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A grand stand



Riley Vernon was batting at the other end when Warren reached 140. Riley went on to score 53.



Warren celebrates the milestone.



Warren is congratulated by Riley. The number three is lucky for Gisborne; Warren wears No 33 and Riley No 3.

Pictures: Chris Fleming

Gisborne opener Warren Kelly was thrilled with his achievement in the McIntyre Cup on 14 October, slamming 140 runs from 108 deliveries against Macedon.

Warren hit 20 fours and two sixes in the seniors' match at Gardiner Reserve, sharing an opening stand of 152 with Riley Vernon, who continued his good form with 53.

On the Macedon Cats' side, Brendan Scott shone, claiming four wickets.

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From the Editor's desk

One of my favourite parts about editing the *Gazette* is being contacted by local people excited by a potential item for the paper.

This month, proud grandmother Linda Jordan got in touch to share her grandsons' whip cracking achievements which you can read about on page 5. Chris Finch's email with the message "I just picked up a copy of the *Gazette* from a news stand here in Venice" and the below photo also made me smile.

I also love finding pearls of wisdom in submissions sent by community members. Some of this month's gems are:

"So many more birds were noted once we concentrated..." (Daly Nature Reserve's report, page 22)

"We must remember the path of life is not linear, rather a complex map with endless trails – neither right nor wrong." (Rue Kelly's final Captain's Rap, page 27)

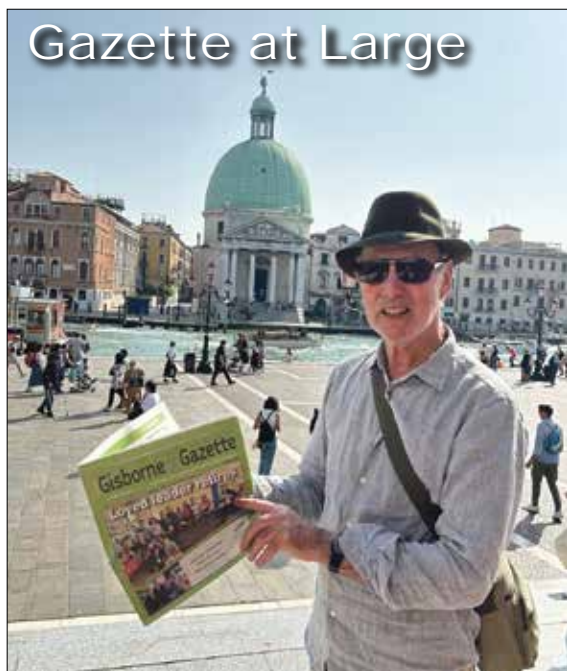
"Looking back over the waffle I have put out over the year, generally whinging about the weather, you realise how little there is to complain about, considering the events in Ukraine and the Middle East." (Charles' Ramblers report, page 29)

"...a more healing option is to take some time to be quiet." (Janet Wood's Gisborne Uniting Church article, page 38)

"Self-care is important, and before an organisation begins to launch new programs or initiatives, a careful look at available resources is a responsible approach." (in Dennis Webster's Anglican Church report, page 38)

Thank you, one and all, for sharing your knowledge and insights in the *Gazette*. I believe it helps us be better people and a better community.

Happy reading, Corinne Shaddock



Chris Finch keeps up with local events in Venice.

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- Riddells Creek:** Newsagency
- Woodend:** Coles supermarket

The *Gisborne Gazette* acknowledges the Wurundjeri people as the traditional custodians of the land on which we live and work. We recognise their continuing connection to land, water and community, and pay respect to elders past, present and emerging.

Gazette finalist in community newspapers' 'Best Picture'

This action shot by Chris Fleming printed in the March 2023 issue of the *Gazette* enraptured the judges at this year's Community Newspaper Association of Victoria awards. While it portrays an unlucky moment for the batsman, in the photographic context it beautifully captures a very brief moment in time and required great patience and skill by the photographer to do so. Congratulations, Chris! Inset: Chris Fleming.



Please have your say, says council

GISBORNE FUTURES: Macedon Ranges Shire Council is urging residents to give their feedback on the second draft Gisborne Futures plan which was released a few weeks ago.

The plan is available on the council's website at www.mrsc.vic.gov.au/About-Council/News/Have-Your-Say.

Gisborne Futures will shape residential and commercial development policies until 2050 and the council strongly encourages the community to submit its views on the updated plan. There are significant changes proposed to development in Gisborne and New Gisborne.

You can call, write or complete an online survey to submit your views until 13 November. Remember, if

people do not bother to give feedback, the council has no way of knowing community views.

COUNCIL BUDGET: Individuals or groups are encouraged to put forward their case for council funding in the next financial year.

From now until 20 November, the council welcomes submissions for the Budget 2024-25 and Council Plan 2021-2031 (Year Four).

This is the only formal public consultation period for these two key budget documents. You can give feedback via www.mrsc.vic.gov.au/About-Council/News/Have-Your-Say.

Junior brigade member attends national fire cadet titles

Gisborne Junior Fire Brigade member Asher Kroon was fortunate to be one of 12 CFA Juniors to attend the Australian Fire Cadet Championships in New South Wales in September.

The annual event is co-hosted by NSW Rural Fire Service and NSW Fire Service Association, which offer cadetships to fire services around the country to help young people enhance their skills and build foundations for future leadership.

The main aim of the championships is to afford an opportunity for junior brigade members to showcase their skills and reap the rewards of learning advanced skills. This not only benefits their role as a junior firefighter but influences their personal growth and life experiences, piloting their pathway to becoming senior firefighters.

Asher provided a fantastic snapshot of his experience, which can be seen on page 36.

The Gisborne brigade prides itself on the dedication of our junior volunteers and we are very proud of Asher's achievement, as he is an integral part of the brigade and a future leader in the community, especially in the emergency services sector as a volunteer firefighter.

Gisborne CFA is looking for other enthusiastic young people aged between 11 and 15 who are keen to join the Junior Volunteer Development Program. It is an amazing way to learn new life skills, build self-esteem and develop into a fire-safe citizen, with the opportunity



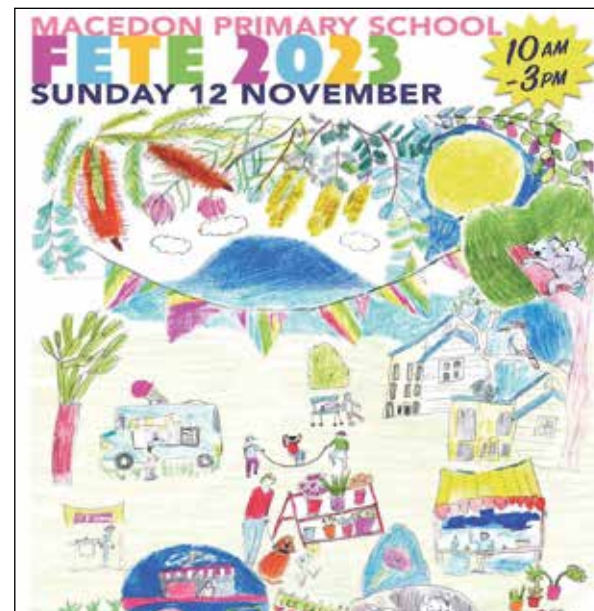
Asher Kroon (left) experiences an opportunity to boost both his firefighting and leadership skills.

See Asher's account on page 36.

to join our senior brigade at the age of 16 years.

Our program is supported by our own senior volunteer cohort.

Di Dale,
Gisborne CFA



Students look forward to sharing the fun of the fair.

All invited to Macedon Primary School fete

Macedon Primary School will be holding its much-anticipated fete, the first since 2019, on Sunday 12 November. The event is a way for the school and the community to come together to have fun, share experiences and raise funds to enhance the school.

Aiming to create a community event, the fete will host local groups and attractions including Gisborne SES, Macedon CFA, an Army band, the Macedon Cats, Wild Action Zoo, food trucks, rides and Parklands Animal Farm.

The students have been busy working on a range of events for the day, including a LEGO building competition, bake-off, gaming zones, a plant and produce stall and facepainting. Many local businesses have sponsored the event and donated prizes for the major raffle, and with over 40 items available in the Silent Auction, there is something for everyone.

This year the goal is to raise funds to refurbish the Eco Shed across the road at Middle Gully Reserve with an off-grid solar system. This shed is currently unpowered and therefore not able to be utilised to its full extent in the colder, darker months. The Eco Shed is a great learning space to ensure students gain a broader education about the environment.

Everyone is invited to come along for a great family day out, Sunday 12 November, 10am to 3pm, Smith Street, Macedon.

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Email Kat at kbuttigieg@macedonrangeswriters.com for more information

Mark the diary for Gisborne Festival

The Gisborne Festival is fast approaching, with this major free community event to be held on Friday 8 December from 4.30pm to 9.30pm. Planning is well underway with the event being coordinated by the Gisborne and District Lions Club.

The festival will include the ever-popular parade, and on Gardiner Reserve there will be live music and entertainment, a variety of food and other stalls, free activities for children, carnival rides and a fireworks display.

The live music will be provided by local group GSM and local musician Craig Lloyd, who recently won the National Male Country Artist of the Year at the Tasmanian Independent Country Music Awards.

The Lions Christmas Wheelbarrow Raffle will be drawn at the festival. Tickets for the raffle are currently on sale with the prize being a wheelbarrow full of a variety of products, valued in excess of \$700.

Lions Christmas Cakes are also being sold at various locations around Gisborne.

Russell Walker OAM



Last year's Gisborne Festival parade heads down Aitken Street.

SEEN AROUND TOWN



Local streets sprang to life in spring with trees getting their new leaves. Honour Avenue, Macedon, on 14 October.



This family of ducks was spotted enjoying the fountain on a sunny Gisborne day.



Nothing deters a keen golfer... A sudden hail storm turns the green white at Gisborne Golf Club on 25 October but one player -- who after all would be used to hitting little white balls -- carries on regardless.



The Gisborne Ambulance team has moved into their new station. Pictured on 9 October are (from left) Rachel Meade, Jack Sullivan, Emily Wilson, Horace Vella (senior team manager), Alison Winnall, Ellie Damrow and Bruce Eddington.

HISTORICAL HAPPENINGS: Riddells Creek Cemetery Walk



Gisborne & Mount Macedon Districts Historical Society will conduct a guided tour of the Riddells Creek Cemetery on Wednesday 1 November, for a gold coin donation.

If you wish to join the walk, please meet at the gates at 5pm.

Annual General Meeting

Sunday 19 November at Gisborne Court House, Hamilton Street, at 2pm.

Following the election of office bearers for the forthcoming year, the society will screen photographs of heritage structures from our archives, after which afternoon tea will be served.

All welcome to attend.

Do you have your fire plan?

An El Nino event has been declared and the professionals are forecasting a dry, hot summer.

The CFA and Macedon Ranges Shire Council urge residents to ensure they have a bushfire plan. A template, along with other information, is available from the CFA at www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/before-and-during-a-fire/your-bushfire-plan

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Gisborne brothers are whip smart

Local brothers Oliver and Thomas Jordan from New Gisborne have been whip cracking since the family travelled around Australia in 2021 and they saw a whip cracking performance in Mataranka in the Northern Territory.

Oliver and Thomas each bought a whip and have taught themselves the skill through lots of practice and watching whipcrackers on YouTube.

Oliver, 11, entered the open novice age group at the Riverina Whip Cracking Challenge at the Deni Ute Muster last year, and came first. In March this year, the family and grandparents drove to Gunnedah in NSW where the boys entered the NSW Whip Cracking Titles 2023. Oliver came third in Juvenile Division.

After just two years in the sport, the Jordan boys are travelling Australia notching up ribbons.

Thomas came first in the Novice Division, 10 years and under.

They were unstoppable. In the Victorian Whip Cracking Titles at the Seymour Expo in April, Oliver came second in Juvenile Division and Thomas came first in Open Novice.

The family then travelled to the "Ekka" – the Royal Queensland Show – where Oliver competed in the Australian Whip Cracking Championships. He came fourth in Juvenile and also won the Encouragement Award.

Then came the this year's Deni Ute Muster in September. Both boys competed in the Juvenile Division. Oliver, now 12, came second and Thomas, 10, came third. What a cracking year for the family.

The Jordan family and grandparents are extremely proud of Oliver and Thomas for their whip cracking achievements.



Oliver at the Brisbane Ekka.



Jordan and Oliver at the Deni Ute Muster 2023.

Grandma Linda Jordan was roped in to have a go in the open novice event at Gunnedah in March, came fourth, and also received the Encouragement Award.



Oliver demonstrates with two whips at Gisborne Secondary College earlier this year.

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See historic Duneira in all its bluebell glory on 4, 5 November

While Mount Macedon is home to numerous beautiful privately owned gardens, there are none so historically significant as the original colonial hill stations that miraculously survived the Ash Wednesday bushfires of 1983.

Duneira is considered to be “the jewel in the crown” of the remaining hill stations as it has retained all its original buildings including the Italianate-style villa (circa 1875), the gate lodge, milking shed and recently restored stables.

The 15-hectare (38-acre) estate was established in 1872 when pastoralist Suetonius Officer bought the land and began constructing what would become his magnificent country estate. The 6½ hectares (16 acres) surrounding the main house were laid out as pleasure gardens, while orchards and paddocks for livestock were created to the north of the house.

This was the era of the plant hunters and there was fierce competition among owners of these grand gardens to obtain and cultivate extremely rare and unusual specimens. Duneira's garden is nationally recognised and contains numerous trees that are listed on the National Trust's Significant Tree Register.

Stuart Stoneman was Duneira's last owner and he wished to ensure that this extraordinary estate could be accessed by the public on specific occasions. The Duneira Bluebell Festival is one such occasion.

The festival is held in early November when the iconic Dutch elm avenue is carpeted in a sea of bluebells.



The dates this year are 4 and 5 November, from 10am to 3pm. There will be live music, market stalls, great food, coffee, and local wine and gin tasting and sales.

Entry to the house is included and guests will be able to view Stoneman's extensive art collection, his magnificent library, and his collection of antique furniture.

For more information and to book, please visit duneiraestate.com.au

Pip Shannon, property manager

Information session on energy efficiency in the home

The Macedon & Mt Macedon Climate Action Group is running a Home Energy Information Morning on Saturday 2 December, from 9am to 12.30pm at the Community House, Victoria Street, Macedon.

Hear from local experts for an overview and Q&A about the following topics:

- Energy efficiency / sustainability in the home
- Electric vehicles and sustainable transport
- 'Electrify everything' in your home

Light refreshments will be provided, as well as some time to share your questions and interests with other members of the community. This is an introductory session designed for people wishing to reduce their carbon footprint and to take the first steps towards fully electrifying their home.

Macedon & Mt Macedon Climate Action Group is a new community group and we are always looking for passionate residents looking to be involved in local climate solutions. If you'd like to learn more, email us at MandMMCAG@gmail.com.

This event is run in conjunction with Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group and the Macedon & Mount Macedon Community House, and is supported by Macedon Ranges Shire Council.

