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Loved leader retires



Lorna Howard (centre) is surrounded by happy children and carers at St Paul's Anglican Parish playgroup on 11 September. After 15 years running the playgroup and kindergarten at St Paul's, Lorna is retiring. Lorna has touched the lives of countless local families through her love and care, and the community has loved her back. More on page 6.

Picture: Bryan Power



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From the Editor's desk

I remember with much fondness attending 'Lorna's Playgroup' in the Anglican parish hall on Fisher Street with my boys around 2008. Lorna Howard ran it, and with her trademark calm, planning and constant care transformed the big hall into a warm, fun and educational space for children and parents alike.

When I was there, the back of the hall was full of donations to St Paul's Op Shop waiting to be sorted, and playgroup parents introduced me to the wonders of old Tupperware containers that sometimes sat on top of the piles.

Lorna's playgroup was a happy place, full of discovery, for me and my young children and I count myself very lucky to have found it. Many other local families who have been touched by Lorna's children's programs feel the same way, such as those surrounding Lorna in this month's cover photo and the authors of the lovely tributes to Lorna printed on page 6. Thank you and our very best for your move, Lorna!

Another stalwart is leaving a role this month – after many years Bernhard Sucher is finishing up as *Gazette* reporter for the Gisborne Garden Club. I look forward to thanking him and many other contributors to our community paper at the *Gazette* Reception on 27 October.

I am pleased to welcome two new contributors, local nurse PhD Caroline Lee, who last month began the "Paul's ageing body" series on the physical side of ageing (on page 37 this month), and Russell Barker, whose "Don't get caught" column on page 12 is the first in a series to help readers stay safe online and avoid scams. Sadly, scams are increasingly prevalent so we can never be too alert to them.

Finally, a new draft Gisborne Futures Structure Plan has been released by the council for community consultation and I encourage you to delve into it and give feedback as it will shape the growth of Gisborne in the coming decades, affecting the lives of everyone who lives here. Some key elements of the plan have been highlighted on page 5 to get you started.

Happy reading,

Corinne Shaddock



Gazette distributor Nick Haslinghouse on the Brooklyn Bridge in New York with the September issue.

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MINUTE WITH MAXINE

The *Gazette* team has vacated the GREAT Centre in Hamilton Street and will continue to produce the paper working from home. Please contact me by email or phone as listed above on this page with any distribution queries, including holidays that will need covering and if you need me to collect any plastic bags.

The unloading of the 8000 *Gazettes* each month has found a new location too. Pictured is the 'truck and bundle' team, from left: Moc, Peter, Maxine, John P, John T, Matthew (driver) and Gary who kindly give up a Tuesday to help me out. Margot took the photo and missing from the photo were Neil, Diane, Bryan, Nick and Bob.



Gazette truck and bundle team 2023.

The annual *Gazette* reception is being held on Friday 27 October at the Masonic Hall in Aitken Street at 6pm. I will be emailing invitations to all distributors and would be grateful if you could RSVP by Wednesday 18 October and let me know of any dietary requirements. Certificates will be awarded for 5, 10 and 15 years of *Gazette* volunteering.

If you would like to be a 'Gazette walker' in our little patch of the Macedon Ranges, contact me and you will be welcomed with open arms.

Maxine Barker

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Mountain biker reaches new highs

Gisborne mountain bike rider Grant Lebbink is finding increasing success with two recent podium finishes.

In August Grant placed third in the Masters Men solo category and fifth overall among solo riders in the four-day Reef to Reef stage race in Tropical North Queensland. Reef to Reef starts on the reef-fringed Coal Sea coast and quickly heads inland across a network of trails through tablelands, hinterland, farms, MTB parks and tropical rainforest before finishing on Four Mile Beach in Port Douglas four days, 2600m of vertical climbing and more than 170km later.

Not long after, Grant travelled to Eden, NSW, to compete in the Quad Crown MTB Series – The Orca. The three-day event in early September started with a prelude on the Friday followed by Stage 1 – ‘Tathra’, a 45km course of twisting single track with over 750m of elevation – and then Stage 2 – ‘Eden’, 49km starting with the climb to the highest point of the Nullica State Forest, then amalgamating the array of all new single track. Grant finished in second place each day and second place overall in the Masters Category.

Grant has been mountain biking since the age of 15 and can be spotted on local mountain bike trails at weekends. He is a member of the Wombat Mountain Bike Club and Gisborne and Surrounds Mountain Bike Club (GAS MTB).



Grant Lebbink with proud daughter Caitlin after his third-place finish in the Reef to Reef in August.



PREMIERS! In this year's finals season, the Macedon Cats Under 19.5s were the first team to take premiership silverware, defeating the Gisborne Giants in the Riddell District Football Netball League grand final on 17 September. They were joined by the victorious Gisborne Bulldogs U18 football, A Grade netball and 17/U netball teams who are all Premiers after their Bendigo Football Netball League grand finals on 23 September (pictures page 34-35).

Some changes to note in local laws

New local laws came into effect on 25 September. Some of the key changes include:

Burning in the open air is now prohibited on land less than 2000 square metres;

Broadening of accountability to include landowners – not just perpetrators;

Collection of wood from Council land or a road is prohibited;

New clause added to allow fireworks (conducted by a pyrotechnician) on private land, under strict conditions.

Heavy vehicle parking prohibited on land 2000 square metres or less;

Smoke-free zones added to the Local Law, allowing the council to declare smoke-free (including vape-free) zones.

The full set of changed regulations are available at mrsc.vic.gov.au/local-laws and at Council offices.

Garden Lovers' Fair, 7-8 October

Organisers say gardeners and budding green thumbs will find everything on their wish list at the Garden Lovers' Fair at Bolobek, Macedon, on 7 and 8 October.

Visitors can explore the Bolobek garden with tours hosted by the owner and the head gardener. More than 50 specialist stallholders will be on site showcasing rare plants and bulbs, gardening tools and equipment, botanical art, bare-rooted and grafted trees, perennials, garden sculpture, food and wine. Cook and passionate gardener Maggie Beer will be a guest speaker on Sunday 8 October.

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Maggie Beer will speak on October 8.

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Congratulations to Ryan Alexander of Hardy's UFS Pharmacy in Brantome Street, Gisborne, who again joined a three-day, 150-kilometre walk from Newcastle to Sydney in July. The walk is held annually to help raise awareness and funds for brain cancer research. The walk raised over \$250,000 by participants.

Congratulations to Gisborne Auskickers nine-year-old identical twins Samuel and Patrick, who have been named in the Auskick side to present premiership medals to the winning players at the AFL Grand Final. Their mother, Cherie, said the boys, both mad Geelong supporters, dream of playing AFL together in the future.



The new stadium at New Gisborne sports hub is looking impressive.



Prepare now for fire season

Residents are being urged to start to prepare their properties for the upcoming high-risk fire season and to continue to keep on top of fast-growing grass.

The latest Seasonal Bushfire Outlook for spring suggests that Victorians can expect a drier and warmer spring, with a high chance of an earlier start to the fire season in the central, western and northern parts of the state. The potential for grass fires is also expected to be higher after three years of wet La Niña conditions.

Property preparations ahead of the fire season should include slashing grass, removing any fine fuels, rubbish or materials likely to cause, maintain or promote a fire, storing flammable liquids and materials away from the house, cleaning gutters and removing noxious weeds.

Green waste disposal is free at Council resource recovery facilities for shire ratepayers and tenants and residents are encouraged to make use of their FOGO (Food Organics Garden Organics) bin.

In consultation with local CFA brigades, the council has lifted burning off restrictions during October to

give landowners ample time to clear their property and minimise fire risk before the official Fire Danger Period starts. Registered open-air burns on land 4000 square metres or less will be allowed without a permit in October. Landowners or residents must monitor weather conditions before starting any fire and must register their burn by calling 1800 668 511.

Having and practising a bushfire survival plan are other important ways residents can prepare themselves for the upcoming high-risk period for fires.

For more information on how to prepare for fires download the VicEmergency app or visit emergency.vic.gov.au.

For more information about burning off in the shire and requirements under the new locals laws, go to mrc.vic.gov.au or call 5422 0333.

From 1 November, burning in the open air will be prohibited on land up to 2000 square metres.

CEO Bernie O'Sullivan said it was vital to all work together to avoid complacency and prepare as best we could amid an often unpredictable, ever-changing climate.



Works to Sheedy Road, Gisborne

Road closure and detours will be in place on Sheedy Road and the surrounding streets to enable upgrades to a section of Sheedy Road, Gisborne, from the Howey Street intersection to Willowbank Road.

Road users are encouraged to plan ahead as delays are expected.

Works include road surface upgrades from Howey Street intersection to Willowbank Road; a new

roundabout at the intersection of Fersfield and Sheedy Roads, a 1.5m wide concrete footpath from Wilson Place to the shared path in Sheedy Road; the extension of a 2.5m concrete shared path from Fersfield Road to Willowbank Road on the south side of Sheedy Road; and drainage improvements.

Works are expected to be completed by the end of November.



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Revised plan has 'twin towns' strategy

A revised 'Gisborne Futures' plan has been released by the council for public feedback. The first draft, released in 2020, drew a widespread negative response, and the revised draft seeks to address some of the objections raised.

It is impossible for the new draft to be adequately detailed in the space of a *Gazette* page, so please download, or get a paper copy, from the council to get the full picture. Nevertheless, we have distilled some key details as a starting point for readers.

The thrust of the latest draft is that it proposes a town centre in New Gisborne, making Gisborne as a whole a township of "twin town centres". This is largely because New Gisborne is where the train station is and public transport is so important to sustainability, and to try to take some of the congestion pressure off Gisborne town centre and the main roads to and from.

A town centre hub is proposed on the eastern corner of Barringo Road and Hamilton Road – between the railway station and the new sports precinct. A full-line supermarket is envisaged here, with a mix of other retail and offices, community services, medical services etc. To support the viability of this plan, denser residential development is proposed in New Gisborne, envisaged as a mix of low and high density. Areas of high density – described as of "central urban" character – would be concentrated within 1.2 kilometres of this site, particularly between the rail line and Hamilton Road, and along Ferrier Road.

Two smaller commercial activity areas are proposed – one on Station Road and the second in the new Ross Watt estate. These would support convenience stores, small retail, offices, community services, but not of a scale to draw investment away from the proposed town centre on Barringo Road.

In 'old' Gisborne, infill and commercial redevelopment are proposed rather than expanding the current commercial zone boundaries. The Brantome/Prince Street block between Hamilton and Robertson Streets is identified as most appropriate for redevelopment, as well as around the Nexus Centre (Prince Street). The

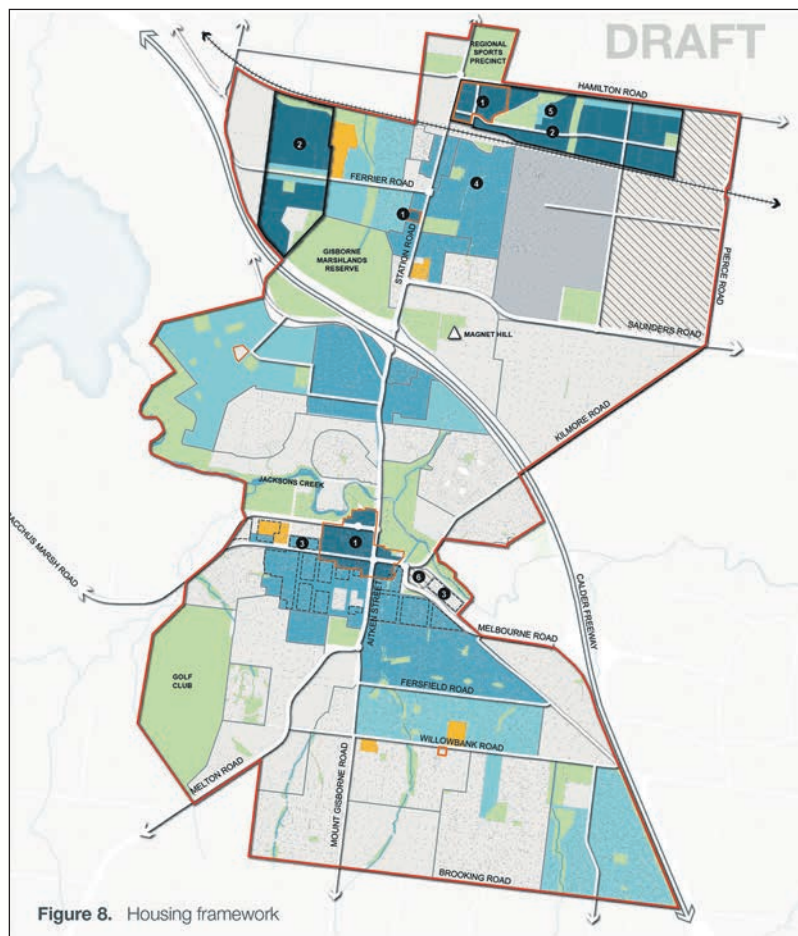


Figure 8. Housing framework

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protected settlement boundary New Gisborne growth areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Substantial Change Enable housing growth and diversity at increased densities. Incremental Change 1 Existing residential areas that could accommodate additional dwellings. Incremental Change 2 Existing greenfield and infill sites that are being developed under development plans. Minimal Change Limited capacity for housing growth due to special neighbourhood, environmental, heritage, landscape characteristics. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Promote shop-top residential and mixed use development in activity centres. 2 Facilitate sustainable community development with greater housing diversity and choice within proximity to the train station, schools and sports precinct. 3 Proposed extension of DDO17. 4 Remove DDO8 and restrictive covenants from the Chessy Park estate to allow incremental housing growth. 5 Development subject to ecological investigation and vegetation retention. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 Investigate planning controls for the Macedon House site that address:
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Median house price in Gisborne currently \$1.1 million, units \$645,000

Projected population 27,000 by 2050

Areas of substantial and lesser change. From *Gisborne Futures* attachment p199.

future commercial and retail floorspace needs would be accommodated through multi-level development. The changes would allow a commercial building height of four storeys in the centre of Gisborne.

The plan supports the already-proposed "activity centre" on the corner of Willowbank and Brady Roads on the south side of Gisborne to house medical services,

small retail, offices and limited line supermarket.

In a move likely to please many, the draft plan proposes rezoning most of the residential areas of Gisborne and New Gisborne, to a two-storey height limit. Current zoning allows three-storey dwellings. However large sections of both Gisborne and New Gisborne are marked for increased density.

Some other proposals in brief

The previously proposed expansion of the industrial estate at New Gisborne stays; bike lanes on some streets; more bus services better coordinated with rail services – eg a regular direct bus route from Willowbank Road via Aitken Street and Station Road to the railway station; encouraging development of night-time entertainment in Gisborne; encouraging opportunities for 'shop-top' living in town centres; supporting social and affordable housing in new developments; removing restrictive covenants on Chessy Park estate, New Gisborne, to allow further growth.

Macedon House

Amid proposals in the draft to promote adaptive re-use of heritage buildings, the plan proposes that the council "investigate planning controls" on Macedon House, which currently deal with its heritage values, flooding and contamination constraints, protection of escarpment landscape and significant trees and the visual sensitivity of the gateway location.

The existing planning controls for the site are strong, so it seems likely that the outcome would be a watering down to make renovation/maintenance and development of the site more attractive to investors. Elsewhere in the draft there is a reference to examining lots with infill capacity at town entrances.

Environment, cultural heritage, water and tourism are all dealt with in the revised draft.

Readers are encouraged to review the proposals and provide feedback to the council from 2 October. Go to mrsc.vic.gov.au and search Gisborne Futures, and click on Draft Structure Plan

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CHERISHED CHILDREN'S FIGURE RETIRES

After 15 years running the parish playgroup and kindergarten at St Paul's, Lorna Howard is retiring.

Lorna trained as a primary teacher at Ballarat Teachers' College in 1957-58 and remembers very fondly her years at New Gisborne Primary School, where she taught Preps and Grades 1 and 2 at the then two-teacher school. She enjoyed working with Bill Cummings and later Daryl Stewart who taught Grade 3 to 6. The school was a very happy place – the children did not want to go home at the end of the day.

Lorna began her ministry at St Paul's when asked by Reverend Brad Billings to assist with the running of the youth club he established in the early 2000s. The transition for Lorna to the creation of playgroups and later the kindergarten was seamless, and she has had the joy of working with hundreds of lovely children and their parents over the years. She volunteered her time and efforts as a gift to the children, their parents and to her God.

The death earlier this year of her beloved husband Ron, whom she married at St John's Riddells Creek



Lorna Howard offers biscuits to the children before storytime at one of her last playgroup sessions in Gisborne.

in 1960, has persuaded Lorna to move closer to her daughter and grandchildren in Melbourne.

Lorna's devotion and care will be fondly remembered by the many children and parents who had the privilege of knowing and loving her.

