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Movie stars shine



Elyse Stancic, Halle Grant, Josh Ayres and Chelsea Aquilina feature on the red carpet at the Melbourne International Film Festival.

Picture: Myles Fromby, MIFF

Students from the Bullengarook campus of Sunbury and Macedon Ranges Specialist School have enthralled Victoria and a film about them has won two awards at the Melbourne International Film Festival.

The documentary film, *This Is Going To Be Big*, won both the Schools Award and the festival's publicly voted Audience Award in August. The film tells the story of the efforts of students from the Bullengarook school to put on a school production, titled 'The Time-Travelling Trio', from auditions to rehearsals to opening night.

The play itself premiered to sell-out audiences at the Mountview Theatre in March and follows three students who travel back in time, meeting Farnham at various stages of his career. But it is the documentary about their production journey that has created all the chatter.

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From the Editor's desk

Wow! I had that reaction to many stories in this edition and I hope you do too.

How exciting it must have been for Halle Grant, Chelsea Aquilina, Josh Ayres and Elyse Stancic, on this month's cover, to stand on the red carpet at the Melbourne International Film Festival, and learn that the film in which they starred had won the coveted Audience Award. Huge congratulations to everyone involved in the project.

And what a feat for Gisborne and Macedon teams to win half of the junior football and netball premierships of the Riddell District Football and Netball League (11 of 22) on 20 August. The elated faces on pages 30 and 31 tell the tale.

Then there's Gisborne Library starting a silent reading book club on 12 September, a novel idea to help people make time to enjoy reading. I hope many people find the time to make time for a good book.

I could almost feel the warm island sun in the stunning photo of Ethalia Alekozoglou and Vasili Cypreou at their wedding in Greece on page 6. How special that must have been, especially after COVID and so many other things delayed the event.

Sue Steward's triptych of birds on the same bush in her garden on page 15 had me in awe too. I hope the page prints well so you can appreciate the extraordinary detail of Sue's garden visitors. The digital edition on our website will certainly allow you to do so.

Another photo that made me marvel was John Power's drone shot on page 21 of the botanic sculpture made by a host of locals to celebrate National Wattle Day, led by Gisborne artist Joanne Mott. How clever and beautiful.

Finally, what a great idea Tate Kemp had to start All Abilities Public Speaking, to combine his lived experience with cerebral palsy and strong communication skills to encourage more inclusive thinking and behaviour in our society. That inspiring story is on page 20.

If anyone ever tells you nothing exciting happens in Gisborne, this edition provides plenty of evidence that it does.

Happy reading,

Corinne Shaddock



Gisborne Gazette Trophy: Gisborne Golf Club Club ladies ran a three-week competition for the 2023 Gisborne Gazette Trophy, with the best two results counting for the ladder. Jenny McSwain was announced the winner after the third round on 2 August. Pictured are ladies' co-captain Sharon Kemp, trophy winner Jenny McSwain, Gazette editor Corinne Shaddock and co-captain Nancy Inglis.

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Vietnam anniversary remembered locally

On the 50th anniversary of the end of Australia's involvement in the Vietnam War (18 August), this tribute to veterans appeared at the cairn in Honour Avenue, Macedon. The tribute is a poem by journalist Michael Birch, who was killed in Vietnam in 1968.

The anniversary was marked nationally and the Federal Government thanked the servicemen and women for their service.



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Bullengarook crew shine at Melbourne Film Festival

From page 1

The jury for the Schools Award said: "the film *This Is Going To Be Big* by [director] Thomas Charles Hyland is an uproariously funny and moving celebration of individuality that captures the awkwardness and excitement of adolescence, and it left us more hopeful for the future. The film is a significant step forward in neurodivergent representation with its use of comedy for the purpose of empowerment rather than derision. *This Is Going to Be Big* tells the kind of story that will change and has already changed lives."

"It's not the story of disability or being neuro-diverse," Hyland said. "It was always going to be a story about being a teenager."

The students, Chelsea, Josh, Elyse and Halle, were led by music teacher Darcy Nolan, who co-wrote the school play with drama teacher Lori Nicholls.

When director Hyland originally had his idea for the documentary and was looking for a school to follow, his criteria were firm: no rich inner-city schools, regional setting preferred, and most importantly, students who could tell their own stories. And of course, a school that would allow his cameras in behind the



Picture Chris Fleming

Above: Halle Grant, Josh Ayres, teacher Darcy Nolan, Chelsea Aquillina and Elyse Stancic back at school after their big win. Right: Halle performs as 1980s Farnham. Picture: MIFF

scenes. Another teacher recommended that he speak to Darcy Nolan, the longtime music teacher at Sunbury and Macedon Ranges, and the school ticked all the boxes.

Recognising the social responsibility involved in working with special needs students, the director part-

nered with Bus Stop Films, a not-for-profit organisation that makes films with and about people with diverse abilities and backgrounds.

Campus Principal Brendan Nolan said 'The Time-Travelling Trio' was the first production staged by the Bullengarook campus of Sunbury and Macedon Ranges Specialist School since 2019 due to the impact of COVID. The school usually has a production every two years.

"What made this extra special," Nolan said, "was the fact that present at rehearsals for the six months leading up to the performance was the film director ... who was soon joined by a large crew who documented the students' journey."

This Is Going to Be Big premiered at the Capital Theatre in Swanston Street on 9 August to a sold-out audience and finished with standing ovations around Victoria. The film will screen on the ABC early in 2024 and towards the end of the year will be screened on Netflix.



Speaker to reveal ideas on creating great businesses and thriving villages

Tourism Macedon Ranges has secured noted speaker Gilbert Rochecouste of Village Well to present the keynote address at this year's Macedon Ranges Business Breakfast, on Thursday 5 October at Gisborne Golf Club.

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Gilbert Rochecouste is recognised internationally as a leading voice in 'placemaking' and the creation of vibrant, resilient places. He is a sought after presenter and has worked with over 2500 cities, towns, businesses and communities over the past 30 years.

At the breakfast, Rochecouste will share insights into the latest customer and retail trends and talk about how, by embracing positive change and implementing innovative strategies, businesses and communities can thrive and flourish.

Andrew Towner, chair of Tourism Macedon Ranges, said, "We are excited to be bringing Mr Rochecouste to the Macedon Ranges. Having worked on projects



Picture: Chloe Smith Photography
Gilbert Rochecouste

Macedon Ranges Shire Council.

The breakfast will be on Thursday 5 October, 7am to 8.30am, at Gisborne Golf Club.

The cost is \$55 (\$50 early-bird special until 1 September). Please book via bit.ly/macedonbreakfast.

as diverse as Bruny Island, Flinders Lane, Queen Vic Night Markets, Dubai Creek and Hanging Rock, Mr Rochecouste has a wealth of experience to share.

"This event is for businesses of all sizes, and industries."

The Macedon Ranges Business Breakfast is an initiative of Tourism Macedon Ranges, and is supported by

Update on Gisborne Futures plan to go out for community discussion

An updated draft of the Gisborne Futures Structure Plan will be open for community consultation from 2 October.

The plan provides direction for Gisborne's long-term planning and development, including a settlement boundary to accommodate projected growth until 2050.

This new version of the draft Structure Plan responds to the community feedback received by the council on the 2020 draft and proposes shaping Gisborne and New Gisborne as vibrant and attractive 'twin villages', including a new town centre for New Gisborne to reduce the dependency on the existing Gisborne town centre.

There was a great deal of community discussion about the original draft plans when they were first released in 2020. The updated Gisborne Futures plans are available on the council's website in the attachments to the agenda for the 23 August council meeting.

More information will be available at mrsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay closer to the opening of consultation.

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Congratulations to Gisborne Football Netball Club's Claire Bourdon who played her 150th game of football in August.



Picture: GFNC Facebook



Congratulations to Gisborne Cricket Club's 1st XI skipper Jarryd Vernon on his selection as Vice-Captain in the 2022-23 Victorian Country Team of the Year.



Picture: Carmel Amelia School of Dance

Congratulations to local dancers Zoe, Addi, Alana and Mila who performed in the Victorian State Ballet production of Swan Lake at the Palais Theatre in August.

Hanging Rock sale goes ahead

The State Government has bought Hanging Rock's East Paddock from Macedon Ranges Shire Council for \$3 million and released a new master plan which it says will further protect the cultural significance of the destination. The sale was first flagged in 2018.

The East Paddock will officially be integrated into the Hanging Rock Reserve, ensuring the precinct remains protected. It will continue to cater for music events but the government says events will be managed to limit the impacts on nature and the surrounding environment. The relocation of sporting facilities is to take place over a transition period of five years while the council works with clubs to find suitable alternative sites.

Traditional owners groups and the Macedon Ranges Shire Council were consulted to develop the new Hanging Rock Precinct Master Plan, which outlines new actions on how to sustainably promote the region's cultural heritage.

The plan also outlines future developments to protect the natural environment and improve the visitor experience, including a new revegetated 'Songline' walking trail and a visitor centre that will act as a hub



The East Paddock at Hanging Rock during a concert.

for dining and education purposes.

The State Government says it will continue to work towards a joint management arrangement with traditional owners, and Macedon Ranges Shire Council will continue to manage the day-to-day operations of Hanging Rock for at least another three years.

To learn more about the master plan, visit www.forestsandreserves.vic.gov.au/initiatives/hanging-rock-project.

SEEN AROUND TOWN



Construction of new bases for two local emergency services is making progress. Above left: Gisborne's new ambulance station on 22 August, and right: Mount Macedon Fire Brigade's new station on 18 August.



There was plenty of passion for the Matildas in town with many local venues filling for the exciting quarter final and semifinal matches: at right, a Gisborne driveway on 14 August after the Matilda's nail-biting defeat of France on 12 August.

Students: take a look at Premier's Spirit of Anzac Prize

The 2023 Premier's Spirit of Anzac Prize competition offers students in Years 9 to 12 the opportunity to win a fully funded study tour to significant war heritage sites in Türkiye, retracing the experience of Australian men and women at war on the Gallipoli Peninsula and surrounds.

Written, creative, or digital interpretations of the Anzac spirit are possible in the application process.

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Walking the talk for Edgar's Mission

Twenty-two-year old Nicholas Fowler, hailing from Ashbourne, is stepping up to make an impact in the realm of animal welfare.

Nicholas is embarking on a journey to raise funds for Edgar's Mission, a not-for-profit animal sanctuary and rescue organisation at Lancefield, by participating in an upcoming four-day Trek for Kindness in Indonesia.

Set to kick off in October, the Trek for Kindness will see Nicholas trekking through the Sumatran rainforest, accompanied by fellow Edgar's Mission supporters who share his passion for making a difference.

They will also visit the Sumatran Orangutan Conservation Program in Medan, where they will gain insights into the work of rescuing, rehabilitating, and safeguarding endangered orangutans. Additionally, Nicholas will play a part in reforesting the area by planting local tropical trees to counter the effects of illegal logging.

Nicholas hopes to raise a total of \$3500 for Edgar's Mission. This is where the support and generosity of the community come into play. Every contribution, no matter the size, will make a significant difference in helping him achieve this goal.

To train up for the trek and raise awareness, Nicholas



From left: Supporters Kelly Milne, Alexandra Fowler and mum Lisa Fowler with Nicholas Fowler and Edgar's Mission founder Pam Ahern.

recently did a 30-kilometre walk from Mount Macedon to Edgar's Mission.

All the funds garnered through sponsorships and donations will be channelled directly to Edgar's Mission. To donate, go to edgarsmission-sumatra-2023.raisely.com/nicholas-fowler.

New local laws start this month

A new set of local laws for Macedon Ranges Shire will come into effect on 25 September.

Some changes in the new local laws versus the existing ones are: Collection of firewood from council land and roads will be prohibited; It will be illegal for dogs to defecate on private property without the property owner's permission; burning in the open air will be prohibited on land less than 2000 square metres – this means no backyard burnoffs.

A summary report of the key changes in the local laws was being prepared by the council when the *Gazette* went to print.

A detailed report that summarises key themes of community feedback received and how it was taken into account in drawing up the new set of local laws can

be found in the attachments for the 23 August Scheduled Council Meeting on the council website, mrs.c.vic.gov.au.

Call for Local Hero nominations

The 2023 Local Hero Award will be awarded at Carols by Candlelight on 10 December.

Nominations are now open, so if you know of someone who has dedicated much to the community in a voluntary capacity and deserves recognition, please nominate them, and let us know their community contributions.

Last year's Local Hero was former *Gazette* editor Bryan Power. We look forward to celebrating another Local Hero at this year's carols, which again will be held at Dixon Field.

Please send nominations to gisborne_localhero@gmail.com by 10 November, or contact Bronwyn Tacey on 0417 028 605 for further information.

Gisborne Community Carols Committee

Dance school delivers top program

Gisborne Dance Academy leaders are on a high after great success in the Ready Set Dance 2023 Conference awards in Sydney in June. The annual awards recognise studios across Australia in their efforts to deliver the licensed preschool dance program 'Ready Set Dance'.

Up against finalists from across the country, Gisborne Dance Academy was awarded Rural Studio of the Year and Sarah Morton and Amy Phillips were both shortlisted for the Teacher of the Year award.

Sarah was also invited to talk on a panel of five studio owners during the two-day conference.

Gisborne Dance Academy director Sarah Morton said her team is incredibly passionate about nurturing young childhood development through dance and music.



Gisborne Dance Academy's Olivia Hilton, Amy Phillips and Sarah Morton accept the rural studio of the year award in Sydney.

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BEHIND THE COUNTER

From Gisborne to Greece and back again

In our series helping readers get to know the people behind our local businesses, this month we meet Vas and Ethalia, owners of Gisborne's newest small business, Gisborne Outdoor Furniture.

Vasili ("Vas") Cypreou and Ethalia Alekozoglou are a newly married Gisborne couple fresh from their wedding and honeymoon and ready to get started with their new business in Gisborne. For over five years, Ethalia and Vas have lived in Gisborne, where they raise their two young daughters, Mila and Yana, and now work.

Vas, who grew up in Melbourne's inner north-west, has worked in the outdoor furniture trade for more than 15 years, during which time he has managed large regions for several furniture stores, travelled nationally and internationally to develop his relationships with suppliers and learnt all there is to know about his customers' needs and wants. He is passionate about customer service and the items he stocks.

Ethalia, who grew up in the northern suburbs, started her working life as a lawyer before moving into a business administration role at her sister's engineering firm. She has been enjoying being a full-time mum again for the past year but is ready to rejoin the workforce and work with her husband in their new business.

Vas has been looking forward to starting his own furniture business for some time now, but the timing has never been right.

First, there was the financial instability that comes from starting your own business, which felt particularly risky when Ethalia became pregnant with their first child and Vas was the sole breadwinner for the household (which includes the family dog, Mocha).

Second, came the COVID-19 pandemic.

Third, came new jobs with new opportunities for both Vas and Ethalia.

Fourth, came baby number two. Finally, came the long-awaited wedding, which, in honour of Vas and Ethalia's family backgrounds, was always going to be in Greece.

Ethalia and Vas are very excited to begin this new chapter of their lives — as husband and wife; as



Ethalia Alekozoglou and Vasili Cypreou with their daughters at their wedding in Greece.

business owners — in beautiful Gisborne, which they love and have made their home ... and now will also be the place where they run their business.

Gisborne Outdoor Furniture is having its grand opening in the Gisborne Village Shopping Centre on 1 September.

Adam Lopez

Swim school moves to New Gisborne

Splash Buddies Swim School has relocated to a purpose-built facility at 13 Pioneer Way in the New Gisborne Industrial Estate. The business was previously in South Gisborne.



Inside Splash Buddies' new pool, and the exterior of the building.



Contribute to the Gisborne Festival



Have you thought about contributing to the Lions Gisborne Festival? It will be held on 8 December and is a free community event for Gisborne and the surrounding area that usually attracts around 5000 people.

Proudly coordinated by the Gisborne and District Lions Club, the Gisborne Festival consists of a street parade and activities on Gardiner Reserve including live music, a variety of stalls, free children's activities, carnival rides and a fireworks display.

It costs around \$28,000 to produce this event, which must be raised by the Lions Club from a number of sources including sponsorships.

You could contribute to the festival in a number of ways, such as assisting in planning the event; helping on the day with the set-up and winding up at the conclusion; having a float in the parade; having a market or food stall; providing sponsorship funding.

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In 2002, the Ambulance Auxiliary handed over management of the market to the newly formed GREAT Association and over the years since, the association has strongly supported our volunteer emergency services. Between May 2014 and the start of COVID-19, GREAT donated a total of over \$75,000 to Bullengarook CFA, Gisborne SES, Heskett-Kerrie CFA, Gisborne CFA, Mount Macedon CFA and the Macedon CFA.

