarium at the Discovery Science and Technology Centre is open.

Double the size of the original, the redesigned planetarium includes a state-

of-the-art dome theatre that displays high-res images of planets and the cosmos.

The planetarium is open every Tuesday to Sunday with special event bookings available on the Discovery Centre website.





DISTRICT FOOTBALL



The victorious boys' team snapped before mud took its toll on their kit.

Girls take their medicine with sense of fun

GIRLS: On Wednesday 10 May, the New Gisborne girls' football team arrived at Dixon Field ready to face some tough competition.

In our first game we were still half asleep, so we lost brutally – 0-31 – to Braemar. But we will count that as a warmup.

Ready for the second match against Macedon, we won 4-1 with heaps of hope for the next match. In the game against Riddells Creek, we were warm but clearly not enough, seeing that we lost 12-27, but we came in with more confidence. The two goal scorers were Holly and Ava.

We are very proud of the team's effort put into these challenging games.

We would like to say a big thank you to James for coaching, Mrs Cullinger for being an amazing supporter and to Bryan and Cameron for goal umpiring.

Holly and Claire



BOYS: It was a cold and muddy day when we destroyed the ground at Sankey Reserve for the Boys District Football.

Twenty-three boys played their hearts out and represented New Gisborne Primary School with pride, enthusiasm and athletic prowess.

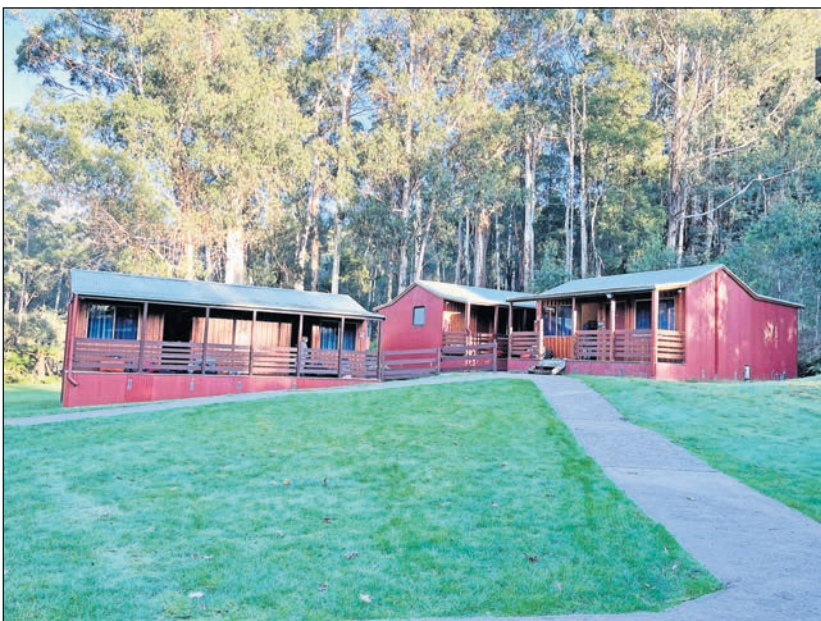
In our first game we played Riddells Creek and won. Our second game was against Braemar. We were up in the first half but they came back in the second.

Our third game was against Macedon. In the first half we had it in the 50 the whole time. Macedon played really well but we ended up victorious.

We would like to thank our coach, Marty, our runner, Jason, Mrs Mason for organising us and Mrs Miller who came with us on the day.

Mitchell and Ethan

Mount Macedon Primary's big month of fun



Forest Edge Camp

It has been a great start to term 2 here at Mount Macedon Primary School. Here a few of the things we have enjoyed so far.

From 8 to 12 May we had our intensive swimming program. Everyone enjoyed their first lessons and learnt a lot, but I'm sure most kids were exhausted by the end of the week!

It is really important that we learn the basics to staying safe around water.

The Grade 4s, 5s and 6s went to Forest Edge Camp at Neerim East in early May.

We enjoyed participating in many different activities including bush cooking, hut building, bush walks, volleyball, 9 square in the air, archery, flying fox, rock climbing, disk golf and Riddle Rogaine.

We also had plenty of time to ourselves where we were able to enjoy the beautiful



grounds of Forest Edge.

The weather was splendid and we had a lot of sunshine, although the temperature was brisk.

Thank you to Mr Flynn, Ms Probert, Vicki and Amy for giving up their time to look after us while on camp.

MMPS' famous Neon Disco was on Friday 19 May. There was hot food and juice as well as music being played by our resident DJ: Dan Berger! The event is possibly the most looked forward to in the whole year.

We have also had a number of inter-school sporting competitions over the past few weeks. Well done to everyone who participated!

Harriet Quinn, School Reporter



New Gisborne young leaders Jack, Emily, Leela and William.

Meeting some student leaders at New Gisborne Primary School

On Thursday 18 May I had the pleasure of interviewing four members of the school's eight-person leadership team.

Jack, Emily, Leela and William are bright, keen Year 6 youngsters who take their leadership roles seriously.

They told me that the eight leaders meet on Wednesdays with their mentor Mrs Miller to plan the assemblies which they then run at the end of the day on Fridays.

At the beginning of the year they assisted with organising classes to move to where the school photographs were being taken. Early in the year they were also active at recess and lunch times keeping their eyes out for pupils who might appear lost or not fitting in. Outside the library there are two "friendship" seats where pupils can sit if they are not feeling happy. One or more of the leaders will join them to listen to their concerns.

"The school is a happy place and our role is to assist in ensuring it stays that way," they all agreed.

On Mondays the leaders are rostered to escort parents who are interested in enrolling their children. They take the parents on tours of the school and answer all their questions.

The leaders do not have to fill all the student roles at the school. The buddy system involves all of the Year 6 students; house captains organise sport; the Junior School Council runs special events such as free-dress day.

Jack, Emily, Leela and William know where they will be going next year for Year 7 and they already have plans for beyond Year 12: three of them have ambitions to make careers in professional sport while Leela sees her future in stage performance.

What an impressive group of young people they are!

Bryan Power

Montessori takes sustainability seriously

We are a team of five which consist of three students and two guides (teachers). Beginning this group was quite an easy decision to make as we wanted to play our part in helping the planet.

During discussions within Cycle 3 (Grades 4-6) and after some motivational discussions with our principal, the decision was made, and we were set on the path of creating a sustainable future for the Montessori community.

Becoming a part of ResourceSmart, the students' hope is to educate and lead the school community and the young people on how to help their environment the now and for the future. Our end goal is to create a carbon offset future. We have formed a program called Sustain-Able and worked with other cycles within the school to educate and guide change.



We were quite successful in our efforts in the Mount Macedon Horticulture Show and were rewarded not only with our own personal achievements of getting to the show, but ribbons of various places.

Montessori has also become a Junior Landcare group and will happily accept offers of assistance to aid in the growth and development from the wider community to help us achieve our goals.

More recently, we welcomed some guests from the Macedon Ranges Shire Council for a waste management incursion; this allowed students to find out more in-depth and behind-the-scenes information about how, where, and what happens to all that we put into our bins.

Shiloh and Bec

CAPTAIN'S RAP

with Harreson Watts



Harreson Watts

What a busy month it has been! We've certainly hit the ground running for term 2, with several students representing the college for Anzac Day, including the dawn service at the Mount Macedon Memorial Cross and the morning service in

Gisborne. It was an incredible honour for the college to be invited to speak at both services, as well as laying wreaths.