Some of the many loving tributes to Lorna

"If I had to put in words what [Lorna] meant to us, she was like a second grandma or nan. She's filled my kids' childhoods with unforgettable and the happiest memories from playgroup, 'messy church', kindy and extra care – especially Lorna's cheese and bikkies at story time. Even [two years after] moving away... [my kids] often ask me when they're going to 'Lorna's house' (playgroup) again." – Amy Bugeja

"In this day and age, in a world where everyone is so busy minding their own affairs...Lorna set the example of how to lovingly and abundantly serve others...It inspires me to do the same." – Elizabeth Abela

"I've been a nanny for four years and have been bringing all my kids here since day dot. I'm yet to find a better, more inclusive, comfortable, cosy and prepared space." – Lily

"We will only ever know [the parish hall] as Lorna's Playgroup. We made many lifelong friends in the community and it's [Lorna] we have to thank for bringing us together." – Jacquie Galea

"Wherever she settles, there is going to be another bunch of very, very lucky kids and parents who will now get to experience having Lorna in their lives..." – Saadia Elder



COUNCILLOR'S COLUMN

With Cr Dominic Bonanno

Hello, everyone, Spring has finally sprung! Hope you're enjoying the warmer weather.

We all value our open space, it's one of the many reasons we live in this beautiful part of the world, so thank you to all the community members who responded to the recent consultation about the potential acquisition of land at 51 Coop Drive, Gisborne. I look forward to hearing further news from our council officers about this matter.

Among many items the council is progressing, I thought I'd highlight two items of interest:

Gisborne Futures Project

The draft Gisborne Futures Structure Plan has been endorsed for community consultation. It will provide direction for Gisborne's long-term planning and development, including a settlement boundary to provide certainty for our community and accommodate projected growth until 2050.

The culmination of significant planning work and community feedback since 2018, this latest version of the draft Structure Plan responds to the community feedback received to 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.

Consultation will commence on 2 October and I encourage all to read and submit your thoughts/feedback via the mrsc.vic.gov.au website or email.

Gisborne Market

At a recent Planning Delegated Committee meeting, it was resolved to support the Gisborne Market (Arts and Farm Produce) going forward (with amendments). I wish to thank the volunteers at the GREAT Association who work tirelessly and give back to the community, as well as supporting local businesses and tourism.

And finally, I recently had the pleasure of attending an evening with the 1st Gisborne Scout Group where I gained an insight into how scouting activities contribute to positive youth development in Gisborne and across the Macedon Ranges.

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Ambulance auxiliary's extraordinary efforts

As the Gisborne Ambulance Auxiliary draws closer to its 50th anniversary, the members are excited by the prospect of attending the opening of the new ambulance station, possibly early next year. The auxiliary's efforts in support of the ambulance in Gisborne have been extraordinary over its 48 years of operation.

From the early 1970s, the Gisborne Ratepayers Association had been concerned that the ambulance service based in Woodend was not sufficient to manage the increasing number of callouts emanating from the Gisborne area.

The association was in talks with the Bendigo-based Central Victorian Ambulance Service, the Health Department, the Hospitals and Charities Commission, local politicians, councillors, doctors and police officers, all of whom agreed a good case could be made for a Gisborne-based service. When the statistics for February 1973-February 1974 revealed there had been 158 ambulance calls in the Gisborne district requiring transportation, action was needed.

On 31 May 1974 the association called a public meeting to gauge the degree of support for the establishment of an ambulance station. The meeting was unanimously in favour and that night plans were made to commence fundraising. The first function was a dance held at the CWA Hall in Mount Macedon, and to the music of 'Brewsters Roosters', 150 dancers enjoyed a happy night.

In June 1975 an ambulance was stationed at the home of ambulance officer Ian Nagle in New Gisborne.

In August 1975 the Ratepayers Association called a public meeting to establish an Ambulance Auxiliary to manage the fundraising for a permanent ambulance station. Victor Kaye was elected president, Mal Grant vice-president, Charles Spencer secretary and Tricia Kaye treasurer. Committee members were Beth Crawford and Bill Kenworthy.

A brand new, fully equipped Holden ambulance valued at \$12,000 was obtained in April 1976 and the auxiliary then set its sights on providing a building for it. In its first 10 months of service the ambulance travelled 26,000 kilometres.

In May 1977 a block of crown land on the corner of Neal and Robertson Streets (adjacent to the Gisborne and District Bush Nursing Hospital) was granted.



Gisborne Ambulance Auxiliary 2023 – Tim Fraser, Deb Fleming, Tricia Kaye and Horace Vella.



The Ambulance Auxiliary on the group's 30th anniversary. From left: Tony Mifsud, Ian Nagle, Debbie Fleming, Jack Sankey, Olwyn Sankey, Joyce Patience, Beth Crawford, Tricia Kaye and David Beanham.

The auxiliary came up with many ideas to raise money: bingo nights, square dance evenings, cake stalls, raffles, steam park rallies, art shows and show bags at festivals, but the two main money-makers were the 19 annual Antique Fairs held on Australia Day and the Olde Time Market which the auxiliary ran for 28 years before handing over to the GREAT Association in 2002.

The final payment for the purchase of the ambulance was made in August 1977. The auxiliary then pressed on with their fundraising efforts to build the ambulance station and the station officer's residence.

In January 1978 the Gisborne Ambulance service was upgraded to 'permanent and autonomous branch' status by the Hospitals and Charities Commission, with long-serving Ian Nagle appointed as officer in charge.

The first Gisborne Olde Time Market was held in the grounds of Macedon House (then a restaurant) in April 1978. There were 35 stalls which were visited by hundreds of residents and visitors. Many stall-holders had sold out by lunch time. From that Sunday onwards the market was held every month.

Finally, the big day arrived when the Premier Rupert Hamer arrived by helicopter to officially open the new ambulance station and residence on 18 December 1980. The Premier told the large crowd, "the Gisborne Shire residents and, in particular, the members of the auxiliary, are to be congratulated on the building of this magnificent ambulance complex." For its share of the total cost, the auxiliary's efforts had raised \$41,000.

In November 1983 a second ambulance was installed with the auxiliary contributing \$11,000. As well, many items of life-saving and training equipment were bought.

The auxiliary's fundraising efforts continued and their next major project was achieved with the opening of the helipad in Dixon Field on 17 October 1987 at a cost of \$18,000. The need for a secure landing site for helicopters in times of emergencies became obvious during the Ash Wednesday fire and in the hectic days that followed that disastrous event.

Members of the auxiliary were recognised for their years of dedicated work when they received certificates of appreciation from the Victorian Government to mark the efforts of volunteers in the International Year of Volunteers 2001. In the following year, three members of the auxiliary – Joyce Patience,

Beth Crawford and Tricia Kaye – were honoured with Community Service Awards by the Macedon Ranges Shire Council. Rural Ambulance Victoria also presented them with certificates on the auxiliary's 30th anniversary in 2005.

To this day, 48 years on from its foundation in 1975, the auxiliary continues its support for the ambulance service in Gisborne. Over those 48 years, the auxiliary has raised over \$600,000 and it continues to ensure that the Gisborne service is provided with every piece of necessary equipment.

The pride of the members in their achievements over those decades is well founded. They have been instrumental in providing a vital service that benefits everyone in the Gisborne and district community.

Bryan Power

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Council endorses continuation of Gisborne market



Macedon Ranges Shire Council has approved amendments to the Gisborne Market's permit.

The 2004 permit was well out of date, and the GREAT Association (Gisborne Region Events Activities and Tourism) applied for amendments to that permit to bring it up to date. The permit application was advertised in May and June this year, and there were 44 submissions in support of the market and eight against it.

Over the years the market grew to a peak of 300 stallholders.

The market resumed in February 2022 after COVID much as it was before. It has been run every month since then, with approximately 150 stallholders currently. Professional traffic management has been added this year, bringing an increased level of safety for all.

The market is run by volunteers, and proceeds from the market have resulted in \$670,000 being given back to the community between October 2004 and August 2023, in the form of grants. These have gone to many community bodies in the region and to the installation of public infrastructure.

Clarification: In last month's *Gazette*, it was incorrectly stated that the 'No Dogs' signs at the market were required by the council. The market has a long-standing 'No Dogs' policy. The market on its own initiative introduced new larger signs at the August market and added more signs at the September market. These signs, along with messages on social media, have reduced the number of dogs at the market.

We all love our dogs but the market crowds make dogs a serious safety issue.

*Rick Arden, President
Gisborne Region Events Activities and Tourism (GREAT)*



An entry point to the September market.



A young Saints supporter with Thomas Healey at the St Kilda Football Club's education unit at the September market.



MEMBER'S MESSAGE

With Mary-Anne Thomas

Hello, Gisborne community,
As I write, the sun is shining and Gisborne has reached the beauty of springtime. I love the four seasons in the Macedon Ranges.

Road safety is very important in our community and that's why I'm delighted to let you know that Gisborne is set to receive safety upgrades in three locations. The roundabout at Hamilton/Aitken Street (the fountain roundabout), is to receive pedestrian safety improvements of wombat crossings (raised zebra crossings) with 40km/h speed limits on approach.

Wombat crossings (with 40km/h speed limits) will also be installed at the corner of Fisher and Aitken Streets (near St Brigid's), and on Fisher Street near Gisborne Primary School. I look forward to pedestrian safety being improved by these additions.

Sports clubs: the Sporting Club Grants Program is open now until 4pm on 12 October. Grants of up to \$1000 are available for uniforms, equipment and resources that improve accessibility and engagement; up to \$2000 for projects to strengthen volunteering and officiating and up to \$4000 to deliver a new sport or recreation program. There are also grants of up to \$750 to support athlete travel. Go to www.sport.vic.gov.au for information.

See you soon!



Breeze in for Kays summer parade on 16 October

Gisborne Uniting Church will host a Summer Fashion Parade by Kays Classic Fashions on Monday 16 October at 1.30pm.

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sizes 10 to 24, as well as Kays' usual 'specials' rack.

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Check out amazing work at Quilt and Craft Show on October 6 and 7

The ladies of the St Andrew's Presbyterian Church Gisborne Craft Group have been working all year creating a large collection of magnificent quilts and are pleased to display their efforts for others to enjoy on Friday 6 October (3.30pm to 5pm) and Saturday 7 October (9am to 3pm).

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 Gisborne Probus.

Light refreshments will be available in the hall. Entry and refreshments are free. Donations will be accepted for the Gisborne Foodbank.

Friday following the show there will be youth activities and a pizza/soup dinner for all to share free of charge.

Most of the quilts will be donated to support services after the show, including Gisborne Foodbank, St Kilda Mums, Scots Church Flemington Mission, Sunbury Salvation Army, Royal Women's Hospital Indigenous



The craft group's talents made the cover of the Gazette in October 2018. A new set of amazing quilts is now ready for visitors to see.

Unit and Annie North Women's Refuge

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

Lions grateful for community support



With the Lions Gisborne Festival on Friday 8 December fast approaching, a number of entities have come on board to help fund this longstanding community event.

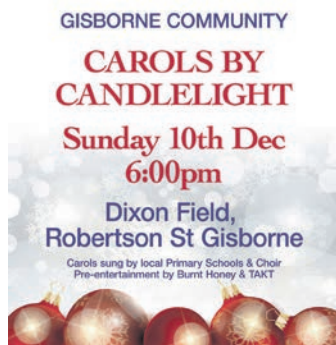
The Gisborne Bendigo Community Bank is once again the major, naming-right sponsor. Willow Gisborne is sponsoring the fireworks, the GREAT Association is sponsoring the live music, and the Macedon Ranges Shire Council is contributing towards the cost of road closures for the street parade. Other major sponsors at this stage are Macedon Ranges Glass, UFS Dispensaries and McDonald's.

However, the Gisborne and District Lions Club is still seeking additional businesses to come on board as sponsors. All sponsors' names will continue to appear on the electronic scoreboard at Gardiner Reserve from 4.30pm to 9.30pm on the day of the festival.

A big thank you to the community for your support of the Lions Father's Day Raffle. There were six big prizes with the first prize a camp kitchen box which was constructed by the Gisborne Men's Shed. Prize winners were: 1st J Mallon (ticket no. 0552); 2nd K Jephson (0612); 3rd C Baiber (0504); 4th J Takos (0812); 5th S Meldrum (1009); and 6th L deCastro (0689).

Although those in need who ultimately benefit from your support may never know of your generosity, we at Lions are grateful for your support of our fundraising efforts.

Russell Walker OAM



MARK YOUR DIARY for

Gisborne Carols by Candlelight

Carols by Candlelight will be held on Sunday, 10 December at 6.30pm at Dixon Field.

Pre-entertainment by Burnt Honey and TAKT will begin at 6pm. There will be a sausage sizzle, ice cream and coffee vans, and candles and glow sticks for sale.

Come along and listen to the choirs from the local primary schools and join in the singing of carols with the Carols by Candlelight Choir.

Come and see who will be awarded the Local Hero for services to our community over many years. We look forward to seeing you there.

Special thanks to committee members Tracey Calnan and Erin McKinnon for all their hard work.

Bronwyn Tacey, Carols by Candlelight Committee

Smiles all round for Macedon Early Learning Centre

Macedon Early Learning Centre has received Dental Health Services Victoria's Smiles 4 Miles award. The program aims to improve the oral health of children under five years by encouraging healthy eating, healthy drinking, and good oral hygiene.



Staff at the centre received training to implement all the relevant award criteria over the course of 2022-2023. To achieve the Smiles 4 Miles award, services must be able to provide evidence of best practice across seven criteria, aimed at educating and engaging children and families in the three key messages: Drink well, Eat well and Clean well.

"Tooth decay is one of the most prevalent preventable diseases in Victorian children," said Amanda Perry, Smiles 4 Miles coordinator at Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health, which has coordinated the program in the Macedon Ranges since 2017.

"One in four young children have untreated decay in their baby teeth, according to the Australian Department of Health."

All early childhood services in the Macedon Ranges are eligible to participate in Smiles 4 Miles.

To find out how to register, contact amandap.perry@scchc.org.au.



Russell Walker OAM (Gisborne Lions) and Vicky Hillyer (Bendigo Community Bank Gisborne, major sponsor of the Gisborne Festival) invite more local businesses to support the popular event.



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Gisborne Botanic Gardens irrigation update

Stage two of the Gisborne Botanic Gardens irrigation project has been now completed. This included the installation of the irrigation main line and cabling, installation of control valves, recycled water connection and irrigation controller.

Stage one, which was completed in 2022, was a water tank, pump, electricity connection and the first section of main line piping. A further \$65,000 has been committed in the current budget to complete the third and final stage of the project, which will be the installation of sprinklers. Once complete, the irrigation system will drought-proof the gardens. The new system will use recycled water only.

Carers Week workshop

10.30am-12.30pm, Wednesday 11 October, Dromkeen Gallery, Riddells Creek.

Families and carers are invited to join a guest speaker from Carers Victoria in a special workshop where we will explore why caring for ourselves is so important, what stops us caring for ourselves, and how to make a self-care commitment. Morning tea provided. To register call 5422 0333 or email hshort@mrc.vic.gov.au

Recycle textiles, polystyrene and soft plastics free

The council is now accepting textiles and clean polystyrene at resource recovery facilities (tips), in addition to soft plastics.

The council has joined Upcycle4Better to offer residents a sustainable recycling solution for damaged clothes, shoes, linen and more. This free service is only for damaged or well-used textiles. Items in good condition should still be donated to an op shop.

You can also recycle clean, white expanded polystyrene free as part of a new trial, with the recycled product turned into items such as picture frames, skirting boards, decking and other household products. To be recycled, the polystyrene must be clean and free from dirt, tape, labels and ink.

Don't forget, you can also take your soft plastics free too. A recent audit of kerbside general waste bins showed that up to 70% of the bin was taken up by soft plastics.

For information visit mrc.vic.gov.au/RRF or call 5422 0333.



The special recycle bins at council tips.

Aged Care Visitor Scheme now recruiting volunteers

The council is looking for volunteers to join its recently launched Aged Care Volunteer Visitor scheme.

The program supports people living in aged care facilities or receiving home care packages who may be feeling socially isolated. Volunteers are matched with individuals with similar interests for regular weekly or fortnightly social visits or outings.

Ideas for visits can include reading or going out for a

cuppa together; or bringing your furry friend with you, if you both share a love of animals. Whatever your skills or interests we would love to chat with you.

To register your interest as a volunteer, visit mrc.vic.gov.au/ACVVS or call 5422 0333.

If you or someone you know might like a visitor, and they live in a residential facility or receive a Home Care Package, the Volunteer Visitor team would love to hear from you.

Inclusion photo competition

Don't forget to submit your photos for the 'Showcasing Inclusion' photo competition, in recognition of International Day of People with Disability (IDPWD). The competition closes on 29 October.

For information and to submit your photos, visit mrc.vic.gov.au/IDPWD

Free catch-up HPV vax

The council's immunisation clinic is offering catch-up HPV vaccinations for people aged 25 or under who have missed out.

The HPV vaccine protects against nine types of HPV that cause almost all cases of cervical cancer, other HPV-related cancers and genital warts. Those aged 12-25 years can receive the HPV vaccine. Most people will receive it through school-based programs when they are 12-13 years old.

Find out more about the council's free immunisation sessions and make a booking at mrc.vic.gov.au/immunisations. To find out more about the HPV vaccine, visit hpvvaccine.org.au

ENVIRONMENT EVENTS

October is Bird Month

The Macedon Ranges Bird Blitz returns for its fifth year, with the theme for this year being 'Birding for Beginners'. The council is partnering with BirdLife Australia's Aussie Bird Count – a fantastic way to get started in birdwatching. The Aussie Bird Count takes place in Bird Week from 16-25 October.