Village Connect events for over-55s in Gisborne



Bingo – Monday 13 November, 10.30am, Gisborne Golf Club.

Chess – Friday 24 November, 1.30pm, Gisborne Community Centre Meeting Room, 8a Hamilton Street. Join like-minded individuals over a casual game of chess.

To register for Village Connect events or find out more about the program, call 5422 0333 or visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/village-connect.

Dance enrolments for 2024

The council is taking enrolments for dance classes at the Community Centre in Gisborne for 2024.

Tiny Tackers is for ages 2-5 years and offers a playful introduction to tap, ballet, and jazz. Classes for ages 2, 3 and 4-5 will be held on Tuesday mornings.

Studio2MIX brings ballet, tap, and jazz to ages 6-12, providing a structured yet enjoyable program. Classes will be held on Tuesday afternoon/evenings.

Intermediate and youth classes will be offered at Woodend. For information, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/dance or call 5427 3411.

Woodend art show, Cup weekend

Planning is well underway for Woodend Art Group's Annual Judged Exhibition held on the Saturday and Sunday of Melbourne Cup weekend.

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BEHIND THE COUNTER

A tribute to dad

This month, we meet Rebecca Klaaysen, whose family owns Gisborne Newsagency in the Gisborne Village Shopping Centre, Brantome Street.

Rebecca, known as 'Becc' to her employees and most of the locals, started managing her parents' store in August 2021 after the sudden passing of her father, John Kelly.

Becc's parents took over the Newsagency in 1991. Growing up, Becc would work some shifts after school to help out her parents. She later worked as a personal assistant for a Melbourne commercial lawyer for around 10 years. Her priorities then changed when she became a mother of two boys and wanted to stay and work locally, and so she started working casual shifts at the newsagency with her father again.

John Kelly worked seven days a week for 30 years and even delivered newspapers on his own for the first 20 years. His wife, Wendy Kelly, also worked alongside him for over 15 years, until her 'resignation' to take on grandparenting duties.



Glennis Burns and Becc Klaaysen dressed up for the \$100 million Powerball draw earlier this year.

John was well known and loved by the local community and his sudden and tragic passing on 21 August 2021, during COVID lockdowns, came as a shock to all. Due to the restriction of 10 guests at a funeral, only his immediate family could attend. This was not the send-off Becc believed her father deserved after his 30 years of ties to the community and contributions to many organisations over the years; she wished that his life could have been celebrated by all.

When Becc took responsibility for managing the newsagency she was forced to push on, leaving little time to grieve. However, she did find the support of their amazing staff, in particular,

Elizabeth Mitchell and Glennis Burns, who have both been with them for around 12 years. Becc described the ladies as "gold". Becc, Wendy and eldest daughter, Pene Ronfeldt, are so thankful and grateful for their hard work and commitment to their business over the years.

Becc also wanted to thank the community for embracing and supporting her while she found her feet in running the business. She hopes this article seconds as a



John and Wendy Kelly

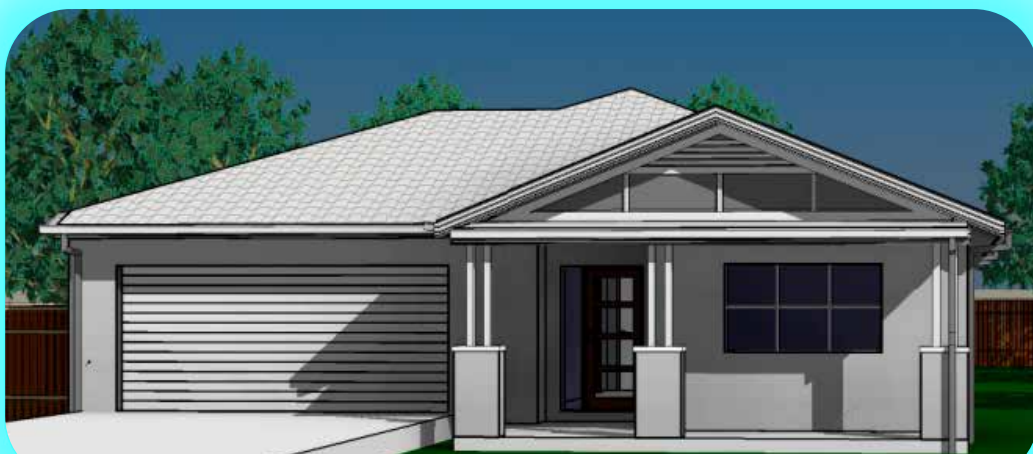
tribute to John and a way for the family to again give thanks to the community for all their support over the years her family has run the shop.

In light of the newsagency being a Tattslotto outlet, I asked Becc what she thought were 'lucky' numbers. Becc expressed that 18, 27 and 44 would have to be her choice of lucky numbers.

Ethalia Alekozoglou

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Remembrance Day in Gisborne



The Gisborne Remembrance Day service will begin at 10:30am, with a minute's silence observed at 11am on 11 November at the Gisborne cenotaph in Hamilton Street. All members of the community are encouraged to attend this annual commemorative service.

Many Australians have an ancestor or relative who has served in a war, conflict or peacekeeping operation. It is often this personal connection that they remember. In the lead-up to Remembrance Day, take a moment to reflect on who you will be thinking about during the minute's silence.

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

The red poppy

To commemorate our fallen, you may wish to also show your support by wearing a commemorative red poppy.

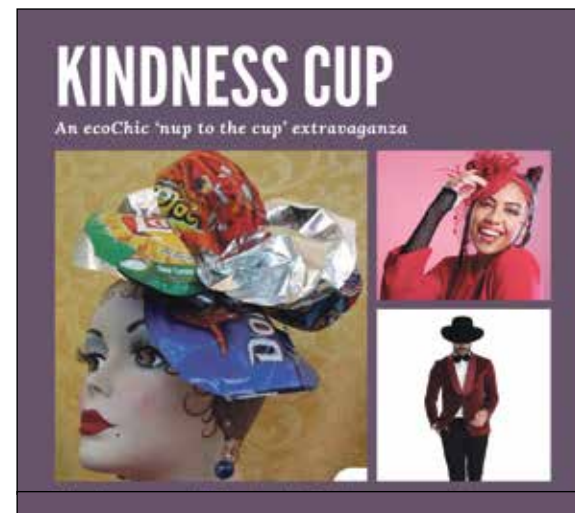
Our RSL members are out and about selling poppy badges in the lead-up to Remembrance Day.

Funds raised go to the RSL welfare fund which assists veterans in need of support. This money goes directly to current and former serving members of the Australian Defence Force and their dependents; the RSL is able to provide a broad range of services, as well as individual assistance for those who are struggling to make ends meet.

We thank everyone who has supported the RSL by buying these badges. Our gratitude also goes to the local businesses that provided space for us to sell our poppy badges this year.

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

Darren Grevis-James, president



An alternative to the big horse event: the Kindness Cup

The Kindness Cup is an ecoChic "nup to the Cup" extravaganza brought to you by Veg Action.



Bring your friends and family for an afternoon of hilarity, with non-horse races, dancing, glamour and outrageous fashion, a catwalk and prizes for cup-day hats and style.

Think about reusing, renting, buying from an op-shop, upcycling, or borrowing your outfit, and go big.

Your ticket gets you a delicious grazing platter of local plant-based food, great company and a day to remember. BYO drinks and picnic rug.

Kids welcome, parental supervision required.

When: 7 November, 2-5pm, Malmsbury Town Hall.

Tickets: \$35, MRSG members \$30, kids under 12 \$5.

Tickets can be purchased at www.mrsg.org.au/shop/kindness-cup. No door sales – prepaid tickets only.

Free Teen Gym for Year 11 and 12s

The Teen Gym program at Gisborne Fitness Centre is available free until 18 November to teenagers completing Year 11 and 12 school exams.

It can be accessed from Monday to Thursday at 4-5pm and Saturdays from 9-10am.

The Teen Gym program can offer a release of mental exam pressures while students enjoy the benefit of physical exercise.



Macedon Ranges
Shire Council

Fitness instructors can discuss and document a personalised program with attendees (booking required).

Students under 16 years must have parent/guardian written approval before beginning the program.

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Office closes but GREAT work goes on



It is with sadness that GREAT reports that we have had to close the GREAT/Market/Gazette office in Hamilton Street.

Unfortunately rising cost pressures have made the office unsustainable.

The volunteers who set up and ran the office for 10 years did an amazing job. They selflessly served the community as volunteers in so many ways.

After many years of operating without a shopfront, the office was officially opened by Rob Mitchell MP in August 2013. The office closed in September 2023. These photos from the opening are a tribute to all those who set up and worked tirelessly in the office over the past 10 years.

GREAT – Gisborne Region Events Activities and Tourism – is still alive and well. It is operating from a smaller office, assisted by Macedon Ranges Shire Council, in the Gisborne Community Centre. You can contact us at greatgisborne@gmail.com.

The market and the Gazette are thriving.

The market is actively looking for volunteers on market day; please contact info@gisborneoldtimemarket.org.au if you would like to help.

If you would like to assist in distribution of the Gisborne Gazette, contact the paper's distribution manager, Maxine, at maxineandpeter@bigpond.com.

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



Attendees at the opening. The Gisborne Singers gather for a performance at the back.



The late Richard Whiteley and the late Graeme Millar OAM led some singing.

Elaine Gregory and Phyllis Boyd OAM. Phyllis was instrumental in setting up the office.



St Paul's Anglican Op Shop Jottings

Halloween costumes literally walked out the door last month, along with two violins, a bulk lot of new Country Road jumpers, new Nike T-shirts and beautiful new hand-knitted baby clothes.

If you are looking for low-cost Christmas goodies, we will have loads on offer right through this month. Decorations to make your tree sparkle, Christmas cards, jewellery, books, wrapping paper, bon bons, trinkets, stockings and pressies to stuff them with, and, of course, loads of Christmas T-shirts, and a few highly sought after 'ugly jumpers'.

With the end of year in sight, it is



almost time to put together our volunteer roster for 2024. We have a number of spots open, so if you are thinking of volunteering next year, please pop in for a chat (no pressure) before we close for the year (16 December), or give us a call on 5420 7904 to see if our shop could be the right fit for you.

We have options from working once a month to once a week, for a morning or afternoon.

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Janine Sanders, coordinator



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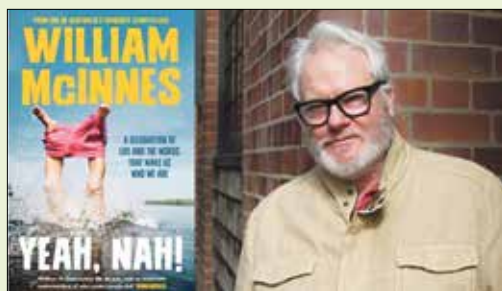
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WHAT'S ON at Gisborne Library

Author talk – William McInnes – Wednesday, 22 November, 6-7pm

Join Australian storyteller and popular actor William McInnes as he gives us his own take on our unique relationship with colourful and colloquial language. Whether you are bunging it on or behaving like a drongo, Australians have a turn of phrase for every situation.

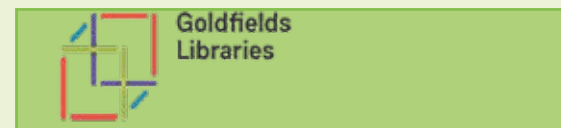


William McInnes will speak on 22 November.

Part memoir, part manifest, this warm, witty and laugh-out-loud funny collection will have you thinking about what you say, how you say it and what that really says about you. Books sales and signings 7-7.30pm. Bookings required. Visit www.goldfieldslibraries.com or phone us on 5428 3962.

Crochet and Conversation – Monday, 6 November, 2.30-3.30pm

Our crochet group continues to meet each month. If you are new to crochet, would like to learn or just looking



for company while working on a project, please join us. Bring your own supplies or current project. No bookings required.

Library Film Club – Mrs Harris goes to Paris – Wednesday 8 November, 1-3pm

A humorous, heartwarming tale about a London housecleaner who thinks her lonely life might turn around if she can become the owner of a Christian Dior gown. Bookings required.

Email Basics – Tuesday 14 November, 11.30am-12.30pm

Learn how to set up and manage your email account and discover tips and tricks to make emailing easier. Beginners welcome. Bookings required.

Justice of the Peace

A Justice of the Peace is available at the library each Thursday from 12 noon to 2pm. No bookings required. JPs are also available at other times by appointment.

To book for any event, visit www.goldfieldslibraries.com or phone us on 5428 3962.

Fermenting Workshop

Sunday 12 November, 9am to 1pm

Dive into the world of fermentation and discover the health benefits of probiotic-rich foods.

In this workshop, you will learn to make your own fermented delights, such as kimchi, kombucha, and sauerkraut.

Cheese Making Workshop

Sunday 12 November, 1pm to 5pm

Indulge in the art of cheese making and create your very own gourmet cheeses. From creamy ricotta to tasty halloumi, learn the secrets of crafting delicious cheeses at home.

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Macedon & Mt Macedon Community House recently received generous donations from local philanthropies which have provided support to our playgroups and contributed to the landscape and design project. These donations also enable us to cover costs for activities initiated by local groups, enhancing the collective wellbeing of our community and reducing social isolation. We want to continue this work, so we will be having a sponsorship drive in October and November.

Community Choir at M&MMCH

Fortnightly Thursdays (9 and 23 November), 7.30pm

The choir is aimed at adults of all ages, genders and abilities to develop a strong soprano, alto, tenor, bass choir, as well as having a great deal of fun and enjoying community spirit. Please contact Dean on deanmichael21@outlook.com to register your interest and receive further information.

Playgroup – now Mondays and Wednesdays from 10am to 12 noon

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

Pregnancy Yoga – Wednesdays 1.30 to 2.30pm

For more information and to discuss prerequisites, please contact Loriscassar at loriscassar@gmail.com.

Library Drop in and Co-working Space – Fridays 10am to 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 the shelves for a book to borrow. 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!

House hire

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

Volunteer with us!

The community house is run solely by passionate volunteers, we could really use your time and skills – either by joining the committee of management, working groups or working bees, or helping with fundraising. Please contact hello@mmmcommunityhouse.org



Many thanks and farewell to Belinda Carlton-Doney who wrote the Macedon Musings column for many years and who has decided to hang up her pen.

Welcome to Anne and the crew from Macedon Post Office who are taking over the Macedon beat.

Here at the post office, it's hard to believe it is November already and we are well and truly gearing up for the Christmas rush.

With the local footy finished for the year, the cricket and lawn bowls season is now in full swing. Good luck to our local teams.

The Garden Lovers Fair was held at Bolobek in early October. The rain held off that weekend and the fair was a great success with many visitors coming to our town.

The Macedon Primary School Fete is on Sunday 12 November, running from 10am to 3pm. It's sure to be a fun day for all and well supported by our community.

The Macedon Produce Swap is held out the front of the post office on the first and third Saturday morning of each month, between 9.30am and 10.30am. With an abundance of goodies to swap, the stall is very popular and you will be amazed by what you will find.