The college also held its Anzac-themed whole-school assembly with guests from the local RSL speaking to the school community. It was a very special occasion.

Last month the college attended the Melton Athletics Centre for our annual athletics carnival. It was amazing to see so many people getting involved and participating in the numerous track and field events that were on offer.

It was also great to see the tradition continue of year 12 students dressing up for the carnival, with several new and creative ideas on how this year.

Continuing with excursions, several Year 12 students left for the Outdoor Education camp at Mount Bogong during May, and despite the bone-chilling temperatures, enjoyed themselves.

Several science students across Years 10-12 also had the opportunity to attend the International Day of Immunology Program at Federation University in Berwick, where students learnt about the immune system and the vital role vaccinations that play within our society.

Late in May, students from the Year 12 environmental science class were lucky enough to travel to the Whitsundays, escaping the typical cold and wet Melbournian weather, leaving several jealous teachers and students behind!

The college celebrated IDAHOBIT Day on 17 May with the raising of the pride flag during recess, displaying the continued support the college has for members of the LGBTQIA+ community.

The Student Representative Council has been hard at work setting up and running a Food Drive for the Gisborne Foodbank, allowing members of the community to donate to the Foodbank through Gisborne Secondary College. Great work everyone!

As the term progresses, Year 10 and 11 students are gearing up for their exams in week seven. This gives students the opportunity to apply their study habits, while also preparing them for their Year 12 exams in the next couple of years. With so much happening in such a short space of time, and much more to come, I'm sure many students are already eagerly looking forward to the Term 2 holidays.

Police and friends work to break down barriers with sport

Dixon Field sees 550 children converge for sports clinic

Local police connected with the community at Dixon Field sports complex on 17 May, with fun sports clinics for more than 550 children in Grades 3-6 who attend schools in the Macedon Ranges area.

The clinics, designed to break down barriers and strengthen community bonds with local police, offer children a chance to build their self-esteem and athletic prowess through sport. The clinics also involve members of the SES, CFA and Football Australia.

The program, called Sports COPPS (Choices, Opportunities, Partnerships, Participation = Success) is an early-intervention initiative. It operates to support children, including those who are socially or economically challenged or at risk.

Detective Sergeant Vince Manno, who founded the scheme in 2001 and has run it ever since, says, "Sports COPPS recognises the importance of positive relationships and proactive work to foster a safer community, and the importance of healthy lifestyles. It also means heaps of fun for both kids and officers."

Mark Street (left), Football Australia community officer Geogi Didumo, SES officer Shanleigh and Gisborne CFA captain Henry Neal were among those taking part in the clinic with children from several local schools.



Update on local law review: what happens next

The current General Purposes and Amenity Local Law of 2013 is due to expire in September.

The council recently sought community feedback on the proposed draft Community Local Law 2023 during consultation held from 28 March to 30 April.

We would like to thank everyone who participated in the consultation. The submissions and responses received represent a broad range of feedback and we are currently consolidating all responses.

Next steps will be to consider any emerging issues and make necessary refinements to the draft Community Local Law 2023. This consolidation process will involve council officers, staff from our legal firm, and also



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councillors at a future Council briefing. The draft Community Local Law 2023 (including any amendments made following community consultation) will need to be adopted by the council at a future meeting prior to any implementation.

Details of this process will be made available on the website at mrsc.vic.gov.au/local-laws, with council meeting details also available at mrsc.vic.gov.au/meetings.

To stay up to date on the progression of the draft Community Local Law 2023, sign up to receive updates on our webpage, email draftlocalaw@mrsc.vic.gov.au or call 5422 0333 requesting to be added to the council's Local Law email distribution list.

May council meeting news

A number of important items were actioned by councillors at the scheduled council meeting in May, including:

Have your say on Ross Watt Reserve: The council endorsed consultation inviting community feedback on the draft Ross Watt Reserve Master Plan from 2 to 30 June, with more information available at mrsc.vic.gov.au/your-say. Ross Watt Reserve is on Station Road, New Gisborne.

Goldfields Libraries agreement renewed: Council endorsed that a new 12-month funding agreement be signed with Goldfields Library Corporation to continue library services across the shire, with the option to extend for an additional 12 months.



Bushwaleers take a welcome break on the Goldfields Track near Castlemaine.

Bushwalking club's activities include navigation walks



As usual, our recent calendar has been full of activities with our planning meeting, walks and social events. Bad weather may have postponed two walks but otherwise members were out and about enjoying the countryside.

A walk on part of the Goldfields Track near Castlemaine was only topped by the afternoon tea at the end.

Another outing in the Bendigo area may have been a bit wet but walkers spotted a variety of birds and wildlife. A short walk around historical Taradale on a brilliant autumn day was more of a 'bush talk' than 'bush walk'.

Our president and committee held a special day for the many new members including a walk followed by a delicious barbecue and other refreshments to

welcome them and answer any questions they may have.

To ensure that the club has a continuing healthy pool of leaders, experienced members mentor new leaders in the art of walking leadership. This allows their experience to be passed on, guaranteeing a healthy and varied future.

Another bushwalking-related activity the club holds are navigation walks. The ability to read a map, follow compass directions along with general knowledge of the bush, may be lifesaving one day. Experienced members assist the not-so, and an informative and fun day is had by all.

If you are interested in joining 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

Big Ulysses gathering a reminder of something more

The Macedon Ranges Ulysses Group have just returned from the National Ulysses AGM, held in the flood-ravaged NSW town of Lismore.



The AGM is a reminder that we are a part of something much larger. During the journey, you start to notice more motorcycles travelling in the same direction as you go. On arriving at Lismore, the townsfolk could not have been more welcoming, as our near 1000 Ulysses members rolled into town.

Over several days, we got to meet some of the people there and heard their stories of survival. As our grand parade wove through the streets of Lismore, children and adults came out to cheer and wave.

So, if you're looking for the opportunity to be part of something larger, then this is it.

We accommodate a wide variety of riding styles and the members have accrued a wealth of life experiences to share.

Our ride calendar is full of monthly Saturday lunch rides and Sunday trips, plus special annual events, and Wednesday road rides. Here's a great chance to meet new friends with a common interest!

You'll find us exchanging stories of our journey at the Saturday morning Tyre-Kick in Brantome Street, Gisborne, so be sure to say hello. Check us out online at www.mrub.org.au or join us on Facebook for the latest news.

Matthew Dridan



Kids were thrilled to try out the bikes at Lismore.

Market permit sought

The GREAT Association, which runs the monthly market, is reapplying for its permit. The GREAT committee encourages readers to write in support of this application.

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Braving the cold

It was very cold and wet at the May market in Gisborne, but members of 1st Gisborne Scout Group shrugged it off to sell tickets in the Scouts Victoria Monster Raffle.





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SCOUTING



Gisborne Girl Guides



In May the Guides thanked their mothers by decorating a cup and creating an IOU card.

Each girl chose a service for their mum such as a massage, clean my room or do the dishes.

This term they have been busy with their badge work challenges. Members completed their Science Badge this term by creating a machine that could fly and undertook the Emergency Badge.

This included knowing how to contact services for help, what to do in a fire and basic first aid.

They are now undertaking their Guiding Badge which investigates the history of Guiding and Guiding skills such as knotting, using a compass and being in a Colour Party.



Deb Fleming

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

We meet on Thursday nights between 5 and 6.30pm in the Daly Reserve hall.