More recently, GREAT came to the party when the Bullengarook CFA needed a new pressure washer late last year. This was a much-needed piece of equipment for the brigade to ensure that their trucks are being well maintained and cleaned after turnouts.

Being a rural brigade, many drills and turnouts require travel on dirt roads and off road, therefore, cleaning down the trucks is an important task to ensure that they remain in good working order.

Remember that the CFA – and GREAT – are always looking for new volunteers. Contact your local CFA, or GREAT at greatgisborne@gmail.com.

Rick Arden, President, GREAT Association



Bullengarook CFA captain Simon cleans down their newest truck with the pressure washer.

Gisborne brigade celebrates long service

Gisborne Fire Brigade hosted our Annual Brigade Dinner in mid-July. It was the first brigade dinner held since 2019, the 2020 and 2021 dinners being postponed due to COVID-19 and 2022 due to deployments to flood-affected areas.

The dinner gives brigade members the opportunity to come together and celebrate their achievements, continued commitment to the community and reflect on major incidents where the brigade has served. Special guests included the district commander and representatives from other CFA brigades, as well as the Gisborne SES Unit.

The event is also a time to celebrate special milestones and long service to the brigade. The July dinner celebrated approximately 560 years of service by way of medals and certificates. Rob Dunstan and Ian Hay were presented with long-service medals for 45 years of continued service each, and Bruce Harker received a 55-year service medal.

Further awards included six five-year service certificates, four 10-year service medals, four 15-year service medals, five 20-year service medals, one 25-year service medal, one 30-year service medal and three 35-year service medals. Brigade awards were also presented to members.

A major honour was celebrated with Sam Strang being presented with the CFA Outstanding Service



Gisborne firefighter Sam Strang with the CFA Outstanding Service Medal. Picture: Uniform Photography

Medal. This medal recognises prolonged service distinguished by exceptional performance. It is one of CFA's most prestigious awards.

Sam joined the brigade in 1987 and was quickly recognised as a leader. He served on the Brigade Management Team for over 30 years including nine years as captain.

Sam continues to greatly support the brigade, whether it be turning out, within project teams or just being someone who will provide support to other members. It is safe to say that Sam is one of Gisborne's most-respected firefighters and we thank him for his continued service. Sam is the first Gisborne firefighter to be presented with this prestigious award.

Thank you to CFA board member Kylee Bates for attending to present the medal.

A good night was had by all, including family and friends who were invited to the event to see what their loved ones achieve and do at the Gisborne Fire Brigade.

3rd Lieutenant Jordan Whitefield

Preparing your property for the fire season

Spring is here. It's time to shake off the cobwebs of winter and enjoy some sunshine. Spring



is also a great time to start preparing your property for the summer, when fires are likely to happen. You can reduce the risk to your home and property by cleaning up around your dwelling and clearing potential fire hazards before the fire danger period kicks in.

These jobs include:

- removing any overhanging tree branches and shrubs over one metre high next to or below windows
- keeping grass short and clearing other combustible debris near your home
- clearing roof gutters of any leaf litter
- maintaining any defensible space around your home
- ensuring any rainwater tanks are accessible and full
- ensuring you have a bushfire survival plan in place and practise it regularly – this should also include pets
- attending local CFA community meetings around fire preparedness – for dates and times, follow CFA's North West Region Community Safety Facebook page.

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Walking to raise awareness of suicide prevention



Macedon Ranges Suicide Prevention Action Group (MRSPAG) invites everyone to the Macedon Ranges Suicide Prevention Walk.

Sunday 10 September is World Suicide Prevention Day. MRSPAG is hosting a Community Walk highlighting this year's World Suicide Prevention Day theme, 'Creating Hope Through Action – We all have a role to play'.

As our community continues to be impacted by suicide, Macedon Ranges Suicide Prevention Action Group believes we can all play a role in supporting people with mental ill-health and those who are bereaved.

It aims to inspire confidence and light in all of us; that our actions, no matter how big or small, may provide hope to those who are struggling. Talking, listening, sharing, caring and assisting others to find help if needed is one way to do this. A caring, connected community benefits a suicide prevention strategy.

MRSPAG is a group of community members who have joined forces with local government and community health organisations to continue to build a robust response to suicide prevention in the Macedon Ranges – this pet-friendly walk will be the 10th year that the Macedon Ranges has responded. There is the opportunity to register the name of a person lost to suicide to be read out as part of the morning's formalities, along with music, coffee, food and a personal story.

We walk united:

- to remember those loved and lost to suicide along with those bearing the weight of grief.
- to encourage a community which cares about those struggling with mental health and to support those seeking help.



Last year's walk drew many community members to remember and support.

- to raise awareness, promoting the reduction of stigma around mental health issues and suicide prevention.

When: Sunday 10 September – Registration from 8:30am

Where: The walk will start from the Woodend Children's Park (Nicholson Street) and continue into Woodend township and then along beautiful Five-Mile Creek before returning to the park, where coffee and food will be available. (approx. four kilometres)

Cost – FREE (We encourage participants to register prior to the walk to ensure catering demands are met). Please RSVP your attendance, and to request the name of a loved one who died by suicide to be read out prior to walking, please email suicidepreventionwalk@mrspag.com.au

For further enquiries email info@mrspag.com.au.

If you are concerned about yourself or someone you know please call: Lifeline 13 11 14 or Kids Helpline on 1800 55 1800.



Focus on the homeless

As a follow-up to the screening of the documentary *Undercover* in Kyneton last month, the Rotary Clubs of the Macedon Ranges are again seeking help from the community. Rotary International has recognised homelessness as a growing humanitarian crisis and for many years joined other organisations to find short- and long-term solutions. The RISE project, which stands for Rotary In Support of Empowerment, was designed to find a way to intervene and prevent homelessness by creating affordable accommodation, and we recognised the cohort of women in the 50-plus age group as most at risk; this group is our current focus.

RISE is a joint project of the Calder Cluster of Rotary Clubs – Gisborne, Kyneton, Daylesford, Macedon Cocktail club and Woodend.

For the model to work we need properties – studios or houses that are vacant even if they do not meet occupancy standards. Rotary and partners would work with the property owners to use the space for the program. The success of this project is very dependent on the community response and we hope that many will look at their properties through a different lens and see if any part of what you have could be a home for someone in need. We believe that once safe housing is provided, the majority of people will then be able to seek the help they need to improve their lives.

If you are able to assist or wish to discuss this further, please call Lyn on 0407 777 344.

Lyn Robinson

Grants for carers

Connecting Carers in the Community grant program provides grants of up to \$40,000 each to reduce the isolation experienced by many carers.

Applications for grants are encouraged from carer support groups, community groups and grassroots organisations that connect with unpaid carers in regional communities. Applications close on 15 September. For more information visit carersvictoria.org.au.



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A big thank you to Stuart Kennedy, a Gisborne local and owner of veterinary wholesaler Ellar Laboratories at Tullamarine, who has been donating pet food to the Foodbank regularly to ensure that our clients' furry family members are also looked after.

With rising living costs over the past year or so, it is wonderful to have Stuart's generous support to ensure that our clients' pets don't go without, and that they have one thing fewer to worry about.

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 (www.gisbornefoodbank.org.au).

Julie Ireland

Revamped 'Opportunity on Hamilton' seeks volunteers

Residents are in for a treat as 'Opportunity on Hamilton' at 80 Hamilton Street has undergone a refreshing reorganisation and makeover whilst keeping the warm and welcoming atmosphere for which it is known.

If you haven't popped in for a browse lately you might be pleasantly surprised by an extra room filled with treasures. As always, we promise real op-shop pricing and the same cheery smiles you have grown accustomed to seeing. Experience the joy of giving back whilst finding fantastic items, with all purchases continuing to help fund projects for Gisborne Oaks Residential Aged Care.

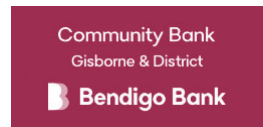
As always, we rely on your good quality donations and our wonderful volunteers to continue serving the

community. If you might be interested in volunteering, consider some of the benefits, such as doing something that helps local causes; meeting amazing people who share your passion for making a difference; gaining new skills and developing your potential through hands-on experience (you might be surprised how your past skills can come in handy with us); and enjoying volunteer shifts that fit your schedule and lifestyle.

Don't miss this opportunity to be a part of something meaningful. If you think this might work for you, contact Amanda on 0436 958 965 or drop into the shop to fill out a volunteer form to find out more about becoming a valued member of our op shop volunteer team!

Amanda Kiernan, Op Shop Coordinator

Community Bank seeks to give more away



Are you on the committee of a local club or community organisation that is looking for funding? Thanks to customer support, the Community Bank's next grant round will open on 1 September. We invite groups to apply for funding for projects that they believe will make Gisborne and surrounds an even better place to live, work and play. All types and sizes of projects will be considered. Email mrcepublicrelations@gmail.com to check your project eligibility and how to apply.

We have been delighted to see a wide variety of local people benefiting from community projects we supported recently. These included a happy group of all-abilities players at South Gisborne Tennis Club enjoying the club's resurfaced courts, Gisborne SES volunteers showing us how their new foldable stretcher makes bush rescues easier and their service vehicle more effective, children playing on new wooden furniture at Macedon Ranges Montessori Preschool and many excited players, volunteers and fans at the RDFNL junior grand finals on 20 August.

Our board of directors looks forward to reviewing many spring funding applications, from groups that have not applied before and those who have received funding before.



SES Unit Gisborne captain Ross Evans, Tori Collins, Marcus Lisle and David Thomas show Michelle Morrison of Community Bank Gisborne & District the foldable stretcher the unit recently acquired with bank funding.

For more information on our community support, visit bendigobank.com.au/Gisborne, or follow our Facebook page. Applications close on 30 September.

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Municipal Emergency Management Plan under review – have your say

Every council in Victoria is required to have a Municipal Emergency Management Plan and review it every three years. These plans outline arrangements for the planning, response and recovery from emergencies – such as storms, floods and fires – for the municipality. The council, emergency services and partners all play a role in developing these plans.

The plans are also aimed at capturing the unique needs of the local community and how resilience, households and businesses play a role.

The council welcomes your input and invites you to participate in a short survey on what you think matters when it comes to planning for emergencies in the Macedon Ranges.

This survey closes on 1 October. Visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay.

Grant approved for Aged Care Volunteer Visitors Scheme

The Federal Government has funded the council, among other organisations, to tackle social isolation and loneliness in older people through the Aged Care Volunteer Visitors Scheme.

The scheme is a free service available for those in residential aged care, or recipients of Home Care Packages. Volunteers are matched to a recipient with similar interests and can be:

- one-on-one or group visits to residential aged care homes
- one-on-one visits to people receiving a Home Care Package.

The scheme is designed to connect with those who are or may feel socially isolated; do not have regular positive contact with friends or relatives; have frailty, mobility or communication impairment that prevents them from participating in social or leisure opportunities; or do not participate in social support group services funded by a Commonwealth-subsidised aged care program.

The Aged Care Volunteer Visitors team works with our volunteers to support, supervise and coordinate the program and promote the council's Positive Ageing

Plan. To learn more or to get involved, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/ACVVS or contact us via email VolunteerVisiting@mrsc.vic.gov.au.

Celebrating Macedon Ranges' seniors

The Victorian Seniors Festival is close and it is time to celebrate. Take this opportunity to celebrate the achievements of our older residents and recognise the contribution they make to the community. If you know an older person in the shire who has made a difference, nominate them today.

Residents aged over 65 (or for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, over 50) are eligible to be nominated.

Nominees will be considered on the basis of their contribution to the local community, how they demonstrate active ageing and promote a positive image of older people.

To submit a nomination or find out more, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/seniorsfestival or call 5422 0333. Nominations are open from now until 1 October.

Carers' Week workshop

Do you take better care of the person you are caring for than yourself? If the answer is yes, you will benefit from this workshop. We will explore the reasons why your health and wellbeing is so important, what stops you from caring for yourself, and give you strategies to help better care for yourself. The workshop is open to all families and carers, especially those who find it difficult to care for themselves.

Date: Wednesday 11 October, 10:30am-12.30pm at Dromkeen Gallery, 1012 Kilmore Road, Riddells Creek.

Morning tea provided. To register, call 5422 0333 or email hshort@mrsc.vic.gov.au.

Calling all photographers

To recognise International Day of People with Disability, the council will be holding a 'Showcasing Inclusion' photo competition and invites the community to submit photos that show inclusivity in daily life.

The competition will run during spring, with a presentation event around International Day of People with Disability, falling on 3 December, followed by a

travelling exhibition for the community to view entries.

Competition categories will focus on different aspects of life such as education and employment, the arts, sport and recreation. There will also be a category for photographers who identify as a person with disability and for photographers under 16 years old.

Photos are to be submitted in digital format. For information on how to submit photos, competition opening and closing dates, and terms and conditions, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/IDPWD.

Village Connect events for over-55s



The Village Connect program has a range of activities on offer for over-55s and carers.

September events include the **monthly walk in Kyneton**, on 1 September (and 6 October next month). Meet at 9:45am at the

rotunda, 2 Campaspe Crescent, Kyneton; **Chess in Gisborne** on Friday 22 September, 1.30-3pm, in the Gisborne Community Centre Meeting Room, Hamilton Street. Meet and connect with like-minded individuals over a casual game of chess; **Digital Education: NBN Scam Awareness** session on Tuesday 5 September, 10.30am to 12 noon, Riddells Creek Neighbourhood House, 59 Main Road, or Tuesday 5 September, 2-3pm, Woodend Neighbourhood House, 47 Forest Street.

Learn about common scams, how to detect them, what to do if you think you have been scammed, and tips to stay safe from scams. Spaces are limited so bookings are essential.

To register for Village Connect events call 5422 0333 or visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/village-connect.

Waste app

The council has its own waste app. Features include a personalised bin collection calendar with optional reminders, a waste A-Z of what goes where, and further information about waste and recycling services.

Download from your app store or visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/Waste-App.

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AT GISBORNE LIBRARY...

Gisborne Library's new spring brochure has just arrived, and we have lots of great things going on throughout September, October and November. Be sure to check it out at ncgrl.vic.gov.au/events or pick up a copy in the library next time you're in.

- We have the usual Crochet and Conversation group, held on the first Monday of every month between 2.30-3.30pm. This is a great place for beginners or experts alike, as it's really about getting together and meeting new people over a crochet project.
- Once a month on a Tuesday evening throughout spring we will be starting a silent reading book club. Suitable for families or individuals. Bring along a book (or borrow one of ours!) to read for an hour in a quiet spot. Sometimes it's hard to find the time to sit and just read, so we're making a time! We'll even throw in a cup of tea or coffee. Join us on the second Tuesday of the month 5-6pm. Beginning 12 September.
- This month our movie screening is *Still Alice*. Based on the 2007 novel by Lisa Genova, *Still Alice* stars Julianne Moore as Alice Howland, a linguistics professor diagnosed with familial Alzheimer's disease shortly after her 50th birthday. Wednesday 13 September, 1pm.
- Keep an eye on our website and our Facebook and Instagram pages @macedonrangeslibraries for the school holiday program coming out soon. Some highlights include making your own lava lamps, and 3D pen activities, as well as weekly movie screenings.

We hope to see you in the library soon.

Sara Shaw

Explore ideas and learn new skills at Further Education Open Day



With the theme of 'It's Never Too Late', Macedon Ranges Further Education Centre is inviting community members to our Open Day on Sunday 3 September from 9.30am to 12.30pm, to celebrate and encourage life-long learning in our community during Adult Learners' Week.

The Open Day aims to inspire people to get out and try something new, and the centre will be providing 'Come and Try' sessions to showcase some of our many activities and courses on offer throughout the year.



Students enjoy a watercolour class at MR FEC.

Participating in adult education programs can help build new skills and knowledge while also building friendships and connections.

The Open Day will be held during the Gisborne Olde Time Market.

MR FEC is located between the Gisborne Library and the Gisborne Fitness Centre.

Rebecca Harris, centre manager

Macedon & Mt Macedon Community House

School Holiday Programs

Follow our Facebook and Instagram pages for details about creative workshops for kids in the September holidays.

Community Choir Thursdays 7.30pm-9.20pm starting 14 September

The choir is aimed at adults of all ages, genders and abilities to develop a strong SATB (soprano, alto, tenor, bass) choir, as well as have a great deal of fun! Contact Dean on deanmichael21@outlook.com to register interest and receive further information, or just come along.