Join us for the launch of the Aussie Bird Count at a 'Birding for Beginners' workshop on Sunday 15 October in Malmsbury, 2-5pm. After a presentation, the group will head out and practise birdwatching skills together in the Malmsbury Botanic Gardens. If you can't make it, you can always attend one of the monthly birdwatching walks along Jacksons Creek in Gisborne.

Also in October – the Bird Survey Blitz. This annual bird-monitoring program involves 80 monitoring sites across reserves and roadsides in the shire. These surveys help us assess the health of our local environment. Birding volunteers are welcome to register now and attend a citizen science co-design workshop on Sunday 22 October.

For information on the Aussie Bird Count and Council's bird activities, visit mrc.vic.gov.au/Birds

Bird walk for beginners

19 October, 9 to 10am, Jacksons Creek, Gisborne
Join bird enthusiast and biodiversity officer Tanya Loos along Jacksons Creek for an hour with the birds. Meet at the council offices, Robertson Street.

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



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Much more than reading at Gisborne Library

Are you ready for a challenge? Gisborne Library is introducing a Jigsaw Puzzle Competition. Teams of four compete to finish a 500-piece puzzle within two hours. The fastest team wins a prize. However, each team must include a team member under 15.

Space is limited, so call the library to book your team early. Saturday 18 November 10am to 12 noon. Serious Fun.

Another new event is the Silent Reading Book Club. No set reading. No need to chat. Just sit and read in companionable silence – refreshments provided. BYOB or borrow a book on the night. Held on the second Tuesday of the month from 5 to 6pm, which will be 10 October this month.

Do you have some sustainability questions? 'Speed Dating with GREG' could be for you. Go Renewable Energy Group invites you to try speed dating with an expert. Spend 10-15 minutes talking with a subject expert. Topics may include solar panels and batteries, heat pumps and air conditioning, insulation and draught proofing, electric vehicles, beekeeping. Saturday 14 October 10am to 12 noon. Bookings essential: online or call Gisborne Library on 5428 3962.

Once again, Gisborne Library is hosting a special event for Children's Week – a Teddy Bear Sleepover. What will the teddies get up to this year? Drop-off will be Friday 27 October at 4pm and collection Saturday 28 October during opening hours, 9.30am-12.30pm.

Georgina Smith

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Check out our range of courses at www.mrfec.net.au. MRFEC is at 12 Hamilton Street, Gisborne, in between Gisborne Library and the Gisborne Fitness Centre.

Rebecca Harris, centre manager



WHAT'S ON at Macedon & Mt Macedon Community House

Community Choir at M&MMCH – fortnightly Thursdays 7.30pm to 9.20pm

The choir's first sing was Thursday 14 September and sounded great. The choir is aimed at adults of all ages, genders and abilities with the aim of developing a strong SATB (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) choir, as well as having a great deal of fun and enjoying the community spirit. Please contact Dean on deanmichael21@outlook.com for more information.

Playgroup – Now Mondays and Wednesdays 9.30am to 12.30pm

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

Pregnancy Yoga – Wednesdays 1.30pm to 2.30pm

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

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

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

Sit and Sew Craft Group – Thursdays 10am to 12 noon

Bring your own sewing, knitting or craft project to the community house and meet creative, like-minded locals.

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.

Hire the Community House

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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Rotary events and projects on foot for next year

The Rotary Club of Gisborne has been very busy planning the projects and events for the coming year.

First, we are still seeking applicants for two youth programs this year.

Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN), a camp on 25-27 October, is open to students in Years 9, 10 or 11 who are identified as potential leaders; the closing date is 11 October.

Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA), in the first week of December, is a great week-long camp for 18- to 25-year-olds that gives them the opportunity to develop skills in communication, negotiation and assertiveness.

If you know a suitable applicant, please call us as closing dates are fast approaching.

We are also planning a Christmas visit to the Oaks Aged Care facility, promoting the End Polio project and assisting at the Polio Network Victoria Conference.

Please make a note in your diaries for the Annual



Rotary Golf Day on 2 February next year. Further information will be available soon, but we are seeking sponsors and players for this great day.

Funds raised will assist in providing emergency/crisis housing in the Macedon Ranges as well as community projects. If you are interested, please call Lyn on 0407 777 344.

Another important date for the diary is the annual Easter Fun Day which will be held on Saturday 23 March.

The Volunteer Expo will also be held in March. For more information, please call the number below.

Lyn Robinson, 0407 777 344

Don't get caught!

Scammers after our money can sound incredibly genuine

Hi, my name is Russell Barker, and in my daily travels I come across people almost every day who have been scammed and lost precious savings from their bank account.



Russell Barker

This type of scam usually involves a phone call followed by a technician "helping" them out with their computer by remotely controlling their computer.

It usually starts with, "Hi, this is John here from Telstra. We have noticed your computer is going slow. Would you like some help with this?"

The exact 'offer' and the name of the caller and the business name can all be different, but they always use a business name that is well known and trustworthy. This is an old 'confidence trick' in new clothes.

Gain a person's confidence with clever-sounding words, and important-sounding language, then tell them there is a serious problem with a deadline that means it should be fixed now before the problem gets worse. Unfortunately, if you believe them, there's a good chance that there will be money lost at the end of the phone call.

Once you let a person into your computer, they can very quickly gather your account details and passwords and anything else they need to pull off the final part of their job: stealing from you.

Ignore, hang up

All you need to remember to protect yourself from these types of scams is the following: ignore people who claim to be from Telstra, Microsoft, a bank, the Tax Office, the Department of Homeland Security, etc. (These are names of organisations used recently by hackers.)

If, by any chance, you hang up on your bank they will find another way to contact you.

So, if you receive a phone call with a time expiring or urgent call to action from a big company – hang up! It may well save you getting hacked.

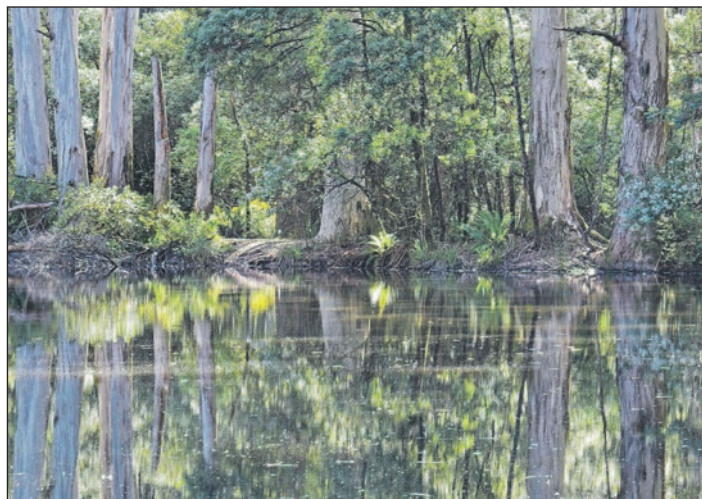
Band of novices with interest in photography



The U3A Kyneton Photography Group is a small band of novices whose aim is to share ideas to improve and enjoy taking photos. All you need is a camera and a love of photography to join the U3A Kyneton group.

The sessions are monthly. If the weather isn't good, then an indoor meeting is held at the Red Brick Hall to discuss techniques and to practise indoors. Favourite photos are shared, and the feedback is always positive and constructive. Outdoor excursions usually take two to three hours.

For more information on U3A, visit u3akyneton.com.au, email u3ak.membership@gmail.com or call 0439 360 763.



Sanitorium Lake at Mount Macedon photographed by a U3A photography club member.

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Students and teachers from the Bullengarook campus of the Sunbury and Macedon Ranges Specialist School with Gisborne Foodbank volunteers Wally and Robyn.



Bullengarook students visit Foodbank



As part of their Project Ready work readiness and personal development program, a number of students and teaching staff from the Bullengarook campus of the Sunbury and Macedon Ranges Specialist School visited the

Gisborne Foodbank last month.

Each student brought a food item to donate and after a brief talk and discussion about the Foodbank, they were shown where to store their donations. The students then assisted Foodbank president Wally Van Dort and volunteer Robyn to pack some delivery boxes and help with some of the other jobs done by the volunteers each week.

The jobs were quickly completed with everyone really enjoying themselves. After some photos were

taken the students voted the Gisborne Foodbank the best volunteer participation they have had to date.

The Foodbank volunteers found that their involvement with the students really captured how rewarding volunteering can be. Thank you to the students and staff at Bullengarook for making their visit such a wonderful experience for us. We look forward to many more schools visiting the Foodbank as students venture out of their school environments and into the wonderful community in which we all live, work and play.

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 www.gisbornefoodbank.org.au.

Wally Van Dort

News from Gisborne RSL



The Gisborne sub-branch raffle in August that featured three prizes was recently drawn and we are pleased to announce the winners. Congratulations to 1st – Mathew Trost; 2nd – Ron Alexander; and 3rd – Elaine Currie.

Funds raised from the raffle will contribute to operating costs of our sub-branch. Again, we are very appreciative of the community's support of the RSL.

In mid-August our branch recognised the sacrifice and service of all those who served in Vietnam. We laid a wreath at the Gisborne cenotaph to mark the 50th anniversary of the end of Australia's involvement in the Vietnam war.



Looking ahead, 'Poppy Day' is fast approaching. We will be out and about again selling badges. So, expect to see our people at various locations around Gisborne, Riddells Creek and Macedon. The contributions from this annual appeal are used to support

RSL's veterans welfare program.

Poppy Day leads into the Gisborne Remembrance Day commemoration service which will be conducted at 11am on 11 November at the Gisborne cenotaph.

If you intend to lay a wreath at the ceremony or alternatively would like our sub-branch to lay one on your behalf, in both instances could you please contact our secretary at admin@gmrrsl.com or call 0487 278 681.

The Gisborne & Macedon Ranges RSL Sub-Branch meets at the Gisborne Golf Club starting at 1.30pm on the first Monday each month. Current and ex-serving members of the ADF, members of the emergency services, and those members of the community that share the values of RSL, are welcome to attend. Please advise our secretary via email at admin@gmrrsl.com.au or leave a message on the Gisborne Macedon Ranges Facebook page or on Instagram.



Darren Grevis-James

Darren Grevis-James, president

St Paul's Op Shop Jottings

The weather is warming up so come in and discover summer wear at \$2 and a special \$5 clothes rack for ladies and men. Our kids' room has \$1 clothes and shoes. We also have board games, jigsaw puzzles, toys, children's books and DVDs.

We celebrated a huge milestone for our longest-serving volunteer Beth Crawford, who turned 95 years young in September. Beth volunteers every week – she is a wonder!

This month we ask Joanna about her experience volunteering with us. "I started volunteering at St Paul's Op Shop in 2016," she said. "I was impressed by the



Volunteer Joanna.

relaxed atmosphere and friendly staff. St Paul's is unique, as many of our customers tell us. They appreciate the choice and range which are so well displayed. Children especially love to choose a treat without breaking the bank. I find my time at the op shop a very rewarding experience."

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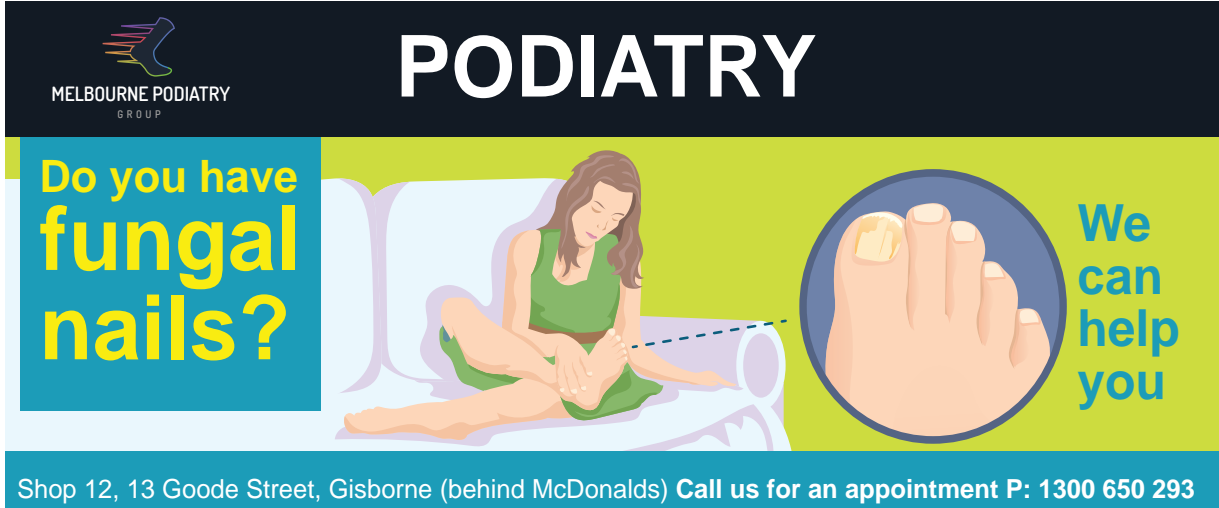
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OBITUARY

Barbara Annison

11 July 1934 – 8 June 2023

Barb lived a very full and interesting life. She was an amazing lady – so generous with her time and talents – who inspired everyone who knew her.

Barb grew up a country girl with a love of the great outdoors. She was born in Boggabri NSW in 1934, the younger daughter of Geoffrey Moore and Elsie Capel and sister of Janet, and lived her early years in northern NSW. She rode her pony Winks to school each day. This started a life-long love of horsemanship and pets in general. At school she excelled at sports and she was still playing tennis well into her 70s.

When Barb left school she trained as a librarian at the Inverell Library. This began her book collecting hobby and she was an avid reader all her life.

She was also keenly interested in aviation and gained her private pilot's licence in Inverell. It was on a flight to the Australian Women Pilots' Association conference in Perth in 1959 that she met her future husband, Wallace Annison, who worked for the Civil Aviation Department. By this time Barb was working in Sydney where she and Wal married in October 1960. They moved to Hampton in Victoria and five years later to Macedon.

Life at Macedon

The move to Macedon in 1965 allowed her to pursue her love of horses, dogs, cats, chooks, cattle and other assorted



Barbara Annison

animals that passed through the Macedon property.

Barb had a great love of the Australian bush and she enjoyed volunteering with Parks Victoria, tracking and recording mammals. Barb was a great bushwalker and she spent many happy years as a member of the Gisborne Bushwalking Club. The move to Macedon also led to Barb becoming a life-long volunteer, particularly in the Macedon and Gisborne communities.

Barb demonstrated a strong work ethic in assisting many organisations

In 1995 Barb was awarded the prestigious Nancy Bird-Walton trophy for the most noteworthy contribution to aviation by a woman in Australasia

and groups including kindergarten committees, school committees, brownies and guides, meals on wheels, tennis, swimming, pony and golf clubs, Vision Australia, CFA, Red Cross, Hospital Auxiliary, Anglican Parish Council, Op Shop and Ladies Guilds. Her Christian faith was very important to Barb.

With the Macedon Fire Brigade she filled in as communications officer for many years when Wal was away. It was in 1976 while Wal was on a call out with the brigade that tragedy struck the family. Wal suffered a heart attack and did not survive. Barb and her three daughters were supported in their grief by the local community.

Barb became even more involved in the community and was elected as a Gisborne Shire Councillor and as

an inaugural member of the Macedon Ranges Health Service. She also volunteered as a driver with Macedon Ranges Health and helped with the Life Enhancement Program in the nursing home and hostel.

For an extended period following the Ash Wednesday bushfires, in 1983 Barb accompanied Father Ken Parker on his visits to parishioners and others in the community who had been affected by the devastating fires.

Aviation award

From 1985, as a volunteer, Barb coordinated the Australian Women Pilots' Association 'Fear of Flying' courses in Melbourne. Over the years she ran 16 successful courses. This program assisted many people to become less anxious about travelling by plane.

At the *Gazette* we have fond memories of Barb. She was among the very first people who volunteered to support the paper and she distributed the *Gazette* for many years in the Fersfield Road area.

Barb is survived by her beloved family: daughters Kathryn, Jennifer and Margaret; grandchildren William, Clare, Tom, Kate, Sarah, Lauren and Cameron and great-grandchildren Dexter, Archie and Evie.

Barb's funeral was held at the Church of the Resurrection in Macedon on 19 June. Her ashes will be interred with Wal's in the Memorial Garden at St Paul's Gisborne on 22 October.

With her passing the district has lost a great friend, volunteer and citizen.

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Courtney Alexander and Adriana Cardona of Community Bank Gisborne & District with Jess-Bree Candusio, National Insect Expo manager.

For the love of bugs



An exciting project we supported in September was the National Insect

Expo in Woodend. Exhibition manager Jess-Bree Candusio set up a display of insect specimens in the branch and her passion for protecting insects was contagious.

"Some people think liking insects is weird, but to me they are the jewels of the natural world," said Jess-Bree. "Insects are also like the canary in the coal mine and the significant fall in bug numbers over the last decades was an early indicator that we need to rethink our impact on the environment. Just think of how many bugs you used to clean off your car windscreen after long drives. Bugs need our care!"

Our team learnt lots more about the wonderful world of insects at the expo and were pleased to see so many families enjoying the event and learning about the importance of protecting local fauna.

The 2024 National Insect Expo is planned to be held at the Macedon Ranges Regional Sports Precinct in New Gisborne.