Deb Fleming



Kaylee, Bonnie and Abby learn how to use lashing to create a tripod.



Sunday morning "Scouts Own" in the outdoor chapel at Pax Hill Scout Camp.

New Gisborne (Church of Christ) Scouts

We've been busy at New Gisborne. Anzac Day saw a big turnout from our Group at the Gisborne commemoration. Then a few days later our Cub Scouts headed off to the wonderful Pax Hill camp in bushland near Ballarat for the Macedon Ranges District Cub Scout Camp. A great time was had including a time of reflection and thanks to the camp's original founders at the traditional Sunday morning "Scouts Own".

Joey Scouts have been busy too with another Investiture as new Joey Aoife made her Promise and received her scarf. Always wonderful to see young people begin their Scouting journey.

Our Scouts are making plans to use our new Scout Hut to store and maintain equipment and trailers. We were very excited to receive a \$5,000 Grant from the Gisborne and District Community Bank as the beginning of our fund-raising for the services connections and landscaping in preparation for the extended use of the hut once the "Place of Assembly" Planning Permit is granted. Donations made through Scout HQ are tax-deductible and most welcome. We're looking forward to the opening ceremonies around mid-year.

We meet Wednesdays, 6:30 – 8.00 pm, Venturers Fridays. Contact Group Leader Russell Barker 0400 297 025 or russell@jeem.com.au to learn more.



Cub Scouts Edith and Cara with Leader Maya at Pax Hill Camp.

Packed calendar at 1st Gisborne Scout Group



Amanda Muston (Joey Leader of 15+ years) with her sons (middle left), Tash Oliver (new Group Leader) and Andrew Smyth (Regional Commissioner).

The past month has been a busy one for 1st Gisborne Scouts. There was a large turnout of leaders and scouts from all sections to march in the Anzac Day parade.

It was a beautiful autumn day and as we waited under the stately old oak trees to march with the veterans, one couldn't help but think what a privilege it is to live in freedom in such a lovely part of the world, thanks to all those who have fought for that freedom. Lest we forget.

The weather was not so kind at the May Gisborne market when members of 1st Gisborne braved freezing and wet conditions to sell tickets in the Scouts Victoria Monster Raffle. Money raised will go towards some much-needed new tents.

Congratulations are in order for one of our youth members, Julia Stockdale, who was presented with her Australian Scout award recently. This is the highest award that a scout can achieve – well done Julia!

We welcomed new Group Leader Tash Oliver at an investiture ceremony last month. We wish you well in your new role. We also say 'goodbye' to Joey Leader Amanda Muston, who is moving with her family to northern Victoria. She will be greatly missed by the Joeys and leaders alike.

The Joeys had a Mother's Day evening when lots of fun was had playing 'noodle hockey' and decorating biscuit faces. The Cubs went to a district camp at Pax Hill and have been practising campfire cooking and abseiling skills. The Scouts had a chalk chase around Gisborne and the Venturers have been ice-skating. The Rovers have been busy preparing for the Big 'Mudbash' camp.

If you are interested in joining Scouts, either as a Leader or a Scout, please email us at info@1stgisborne.com.au for more information.

Carolyn Goode (Assistant Joey Leader)

U3A (University of the Third Age) is a not-for-profit organisation supported by Macedon Ranges Shire Council and is open to Macedon Ranges residents who have retired from full-time employment. We offer a range of social and learning activities.

The tutors are dedicated volunteers who live in the community and are keen to share their knowledge and experience. No educational qualifications are required or given, and we aim to make our sessions entertaining and informative.

An interesting five-week course starting on 24 May is 'Propaganda – the Dark Art'. This covers the history of presenting lies as truth from the start of the Cold War until the present day. It was a battle for minds, with both sides investing heavily in newspaper, cinema, but mainly radio.

After Stalin died, Khrushchev made some attempts to reach an understanding with the West, but the future role of Germany was the sticking point and Khrushchev tried bullying, which backfired badly. After the fall of the Iron Curtain – what do we have now? A number of authoritarian states which run on state propaganda. There is also North Korea, with its cult of personality. Of course, our Aussie news coverage isn't biased – or is it? Join and find out.

There are many other courses to choose from and something to suit everyone. Some other courses are American History, Poetry, Current Affairs and Cycling.

Check out the U3A Kyneton website, www.u3akyneton.org.au/courses/ to see the full range of options offered.

New members are always welcome and can join via www.u3akyneton.org.au/members/join. If you need assistance Roni will be pleased to help you. Email members@u3akyneton.org.au or call 0439 360 763.



Don't miss this opportunity to visit the historic Duneira homestead and garden.

Duneira opening for special winter house tours and morning tea

Duneira's historic homestead (circa 1875) in Officer Lane, Mount Macedon, will be opening for guided house tours throughout winter.

Stuart Stoneman was the last owner of the Duneira estate and his extraordinary art collection, his vast library and his collection of antique furniture are all housed in the main residence.

Stoneman wished to share his collections, his house and its magnificent gardens with interested individuals and groups and to offer the public an opportunity to learn about and appreciate the significance of Duneira in our colonial past.

Throughout the tour our guide will provide

fascinating insights into the story of this historically significant hill station property, along with an informative commentary on the art collection.

Morning tea in the newly restored stables is included with this tour. \$25 per guest.

Dates: Thursday 8 June 10am - 12am

Thursday 13 July 10am - 12am

Thursday 10 August 10am - 12am

Onsite parking is available

For enquiries please phone 5426 1490, or email duneiraestate@gmail.com

Website: duneiraestate.com.au

Pip Shannon (property manager)

Winter sustainability tips

Winter can often mean a spike in our energy usage – heaters running a little longer or spending a few extra minutes in that hot shower. It can all add up to high energy usage and unfortunately higher bills.

Here are some tips to help you keep warm during those colder months while helping the environment and keeping those bills down:

Let the light in

If the sun is shining, open the curtains and blinds to let that valuable warmth in. This means less energy is needed when we turn our heaters on during the evening. Just remember to close those curtains once the sun disappears.

If your gas heater is on its last legs, start researching



energy efficient electric alternatives so you're ready to make the switch.

Keep the heat in

Block door draughts with door snakes, use thermal film or secondary glazing to create retrofitted double glazing, or simply close doors to unused rooms to help retain warmth in the areas that are being used in your home. We can lose up to 25 per cent of our heat to door draughts and almost 40 per cent to windows.

Stay within the limits

You can save money by having a programmable thermostat. Keep the internal temperature of your heating set to between 18°C and 20°C. Every degree you increase your heating can add up to 10 per cent on your energy use.

Get cosy

Have a cosy blanket on hand before you crank up your heater. Remember, every degree increase counts to higher bills.

For more winter energy efficiency tips, hire a 'Sustainable Home Kit' from the Gisborne or Woodend Library. For more tips, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/sustainable-living.

Woodend Lifestyle Carers Group's busy working bee



Finally the weather gods smiled upon Woodend Lifestyle Carers Group (WLCG) when, despite a cloudy start to the day, members were able to hold an energetic working bee at Macgregor's Farm, the site of our proposed dementia-specific day care cottage.

Thanks to the organisational skills of Dani Clemson, supporters of WLCG came together recently to plant some eighty trees. Dani's use of social media enabled holes to be drilled and trees to be protected and watered as a result of her enthusiastic appeals via Facebook, which gained offers of help and much-needed supplies.