Permies at the House

Check out our Facebook page Permies @ the House for those interested in permaculture and for past course participants to find out about permaculture activities such as produce swaps, book clubs and more!

Library Drop in and Co-working Space Fridays 10am-1pm

In partnership with Goldfields Library Corp, no membership required: just drop by and browse our shelves for a book to borrow. Volunteers there to help and accept any donations of good quality books. We are connected to the NBN. Gold coin donation for tea and coffee.

Sit and Sew Craft Group Thursdays 10am-12 noon

Bring your own sewing, knitting or craft project to the

community house on Thursdays and meet creative, like-minded locals.

Playgroup Mondays and Wednesdays 9.30am-12.30pm

New families are welcome to join our Monday and Wednesday morning playgroups. Please email playgroup@mmmcommunityhouse.org.

Introduction to Permaculture

Term 4 course: Tuesday 10 October to 17 November in partnership with Macedon Ranges Further Education. Please register interest via MR FEC (5428 3799; enquiries@mrfec.net.au).

Pregnancy Yoga Wednesdays 1.30-2.30pm


For more information and to discuss pre-requisite requirements, please contact Loris at loriscassar@gmail.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.


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Traveller's tales

While many of our members are travelling interstate to warmer climes, frosty mornings haven't stopped a few members of Gisborne CWA from getting around our home state in the last few weeks. Whether it's a bus trip to St Arnaud, a train to Bendigo or a car ride to Echuca.

St Arnaud saw the state Creative Arts where our own Helen Ryvitch scored a third placing for her quilt. It was inspiring to see the work of some very clever and creative ladies and nice to relax on the bus instead of driving.



Christine Edwards

Meetings around the state have been well attended to form a strategic plan for the future of CWA. Kay, Allison and Kerri drove to Echuca to participate in one gathering and were impressed by the work being done.

We have our Father's Day stall at Bunnings in Sunbury on Thursday 31 August between 5 and 7pm, with crafts and cookery for sale. Then on September 9 and 10, we'll be in Kyneton for the Daffodil Festival in the Masonic Hall. There will be craft, cakes, plants and bric a brac aplenty and delicious lunches to eat.

Our next meeting is Monday 11 September at the Gisborne Secondary College Stadium and Coffee, Craft and Chat is on the 18th. Both start at 10am and all ladies are welcome to join us. *Christine Edwards*



Macedon News

September starts off with a Group Conference to discuss mail-outs from our Head Office and to catch up on things that are happening in the various branches. This keeps us all aware of the activities going on statewide and across our group.

Over the weekend of September 9 and 10, the Kyneton Branch will run a cafe in the Masonic Hall in Yaldwyn Street, Kyneton, as part of the Daffodil Festival. There will also be stalls, run by other branches, selling cakes, crafts and good quality, pre-loved objects. This is a good venue to have a refreshment break and, perhaps, buy some goodies to take home, or even some Christmas gifts.

Later on, CWA Victoria runs the CWA Refreshment Room at the Royal Melbourne Show. This is the biggest fundraiser that the Victorian CWA runs to enable us to assist with projects that help women, children and families, and in natural disasters.

Please support us if you go to the show. You can enjoy lunch or scones, jam and cream, and rest your weary feet for a while.

Enjoy the start of spring. If you feel that you would like to be a part of CWA or want to know more about us, please call me, Anne Fyfield on 5426 2210.

Gisborne Probus Club enjoys Christmas in July



What a great celebration the Probus Club had for our Christmas in July at the Glen Erin Winery.

They made it very special by giving us a true feeling of Christmas, as the venue was decorated with Christmas trees, had holly wreaths over the fireplace and lovely table decorations in Christmas colours.

All members who attended enjoyed their lovely meal and shared in the spirit of Christmas created in the dining room. You can see the happy faces in the photo.



Christmas in July 2023 was a happy occasion.

St Paul's Op Shop Jottings...

The last school holidays saw a bumper choice for children looking for activities and fun things to do. Lucky dips, assorted toy bags, puzzles, board games, colouring books, crayons, colouring pencils and markers were winning boredom busters. We also had a wizard's corner with Harry Potter items on offer.

Warm blankets and coats are in high demand at this time of the year. If you have any in excess to your needs, we would gladly receive them.

This month we ask Leonnie about her experience volunteering with us. "I called into St Paul's Op Shop one afternoon about 15 years ago; I had moved towards retirement and [stopped] the city commute, and liked the vibe at St Paul's," she said.

"A few days later I received a friendly call from

Graeme Millar and that was the start of a very rewarding connection for me. I love the powerful contribution all volunteers and our fantastic customers make when we combine our efforts to produce such positive outcomes for our community and beyond. I have also made some precious friendships along the way!"

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



Op Shop volunteer Leonnie

Janine Sanders
Op Shop Coordinator

Morning Tea caterer wanted

The Probus Club is looking to employ a 'Morning Tea' person to undertake the catering at our monthly meetings from our first meeting in 2024, which will be on 1 February. For further information please contact our President, Michael O'Brien, on 0427 762 757.

The Probus Club of Gisborne meets on the first Thursday of the month in the Gisborne Community Centre (old Senior Citizens Room) at 10am. If you want to experience being a member of our club you are welcome to join us at our next meeting, which will be on 7 September.

Dianne Egan

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Animal art at the Gallery



The Gallery Mt Macedon presents 'Wild Wings 'n Furry Things' during September. This new collection of nature art by local artist Lesley Rosochodski reflects her continuing passion for wildlife and the natural environment. Each painting is meticulously planned and created in oils on high-quality surfaces.

The series is inspired by the way humans use word play to describe and connect with birds and animals, based on their natural behaviours. Each artwork personifies a variety of humorous and charming wildlife characters, defining their unique characteristics.

Embodying realism, emotion and story, the paintings capture a range of human metaphors.

In a world of expanding suburbs and cities, where natural spaces are rapidly eroding, Lesley's art ultimately speaks of conservation. It reminds people of the existence of nature, and their duty of care to all species and to our planet. A portion of the exhibition proceeds will be donated to wildlife rescue and rehabilitation.

You are invited to view the exhibition at The Gallery from Tuesday 5 September 5 to Sunday 1 October. The Opening Celebration will be on Saturday 9 September at 2pm. The Gallery is open 10am to 4pm, Friday to Tuesday, at 684 Mt Macedon Road, Mt Macedon (behind the Trading Post). Any queries, contact Sue Anson on 0413 581 632.



Artwork by Lesley Rosochodski

Busy times ahead for Young Voices



Young Voices of Macedon are in the final weeks of preparation for their annual concert, to be held at the Church of the Resurrection, Macedon, on Sunday 10 September at 2.30 pm.

With the title *We are the music makers*, the program features a lovely setting of this text (famously set to music by Edward Elgar) by Reginal Wright. The choir will also showcase songs from folk and gospel traditions, as well as selections from musicals. Songs such as *Peanut butter* and *Upside down* by distinguished Melbourne music educator Lorraine Milne (who will be present at the concert) comprise a special comical treat offered by our enthusiastic young group of Vivos.

Teachers Jess Demare and Peter Hagen also have a surprise performance in store.

We are honoured to have as our guest artist Kyneton soprano Elspeth Bawden, who is fast becoming well known as a soloist in works such as the Mozart *Requiem* (with the Australian Chamber Choir) and the Fauré *Requiem* (with the MSO). Elspeth's voice may also be heard in soundtracks of several *Animé* films and even a Hollywood movie. On this occasion Elspeth will delight the audience with two brackets of solos.

Following the concert, our Cantabile group will take on another big challenge in learning *Sea dreaming* by Elena Kats Chernin, a work that was first performed by a massed children's choir at the opening of the 2000 Sydney Olympics. Young Voices will perform *Sea dreaming* with other youth choirs and the Bendigo Symphony Orchestra in late November.

Children over the age of 10 are invited to take part in this wonderful opportunity by joining our choir.

Concert bookings: Trybooking.com; yvmaqedon.org.au.

Dianne Gome

The joy of baroque cello



Music lovers will have an excellent opportunity to hear baroque music for the cello, the instrument voted as the favourite in this year's poll by ABC Classic FM.

Cellist Sam Goble is a resident of Castlemaine and a teacher and performer in the Resonance String Orchestra. He is joined by harpsichordist Peter Hagen, who hails from Broadford and who, like Sam, has a strong commitment to providing live music in regional areas.

During the 17th century the Dutch contribution to the arts, sciences and law was considerable, and music flowered well into the 18th century, with prominent Dutch composers taking their music to other countries, notably Germany and England. Johannes Schenck, whose *Scherzi Musicali, Suite en la mineur* features in this program, was a highly regarded composer for the viol da gamba (a forerunner of the cello). Working in Duesseldorf at the court of Prince Elector Johann Willhelm II, his music was disseminated by musician colleagues. On the other hand, Willem De Fesch, after working in Amsterdam, moved to London to play violone in Handel's orchestra, amongst other activities. His many collections of sonatas include several now played on the cello with continuo. Peter Hellendaal is another composer to have worked successfully in London; he is represented here by his *Sonata for cello with thoroughbass*.

Sunday 17 September, 2.30pm, Church of the Resurrection, cnr Honour Ave and Mount Macedon Road, Macedon. Booking: via Trybooking.com.



Sam Goble

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The Black Sorrows in Concert 4pm, Sunday 10 September

Joe Camilleri has been at the forefront of the Australian music scene for decades as the leader of Jo Zep & The Falcons and The Black Sorrows, and as writer of anthems *Hit & Run*, *Shape I'm In*, *Chained To The Wheel*, *Harley & Rose* and *Never Let Me Go*. Joe and The Sorrows' latest release features the incredible band Darlingshurst. *A Little Love* is uplifting, joyous and full of The Black Sorrows' good vibes.



An Evening with Jonathon Welch 7:30pm, Saturday 14 October



Multi award-winning singer and founder of the Choir of Hard Knocks, Jonathon Welch AM presents an evening of the greatest music

theatre classics from stage to screen. From *Les Mis* to *Phantom of the Opera*, *My Fair Lady*, *South Pacific*, *Oklahoma*, *Pippin* to Disney and *The Wizard of Oz*, Jonathon will thrill you with his magnificent tenor renditions from Broadway's greatest hits. Joining him are local special guest choirs, Rainbow Voices and Divine Divas Show Choir with conductor and accompanist Adam Przewlocki.

Coming in October:

The Umbilical Brothers – The Distraction 8pm, Friday 20 October

To buy tickets to Kyneton Town Hall events, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/buytickets or call 1300 888 802 (10am-4pm, weekdays).

Schubert's *Fantasy* to feature with Brahms

The Gisborne Singers' next concert, Brahms' *Liebeslieder Waltzes*, will also feature Schubert's

the
Gisborne Singers

Fantasy in F minor for piano four hands. Sitting between the Classical and Romantic periods of music, Austrian-born Franz Schubert was renowned for melody and harmony in his compositions. Interestingly for our concert, Schubert was also famous for composing lieder.

Fantasy in F minor was composed in 1828, the last year of Schubert's short life (he died aged 31) and is considered not only his greatest, but his most original, piano duet composition. Dedicated to former pupil Caroline Esterházy, the work has four movements that are interconnected and played without a pause.

The venue is the Church of the Resurrection in Macedon. Built following the tragic loss of two Anglican churches in Macedon and on Mt Macedon in the 1983 bushfires, the magnificent church was constructed in the shape of a fish (the earliest Christian symbol). It features a stunning 10 x 3 metre memorial stained-glass window by Leonard French, of NGV Great Hall ceiling fame.

The building's timber ceiling is made from trees salvaged from Mt Macedon after the fires, and it has a cone shaped roof designed and made in Germany, a bell in the tower and a procession cross carved from a handrail (both from Holy Trinity church in Macedon), and a rescued pipe organ from the former Bendigo Cathedral.

Concert details

Sunday 29 October, 2pm.

Church of the Resurrection, Macedon.

Pianists Anna Zuidland (Clarke) and Elyane Laussade.

Tickets: Adults \$55, seniors/students \$45, under 12s free. Book at www.trybooking.com/CIWMG.

The Gisborne singers rehearse from 7:30 to 10pm on Wednesdays at the Gisborne Uniting Church on Brantome Street, Gisborne.

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

Alison Kinghorn



Needle-felting some whimsical creatures.

Felting for fun



Have you felted a woollen item when you put it into hot water in a washing machine? Usually this is not planned!

The Macedon Ranges Spinners and Fibre Group, however, have been felting wool this winter – on purpose.

Some members used hot soapy water and rubbed sheep fleece along the ridges of the sink draining board. A lot of energy was needed to felt a lovely dog bed.

Other members were guided in the art of needle felting to make some whimsical creations – from little Scandinavian trolls to birds.

We used clean wool fibre rolled into a small ball and stabbed this with a needle until felted. Layer upon layer was added until the size/shape required was achieved. Then coloured layers were added and different shapes to make the desired item.

Another member creatively felted wool with a needle onto a scarf.

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 those doing other fibre crafts. New members are always welcome.

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Telling a story, three images at a time



The members of the Macedon Ranges Photographic Society attended a technical session covering

trptych photography, the set subject for our recent competition. Triptych is a group of three images or artistic works, intended to be appreciated together. There needs to be cohesion between the images, having a style or a technical element that connects the three panels or images.

There are many variations in presentation. Triptychs can be presented as one image sliced into three parts; it is not necessary for the panels to be of equal size, they may feature a central larger piece with a thinner panel on each side. They can be displayed as three separate images in one frame using borders or margins to separate them, either vertically or horizontally.

Research and learning was required for members who had not previously submitted images in this format. A wonderful array of varied compilations were received.

Tip: When photographing a scene for a triptych, shoot so you have depth in your image. Use a small aperture, or a large f-stop number to increase the depth of field.

The club welcomes new members. We generally meet on the first Tues-day 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.



Martin Leitch (rivers)



Garden visitors by Sue Steward

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Acting students at the Mount Players' Youth Theatre.

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See you at the theatre!

Karen Hunt



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Gisborne historic homestead Wyabun Park

By Robin Godfrey

Just east of the early settlement of Gisborne, at a bend in Jacksons Creek (then known as the Western Branch of the Salt-Water River, and also as the Macedon River), was the site of the former Police Paddock and Crown Land Commissioner's residence.

The site was home to an outpost of the Border Police as early as 1840, the same year a pub was established nearby on the Gisborne side of the creek (the Bush Inn).

When troops were en-route to Ballarat to quell the Eureka uprising of December 1854, they were reputedly housed in temporary wooden barracks set up where a woolshed now stands on Wyabun Park. The woolshed incorporates a remnant of the structure that was the Gisborne Police Barracks, and a small paddock nearby was where the police, who regularly escorted the gold transports from the goldfields, changed their horses.

A Caroline Chisholm shelter which was built in the top paddock of the property, alongside Melbourne Road, would have been a welcome haven for families in those rough colonial days. Chisholm had realised the need for shelters to be built for the protection of families and young women, who travelled the roads to and from the goldfields. Sixteen shelter sheds were planned but only ten were ultimately built.

In 1864, when the former Police Paddock was subdivided, John Campbell Thomson, the first Police Magistrate, acquired the 12 acres which included the former Crown Land Commissioner's residence. It was Thomson who planted most of the old trees which surround the homestead. These trees include elms, Norfolk Island pines, bunya bunya pines and Japanese oaks.

Dr Andrew Plummer purchased the balance of the Police Paddock, which included seven lots of 30-odd acres each.

Early rate books show Plummer occupying the total holding of 200 acres from the early 1870s.

An article in the Melbourne *Leader* of 7 November 1868 suggests that the



Andrew Plummer



Wyabun Park homestead, erected about 1895



Part of the farmland of Wyabun Park and Jacksons Creek, and the homestead (insert)

residence of JC Thomson was moved to its present position on the land in 1866, and says the name 'Wyabun' was an indigenous word. From the early 1890s onwards, the property was listed in rate records as 'Wyabun Park'.

At a distance from the homestead is an old basalt rubble stone former house

with a shingled hipped roof, now reclad and its internal layout changed. This is thought originally to have been used as the Crown Land Commissioner's residence.

In the early years supplies from the town, were brought up Jacksons Creek by rowboat. That would be quite

impossible today, given that large sections of the creek have silted up.

In 1894, after the earlier Police Barracks had been closed down, architect E. Wilson Dobbs, accepted a tender for the erection of a weatherboard residence at Wyabun Park for Dr Plummer, who was having the new residence built for his son. Dobbs was practising mainly in Melbourne during the period 1891 to '94. He also worked in the office of Charles D'Ebro who later designed the heraldry on the facade of the notable Adelaide Steamship Company building in Collins Street, Melbourne, among others.