October saw us sadly farewell two of our locals. Erna Fife (Linda Green's mum), a long-time Smith Street resident, was farewelled at Jubilee Hall on 12 October, at the age of 91. Erna will be remembered for her good humour and wit, not forgetting her beautiful glamour and style.

Beau Skowron moved to Macedon in 2018. We got to know him as 'Randy' and appreciated that he 'checked in on us' regularly during the crazy COVID period – he always gave us a laugh. Beau was struck down with MND in January this year and sadly lost his fight on 29 September, aged 45. Beau was a man of many talents and to say he has left a lasting impression is an understatement. Love to Michelle and his many friends.

Any items you think could be included in our monthly column would be appreciated...please pop in and let us know.

Anne and the team at Macedon Post Office

Survivor gets to thank GoodSAM and paramedics

A GoodSAM responder and paramedics have been thanked for saving the life of a Gisborne man who had a cardiac arrest in July.

Damian Fewster, 45, asked one of his sons to call an ambulance after developing severe chest pain. He then collapsed and went into cardiac arrest.

Local GoodSAM responder Helen Barker received the alert and did not think twice before going to help: "I got my keys, my coat, said goodbye to my partner and just left," she said.

GoodSAM (Smartphone Activated Medic) is a app that connects Victorians in cardiac arrest with members



Jack Sullivan, Helen Barker (Gisborne GoodSAM responder), Damien Fewster, Emily Wilson and Alison Winnall.

of the community who are willing to perform CPR in the critical minutes before paramedics arrive. The Gisborne meeting pictured above was arranged for 'Shocktober', a campaign highlighting the importance of learning CPR and how to use a defibrillator.



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Update on rate charges

During a recent review of the council's rate income for the year, an error was discovered in the calculation of rates and charges. The error meant that the amount of the municipal charge applied was too great, and a credit of \$23 for each rateable property was required to correct the error.

The council adopted a revised budget 2023-24 on 28 September correcting the declared municipal charge. The revised budget included the updated municipal charge of \$189 per rateable property for 2023, down from \$212 (the difference of \$23).

You do not need to take any action to receive the credit on your rates account; the credit has already been processed and was applied to all rateable properties on 29 September.

If you have any questions about your rates, the credit, or other queries related to this matter, please contact the council's customer service centres on mrsc@mrsc.vic.gov.au or 5422 0333.

Koala count

Join our koala count on 10 November from 10am-12 noon at Hanging Rock. Council Conservation Reserves Officer, Simon Purves, will lead the count. Come along as a citizen scientist to walk the Hanging Rock grasslands or summit on the lookout for koalas. The Biodiversity Projects Officer, Tanya Loos, will also attend to share some insights into koala ecology and behaviour.

Flora Guide

15 November, 7-8pm, online webinar

Expand your knowledge of the native plants of the Macedon Ranges and hear some identification tips. Martin Roberts, Bushland Reserves Officer, will take you on a journey to explore some special plants that are not featured in the online guide and new species found locally, such as slender trefoil and clover glycine. To register for the above two events, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/environment-events.

Kyneton Town Hall events

Ross Wilson & The Peaceniks, 4pm, Sunday 11 February. Cost: Full \$69, Group 6+ \$64

Ross Wilson is hitting the road with his band the Peaceniks to celebrate over 50 years of hits including all the Daddy Cool and Mondo Rock favourites and more. With 26 ARIA Top 40 hits to his credit as a singer, songwriter and producer, Ross Wilson is one of Australia's most respected and well-known artists. For tickets, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/buytickets or call 1300 888 802 (10am-4pm, weekdays).



Grant hub launched

The council is offering a free grant-seeking tool that provides access to a comprehensive list of grant and funding opportunities. The Macedon Ranges Grants Hub site may be used by all individuals, businesses, community groups and not-for-profits in the Macedon Ranges. It covers a large range of grants provided by all levels of government and private organisations.

To begin your search for grants, simply register and start searching. Registered users can subscribe to email alerts on new funding opportunities. The Grants Hub also provides a list highlighting funding opportunities during a time of disaster.

For information, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/grants.

Business Excellence Awards

After a break for the Community Choice Awards in 2023, the biennial Macedon Ranges Business Excellence Awards will be open for self-nominations from 20 November until 15 March 2024 – plenty of time to dust off your business plan and let the judges know about your outstanding service, innovation, products and professionalism.

If you would like to nominate your business, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/business-awards or email ecodevadmin@mrsc.vic.gov.au.



COUNCILLOR'S COLUMN

With Cr Rob Guthrie

Readers may have seen elsewhere that unfortunately Cr Anne Moore has resigned from Council. She has had a number of medical issues and maintaining good health should be the first priority for all of us. The local Government Act requires a countback to fill the vacancy and the Victorian Electoral Commission will conduct the countback on 13 November. Details are available on their website, vec.vic.gov.au.

The council is seeking feedback on the second draft of the Gisborne Futures Plan which has been revised in response to extensive community feedback to the 2020 version. This is an important time for shaping the future of the area and I encourage everyone to read the plan, consider its implications on the environment and impact on your daily life, and, more importantly, please provide your feedback. We are seeking as much feedback

as possible as this plan will determine the look and layout of Gisborne until 2050. Submissions close on Monday 13 November. If you have any questions, call our Strategic Planning Team on 5422 0333 or email strategicplanning@mrsc.vic.gov.au

I have received a number of emails about the Gisborne Botanic Gardens footbridge. The footbridge is subject to insurance assessment as the insurance company bears flood-damaged asset costs. The bridge is closed and negotiations continue with the insurance broker and insurance-appointed project manager. Hopefully work will get started soon.

Christmas is rapidly approaching, and the council has created a festive season decorations fact sheet. This provides information for community members or groups seeking to install decorations in townships and includes requirements relating to permit applications, public liability insurance, VicRoads considerations, and dates and description of the installation. It is available on our website, mrsc.vic.gov.au.

Please call me on 0419 309 953 or email rguthrie@mrsc.com.au if I can be of any assistance.



Rotary: the final push to eradicate polio



Rotarians are striving for a polio-free world.

For over 30 years, Rotary International has worked to eliminate polio worldwide. As the world geared up to commemorate World Polio Day on 24 October, Rotary clubs in our district joined the global mission to raise awareness and funds for vaccination to finish off the crippling disease.

Our district participated in the "Walk with Us" End Polio event, pooling its resources with more than 35,000 Rotary clubs in 200 countries. Rotary Gisborne proudly committed to donate \$1000 to this crucial cause. Local volunteers, including former club president Lyn Robinson, helped out at the Polio Network Victoria



conference in Hastings where Australian polio survivors meet to discuss their experiences and health issues.

The arrival of the polio vaccine in Australia in 1956 came too late for the children who had already suffered death and lifelong disabilities.

Despite being almost forgotten here now, polio's high contagion rate, three times that of COVID-19, poses a serious threat. We are on the cusp of history, with only two countries reporting isolated polio cases from wild viruses.

Rotary's tireless commitment to vaccinate at-risk children is guiding us toward a polio-free world. To donate or get involved, please contact Rotary Gisborne on 0493 870 635.

Barry Wills

Community Bank Gisborne celebrates 15 years

On 19 November, Community Bank Gisborne & District, the locally owned franchise branch of Bendigo Bank which returns profits to the community, will turn 15 years old.

The current staff and volunteer board of directors would like to thank everyone who has been part of the branch's success: the volunteer founding directors, who learnt of the for-purpose community bank model and worked hard to establish it in Gisborne; the local shareholders who made it possible by pledging money to the project; the dedicated staff who have built a thriving banking business and strong connections to the community; the many volunteer directors who have given their time and talent to help the company develop; and the many community partners who have collaborated with and supported Community Bank Gisborne.



Thanks to your efforts, more than 100 local organisations have received funding, and 44 local youth and five adults have been granted scholarships.

The 15th anniversary will be celebrated in a variety of ways and started with a gala dinner at Mount Macedon Winery in October.

Festivities will continue this month at the Spring Community Investment Evening on 13 November at Gisborne Golf Club and a 15th birthday morning tea at the branch on Friday 17 November. The community is warmly invited to attend these upcoming events.

Contact the branch for more information on 5420 7210.



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Current staff and board members of Community Bank Gisborne & District at the 15th birthday dinner in October.

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New Foodbank committee elected for 2024

The Gisborne Community Care Foodbank held its Annual General Meeting last month and we reflected on the wonderful support that we have received from the Macedon Ranges community over the past 12 months. Thank you for your donations of food and cash to enable us to help our clients put food on the table for their families each week.

We also appointed a new committee, and we thank these wonderful volunteers for giving their time to oversee the operations of the Gisborne Foodbank.

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

Julie Ireland



New Foodbank committee (from left): Rob Dunstan (secretary), Sharon Tolhurst, Tony Woodgate (treasurer), Lynne Margret (manager), Vicky Hillyer (vice-president), Mandy Dettmann, Julie Ireland (marketing/social media coordinator), Wally Van Dort (president), Cheryl Van Dort, Jim Lindsay, Geoff Austerberry. Absent, Jo Avery.

New fire truck for Hesket-Kerrie CFA

Hesket-Kerrie CFA is located along the northern side and lower slopes of Mt Macedon. It is run by a team of dedicated men and women volunteers operating out of two fire stations, in Hesket, at the bottom of the mountain, and Cherokee, nestled into the foothills.

The role of the brigade is to protect the lives and properties of the community in its local area as well as being pivotal in protecting the northern interface of the mountain when fires threaten from the north. The brigade is also called upon to fight fires throughout the state when required.

The brigade is fundraising, to supplement government funding, to buy a 'medium tanker'. The new, larger (more water), more technically advanced and much safer tanker, will greatly assist in strengthening the brigade's capabilities.

The target is to raise \$80,000, of which the brigade has already raised \$40,000. This amount will enable the brigade to provide the truck with breathing apparatus so structure fires can be accessed for both rescue and extinguishing fires. The target date is late April next year.

If you are interested in supporting this worthy and vital cause, please contact our treasurer, Stuart McMinn, via email at stuart.mcminn@members.cfa.vic.gov.au for further details. All donations are tax deductible.

Karen Hunt



A medium tanker.



Variety of Carol events lined up

Gisborne Carols by Candlelight

Saturday 2 December at Holy Cross Primary School, New Gisborne.

Kids' rides and activities, food park, market stalls, Santa meet and greet, carols and fireworks. Activities 2pm to 7.15pm, carols 7pm to 9pm.

Gisborne Community Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 10 December at 6.30pm, Dixon Field, Gisborne.

Local primary school choirs and other Macedon Ranges performers plus singing of carols with the Carols by Candlelight Choir. Pre entertainment at 6pm by Burnt Honey and TAKT. Presentation of the 2023 Local Hero Award for service to the community over many years. Food stalls and Santa visit.

Macedon and Mount Macedon Carols by Candlelight

Wednesday 13 December at Tony Clarke Reserve, Macedon.

Local primary schools and musicians performing, Santa visit. Music starts 6pm, carols at 7pm. Sausage sizzle, coffee, ice cream van.

Carols by Candlelight presented by the Voice of Gladness

Friday December 15, 6pm to 10pm at John Aitken Reserve, Gisborne. Albert Mataafa and Leanne Wright performing along with live music plus singing of carols. A celebration of the birth of Jesus through drama and song.

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Buttlejorrk exhibition fires up again

The Buttlejorrk Artists Group Show, now in its 47th year, has become a staple event not just for Gisborne residents, but for the entire Macedon Ranges community. From 9 November to 4 December, visitors can explore a diverse range of artworks created by talented artists.

Gisborne's Samantha Gardiner is one of the featured artists. A mixed-media creator, Sam is excited to unveil her latest body of work, which is inspired by our native flora and bird life.

The roster of artists also includes other talented Gisbornites: the skilled wood turner Tim Meager, the versatile ceramicist Brandy Monteith, and the accomplished fine artist Denise Martin.

Together with their fellow Buttlejorrk members, they will present a captivating blend of contemporary and traditional art forms, including paper art, ceramics, metalwork, sculpture, paintings, drawings, and fibre art.

Sam welcomes art enthusiasts to come and meet the makers and enjoy a glass of bubbly at the opening reception of the Buttlejorrk Artists Group Show on Saturday 11 November, 2 to 4pm at the Old Auction House, 52-56 Mollison Street, Kyneton.

She hopes one day Gisborne will secure its own contemporary gallery to showcase its remarkable local talent.

Instagram @buttlejorrk



Sam Gardiner with one of her artworks.

Come and join Peter, Wendy, Tinkerbell and Captain Hook in Neverland

From 3 to 26 November, the Mount Players join forces with Boilerhouse Theatre Company (Sunbury) to bring *Peter Pan a Musical Adventure* to the Mountview Theatre at Macedon.

Join Peter (the boy who refuses to grow up), Wendy, Tinkerbell, the Lost Boys and, of course, the dastardly Captain Hook in a musical the whole family will enjoy.

With a spectacular mix of swashbuckling adventure and an infectious musical score, Peter Pan is guaranteed to bring forth one's inner child and send you reeling 'just beyond the stars'.

Auditions



The Mount Players

explores the unexpected, bewildering and life-changing consequences of challenging the status quo at a global level. Last week, Andrew was that guy with his girl lunching at KFC discussing their plans for the future. Today, he's in Moscow, in an undisclosed hotel room, on the run and at risk of assassination. Last week,

Auditions for our first production in 2024 will be held on 11 and 12 November.

WILD, written by Mike Bartlett and directed by George Benca, is a darkly comic play that



'Crocodile' cast in rehearsal.

a nobody. This week, America's most wanted.

This is a three-hander with two male and one female character required.

To read more about the play, performance dates and obtain a script, contact the director at georgebenca@gmail.com Auditions are by appointment only, between 10am and 2pm.

To book tickets and everything theatre we invite you to our website www.themountplayers.com or call 5426 1892.

See you at the Mountview Theatre.

Karen Hunt

Oceans flow on the Mount



Jennifer Segrave and Kirsty Trill are local artists and members of The Gallery, which is nestled behind the Trading Post in Mount Macedon. Jennifer specialises in the manipulation of epoxy resin whilst Kirsty enjoys using acrylic paints and alcohol inks to create 'Fluid Art'.

Their friendship blossomed over their fascination for the ocean and their love of cool colours.

Both artists have innovative visions that have never been more profoundly demonstrated than in *Oceans* – their first exhibition together. These extraordinary abstract pieces contain a seemingly effortless beauty and ethereal presence.

Kirsty and Jennifer have taken advantage of water's unique properties of light, clarity, buoyancy, and reflectivity, to create artworks that are delightfully serene and contain an otherworldly aesthetic.

Visitors to The Gallery will be able to experience and buy the artists' creations including wall art, platter boards, coasters and more. Their remarkable combination of colour, design and composition celebrates the power of rhythm, movement, the grace of line and the expressiveness of water.



A piece by Kirsty Trill.