Dani's mum Carmel turned on a great barbecue to keep the workers going.

Her tasty bacon and egg with sausage sandwiches were welcomed on the chilly day by the 15 'gardeners' who worked together to plant and protect the native trees grown from seed and nurtured over the past three years.

Our sincere thanks to all those wonderful people who worked together on the day, and who supplied



Members were able to get carefully nurtured trees into the ground at Macgregor's Farm.

wire and stakes to protect our beautiful trees both from the elements and the local fauna; and to Charlie who brought along his digger making planting so much easier, and Malcolm for supplying plenty of water to the thirsty plants.

Thanks everyone.

Cherry Servis

Op Shop Jottings

It's time to rug up against the cold of the winter months and here in the St Paul's Op Shop we have lots of warm clothing for your family and we always have a good supply of blankets for your fur babies.

We stock a range of basic necessities which includes coffee mugs, drinking glasses, crockery, cutlery, jam jars, vision glasses, linen and shoes.

Some of the different items which have been donated this month are a cigar cutter, two free-standing mirrors and several key rings, with a huge "diamond" ring suited in size for Shrek's wife Fiona.



Long-serving volunteer Sue

This month we ask long serving volunteer Sue about her time with St. Paul's Op Shop.

"I have been volunteering for around 20 years, working in the shed and from home. I prepare the jewellery which involves sorting, cleaning, repairing and pricing. "Any jewellery I'm not sure about is appraised by a reputable jeweller.

I also help with sorting, hanging clothes, washing dishes, checking games and anything else that needs doing. I love doing it, love having a chat with my fellow volunteers. I find it very rewarding."

If you would like to follow us on Facebook, just search for St Paul's Op Shop, like and follow our page and you'll get the scoop on what's happening in the shop.

Janine Sanders, Op Shop coordinator



Close-up photography captures amazing images

Recently the Macedon Ranges Photographic Society met at Lions Head car park to wander the Sanatorium Lake area, to capture images of fungi.

Some fungi are minuscule, but with eyes peeled, we were able to locate plenty just at the start of the track. Time then evaporated; at almost every tree we stopped to collect more images. It was fascinating and exhilarating, exploring the many varieties we came across. For many members it was their first time for this type of photography. A macro lens and a tripod were an advantage but not a necessity, iPhone and handheld cameras managed fabulous images too.

Many other visitors to the area went home with a better appreciation of what was around, their curiosity piqued when checking what we were doing. Having previously walked past the tiny growths on trees, unaware of what to look for, they too got carried along with our enthusiasm.

We happened upon the sought after *Mycena interrupta*, the pixie's parasol, towards the end of the walk. That capped off a really enjoyable outing.

The Macedon Ranges Photographic Society welcomes new members. The club generally meets on the first Tuesday of the month, followed by the next Monday at Dromkeen in Riddells Creek.

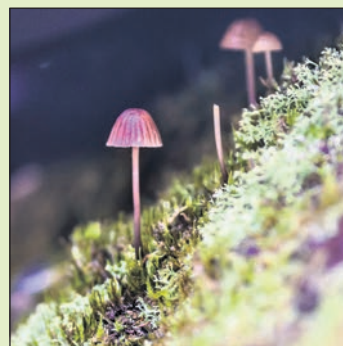
Social chats start at 7pm with the meeting beginning at 7.30pm. Please visit www.macedon-ranges-photography.org.au.

Sue Steward

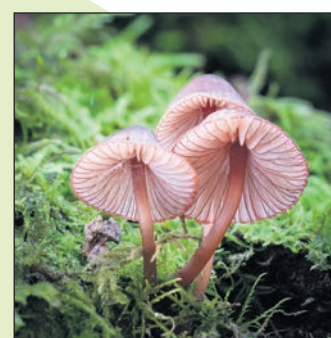
Fungi Rummaging



Tom Templeman



Paul Fletcher



Colleen Mahoney



Paul Fletcher



Nicky Donald



John Spring



Paul Fletcher



Colleen Mahoney



Nicky Donald



Where have the Bulldogs seen this name before?

The name Clough at the Gisborne Football Netball Club has had an association going back decades, and in May another son of legendary trainer and Gisborne Hall of Fame member Charlie Clough made his senior debut, against Eaglehawk.

Shane Clough became the fifth son of Charlie, following in the footsteps of his four elder brothers Rod, Dale, Robert and Phil, to don the red, white and blue of the Bulldogs and play senior football at Gisborne.

As always, it is great to see a boy who has come through the Rookies, play senior football at the club.

Shane won a league Best and Fairest in U13s and was a runner up in U12s and U17s. He has also played in four Grand Finals with wins in three including U12s, U13s and most recently in the GFNC U18 Bendigo Football Netball League 2022 Grand Final.

He played seven games for the Calder Cannons last year despite some injury issues and has played all four games for Calder this year.

It was a proud day for the entire family and especially so for his mum Jo, when prior to the game he was presented with his senior jumper by dual Gisborne premiership player Steve Paterson.

John Wood



Shane Clough on the field against Eaglehawk in May, above. Inset: The hard work is not all on the football field: Shane waits for a train to school. Picture: Paul Rovere, The Age

Netballers go PINK

The Macedon Ranges Netball Association competition turned pink on 13 May in support of Australians affected by breast cancer.

In the annual Pink Sports Day, players, coaches spectators and umpires all wore a little pink to help raise funds for the Breast Cancer Network Australia. BCNA work tirelessly to ensure that those affected by breast cancer receive the very best care treatment and support.

In addition to the netball community wearing pink, the association had over 350 pink cupcakes to sell. They had a 'Guess the name of Teddy' competition, (whose name is Shimmer) which was won by Mabel. There was also 'Guess the number of Lollies' – and a guess of 1104 by Lucy was only one off the grand total of 1105. Well done Lucy and Mabel!

Without the support of Katie, Lucy and Tracey who made the 350 cupcakes, Rob and the MRNA committee on the day and the Bolinda Primary School for allowing the MRNA to use their facilities, the day would not have been a success. The association says thank you. "Our biggest thanks, however, go to our fantastic netball community because without your generosity and support we wouldn't be able to donate the fantastic amount of \$1455.65 to the Breast Cancer Network Australia."

Well done everyone!

2023 Season – The season got off to a great start at the Macedon Ranges Netball Association Netball Complex in New Gisborne with 62 teams entered across four age groups. This makes well over 600 participants playing every Saturday morning between March and September.

MRNA is always on the lookout for new umpires with a bit of experience so if you're interested, please email admin@macedonrangesnetball.com.au.



With more than 350 pink cupcakes to sell the association raised just over \$1455 for the Breast Cancer Network Australia.

Course in good nick at Mount Macedon

Autumn can be a delightful time to play golf at Mount Macedon Golf Club. Benign weather, green fairways and autumn leaves add to the joy. The presentation of our course is a credit to all those involved. It is great to see significant improvements underway with restoration of paths throughout.



This year the club fielded scratch and handicap teams in the Dalhousie District Golf Association pennant competition. In great news our scratch team won Division 2 scratch, defeating Trentham 3.5 to 1.5 in the final played on 6 May at Euroa. Undeclared this season, the team of Darcy Doyle (c), Alex Fraser, Jim Hynes, Matt Willis, Patrick Doyle and Jarod Plowman are to be congratulated. The handicap team was competitive, however did not make the final.