According to shire heritage documents, the Federation-Queen Anne style timber homestead of five bedrooms that was built is almost encircled by verandahs, which are decorated with a typically Edwardian slatted frieze and balustrade. The unusual house layout is made up of multiple bays. External walls are weatherboard and the roof is clad with corrugated iron.

Interior walls have diagonal dado board linings and the angled window bays are generously sized, some windows having diamond-pane upper sashes. Four bedrooms are located in one wing, while the other part of the house features a drawing room, a vestibule-sized entrance, a dining room, a study and the kitchen.

In the garden stands the original W&B Douglas cast-iron hand pump. The 1842-patent, manually operated pump is connected to an underground water tank.

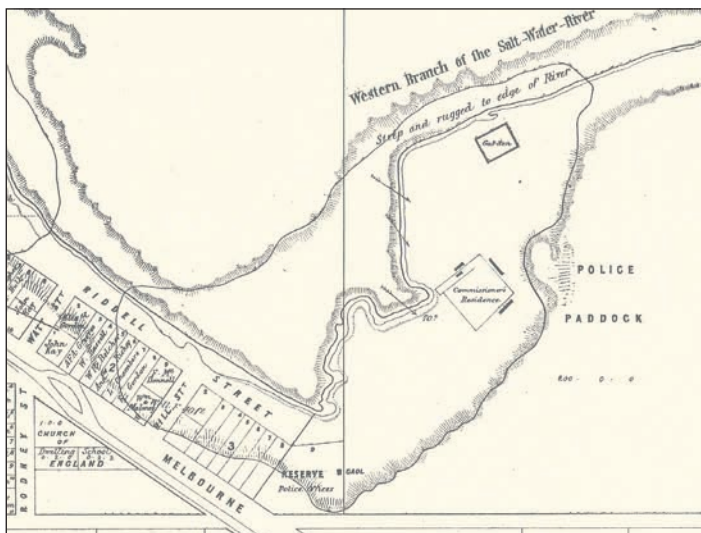
Frederick Plummer had married Levena Dixon, daughter of auctioneer Henry Reed Dixon and Sarah Dixon, in 1894 and had taken over the farm, which he used mostly for dairying.

He sold Wyabun Park to grazier A.N. Campbell Scott in 1906, at which time the property consisted of about 450 acres. In 1912 Scott sold to John Norman Heard, who had been farming in the Barrabool Hills near Geelong but whose father had retired to Elsderslie, New Gisborne. Heard married Myrtle Pierce, whose father, Henry Pierce, and grandfather, William Pierce, were among the early European landholders of the Gisborne district.

The Heard family owned and operated Wyabun Park for a large part of the 20th century.

The facade of the house was used in the television series *Bellbird* as the homestead of 'Colonel Emerson',

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Part of Gisborne subdivision map 1856, showing Land Commissioner's residence and Police Paddock – the area that became Wyabun Park.



Google Earth view of Wyabun Park.

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and the internal pine-lined rooms, complete with bay windows, box seats, fireplaces and 12-foot (four-metre) ceilings, were faithfully duplicated at the ABC studios in Melbourne. *Bellbird* was a popular program that ran for 10 years from 1967 to 1977.

Google and letters with Gisborne Genealogical Group

We can learn much about our ancestors by the way they corresponded with friends and family. It can give a real insight into their lives.



Sometimes we are fortunate to have letters from them, or perhaps a postcard, a diary, or maybe just a document that they have signed.

This will be the topic at the next meeting of the Gisborne Genealogical Group to be held on Thursday 28 September at 7.30pm at the Uniting Church Gisborne.

So, bring your letters or other memorabilia and join in the discussion. We are sure to hear some interesting stories.

Visitors are always welcome.

The next Saturday Workshop will be held on 2 September in the Family History Room adjoining the Gisborne Library. Julie Dworak will lead a presentation on 'Using Google – the genealogist's best friend'. Book with Lorna on 0402 091 034.



Lyn Hall

The Family History Room is open each Tuesday 10am-1pm, and Thursday 2pm-5pm for research.

Further details about the Gisborne Genealogical Group can be found on our website www.ggg.org.au.

Lyn Hall, President

Pioneering woman shows backbone

Following an article last month on Doug Walter Hattrick and the old garage on Mount Macedon Road, a little more history emerges.

'Old Established Business Changes Hands' [1946]. 'The garage and hire car service owned by Mr Douglas Hattrick has now been taken over by Mr Richard Shiel, of Melbourne. Mr Shiel is an ex-Squadron Leader of the RAAF, ... plans to rebuild and modernise the garage. Pending the purchase of a home at Mount Macedon, Mr and Mrs Shiel (who was Miss Prudence Timmins, of Brighton) will make their home at 'Kirami,' [Alton Road].'

Unfortunately Richard Shiel died the following year, but Prudence Shiel decided to carry on with the plans they had made. A strong advocate of university education for women and the mother of two small children, Shiel became hire car driver,



The old garage on Mt Macedon Road.

basic motor mechanic and information bureau.

She noted in early 1948 that she enjoyed her work as her passengers included all sorts of people, and she liked informing them about the area. She said she had driven about 6500km in the past three months.

Shiel continued the business about until 1952.

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Matildas united and inspired us

I'm not usually a follower of football (soccer), however, like everyone else in Australia, I couldn't help but get sucked into watching the Matildas compete in the World Cup last month. What an amazing few weeks it was! We were glued to our TV screens as they made history by progressing to the semi-finals (and in the size of their TV audience!). I found myself discussing the "beautiful game" with strangers, all of us united in our shared experience in supporting these extraordinary young women playing at the pinnacle of their sport. Let's face it: the Matildas' success made us all feel good and we all felt a part of something great.

Sport can create powerful emotions, bring people together, form bonds and foster a feeling that, whatever the result, we are all in it together — win or lose. It gives us a sense of belonging, that we are not alone, but are part of a family. These powerful feelings of belonging can help increase our wellbeing and motivate us to be involved.

But it is not only 'feel-good' emotions



By Julie Ireland

that come from the energy created by uniting behind our favourite sporting teams that sport has to offer. Following the team and experiencing the success of the Matildas has motivated many people to get off the sofa and do some exercise.

It was wonderful to see media reports of children (boys and girls) getting out to have a kick, sometimes while wearing the jersey of their favourite player.

While taking up football is maybe not in my future, and although I do exercise regularly, watching the Matildas motivated me to have a couple of games of tennis with my brother while visiting my family interstate, something that I had not done for many years. I realised what I had been missing by not playing for so long. Needless to say, I have now got the tennis bug again and can't wait to get out on the court now that I am back home. I need a hitting partner though ... any takers?

Take care of yourselves.

Julie



Shedmen Max and Mick (NOT drilling a hole in Max's thumb!)

Signs of the times

Our Shed is very fortunate to be part of a series of community partnerships. In some we receive from partners and in others we give to partners.

Our connection with the GREAT Association (Gisborne Region Events Activities & Tourism) fits into both of those categories.

Since we first opened, GREAT has assisted us with some equipment purchases, and we regularly help them out on market days.

Recently we've also been making a series of signs for the market, a sample of the latest batch shown in the accompanying picture, with



project manager Max ably assisted by Mick. These signs are required to meet council requirements for the operation of the market. But please note we DON'T

have a "No Dogs" policy at the Shed. We have a couple of regular welcome canine attendees who love to get a pat from everyone present.

Another of our more recent partnerships is with Gisborne Foodbank. The materials have just arrived for the 2023 Cubby which we'll build and be raffling in November and December.

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Getting old can be fun...

Foundation students at Willowbank Primary School were all smiles dressed up as 100-year-olds to celebrate their 100th day of school on 6 August.

More school news ► pages 23-25

A psychologist's view

Cultivating compassion

Introducing an occasional column by local psychologist
Shula Pem

In our heart-led community of Gisborne, there is a need to address a growing concern: a compassion deficit that seems to be slowly emerging in our community.

Our local Facebook page is abuzz with divergent views, ranging from taking a half-minute to allow ducks safe passage across roads, to practising patience at the service stations, to seeking new adult connections as a response to newfound isolation in our neighbourhood.

The increasing pace of life and the focus on progress can inadvertently lead to a decline in empathy and understanding among residents. I call for now to be the time to advocate for a collective pause, introspection and purposeful endeavours that can infuse more moments of kindness into the fabric of our growing community.

In Gisborne, the community thrives on support. With the ongoing social and

residential boom, we have a wonderful opportunity to further enhance the value we bring to our community. Together, we can proudly display the essence of our region — a connected community standing strong in solidarity.

The rush of daily life often overshadows the simple acts of compassion. It is becoming increasingly common to overlook the struggles of neighbours, perhaps to brush past without a friendly smile, and to prioritise personal pursuits over collective wellbeing.

The importance of combating compassion deficit cannot be over-stated. Compassion forms the corner-stone of a flourishing community, fostering a sense of belonging and interconnectedness among its members. When we pause to truly see and understand one another, we build bonds that transcend the transient nature of urban expansion.

Allow this article to be your invitation to make conscious efforts in everyday moments; to add warmth in your conversations and exchanges; to practise intentional kindness and empathy in your community interactions; and to amplify human connections and benevolence.

Shula Pem



Shula Pem, psychologist



BETTY'S BOOP

With Betty Doolan

Today was my birthday. I rather hoped everyone would forget it, but it wasn't to be. My first adventure was lunch with my granddaughter Fiona and her three sons. After I convinced the boys to take their hoods off, the lunch (fish and chips, my choice) was followed by lovely sweets when I returned to the hostel.

A beautiful birthday cake was waiting for me that our wonderful kitchen staff had made.

The next day was family day at Carlsruhe; another wonderful day. At the moment my room looks like a florist shop. I'm not crazy about getting old, but there's not a lot you can do to stop it.

I like to walk along the creek but I was busy looking at the wattle trees and the wheelchair ran off the path into the mud. A nice gent and two lovely ladies all tried to help, but I was stuck.

The ladies went for the police and while we waited a man walking past showed us how to do tai chi.

After a short time, two wonderful policemen came and hoisted the wheelchair and me out of the mud. I was so embarrassed — a big thank you to the police.

The hostel celebrated 'Winter Wonderland' with a special menu starting with morning tea of spice cookies dipped in white chocolate. Lunch was turkey and ham with all the trimmings and dessert was pavlova. Afternoon tea was fruit cake.

We had a lovely visit from the Kinder kids. It has been a long time since we saw these happy, smiling little children.

Trivia with cheese and wine is successful at the hostel, along with entertainment by Elvis Presley, Bernard, David, Cory and Helen. Bingo is still popular, with the prizes being chocolates.

Stay safe and warm,

Betty

Crochet and Conversation

The Crochet and Conversation group meets in the Gisborne Library on the first Monday of the month from 2.30pm to 3.30pm.

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Young Gisborne speaker inspiring people to be more inclusive

Twenty-one-year-old Tate Kemp of Gisborne is on a mission to teach everyone to be respectful and brave in their treatment of people with all abilities.

Born with cerebral palsy, Tate received specialised treatment for much of his childhood to help him retrain muscle groups. With true grit and a great support crew he has achieved many challenging personal goals including becoming an honorary Spartan of the Melbourne marathon, where he has completed the short course 13 times.

For many years, Tate helped keep the score on the manual scoreboard at Gardiner Reserve.

In 2021, Tate launched All Abilities Public Speaking (AAPS) which offers educational presentations to schools and businesses. The *Gazette* asked Tate a few questions about his new venture.

How have you been involved in the Gisborne community?

I was born in Gisborne and attended the local primary schools. From a young age I was involved with Gisborne Rookies as my brother played and the Gisborne Masters Football Club as my dad played. I joined Auskick when I was five and played cricket in the junior teams. I now play FIDA football with the Kyneton Tigers.

What inspired you to start AAPS?

When I finished school, I found it difficult to find suitable employment. I wanted to educate others about living with a disability and the barriers and challenges we face every day, navigating education, social and community participation and employment. So...I decided to start my own business. I am proud that I can share my lived experience with others and hopefully make a difference to those living with a disability, to help build an inclusive environment.

Where have you given presentations recently?

I have been lucky enough to present to... Mt Macedon Primary School, Sunbury Primary, Heskett Primary and Holy Cross. I've presented out of the local area as well, such as Caulfield Grammar School, Melbourne Indigenous School and even did a Zoom presentation to a scouts group in America.

You talk about wanting to "challenge the social model of disability". What do you mean by that?

I focus on inclusion, leadership, barriers and challenges and seeing the person first and disability second. Living with a disability is challenging and it's not just the lack of awareness within the community, sports groups and educational environments, it's also about removing environmental



Tate Kemp started his own business which leverages his skills and experience.

barriers and thinking practically so everyone has access.

What do you love about Gisborne?

What's not to love! The Macedon Ranges is a beautiful area, great schools, great people and great sports clubs. The community is welcoming and a place where I feel very supported.

What are some things local people can do to make Gisborne more inclusive?

I am well supported by the local football and cricket clubs, however the first thing I would like people to acknowledge is judgement. People make assumptions without getting to know the person or their situation. The second thing is barriers to access – we live in an old town, so access to shops and buildings can be challenging; we do not have enough disabled parking spots or disabled toilets, or people use them who do not require support. People need to be educated around disability and impairments, and how their actions can impact the lives of those living with challenges.



Paul's Ageing Body

Introducing a column by Macedon resident and qualified nurse Caroline Lee which will take a look at a different part of the body – the ageing body, that is – each month. First up, the brain and forgetfulness.

"Do you love me?", he says. "Yes of course", I say. Then five minutes later he asks again, "Do you love me?" so again I say, "yes very much..." and then I think, why is he repeating himself, asking the same question; is this dementia setting in? Do I need to prepare for a different life? That is what I see as my role in life – keeping things going, being prepared, a good girl scout...

But then I remember that repeating questions, a little memory loss, is a normal part of ageing – it is only when it becomes regular, frequent and impacts on daily life that we need to worry.

The Alzheimer's Association website says, "Dementia is a general term for loss of memory, language, problem-solving and other thinking abilities that are severe enough to interfere with daily life."

There are warning signs of Alzheimer's which their website highlights but dementia itself can be caused by many factors, including lack of nutrition, or it could be that multiple medications are interacting with each other, which should be reviewed regularly.

There are many different, treatable causes which a doctor needs to assess first before I think the worst, I remind myself.

Signs of dementia can vary greatly but as per the Alzheimer's website, dementia is when your problems gradually get worse over time. You lose short-term memory, regularly lose a purse or wallet, don't remember how to pay the bills or prepare meals, forget appointments and get lost out of your neighbourhood. Dementia is when these occur regularly and not as part of the usual humdrum routine memory loss we have that making a list helps with.

The ageing body will already progress to muscle decline and hearing and vision losses and other ageing body outcomes – tell me about it, I hear you say. But memory loss is also part of ageing: not to be ignored if the lists no longer work because you forget you have a list... but normal ageing is different from a diagnosis.

So I don't have to worry yet: repeatedly asking me if I love him isn't dementia yet – just a sign that I've been yelling too much.

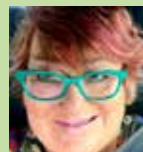
Gisborne breast cancer group one year on

It has been one year since our breast cancer support group began. I am happy to say we have a very strong group of people who are happy to share their stories and to help one another.

This year alone we have had a local naturopath, a breast care nurse from the Sunshine Hospital and a local pharmacist attend our meetings.

A friend of the group also spoke about his health battle. It is estimated that one in eight

females and one in 668 males will be diagnosed with breast cancer by the time they are 85 (source: Cancer Council Australia website).



Group leader Lesley Cole

Early detection is extremely important. Mammograms and ultrasounds are vital in detecting breast cancer.

If you have had cancer of any

kind and you need a support group you are most welcome to attend our meetings. We meet on the first Tuesday and the third Tuesday of the month at 10.30am at the Gisborne Golf club – a peaceful, calm, quiet environment.

There is nothing like talking to other people that have been along the same path.

For enquiries, call 0484 691 226.

Lesley Cole



Daly Nature Reserve news

Friends of Daly Nature Reserve

September 1 is officially Wattle Day and we must remember the late Muriel

Blanche Ross-Watt, a Gisborne resident, who put the date officially on the Australian calendar by selling wattle sprigs in Melbourne back in 1912 to raise money to build what is now known as Ross-Watt Children's Hall in New Gisborne.

The golden wattle (*Acacia pycnantha*) is our national floral emblem, one of thousands of native acacia species. In Daly Nature Reserve we have identified nine.