Oceans is on display from Monday, 6 November to Sunday, 3 December. Come along for a glass of bubbles and meet the artists on Sunday, 11 November, from 2pm to 3pm. Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to view this special exhibition!

Local artists: We have space in our Focus Room available in 2025. Contact Jo on 0418 488 582.

The Gallery is at 684 Mount Macedon Road, Mount Macedon, and is open Friday to Tuesday, 10am to 4pm.

Sue Anson, 0413 581 632



Jennifer Segrave and Kirsty Trill with some of their artwork in the show.

Christmas with the Gisborne Singers



Following the success of their Brahms' *Liebeslieder Waltzes* performance at the Church of the Resurrection in Macedon on 29 October,

the Gisborne Singers will present *Christmas with the Gisborne Singers* at 8pm on Saturday 2 December at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church in Kyneton.

The performance will mark the return of a Christmas concert that was part of the choir's repertoire for a long time.

The program will consist of some well-known carols and a number of different ones. Audience members will have the opportunity to join in with the traditional carols. Items include: *Once in Royal David's City, Christmas Carol* (Rutter), *In dulci jubilo, While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks, Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen, O Come All Ye Faithful, O Little Town of Bethlehem, Stille Nacht, Angel's Carol, The First Noel, Personent hodie* and *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* (arr. David Wilcox). Tickets \$55 adult \$45 concession via www.trybooking.com/CIWMK (under 12 free).

In other news, the choir performed a bracket at the annual *Gazette* volunteers' reception on 27 October.

The Gisborne Singers rehearse from 7.30pm to 10pm on Wednesdays at the Gisborne Uniting Church in Brantome Street. New members are always welcome.

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

Alison Kinghorn



The Gisborne Singers perform at Our Lady of the Rosary in May this year.

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The best of British choral music

Music lovers can look forward to a huge treat in the coming performance *Buckingham Palace* presented by the Australian Chamber Choir on Saturday 4 November.

The performance will be at the Church of the Resurrection, Macedon, at 3pm. Directed by Douglas Lawrence and supplemented by brass, timpani and organ, the choir will perform major works from the impressive English choral tradition, including anthems commissioned for royal weddings, funerals and coronations.

An interesting inclusion in this program is the anthem *We wait for your loving kindness, O God* by Melbourne-born Sir William McKie, who held the post of Melbourne City Organist from 1941 to '63, subsequently becoming Master of the Choristers at Westminster Abbey.

The program also features the uplifting *I was glad* by Sir Charles Hubert Hastings Parry, the opening anthem at the coronations of both Elizabeth II and Charles III. Parry is also represented by *My soul, there is a country*.

Twentieth-century composers include Sir John Tavener, Benjamin Britten, Ralph Vaughan Williams and Judith Weir. Nineteenth-century works include Stanford's magnificent *Gloria in excelsis*, commissioned for the coronation of George V in 1911. From earlier periods the audience will be treated to works by Handel, Purcell and Byrd and a stunning arrangement of *The Old Hundredth* by organist Rhys Boak.

Bookings: www.auschoir.org

Dianne Gome

Gisborne Futures Structure Plan

Have Your Say

Be a part of Gisborne's future.

The structure plan will guide Gisborne's development over the next 30 years.

This is an important time for shaping the future of the town. We have considered your values and views about how Gisborne and New Gisborne could change into the future, now have your say again and help us finalise this long term vision.

View the plans and stay updated

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or phone 5422 0333.

The structure plan includes:

- a vision for a vibrant and sustainable community in New Gisborne with a town centre and community hub that is set against the backdrop of the Macedon Ranges
- a protected settlement boundary that will limit outward growth and protect the environmental and rural qualities of the surrounding landscape
- opportunities for diverse and inclusive housing that is accessible for a range of ages, household structures and affordability levels and gives essential workers places to live close to where they work
- an expanded business park with opportunities for local jobs and business growth
- recognition of cultural and post-contact heritage
- protection and enhancement of landscapes, open space, trees, waterways and environmental values
- a movement strategy that encourages a mode shift towards more sustainable transport options through a safer and better connected walking and cycling network and more efficient public transport.



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75 years on

With 19 passengers on board, the 'Kurana' plane crash on Mount Macedon could have seen many more fatalities

By Phyllis Boyd OAM

Early on 8 November 1948, Australian National Airlines DC3 'Kurana', with Harry Warlow-Davies as captain, James Barrington Keyes first officer and Elizabeth Charlotte Fry hostess, with 19 passengers on board, took off on a regular route from Essendon to Deniliquin and Sydney. On this occasion, however, Captain Warlow-Davies had sought and been granted permission to fly at a lower altitude than usual. Many of the passengers were racing enthusiasts, having spent several days in Melbourne during the Spring Racing Carnival the previous week.

At 7.40am, in heavy mist, and nine miles (15km) from the regular course, the Kurana clipped the tops of the pine plantation about 100 metres below the summit of Mount Macedon and came to rest, nose down in a firebreak clearance.

There were 20 survivors on that fateful morning, due greatly to the bravery and cool-headed attitude of the young hostess, herself injured, in treating injuries until assistance arrived. Unfortunately, the captain and first officer took the brunt of the impact and did not survive, but as fire spread through the wreckage, Elizabeth Fry ensured that all the passengers were safely away from the burning fuselage.

Fifty years after this event, the Gisborne & Mount Macedon Districts Historical Society determined to record this incident by funding and placing an information board near the site. A few minutes on Ian McNamara's *Australia All Over* program on ABC Radio located five survivors and many descendants of others who had survived the crash.

Many visitors travelled in sunshine towards Mount Macedon for the unveiling of the information display, their thoughts of an aircraft incident 50 years before, but on arrival they discovered the mountain again shrouded in mist. At precisely 7.40am on 8 November 1998, a large number gathered for the unveiling including the five recently located survivors – Keith Gordon, John Huntly, Robert McLaurin, John Mather and Lindsay Wood. Elizabeth Smythe,



Left: The five survivors before the unveiling.

Below: Heading back through the mist after the unveiling as a DC3 flew overhead.

Bottom: Survivors with air hostess Elizabeth one year later.



nee Fry, was living in Reno, Nevada, and due to health issues was unable to attend, but had kindly recorded a message that was played to those present. She was represented at the

unveiling by two of her sisters.

A gold DC3 badge in a presentation box was presented to each survivor and relative representing a survivor. Following the unveiling by the survivors,

great enthusiasm was shown regarding the design and content of the board, a meaningful tribute to an event that had sent shock waves throughout the Australian air-travelling public in 1948.

The crowd returned to the open area near the Memorial Gateway, and headed towards the Harbison Picnic Ground where a cooked breakfast provided by the Historical Society was being prepared by members of the Mount Macedon Fire Brigade. As the group neared the main path, a restored DC3 Alpha Bravo Romeo soared overhead courtesy of pilot Lionel Griffiths and Essendon Aircraft Museum. It was hidden by mist which, however, soon lifted allowing the sun to shine on the remainder of the celebrations.

After the flyover, a brief history of DC3 ABR was read, reminding those present that the particular aircraft had just celebrated its 60th birthday.

One year later, in November 1999, former air hostess Elizabeth Smythe, nee Fry, flew from the United States to meet the committee members of the Historical Society.

Unbeknown to her, the survivors were also invited to gather on Mount Macedon to meet again for the first time in 51 years, to share their memories. We were delighted to see that Elizabeth, Keith, Robert, Lindsay and John were each wearing the DC3 badge on their lapels for the occasion.

Everyone then adjourned to the Gisborne Court House where a large group had gathered to hear memories from the survivors (that were taped).

Elizabeth addressed the crowd and proudly donated to the Historical Society her silver salver presented by insurance company Lloyds of London, her Royal Humane Medal and certificate, for safe keeping near the area of the incident. These are on permanent display at the old Gisborne Court House for all to see.

We continued to visit and regularly keep in touch with the hostess and the survivors from Deniliquin until the last of those survivors, Lindsay Wood, passed away on 19 August 2017 at the age of 92 years.

The magic of reflections

The Macedon Ranges Photographic Society's recent in-house competi-



tion had 'reflections' as the set subject. We had entries with all manner of reflections, some taken on our walkabouts to the silos, Winton wetlands, Princes Pier and Williamstown. Others showed their creative side by using mirrors with objects resting on top.

Water was the popular medium to reflect trees, birds and buildings. The dome of the Exhibition Building, reflected in a puddle, won the print section.

Our club recently met with the Bendigo Camera Club, this year's host of the Quad competition. They arranged a walkabout in the city, providing an interesting and detailed commentary along the way. We all enjoyed the lunch provided, followed by the presentation of images.

The judging of the competition was between the three clubs, including Goldfields. Unfortunately, Mount Alexander chose not to enter any images this year. Four of our club members received individual awards and the club placed second overall.

The Macedon Ranges Photographic Society meets on the first Tuesday of the month, followed by the next Monday, at Dromkeen in Riddells Creek. Tuesday 7 November (Cup Day) and Monday 13 November will be our last meetings for this year. Social chats start at 7pm with the meeting beginning at 7.30pm. Please visit www.macedon-ranges-photography.org.au for more information.

Sue Steward



'Where's this Puddle?' Photo by Jeni Marinier.

Final events for the year



Today we take education for granted – it is our right to receive a good education. But this wasn't always the case, certainly not for many of our ancestors. Did our

forebears go to school, and to what age? What type of school was it? Where was it? How do we find the records? These are just some of the questions for discussion at the next meeting of the Gisborne Genealogical Group on Thursday 23 November at 7.30pm in the Uniting Church, Brantome Street – it will be our last general meeting for the year. (Members, please note this is the fourth Thursday, not the last Thursday, of the month). Visitors are always welcome.

Our last Saturday Workshop for 2023 will be held on 7 November at 10am in the Family History Room, adjoining the Gisborne Library. The topic will be 'Wills', and we will look at wills and probate in both Australia and the UK. Please book with Lorna (details below).

Our annual Christmas dinner will be held on Friday 1 December at 6.30pm at Canteena, Gisborne. Bookings are essential for this function. Please contact Lorna for details and to book – telephone 0402 091 034 or email lorna_jackson@bigpond.com.

Once again, we will run our Christmas hamper raffle. Goods to fill the hampers can be left in the Family History Room on Tuesdays (10am-1pm) or Thursdays (2pm-5pm) when the room is open for research, or they can be brought to the November meeting.

Lyn Hall

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Don't get caught!

Spotting a scam, with Russell Barker

In my daily travels I come across people almost every day who have been scammed and lost precious savings from their bank account. Last month I wrote about the most common of



Russell Barker

scams, someone gaining your trust and pretending to help you with your computer.

This month I would like to share some tips on how to spot a scammer before you are tricked into divulging any information.

Tip 1:

If a phone call comes from a number you don't know, do not answer the phone. If it is important, a message will be left. If you get a message, this method gives you the chance to think about what to do next, instead of having the scammer on the phone trying on the con.

Tip 2:

If the person trying to gain information from you is increasing the pressure with a time-sensitive line like "you have to do this now or...", then it is time to hang up and wait. Reacting fast is never a good thing.

Tip 3:

If the person on the other end of the conversation warns you that a particular service you use is about to be cancelled, hang up, and check that service by making a call to that service yourself.

Tip 4:

If there is an offer made to you that sounds too good to be true, hang up. Scammers often try to get you interested in a new phone, a free holiday, etc.

Tip 5:

If there is an offer to pay for something using an unusual method, this is usually a scam. Payment methods like gift cards, Bitcoin and pre-loaded debit cards are just some of the strange payment methods used by scammers.

And always remember this... If you ignore a genuine attempt by an organisation (such as your bank) to contact you, they will find another way to reach out and let you know they need to talk.

News from CWA

Gisborne

We were pleased to welcome Sharon Gill, the Gisborne Community Connections Officer, to our last meeting. Sharon is there to help seniors in the community with a social support network called Village Connect and hopes to organise a seniors' forum to see what they want in the local area.

We have been very happy with fabric and wool donations since the call went out. Ten adult-size aprons were made with donated fabric and given to Holy Cross Primary School. Art smocks and pencil cases are on their way to Gisborne Primary School.

Items are being made for the Christmas stall at Macedon CWA Hall on 2 December. Wool is being used to make 'fiddle muffs' for next year's Creative Arts, which will be



Delivering aprons to Holy Cross Primary School are Allison, Helen and Christine. Pictured with teachers and students trying them on.

passed on after the exhibition to appropriate homes for patients with dementia.

Due to our fundraising efforts in the past 12 months, we have been able to donate money to the Foodbank, Windarrang, Bullengarook Specialist School campus, five local primary schools and head office.



Christine Edwards

Our next meeting is on Monday, 13 November, which will be our Annual General Meeting. Coffee, Craft and Chat will follow on 20 November, 10am at the Gisborne Secondary College stadium, to which any ladies are welcome to come along and see what we are up to.

Christine Edwards

Macedon

As I mentioned in last month's article, we were looking forward to hosting some of the ladies from Rochester for a day out in our area. It is a year since the devastating floods in Rochester. So, on 13 October, we met 12 lovely ladies at Macedon Station. They had had an early start to catch the train, so morning tea at the CWA Hall was welcomed.

Then it was off to the top of Mt Macedon for a bit of a stroll and to take in the views; then back down to the Mount Macedon township to visit the historic Uniting Church. By then we had sharpened up our appetites for



a lovely lunch back at the hall. We listened to stories of still living in caravans, insurance companies and shortage of tradespeople among other things. We were impressed by the resilience of these ladies and all of the people of Rochester.

Pip Shannon, manager at Duneira, had generously offered to show our guests around the lovely house and garden, culminating in a Devonshire tea in the lovely tea rooms. The ladies really enjoyed this special visit. We at Macedon CWA are very grateful to Pip for facilitating this visit and making everyone so welcome.

Then it was off to catch the train and to say goodbye to our new friends from Rochester. We had a lovely day together.

Our big event for November also concerns Duneira. On the weekend of 4 and 5 November, Duneira opens for the Bluebell Festival. Macedon CWA branch will be selling light lunches and morning and afternoon teas, as well as running a cake stall. We would love to meet you there.

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



Gisborne's population is projected to grow from 14,222 to over 20,100* in the coming years.

The Macedon Ranges Shire Council's Gisborne Futures Plan is preparing for increased population growth of 2.3% per year* by building multi-level "shop-top" apartment blocks in Gisborne's town centre. This will significantly increase cars and people in the town centre. The plan suggests that "large areas of surface car park have capacity to accommodate a greater mix of uses" resulting in a loss of parking spaces in these areas.

How will multi-level buildings and even more car congestion "contribute to the defining village character" of Gisborne's town centre?

Voice your opinion on the Gisborne Futures Plan to the Macedon Shire Council by completing the short survey on their website or by sending a written submission to the council.

Scan the QR code to have your say with a written submission to the Macedon Shire Council.

glen junor



*August 2023 Macedon Ranges Shire Council - Gisborne Futures Draft Structure Plan



After many years in limbo, a grateful Para family looks forward to a bright new future. Picture: Aldona Kmieć

Tea and empathy



The anguish of asylum seekers living in bureaucratic limbo is the theme of an upcoming event to be held in Woodend.