In other notable performances, Darcy Doyle 69-6-63 comprehensively won the April Monthly Medal. Tony Littman (13) won the Wednesday mug-of-the-month in April with 37 stableford points.

The first round of the three-round club championship had been played at the time of reporting. A large field enjoyed dry, still autumn conditions. The A-grade winner was our indefatigable captain Mick Doyle 8-74-



Winners of the final at Euroa: Darcy Doyle(c), Matt Willis Jarod Plowman Jim Hynes, Patrick Doyle and Alex Fraser

66, B-grade and overall winner was Nick Ciesielski 15-79-64 and C-grade was won by Isaac Golden 18-85-67. Unsurprisingly, our gross leaders are Alex Fraser 68 and Jim Hynes 70, both of whom are multiple club champions.

The club welcomes new members and green fee players. Membership fees are modest.

Phone 5426 1650 or drop in. Visit mtmacedongolfclub.com.au.

Tony Littman

Women leading in local sports

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As Australia and New Zealand are about to be thrown into the world spotlight as hosts for the 2023 Women's Football World Cup, you would hope new

stirrings will be found among our young girls and women across Australia to give soccer a try.

If anyone is interested in joining a team, or being involved – please head to gisbornesoccer.com.au.



From left: Daniel Ralston (RAID coordinator), Charlotte R, Kade G, Russell Walker (Bowling Club Chairman), Cody F and Kye J. Russell is holding a certificate of appreciation from the college.

Students introduced to lawn bowls



Year 9 students from Gisborne Secondary College got to experience lawn bowls, many for the first time in their young lives, in May, courtesy of the kind volunteers at Gisborne and District Bowling Club.

It was part of the College's RAID program, an acronym for the school values of Respect, Achievement, Innovation and Diversity.

Some students were particularly proud of their achievement in winning a little mini-competition be-

tween groups, with one of the students stating that: "It was so fun to try a new sport that I was actually good at for once!"

Anyone interested in being introduced to the game of lawn bowls is welcome to contact the club chairman Russell Walker on 0419 318 615 or via email to secretary@gisbornebowlsclub.com

During winter social bowling is conducted according to the weather conditions, so check the club's Facebook page each week for details.

Pentanque club enjoys success



Mt Macedon Petanque Club has had numerous successes recently. Easter National results from Adelaide included Rhonda Shears with three medals (second in the Mixed Doubles, third in Plus 60s Women's Triples and second in Plus 60s Women's Doubles Complementary).

June Hunter teamed with Rhonda in the Plus 60s Doubles and Triples, winning two medals. Terry Hunter finished second in the Plus 60s Men's Triples event. Alison Kinghorn played with Woodend Hanging Rock member Shirley Marshall and Aileen Hebblethwaite from Camberwell to come second in the Plus 60s Women's Triples. Danny Green officiated as one of six umpires for most of the weekend.

Ten players returned from the North West Cup at Hall's Gap in April with the red team finishing third overall by a whisker. Our Jolly Roger tournament saw us finally succumb to Camberwell.

A big win occurred on 6 May when June and Terry Hunter with Danny Green won the Forster Cup at Maldon. This was the first time this combination had played together and was a great victory.

If you're keen to see what we do, come along to one of our play days. Wednesday playdays are held from 2



George Forster, Terry Hunter, June Hunter, Danny Green, Janet Forster, Ross Egleton (Maldon Community Bank) at the Forster Cup in Maldon.

to 5pm at our grounds behind the Ampol Service Station in Gisborne. Coaching sessions are held from 1 to 2pm on the Wednesday falling on the same week as our Saturday sessions. Saturday playdays run from 10am to 1pm on the second and fourth Saturdays.

For enquiries please go to our website mtmacedon-petanque.org and for updates visit our Facebook page.

Alison Kinghorn

Gisborne ladies take out annual Trentham Challenge



In May, 51 eager golfing ladies gathered at the Gisborne Golf Club to participate in the 29th Ladies Gisborne/Trentham Challenge. And with a slight home ground advantage, the Gisborne team won by 4.4 points, with an average stableford team score of 27.8 points.

Individual A Grade winner for Gisborne was Moon Gordon with 37 points and the Lalbert lass, Dot Slattery, won the Gisborne B-Grade with 32 points.

The individual A Grade winner for Trentham was Alison Borchers with 29 points and B-Grade, Bern Price with 33 points.

In other great news, we would like to welcome Kris Zormann, a highly qualified and experienced chef and hospitality manager, who has taken on the role of managing the running of the View Bistro.

So, make sure you get down for an evening meal, or after you hit a bucket of balls at the driving range, pop in for a classic bistro lunch with your mates and family.

Not hungry? No problem, why not grab a refreshing frothie, wine or coffee whilst you sit on the veranda, absorbing life and taking in the serenity.

Can't wait to see you at the club.



A Grade individual winner Moon Gordon 37 with Lady Co-Captain Sharon Kemp.



B Grade individual winner Dot Slattery 32 with Lady Co-Captain Sharon Kemp.

Badminton endurance feat raises thousands for MS research

After a successful campaign in the 24-hour MS Challenge last year, the Hungry Geese badminton team made a clean sweep of the accolades in the 12-Hour MS Challenge in badminton on 29 April.

Team leaders Deb Taylor and James Fedoruk are members of the Macedon Ranges Badminton Club.

Along with other club members Ian Strachan, Michelle Webb, Aimee Turner, Erica Elliot, Nick Gibson, Kate Ireland, Marvin Mappala, Vicki Turner and Mark Atkinson, they completed the 12 hours of play.

The team won Best Aggregate Score, Best Team Theme in dress and Team Highest Fundraiser (\$5977), and Deb took out the Highest Individual Fundraiser (\$1759). Despite fatigue creeping into the later games,



The Hungry Geese team completed a second marathon effort of endurance badminton.

everyone had a fantastic time. All up, more than \$17,000 was raised for multiple sclerosis research, making it a highly successful event.

If you're keen to learn badminton or

reconnect with the Macedon Ranges Badminton Club, come and join us for some fun at the Tony Clarke Stadium, Macedon, either on Tuesday evenings starting at 8pm or on Thursday

mornings at 9.30am for a round robin game, practice or coaching.

Enquiries to David Aitken on 0419 589 425 or Ian Strachan on 0402 401 397.