Thank you to everyone who applied to our spring grants program. Our board of directors looks forward to reviewing applications and supporting many local projects.

Our 2024 tertiary scholarship program will be opening soon, with scholarships available for young people who recently completed secondary education.

To stay up to date with our community support opportunities, follow our Facebook page.

The team at Community Bank Gisborne (Bendigo Bank)



BETTY'S BOOP

With Betty Doolan

I am not quite sure whether to tell you what the Oaks have been up to. There was a large sign that said, 'Welcome to Hawaii' and the Life Enhancement room was decorated to make the residents believe that was where they were there. LEP staff were all wearing grass skirts – even a very large gent by the name of Simon (over his trousers, of course) – and there was lovely music and very nice afternoon tea. Residents thoroughly enjoyed another lovely afternoon.

Next was Book Week, and there were many book characters running around. Red Riding Hood was an easy guess.

Residents were shown a beautiful menu for Father's Day and a group of men had a special lunch with baked barramundi. There was also a lovely barbecue with music afterwards.

The LEP staff then organised a mock wedding. The dresses were

beautiful and all purchased from our own op shop (Opportunity on Hamilton). I thought the mother of the bride turned out to be the flower girl. Once again, the food was great.

Meanwhile, I had my own problems with a heating globe in the bathroom blowing up, catching fire. Our wonderful firemen arrived and after a couple of hours everything was over which left me without a bathroom. I slept in the LEP room, but I am happy to say I am back in my own room without a bathroom.

With the beautiful weather, Lois and I went for a walk in Sunbury and met a lovely group of people who invite you into this lovely old church for coffee or tea and a piece of cake. If you are down that way, look them up and it will make you feel great.

Stay safe and keep cool.

Betty

BITE SIZE NEWS

Early Christmas music in November

The Geelong Welsh Ladies Choir will be presenting 'A Hint of Christmas' on Sunday 12 November from 3-4pm at St Andrews Presbyterian Church, Fisher Street, Gisborne.

Entry will be by gold coin donation.

St Vincent de Paul

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

Geelong Welsh Ladies Choir "A Hint of Christmas"



Sunday, 12th November

3.00 – 4.00 pm

St Andrews Presbyterian Church

49 Fisher Street, Gisborne

Entry - Gold Coin Donation



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HEALTH & WELLBEING

Active time for suicide prevention group



Macedon Ranges Suicide Prevention Action Group were busy in September, and this continues into October.

World Suicide Prevention Day was on 10 September and MRSPAG held its annual walk on this day to raise awareness and honour those who we have lost by suicide. Luckily, the weather held off for our morning.

We sincerely thank those who supported this event through their attendance or volunteering along with the very kind support from Gisborne Foodworks, local musicians TAKT and Marlee Grace, Amber Creations, Live4Life and Macedon Ranges Shire Council.

Macedon Ranges men bereaved by suicide had the opportunity to participate in a gathering around a barbecue as part of the Support After Suicide program on 14 September. With the amazing support of Emergency Management Victoria and the Mt Macedon Golf Club, the first ever Jesuit Social Services 'Road Trip' was deemed a success with men from various places around the state who usually meet online in monthly Zoom meetings joining the local attendees.

The Macedon Ranges Support After Suicide gathering on 9 October will have a guest speaker, Colleen Jackson, who will talk about trauma.

These peer support gatherings are facilitated by trained peer supporters, themselves bereaved by suicide, who gather each month at the Newham Hall to chat over a cuppa and cake. All impacted by suicide and supporters are welcome. For any enquiries email peersupport@mrspag.com.au

RU OK day has been and gone. If you want to know what to do when you ask someone this question and they open up saying they are not OK, then there are opportunities to develop this knowledge.

MRSPAG is offering Mental Health First Aid courses coming up along with Living Works SafeTalk for the LGBTQIA+ community.

Details are on our website mrspag.com.au or our Facebook page.



Noelene Ward and Steve Power lead the walk on World Suicide Prevention Day (10 September) in Woodend.



Several of the attendees at a men's gathering for Support After Suicide.

If this area is one you are concerned about and feel you would like to volunteer in some way, we welcome you.

Contact us on info@mrspag.com.au or through Facebook.



Shedman Alan, KidzFlip's Jed, Shedman Gary and KidzFlip's Lachie with the new 3D printer.

KidzFlip imprints itself in Men's Shed history



In August Gisborne Men's Shed passed the milestone of eight years since the opening of our current shed and, without even having a party, the local Kidzflip organisation gave us a lovely present. We are now the proud owners of a 3D printer.

This little piece of magic can create just about anything from a computer-controlled fine stream of molten plastic. It is too difficult to explain how it does it in a few words here. The best thing for you to do is look at a couple of YouTube videos. If you're still intrigued, pop in any Monday, Wednesday or Thursday morning for a close-up look.

While there is no substitute for hard-won manual skills, equipment like this increases our capability, keeps us in touch with current technology and is ... well ... just fascinating to watch.

So, thanks Kidzflip. We appreciate you being one of our community partners. Be assured your donation is already being put to good use.



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View the plans and stay updated mrsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay or phone 5422 0333.



Macedon Ranges Shire Council

Submissions close Monday 13 November 2023



Sophie Byass



Ella Byass

RELATIVE



Sophie Newman Byass and Ella Byass are holding a mother-and-daughter joint art exhibition at The Gallery, Mt Macedon in October. The exhibition, titled 'Relative,' encompasses their relationship and their art. The exhibition showcases their very individual styles as they encourage each other through the artistic process.

Sophie's background as a graphic designer shows in her bold and graphic paintings. Art nouveau curves, balustrades, jewellery and plants are some of her inspiration. She is revisiting painting on canvas. This has been educational, challenging and extremely rewarding.

Ella was a finalist in the Young Archie Competition when she was just 14 years old. Her painting hung in the NSW Art Gallery alongside the Archibald Exhibition. Now 21, Ella is finding her own preferred style, exaggerating the interesting points of her subject. She has a loose, relaxed impressionist style as opposed to the restrictions of hyperrealism.

Ella's preferred mediums are oil paint or charcoal, with the majority of her subjects being portraits, landscapes and animals.

Meet Sophie and Ella at the exhibition opening on Saturday 7 October at 2pm. Everyone is welcome.

The artworks will be hanging in the gallery from 2 October through to 5 November.

Local artists: We have space in our Focus Room available in 2024. Contact Jo on 0418 488 582.

The Gallery is at 684 Mount Macedon Road, Mt Macedon, next to Dicksonia Rare Plants nursery and behind the Trading Post. Open Friday to Tuesday, 10am-4pm. Closed Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Sue Anson, 0413 581 632

Players preparing 'Peter Pan'



The Mount Players

The legend of *Peter Pan* has been delighting children for over 100 years and the Mount Players in conjunction with Sunbury-based Boilerhouse Theatre Company are excited to soon present 16 performances of *Peter Pan – A Musical Adventure*. Mount Players' president Craig Lenaine-Smith said, "It's wonderful that we have been able to join forces to work on this production together and to see the large number of young people getting a chance to perform on our stage. This is the first time in a few years that we have had a true family show."

Co-directors Ryan Stormland and Jess Ryan (who is also the Boilerhouse president) each have a love of the story and are excited to be working with two casts of 25 adults and children. Ryan admires the musical score but also that "the characters are legendary in all the right ways with a nuanced chemistry between Hook, Peter, and Wendy. Peter and Hook see life in a similar way, as a game, an adventure to win. Wendy changes the way Peter thinks, to see people as people, not 'props' on his stage."

Jess is huge fan of classical literature and jumped at the opportunity to bring a modern take on this story to a new audience. As a choreographer, Jess is enjoying working with the Pirates and Lost Boys and said, "the opportunity to work with kids is challenging but also ridiculously fun!"

Running from November 3 to 26, this is a show for all the family. To book tickets, go to www.themountplayers.com or call 5426 1892.

Karlana Santamaria



The Lost Boys and Braves in rehearsal from the Crocodile Cast. Picture: Karlana Santamaria

Organ recital at Macedon

Friends of Music at Resurrection are pleased to host an organ recital presented by Dr Paul Taylor on Saturday 21 October at 3pm at the Church of the Resurrection, Macedon.



Organist Dr Paul Taylor

The fine pipe organ at the church dates from the 1850s, when it was purchased by All Saints Cathedral, Bendigo. Since then, it has been refurbished several times, and with the decommissioning of All Saints as a cathedral, the organ was bought by the Church of the Resurrection in 2014.

Following restoration by Australian Pipe Organs, the organ was dedicated in 2015 to the memory of Dr David Gome, a parishioner who had actively supported the organ project.

Dr Paul Taylor is a graduate of Australian Catholic University, where he studied organ with Associate Professor Geoffrey Cox. He has held positions at St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne, the Catholic Office of Liturgical Music and Australian Catholic University. Currently he is Director of Music at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Bendigo.

The centrepiece of Paul's program is the *Toccatto, adagio and fugue* BWV 564 by JS Bach. A work of monumental proportions, it is also very accessible, the *toccatto* having three distinct sections: an opening flourish played by the hands, followed by a dramatic solo on the pedals, and finally a triumphant conclusion involving both manuals and pedals.

By contrast the *adagio* features a lyrical solo melody supported by a light accompaniment in which the pedal part sounds rather like pizzicato cellos. The work concludes with a delightful dance-like fugue.

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Brahms 'Lieberslieder Waltzes' coming up



Our concert date is fast approaching and Gisborne Singers' choristers

are busy getting their tongues around some energetic German lyrics in the beautiful Brahms *Lieberslieder Waltzes*. Our two wonderful pianists have already delighted the choir at rehearsal with their flair and teamwork.

There are 18 waltzes in all, each with their own flavour. Anna and Elyane will also play Schubert's *Fantasy in F minor* piano for four hands.

The performance will be on Sunday 29 October at the Church of the Resurrection, Macedon, at 2pm. Pianists are Anna Clarke-Zuidland and Elyane Laussade.

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

The Gisborne Singers rehearse from 7.30pm to 10pm on Wednesdays at the Gisborne Uniting Church in Brantome Street. Enquiries: www.gisborne.harmonysite.com or phone 0408 156 263.

Alison Kinghorn



Opera in Lancefield

Savoy Opera Company will present *Die Fledermaus* by Johann Strauss II on Sunday 8 October at 2pm at the Lancefield Mechanics Institute.

Sung in English.

Tickets: Adults \$35, Children \$10 tickets at www.trybooking.com/CKNLE or at the door.

For more information, visit www.savoyoperacompany.com.

The Music Makers



Entitled *The Music Makers*, the concert presented by Young Voices of Macedon at the Church of the Resurrection, Macedon, on 10 September was the first such major event since 2019, on account of COVID and participation in a Kyneton Daffodil Festival concert in 2022.

It was therefore with great excitement that our singers shared their love of choral singing with an appreciative audience, commencing with a beautiful three-part setting of *We are the music makers* by Reginal Wright.

Another challenging song performed by the older Cantabile group under the direction of Jess Demare was a three-part setting of *Sing Alleluia, Clap Your Hands*, in which the only accompaniment was hand clapping.

Our young Vivo group also had much to offer under the leadership of Peter Hagen, including songs by distinguished Melbourne music educator Lorraine Milne and several European folk songs.

A further highlight was a selection of solos sung by guest artist, soprano Elspeth Bawden, including the celebrated *Pie Jesu* from the Fauré *Requiem*



Jude and Harriet Barnes and Eliza Davis perform with the Young Voices of Macedon.

and a delightful setting of *Christopher Robin is saying his prayers*. The concert reached a triumphant conclusion with a three-part and highly energetic Gospel-style *Amazing Grace*, sung with great vigour by the Cantabile group and directed from the piano by Peter Hagen.

This performance represented a term of hard work by our choristers and inspired leadership from our teachers and accompanist Cathy Hutchison.

The choir now invites children from the age of nine to join us for the next adventure: a performance with the Bendigo Symphony Orchestra in late November. Younger children are invited to join our Vivo group for fun music learning. Visit yvmaqedon.org.au or phone 0437 941 690.

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Applications are open from
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Busy bees

It was interesting to read in our latest state magazine of the different projects that CWA members participate in.

A team of ladies volunteered to go to Rochester with knitted goods, 'pamper packs', scones and fruit cakes for the locals who are still recovering from flooding. It brought out a lot of locals for a cup of tea and a chat. The Drouin members have made condolence bags for their hospital to send home a deceased person's personal belongs.

At Gisborne CWA we are in the process of making aprons and art smocks for local primary schools and hope to do some volunteering in the near future at a school.

We had a busy evening at Bunnings selling home baked goods and crafts before Father's Day and our sausage sizzle at Bunnings is coming up on Sunday 22 October.

Five of our ladies enjoyed a few days away at the CWA holiday cottage in Halls Gap. Once we got the fire going and the extra doona on the bed all was fine until the last night, when the chimney top blew off in the wind and we arose to no electricity in town and trees down all over.

We had had a fun time doing Allison's crafts and a couple of bush walks, then came home to the bustle of the Daffodil Festival in Kyneton with our stalls, lunches, morning and afternoon teas.

Our October meeting is Monday 9th, 10am, at Gisborne Secondary College stadium. Coffee, Craft and Chat on the 16th at the same venue.

Christine Edwards



Plenty of news

Well, where did September go? This month we at Macedon CWA, along with some other branches, were involved in the Kyneton Daffodil Festival. It was wonderful to meet so many festival-goers, who were out enjoying themselves at this truly community building event.

If you missed this year, pencil it into your calendar for next year. Our cafe and stalls were very well patronised. Thank you to all who supported us.

The CWA Hall at Mount Macedon is being renovated. The garden has been revamped and looks great. The interior has been painted and new blinds have replaced the old curtains.

It really is a welcoming place for our activities. It is also available for hire for your special events.

We are looking forward to hosting some ladies from Rochester in October.

They have had a very tough time after the devastating floods last year. We will have a lovely lunch and then take them on a visit to Duneira to see the house and garden.

The October meeting is also our AGM, when we will elect our officebearers for 2023-24. We also distribute funds we have raised during the year for charities that support women and children in need, both in Australia and overseas.

We would welcome you at Macedon CWA – call me on 5426 2210 for more details.

Anne Fyfield

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Gisborne Primary School was the first school in Gisborne, opening in 1853 as the Gisborne National School. Robin Godfrey trawls through the chalk dust of its history

Gisborne Primary School

170 years old

Gisborne community spokesman William Robertson suggested to the National School Board on 30 November 1852 that a school be built at Gisborne. The town had been gazetted in 1851 and was growing fast on the back of the gold rush.

A meeting was held two weeks later at the Mt Macedon Hotel (now Macedon House), where 150 pounds was pledged by locals towards a building. The secretary of the National School Board, Benjamin Kane, attended the meeting.

The school site of two acres was established on the township block bounded by Fisher, Prince and Brantome Streets. A tender from John Gordon for a hardwood building costing 925 pounds was accepted in September 1853 and construction commenced soon afterwards. Local contributions towards the cost amounted to 250 pounds.

Robert Gregory and his wife Mary were appointed the first headmaster and headmistress, starting duties in October 1853. The school building being unfinished, the first classes were held in four adjacent tents – three for class teaching and one as a temporary residence for the Gregorlys (who had four children). When the school was officially opened on 26 December 1853, the school building was still unfinished.

The opening ceremony of the National School featured a choir of 40 children singing a hymn. Those present were then addressed by the Police Magistrate and local patron John C Thomson. After the formalities, everyone partook of a feast of buns, cakes and ginger beer. Festivities continued into the evening, where at a soiree, further monies were raised for the school.

Gregory and his wife taught 'Polite Education' and 'Plain and Elementary English' among the other subjects.

Robert Gregory was the son of an English slave owner in Jamaica and a former missionary; he and his family had recently left Jamaica to escape a catastrophic cholera epidemic.



First headmaster and headmistress Robert and Mary Gregory (in the 1880s). Mary was described on their marriage in Jamaica as "a free woman of colour".



The National School of Gisborne with students, teachers and parents assembled in front. Note the European style of the original structure of the timber building, without eaves.

Expansion

By 1862 there were 52 pupils attending the National School.

In May and June of 1864, a 72-square-metre extension for the accommodation of student boarders was added to the main building. The school also, at this time, gained its Victorian School Number of 262.

By August 1873, the school building consisted of a 62-square-metre main teaching room, three bedrooms, a draw-

ing room, large kitchen, servant's room and kitchenette. The rooms surrounded a central courtyard with a well for domestic water supply.

In November 1873, the construction of a brick building centrally situated on the site, to accommodate at least 200 pupils, was recommended by District Inspector McIntyre, rather than extending the existing hardwood building.

A tender of 1213 pounds by John Whiteoak for the new brick building was

accepted in February 1877 and the new brick building was opened on 17 August 1877. A 'Children's Treat' was celebrated after the opening. (Two additional brick rooms were added to the school building 47 years later, in 1924. One of the new rooms featured electric lighting and a wireless also was installed).

The old schoolhouse was converted and enlarged in September 1879 by Gisborne builder and butter churn manufacturer, Edward Cherry, for the sum of 110 pounds, as a teacher's residence consisting of 10 rooms. Its size allowed head teacher William McNicol to advertise for boy boarders in 1881.