Tamil refugee Neil Para was held in community detention for nearly 10 years, and forbidden to undertake paid employment. His daughters were denied the opportunity to pursue study beyond the age of 18.

Neil's situation is now resolved, but the future of over 12,000 refugees and asylum seekers remains uncertain. Eighteen-year-old Atena Kashani has been granted temporary asylum in Australia, but has no prospect of a permanent solution. Desperate to further her education, she has been offered a scholarship for a law degree but, under the terms of her bridging visa, is unable to pursue it. She is one of thousands denied the opportunity to work or study and make a meaningful contribution to the country that supports them.

Neil and Atena will be joined in Woodend by Trentham based author Sandy Watson, Communications Convenor of Rural Australians for Refugees. Together with Neil and Atena, Sandy aims to shed light on the trauma faced by refugees confronting an uncertain future.

The event, sponsored by Macedon Ranges Rural Australians for Refugees, is both an information afternoon and a fundraiser. Refreshments will be served in the form of a high tea. Wine can be purchased by the glass. Raffle tickets will be on sale with excellent prizes and a string ensemble will play. All funds raised will go to organisations directly supporting refugees and asylum seekers. Where: Norma Richardson Hall, 15 Buckland Street, Woodend, 2pm-4.30pm, Saturday 11 November. Tickets: adults \$20, children \$12. Book via www.trybooking.com/CMJGX.

No one 'bottled out' of Clunes road trip



The Gisborne Probud Club travelled via Daylesford to Clunes, where we visited the Bottle Museum in the old South Clunes Primary School.

Our very knowledgeable guide gave us a talk on the manufacture, use and why there is such a variation in shape and colour of bottles.

The displays are changed regularly to show the other 6000 bottles held in the collection.

Next was lunch at the National Hotel followed by a visit to the Clunes Museum where they provided tea and coffee after our visit. Our museum guide also took us to the Town Hall where we were able to see the inside the main hall with its magnificent ceiling as beautiful as the ceiling at Government House.

Clunes has many historical buildings including many



Probud club members tour the Clunes antique bottle display with museum guide, second from right.

churches, old post office and banks which were all built during the gold rush days making it worthy of a visit.

A most enjoyable days outing with thanks to Di Barbie for making all the arrangements.

The Probud Club of Gisborne meets on the first Thursday of the month in the Gisborne Community Centre hall (old Senior Citizens Room) at 10am. You are welcome to join us at our next meeting on 2 November.

Helen Thompson

POLICE BEAT

with Snr Sgt Amanda Cohen
Station Commander, Gisborne



Snr Sgt Cohen

Late in September the Crime Statistics Agency released the Victorian recorded crime statistics for the year ending 30 June 2023. The rate of recorded offences in the Macedon Ranges increased, up 11.4% to 1577, but was below the state average of 7494 total recorded offences per 100,000 people.

Despite a slight increase in the most recent reporting period, overall crime in the Macedon Ranges has decreased by 10% compared to pre-COVID levels. Although we are moving on from COVID, it is important to acknowledge the pre-COVID rate, as COVID was a significant contributor to decreased offending, so we will continue to see an incline in reporting for some time.

Gisborne saw a decrease in most types of offending;

however, property and deception offences had the largest increase in the past 12 months.

We want to reassure the community that police are focused on preventing crime that causes the most harm to the community, including home burglaries and car thefts. Local police members will continue to patrol the community every day and night to prevent crime and keep the community safe.

However, we remind everyone to stay vigilant – there are simple steps that people can take, including making it a nightly routine to lock doors, especially internal doors that lead to garages, and ensuring keys are not easily accessible.

Police are also preparing for the fire season in support of all our local emergency services. One message is clear from the CFA – have an up-to-date fire safety plan – and we are encouraging our members to prepare for their own safety and that of their families by doing so.

Do you have yours? Go to www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/before-and-during-a-fire/your-bushfire-plan.

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The 2023 cubby is underway

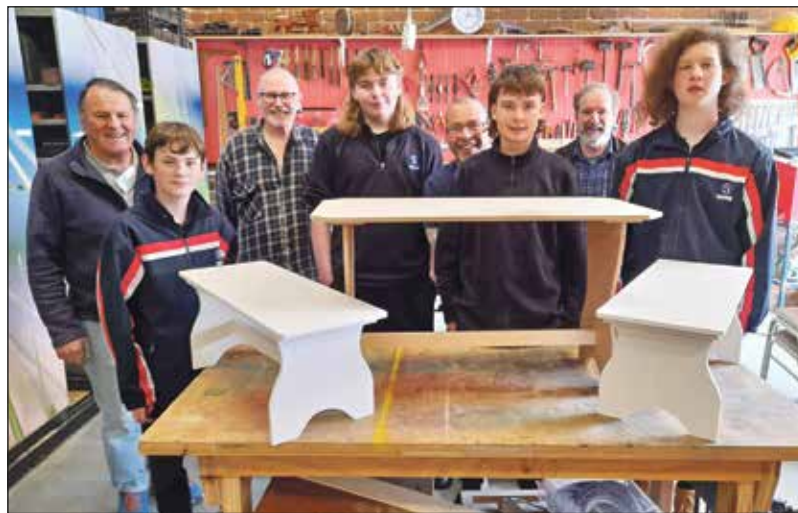
Construction of the 2023 model Cubby (or garden shed, man cave, tool shed or whatever you want it to be) is well underway.

This is our fourth year of building a cubby to raffle for Gisborne Foodbank. Because of the generous support we get from Benetas (Macedon Ranges Health), the *Gisborne Gazette* and InForm Osteopathy, we do not need to



deduct the cost of materials. As per previous years, ticket sales will be online and all proceeds will go straight to the Foodbank account.

This year the cubby furniture is being made by our Young Shedmen while they learn the finer points of design, accurate marking out, cutting,



Young Shedman Lenny, Billy, Kade and Danny in the front with 'vintage label' Shedmen at rear.

joining, sanding and painting. You will be able to check out the quality of their work when the cubby will be on display in local supermarket car parks later this month. Dates and places will be posted on both the Foodbank and our Men's Shed Facebook pages.

In the meantime, feel free to drop into the Shed any Monday, Wednesday or Thursday morning to see how the cubby project is progressing.

A psychologist's view Navigating change

An occasional column by local psychologist Shula Pem



Shula Pem

We all manoeuvre change in our everyday lives but there are some changes that ignite major turning points. Receiving a new diagnosis related to mental health, a medical condition, or a life-altering situation is one of many incredibly profound experiences, carrying with it a unique blend of distress, relief,

questions and uncertainties.

Being a psychologist, I have had the privilege of guiding individuals through the intricate journey of receiving a new diagnosis. It is not just about understanding the condition itself; it is about embracing the inevitable transition that follows.

More often than not, change is not the constant; it's the many transitions that accompany it. Transitions, unlike change, are not linear. They are multi-dimensional, involving not just the individual but also their family, friends, and environment.

For those receiving a diagnosis, transitioning often means learning to adapt to new ways of thinking and behaving. It also requires building a support system that helps you through the ups and downs. It is essential to remember that transitions are ongoing. While your diagnosis does not always define you, how you navigate the transition is what truly defines you.


Every day, you learn more about yourself, the challenges you face, and the strategies that work best for you. This is where personal growth and healing truly take place, in the constant transitions of life.

Here are some provocative questions that may aid those facing a new diagnosis: How can you use this period of transition to learn more about yourself and your capabilities? What support systems can you lean on during this challenging time, and how can they help you navigate the transition? What positive changes can you envision as a result of adapting to your new circumstances? How might this transition refresh your sense of self and purpose in life?

Stre-e-e-etch!


Warrina residents participate in a Jazzercise class run by medical student Sophie Fontaine on 12 October. Sophie is doing a placement at Ranges Medical this semester.






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FOR THE GREEN THUMBS

Doing the Gisborne bird walk at Daly

The picture this month shows Tanya Loos from the council's environment team leading a group of members around the reserve on a bird discovery walk.

We stood still and listened, we looked up into the trees, and watched birds flying overhead. So many more birds were noted once we concentrated, and, with Tanya's knowledge, the birds were identified and recorded as part of the wildlife corridor which runs through Daly Nature Reserve.



Informative bird walk in Daly Nature Reserve.

During October Friends of Daly Nature Reserve conducted our spring nature walks for grade three students from Gisborne Primary School. To do our walks justice, and to keep to the mulched tracks, we divided up into four groups of 22 each. The students are very enthusiastic and keep us on our toes with lots of great questions. They learned quite a lot about the differences

between some indigenous, native and introduced flora and weed species.

In November we have two working bees on Tuesdays 14th and 28th, 9.30am start. You are welcome to join in; we have various tasks to suit all levels of fitness or just come along to see what we do, and enjoy a cuppa at 11'ish. Enquiries dalynaturereserve@gmail.com.

Friends of Daly Nature Reserve

What's growing on at Gisborne Garden Club



On a beautiful spring day in October, club members and friends enjoyed their last bus trip for the year with a visit to Lara near Geelong.

First stop was Yarrabee Garden, owned by Peter and Judy, who gave an interesting and slightly comical story on the trials and tribulations of establishing their 1.6 hectares (four acres) of garden. We could see the amount of work that had been needed to establish such a large area – a good lesson for anyone wishing to do the same.

Judy made a delicious morning tea which was very much appreciated by all. Back in the bus and off to the Lara Hotel for a prearranged lunch.

In the afternoon we headed off to the Roraima Nursery which covers a huge site and many members were almost lost in the vast number of trees and plants. There was a great display of trees, shrubs, succulents and cacti for purchase, and if something caught your eye you were generally able to see exactly what it would look like when grown. Such an advantage.

By the end of the day members were tired but happy and voted the day a great success.

The committee is presently working to finish the itinerary for 2024 and members are invited to let us know if there is a garden you would like to visit, or show your own garden, large or small, landscaped or, like mine, bits and pieces of any plant I can get my hands on.

If you would like to become a member of the Gisborne Garden Club and enjoy days such as this and also see local gardens large or small, please join us. You will be most welcome. Ring me, Jeanette, on 5420 7303.

Jeanette Andrewartha

Football has finished now but last month at Gisborne Oaks the LEP room was decorated with all the football flags hanging from the ceiling, the winning team's flags in the front of the others. My team, North Melbourne, was so far back behind the others it was hard to see it. It's only out of loyalty to my husband Brian that I still barrack for North Melbourne.

We had a football tipping competition and the results each week were on the wall. I like the end-of-season barbecue where the tipping winners are announced. I had the pleasure of announcing Joan Beaver.

The LEP room is now decorated for Halloween. It is believed this is a time for the ghosts and witches to come alive. Our ghosts and witches are at eye level; no matter where you sit in the room, it seems that their eyes are following you. There are lots of skulls, but I think the scariest thing in the room is those great black spiders hanging from the ceiling, ready to drop (no way



BETTY'S BOOP

With Betty Doolan

I'm going under those spiders). Trick or treat.

We decided to play some of the quiz shows and I was asked to be quizmaster Tony Barber from *Sale of the Century*. As I asked the questions, I got mixed up and read out the answers at the same time. Staff were very nice about it, but I was given the sack.

Since the fire, my bathroom has been given a facelift – new face, roof and walls have been painted. Although my chair has been replaced, I won't tell you what I was doing with the other chairs. Workmen have been very busy in other parts of the building replacing doors with sliding ones. Stay safe.

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Vet talk

with Dr Caitlin Horwood

Turn hypo into happy



Sometimes our beloved dogs face health challenges that can dampen their spirits. One such condition is hypothyroid syndrome, which affects dogs of all breeds and ages. The syndrome is signalled by an overweight, sad and slovenly pet. But with veterinary help, it has the potential for a solution, and a vibrant future for our four-legged friends.



Sammy was sad and lethargic before his diagnosis.

Hypothyroid syndrome occurs when a dog's thyroid gland fails to produce adequate amounts of thyroid hormones. These hormones play a crucial role in regulating metabolism, energy levels, and overall body functions. Common symptoms of hypothyroidism in dogs include weight gain, lethargy, hair loss, skin disease and a decrease in activity levels.

While the diagnosis may feel disheartening, it is essential to remember that hypothyroid syndrome is a manageable condition. The greatest difficulty is getting a true diagnosis, which usually means blood testing, and ensuring it is not just an obesity nutrition problem. Pets overeating to obesity is a serious result of too much love!

With veterinary care and medication, our fat and lethargic hypothyroid dogs can then regain their zest for life. Thyroid hormone replacement medication is a part of the solution.

The difference between a sick sad dog with hypothyroid syndrome, and a lazy dog with food obsession and obesity is important to work out. Consultation with a veterinarian, adherence to medication, and a rejuvenation of exercise can pave the way for a brighter, healthier future for our beloved dogs.

DID YOU KNOW?

Dogs can estimate the size of an unseen dog by the sound of their growling.

Holiday care plans for your dog



It's November, which means Christmas is just around the corner. Your bags are packed, and your holiday is calling. But what have you organised for your doggo if you're not taking them?

There are plenty of options including boarding kennels, professional pet minders or a friend. But which one is right for you, and your dog? Sometimes it is trial and error. No good asking your best friend who your dog hides from or who is allergic to pet dander to do it, and not everyone can afford a boarding kennel.

A kennel houses your dog in an enclosure with shelter and bedding. They range from basic care to a resort full of luxuries including massage therapy, pools and hydro spas. Look in your area for something suitable or find one in the area you are holidaying, if you are driving, and they can spend time with you during the day.

A professional pet minder often house sits as well. This means no stress for your pet. The person will either attend your home daily to feed, play and walk your dog, or live in. Checking places like local vets, pet food stores and yes, Facebook, will help you find a suitable minder.

Family/friends mean your dog is with someone they know and often in their own home so they will love having the same places to sleep and enjoy a very similar routine. No matter who you choose, you need to make sure you are confident in their ability to keep your dog safe, fed and well while you are away.

Visit our website www.macedonrangesdogclub.org.au, our Facebook page, or email info@macedonrangesdogclub.org.au and we will contact you.

Carol, instructor/treasurer MRODC



MEMBER'S MESSAGE

With Mary-Anne Thomas

Hello Gisborne community, Gisborne is now well into our glorious springtime. I hope this message finds you enjoying some sun and warmth.

I recently had the wonderful opportunity to meet with RSLs from across the Macedon electorate including the Gisborne-Macedon Ranges RSL. We came together on Zoom to talk about their work, their achievements and their challenges. I am always delighted to hear from these extraordinary men and women.

In case you haven't heard, the Veterans Card – Victoria is now available. It is the Victorian Government's way of saying thanks to Australian Defence Force (ADF) members for their service.

The digital Veterans Card – Victoria entitles all past and present ADF members living in Victoria to discounts and benefits including \$100 off the registration of one light vehicle; free trailer and caravan registration; free marine licence; fishing licence exemption; free transport on Anzac and Remembrance Days; veteran employment programs.

You can apply for the Veterans Card – Victoria by visiting www.service.vic.gov.au, or, if you would like assistance to apply, my team in the office are ready to help.