CROSSWORD

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

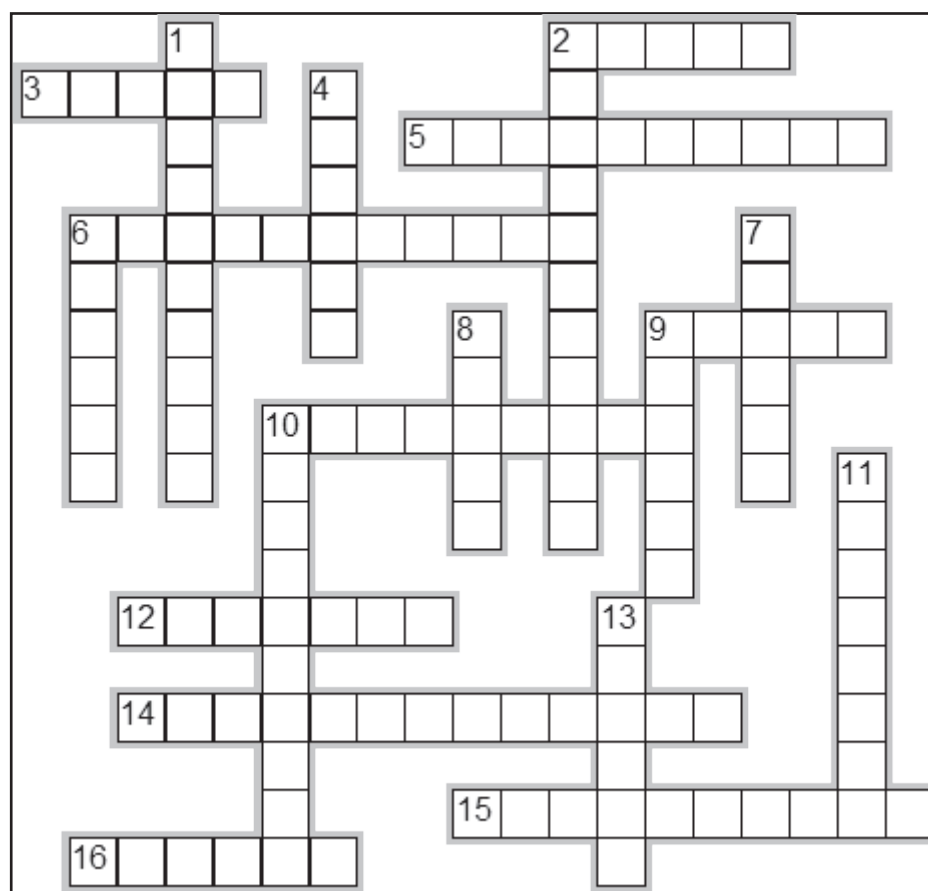
Words starting with the letter 'Q'

ACROSS

2. A woman who is the sovereign of a kingdom.
3. The pronunciation of this five-letter word isn't changed by the removal of four of the letters.
5. Sir Joh Bjelke-Petersen was once Premier of this Australian state.
6. A million, billion, trillion. What comes next?
9. Capital city of Ecuador.
10. Somebody's words repeated exactly by another person.
12. A group of four performers, as in a barbershop _____.
14. A 500th anniversary.
15. One of five children born at the same time of the same mother.
16. A member of the Religious Society of Friends.

DOWN

1. Isolation imposed on people or animals who may have been exposed to a disease.
2. Seaside town at the end of the Bellarine Peninsula.
4. A game that involves throwing rings around a spike.
6. The number of members that must be present at a meeting to make its transactions valid.
7. A hard yellowish pear-shaped fruit for cooking.
8. The cry of a duck.



9. Australian airline with a kangaroo on the tails of its planes.
10. A four-sided space or court surrounded by buildings.
11. A bog or marsh.
13. Strange or odd in an interesting, pleasing or amusing way.

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QUIZ

1. Who invented the hovercraft in 1955?
2. Who was the US President at the end of World War II?
3. What breed of domestic pet is a Boxer?
4. By what name is the pain reliever acetylsalicylic acid better known?
5. What is the name for a triangle with three equal sides?
6. Which flag has an AK-47 rifle on it?
7. What word is both something found at the end of a finger and a steel fastener?
8. Which pop group was known as the 'Fab Four'?
9. Rolex is famous for making what?
10. What do Americans call what we know as fairy floss?

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Fisheries authority addresses fly-fishing group



CALDER FLY FISHING ASSOCIATION

Dr Taylor Hunt, Victorian Fisheries Authority Manager, is responsible for the development and implementation of management policies and arrangements to facilitate the sustainable use of Victoria's inland fisheries resources.

He coordinates involvement and fosters communication with people and organisations involved in fishing.

As a scientist he provides authoritative management advice to the Manager Freshwater Fisheries, executive, secretary and minister. Taylor also has close interaction with other groups involved in fisheries matters while assisting in the day-to-day management of the Victorian freshwater fishery.

He has been conducting a review of Murray cod regulations to significantly improve the health of the Murray cod population and fishery. As well, he is developing a trout recovery plan among other activities such as fish-stocking evaluation and community groups' involvement in fish-stocking events.

Highlights of his brilliant and passionate talk were the great improvements in the numbers of native fish and improving conditions for threatened native fish species.

He showed amazing images of many large Murray cod catches, illustrating the return to the old days of plenty, and detailed Victoria's active fish stocking program – 10 million fish in total including eight million native fish. A worthwhile link (search Google): Murray Cod-

ference 2021 – Native Fisheries Management with ... In May our Macedon Ranges "Chuck Norris" Stephan Toman demonstrated his skills by catching some beautiful fish in Lauriston including the pictured brown trout 58cm and 4lb.



Stephan Toman with his magnificent brown trout.

For more about the Calder Fly Fishing Association please visit <http://www.calderflyfishing.com.au/> as well as calderflyfishing on Instagram and facebook.

Louis Bokor

Probus Club takes ferry trip to Queenscliff



Gisborne Probus Club had 19 members making an 8.30am start for our May outing to Queenscliff via Sorrento. Yes, it's the long way round, but it was great for us to experience the calm ferry crossing to Queenscliff.

We had an unexpected hold-up on the way to Sorrento with a traffic jam on the freeway which meant our bus was the last on the Seaward Ferry. Undeterred, we made the best of the 40-minute crossing, taking time for a coffee, chat and the views.

Leaving the ferry terminal our bus took us to the historical main street of Queenscliff with its original Post Office, Vue Grand Hotel and Seaview Gallery just to name a few. As we did not need to leave until 3pm we had plenty of time to explore and have a tasty seafood lunch at the Original Queenscliff Fish and Chip shop.

After arriving home at 5.15pm we realised that we had enjoyed the trip so much that we forgot to take a photo for this article. Whoops! Hopefully we'll remember for July's article.

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 1 June.

For further information you can contact our president, Michael O'Brien, on 0427 762 757.

Dianne Egan

First King's Birthday holiday for a long time

This is the first King's Birthday holiday we've had in Victoria since 1951 which was the year before the late Queen's father George VI died.

The King's birthday is a national holiday in Australia and is celebrated in four of the six states and both territories on the second Monday of June. In Western Australia the holiday is taken in September and in Queensland in October.

King Charles's birthday is actually on 14 November (this year he will turn 75) and Queen Elizabeth's birthday was April 21. So why is the monarch's birthday officially celebrated in June each year?

Up until 1936, the holiday in the UK was held on the birthday of the monarch, which in the case of George V and his successor, Edward VIII, fell in June. It was decided to keep the celebration in that month because of the chance of better weather and also because the birthdays of the succeeding monarchs were too close to other major holidays.

Australia has fitted in with that tradition, not because of the better weather obviously, but because it provides a break in the long period between Anzac Day and Christmas Day. Victoria, of course, has two unique holidays in that long stretch of time: the day before the AFL Grand Final and Melbourne Cup Day.



King Charles



Although we have officially slipped into winter, the colours of autumn could still be seen in many parts of Gisborne in late May.



GISBORNE GOSS

Gisborne was rattled by an earthquake near Sunbury on Sunday 28 May. Geoscience Australia reported it was a magnitude 3.8 quake, at an estimated depth of three kilometres.

The short, but relatively powerful, earth tremor, which struck about 11.40pm on Sunday, was felt by many. In Sunbury it was described by some as "one very big, violent shake".

Vandals have been reported moving icons on graves in Gisborne Cemetery.



Fun for Gisborne Primary students on Athletics Carnival day.



SPORT IN PICTURES



Seniors, Gisborne v Kyneton, 14 May.