20th century

In the way of health epidemics, a diphtheria outbreak closed the school for three weeks in June 1885. This may have been the incentive behind the installation of reticulated town water for the school in 1892. Measles epidemics closed the school for one week in January 1894, three weeks in November 1896 and, again, for three weeks in February 1923.

A new headmaster's residence of five rooms was built in 1912 at a cost of 470 pounds. It was in the north-west corner of the site, adjacent to Fisher and Prince Streets. The previous residence, condemned as being uninhabitable, was later sold and removed from the site.

Electric lighting was installed in the new headmaster's residence in 1915.

In 1920, Gisborne became a Higher Elementary School with additional classrooms located on other sites in the town. The secondary component of the school was discontinued in 1933-34.

A teacher of note at Gisborne State School was Henry Lanyon. He was Principal from 1911 to 1921 and during these years taught the Esperanto language – Esperanto being a constructed auxiliary language, developed for nurturing the spread of peace and friendship among the nations of the world.

Lanyon was the grandfather of historian Geoffrey Blainey.

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Headmaster Henry Lanyon (far left rear) and quite possibly his wife Mabel at far right, with Gisborne State School students in 1913.

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Modern conveniences of the 20th century came to the school with the administration office having a telephone installed in 1949.

A shelter shed built in the school grounds in 1922 was converted into an art and craft area in 1977. This was removed in 1989 to make way for a works program which included construction of five new classrooms, a gymnasium, new canteen, a music room, toilet facilities and landscaping. The school had already taken on a more modern appearance following construction of the main administration block in 1987.

An impressive new stadium was completed late 2021.

The southern portion of the school site, which became waterlogged during the winter, was subject to extensive site works which were carried out in 1967. The football oval was part of these site works.

Gisborne Primary School celebrated its 100th birthday in 1977 – a booklet

was produced which detailed the history of the school.

In 2003, the 150th birthday celebrations featured a ceremony in which a commemorative tree was planted, a time capsule buried and a new school bell installed.

Festivities also included an Open Day and a Children's Fair.

The original school bell, installed in 1925, unfortunately was vandalised and destroyed 75 years later.

After a long search for a suitable bell maker, an exact replica of the original bell was made and mounted in the school foyer as part of the 150th celebrations.

In 2023, Gisborne Primary School has an enrolment of approximately 520 students and a complement of approximately 50 staff members.

The school today can look back on 170 years of primary state education and, as a consequence, Gisborne Primary School No 262 is one of the oldest schools in Victoria.

Latest activities from the Gisborne genies

The Gisborne Genealogical Group held a successful seminar on convicts in August. It was well attended by members, local residents, and visitors from Bendigo and Melbourne. Guest speakers Bronwyn Quint and Professor Janet McCalman were knowledgeable and inspiring.

Five group members – Tricia McLay, Pat Morgan, Michele Pinti, Julie Dworak and Mary Henry – also shared stories about their convict ancestors. Other stories by members were on display, along with pictures, books and information.

Holding a seminar during National Family History Week has become an important event in our yearly calendar. Next year we will discuss the Gold Rush.

The next general meeting will be held on Thursday 26 October, at 7.30pm in the Uniting Church, Gisborne.

The topic will be 'Clothing through the Ages'. If you have any clothing



items belonging to ancestors, bring them along, or share stories relating to clothes your ancestors wore. Our general discussion nights always prove interesting. Visitors are most welcome to attend.

On Saturday 21 October the group will be having an outing to Castlemaine to look at old buildings and the remains of gold diggings. For details and to book, contact Mary on 5428 3887. We will be car-pooling.

The next Saturday Workshop will be held on 7 October at 10am in the Family History Room, adjoining the Gisborne Library. Julie Dworak will lead a discussion on using DNA to help find family members.

Please book with Lorna – ph 0402 091 034.

Lyn Hall, President



Professor Janet McCalman (left), Lyn Hall and Bronwyn Quint at the Genealogy Group's convict workshop.

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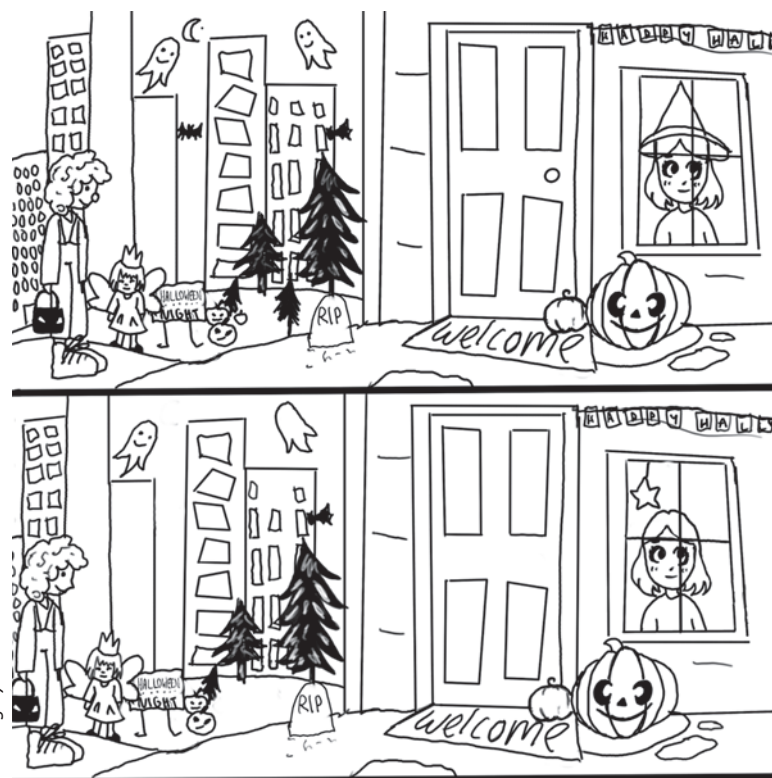




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- 1 Which word can mean both to quickly get your head out of the way and an aquatic bird?
- 2 Which fictional detective lived at 221b Baker Street, London?
- 3 What is the highest mountain in Australia?
- 4 Which is the only naturally treeless continent?
- 5 Canberra is located in which territory?
- 6 What number does the Roman numeral DCIX represent?
- 7 Which famous five-member boy band was formed in England in 2010?
- 8 How many letters are there in the English alphabet?
- 9 What kind of dairy product is Camembert?
- 10 Beginning with 'K', what are the joints in your fingers called?



Drawing by Eliza Ransome

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Can you find 10 differences between the Halloween pictures?

JOKES & RIDDLES

Why are basketball courts often wet?
Because the players dribble a lot.

Although the witches were identical twins you still couldn't tell which witch was which.

Knock, knock. Who's there?
Police! Police who?
Police let me in. It's freezing out here.

Doctor, doctor, are you sure that this ointment you gave me will clear up these red spots on my face?
I never make rash promises.

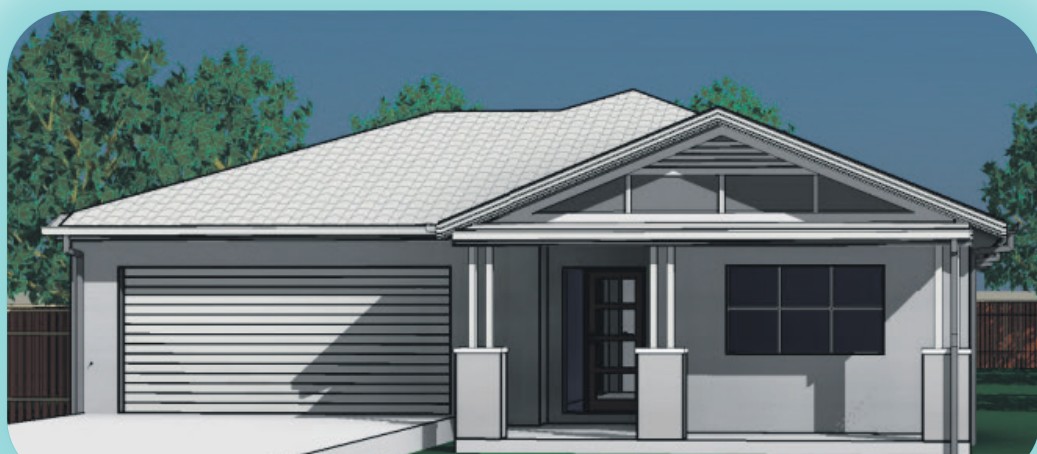
If a dictionary goes from A to Z, what goes from Z to A? Zebra

How many balls of string would it take to reach the moon?
One, (as long as it were a very big one).

When it's raining cats and dogs be careful not to step into a poodle.

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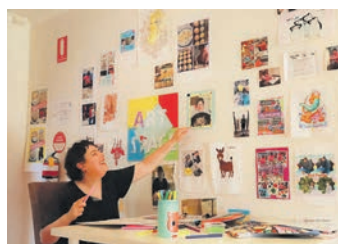
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Talent abounds at Gisborne Primary

GPS music recital

Gisborne Primary School held a music recital on 11 September for all the students who play an instrument, sing or are in choir.

Students were nervous as the audience arrived, ready for the first show at 4pm. After everyone's amazing performances were done, the closing act was the song *We Will Rock You*, which every student participated in.

Students then got to have a short rest before having to perform once again, in the concert that started at 6pm.

Once the evening had finished everyone went home extremely tired from all their hard work. Everyone performed extremely well and can't wait to return to the show next year.

Thank you to Gisborne Secondary College for the use of their hall.

By Ella D Year 4 Writers' Club



Jacob T and Flynn D on the drums at the music recital.



Gisborne Primary's talent show was a hit.

Terrific talent show

On September 12, our school hosted its first talent show in three years.

The last talent show was in 2019, before COVID-19. A lot of people, including me, performed at the talent show.

There were more than 25 groups of people performing, with the rest of the school watching. Dances, jokes and gymnastics are just a few of the things the performers did to amaze the audience.

All performers got the chance to dress up and the dancers especially took this seriously.

One school-wide favourite performance was a boy from Foundation who shocked us all with his magic tricks.

That performance stood out to everyone because

he was the only person to do any kind of magic.

The teachers went all out to make the talent show a special event by decorating the gym with streamers, helium balloons, a red carpet and a stage with a sign behind it saying 'GPS has got talent'.

A big thankyou to all the teachers who made this day possible.

Rubi K Year 5 Writers' Club

Chess success



A group of hardworking New Gisborne Primary School students embarked on an exciting journey to Macedon on 28 August. Their mission? A challenging seven-round tournament chess event.

Throughout the day, these talented individuals showcased not only their strategic minds but also their sportsmanship. Reports from the scene echoed with stories of their enthusiasm and respectful demeanour.

But the story does not end there. A fantastic bonus awaited us all as we learned about the outstanding achievements of our school chess aficionados the NGPS Chess Club finished third out of 12 schools in the team event. This was a brilliant achievement, and we are very proud of the whole team.

Special congratulations to Sunnie who secured an impressive seventh place in an extremely competitive field of 93 students. Tommy clinched the gold medal in the Year 3/4 category, an achievement that speaks volumes about his dedication and skill. And Harry's journey led him to the semi-finals, showcasing his strategic prowess.

Congratulations to each of the 10 participants for their achievements and for representing our school community so well and thank you to the dedicated parents and relatives for their support.

Seamus Dwyer, Year 4 teacher and chess coach



New Gisborne's chess team. Front: Tommy, Sunnie, Harry. Back: Jack, Dane, Karl, William, Finn, Sol.

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CARING FOR THE PLANET

By Eliza Ransome

Hello, everyone.

You might have heard of palm oil. It's a common type of oil frequently found in pizza dough, noodles, ice cream, peanut butter, margarine, chocolate, cereal, chips, lipstick and much more.

So why is it not a good option? Well, palm oil is made from palm trees. Many natural rainforest areas are being destroyed for palm plantations. This destroys critical habitat for many species and animals like rhinos, orangutans, elephants and tigers. These animals are all on the brink of extinction, and palm oil does not help.

Things to look out for are products that may disguise palm oil for other oils such as vegetable oil, which a lot of people use on a daily basis. It can also be disguised as other names that most people aren't familiar with. Maybe next time you buy a relevant product, check to see if it has palm oil.

So, what can you do to help? First, you can limit yourself from buying palm oil products. You can also sign up for lists that tell you which brands use palm oil.

Or, if you are feeling generous, you can support one of the many charities that are researching and fighting to stop the destruction of vital habitats to plant palm plantations.

For example:

Palm oil makes up 20% of the weight of a pack of instant noodles. It is used to precook the noodles so that all you have to do is add hot water. – WWF



Smiles at the Father's Day breakfast.

Montessori School grateful for term's 'EDventures'

The students across the school have had a great end to our term, with lots of learning opportunities both inside and outside of the classroom which works to help develop the whole child.



We have had many EDventures across the term – community walks and local excursions, trips to the Werribee Zoo, chess tournaments, cafe visits, incursions from local community members and families, Book Week, Science Week, Father's Day breakfast, footy day, discos, student clubs, permaculture sessions, Japanese art and so much more. All of these have been a wonderful success.

Without the commitment from our students, guides and parent volunteers, these learning and growth opportunities might not be as successful or as readily available so, thank you.

Stay tuned for an exciting announcement for our school community across the coming weeks.

We look forward to the learning EDventures that await us across Term 4.

GMS community

Book Week at Willowbank Primary



Willowbank was abuzz with excitement as students, teachers, and staff came together to celebrate Book Week. This year, the school dived into the world of enchanting stories, delving into the pages of books like *Jigsaw* by Bob Graham, *Market Day* by Carrie Gallasch, *Bev & Kev* by Katrina Germein, and *Frank's Red Hat* by Sean Avery.

The festivities kicked off with a captivating author visit from local author Kelly Jarris, who shared her insights on storytelling and the magic of words with students. Jarris's visit inspired students to explore the limitless possibilities of the written word and the joy of creating their narratives.

The highlight of Book Week was undoubtedly the much-anticipated parade, where students transformed into their favourite book characters. The school gym was a riot of colour and creativity as students paraded in their amazing costumes. The enthusiasm and creativity displayed by the students was nothing short of astounding.

As Book Week came to a close, the school celebrated not only the joy of reading but also the power of imagination and creativity. It was a week filled with enchanting stories, memorable characters, and the boundless wonders that books can offer.

A special note of appreciation goes to Dreams in Colour Photography for capturing the essence of the day with their professional photographs.

Brett Sinnett



Eli, Ava, Brody and Gus dressed up for Book Week.. Picture: Dreams in Colour Photography



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School leaders at Holy Cross Primary School

Bryan Power continues his series on local student leaders

Taylan Towers, Jordan Gauci, Maisy Magill and Priscilla Vickery are the cheerful 2023 captains at this happy school and were keen to talk about their roles.

"Last year in Year 5 we had a Leadership Day when inspiring visiting speakers came to show us what it takes to be a good leader. One of the speakers was Tate Kemp, a former student of Holy Cross whose story was told in the September *Gazette*," Taylan explained

"After that we picked what leadership role we wanted to fill in 2023. We also had to choose two other roles in case we didn't get our first choice," said Jordan. (Most of the students put in for school captain as their first choice.)

We were all asked to choose and study three leaders who had impressed us. "I chose Abraham Lincoln, Nelson Mandela and Luke Hodge," said Taylan.

Maisy added, "We were given a long time to write our speeches and on voting day we made our speeches in front of all of the year fives and sixes. Then we all voted on sticky notes for a school captain.

"A nice surprise on the day was a letter from our parents saying what qualities they saw in us that would make us good leaders. (The teachers had asked our parents to write the letters.) When the voting was counted all of us finished up with a leadership role."

Besides the four school captains elected, seven others were made in charge of Social Justice, eight Wellbeing, six Sustainability, seven Media and there were eight house captains: two for each of Ambrose, Patrick, MacKillop and Brigid. Leaders meet on Tuesdays to come up with ideas and to plan for what they want to do.

"As school captains we raise and lower the flags each day and unlock and lock the school gate in Baringo Road. We also run the assemblies that are held on every second Friday and present dozens of acknowledgements (certificates) to students who have done good things in the previous fortnight. We also prepare a video of what has happened during the fortnight and that is screened at the assembly," they explained.

"**The Social Justice team** organises fund-raising events like a Crazy Hair Day for the Children's Hospital. For the Gisborne Foodbank Years 5 and 6 collect toiletries, Years 3 and 4 food, Years 2, 1 and Preps other things. We also raise money for poor people in overseas countries by supporting a charity named Caritas.

"**The Wellbeing team** keeps a lookout for anyone who might be upset. There is 'buddy bench' where students can sit if they need company but it is not much used because we're a happy school. The team helps the PFA run the Mother's Day and Father's Day stalls and breakfasts, Grand Final Week, Book Week and the Book Fair.

"**The Sustainability team** is helped by our Outdoor Ed teacher to look after the gardens and our vineyard.



On a visit to St Patrick's Cathedral earlier this year: Priscilla Vickery, Jordan Gauci, Maisy Magill and Taylan Towers.

We were asked to study three leaders who impressed us. I chose Abraham Lincoln, Nelson Mandela and Luke Hodge

We all get involved with the pruning, netting and grape picking. The last harvest produced about 300 bottles of wine.