See you soon!

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KIDS' CORNER

JOKES & RIDDLES

If I had six grapefruit in one hand and seven oranges in the other, what would I have?

Very big hands.

Why did the bacteria cross the microscope?

To get to the other slide.

If you ever think you're too small to make a difference, try sleeping when there's a mosquito in your bedroom.

Why did the composer spend all of his time in bed?

He wrote sheet music.

The rotation of the earth really makes my day.

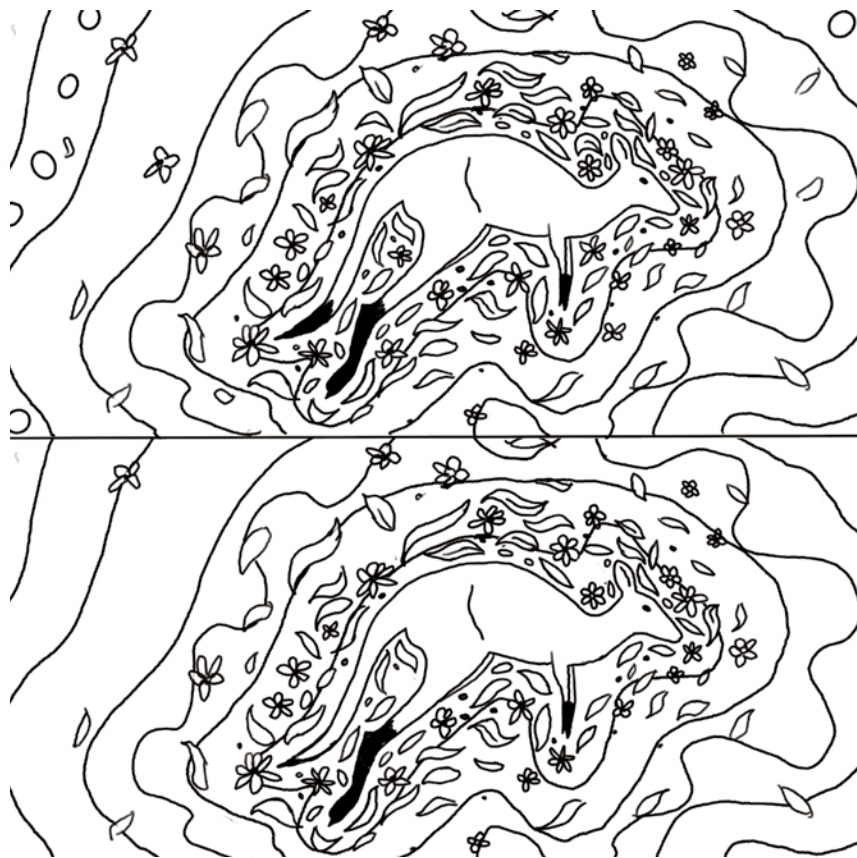
My dog used to chase people on a bike. It got so bad I had to take his bike away.

What invention allows you to see through walls?

A window.

I wouldn't buy anything with Velcro fasteners. They're a total rip-off!

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE



Drawing by Eliza Ransome

KIDS' QUIZ

1 What time is it when the big hand on a clock is on the 12 and the little hand is on the 3?

2 What is pictured on the back of the Australian five dollar note?

3 Toffee apples are usually what colour?

4 Beginning with "E", Tesla makes cars powered exclusively by what?

5 What sport was famously played by Rod Laver?

6 In which ward of the Macedon Ranges shire is Gisborne?

7 Which edible vegetable root has the varieties spring, brown, and white?

8 Most of the asteroids in the Solar System orbit in a zone called the Asteroid... what?

9 What is the product of 5 and 9?

10 What is usually the largest key on a computer keyboard?

Answers page 39



Still thinking about kindergarten for 2024?

Macedon Kindergarten

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Swinburne Avenue Children's Centre (Gisborne)

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- **Four-year-old kindergarten**
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- **Three-year-old kindergarten**
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SCHOOLS EXPERIENCE THE JOY OF SINGING



New Gisborne Primary School choir after winning third place in the Battle of the Choirs at the Sunbury Show.



The Holy Cross choir jump for joy at the Sunbury Show.

New Gisborne choir makes a big impression



The New Gisborne Primary School choir waited patiently with nerves building up every second.

We approached the stage, shaking because of the butterflies inside our stomachs. The music started and suddenly all those butterflies and nerves floated away, replaced with feelings of joy and happiness.

We sang two songs at the Sunbury Show on Saturday 14 October for the Battle of the School Choirs. The songs were *I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For* and *Roar*.

We all had a great time and loved listening to the six other schools who performed in our category.

Eventually, it was time to hear the results of who would come first,

second and third. Ms Wencel and I stepped up to the stage. Adam and Clara, the judges, were about to announce third place when a deafening silence filled the air.

"New Gisborne Primary School!" Clara exclaimed.

Ms Wencel and I cheered and celebrated, and we could hear the rest of the choir doing the same. All of our hard work had paid off!

Thank you to all our singers, who did an amazing job, rehearsing at recesses and lunchtimes and performing at school assembly.

Thank you to Ms Wencel and Miss Smith for guiding and supporting us.

Macy, Year 6 Reporter



Macy



We feel very lucky to be able to collaborate and see children interact and learn from so many local community organisations. Our school captains enjoyed talking to Bryan Power for the last edition of the *Gazette* and seeing their article in print. Thank you to all of the volunteers who put the paper together.

Our school choir experienced a range of emotions when they performed at the Sunbury Show, however the joy they felt when it was announced they had won second place was by far the overwhelming one! We were all very proud of them and the way they performed.

The teachers and children were also very grateful to the Gisborne CWA for offering to make aprons for the staff and children to use during their Discovery sessions. Allison, Helen and Christine from the CWA presented the beautifully made aprons during one of these sessions. The children have already put the aprons to good use while practising making pasta for the Sacred Heart Junior Chef competition. We look forward to future collaborations with the CWA.



Tayla Rodway, Sienna Turner, Abi Harley and Thomas Fairmaid keep their uniforms clean with the aprons made by the CWA.

Last term we welcomed Margot and Anne from the Red Cross who engaged our Year 4 children in a conversation about emergency preparedness. The children participated in an interactive pillowcase workshop, equipping them with valuable skills to respond to and cope with emergencies. Each child received a pillowcase to decorate and take home, initiating their personal emergency kit.

We are fortunate to be able to share resources with community agencies to enrich the educational experiences of our children whilst fostering a strong sense of community.

Kellie McDonald

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New name just part of the 'EDventure'

What an amazing start to the final term of the year – so many learning and growth opportunities have been explored by our students, from securing a Landcare grant to create a special space filled with goodness to eat and heal, to hosting a dental van to ensure healthy teeth and gums, to school camp, to swimming lessons... And a new name for our school – from Gisborne Montessori to Global Learning Village – to boot.

This new name helps to build a strong sense of knowing where we are heading with our education and future vision. We had a launch week when we explored a variety of masterclasses, built on our outdoor garden spaces and further built on our bases – sub-communities within our school community – plus further extending connections with our peers, guides and families. Students in our older cycles are exploring their inner entrepreneur and beginning business ventures that they can share with the community, while our youngest students are planning out and mapping the must see stops on their coming Zoo excursion.

Cycle 2 and 3 had their camp to Anglesea where they got to enjoy lots of fun in the sun while trying their hand at some new experiences. Students created new bonds, strengthened old ones and created an array of new memories.



Students enjoy Anglesea camp.

Students have engaged in swimming lessons – while the students share their experiences below, there is much extra learning happening behind the scenes: speaking and listening skills, turn taking, perseverance and determination, independence and problem solving and, of course, confidence building.

"This week our school went on a swimming trip to Gisborne aquatic centre. We had every cycle go there, from cycle 1 to cycle 4. All the students had a blast.

On Monday they checked our skill level, and made sure we all had a class that we are comfortable in.

On Tuesday we had normal swimming lessons.

On Wednesday we had a safety day, where they showed how to rescue people and how to be rescued.

On Thursday we did some more water safety.

And finally on Friday we had our usual lesson with some free play!!! (in water obviously)."

Aariz and Olive, cycle 3, the Hive Learning Hub students

We wonder what more 'EDventures' await us to end the term.

Submitted by Rebecca Ramage



The school's bake sale and car wash in action.

Putting muscle where their mouth is

Senior students from St Brigid's held an event on Friday 20 October that they had been planning since last term. The purpose was to raise enough money to build a library for less fortunate children who do not have access to appropriate education in Thimi, Nepal.

We contacted businesses around the Macedon Ranges and beyond to see if they would provide us with sponsorship in the form of items for our raffle and monetary sponsorship to buy supplies for our many events. We faced many challenges including parent approval, finding a date, and navigating how to connect with businesses to sponsor us. We had a total of 10 lessons to complete the plan of action.

Finally, the day had arrived to hold our Car Wash, Bake Sale and Raffle Sale; we were so pumped to begin.

The senior students group started early and cleaned plenty of teachers' cars before the event officially kicked off. 3:30pm was when the real action began. Members of the community began to arrive. The children had more than enough supplies. While people's cars were washed, they would grab a sweet bite from the Dynamic Donators bake sale and buy some raffle tickets. These initiatives both proved to be equally successful.

We had assistance from our senior teachers with the hoses and guiding the cars to their bays, and they were

undefeatable even when it got hectic. We also had many parents helping us out; since we were so short in height, we had them washing the roofs of the cars.

The students washed around 30 cars and vacuumed around 15. The bake sale also got lots of customers, many of whom were school students.

In addition to all this, we had another group called the Bake Sale Boyzz who ran a bake sale outside of Foodworks on Sunday 15 October. They raised \$622. Our teachers also sold raffle tickets there, which raised \$385. It was a very impressive job from all involved.

We hope we raised enough money on 20 October to add to our Foodworks' total of roughly \$1000. At the end of the day, we could not have done it without our amazing teachers, parents and our generous sponsors. We plan to count the total and have an update in next month's edition of the *Gazette*!

Thanks to our sponsors: Coles, Foodworks, The Collective, 3 Little Pigs, The Corner Cafe, Gisborne Cottage Flowers, Pilates Plus Gisborne, Melbourne City Meats, Hydes Dry Cleaning, Subway, The Sweet Shop, Connors Kitchens by Design, Barkers Trailers, L O'Grady Construction, Gisborne Car Wash, Super Cheap Auto Sunbury, Banyan Hair Studios, Mt Gisborne Homes & Gisborne Food & Wine Co.

Tahlia Thompson and Eliza Molan (Year 5)

October experiences at Gisborne Primary

Grade 6 camp

On 18 October the year sixes got on a bus to head off on their last primary school camp. The ride took nearly two hours to reach their destination, Anglesea. They participated in many activities to make sure that the three days were memorable. These included the high ropes course, archery, mountain biking and the giant swing, which is always a big hit. The campsite is a beautiful place, with trees dotted all over the green grass. They arrived back at school on Friday the 20th and are left with wonderful memories of a camp that they will not forget.

Rubi K, Year 5 Writers' Club

Year 2 trip to the zoo

The Year 2s at Gisborne Primary School went to the Melbourne Zoo on 13 October and had an absolute blast. They saw the elephants, giraffes, zebras and so much more. When they saw the seals, they put their hats along the glass so that the seals would follow them and do tricks. They had a special zookeeper animal talk where they learnt that elephants eat plants and that tortoises can live with other animals. They really liked the tiger enclosure and also got to see the zookeepers feed the turtles. The whole day was lots of fun!

Isabelle G and James W – Year 5 Writers' Club



Bulldogs' visit

On Monday 16 October Dave Newton, next generation academy manager from the Western Bulldogs, came to our school to talk about what it takes to become an elite sportsperson.

He spoke about what his role is with the Bulldogs team, and what an average day looks like for an AFL player. He also talked about the traits you have to have to become a professional athlete, regardless of the sport you play. Some of the qualities you must have are courage, leadership and grit.

Dave's main job is to get the players what they need in order to reach their dream of becoming an elite sportsperson, and to recruit Aboriginal and non-Australian people. He recruited Buku Khamis, who was born in South Sudan, Aboriginal player Jamarra Ugle-Hagan, and assisted in recruiting Aaron Naughton. These players have become superstars in their positions. Dave and his family have enjoyed welcoming these rising stars into their home and watching them work hard from a very young age.

Lachlan S – Year 5 Writers' Club

Taking the lead at Willowbank

Coco Le Brocque and Eli Callaway are the 2023 captains and Sophie Freeman and Amya Mollison are the vice-captains of this beautiful new school in McGeorge Road, Gisborne.

Early this year the Year 6 pupils had to prepare speeches to persuade other Years 5 and 6 students that they could become good school captains for 2023.

Coco said, "I spoke about the need for courage and compassion and I promised to be a good friend. I also said I wanted to be a middle person between the pupils and the teachers."

Sophie spoke about the school values: courage, inclusion, excellence and collaboration, while Eli pointed out that he had been a school vice-captain in 2002. He said, "I told the pupils if their friends are ever away they could play with me and my friends."

Amya was away on the day of the interview but later added, "I wanted to be a role model for the younger students at our school and I enjoy getting up and talking at assembly."

Coco explained, "We meet with the Principal Miss



School captains Sophie, Coco and Eli with Benny, the Willowbank wellbeing dog, who happily stood guard with the students during their interview. Absent: Amya.



Anderson and the Assistant Principal Mr Sinnett every fortnight and talk about the next assembly and general leadership issues. "Assemblies are held every second Friday. We run them and announce messages and remind the students of coming events like the Halloween disco. We lead the singing of "Happy Birthdays" while signing with Auslan. The Years 5 and 6 students are learning to sign the National Anthem too.

"The Parents' Club is raising money for playground equipment and our job is to find out what the pupils want the money spent on and pass that feedback to them through Mr Sinnett.

"We had a Footy Day last term. We had been studying economics and business matters in class and our group projects were to come up with business models to run stalls to raise funds for the Make a Wish Foundation."

Eli said, "My group ran a footy handball competition and students paid a dollar to have a turn at hitting the target."

Coco added, "I have my own business called Cowgirl Organics and I make banana bread and chocolate cakes and sell them through a shop called Apples and Saige in Woodend. This year I am doing a business course on-line."

The school has four houses but they are unnamed as yet so they are just called by their colours: blue, red, yellow and green. Each house has two captains.

Next year Ali will be at Salesian College while Coco will be at Red Rock Christian College. Sophie is in Grade 5 but looking forward to Gisborne Secondary College in 2025. Amya will be attending Gisborne Secondary College next year.

All agreed that the school is a happy place and that they will have fond memories of their time as captains at Willowbank Primary.

Bryan Power

CAPTAIN'S RAP with Rue Kelly



Rue Kelly

Term 4 approached as if by stealth, earmarking the Class of 2023's graduation and my final Captain's Rap. These milestones prompted me to reflect upon my prior *Gazette* submissions, which showcased the vibrancy of our school community. Of note was the calibre of learning experiences outside the traditional classroom, enabling students to apply their knowledge to real-world contexts.