Acacia wood has been harvested extensively around the world for house construction, furniture, firewood and charcoal. Did you know acacia bark is soaked and the liquid produced is tannin for leather products, ropes, nets, and adhesives.

Leftover bark becomes tanbark. Acacia gum becomes gum arabic, which even turns up on the back of our postage stamps.

The First Nations peoples of Australia learned that some acacia seeds cured minor illness, but also that some seeds contained poisons. Beware!

Florists love the golden fluffy blooms, sometimes called mimosa. We all see the roadside acacias, often



Blossoming wattles herald the end of winter.

called wattle, heralding the end of our local cold winters.

Our September working bees are on Tuesday 12 and 26 September, 9.30am-11am, ending with cuppa and chat.

Enquiries dalynaturereserve@gmail.com

Friends of Daly Nature Reserve

Garden Club has BEEN learning a lot



Hello fellow gardeners!

Despite dire predictions of the possibility for an El Niño event, it seems that spring is just around the corner. The first flowers are appearing on the Manchurian pear trees in the district and the daffodils and wattles are brightening up the roadsides as nature wakes from the winter doldrums. Like the plants, the honey bees are also waking up to another year of foraging.

Forty-four members of the Garden Club met at the historic Dromkeen homestead in Riddells Creek last month, foraging on Devonshire Tea and an enthusiastic and interesting talk by members of the Woodend Bee Friendly Society on the life cycle of honey bees. Many of us were surprised by the intricacy and complexity of life in a beehive harbouring these beneficial insects.

Also of interest was the collections of native plants that are considered bee-friendly; though surprisingly, this did not include most native wattles (acacia sp.).

Following conviviality in the dining room, members wandered through the historic homestead.

The Gisborne Garden Club will meet again on the second Wednesday of the month, as usual. The September meeting will include our annual general meeting and the election of office bearers for the coming year.

With the approach of spring, members are encouraged to bring any surplus plants to swap with or donate to other members and visitors at the meeting.

For more information or how to get in touch with the Gisborne Garden Club, you can call me, Bernhard, on 0424 038 474. Happy planting, everyone!



Carolyn Mitchell and Tino Corsetti of the Woodend Bee Friendly Society.

Wattle Day in Gisborne



On a beautiful sunny day, National Wattle Day was celebrated at the Gisborne Botanic Gardens on 25 August with the creation of a large botanic sculpture.

Using branches of wattle and gum leaves as well as eucalyptus bark, 50 pupils from St Brigid's with the help of about 15 older locals and under the direction of Gisborne artist Joanne Mott, put together an imposing artwork as seen in this aerial view photographed from a drone by John Power.



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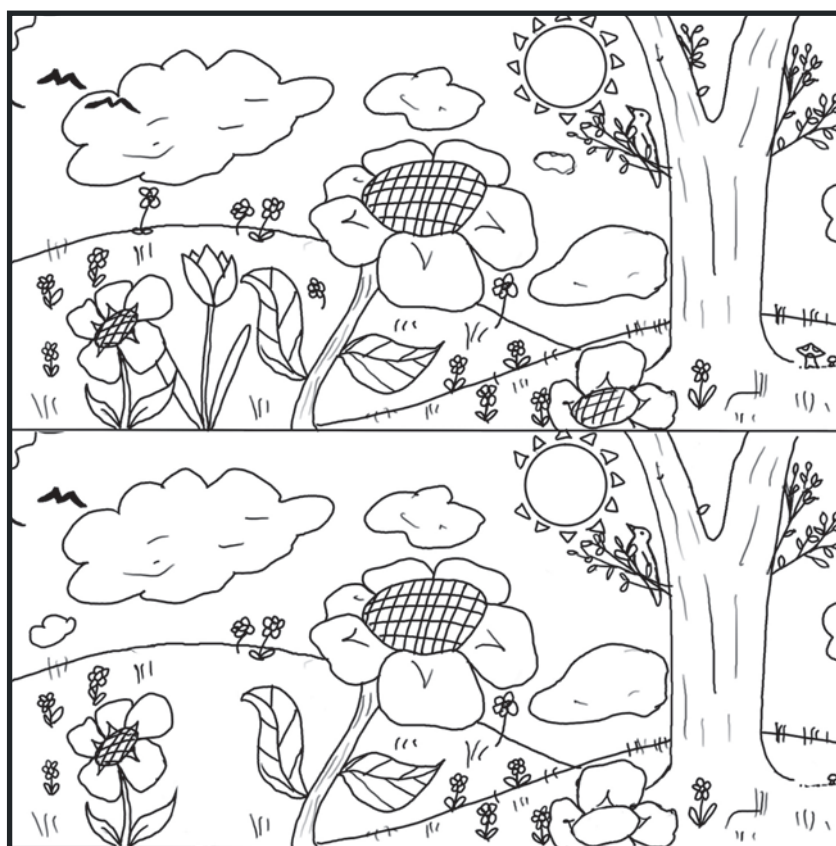


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QUIZ

- 1 How many stars are there in the Southern Cross constellation?
- 2 Beginning with "K", what is a traditional Scottish skirt-like garment?
- 3 In which movie did the character Buzz Lightyear first appear?
- 4 According to the nursery rhyme, what did Old Mother Hubbard go to the cupboard to find?
- 5 What colour light do you get when you mix green light with red light?
- 6 What is the capital city of Tasmania?
- 7 Which aircraft company made the A380?
- 8 Which grain has the varieties, basmati, arborio, and jasmine?
- 9 According to the proverb, what does practice make?
- 10 Which Australian coin is a dodecahedron?

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE



Drawing by Eliza Ransome

Can you find 10 differences between the pictures?
Afterwards, maybe you'd like to colour it in.

JOKES & RIDDLES

What type of music do mummies listen to?

Rap

I went to KFC the other day. I didn't know that Kentucky had a football club.

What did the pirate say when he turned eighty?

Aye matey.

Did you hear about the kidnapping at the local school?

It wasn't a big drama. He woke up.

I became addicted to going to auctions after going once, going twice

Did you hear that they're not making lamp posts any longer?

Why not?

Because they're long enough already.



This month's layout team

These lively students at Mount Macedon Primary School helped lay out this edition of the *Gazette*.

Two said their grandfather liked to sit down in a comfortable spot and read a hardcopy newspaper and calls them over to point out some items. Sometimes it's something very interesting!

From left: Harriet, Ava, Cienna, Harry and Ellie.

Keen leaders at Mount Macedon Primary School

Bryan Power continues his series on primary school leaders

Wil Jacobson and Lachie Glenister are confident and articulate youngsters who relish the leadership roles they play at Mount Macedon Primary. Wil and Lachie were elected school captains by the Year 5 and 6 students at the end of last year and throughout 2023 the good mates have enjoyed living up to the expectations placed upon them.

"I think we were chosen because we are confident speakers. Lachie has it in his genes but I get it from my Dad," said Wil.

Both boys have been at Mt Macedon Primary since prep and by becoming school captains they have followed in the footsteps of their older sisters who were also captains at MMPS.

"At assemblies I like reporting about interesting stuff that has happened during the week", said Wil. Lachie agreed. "I like talking in front of assemblies too. Each week we plan with the help of Mrs Hyland what we are going to speak about at the assemblies."

"We have our production at the end of this term. *The Winding Jamboree* is about birds and the whole school will be involved. I am playing Ed the Eagle," said Wil, "And," added Lachie, "I am Tawny the Frogmouth."

The school has several other leaders. The two sports captains are Caitlyn (Kulin House) and Harry (Mitchell). They organise sporting events and outside games. Pasco is the Technology leader. He makes sure that the sound system works properly at assemblies and helps anyone who has problems with their laptop. Seraphina and Xanthe are our Buddy Leaders and Harriet is our School Reporter. The Wellbeing leader is Curtis. His group runs a podcast on a Youtube channel that can be seen on the school website.

The Junior School Council is chaired by Curtis. "We are two of the four Year 6 members on the Council and we help come up with ideas such as



Lachie and Wil help to ensure that Mount Macedon Primary is a happy school.

Bake Days and Free Dress Days when everyone pays a gold coin. The Council selects a charity that the money goes to."

"The advantage of being at a small school is that we know everyone. It's a happy place. We try to set a good example and encourage others to be friendly and not exclude others."

Next year Wil will continue his education at the Alice Miller School while Lachie will go on to Sacred Heart College in Kyneton.

Beyond school, both boys at this stage of their lives see their futures following similar lines to the careers of their fathers: Wil is hoping to find his way in acting while Lachie is drawn to stonemasonry and farming.

Wil is in rehearsal for his role in *Peter Pan*, a musical being produced by the Mount Players and the Boiler House Theatre Company in Macedon in November. This may well be his first step on the way to achieving his acting dreams.

Willowbank heads to Queen Victoria Market

Willowban's Class 5/6DW recently went to the Queen Victoria Market because we are working on our business and economics subject in investigations and we wanted to talk to the shop owners.



The first thing we did was identify whether the shops at the market were 'needs' or 'wants', and there were three needs and 13 wants.

The needs were basically just fruit and vegetables whereas in the wants, there was clothing, flavoured drinks, art and unhealthy food.

For advertising, the shop owners just hung up the popular food to lure in tourists and others. In the COVID lockdown, though, it was a bit different. They posted on social media saying how good their food was so more people came.

I personally found it interesting that the Queen Victoria Market wasn't packed with people — I had thought that it was always full of people. I also found it interesting that when I asked one shop owner about the purpose of the shop, he didn't just say money, he said it was also to be a part of the community.

Gus (5/6DW)



Interesting trip to Vic Market for Willowbank.

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St Brigid's Primary School celebrates kindness



St Brigid's celebrated kindness across week six at school. A number of initiatives happened in the school during this time. These included activities run at play times by staff and students (friendship bracelets, chatterbox creations and performing art role plays) and a craft activity which involved all students writing on a love heart something kind, and collating these in the front office, to see all the different ways we all see and value kindness in our school.

We had guest speakers to speak about their perspectives of where they see kindness and how this has been an important part of their lives. Thanks to our amazing guests: Ryan Irwin (police officer), Andrew Dunne (St Vincent de Paul), Ruby Watts (VFL Carlton), and ex-St Brigid's students Tyson Hamilton, Maya Barker, Asha Connors and Zoe Thornton for taking time out of their busy schedules and sharing their knowledge on kindness. Not to mention our current leaders, Tom Bourke, Lily Thompson, Luke Buttigieg and Coco Sud, who spoke on the Friday morning.

For the conclusion of the week, on Friday 18 August the St Brigid's community wore orange to represent kindness. We braved the cold and all headed down to Gardiner Reserve for our final activity.

This involved all St Brigid staff, students and parents who attended forming the word "KIND". From here we



St Brigid's community celebrates achieving kindness.

went into class groups and did the same by lying down and forming these letters. We finished the day with a kindness relay where students paired up with students they might not normally hang out with and shared some positive vibes and words of encouragement with one another.

Overall, it was an awesome week and I think the whole St Brigid's community can agree we were feeling the love, inclusiveness and happiness.

Submitted by Jayde Turner



Principal Mel Daly with former student guest speakers Maya Barker and Asha Connors.

Term 3 full of special days at Gisborne Primary School



Term 3 has been a time of special events at Gisborne Primary.

100 days of school

A few weeks ago our Foundation students had a glorious celebration for their 100 days of school. They dressed up as someone from the olden days or pretended to look like they were 100 years old.

They started the day with maths, learning about the combinations of 100 and counting to the highest number they could. Students also completed crafts such as taking a picture of themselves and making it look like they were 100 years old.

In the afternoon they had a disco with their Year 5 buddies. This day was amazing, wonderful and fun. Well done to our Foundation students for completing 100 days of school!

By Tamsyn R – Year 4 Writers' Club

Time to celebrate red, white and green

Buongiorno. On 18 August it was Italian day at Gisborne Primary.

This is a time to enjoy everything Italy has to offer. We celebrated this special day by eating gelato and pizza, two foods made in Italy.

We also had a performer sing and dance to some traditional Italian music.

Our school dressed up in Italian colours – red, white and green. It was a lot of fun!



Students show their imaginations for Italian Day at Gisborne Primary School.

Thank you to everyone who organised this event and to the performers. Ciao!

By Isabelle and Ashleigh – Year 5 Writers' Club

A spectacular science week

Recently we have been celebrating science week and the students loved it.

During lunch breaks we had the opportunity to participate in a spaghetti and marshmallow tower-building competition, a science cinema and a PVP (player v player) competition.

In STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) classes there have been science-themed activities for students too.

By Mabel E – Year 4 Writers' Club

Holy Cross student shines at national school titles

Xavier Walsh, a dedicated Grade 6 student at Holy Cross Primary School, has participated in the Victorian 12 and under School Sport Australian Football Championships.

Selected from an initial squad of 750, Xavier's journey began with trials that showcased his exceptional skills. Earning a spot on the Victorian team, he embraced the challenges that came his way. Months of preparations, intense training and practice matches paved the way for his participation in the carnival, which ran over a week in Albury.

Xavier and his teammates were undefeated in the championships. Xavier's role as a key defender stood out, earning him praise from coach Leigh McQuillen. His exceptional performance during the final against South Australia showcased his dedication and skill.

The championships have been a valuable experience for Xavier and he was grateful for the advice and guidance from his coaches. His family are proud of his conduct throughout this journey, with its physical and emotional demands.

Beyond the thrill of game days, Xavier soaked in the history of the Victorian team and made connections with fellow players and officials from all over Australia.

We are very proud of Xavier and look forward to following his future in football. Congratulations, Xavier!

Submitted by Kellie McDonald



Xavier Walsh



Montessori joins Junior Landcare



Gisborne Montessori School has been successful in becoming an official Junior Landcare group, and recently planted some new trees

on the school grounds. We thank Greater Western Water and Macedon Nursery and Garden Supplies for their tree donations.

We have also welcomed families during community barbecues, made possible by a grant for some outdoor materials and barbecue supplies from Gisborne Community Bank (Bendigo Bank).

We would love to work with our school and the wider community on future ventures for our grounds and gardens and would be more than happy for people to contact the school to assist in these. Watch this evolving space.

Students have been working across the school with various Montessori materials which allow each student to easily grasp concepts and deepen their understanding of the learning at hand. This has sparked new interests among some students and consolidated learning for others.

The Montessori pieces allow students to visually see and hold materials that represent their learning, an approach that has proven to aid learning, deeper understanding, foster interests and allow children to explore and develop at their own pace and in their own style. Being a Montessori-inspired school allows our students a broad learning scope and allows students to become the leaders – leading their own education and learning and leading their peers into new learning tasks, from kindergarten to secondary.

Submitted by Bec Ramage



Newly planted trees at Gisborne Montessori School.



Some very young-at-heart "oldies".

100 days of school celebrations at New Gisborne



It was just a normal day at school, or was it? It seemed the same as always until we walked through the school gates flooded with beards, grey hair, walking sticks, hats and hunched backs. Everywhere we

looked there were small but old-looking people using their walking sticks to move around the playground, with their beards and hair itching their faces.

Why was this happening? Well, the day was in celebration of the first 100 days of school for our Foundation students. We decided to ask some what they thought of their school careers so far. Hudson, Matilda, Lila and Lottie had a lot to say. They all agreed, with 100% enthusiasm, that they have thoroughly enjoyed the first 100 days of school.

'What do you like the most about school and your teacher?'

Matilda: "I like art because I like glitter. My teacher helps me learn."

Lila: "I like making crowns because it's fun. My teacher helps us if we're stuck with our work."

Lottie: "I like counting to 100 because I like doing it. I like my teacher because she teaches us how to learn."

Thanks to all the Foundation students, who looked fantastic in their awesome outfits.

We are so lucky to have a day like this where all the Preps can dress up and have a fabulous 100th day.

*Written by Jack and William,
Year 6 Reporters*



Jack

William



CAPTAIN'S RAP

with Rue Kelly



Rue Kelly

As Term 3 draws to a close, the eve of 'last moments' season' dawns for our Year 12 students. A significant part of our lives culminates with the last day dressed in school uniform, the last lunchtime taken surrounded by peers and mentors who have watched us grow, the last

time closing our lockers... and, thankfully, the very last SAC (School Assessed Coursework) – a last eagerly anticipated by all!

Conversely, our Year 10 and 11 Outdoor Education Studies students found themselves at the base of an epic challenge. At Cliffhanger Climbing in Altona, they were given the opportunity to test their mettle conquering Australia's tallest indoor climbing wall. The physicality of the task was only surpassed by the camaraderie and determination on display.