"**The Media team** does the articles for the Newsletter and the *Gisborne Gazette* and they designed the labels for the wine bottles. They manage the PowerPoint equipment at assemblies."

"Next term we will be going to the local kindergartens to talk to children about Holy Cross," said Jordan.

One of the highlights of the year was the St Patrick's Day Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral in Melbourne. There were hundreds of kids there and after the Mass there were games set up in the gardens. "It was a lot of fun," they all agreed.



CAPTAIN'S RAP

with Harreson Watts



Harreson

As Rue mentioned last edition, the 'Last moments' season is definitely in full swing at the college! Students from all different areas of the school were hard at work in the closing weeks of Term 3, deserving a much-

needed break with the holidays before the final term starts. The Year 12s, however, are not able to slow down for a break, but instead put their pedal to the metal with exams just around the corner, revising all their course content learned over the past eight months.

Sixteen students recently took part in 'The Didge Program', led by Uncle Paul Chapman, which saw male students carve, sand and paint their own didgeridoo from scratch, and then learn how to play their newly created instruments.

Students were also treated to several Dreamtime stories and learned a few traditional dances. Female students are undertaking a six-week traditional weaving program led by renowned Indigenous artist Trina Dalton-Oogjes in the coming weeks, which is set to be a truly rewarding and memorable experience.

Year 11 geography students visited Melbourne Zoo, exploring the question 'How effective are conservation organisations, such as Melbourne Zoo, at transforming the tourist?'

VCE-VM students also ran several activities around the school, including a kiosk and a dodgeball competition for Year 7 and 8 students. An Instrumental Music Showcase in the Barcham Theatre showcased the talent of individuals within our community to an audience of 100 family and friends.

Last month, the college selected the 2024 captains' team, after conducting interviews for all candidates. It was great to see such a high number of students stepping up to the challenge of a leadership role for next year, with the current captains' team having the opportunity to interview all of the potential candidates. Congratulations to all those who received a position in 2024, and on behalf of the current captains' team, we look forward to working with you in the coming weeks during the handover period.

Finally, October sees the final month of schooling for Year 12s, with their final day 16 October. This will be a celebration of all the individual and group achievements the Year 12s have had throughout this year, including a graduation ceremony with friends and family.

The cohort will be conducting a 'Final walk' to school from John Aitken Reserve from 10.30am, along Aitken, Fisher and Brantome streets on their way back towards Gisborne Secondary College. The Gisborne community is encouraged to come out and celebrate alongside us all for our last-ever walk to school. We hope to see you there, cheering us on!

With Christmas just around the corner and the finish line in sight, now is the time for all students to knuckle down, finish this year and make it as memorable as possible.



PETS

Vet Talk Le pooches of Paris... With local vet Dr Caitlin Horwood

Vet Caitlin Horwood conducts some in-depth research in a Parisian cafe.



Taking a breather from the daily grind, I am on a self-imposed research mission to determine whether the Parisian pooches have retained their place front and centre of French cafe culture.

To undertake this mission, I find myself conducting extensive research at the counter, in the cafes, and at the mercy of hot buttery croissants and strong dark espressos. It is not an easy task, but peeking out from behind my trusty *Gazette*, I am able to report: Paris's pooches remain appropriately pampered.



Mt Macedon Trail Runs

Sunday 8 October

10km to 50km walks and runs.

Races begin next to the car park at the top of Mt Macedon.

For more information, visit the website trailsplus.com.au/Macedon or call 0418 557 052.

Snacks you can share with your pooch



Great morning for our September new members, a small intake of four but nice weather wise.

How often do we sit eating snacks and our 4-legged family member sits and stares at us with eyes that say, "I'm missing out here." If it's anything like our house, the answer is every time. So, what can you give your doggo whilst you are eating chips, nuts, and chocolate? Or what can you eat and share?

Try the following but remember everything in moderation.

Celery sticks with peanut butter are a hit in our house. Not too much due to its diuretic effect and not too big to avoid choking. Make sure the peanut butter has no xylitol.

Watermelon, peeled and seedless. Great frozen in the summer. It is full of antioxidants and can also improve the immune system.

Blueberries are a super-food for dogs as well as humans and great frozen.

Strawberries, another great snack. Be sure to hull and feed in moderation, they can cause digestive upsets.

Mangos, peeled and pit removed, are high in antioxidants.

Bananas are a great snack for dogs and humans alike. Remove the peel and feed in moderation.

Coconut, yep you heard me, coconut. Flesh only is great as a snack and has been shown to have a healthy impact on your dog's body.

Pears are fat free and a great snack for those trying to lose weight.

In our house we freeze blueberries, watermelon, strawberries, pear, and mango. Our Star loves them. And does not mind sharing at all.

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



Star patiently waits for a snack.

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News from Gisborne Garden Club

Hello gardeners.

Last month, spring had sprung; this month, suddenly summer has come! It's time to get ahead of the curve and look at preserving whatever moisture you have in the ground for the expected warm days to come. This all sounds weird, considering recent frosty weather, but I am taking no chances in my garden and have installed an optimised watering system linked to my rainwater tank and am gathering mulching material for the garden beds.

The Gisborne Garden Club had another fantastic meeting at one of our members' gardens in Macedon, where the grass was manicured to within an inch.... The rhododendrons were in full bloom and the flowering cherry tree was magnificent under its canopy of pink flowers, a credit to the owners who have been creating this garden and improving the clay soil since taking it on as bare land after the Ash Wednesday fires in 1984.

We are most grateful to Margaret and Rolf for sharing their garden with us.

At this occasion, we also had our AGM and elected a new committee to take the club through the next 12 months of magnificent garden visits and social outings.

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

For more information or how to get in touch with the club, call Jeanette on 5420 7303.

Happy gardening, everyone.

Bernhard Sucher



The new Gisborne Garden Club committee. From left: Jeanette (president), Louise, Helen, Dianne, Edwina (treasurer), Kerry, Margaret and Moira (secretary).

What's blooming at Daly Reserve



An eye-catching plant currently flowering in Daly Nature Reserve is false sasarilla (*Hardenbergia violacea*). It is a ground creeper and climber displaying showy purple flowers from July to November.

It has distinctive leathery dark green leaves with prominent yellow veins. Hardenbergias are in the pea family and produce brown pea-like seed pods.

There is also a similar creeper in the reserve, common hovea (*Hovea hetrophylla*) which produces pale mauve flowers and has narrow leaves.

Hardenbergias make great garden plants and can be seen climbing at the front of the community/scout hall in Daly Nature Reserve. They were planted by the scouts with guidance from the Friends group.

If you google the Aussie Bird Count, you can register to take part any time from 16 to 22 October. There is much interesting information on the site.

At Friends of Daly Nature Reserve's AGM on 2 September, our committee was returned for another year. Krista Patterson-Majoor, shire environment coordinator, spoke about recent cultural assessments in the area. We ended with light refreshments and a raffle.



Hardenbergia violacea, an Aussie native plant for your garden.

This month there will be guided nature walks for Gisborne Primary school students and our regular spring working bees on Tuesdays 10 and 24, from 9.30am to 11am.

Enquiries dalynaturereserve@gmail.com

Friends of Daly Nature Reserve



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For information visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/mulch or call 5422 0333.



Bring your bag/trailer and load what you need.



News from 1st Gisborne Scout Group

The theme for the year for the Joey Section is the four elements: Water, Wind, Fire and Earth. This term the Joeys have been learning about fire. The Joeys had a sleep-over at the Scout Hall and slept under some great A-frame log structures that the Rovers had made and learnt how to light and put out a fire. They finished the term at the Bullengarook Recreation Reserve, where they got to see the launch of a miniature rocket and look around a fire truck and eat lots of sausages!

The Cubs are preparing for Cuboree with a 'getting to know you' sleep over with 1st Ballan. A Cuboree is a massive camp over five days and four nights, held every three years for Cub Scouts. The Cubs camp out with their Leaders and parent helpers and engage in a challenging activity program with night-time entertainment. A Cuboree is like a Jamboree for Scouts, but, while Jamborees are national or international events, Cuborees are state based. This year it is being held at Gilwell, starting on the 25th of September. They are all getting really excited!

In August, the Scouts went on a 60km bike hike from Geelong to Queenscliff and back along the Bellarine Rail Trail. They stayed the night in the Queenscliff Scout hall. While in Queenscliff they



Scouts on the pier at Queenscliff.

went fishing, checked out the Queenscliff Pier, watched a Harry Potter movie and had pizza and ice cream for dinner. A great way to spend the weekend!

The Venturers spent a weekend at Iglute and even though there wasn't a great amount of snow, they still learnt how to do cross country skiing and build a big snow man. For the first week of the September school holidays, they are joining with Venturers from 1st Riddells Creek to participate in BARCOM (Best Australian Rafting Centre On the Murray). This is where teams of Venturers are allocated rafts to captain and crew

and spend the week navigating the Murray River between the Victorian and New South Wales border. BARCOM requires great leadership, teamwork and initiative skills to complete the unpredictable and exciting challenges the Murray throws at teams over the journey. I'm sure our Venturers will have lots of exciting tales to tell about their experiences!

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 (Joey Leader)

News from New Gisborne (Church of Christ) Scouts

The 2023 Cuboree nears. Recently Cub Scouts and Leaders enjoyed an overnight contingent gathering led by Denis, our Akela.

To help send leaders to the Cuboree, Scout mum Leanne led a great team at our Sunbury Bunnings BBQ.

We had a great turnout at our ARAP (Annual Reports and Presentation) evening. Highlights were presentations by our youth members and the presentation to Assistant Group Leader Cathy of her prized Wood Badge.



Assistant Group Leader Cathy Fokes with her Wood Badge.

Several of our leaders (Cam, Jonno, Jenny and Denis) received well-earned service recognition awards at a Victoria-wide ceremony held at Gilwell Park near Gembrook

Our Scouts have been busy using our Scout Hut preparing for the Night Owl competition camp at Anglesea's Eumeralla Scout Camp, where they won a communications prize

The big task ahead is to fit out the hut so it can be used fully. Donations tax-deductible. The formal opening will be on Sunday 12 November at 12.30pm with a sausage sizzle and acknowledgement of our community support groups. All supporters and those interested in seeing our wonderful hut are welcome.

We meet Wednesdays, 6.30pm to 8pm, Venturers Fridays.

Contact Group Leader Russell Barker 0400 297 025 or russell@jeem.com.au to learn more. Contact Tracey 0407 098 032 for information about Venturers.

Latest from Gisborne Lightning Guides



Gisborne Lightning Guides would like to shout out a big thankyou to Georgina from Gisborne Library who invited the unit for an after-hours visit to celebrate Book Week.

The members dressed up in their favourite book character costumes. The girls especially enjoyed being allowed to use the special 3D pens.

The older girls are learning camping skills as several members are going to take on the challenge of attending a Region camp where they are required to demonstrate their skills at living in tents for the weekend. Cooking on a gas stove will test their skill levels.



Deb Fleming

Our latest new recruits, Ruby, Eleanor and Ruby, were excited



Guides at the library for Book Week.

to be able to make their Promise and receive their sash.

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 5 and 6:30pm at the Hall in Daly Reserve.

Deb Fleming

Varied program for bushwalkers, even theatre



Walkers have been out and about enjoying the delights of spring with four walks and a social event in this period.

Nigel led 15 enthusiastic walkers at the Mount Lofty Bushland Reserve along lovely open bush with many old eucalypts, curry bushes and flowering wattles. Recent rains rendered some of the tracks a bit slippery and some walkers bit the dust – par for the course out in the bush.

On a walk around Graytown, which used to have a population of 20,000 during gold rush times, walkers saw remnants of the WW2 POW camp, the old cemetery and remains of mining past. Colourful wildflowers were a delight including some orchids. Lunch was enjoyed at Melville's Lookout and afternoon tea at a local bakery.

The Mount Players did not disappoint with their latest offering, *The Complete Works of Shakespeare*, which was enjoyed by many members. Thanks to Shirley for organising this.

The Sanatorium Eco Trail walk revealed a few of its secrets to the walkers who appreciated the ideal weather. The walk was only short with the emphasis on learning about the flora of our local area.

Sugarloaf Reserve, Christmas Hills was another destination rewarding the walkers with fabulous views of the reservoir with city views in the background. A goanna and kangaroos provided photo opportunities before a tasty afternoon tea provided by the leaders Gary and Margot.

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



The Bushwalkers stop for a break at Sugarloaf Reservoir.

Hello from the Ramblers

At the time of writing (8 September) the weather is foul, the winds back in force and the rain in abundance. But still, eight hardy ramblers braved the elements of the day to complete a 7km loop walk in Bullengarook. Fortunately, we missed most of the rain.

On days like today, it's hard to believe an El Nino event is on the horizon - but it's coming and may be with us by the time of reading!

Another steady month for the Ramblers, three local walks and one at Kyneton. The Campaspe River walk from the Botanic Gardens to the racecourse is an easy scenic track following (as the name suggests) the course of the river.

This walk is described further below.

Charles (gisramblers@gmail.com)



View of old swimming section of the Campaspe.

WALK Campaspe River, Kyneton

An open picturesque walk.

Distance: 6km

Level: Easy

Directions: From Gisborne, drive up the Calder Freeway to Kyneton. At the T-junction with Mollison Street, turn left towards the railway station. Before crossing the river, turn right at the Kyneton Botanic Gardens into Clowes Street and park. The walk starts from here.

Walk through the botanic gardens taking an easy path that leads in a downward direc-

tion until reaching the riverside. Keeping the river on your left, follow the path all the way to the racecourse which is the outward limit of the walk. Retrace your route to your car or when reaching the Piper Street bridge detour through the township, if preferred, the distance is about the same.

Note that one section of the riverside walk is closed off due to a private property, but the detour is well signposted and brings you back to the river without confusion.

This is one of the easiest walks, with no hills on easy gravel and new concrete paths. Try to make time to explore the botanic gardens to complete the day.

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Riding the spring with Ulysses



The weather certainly did not disappoint for our first midweek ride for spring.

We gathered in Gisborne at 10am as normal, before heading off through the green countryside to Broadford for morning coffee.

We passed through the spectacular granite country around Pyalong, where the softest shades of cherry blossom were on display, and the occasional bursts of golden wattle lit the way.

The splendour of spring went on with us to Kinglake, where we enjoyed lunch together before wending our way home.

So, if you are looking for the opportunity to be part of something larger, then this is it. We accommodate a wide variety of riding styles and the members have accrued a wealth of life experience to share.

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

You'll find us exchanging stories of our journey at the Saturday morning Tyre-Kick in Brantome Street, Gisborne, so be sure and say hello.

Check us out online at www.mrub.org.au or join us on Facebook for the latest news.

Matthew Dridan



Gathered in Gisborne for our first ride of spring.
Picture: Colin Randall



Dusan Ivanovic dressed for success.

'Rough as guts fishing'

Caught your attention with the headline? Well don't assume that we mean "coarse fishing", the term traditionally used in the UK to mean fishing for those freshwater fish (redfin, carp) that aren't classified as game fish (trout, salmon, grayling).

I use the term to describe the use of the fly that club member Mark Hobbs taught us to tie for fly fishing for trout. His story is that he tied his own simple version of a woolly bugger fly with a minimum of effort. When a mate commented it was as "rough as guts" he adopted the name for his fly. On our regular fly-tying night, we found it a quick and easy fly to tie, even while being necessarily distracted watching the Matildas on television. The fly is used as a streamer or wet fly, fished below the water surface, imitating anything from baitfish to leeches with proven success.

September trout open season saw members, out early, fishing the north-east Victoria rivers. The above image of Dusan Ivanovic in the morning mist exemplifies the true romance of fly fishing.

If you are interested in fly fishing, fly tying or our other flyfishing-related activities please visit www.calder-flyfishing.com.au and Calder Fly Fishing Association on Facebook and Instagram.

Louis Bokor



Message from local federal MP on community-building grants

It has been a pleasure to visit local community organisations in Gisborne lately to congratulate them on their successful Stronger Communities Grants.

This grants program provides grants of between \$2500 and \$20,000 to community organisations and local governments for small capital projects that deliver social benefits.

Two Gisborne community organisations were recipients of the latest round for this program.

Gisborne Soccer Club received \$20,000 to update the club's kitchen and appliances and 1st New Gisborne Church of Christ Scouts received \$19,500 to expand their scout hut and provide additional storage.

Congratulations to all the community groups that were successful in their applications and we encourage others to head to help.grants.gov.au to keep up with available grant programs.

Also keep an eye on my Facebook page at www.facebook.com/RobMitchellIMP for grant updates.



Rob Mitchell MP with Nicole and Glenn from Gisborne Soccer Club in the club's kitchen, which can now be updated.

When poems are like prayers, speaking to us

There are moments in time when you could be tempted to believe that history is pivoting on an axis of disaster upon disaster. If not war in Ukraine, then cities smashed by water or turned to dust by quakes. If not one misery than another, each piled upon each other. And struggling to bloom from this pyre, hope, and hope can be a poem or a prayer.

Some people pray in church, some pray alone, some share their prayer through song, and others use poems as prayer. Each carries its own line of faith that they believe unites them with something outside themselves. This union is reached through words written and words said. It's a thread of survival and a thread of a soul's songline. Fifty years ago, my first poem was published. The thrill was great. The poem considerably less so. It was part of an anthology of Hunter Valley poets called, prosaically, but certainly accurately, Hunter Valley Poets 1973. Somewhere in a box is the original copy sent (gratis!) to me half a century ago.