Most recently, our Year 11 Environmental Science students caught hold of the warm weather, venturing to Queenscliff for a deep dive into marine biology. Under the guidance of experts, students undertook fieldwork in ecological sampling and land management. The highlight, however, was snorkelling alongside fur seals. All returned with an even greater ambition to protect the planet.

Also casting a lens to the future, Year 12s moved toward their next life phase with the conclusion of formal classes – an accomplishment acknowledged by their Celebration Day. The festivities kicked off with breakfast and barefoot bowling at Gisborne Bowls Club followed by the 'Last Walk to School'. We thank the local businesses who showed their support, braving blustery conditions to applaud us as we passed by or those who festooned their shop front with balloons – your community spirit is truly appreciated!



GSC students have some fun on Celebration Day on 16 October wearing specially crafted school uniforms for the day.

10s' annual Marketplace. Testing their entrepreneurial mindset over the last term, students formed small teams to conceptualise, coordinate and manage a small business for the day. Stall offerings ranged from the ubiquitous sausage in bread to a much-coveted game of laser tag. A fierce rivalry unfolded, driving students to employ a multitude of marketing strategies to entice customers and maximise sales. After calculating earnings, the group securing pole position were granted the honour of directing all profits to the charity of their choice.

Celebration Day wrapped up with family and friends joining us for our Graduation Assembly. Although the

GSC's staff band, Bloom Rocksonomy, stole the spotlight with their heartfelt rendition of *Time of Your Life*.

In my first *Gazette* contribution I expressed the hope of many Year 12s, to pin down their exact plans for next year. Not all have necessarily this figured out. This is ok. We must remember the path of life is not linear, rather a complex map with endless trails – neither right nor wrong. The intersections will be many, some unforeseen. Irrespective of our direction, we will be served well by surrounding ourselves with people who challenge us to grow, immersing ourselves in situations outside our comfort zone and exploring the beauty of the world.



Guides put their camp skills to the test



Tayla, Tilly and Alice have taken on the challenge of Region camp at Elmore where they are required to demonstrate their skills in all areas of camping expertise.

This includes erecting tents and a camp site; building a flagpole to fly the flag they created; cooking all their meals; and being aware of safety and first aid. They will also join in JOTA (Jamboree of the Air) with other units from around Australia. The girls will be assessed on their camping skills. I will report on how they went next issue.

The Guides are busy this term completing their badge challenges and planning a special Halloween-themed night. They will also learn to canoe at Bendigo for the River Region breakup. Some of our older girls have decided not to continue in 2024 so I have vacancies for new girls to try out Guides in 2024. The minimum age is seven years.

Enquiries to Deb on 0409 542 619 or through the Girl Guide website. The unit meets on Thursday nights between 5pm and 6.30pm at the hall in Daly Reserve.

Deb Fleming



Ruby L, Ruby G and Eleanor after saying their Promise and receiving their sashes.

A grand but exhausting week at Cuboree

Late September saw excitement throughout our whole Group as we sent off our New Gisborne Cub Scout contingent to the Cuboree – a massive state-wide Cub Scout camp over five days and four nights, held every three years at the wonderful Gilwell Park Camp near Gembrook.

It is a gathering of 3500 cubs and 1500 adult leaders and helpers from across Victoria. For the Cuboree, Woodend and New Gisborne Scout Groups combined into one Cuboree team, Unit 127, for the week.

Starting at 8am on 25 September, the New Gisborne contingent boarded buses from around the Macedon Ranges and arrived in the evening, settling quickly into a beautiful bush camping ground among huge mountain ashes.

From there it was non-stop activity, including visiting Healesville Sanctuary, giant water slides and commando courses in knee deep mud, rock-climbing, puzzle



New Gisborne Cub Scouts and Leaders at Cuboree, trying their hands at archery.

solving, bottle rockets, archery and axe throwing to name but a few. And, in the evenings, getting out to meet Cubs from across the state at campfires and a disco.

It was a hectic week and by Friday everyone was thoroughly exhausted. But full of happy memories. The tired contingent leaders just managed to get everyone back to Woodend and Gisborne safe

and sound before they all collapsed.

Many thanks to all the Leaders, parents and other helpers for all the work in the leadup and on the week and to all the 32 Cub Scouts for making it an awesome week they'll all remember.

Finally, to end a great month, we had tip-trucks arrive with the crushed rock to finish the car park and driveway for the Scout Hut. We're now looking forward to the opening of the Hut on Sunday 12 November.

All are welcome to enjoy barbecue sausages from 12 noon with the opening ceremonies starting at 12.30pm.

We meet on Wednesdays, 6:30pm to 8pm, Venturers Fridays.

Contact Group Leader Russell Barker 0400 297 025 or at russell@jeem.com.au to learn more. For Venturers, call Tracey 0407 098 032.

John Frearson

News from 1st Gisborne Scout Group

The Joeys have been making the most of the fine weather and have been out and about around the region. One evening the Joeys did a bird count around the Gisborne Adventure Playground and John Aitken Reserve. They spotted lots of different birds and had fun playing some bird games in the park. Next week they are off for a bush walk along Hobbs Road in Bullengarook.

The Cubs had an awesome time at Cuboree, as did the other cubs from the Gisborne area.

The theme for the Cuboree was 'Open for Adventure'. Some of the adventures included riding on a tin-drum bucking bull, scaling lots of climbing walls, going down water slides, navigating a mud-bath obstacle course, billy-cart racing, rocking around to the night-time entertainment and generally having the time of their lives.



Venturers from 1st Gisborne Scouts prepare to venture forth on the 'mighty Murray'.

September school holidays saw 10 of our Venturers participating across the

two BARCOM expeditions which run each year. BARCOM – Best Australian Rafting Centre on the Murray – is a week-long rafting expedition, where four teams of eight Venturers work together to navigate a 3m wide x 4.8m long raft, carrying all their equipment and food down the river, camping each night on the river banks.

New leadership, teamwork and water craft skills were learnt, as well as building their resilience.

Firm friendships were formed with Venturers from other Units across Victoria and all the Venturers who attended confirmed it is an experience not to be missed.

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)

A variety of views are on offer from Burns Lane, South Gisborne.



WALK

Burns Lane South Gisborne

Burns Lane is effectively a cul-de-sac, in that the walk ends at the gate of a private property. On the way, the walk transitions from tree-lined to open country with some attractive views.

The walk has gentle inclines. The gate is about 2.7km along the lane, and with the return, the full walk is about 5.5 kilometres.

Directions

From Gisborne, drive down Mt Gisborne Road to Couangalt Road, then turn left towards Sunbury. Turn right into Blackhill Road. After about 3km, the bitumen ends and a gravel surface begins. Burns Lane is on the right about 500m along. Park off-road at the junction and begin the walk from here.

Hello from the Ramblers ► next page

Bushwalkers bask in Boort wetlands



The highlight of any walking calendar is a base camp, and club members recently spent three days in the Boort wetlands area of the Loddon River plains.

A highlight of the stay was a four-hour walk in Terrick Terrick National Park which is a unique conservation area featuring iron box and Murray pine forests plus a huge range of native fauna including the endangered plains wanderer.

Walkers survived heat, flies and ants to be rewarded with magnificent views of the Loddon plains from the granite outcrops of Bennetts Rock and Mt Terrick Terrick. More spectacular views were enjoyed on a late evening walk around Pyramid Hill to enjoy the sunset.

Paul Haw, a local who has spent a lifetime exploring and conserving the local history of the First Nations people, was generous with his time, telling the group about the geographical structure of the surrounding lakes and swamps. His understanding of the native flora was exhibited when treating everyone to wattle seed pancakes and a specially brewed tea. All agreed that Boort is well worth a visit.

This was a busy month with members visiting the Archibald finalists exhibition at Mornington and all dis-



Heat, flies and ants abounded... but there were amazing views at the end in Terrick Terrick National Park.

agreeing on their favourite painting. There was also a walk around Macedon followed by a delicious lunch – thanks to Gail, Elizabeth and Jeevanie. Another walk was along the former railroad linking Carlsruhe to Daylesford. Beautiful views and bird song enhanced the day.

The last walk was at Anakie Gorge which included the Ted Emery Nature Circuit, two lookouts with spectacular views of the Brisbane Ranges. A scrumptious afternoon tea was a pleasant way to end a very enjoyable walk.

Our AGM was held with some new board members elected – congratulations to all and big thanks to those who help the club run smoothly.

For details about the Gisborne Bushwalking Club, please contact Deborah on 0400 693 111, or Gail on 0419 374 603. Our website is www.gisbornebwc.org.au.

Janeen Edward

Hello from the Ramblers



Looking back over the waffle I have put out over the year, generally whinging about the weather, you realise how little there is to complain about, considering

the events in Ukraine and the Middle East. We are fortunate to live in a stable land amid this a sea of instability.

It's been another steady month for the Ramblers, with walks at Gisborne, Macedon and Trentham. The latter had 26 walkers.

Each month we seem to attract more to our mailing list (currently 139). For many, Fridays are inconvenient to walk with the group, but they use the walk details sent out weekly, at their convenience.

There is no cost to join the mailing list. (Yes, there is something free and without a catch in this world!). See details below.

Fancy an easy walk? Why not try Burns Lane, South Gisborne. This walk is on the Ramblers schedule and is described in further detail on the previous page.

Charles (gisramblers@gmail.com)

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Drop your **batteries and e-waste** off for free at Resource Recovery Facilities (transfer stations), they **don't belong in your general waste or any other bin.**



Fly fishers walk and talk mental wellbeing



Come and hear the co-founder and spokesperson of Hope Assistance Local Tradies (HALT), Jeremy Forbes, on Wednesday 22 November.

HALT is a national grass-roots suicide prevention charity hosting 'Save Your Bacon' Brekkies and safeTALK events for tradies and apprentices across Australia, to raise awareness of mental health issues and connect people with local and national support services. Jeremy (Jez) understands the highs and lows that tradies experience and the need for them to be conscious of how depression, stress, tiredness and frustration can impact them and their loved ones.

He is speaking at 7.45pm at Macedon Ranges Further Education Centre, Hamilton Street, Gisborne.

Fly fishing has been found to have a positive impact on mental health. Studies show that physical activity, and the resulting improved physical health, has a direct, positive impact on mood and general wellbeing. Fishing requires lots of focus and awareness, which takes the mind off internal conflict and stress, similar to the way meditation does. As a result, it helps to reduce anxiety, fight off depression, and promote relaxation.

A study by the Universities of Utah, South Maine and Salt Lake City in the US found that a short course of instruction in fly fishing can result in a 20% reduction in PTSD symptoms. Our members regularly experience the mindfulness and mental benefit of fly fishing experiences, both alone and with fellow club members.

If you would like to know more about the Calder Fly Fishing Association, please visit www.calderflyfishing.com.au.

Mike Hamer



Andrew, Rod, Dusan and Louis feeling good on Penstock Lagoon, in the central highlands of Tasmania.

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Little Athletics summer season underway Registrations now open

Here are 10 reasons why you should register for the Gisborne Little Athletics Club:

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- 9 Achieve your personal best and continue to improve your skills.
- 10 And lastly, have fun!

So come and try athletics. Join or renew with Gisborne Little Athletics today. New members are always welcome. Register at www.lavic.com.au and select Gisborne as your club. If you have any questions, email us at enquiries@gisbornelittleathletics.com

Track and field qualifiers

Following success at their respective school track and field carnivals, district events and regional carnivals, several of our athletes have recently qualified to compete in the 2023 Primary School State Championships.

The Victorian State Championships will be held at Lakeside Stadium, Albert Park, on 1 November.

We are very proud of our members who qualified: Isabella H for the 1500m and triple jump, Elke F for the 200m and 100m sprints; Harriet B, Tora C, Elsie A and Elke F for the Under 10 Girls 4 x 100m relay.

Good luck and have fun girls!

Drew Fisher

10km run? Sure, no problem



By Julie Ireland

A regular article about general health

Last month my friend Mandy achieved her goal of running 10km, and it was awesome!

We lined up with 11,000 of our closest friends to compete in the 10km run at the Melbourne Marathon. We were so organised that we arrived an hour before the race start time – it's important to give your pre-race nerves as much time as possible. We chatted to lots of others, the toilet lines were very long, and we realised how encouraging and supportive the running community

is. Most of the people were running the marathon, so imagine how nervous they were as they sucked down their sports gels and electrolyte drinks. The energy of all the other runners was great as it took our minds off our own nerves.

The bell sounded, and we were off on our excellent adventure. It was all a bit chaotic at the start as most runners start a bit ambitiously and get caught up in over-zealous sprinting which can result in fatigue setting in earlier as the race progresses. But Mandy and I had our race plan and we stuck to it – slow and steady.

We just plodded along at a comfortable pace, trying to settle into a rhythm and relax as we counted down the kilometres. Okay, comfortable and relaxing might be a stretch – it was hard. But we knew that we were not alone; everyone hurt at some point during the race and everyone encouraged each other to get to the end.

As we entered the MCG (that was pretty special) we were greeted by a sign that read "You are unstoppable" which was just the boost we needed to get to the finish line. We were absolutely exhausted, but we did it, together. And within five minutes of finishing, Mandy said, "Shall we do the half-marathon next year?" She might have been a bit delirious!

Mandy, from 'cake and coffee girl' to finishing your first 10km run – you are a legend!

Take care of yourselves, everyone.

Julie



Julie Ireland and Mandy Dettmann after their 10km Melbourne Marathon run.



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AROUND THE GROUNDS



Dragons make a fast start



Gisborne has come flying out of the starting gates in the GDCA McIntyre Cup competition with two big wins from the first two games.

Sound defeats of Diggers Rest and newcomers Macedon have set the season up for the Dragons. There are a number of new players in the team, with 14-year-old young gun Archie Shore and 17-year-old Kristian Savage making their debuts, along with new recruits Jarrod Catania and Rahul Singh.

Returning stars Jay King and Warren 'Waz' Kelly have also begun in fine form, with Kelly making a sparkling century (and more) against Macedon and King snaring four wickets against Diggers.

Riley Vernon also looks in great form after his winter in England and with Jarryd Vernon clearly the best player in the competition, the Dragons are well placed to challenge strongly. They play a strong Sunbury United in Round 3.

Andrew Headberry

South Gisborne a finalist in inclusion awards



South Gisborne Tennis Club All Abilities has been named a finalist in the Most Outstanding Inclusion Initiative category in the Victorian Tennis Awards.

It is a fantastic achievement to be acknowledged by Tennis Victoria for our inclusion program – 23 years in place and going strong.

While the participants remain passionate and enthusiastic, the club will continue to provide this opportunity and many others.

I'll let you know how it goes.

Come join us at the club on Thursday 30 November for our Annual Tennis Challenge, held in conjunction with International Day of People with Disability – 10am to 12 noon followed by a barbecue and awards. All welcome for some fun, and it's free.

Gail Scott



All ages enjoy the driving range.