Seniors, Gisborne v Kyneton, 14 May.



U19, Gisborne Giants v Riddell, 20 May.



Gisborne Giants v Diggers Rest, 15 May.



Macedon v Melton, 20 May.



U19, Gisborne Giants v Riddells Creek, 20 May.



U13, Gisborne Rookies v Lancefield, 21 May.



A Grade Gisborne v Kyneton, 14 May.



A Reserve Gisborne v Kyneton, 14 May.





B Grade, Macedon v Melton Central, 20 May.



U11, Gisborne Giants v Sunbury Kangaroos, 15 May.



U13, Possums v United, 20 May.



U19, Gisborne Giants v Riddell, 20 May.



Gisborne Giants Silver v Lancefield Yellow, 21 May.



U13, Macedon v Saints, 20 May.



U19, Gisborne v Kyneton, 14 May.



U13, Macedon v Saints, 20 May.

'Oh for the wings of a dove'

St Paul's Anglican Parish of Gisborne

My ear is strongly attuned to the sound of aircraft going overhead. I must confess – in the tradition of most Anglican vicars, I have a passion for all things transport.

I belong to a nerdy group of people who understand that SID is a standard



Nevis and Bison 3.

And as the deep cold skies begin to take hold of our reality, my fantasy

instrument departure and that a STAR is a standard operating route.

Excellent names are given for checkpoints: Bolinda, Steve, Wendy 2,

begins if only, "Oh, to have the wings of a dove."

Sometimes, it is a good fantasy that keeps us curious. "If only" gives way to "what if." "I wonder" gives way to "Let us try." Some may well call it escapism, and to a point, they are probably right.

For us in this land of great and long traditions beneath the southern sky,

that level of wonder drives the need to explore.

Grateful for what we have here, our history will always reflect the quest to know and explore.

And when our day has come, we pay our respects to the land on which we live and continue the dreaming of a brighter day.

Dennis Webster

A reflection on a special church

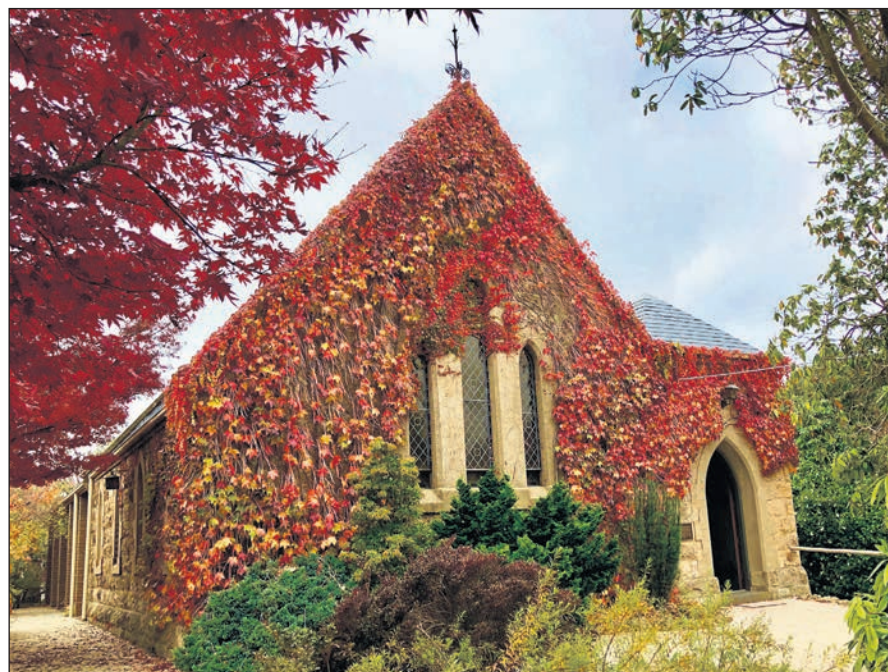


The autumn leaves have fallen and the crowds have gone. The Boston ivy on the Mount Macedon Uniting Church attracts throngs of people for photographs with the church as background. Unfortunately, the garden suffers somewhat from ill-placed feet while seeking a better angle!

The Boston ivy on the front of the church is quite old. The neo-Gothic stone church was opened in 1874. Photos from early last century do not show it. However, a photo from the 1950s shows the ivy completely covering the front of the church. We think the ivy was probably planted in the 1930s. It survived being burnt on Ash Wednesday 40 years ago, reportedly chasing the stonemasons up the wall as it regrew.

The rhododendron at the front is believed to have been planted around that time too. Lifetime local Steven Ryan remembers it being a large shrub in the 1950s. The photo shows it around three metres high, suggesting it would be about 20 years old.

The rhododendron has a chequered history. A car crashed into it in the 1990s, demolishing a large section, but the damaged area quickly grew back. About 10 years ago, it started to die back. It was about six metres high by



The ivy-covered Mount Macedon Uniting Church. Picture: Linda Liebich

then. New concrete paving of the forecourt was probably the reason.

While the old main trunk died off and was progressively removed, new sections layered and filled in so now, after some tender loving care as advised by Steven, it continues to make a statement. It comes into its own in the spring

with a blaze of pink flowers.

We are proud of our lovely heritage stone church and its contribution to the Top Tiny Tourism Town award and are happy to share it with locals and visitors alike.

*Neil Tweddle
5426 2045*

Need to just take an hour out...?

Is there ever a day when you don't feel like you need a space to destress or just to stop?

A time when you want to do something different from the routine?

To have people around that do not want something from you but just your company and to listen to what you think or feel? Gisborne Presbyterian Craft Group may offer what you are looking for. We meet on the first and third Thursdays at the church hall between 9.30am and 3pm. Bring your craft project and machine etc and your lunch for the



Crafting together may be just the thing.

amount of time that suits you. If you do not have a current project or would like one to work on we have quilt kits avail-

able to make gifted quilts. Even if you don't sew, we encourage other crafts and have people willing to assist and teach a new skill if you choose.

We welcome you to come and check us out, have a coffee and a chat to see if we have something you would like to participate in.

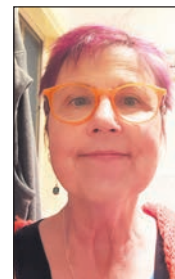
We will be having a Quilt Show in October to showcase our achievements and would like to include your efforts in the display. For information please contact Glenys 0424 383 016, Marsha 0428 843 959 or Marion 0448 887 657.

Contacting Gisborne's Community Connector – Chaplain

The new Community Connector (Chaplain) Jane Williams can be contacted via email – jwilliams@korusconnect.org.au or mobile 0481 591 565.

She is based at Gisborne Uniting Church alongside Gisborne Foodbank every Wednesday, so you could also call in there to see her.

*Bronwyn Tacey
Secretary
Community Chaplaincy Committee*



St Brigid's Parish Gisborne – incorporating St Ambrose Riddell's Creek & St Patrick's Macedon. Parish Priest: Fr Vinoth Santiago

Parish Secretary: Tammie Dagleish
Office hours: Tuesday & Thursday
9am to 5pm
Enquiries to gisborne@cam.org.au or 5428 2591

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
Everyone welcome!

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

St Vincent de Paul

A new chapter of SVDP has recently been established in Gisborne. If you are in need of assistance, whether by way of food vouchers or perhaps furniture, please reach out 1800 305 330.