Their resoluteness and team spirit was mirrored by our Junior Boys netball team, which showcased great prowess by claiming an undefeated title at the regional level. As the team members gear up for state finals, we send our best wishes for success. Go team!

Stepping into more formal shoes, our Year 11 and 12 Japanese language students assumed the title of international delegates, participating in the Japanese Language Model United Nations held at the Victorian Academy of Teaching and Leadership. Engaging in role-plays and debates with fellow Japanese students from across the state, the day simulated a session of the United Nations General Assembly – conducted exclusively in Japanese. Students honed their language, negotiation and diplomacy skills ready to tackle global issues.

Back at a local level and undertaking the role of Melbourne tourists, Year 9 students navigated the public transport system into South Yarra for an overnight stay. Students ticked off many of their bucket list attractions; savouring a leisurely cruise on the Yarra, marvelling at the city skyline from the Eureka Tower and photographing animals at Melbourne Zoo. All walked away with newfound confidence, resilience and independence, equipping them for the coming journey into adulthood.

I encourage all students to continue to make the most of every day at school, ensuring you will look back confident that you took advantage of every last moment. In the blink of an eye, you too will be facing the prospect of walking out of school for the very last time.

Mental health and wellbeing in focus at Mount Macedon



This term at MMPS we have been focusing a lot on mental health and wellbeing. We fit in many mini lessons from our wellbeing coordinator Olivia throughout the week.

We have also been learning about internet safety on 'Interland', an online game that helps us learn about how to stay safe online and what to do if we see upsetting things. We have a wellbeing corner for when

students feel like they need to take a little break, which is extremely helpful! This new area is full of calming places to sit and work or chat about our feelings. Some students use it in the mornings while others spend time there during the day when they may need time to sit and work in a quiet and calm space.

In other news, practice for the school production is going along well, roles are out and are being practised. We are coming along well with singing but need to

remember some things as the songs contain important parts of the storyline.

Dances are getting underway in the classroom, and everyone is enjoying the process of learning and practising their songs and dances. It will be the end of term in no time and we will be in the middle of our performances. We cannot wait to show you all *The Wingding Jamboree*.

Harriet Quinn, School Reporter



PETS

Vet Talk Whose poo in the park? With local vet Dr Caitlin Horwood



The concept of “pick up after your dog” is well established as a necessary courtesy for shared parks and green spaces where dogs frolic and people play. No one wants more than that they bargained for on their soccer boot!

Looking more closely though, there is another reason why dog owners must take care to clean up their business. Whether in your back yard at home, or out in the park, dog poo can pose a human health risk.

Two significant zoonoses (animal diseases affecting people) are actually transmitted via parasites in dog poo. One is “cutaneous larval migrans” where *Ancylostoma* hookworm eggs are excreted in dog poo, then hatch in the soil, and penetrate through human skin. Infection usually occurs when children are playing barefoot in sand or soil.

Another is the *Toxocara canis* roundworm, whose migration phase causes a severe and sight-threatening inflammation in the human eye. *Toxocara* has a complex life cycle, excreting microscopic eggs into the dog poo, which then moult in the soil over a period of several weeks.

Contaminated soil allows larvae to accidentally enter the human food chain (eg. from soil on your hands).



Sorry for leaving another big one on the oval.

So, use these three golden rules when playing in the park: pick up that dog poo, deworm your dog, and wash your hands.

A dog for Christmas calls for planning now



Christmas is right around the corner. If you are looking at getting a four-legged friend, start thinking about the right puppy for your family now.

You are not going to be looking for a great Dane or Saint Bernard if you live in an apartment. Or cattle dog, kelpie or border collie if you can't provide a yard, exercise or stimulation they need. So, what can you do?

Google is a great place to start, or talking to your local vet. Make sure you talk as a family, as it is a huge commitment. Who will feed, water and pick up poop? Consider whether you want a puppy (sleepless nights and toilet and obedience training) or maybe an older dog; consider your own age, your future plans and holidays.

Once you have decided on a puppy or older dog, you will need to consider breed. Pure breed, designer dog (think those that end in 'oodle') or even a rescue from an animal shelter (you would be saving a life). Do you want a smaller, bigger, long-haired, short-haired or hypoallergenic breed? High or low maintenance?

Is your home suitable for a puppy/dog? Are fences high enough and secure? Some breeds, such as huskies and kelpies, are great jumpers, while others, like Jack Russells, are great escape artists.

Once the decision has been made, you will need to think about the supplies required: collar, lead, bedding, toys and food. When ready, bring your new family member home and enjoy unconditional love.

In great membership news for August, 18 new puppies joined us.

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

ENVIRONMENT EVENTS

National Threatened Species Day

7 September, 7-8pm, webinar. Join our webinar to hear from Brad Blake and learn about his passion for delivering conservation programs for locally threatened species and how you can help.



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Bird walk for beginners: an hour with the birds

21 September, 9-10am, Jacksons Creek, Gisborne. Join bird enthusiast and Biodiversity Officer Tanya Loos along Jacksons Creek for an hour with the birds.

Holistic Grazing Management Course 23-24

The six-day Holistic Grazing Management course begins on 15 September and finishes in May 2024. The course

is designed to assist land managers to improve their skills and knowledge about grazing livestock, resulting in an increase in soil carbon and perennial pasture species, including native species. To register, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/healthy-landscapes.

Cultural awareness for farmers and private land managers

6 September, 10am-2.30pm, Sedgwick (Bendigo)
18 October, 10am-2.30pm, Leonards Hill (Daylesford)
Farmers and land managers are invited to a special information session on country with traditional owners. The session will begin with sharing knowledge from members of Dja Dja Wurrung, followed by a visit to significant sites in these areas.

To register for these events or sign up to the council's monthly environment eNews, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/environment-events.



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SCOUTING



Scout night in the new hut.

News from New Gisborne (Church of Christ) Scouts

We are getting very close to the 2023 "Cuboree" and our contingent of Cub Scouts and Leaders are getting very excited. Part of their hard work in preparing for this exciting event is helping their parents fund-raise. That includes a Bunnings barbecue which will help significantly.

Our Scouts have been busy in the Scout Hut building billy carts. It is quite chilly in the evenings so they are well rugged up as they enjoy working in our wonderful new hut.

Recently our local federal MP, Rob Mitchell, dropped by to see the hut. He came with a welcome grant from the Commonwealth of \$19,500 towards the cost of the final part of the hut, the dedicated trailer bay. Group Leader Rusty explained to Rob that the dedicated trailer bay was the "icing on the cake" for the whole project since the use of trailers and a safe home for them was central to our outdoor activities program.

Our task now is to fit out the hut so it can be used fully for weeknight meetings. We are raising funds to complete the services connections to the hut. All donations welcome and tax-free. We are tentatively planning

to have the formal opening on November 12 with a sausage sizzle and acknowledgement of the wonderful community groups that have supported this project.

We meet Wednesdays, 6.30pm to 8pm, and Venturers Fridays. Contact Group Leader Russell Barker 0400 297 025 or russell@jeem.com.au to learn more.



Rob Mitchell MP presents group leader Russell Barker with the government grant.

Swiss adventure for 1st Gisborne Scouts member

This month, one of the scouts from 1st Gisborne describes the amazing time she had at the 100th anniversary of Kandersteg International Scout Centre in Switzerland recently.

Diani writes: "I flew from Melbourne to Singapore, then I had a connecting flight that took me from Singapore to Zurich. From there I then had a three-hour bus trip to the campsite. It was in the Swiss alps which was a beautiful place to be camping for 10 days. I went on many fun activities, including hiking, mountain tubing, river tubing and exploring the village of Kandersteg.

"The food was absolutely amazing. There was this cute little bakery in town that was called Bäckerei Tea Room Marmotte which had delicious pastries and a tea-room with a view of the mountains and fields.

"There were also nightly activities, [for example] international night – where people from all around the world set up a table with some common things from their area – barbecue night, and light trail night. I met people from all around the world and made new friends from Australia, Scotland and the United States. I had heaps of fun and I'm so glad that international scouting is back as it opens up so many opportunities."

What a fantastic experience for Diani and the rest of the scouts who went to Switzerland.

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)



Diani and other Scouts at the anniversary camp in Switzerland.



Gisborne Guides show their healthy eating posters.

Guides relish working on Food badge



Gisborne Lightning Guides have completed both their Girl and Guiding badges and will now be challenged to complete activities for the

Food badge and the Book badge.

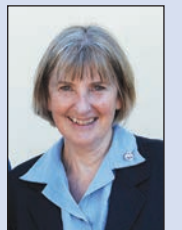
Guides will be visiting the Gisborne library to celebrate the wonderful world of books and how they can take us on a variety of journeys.

The girls love planning and acting out skits, so patrols have already undertaken the challenge to present a scene from a fairytale for the other patrols to guess the story.

For the Food badge the girls have decided to cook, and they also created and acted out advertisements to encourage others to eat healthier. The photo shows them with the posters they created to support their skit.

If you are aged 8 to 12 and would like to try Guiding, phone Deb on 0409 542 619 for details.

We meet on Thursday nights between 5pm and 6:30pm at the Hall in Daly Reserve.



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Bushwalkers enjoy cold and warm together



Winter has certainly not left the Macedon Ranges just yet. Warm clothing is a must but some of our local walking tracks would welcome some dry weather.

Our first walk was a combination of walk and afternoon tea. Twelve walkers braved the track from Camel's Hump to the Mt Macedon Memorial Cross then back to the cars via Francis and Clyde Roads.

On arriving at Canteena cafe, Gisborne, for afternoon tea we were greeted with 13 other members and a wonderful

array of cakes supplied by our leader, Gail. Many thanks.

Firth Park in the Wombat State Forest was the venue for a 14.2+ km walk. Walkers learned the history of Joseph Firth and his early involvement with the State Nursery and eucalyptus oil distilling. A very welcome yummy afternoon tea was supplied by Elizabeth.

Many of our members volunteer for Parks Victoria's related activities. Every month, as Friends of Macedon Ranges Park (FOMRP), we devote a few hours to clearing local walking tracks and other tasks as required. For more information

contact fomrpcoordinator@gmail.com.

Free Park Walks are led by trained volunteers with bushwalking knowledge. There are two walks in the Macedon Ranges and to find out about them go to www.parks.vic.gov.au/healthy-parks-healthy-people. They're a great way to learn about your local park regardless of your walking ability. Bookings are required.

For details about the Gisborne Bushwalking Club, please contact Margot on 0438 260 792, or Gail on 0419 374 603. Our website is www.gisbornebwc.org.au.
Janeen Edward

Hello from the Ramblers



Is it that time already? Is someone shortening the months this year? It seems no time at all since writing the last

column for the *Gazette* (column seems a grandiose description for my efforts!), but here we are!

Although I may disagree with some of the contents of the major newspapers, I have a new respect for the journalists who can write a lengthy column piece on a daily basis.

A steady month for the Ramblers, getting in a full quota of walks, with only one having a shower event.

Our walks over the past month ranged from Sunbury, Bullengarook, Macedon and Coimadai.

The highlight (for me) was the south section of Long Forest at Coimadai. It is difficult to describe the route taken here but details can be obtained from our mailing list, as well as our weekly walks. There is no cost and details are emailed out each Wednesday.

I have described a more straightforward walk separately (Benson Road, South Gisborne) you may care to try.

Charles (gisramblers@gmail.com)



The Camel's Hump walk was cold.... making the cuppa afterwards even better.

LOCAL WALK

Benson Road, South Gisborne

A scenic walk, with great panoramic views.

Distance: 6.8km

Level: Medium

This walk is all about the views. It is a 'there and back' type walk, ie returning the same way. Returning gives a different perspective on the walk. Try

to pick a clear day.

Directions: From Gisborne, drive up Mt Gisborne Road. Turn left into Couangalt Road heading towards Sunbury. Turn right into Benson Road and drive about 2km until the bitumen ends at the junction of McCorkelle Road. Park off-road here and note the

great panoramic view towards the You Yangs. Walking is generally downhill for about 2.4km through open country before crossing Toolern Creek and then rising for a further 1km ending at the Gisborne-Melton Road. Retrace the route to return.

View across the paddocks from Benson Road.



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MACEDON MUSINGS

With Belinda Carlton-Doney

Spring has sprung in Macedon. The gorgeous trees in Victoria Street have had blossom for a while. So, now's the time to jump off the couch, get outside, get some sunshine and rejoin the world! Here's a suggestion on how.

I am a firm believer in the power of exercise. It doesn't have to be a long, heavy strenuous activity. But a little bit of "huff and puff" never goes astray. So, if you're looking for some inspiration, how about joining the Macedon members of the Macedon Ranges Running Club. More specifically, their SRG...Start Running Group.

This group encompasses all ages, genders and fitness levels. From kids and their parents to more senior ages. If you feel like a walk is what you can achieve, that is perfectly acceptable.

However, the club has two running programs if you'd like, aimed at achieving either a 5km or 10km run. Perfect for beginners or return-to-running participants.

The group trains on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday and have just started up again after a winter break.

Running, or any other form of exercise, has so many benefits. I often say I am running away from stress, sleeplessness, health issues etc, and all you have to do is put one foot in front of the other and repeat, repeat, repeat!

The benefits from joining a local group include friendships, community inclusion, sense of achievement, support, guidance, and let's not forget fun. As the Running Club's website states, "If you think you can't run...stop thinking! Yes you can...Now go out there and be awesome today."

Details of the running groups in Macedon and towns in the Macedon Ranges can be found at macedonrangesrunningclub.com.

I encourage all to embrace the spring and new goals. And if you enjoy the happy endorphins that running rewards you with, I'll see you on the road. Happy running!



Start Running Groups, Spring 2023

Get active and social by joining the Macedon Ranges Running Club

Kick start your running with our 5km and 10km Start Running Group Training Program. This program will provide support to a non-runner with basic fitness to run 5km in eight weeks. The club is a fun and vital community outdoor running group for all ages, genders and varying levels of running ability, experience and confidence.

From the week starting Monday 28 August:

GISBORNE: Tuesdays & Thursdays 9am and 6pm and Sundays 8am

MACEDON: Tuesdays 7pm, Thursdays 7pm and Sundays 8am.

For meeting points, visit www.macedonrangesrunningclub.com. Cost \$22.50 (Membership renewal occurs every April).



A cool early start for Mike Van De Graaf, Will Healy and Chris Babo in the Colac and Camperdown region.

Time to 'Go West'

When the Village People sang "Go West, life is peaceful there", I often wondered if they were referring to the Crater Lakes region located 2.5 hours from Gisborne. I'm suspecting no, and trout fishing was not on their minds either, but gee



it was a fantastic location for our recent club trip.

Nestled in the dairy country around Camperdown and Colac, Lake Purrumbete and Lake Bullen Merri have been the standout trout lakes this winter so it was easy to over a dozen members plus four boats along for a weekend.

We took up residence at the Lake Purrumbete Cottages and we fished a long day, from sunup to sundown, from boat and bank.

The species count from the trip included redfin, tiger trout (a hybrid brown/brook trout), and the northern hemisphere chinook salmon which is a hard fighting fish. More than 40 fish were caught with most being returned to the water and just a couple routed to the smoker.

These lakes have been well stocked by Victorian Fisheries for many years and with improved boating facilities this is a great location. We will certainly be adding it to our annual club trips.

If you are interested in fly fishing, fly tying or any other fly-fishing related activities please visit www.calderflyfishing.com.au and also facebook.com/calderflyfishing.

Simon Hall



MEMBER'S MESSAGE

With Mary-Anne Thomas

Hello, Gisborne community, I'm hoping this message finds you well now that spring is here.

I'm delighted that Gisborne Secondary College has hit the local news recently with confirmation of a \$5.8m Trades Hub to be built at the school, as well as a grant of \$38,865 to support staff and students to be part of the State Government Bushfire Preparedness Program. I attended a performance of their school musical *Freaky Friday* in August and it was a genuine treat for the senses. Congratulations to all involved.

I also wanted to let you know that the 2023-24 Country Football and Netball Program is now open for applications. Grants of up to \$250,000 are available to make more sport infrastructure developments possible including court and oval lighting upgrades, changeroom developments and new pavilions for local clubs and communities. Applications close on 9 October. For more information on the program and to apply, visit sport.vic.gov.au.

See you soon!

Get your bicycle into shape for spring

Now is a great time to do a little bicycle maintenance so you can hit the road running ... or riding!

Cleaning your drivetrain

Wrap a rag around the chainstay and then spray your chain and cassette liberally with degreaser, slowly turning the pedals backwards to circulate through the length of the chain. Grab your chain cleaning brush and while turning the pedals backwards run the bristles between the cogs on your cassette to dislodge any accumulated grit (repurposing an old toothbrush will do the trick).