I was browsing recently in a secondhand book shop in Woodend and there, lonely as a cloud on a shelf
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Warwick McFadyen

with all the other once loved books, was another copy. This is weird, I thought; how did such an obscure little book come to be a thousand kilometres from its birthplace? Was there another ex-Hunter Valley poet in my midst? I left it there. I didn't need two.

My poem was called *Red Cedar Wood* and, in the fashion of teenage faux profundity, it touched on life and death with the sweep of a feather dressed up as a rooster. Earnest? To paraphrase Roy and HG, too much was barely enough. Thus was my trajectory into poetry interstellar overdrive launched? No. I did send a bunch of poems to *The Newcastle Morning Herald*. They declined, politely, but said when you finish sixth form write back to us and apply for a journalism cadetship. I did, and an interview and a test later, I was in. Was poetry as a career over? Yes and no.

Poets to purely pursue their art need more than

faith in their art's worth, they need patronage, or a job in the material world, for without it they find penury to be their constant companion. Through my journalistic life the echo of poetic footfalls has been in the background. I stole that image from TS Eliot's *Four Quartets*. When I was 13 or 14 I was floored by his imagery (you can do that with words?) 'Let us go then, you and I, When the evening is spread out against the sky Like a patient etherised upon a table...'

The opening of the doors of perception fanned out into music, especially that of Bob Dylan and across frontiers of time and geography, such as to my personal favourites Rilke and Zbigniew Herbert.

Through the decades I have kept faith with the muse, though they fade and shine. Les Murray kindly published a few of my poems in *Quadrant*, which was a thrill.

Songwriter Shane Howard once said that the Irish see poetry as the higher art form. It is in its distillation of life both the carbon and the diamond.

It is in its rendering the voice that says have faith in the human. See what you can do.

National Poetry Day is on October 5



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Masters footballers take the field



Picture: Andrew Hardwick



Picture:
John Spring



Picture: Nicky Donald

When 'take a snap' does not mean a kick for goal

The Macedon Ranges Photographic Society was invited to



photograph the Gisborne Masters footballers playing against the Goulburn Valley Giants. The game was played in good spirits and banter and camaraderie were in evidence throughout the game, especially when mud and puddles were involved.

It was a great opportunity for members to test photography skills and fine tune the shutter speed on our cameras to freeze the action. Many thanks for the invitation and delicious supper provided.

The Macedon Ranges Photographic Society welcomes new members. The club generally meets on the first Tuesday of the month, followed by the next Monday at Dromkeen in Riddells Creek. Social chats start at 7pm with the meeting beginning at 7.30pm. Please visit www.macedon-ranges-photography.org.au.

Gisborne Masters welcome new members



The footy season may be over but there is still plenty of opportunity to have a kick and get fit ready for summer.

The Gisborne Masters Football Club caters to individuals over 35 years old who are looking for fun, fitness and friendship. They are an Australian Rules Football club that encourages participation in the great game on many levels, whether that be socially, or more actively through training or playing a game. The level of participation is totally up to the individual.

The club is always on the lookout for new members to join the great friendly environment to have fun and get a bit fitter.

Training is at Sankey Reserve, Gisborne, every Wednesday at 6.30pm, year-round. There's no need to register. Just come along, introduce yourself and have some fun. Training is around 60 minutes, go at your own pace. No experience necessary, all levels welcome –from complete beginners to ex-pros (please!).

Training is followed by a barbecue tea, with refreshments available from the licensed Bulldogs bar.

You can contact the club at info@gisbornemastersfc.com, or [facebook.com/gisbornemastersfc](https://www.facebook.com/gisbornemastersfc).

The club has been running for over 35 years, and is a member of the Victorian Country Masters Australian Football League. The Gisborne Masters Football Club is known as a club which embraces the Masters Football philosophy, "Football for Fun".

During the regular season, home and away games are played fortnightly. Games are played with modified rules, to lower the risk of injury and minimise the aches and pains.

Submitted by Mark Blackburn

Big cricket season is underway



Gisborne Cricket Club has the new season well in hand. With senior cricket kicking off in early October and junior cricket mid-October, there is plenty of action for the Dragons.

The McIntyre Cup competition will again be competitive and our boys will be looking to progress further in 23-24 under the leadership of Kevin Sullivan medallist Jarryd Vernon.

In exciting news the club is also restarting a senior women's team this season.

Our Blasters' kids program will also be on again starting Sunday 12 November.

All details can be found at our new website, www.gisborne-cc.com.au.



Andrew Headberry

Andrew Headberry



Angela Cordell, Helen Flentje and Marg Power are ready for the Pink Lunch.

Gisborne Golf Club tees off for breast cancer trials



On Wednesday 25 October Gisborne Golf Club will hold its annual Pink Lunch and will 'Tee Off for Breast Cancer Trials', raising funds for research to identify new and effective breast cancer treatments.

A full field will tee off for this 4BBB competition which will be sponsored by Bendigo Community Bank Gisborne.

Club manager Brett Campbell said, "Breast cancer has touched the lives of many of our members and their families. We are proud to support breast cancer clinical trials research and to do this through a game of golf with friends."

Women's pairs will compete for the Maureen Kennedy plate, and men's pairs for the inaugural John Kennedy plate. Prizes will include nearest the pin, best pink dress, and on-course novelty events. Both women and men members and local players will be invited to join in the fun.

Barefoot bowls to start soon



The Gisborne and District Bowling Club will soon be commencing the annual barefoot bowls program. Barefoot bowls is a great way to learn the game of bowls while having fun at the same time.

You can play on a Tuesday or Wednesday, arriving at 5.30pm for a 6pm start. You can register as an individual or put a team together. For more details contact Rob Paterson on 0417 283 382 to play on Tuesdays, or Sean Lawson on 0418 335 662 to play on Wednesdays.

Barefoot bowls starts on 14 and 15 November and runs through to 19 and 20 December. After a break over the summer holiday period, play resumes on 30 and 31 January for a six-week period.

The annual registration cost is \$10 with a weekly cost of \$10 which provides you with access to the club's bowls and a sausage sizzle.

Russell Walker OAM

Inter-club success for Petanque Club



The Golden Boule interclub competition of the Macedon Ranges and Goldfields area has been won for the first time by Mt Macedon. A presentation day held at Ballarat Petanque Club on 26 August finalised the tournament for this year.

Three rounds of 'out of the hat' games were played between the six participating clubs (Ballarat, Smythesdale, Maldon, Mt Macedon, Woodend Hanging Rock and Pyrenees), before a barbecue lunch and presentation of the trophy.

One of the Victorian teams won the InterState Challenge in Newcastle on 9 and 10 September. Mt Macedon members June Hunter and Rhonda Shears are to be congratulated as they were part of the winning team.

The annual Ashes tournament against Woodend Hanging Rock (WHRPC) was held on 26 August and was won by Mt Macedon this year. The competition was initiated by WHRPC and alternates between the two clubs' home grounds. The trophy contains the ashes of some cochonnets (jacks) that were ceremonially burnt last year.

With the weather warming up, many club members will be heading off to spring competitions. If members of the public are interested in giving the game a try, now is a great time to drop by to one of our playdays 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



Caroliza plays at the Golden Boule Presentation Day.

All the news from golf club on the mount



Mt Macedon Golf Club's Annual General Meeting confirmed the fantastic year the club has had, the highlight being named Golf Australia's Visionary of the Year for the 'Ladies Get Into Golf@MMGC' program.

Several major projects are currently in the process of being completed which will add to the safety and amenity of the course.

Congratulations to the incoming Management Committee of Matt Willis – president, Tony Littman – secretary, Mick Doyle – club captain, Brian Collins – treasurer, and general committee members Dave Hudson, Gary Liddy, Peter Palmer and newbies Sean Bassett and Darcy Doyle.

In golfing news, Brian Freestone was the August monthly medalist and September's Mug o' the Month was Karl Pongracic, taking his third mug.

After a winter hiatus the spring sessions of the novice 'Ladies Get Into Golf@MMGC' have begun with a four-week program designed to introduce new golfers to the joys and frustrations of golf. Contact the club if you are interested in participating or finding out more.

Thanks to Chris at Drummond Golf Niddrie, a dozen of our lady members spent a two-hour session in the golf simulators having their swing analysed. A number of these ladies have par-taken (pun intended) in our first formal Sunday competition. We are hopeful to build on this enthusiasm as the weather improves.

Six-month summer memberships are on offer from 1 October to 31 March. Unlimited access to the



Karl Pongracic gets his third 'Mug of the month'.

course seven days a week for \$280.

If interested contact secretary Tony Littman at mmgcsecretary583@gmail.com

Walrus

Sun shines on croquet season opener

The weather was fantastic for the Season Opening Day of Macedon Ranges Croquet Club on Wednesday 13 September.

The morning started with raising the flag, singing the National Anthem and then our current club champion, Penny Krev, ran the first hoop which officially opens the season.

Special guests who joined us for the event included Mayor Anette Death, Deputy Mayor Jennifer Anderson and Courtney Alexander from Bendigo Bank.

Morning tea followed the opening ceremony and then all enjoyed

some fun games involving balls and mallets. Lots of laughter and groans were heard on the courts.

One of our aims this season is to encourage young players to join the club with the aim of a Junior



Croquet club champion Penny Krev makes the first shot to start the new season. From left: Elizabeth Payne, Lyn Robinson, Mayor Annette Death, Penny Krev, Deputy Mayor Jennifer Anderson.

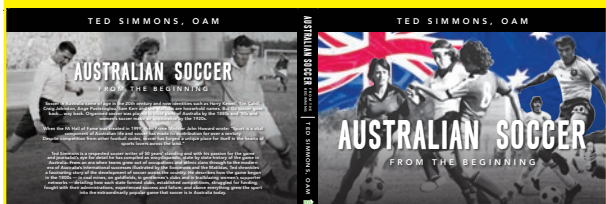
Championship as well as any age members to come for a try out. Croquet is the 'Next Big Hit'.

Please call 0493 463 357 if you would like to see what all the fuss is about.

Lyn Robinson

The excitement of the Matildas captured the whole nation. But women had a tough start in Australia. Read all about it! This new book by Ted Simmons OAM tells the entire story of how both men's and women's soccer grew – state by state – from meagre beginnings to the giant game it is today

AVAILABLE NOW! at www.australiansoccerfromthebeginning.com



Exciting grand finals close winter futsal season

Macedon Ranges Futsal Grand Final night on 8 September was a spectacle of skill, passion and fierce competition.

Futsal enthusiasts and supporters gathered to witness a series of exhilarating matches that kept everyone on the edge of their seats.

In the Grade 3/4 Black division, the Panthers roared to victory, defeating the Stars with a commanding 4-1 score line. Best on court was Nate Warner.

Meanwhile, in the Grade 3/4 Red category, the Goats secured a 7-3 victory over the Dudes. Best on court was Jameson Howley.

The Grade 5/6 Red division witnessed an intense battle between CR7 Stars and the Pythons, with CR7 Stars prevailing with a final score of 5-2. Best on court was Patrick Shae.

The Grade 5/6 Black showdown featured Thundering Legends and the Thunder, with Thundering Legends emerging victorious with an impressive 8-3 scoreline. Best on court was Lincoln Fisher.

Year 7/8 saw Subway Surfers dominate Soggy Weet-Bix with an astonishing 15-1 win. Best on Court was Nathan Bartasek. In the Year 7-9 Girls category, Blue Steele triumphed over Super Strikers with a final score of 5-2. Best on Court was Indi De Rosayro.

The Year 9/10 division witnessed Wolverines overpower Candycrushers with a 7-2 victory. Best on Court was Will Hollins. Year 10-12 Girls had a nail-biting finish, with Thunderpants edging past Rebels 4-3. Best on Court was Rebecca Rush.

In the Open category, Mini Victory defeated Grand Theft Porto with an 8-4 scoreline in a thrilling encounter. Best on court was James Gadd.

Congratulations to all the teams and players for their outstanding efforts on the futsal court.

Brett Sinnett, president Macedon Ranges Futsal



Grade 3/4 Black winners – The Goats.



Grade 3/4 Red winners – Panthers.



Grade 3/4 Black Best & Fairest: Vincent, Callan, Jameson, Rex, Baxter and Caleb.

Celebrating passion and progress of South Gisborne players



Tennis courts have always represented more than just a tennis match. For the junior players of South Gisborne Tennis Club, they represent a space of growth, passion, and sheer enjoyment.

Their dedication and love for the game this year shone brightly in the Macedon Ranges Tennis Association's winter competition.

Out of the five teams we registered, an impressive four made it to the finals. Three of these teams emerged as champions in their divisions, while another showcased grit and determination to secure a runner-up position. These achievements, while commendable, are just a part of the story.

The real narrative lies in the journey of our young players. From the first serve of the season to the final match point, we have seen them evolve, not just as players, but as individuals. Tennis, after all, is not just about physical prowess. It's about strategy, patience, and mental fortitude. It's about learning to handle pressure, to work as a team, and to enjoy every moment on the court. Our players have embraced these lessons with open arms, finding joy in every rally, every game and every set.

To our young players, may you continue to find happiness in every serve and every volley. And to our dedicated parents, thank you for nurturing this love for the game in our champions. Here's to many more seasons filled with growth, fun, and the beautiful game of tennis.

Mario Matejcek



C3/D Premiers.



Saturday B2/B3 Premiers with coach Jeremy D'Souza.



SPORT IN PICTURES



U16A Premiers – Rebels 1 (defeated United 1).



MRNA: B grade Premiers – Rebels



MRNA:
U13B
Premiers
– Saints 3
(defeated
Possums 3)



17/U Premiers Bendigo League – Gisborne.



B Reserve – 16 September.



Best and Fairest winners (from left): U16A 2nd Lucca Valallo (Riddell), equal 1st Isabelle Hannon (Possums), Sarah Barton (Gisborne Bendigo Bank, sponsor), equal 1st Audrey MacDonald (Kyneton); U13B 1st Holly Sullivan (Possums), 2nd Coco Sud (Saints).



◀ A Grade
Gisborne v
Kangaroo Flat
– 3 September.



Best and Fairest winners.
(From left): U16B 1st Heidi MacDonald (Woodend), 2nd Maddie Waddington (Rebels), Erin McKinnon (Gisborne Bendigo Bank, sponsor); U13A 1st Isla Munro (Kyneton), 2nd Tessa McNair (Riddell).



▶ U18 semifinal
Gisborne v
Sandhurst – 3
September.



U18s semifinal Gisborne v Sandhurst – 16 September.

SPORT IN PICTURES



A grade Premiers
BNFL – Gisborne.

Gisborne B Reserve
before their preliminary
grand final v Kangaroo
Flat on 16 September.



A Grade semifinal Macedon v
Romsey – 4 September.



Gisborne Giants U19.5 run through the banner and into their grand
final against Macedon on 17 September, ultimately won by Macedon.



U18 semifinal Gisborne v Sandhurst – 3
September.



Macedon Cats C Grade – Runners up RDFNL.

Pictures by Chris Fleming
Copies of photographs on these pages may be ordered from Maddisons
of Gisborne, 37 Hamilton Street.



Gisborne U18 Premiers – BFNL.



RDFNL C grade netball grand final, Macedon v
Western Rams – 17 September.

St Brigid's Year 6s sleep out for a cause



On 14 September, year 6 students at St Brigid's returned to school during the evening for a sleep-out at school. The purpose of this was to raise awareness of homelessness in our community and beyond, and the different forms and experiences associated with homelessness.

We had guest speaker Kate Weston from Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health come and present information surrounding local area statistics and facts. Our fantastic school captains Lily Thompson and Tom Bourke ran a variety of activities, prayer and reflection throughout the night; their wisdom and leadership were on display and made us super proud!

Students were provided with plain rice and fruit for the night, slept on cardboard and went outside during the night to experience how cold it can get and how difficult and challenging this would be to do all alone night after night for someone experiencing homelessness.

Students slept on cardboard for the night

The students provided great reflection, discussion and different perspectives all night and should be proud of their efforts and their dedication to gaining a better understanding of what homelessness looks like.

Jayde Turner



▲ St Brigid's students with Kate Weston of Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health on the sleep-out.



Feeling what it's like outside.▶



MACEDON MUSINGS

With Belinda Carlton-Doney

Welcome to the second month of spring. The weather is warming up, the bees are buzzing (so too the blowflies) and yep...the maggies are swooping. We head out into the sunshine and reconnect with our gardens.

Macedon and Mount Macedon Community House runs an Introduction to Permaculture course, in partnership with Macedon Ranges Further Education. The course is run quarterly, and the next course, in October, sold out in 24 hours.

Maybe you are already producing successful crops in your veggie patch, or you are just starting out. The course includes an introduction to the ethics and principles of permaculture – building healthy soils, supporting ecosystems and connecting with the local community.

The next course will be around before we know it, early next year, so maybe contact the house with an expression of interest.

There is always something going on at the Community House. Have a look and see how you can become involved. There's a summer picnic coming up, or a choir you can join. Visit the Macedon & Mount Macedon Community House website, Facebook page or see page 11 of this *Gazette* for more information on house events.

Meanwhile, good luck to all those who are running in the Melbourne Marathon Festival on 15 October.