Parish website: www.pol.org.au/gisborne/Home/asp



100 YEARS AGO

JUNE 1923

Gisborne Golf Club. The club were fortunate in securing the services of the Royal Park and Frankston professional (Wally Spicer) to inspect and report on the course. He thought the links were very good and laid out two new holes to do away with playing on the football ground. So golfers will now be able to play a full round of this course when the Island is occupied.

Gisborne Gazette, June 1, 1923

Send-Off at Sunbury. The Rev. John J. Gallivan, P.P., who was recently transferred from Sunbury to Northcote, was farewelled by his former parishioners on Wednesday week at the Soldiers' Memorial Hall, which was crowded. Mr. Mounsey, who presided, said that their guest was a good pastor and a good townsman – one who always had a kind word for everybody...

Mr. Mounsey presented the guest with a handsomely framed illuminated address. Fr. Gallivan has been in the Sunbury district for 37 years, 25 of which he had spent in Gisborne and 12 in Sunbury.

The Advocate (Melbourne), June 7, 1923

Gisborne School Notes. Up until Wednesday morning, 282 points of rain were recorded for the month of June. By the way, much that came through our leaky roof into the classrooms went unrecorded. Specifications for the work of remodelling are now complete. We are promised that the work will be advertised in about a fortnight. Last week there was not a name entered in the "late book". For the corresponding week of last year there were 23. We are grateful for the improvement!

Gisborne Gazette, June 15, 1923

Local Football. Footballers struck bad weather last Saturday. Soaking rain, accompanied by a bitterly cold wind, made conditions really unfit for play. Romsey and Gisborne "ducked" it till half time, when it was decided to cease play. The scores were Romsey 2.3, Gisborne 1 point.

The only outstanding feature, excepting the weather, was the serving of hot beef tea by the Romsey club, a thoughtful and kindly action that was greatly appreciated by all.

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WHAT'S ON REGULAR MEETINGS

New members always welcome

- ADULT RIDING CLUB (Gis)** 2nd Saturday I R Robertson Res
ADULT RIDING CLUB (Bullengarook) 2nd Saturday Rec Reserve
ANGLING CLUB 2nd Wed 8pm Railway Hotel Macedon
- BOTANIC GARDENS** working bee every Thurs 9.30am-10.30am
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 Tel 5428 3490 or 5427 0888
- CANASTA CLUB** 1.30pm every Mon except first Mon of month Parish centre (behind St Pauls Church, Gisborne)
- CANCER SUPPORT GROUP** last Wed of month MRH
- CAR CLUB** 1st Wednesday 8pm Steam Park, New Gisb
- CARERS GROUP (Mac Ranges)** 2nd & 4th Thurs, 1pm Woodend RSL 5420 7132 (Note: 4th Thurs carers only)
- COMMUNITY GARDEN** Wed 9am Church of Christ
- CROQUET CLUB** Wed & Sat 10am Dixon Field
- CWA GISBORNE** 2nd Monday 10am Gis Secondary College
- CWA MACEDON** 3rd Tues 1pm & 7pm 662 Mt Macedon Rd
- DALY RESERVE WORKING BEE** 2nd Tues 9.30am Scout Hall, Daly Res
- FILM SOCIETY** 2nd Wed Woodend Neigh'hood House 5427 2323
- FLY FISHING CLUB** 4th Wed 7.30pm MRFEC Gisborne
- FOCUS CLUB** 2nd Fri 12 noon Gisborne Golf Club
- FRIENDS of JACKSONS CREEK** working bees 3rd Sun 10-noon David Tunbridge 0415 534 477
- GARDEN CLUB** 2nd Wed various venues 0424 038 474
- GENEALOGY GROUP** 4th Thurs 7.30 Family Hist Rm, Library
- GIRL GUIDES** Thursdays 5pm Gis 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
- OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB** Sun 9am Riddells Rec Res
- PETANQUE** 2nd & 4th Sat 10am behind Caltex service station, Station Rd, Gisborne 0439 887 178
- PHOENIX ART & CRAFTS** 1st Thursday phoenixmrac.com
- PHOTOGRAPHIC SOC** 1st Tues & 2nd Mon 7pm Dromkeen, Riddells Ck
- PONY CLUB Bullengarook** 1st Sunday Rec Reserve
- PONY CLUB Gisborne** 1st Sunday Robertson Reserve
- PROBUS** 1st Thurs 10am Mechanics Inst.
- QUILTERS (Gisb)** Wed 7pm Room attached to Gisb Library
- RAMBLERS** Fridays 9.15am Tennis Club Dixon Field
- ROTARY (Gisborne)** 1st & 3rd 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 noon Rec Reserve Bullengarook
- SUPPORT AFTER SUICIDE** 2nd Mon each month, even if public holiday, 7-8.30pm Newham Mechanics Inst (1292 Rochford Rd)
- 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
- 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 sgdgome@patash.com.au

WHAT ELSE IS ON

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3 Genealogical workshop	6
5 Appns for Community Grants close	5
6 Photographic exhibition ends at The Gallery	16
8 Talk: 'What's going on with boys?'	4
10 Tea bag tarot show opens at The Gallery	16
10-12 King's Birthday weekend	
9-12 Woodend Winter Arts Festival	11
13 Submissions close for Willowbank Rd plan	5
13 & 14 Video at Library: Raising boys	10
18 'Finding Freedom' with Tom Ballard	23
23 Heritage: Last day for photographs	9
24 Term 2 holidays begin	
24 'Real Pigeons' at Kyneton Town Hall	17
25 Local author talk at library	10
30 Last day for Youth Awards nominations	12
30 2024 Kinder Registrations close	14
30 'Whalebone' at Kyneton Town Hall	17
JULY	
2 'Alphabet of Awesome Science' at Kyneton	17
8-9 Mount Players One Act Play Festival	16

CROSSWORD ANSWERS

ACROSS	DOWN
2. Queen	1. Quarantine
3. Queue	2. Queenscliff
5. Queensland	4. Quoits
6. Quadrillion	6. Quorum
9. Quito	7. Quince
10. Quotation	8. Quack
12. Quartet	9. Qantas
14. Quincentenary	10. Quadrangle
15. Quintuplet	11. Quagmire
16. Quaker	13. Quaint

QUIZ ANSWERS

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| 1. Christopher Cockerell | 6. Flag of |
| 2. Harry S Truman | Mozambique |
| 3. Dog | 7. Nail |
| 4. Aspirin | 8. The Beatles |
| 5. An equilateral triangle | 9. Wristwatches |
| | 10. Cotton Candy |

KIDS' QUIZ ANSWERS

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| 1. Dog | 6. Olivia Newton John |
| 2. The Senate | 7. Two |
| 3. Belgium | 8. Rams |
| 4. Albert Einstein | 9. Trigonometry |
| 5. The Platypus | 10. Chocolate |

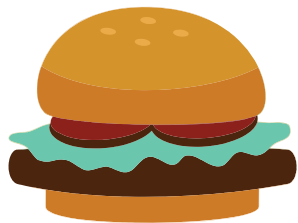
Baringo Film Club

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

Dates	Film
JUNE	
7 to 10	<i>The Lost King</i> (Drama /Comedy UK)
14 to 17	<i>Both Sides of the Blade</i> (Romantic drama, France)
21 to 24	<i>I Wanna Dance with Somebody</i> (Music/Drama, US)
28 Jun to 1 July	<i>The 39 Steps</i> (Spy drama, UK)

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