Spin the chain backwards through a clean rag to remove the grease and dirty degreaser from the chain.

Reapply lubricant (usually wax or Teflon-based is a good choice for dry weather).

Patching a tube

Locate the puncture: Inflate the tyre and listen out for a hissing sound – mark where the hissing is coming from and roughen with sandpaper or course metal tab.

Repair the puncture: If your patches are self-adhesive, remove the backing and firmly press down. Hold for a couple of minutes. If your patches are glue-on, apply a generous film of rubber cement around the hole. The glued area should be larger than the size of the patch.

Replace the tube: Insert the valve of the tube through the valve hole and then work your way around. Slowly work the tyre around onto the rim. You should be able to do this with your thumbs. Once you've seated the tyre correctly on the rim, inflate the tube about halfway, check that there are no bulges or asymmetries, then inflate fully.

For more information, stop by the bike repair stations at Woodend Neighbourhood House or Romsey Neighbourhood House next time you're out and about.

Replacing short car trips with bike rides is a great way to get a little exercise and a small but simple climate solution to try. *Provided by Macedon Ranges Shire Council*



U15 Giants v Diggers Rest, 13 August: a taster for the RDFNL grand finals day, 20 August. Pictures pages 30-31, and Sport in Pictures pages 35-36.



RD FNL JUNIOR



Macedon U17 coach and captain celebrate with the cup...

Local football and netball clubs scooped the pool in August, winning 11 junior premierships of the Riddell District Football and Netball League 2023 season. The Gisborne Rookies won seven premierships, the Macedon Cats three and the new Gisborne Giants, one. Congratulations to all winning teams and their supporters.



... And the same happens on the Gisborne grounds.



Gisborne Rookies – U11A football Premiers.



A proud 11/U Division 1 Rookie after receiving her premiership medal.



Gisborne Rookies – U11B football Premiers 2023



Gisborne Rookies – U13B football Premiers.



Gisborne Rookies – U15A football Premiers.



Gisborne Rookies – 15/U Division 1 netball Premiers.

Macedon's Lilli Collins receives a premiership medal.



PREMIERSHIPS



Gisborne Rookies – U13A football Premiers.



Macedon – U17A football Premiers.



Gisborne Giants – U15B football Premiers.



Macedon – Junior Girls Premiers.



Macedon – Youth Girls Premiers.



Gisborne Rookies – 11/U Division 1 netball Premiers.

These photos and many more by Chris Fleming are available at Maddison's of Gisborne.



One of Gisborne's most talented junior golfers, James McKibbin will be vying for the Gisborne Junior Open title.

A big September for juniors, seniors and women



The Gisborne Golf Club is holding the Junior Open tournament this month.

This event is open to 10- to 18-year-old junior golfers, with the top eight under-12-year-olds selected to represent Victoria in the School Sport Australia

Championship to be held in Perth later this year.

But that's not the best part of this event. The competition is being held on Monday 4 September, which is a school day; so, your child gets the day off to play golf, a win win.

Now that we have taken care of the juniors, it's time to look after the older golfers. And what better way to do this than to host the Senior Amateur tournament. This event will be held on Friday 22 September at Gisborne and is open to men and women golfers over the age of 55 years and 50 years, respectively.

In other news, the Gisborne ladies have introduced a nine-hole competition on Wednesdays for time poor golfers who still want to play competition. But it is about more than golf for the ladies. Once they finish their round, they all gather in the clubhouse bistro for an enjoyable lunch, refreshment, and a chat.

Dom Hogan

Golfers not the only lunchers

Speaking of a friendly lunch after competition, the new ladies golf comp is not the only sportsplace where players adjourn for lunch after competing on the field.

The local Mountain District Ladies Tennis Association Tuesday mid-week competition also has that friendly aspect to its matches. Teams in this current winter season are Gisborne, Macedon, South Gisborne, Woodend, Kilmore, Kyneton, Toolern Vale, Bullengarook/South Gisborne, Melton South, Diggers Rest, Mt Carmel and Hanging Rock.

Players do a bit of travelling, play a bit of tennis, and those able to remain for lunch – provided by the home team – do so. If you are interested in playing in the summer competition, contact one of the above clubs.

Resurfaced courts delight all at South Gisborne

South Gisborne Tennis Club has been showered with generosity that has uplifted our spirits and transformed our facility into a haven of sport and camaraderie.

The club received \$18,000 from the Gisborne and District Community Bank to help us improve our two hard courts, which benefits our All Abilities program greatly. It means that participants no longer have to worry about tripping or slipping on cracked and weathered courts.

Participants were all smiles when they first stepped onto the newly done courts.

The resurfacing, completed by local business iDwala, has breathed new life into the courts.

The surfaces are now safe and smooth, ready to witness countless rallies and match points.

The renovated courts are testament to the what can be achieved when a community comes together.

Our club has become a hub of activity, where families gather to bond over friendly matches, players practise their skills, and lasting friendships are forged amid the



Happy club members on the resurfaced courts with Courtney Alexander (far left) and Corinne Shaddock (far right) from the Gisborne Community Bank, and George Devenish of iDwala (second from left).

thrill of the game. This transformation has rejuvenated the physical space and our collective spirit.

We are immensely grateful for the support of the Community Bank (Bendigo Bank) and iDwala, and look forward to many years of laughter, competition, and unity on these newly minted courts.

Mario Matejcek



Fomer star player to speak at Grand Final breakfast

On Grand Final Day – Saturday 30 September – a Men's Breakfast will be held at House of the Rock church in New Gisborne, featuring guest speaker Shaun Hart – yes the Shaun Hart: Brisbane Lions triple premiership player and Norm Smith Medalist.

The breakfast starts at 8am, and there is a \$10 per person cost. All welcome. RSVP to office@ho-trock.org.au

Shaun is a director with iD Sports. They use a program called 3 Dimensional Coaching to coach coaches in all sports. On Friday 29 September, from 4pm to 6pm, Shaun will be holding a free 3D Coaching Workshop that is open to coaches of any sport. RSVP to idsports.com.au/register.



Shaun Hart

Croquet season opens this month



The Macedon Ranges Croquet Club has big plans for the coming season.

Opening Day is set for Wednesday 13 September with a fun games day.

Amongst the plans for the season are to encourage new members, including establishing a junior competition. Students from Gisborne Secondary College will once again visit us early in 2024 to try the game. We also have pennant competitions and social days with other clubs.

Why play croquet? Croquet can be played by people of all ages, physical fitness and ability. It is unisex, where women and men play as equals, socially and competitively. It is easy on the body. It is fun and challenging. It's a mind and body game. And an enjoyable way to achieve your target levels of activity.

We offer everyone an invitation to come and try a sport with a different challenge. Play is on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday mornings. Please call 0493 463 357 for any further information. We would love to welcome you.

Lynette Robinson

Gisborne Cricket Club news

The Gisborne Cricket Club enters its 167th year in great shape. With some great fresh people on our committee, the club is set for an exceptional season.

Looking to restart our women's team will be a positive initiative.

We offer a game of cricket in a welcoming and supportive community club for all. Check us out on Facebook or our website for details on how to join.

Andrew Headberry



Girls' come-and-try day

We would love to see you at Gisborne's Gardiner Reserve from 4:30 to 6pm on Wednesday 13 September: ages 8-18 interested in our Under 13, 15 and 18 teams.

Have some fun with cricket games to test out your skills. Explore our club facilities. Hear more about the upcoming season, which begins on 7 October.

Register to play (or do so online at: www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/6585da).

Girls' cricket provides a social environment that helps foster friendships that last a lifetime, builds confidence, leadership and teamwork skills, improves hand-eye coordination and physical fitness through fun, game-based activities and offers a sense of belonging to a supportive local community.

RSVP to girls' coordinator Jarrod Byham at jarrodbyham@hotmail.com or 0433 386 767.

Swimmers inspired after meeting Olympian



The Gisborne Thunder Swimming Club finished the school holidays off with a bang.

Gisborne Thunder and many other clubs in the district got the opportunity to meet Olympian breast-stroker Taylor McKeown as well as get some great information sessions on drugs and alcohol awareness, and good diet tips for a swimmer.

Taylor gave some great tips for each stroke including one that she is convinced her sister Kaylee McKeown made up herself.

After our session we got to hold and wear her Olympic medals as well as take some photos with the legend herself.



Taylor McKeown after a race in 2019.

We were also allowed to get our stuff signed. I brought my hat for her to sign but she wrote over a fellow Dolphin swimmer – sorry, David Schlicht!

As a senior swimmer I highly recommend that you jump at these opportunities; we are lucky to get them, and don't get them often. Thank you to District 15 for organising.

Caitlin



Rhonda Shears and June Hunter

Club members off to interstate challenge



MT MACEDON PETANQUE CLUB

Two Mt Macedon Petanque Club members have been selected in the Victorian team to play at the Petanque Federation of Australia Interstate Challenge in Newcastle on 9 and 10 September.

Rhonda Shears and June Hunter will play in one of two Victorian teams of six players. The teams consist of male and female players from all over the state.

Rhonda joined the club in 2016 and has won medals (including gold) at the national and state championships.

June joined the club in 2011 and has represented the state in Super Fours and Masters Games. She has also won a host of medals (including gold) in the national championships from 2019 to 2023.

June said she was honoured to represent Victoria and looked forward to playing with her team-mates, renewing old friendships and meeting new players from the other states.

"[I] really enjoy playing petanque and my involvement with our club. Petanque is an excellent sport for all ages and abilities and in particular for women."

In other news, the Golden Boule Competition has concluded, and the winner will be announced this month at the presentation day kindly hosted by Ballarat Petanque Club.

At the time of writing this article, the club was due to play Woodend Hanging Rock in the Ashes Challenge at home on Saturday 26 August.

For those interested in having a try at petanque, playdays are held every Wednesday from 2-5pm at our grounds behind the Ampol Service Station in Gisborne. Saturday playdays run from 10am-1pm on the second and fourth Saturdays. For enquiries please go to our website, mtmacedonpetanque.org, and for updates visit our Facebook page.

Alison Kinghorn

Little Athletics cross-country season ends and summer athletics begin

Gisborne Little Athletics finished up its inaugural four-month cross-country season at the end of August. It was an awesome success.

In our first ever season we were overwhelmed by the number of our U6 to U13 athletes who competed and were supported by their families.

We designed and ran our courses throughout the Macedon Ranges with course names as the Mud Run, the River Run, the School Run, the Mountain Bike Track Run and two very challenging courses on Mt Macedon that were appropriately named King or Queen of the Hill and the Hell Run.

During the season, our club was represented by a record number of cross-country athletes in the State Cross-Country Relay Championships, the Regional Cross Country Championships and the state championships. Several of our athletes shared in great success, many achieved their personal bests and were awarded medals and other awards.

An incredible effort! We are very proud of you.

Thanks to everyone that helped makes this a success.

On Friday 6 October, our club will begin the six-month long summer



season. Registrations are now open. Here are some reasons why you should register to join Gisborne Little Athletics: meet new people and spend quality time with your family and friends; participate in a variety of running, throwing and jumping events; be coached and be surrounded by a supportive community that cares about you; improve your physical fitness and mental wellbeing; participate at local, regional, and state competitions; achieve your personal best and continue to improve your skills; HAVE FUN.

Well, what are you waiting for? Come and try athletics. Join or renew with us today. New members are always welcome.

Have questions? Send us an email enquiries@gisbornelittleathletics.com

Register at www.lavic.com.au and select Gisborne as your club.



Jameson H runs cross-country.

What's the England version of LBW in cricket?

Lost. Beaten. Walloped.



Female football growing stronger in Gisborne

Female football in Gisborne is continuing to go from strength to strength, with the Gisborne Rookies Junior Football Netball Club Under 12 Girls, Under 14 Girls and Under 16 Girls all playing finals this year.

The Under 16 Girls played in their second consecutive Grand Final and, despite missing out on a second Premiership, the development shown by the girls throughout the season gives us great confidence that the future is bright for female football in the region.

Congratulations to Isabelle Hannon (Under 14) and Gemma Ellis (Under 16) for winning the EDFL League Best & Fairest Awards.

The Gisborne Football Netball Club Under 18.5 Women and Senior Women also enjoyed a successful season, with both sides making it through to the finals and identifying some very promising talent for the future.

With many new players being attracted to the club in 2023 across all age levels, and the fact that the junior teams

played in at least one division higher than last season, we are thrilled at the development of the girls, especially in such a highly competitive Essendon District Football League. Such is the growth of female football in Gisborne, that in season 2024 we will be looking to field an Under 10 Girls side.

A big thank you to the coaching staff and all the volunteers across both clubs for creating a highly engaged environment which has enabled the girls to play the game they love, and to the wider

community for their continued support throughout the season. The future of female football in Gisborne is very bright indeed.

Darren Mitchell

GIRLS FOOTBALL CLINIC

Gisborne Rookies will be running a Girls Summer Football Clinic starting in October suitable for girls aged 8 to 15. Contact Ben Crooks on 0422 432 322 to register interest.



Proud recipients of end-of-season awards at Gisborne Tennis Club on Presentation Day on August 26.

Gisborne Tennis Club juniors celebrate winter season



On 26 August the Gisborne Tennis Club held its Junior Presentation Day for players competing in the MRTA Junior winter competition, held from April through to August.

The club fielded nine teams in the competition from D Grade through to A Grade, teams playing their matches on Friday night or Saturday morning.

The presentation is held to recognise participation in community sport and celebrate the efforts of all players representing Gisborne Tennis Club.

Ten players received Most Valuable Player (MVP) awards. We congratulate Ethan (A1/A2), Henry and Keira (A3/B1), Robbie (B2/B3), James (C1), Harrison (C2), Dillon (C2/C3), Patrick (C3/D), Roxy (C3/D) and Jenson (D).

The Best Sportsman awards were received by Georgia, Ben and Luke. The club would like to congratulate all players on their effort, commitment and sportspersonship throughout the season. We wish those teams in the finals all the best and thank our club volunteers, parents and carers for their work in making the season run smoothly.

Leigh Chapman

What time to tennis players go to bed?

Tennish.



Three grand finals in a row

It is special enough to play in one grand final, but 14-year-old Lola Coppin played in all three Macedon Cats' female football grand finals this year and won two premierships.

Lola was the youngest player in the Cats' team in the Senior women's grand final on 5 August (they came runners up to Kyneton). And on 20 August, Lola was a member of both Macedon's Junior Girls and Youth Girls premiership teams.

Lola said the football season was a lot of fun. She switched from soccer to AFL this year to play with friends from school, and really likes being part of the Cats.

Congratulations on a huge achievement, Lola.



Lola wears her two AFL Premiership medals.



Macedon Senior Women's team before their game against Kyneton on 5 August. The senior Cats made it to the Grand Final in their inaugural season, losing to Kyneton.

SPORT IN PICTURES



▲ Gisborne Giants U11 Silver before their grand final on 20 August. They were runners up.

◀ Seniors – Gisborne v South Bendigo – 19 August.



Reserves Gisborne v South Bendigo – 19 August.



U19 Gisborne v Golden Square - 5 August.

Pictures by *Gazette* photographer Chris Fleming. Copies may be purchased at minimal cost from Maddisons of Gisborne, Hamilton Street.



▲ Senior football Kyneton v Gisborne – 29 July.

Reserves – Macedon v Rockbank – 13 August.▶



▲ A little mud did not stop the action in the U19 Giants v Macedon – 13 August.



▲ U11 Rookies v Diggers Rest – 13 August.



Junior Girls – Macedon v Kyneton – 13 August.



U19 Gisborne v Golden Square – 5 August.



U19 Giants v Macedon – 13 August.



SPORT IN PICTURES



A Reserve netball Gisborne v South Bendigo – 19 August.



U13 United v Macedon – 13 August.



U13A grand final – Rookies v Woodend – 20 August.



U17B Grand Final Macedon v Sunbury – 20 August.



Seniors – Gisborne v South Bendigo – 19 August.



U15 Grand Final Gisborne Rookies v Lancefield – 20 August.



U11 Grand Final Gisborne Rookies v Kyneton – 20 August.



U15 Giants v Lancefield – 13 August.



A Reserve Kyneton v Gisborne – 29 July.



U17 Gisborne v Golden Square - 5 August.



A Grade – Gisborne v Golden Square – 5 August.

Gisborne newcomers go green, clean and low-bill

Jo and Chris* are first time homeowners. In 2022, after many years renting, they built a modest, well-insulated modular pre-fab home in Gisborne. This was the first time in their lives that they were finally able to choose the sort of appliances they would have, and therefore the type and amount of power they would consume.