I'm having another crack at the half marathon...older, heavier and slower than my first time, 12 years ago. But I am incredibly grateful to still be able to do this, when we all know of those who cannot. I am running to raise money for Peter MacCallum Cancer Foundation.

There are many charities being supported by this event. If you would like to donate: www.melbmara2023.grassrootz.com/. Every dollar counts towards finding a cure for these horrible diseases.

Wish me luck, folks! I'll be the one limping across the finish line...hopefully still smiling!

Crochet learning resources

CRAFT CORNER

Mary-Beth O'Brien

With the proliferation of resources available to those whose interest is piqued by crochet, a word to the wise about creating a small library of resources that can be accessed around the clock.

Know this, you are investing in your future by carefully selecting a small well-written collection of crochet texts and patterns.

Many publishing houses provide a plethora of options. Great glossy volumes that look and feel

expensive particularly, as show pieces on the coffee table. Take care when making your choice, with many falling well short of any real practical application when it comes to making real improvement in your crocheting.

Magazines too provide a fabulous variety in form and function when expanding your crocheting. You may find it easy to go overboard without really gaining any helpful resources.

Try your local library to begin your crochet resource library as both magazines and books are accessible. Borrow before buying. And if there's a really, really

quality publication that all crocheters could benefit from, notify the library, who may be able to add it to the permanent collection.

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

Bring a crochet hook and wool and an idea of what you're hoping to achieve with your crochet.

Those attending range from beginners to experienced and are happy to share tips.

What's that you say, dear?

Paul's Ageing Body

By registered nurse
Caroline Lee PhD.
This month, hearing.

There are often convenient hearing issues in a household, and then there's real hearing loss. My 92-year-old father has the latter and despite multiple aids cannot find one that suits. But Paul, I know, has both convenient and real loss.

I believe it's real loss because there are just too many occasions when he doesn't hear me and the volume watching football can be heard three properties away. Convenient hearing loss is known by many partners who have lived together many years.

The US National Institute on Ageing quotes that about one-third of older adults have hearing loss, with chances of hearing loss increasing with age. Hearing loss is common and is caused, ironically, by loud noise

and genetic variations. Hence, I could argue that the very loud television football could affect me! But it is prolonged exposure that causes the most harm. Thank goodness football is only on for six months of the year.

Hearing loss due to age (presbycusis) often runs in families and usually occurs gradually in both ears, affecting them equally.

Tinnitus, ringing in the ears, can sound like roaring, clicking, hissing, or buzzing, can come and go, be in one or both ears, and be loud or soft. Sometimes it is the first sign of hearing loss in older adults, but is a symptom, not a disease. Tinnitus can be due to earwax blocking the ear canal or a sign of other health conditions, such as high blood pressure or allergies, or a side effect of certain medications.

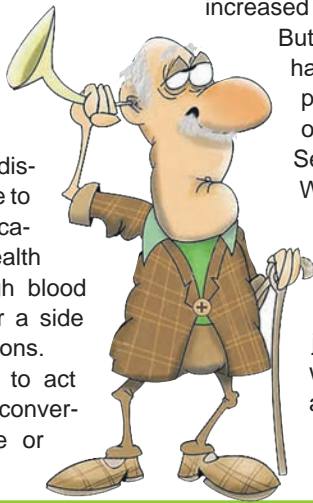
You know you need to act when it is hard to have conversations over the phone or

follow one when two or more people are talking with you; when you have to ask people to repeat what they said, they sound mumbled or background noise interferes too much; or when you have to put the television up, have trouble hearing doorbells and alarms or people with high-pitched voices.

Studies have shown older adults with hearing loss have a greater risk of developing dementia and an above-average decline in memory and concentration. There is also an increased risk of falls.

But you have to admit you have an issue first. Hearing problems that are ignored or untreated can get worse. See your doctor.

When I advised Paul to get his hearing checked, he heard the results when they phoned him and said, "I told you so," he just quipped, "Well, my wife certainly doesn't have a hearing problem."



QUIZ

- 1 Which Parisian landmark translates to Arch of Triumph?
- 2 Which Japanese company manufactured the Zero fighter plane?
- 3 Which native Australian animal has the scientific name *Phascogale cinerea*?
- 4 What natural geographic feature is Mount St Helens?
- 5 Which was the last black and white movie to receive a 'Best Picture' Oscar?
- 6 Barbara Millicent Roberts is the full name of which doll?
- 7 Which square occupies the corner diagonally opposite GO on a Monopoly board?
- 8 How many pawns are on a chess board at the beginning of play?
- 9 What is the highest mountain in Victoria?
- 10 Which Italian pasta translates as "little tongues" in English?

Answers page 39

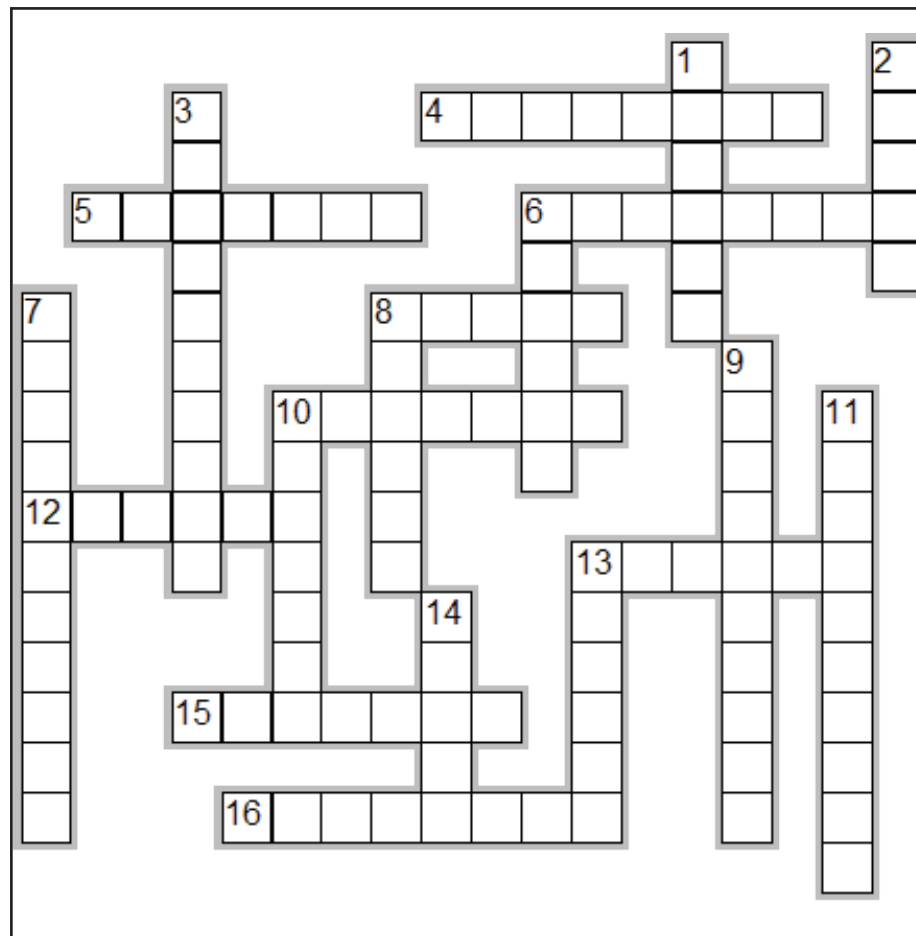
CROSSWORD

Words starting with the letter 'U'

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

ACROSS

4. The whole of space
5. An imaginary horse-like animal with a single horn
6. Make anxious or uneasy
8. Married to Nicole Kidman
10. A radioactive chemical element
12. One of the four traditional Irish provinces
13. A person who supervises a sporting contest
15. A tool or container
16. To protect from rain and heat



DOWN

1. Needing or calling for immediate attention
2. A person who shows people to their seat at church or a show
3. An institution for educating students in higher branches of learning
6. A planet
7. Incapable of being touched
8. An African country
9. Not loyal
10. At war with Russia
11. A town on the northern coast of Tasmania
13. An ideal place or state with perfect laws
14. Join together

Answers page 39

'Coming, ready or not!' – not hide and seek, but crisis

It sometimes seems as though we spend much of our lives planning – for the next day, the next week, for Christmas or for when the last child turns 18. Those who spent some of their formative years as Guides or Scouts know well the imperative to 'be prepared.' And we look askance at those who leave everything to the last minute.

This year the signs to be prepared seem obvious. We need to prepare for an early and tough summer. Our shire and emergency organisations are pleading with us to do so. Our job, as local residents, is to answer their call.

Meanwhile much of the world seems caught un-

awares, understandably so. Earthquakes can come terrifyingly suddenly. In Greece, ferocious fires have been followed by floods.

Part of our responsibility is to be as responsive and responsible as possible to our own needs and circumstances. The other part is to act as global citizens and so be part of wider solutions.

Most faith groups in Australia have attachments to other particular areas of the world. They take on the responsibility of delivering appropriate and much needed aid. (There are many stories of totally inappropriate goods being shipped to people – even if the used



tea-bag anecdote might be a myth).

The Uniting Church has a long and strong relationship with the Pacific Islands. The beautiful islands have been a destination for many Australians, for work and leisure. Now their leaders are pleading with Australians to understand that these first nation islanders are likely to succumb to the dramatic rise in sea levels which will swamp their land. From them we learn that the climate crisis is here now.

Time to recall the old hide-and-seek call, 'coming, ready or not,' and act.
Janet Wood

Uniting Church supports Frontier Services



Mount Macedon Uniting Church held a special service for Frontier Services, the Uniting Church agency caring for and supporting people in regional and remote areas, such as indigenous communities, isolated properties, mining communities, and other remote communities. Afterwards, we held an 'Outback BBQ' and made a donation towards their work.

When the Uniting Church formed in 1977, the Presbyterian Australian Inland Mission (AIM), the Federal Methodist Inland Mission (FMIM) and the outback work of the Congregational Church came together into Frontier Services.

The AIM was established in 1912 by Rev John Flynn to respond to the needs he saw for people in the outback.

The Federal Methodist Inland Mission was established in 1926 with Rev AT 'Colonel' Holden, a Boer War veteran, as its first director. The FMIM aim was to work together with those already engaged in this important work, ie with the AIM. In the 1920s such cooperation across the denominations was very rare.

Frontier Services now has 19 Bush Chaplains who are on the ground every day.

Outback Links is another service whereby anyone, such as retired tradespersons, can offer skilled services to people in the bush where such skills are in short supply. Someone may also simply be a friend from a



Tongs at the ready at Mt Macedon Uniting Church's 'Outback BBQ'.

faraway place, happy to stay for a cuppa and a friendly chat.

We hope our contribution will help Frontier Services in a small way continue to deliver Flynn's vision of a 'Mantle of Safety' for the people of remote Australia.

Neil Tweddle, 5426 2045

Embracing quirkiness

Sometimes, the term 'quirky' covers the most amazing experiences.

The opportunity to travel to the Faroe Islands via Iceland was too good to miss. The Faroe Islands is a self-governing province of Denmark and not part of the European Union. A small population, it has a parliament based in weatherboard buildings near the main jetty, a single airport on another island, undersea tunnels, the most fantastic waterfalls, and puffins at the right time of year.

Tórshavn has free buses, only one alcohol outlet, statues everywhere, animals that freely roam the roads and the prison with the best view in the world.

Add to this a state church of the Evangelical Lutheran tradition, and it is quirky in a good sense.

One funeral procession I encountered consisted of the hearse and the entire congregation power walking behind it as they sped downhill to the cemetery. I'd like to see that here!

Despite the quirkiness, the friendliness and simplicity of life were enjoyable.

It is easy to complicate life with agendas, self-importance and disregard for others. While we are all human, our differences can make us quirky and loveable.

A new plan for the year ahead: embrace quirkiness and see what a difference it could make to others.

Rev'd Dennis Webster



The Prime Minister's office and cabinet buildings in Tórshavn, Faroe Islands. Picture: Dennis Webster.



Fundraiser movie night

St Brigid's Parish is holding a movie night on Sunday 8 October to raise funds for St Elizabeth's Hospital in Hyderabad, Pakistan. *Sound of Freedom* will be shown at Readings Cinema, Sunbury, at 3pm.

Tickets \$25, include pre-show nibbles and drinks/coffee. The function room will open for pre-show gathering from 2pm. Tickets: call Marcia on 0400 261 979.

2024 Sacrament Registration Evening

A registration evening will be held on Tuesday 5 December at 5:30pm in St Brigid's Church Gisborne for all families not attending the parish schools who have children eligible to receive a Sacrament in 2024.

Reconciliation available to Year 3 and above, Holy Communion available to Year 4 and above and Confirmation available to Year 6 and above.

Sacrament fee for 2024 is \$100.

Baptism details required for registration.

Parish office hours: Tuesday and Thursday 9am to 5pm. Enquiries to: gisborne@cam.org.au or 5428 2591. Website: www.pol.org.au/gisborne



100 YEARS AGO

OCTOBER 1923

Gisborne School Notes – Our scholars are glad to hear that there is a possibility of having a swimming basin in the near future. The necessity of a proper swimming pool is threefold – for the preservation of life, as a means of giving the best of all physical exercises and as a corrective for deformities such as crumpled chests, drooping shoulders and tendencies to curvature of the spine. A properly constructed swimming basin for Gisborne should soon be an accomplished fact.

When Queen Liliuokalani of Hawaii was in England during Queen Victoria's Jubilee, she was received at Buckingham Palace. In the course of the remarks that passed between the two Queens, the one from the Sandwich Islands said that she had English blood in her veins. "How so?" inquired Victoria. "My ancestors ate Captain Cook" was the reply.

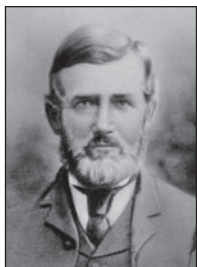
Gisborne Gazette, 12 October 1923

Riddell Landmark – An old landmark is being removed from Riddell by the pulling down of the old mill on the creek. It was erected in 1864. It was a large stone building and was first used as a flour mill until it was gutted by fire. After being restored, it was again used as a flock mill and was again burnt. Once more it was refitted and used a flour and oatmeal mill, but was closed a few years ago. The stone from this building is being used for the construction of a private residence at Gisborne*.

Sunbury News, 6 October 1923

*The stone was used in extensions at Bundaleer on Gisborne-Melton Road and in the driveway.

Riddell News – The "passing" of the old mill takes our thoughts back to the early days when Riddell's Creek bade fair to become a centre of industry and commerce. That ancient landmark has many stories woven round it, comedy and tragedy being enacted within and without its walls. It was built originally by Mr Robert Gerrand [who first farmed at South Gisborne before moving into milling at Riddell].



Robert Gerrand

Gisborne Gazette, 19 October 1923

Gisborne Notes – Several of our shire councillors took advantage of a special trip to Yal-lourn. While impressed with the magnitude of the scheme, they were generally of the opinion that a visit at a later date would prove more interesting.

Gisborne Gazette, 26 October 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

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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6, 7	Quilt and craft show	9
7, 8	Garden Lovers' Fair	3
7	Official Opening of Relative at the Gallery	17
8	Mt Macedon Trail Runs	26
10	Silent Reading Book Club at library	11
11	Carer's Week workshop on self-care	10
14	Sustainability speed dating at library	11
16	Kays' summer fashion parade	8
16	Year 12s 'Final walk' through Gisborne	25
15	Birding for beginners in Malmsbury	10
19	Birdwalk for beginners in Gisborne	10
20	The Umbilical Brothers, Kyneton Town Hall	19
21	Organ recital in Macedon	17
22	Citizen science Bird Month workshop	10
27	Teddy Bear Sleepover at library	11
27	Arj Barker, Kyneton Town Hall	19
29	Inclusion photo competition closes	10
29	Gisborne Singers' concert in Macedon	18
November		
3	Peter Pan starts at Mountview Theatre	17

CROSSWORD ANSWERS

ACROSS		DOWN	
4.	Universe	1.	Urgent
5.	Unicorn	2.	Usher
6.	Unsettle	3.	University
8.	Urban	6.	Uranus
10.	Uranium	7.	Untouchable
12.	Ulster	8.	Uganda
13.	Umpire	9.	Unfaithful
15.	Utensil	10.	Ukraine
16.	Umbrella	11.	Ulverstone
		13.	Utopia
		14.	Unite

QUIZ ANSWERS

1.	Arc de Triomphe	6.	Barbie
2.	Mitsubishi	7.	Free Parking
3.	The koala	8.	16
4.	Volcano	9.	Mount Bogong
5.	The Artist	10.	Linguine

KIDS' QUIZ ANSWERS

1.	Duck	6.	609
2.	Sherlock Holmes	7.	One Direction
3.	Mount Kosciuszko	8.	26
4.	Antarctica	9.	Cheese
5.	Australian Capital Territory	10.	Knuckles

Baringo Film Club

Screening times: 3pm Wednesday
3pm and 7pm Saturday

Due to daylight saving, please note that the evening session on Saturdays will now be 7pm.

Date	Film
October 4 to 7	Red White and Brass (Comedy)
Oct 11 to 14	The Whale (Drama)
Oct 18 to 21	The Giants (Documentary)
Oct 25 to 28	November (French thriller)

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