They decided ditch gas and go all electric – and they had two main reasons for this approach. First, they are deeply concerned about the cost to our warming climate of burning fossil fuels like coal and gas and second, the lower they could get their electricity bills, the more they would have to spend on other things.

Jodi believes life is too short to be cold inside your own home, and since they both work from home the majority of the time, heating was a priority for them. Thankfully, they realised that there is no reason why you can't be comfortable, save money and take climate action all at the same time!

But as we all know, building (or moving house) is not cheap, and there is an upfront cost to all long-term investments, so they upgraded in stages as their finances allowed.

Stage 1 – at completion of the house, they had an electric heat pump hot water system, induction stove and electric oven. They moved in in May 2022 and funds being tight, had to make do with two electric space heaters for warmth while they saved for solar panels and two split system air-conditioning units which they planned to mainly use for heating.

Stage 2 – October 2022: installation of a 6.6kw solar system and the free Powerpal app so they could mon-



itor their use. At this point they realised large savings could be made by running the dishwasher and washing machine on eco-mode, during the day while electric-

ity rates are low before 3pm and hopefully the sun is out (free energy.) Monitoring Powerpal, they noticed a spike in usage every Thursday night for several hours and after a bit of investigating discovered that the hot water heat pump was set to heat to 70 degrees once a week to neutralise any potential bacteria in the tank; so they adjusted the setting to run from 10am when it is warmer and the sun is potentially out instead of the default time of midnight when ambient temperatures are cold and more energy is needed to heat the water.

Stage 3 – May 2023: installation of two split-system aircon units – one large unit in the main living area, and a smaller unit in the home office.

They compared their daily average electricity consumption between June-July 2022 and 2023: June-July 2022, before the solar and air conditioning systems were installed – **42 kWh**; June-July 2023, after solar and air conditioning systems were installed, no longer relying on electric heaters for warmth – **8 kWh**.

Yes, the upfront cost of installing everything was a hefty investment for two people on average incomes, but with electricity prices rising 20% in July 2023, their power is now costing them under \$4 a day including the daily supply charge, whereas if they were still consuming 42 kWh a day, their bill would be more than \$13 a day including the daily supply charge.

And they also feel pretty chuffed about reducing their carbon footprint.

CROSSWORD

Words starting with the letter 'T'

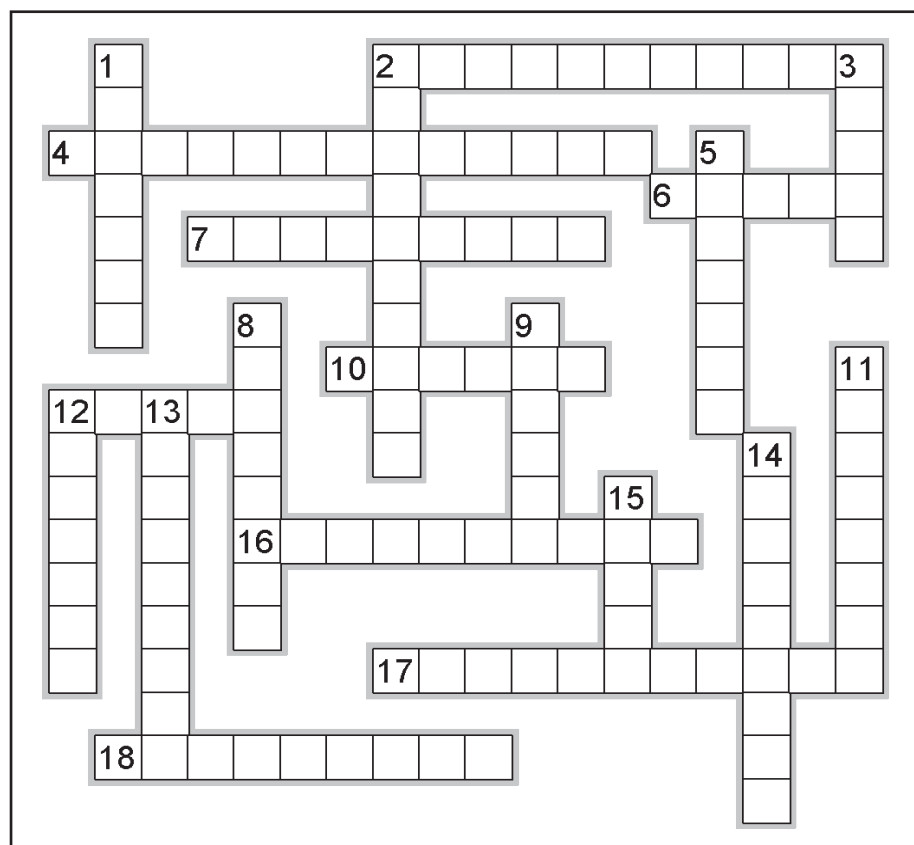
Questions compiled by the late Graeme Millar and his daughter Heather.

ACROSS

2. Person who prepares and preserves pelts of animals for exhibition
4. Medical term for a fear of needles
6. Number of rounds in an Olympic boxing match
7. A large hairy spider
10. This country has the same name as a bird
12. A private instructor
16. Ubiquitous household device introduced in Australia in 1956
17. An instrument for measuring temperature
18. Alexander Graham Bell invented this in 1876

DOWN

1. Victorian town with the Australian Surfing Hall of Fame
2. Retiring Essendon player Anthony McDonald-
3. The Dalai Lama's palace is here
5. The national emblem of Scotland
8. Often incorrectly referred to as "white ants"
9. Sport in which the score "love" is used
11. Sales of this album by Michael



- Jackson topped 45 million copies
12. Severe pain inflicted deliberately
13. An instrument for making distant objects appear closer

14. Name for a branch of a river
15. City where the cancelled 1940 Summer Olympics were to be held.

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QUIZ

1. Which European city is known as The Eternal City?
2. Which chemical element has the symbol He?
3. Who performed the first human heart transplant in 1967?
4. By what name is James McNeill Whistler's painting Arrangement in Grey and Black No. 1 better known?
5. What is the floral emblem of South Australia?
6. Of which planet is Triton its largest moon?
7. Proverbially, what does the early bird catch?
8. What is depicted on the back of a 10-cent coin?
9. Copra is made from which dried nut?
10. In which European country did the Tarantella dance originate?

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

Normal weekend services

Saturday, 6pm St Brigid's Gisborne
 Sunday, 8am St Ambrose Riddells Creek
 Sunday, 9:30am St Patrick's Macedon
 Sunday, 11am St Brigid's Gisborne
 Everyone is welcome!

St Vincent de Paul

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

Office hours: Tuesday and Thursday 9am to 5pm

Enquiries to: gisborne@cam.org.au or 5428 2591. Website: www.pol.org.au/gisborne.

'Ground Control to Major God'

ANGLICAN PARISH OF GISBORNE



During COVID-19, the lack of planes created an unusual quietness over the Range. Now, of course, the jets are back.

Being an aviation nerd (which goes with being a Vicar and liking steam engines), I am using my ears to delight in picking out the plane type by the rumbles they make.

Travel has opened again, and there is freedom in moving across the world to see the many wonders of creation that make up this wonderful planet.

The US Congress investigation into UFOs has also been interesting to watch, not so much because of the disclosures, but the somewhat partisan politics on show.

Are we indeed alone?

Most scriptures and holy writings tell us that there is a creator of heaven and earth.

What is up there was created: stars, planets, life or the elusive dark matter.

One of the most precious things in creation is water.

As we come into spring and look towards a much warmer summer than recent years, it is time to consider our use of this precious commodity and all it means to us.

What is your spring and summer plan for conserving this most precious gift?

Rev'd Dennis Webster



Michael, Paul, Maree and David: bearers of Biblical names.

What's in a name?

GISBORNE UNITING CHURCH

In fact, quite a lot. While Shakespeare might have said 'a rose by any other name would smell as sweet', one's name is a clear part of personal identity. It can reference a family, an ethnic or national group or a faith identity.

It might be a matter of pride, a name that speaks of generations of ancestry. And in the case of royalty, it must be a dynastic name. While there's a gap of over 350 years between the two Elizabeths, and even more than that between the first two Charles and the present king, they represent the royal line.

Surely one of the longest-lived royal names is David, used for centuries for others less than the King of ancient Israel. The medievals were attracted to the names of saints like Cuthbert and Oswald.

A later, Puritan, family has lived on



in our history books for its choice of scriptural phrases for their offspring including Praise-God Barebone and Fear-God Barebone.

The preference for biblically sourced names has subsided significantly in recent times. Most noticeable has been the invention of names or the esoteric spelling of old ones, challenging many classroom teachers!

There also has been a steep decline in turning to baptism as a rite at which the infant is presented to God and the community.

True, some have seen it as merely a naming ceremony, but it is much more than this. It's the blessing of a child (or adult) and incorporation into a community of faith.

There surely is a lot in a name!

Janet Wood

Neil Tweddle, 5426 2045

VEMI impresses Men's Group



The Victorian Emergency Management Institute (VEMI) greatly impressed the Mount Macedon Uniting Church Men's Group last month.

VEMI was formerly the Australian Emergency Management Institute, under various names, from 1955 until it closed in 2010, when its functions moved to Canberra. Since the Victorian Government bought the property in 2017, it has been renovated and upgraded with state-of-the-art technology for training in emergency management skills as well as comfortable dining and relaxing areas.

The accommodation for over 50 people has also been modernised.

While mainly providing services to Victorian emergency services, such as police, CFA, FSV, SES and Ambulance Victoria, it is also used by non-government organisations, such as Life Saving Victoria. It can be available to community organisations such as Rotary for conferences, etc if available.

Local staff, contractors and produce are used where possible. The property, about 95 acres, includes the golf course, which is leased to the Mount Macedon Golf Club, and also the new CFA Mount Macedon fire station under construction facing Mount Macedon Road.

The Uniting Church recently hosted students and teachers from Gilson College, Mernda, for a rehearsal of their upcoming production of *Fiddler on the Roof*. They also made other visits on their excursion to Mount Macedon.

Presbyterian Quilt and Craft Show – October 6 and 7



All of the hard work of Gisborne Presbyterian Church craft group is coming to fruition with our efforts to be displayed at the Quilt and Craft Show on Friday October 6 (3.30pm to 5pm) and Saturday October 7 (9am to 3pm).

A large selection of quilts will be displayed.

Some of the quilters will be available to talk to about their work and where the quilts will be donated following the show. There will also be a display by the Ballarat Presbyterian Church and Probus.

Light refreshments will be available in the hall.

On Friday the show will be followed



One of the quilts in the upcoming show.

by pizza/soup and youth activities for all to share free of charge. Entry and refreshments are free. Donations accepted

for the Gisborne Foodbank.

The craft group meets 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 amount of time that suits you. If you do not have a current project you are or would like to work on, we have quilt kits available to make gifted quilts.

Even if you do not sew, we encourage other crafts and have people willing to assist and teach a new skill.

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.

For information, please contact Glenys on 0424 383 016, Marsha on 0428 843 959 or Marion on 0448 887 657.



100 YEARS AGO

SEPTEMBER 1923

Proposed Higher Elementary School – Last week, Dr Leach of the Education Department paid a visit to Gisborne in connection with the proposed higher elementary school. He was met by representatives of the Shire Council and of the School Committee. An inspection was made of the land purchased at New Gisborne and Dr Leach expressed himself well pleased with the site. New Gisborne Mechanics Hall and State School were inspected with a view to the temporary opening of a higher elementary school in February 1924. Much depends on whether the necessary number of pupils can be procured.

Gisborne Gazette, 7 September 1923

[The school did not go ahead at New Gisborne.]

Aged Councillors – In the Heidelberg district, the opinion has been expressed that Councillor John S. White, president of that shire, who is 85 years of age, is the oldest president or mayor in the State, and that it is doubtful whether there is any older living councillor: Councillor William Farrell of the Gisborne shire, who has been a councillor for more than 30 years, is in his 91st year. At the last meeting of the shire council, he looked hale and hearty after having recently undergone an operation.

The Argus, 18 September 1923

Gisborne School Notes – An “egg drive” at the Gisborne State School for the Kyneton Hospital proved very successful. Ninety-one dozen eggs were received. The junior room brought in 52½ dozen and those in the senior room 38½ dozen.

The Woodend Star, 29 September 1923

Gisborne Progress Association. At the monthly meeting, the need for a swimming basin was discussed, and it was agreed to call a meeting to fully consider the advisability of constructing a concrete basin. The co-operation of all parties interested will be invited in the endeavour to launch a successful scheme.

Gisborne Gazette, 28 September 1923

Victorian League – Little is known of this organization and its activities. It started in London about 22 years ago and now it has a firm footing in most of the Australian States. It stands for loyalty and mutual strength. It is helpful to many, for instance, in the matter of giving letters of introduction to members about to visit or make homes in other parts of the Empire. This ensures against the loneliness which is so often experienced by our people. The subscription is only a few shillings a year and it opens avenues which afford opportunity for better understanding and stronger unity. There are branches in Ballarat, Geelong, Terang, Macedon and Gisborne. Visitors to England who hold letters of introduction are treated with hospitality and gain entry to many beautiful places that they would otherwise miss.

Shepparton Advertiser, 13 September 1923



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
AMATEUR RADIO CLUB	3rd Saturday 10am	Woodend RSL. www.mrarc.org.au
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	secretary@gisbornebwc.org.au
CANCER SUPPORT GROUP	last Wed of month	Macedon Ranges Health, Neal Street
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@junseikan.com.au
MASONIC LODGE	2nd Thurs 7pm	Masonic Hall Aitken St
MASTERS AFL	Wed 6.30pm	Sankey Reserve
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 Tuesday, 6.30 dinner, 7.45 meeting	Baringo Food & Wine rotarymacedonranges@gmail.com
RUNNING GROUP	Tues & Thurs 6pm, Sun 8am	Gis Aquatic Centre
RSL	1st Mon 1.30pm	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 Sunbury FC
ULYSSES GROUP	3rd Tues 6pm	Sunbury FC
VINTAGE MACHINERY	Working bees 1st Sun of month, 8.30am at Steam Park; meetings last Friday of month, 7pm at Steam Park	
WRITERS GROUP	Last Sat of month 2-5pm	Woodend N'hood House
WRITERS (Scribes & Scribblers)	2nd Tues 10am-12	Riddell N'hood House
YOUNG VOICES	Thursdays 4.15-5.45pm	Norma Richardson Hall, Buckland St, Woodend, 5426 4801 or sdggome@patash.com.au

WHAT ELSE IS ON

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1 Community Bank spring grants open	9
2 Genealogy workshop on using Google	17
3 Gisborne Olde Time Market	2
3 MRFEC Open Day	11
5 Over-55s NBN Scam Awareness sessions	10
5 Wild Wings 'n Furry Things opens at The Gallery	13
7 National Threatened Species Day webinar	26
9 Opening celebration of Wild Wings.. at The Gallery	13
10 Suicide prevention walk in Woodend	8
10 Young Voices in Macedon concert in Macedon	13
12 Silent reading book club starts at Gisborne library	11
13 <i>Still Alice</i> movie at Gisborne library	11
17 Baroque cello concert in Macedon	13
21 Bird walk for beginners along Jackson Creek	26
22 Over-55s chess in Gisborne	10
30 Community Bank spring grants close	9

CROSSWORD ANSWERS

ACROSS	DOWN
2. Taxidermist	1. Torquay
4. Trypanophobia	2. Tipungwuti
6. Three	3. Tibet
7. Tarantula	5. Thistle
10. Turkey	8. Termites
12. Tutor	9. Tennis
16. Television	11. Thriller
17. Thermometer	12. Torture
18. Telephone	13. Telescope
	14. Tributary
	15. Tokyo

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Rome	6. Neptune
2. Helium	7. Worm
3. Dr Christiaan Barnard	8. A lyrebird
4. Whistler's Mother	9. Coconut
5. Sturt's Desert Pea	10. Italy

KIDS' QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Five	6. Hobart
2. A kilt	7. Airbus
3. Toy Story	8. Rice
4. A bone	9. Perfect
5. Orange or yellow	10. The 50-cent coin

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3pm and 6pm Saturday

Films for September, as requested and subject to availability:

Date	Film
Sep 6 to 9	<i>The Innocent</i> (French)
Sep 13 to 16	<i>Emily</i>
Sep 20 to 23	<i>John Farnham: Finding the Voice</i>
Sep 27 to 30	<i>Victoria and Abdul</i>

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