Driving range marks its first year



The Gisborne Golf Club driving range celebrated its first birthday on 20 October. We are all so proud of the little range and what it has achieved at the golf club.

In its first year, the driving range has attracted many people to the course, from families enjoying some quality time and recreation together, to couples where the young bucks love to show off how far they can hit the ball, to many budding junior golfers learning how to perfect their swing.

In fact, 60% of the people who have come to enjoy the range are non-golfing members, which is fantastic, as the range has now become a sporting facility for the whole town and adjacent towns to enjoy. Over 780,000 little yellow balls have been smacked, whacked, and shanked on the range.

The Gisborne Golf Club, along with a generous contribution from Community Bank Gisborne & District (Bendigo Bank) have bought the driving range a brand-new shelter for its first birthday. This will allow people to use the range come rain, hail, or shine. There will also be some training facilities installed for private lessons.

So, if you are looking for an enjoyable afternoon, pop down to the golf club, hit a bucket of balls, pat a kangaroo then sit down in the View Bistro and have a refreshing bevy or meal to complete the experience.

Submitted by Dom Hogan

'Doing it for Jarrod' charity golf day



The Mt Macedon Golf Club extends an invitation for district golfers to play in the annual 'Doing it for Jarrod' charity golf day on Saturday 25 November. Now in its fourth year, the event has continued to grow in popularity, with full fields in the past couple of years ensuring a great day for players and supporters of the event.

The funds raised will go towards Jarrod's Gift – the legacy created by Challenge in honour of their ambassador, Jarrod Lyle. Having been diagnosed with cancer three times throughout his life, Jarrod knew firsthand the hardship that young people and their families face when battling this disease. Despite the challenges he faced, Jarrod went on to be a professional golfer, eventually playing on the US PGA tour.

Throughout his adult life, Jarrod was committed to making a difference to children and families living with cancer. In his role as an ambassador for Challenge, Jarrod was passionate about supporting children who faced an experience similar to his own. He had a special ability to engage and connect with many people.

The event will be for teams of four players playing in a Gentsome's format. To provide an opportunity for as many players as possible to support the event, there will be a morning (7.30am) and afternoon (1pm) shotgun start. Barbecue food and drinks will be available on-course for players. Prizes will be presented for both am and pm tee-off times as well as nearest the pin.

Entry fee will be \$40 per player with a range of opportunities on the day to further donate towards raising funds for Challenge. Entry forms are available on our website, www.mtmacedongolfclub.com.au, or email club captain Mick Doyle at mmgccaptain@gmail.com.

Walrus



The late Jarrod Lyle and wife Briony and daughter.



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Olwyn Snapes, Elizabeth Payne, Norma Mills and Damien Hadfield.

Croquet success for Macedon Ranges members



Recently five members of the Macedon Ranges Croquet Club participated in a tournament alongside 32 other players at the Kyneton Croquet Club courts.

Several did well, especially Norma Mills who came first. Elizabeth Payne was third and Olwyn Snapes took out fourth place. It was a long but very enjoyable day in lovely weather. As always, Kyneton Croquet Club were excellent hosts and Damien Hadfield did a great job organising and conducting the tournament.

We are excited about holding a Come & Try Day for junior players from 12 years of age. This day will be Saturday 4 November from 1pm to 4pm. All are welcome and there will be hot dogs during the afternoon to keep up the energy levels. Croquet is the new big hit and great for all ages and genders.

Lyn Robinson

'COME & TRY DAY'
with fun and hotdogs

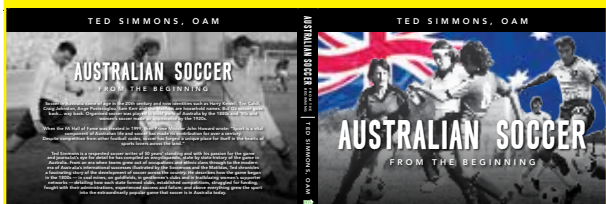
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'Pickle-minton' anyone?

Badminton is the fastest racket sport in the world. Pickleball is said to be the fastest-growing sport in Australia.

Macedon Ranges Badminton Club now offers both of these dynamic, easy to learn and fun sports at the Macedon Community Centre (Tony Clarke Stadium) in Waterfalls Road, Macedon.

For badminton, there are two sessions per week: Tuesday evenings from 8pm and Thursday mornings from 9.30am.



For Pickleball, there are likewise two sessions per week: Monday evenings from 6.30pm and Wednesday mornings from 10.15am. So, come along, have some fun, play badminton or Pickleball, or both. We would love to meet you.

For more information contact David on 0419 589 425 or macedonrangesbadminton@gmail.com.

Submitted by David Aitken



Have a try at Pickleball, or go for the the classic badminton at Macedon Ranges Badminton Club.

Petanque Club celebrates 15 years



The Mt Macedon Petanque Club (based in Gisborne) celebrated its 15-year anniversary on 8 October. The celebrations coincided with the club's annual Mixed Triples event.

On a glorious spring day, 72 players came from all over Victoria to compete. Melbourne-based teams placed first and second, third place went to a Ballarat team and our own team of Paul Fox, Caroliza Job and Dave Almond came fourth. Mt Macedon had six teams competing overall. The day was declared a great success by visiting players.

The pistes looked good after a working bee and the club thanks and acknowledges the donation of gravel by Gisborne Garden and Building Supplies.

Snacks and afternoon tea were provided by the club and a raffle of donated goods raised funds for the club. The 15-year anniversary was celebrated with a decorated cake made by Alison Kinghorn which was shared with all players, and there were photo albums on display.

Doreen Green has kept an extensive scrapbook of photos and cuttings since the club began and some of these were on display. Lindsay Kinghorn and President Danny Green both gave verbal histories of the club.

From eight founding members, the club has grown to 36 members.



Founding members Lindsay and Alison Kinghorn, Shirley Marshall and Doreen and Danny Green cut the 15 year anniversary cake.

If you are interested in having a try at petanque, playdays are held every Wednesday at the new time of 3-6pm at our grounds behind the Ampol Service Station in Gisborne. The new, later starting time will operate throughout daylight saving hours.

Saturday playdays run from 10am to 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



Abby, Sophie, Austin, Jamie, Alyssa and Xabrina.

Pictures: Winkipop Media

Gymnasts shine at state titles

It is every gymnast's dream to compete on the big stage and for a group of local gymnasts this dream recently became a reality.

After qualifying via regional events, three teams from Jets Gisborne progressed to the junior Victorian gymnastics championships.

The two-day event took place at the Geelong Arena in October and showcased the best 80 gymnasts in each division across levels five to seven, all vying for a place on the podium in individual and team events.

Level 5 division 3

The Gisborne level 5 division 3 team consisted of Sienna Caputa, Abby Neethling and Eliza Livingstone who were proudly supported by injured teammate Hannah McAdam. All three gymnasts displayed beautiful routines across the four apparatus – floor, balance beam, uneven bars and vault.

With poise and precision, the girls rose to the occasion and held their nerve against some very tough competition. The team finished in fourth place which is a fantastic achievement.

In individual apparatus, Sienna Caputa was crowned Victorian champion on vault and secured a silver medal on floor, resulting in fifth place all around. Another stand out was newcomer to level 5, Abby Neethling, who scored 9.00 on vault earning her a 12th place spot on vault.

Finishing off the successful day, Eliza Livingstone took home the silver medal on uneven bars and placed fifth on vault.

Level 5 division 2

The Gisborne level 5 division 2 team consisted of Alyssa Kroon, Jamie Susnjara, Xabrina Harris, Abby Mecklem and Austin Shea and after a very early start the gymnasts wowed the crowd with an incredible display of athleticism, grace, and technique. The gymnasts were outstanding and took out the silver medal in the all-around team event.

Their individual apparatus results were just as impressive with Alyssa Kroon taking out the bronze



Bel, Eliza, Abby, Sienna and Camilla.

medal on floor, Abby Mecklem placing fifth on vault and uneven bars and finishing in fourth place in the individual rankings.

Austin Shea's uneven bars routine earned her a silver medal and she finished the day in fifth place in the individual rankings. Jamie Susnjara continued scoring high across all apparatus and placed 11th on vault. Xabrina Harris rounded out the team's achievements by placing fourth on uneven bars and 11th all around, a brilliant effort in her first year competing at this level.

The final Jets team to take to the floor were the level 7 division 2 gymnasts. This was a combined team of Gisborne and Grovedale athletes, and Sophie Strano was a standout in this team.

Overcoming nerves from competing in more difficult elements, Sophie shone on the uneven bars with a flawless routine that saw her place third in the state. Her vault and floor routines were also highly executed and earned her a 12th place ranking all around.

Congratulations to all the competitors; it was a wonderful way to finish off a successful competition season. All of this would not be possible without the dedication and commitment of squad coaches Camilla, Bel and Ruby who go above and beyond to ensure Jets continues to be a successful club.

Helen Kroon

REFLECTIONS

Warwick McFadyen

Lately, I've been thinking of the German philosopher Arthur Schopenhauer. It's not a daily event, be assured. Schopenhauer was thought by many to be of a pessimistic bent. Essays of his, such as *On the Suffering of the World*, are not the product of a cheerful soul. Perhaps that's why, in times like these, I have found myself walking with him in the early morn.

Schopenhauer was a creature of the 19th century. He was born in Poland, on February 22, 1788 (Just a month after the First Fleet landed at Sydney Cove, not that he would have known, I'm guessing) and died in 1860. Wars were aplenty during his lifetime. Indeed he left Berlin in 1813 to avoid military service in Prussia's war against France.

While war 200 years ago was equally a thing of closeness as it was distance, there was a detachment of time and space far from the death, destruction, horror and suffering of the battlefield.

Today, there is no lag from event to knowledge. The Vietnam War half a century ago brought war into homes via television, and played a huge part in informing and turning the public against it. Now, the massacre of civilians by gun and missile is seen and heard in what seems the same time from a gun's recoil to a body slumped on the ground. Life and death in an instant.

News now does not so much circle the globe as pierce it, laserlike, hemisphere to hemisphere. Now, we all are witnesses that much quicker than in Schopenhauer's day. It's a bombardment of a different nature from the battlefield, but it still washes over the surface of our days.

Which is where Schopenhauer appeared beside me, in the beauty of the wooded path through the trees behind Gardiner Reserve. In his *Suffering* essay, he writes: "If the immediate and direct purpose of our life is not suffering then our existence is the most ill-adapted to its purpose in the world. Each individual misfortune, to be sure, seems an exceptional occurrence, but misfortune in general is the rule."

In the darker moments of news of massacres, it is a stance with which it is hard to argue. Testing one's collective faith in people is a Sisyphean task, given the desperate plight of the victims of war and geo-political bastardry.

But then Schopenhauer can, however, see a light, flickering weakly. He also writes that such faith from people to people requires "the most necessary of all things: tolerance, patience, forbearance and charity, which each of us needs and which each of us therefore owes".

I simply nod as we walk. It is spring and the oaks have awakened; their now full branches form a vault folding over the path and when the light catches them they shimmer and glow. And then, the philosopher sighs next to me: "Mostly it is loss which teaches us about the worth of things."

'Tis a pity then, I reply, that we are so dim that what you say is both true and false. Some see another's loss as their gain. War is an ugly truth.

And in a leap of the imagination, I quote back at him George Orwell's dictum: "It is a mysterious thing, the loss of faith – as mysterious as faith itself. Like faith, it is ultimately not rooted in logic; it is a change in the climate of the mind."

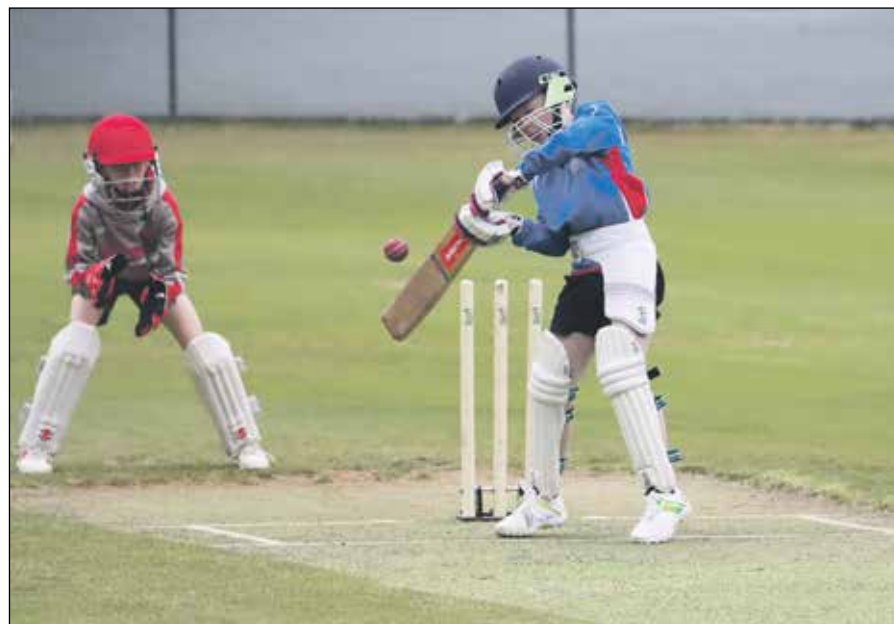
These days we carry this climate change within us.



SPORT IN PICTURES



Tough day at the office for Gisborne's Chris Jackson, McIntyre Cup Seconds v Diggers Rest, 8 October, but a great photograph that beautifully captures the action.



Gisborne U13 practice match, 8 October.



Bowlers give it their all in the Gisborne U13 practice match, 8 October.



Jonathon Wills bowls for Gisborne v Diggers Rest, 8 October.



Michael Shea bowls for Gisborne U15s v Rupertswood, 14 October.



Scott Gillman, Macedon Division 2 v Woodend, 8 October.



Joanne Wellington plays her first game of bowls on 8 October.



Margaret Cameron, Macedon, takes aim v Gisborne, 14 October.

SPORT IN PICTURES



Spencer Jones with the ball for Gisborne v Macedon on 14 October.



Alani Fisher, Jack Treadwell, Elke Fisher and Tyler Treadwell at Little Athletics do not let the misty and cool conditions keep them from the field.



Alexi Sani keeps his eye intently on the ball as he trains at Gisborne Tennis Club.



Gary Buskes in action for Gisborne against Malmsbury on 14 October.



Congratulations to Isabella H from Gisborne Little Athletics who, after successes in the Region Championships, qualified for both the 1500m and triple jump in the Victorian Track and Field Championships on 1 November.



Twilight netball

◀ Evil Unicorns v Gisborne Spark, 24 October.

▼ Macedon v United, 24 October.



Tim Berzins wields the willow for Macedon in the McIntyre Cup against Gisborne on 14 October.



Kristian Savage bats for Gisborne in the McIntyre Cup Seconds match against Diggers Rest, 8 October.



By hook or by crook

CRAFT CORNER
with Mary-Beth O'Brien

There is much to consider as a crocheter when selecting the right tool for the job.

Crochet hooks are available in all shapes and sizes with wood, glass, aluminium and plastic being the main materials. Many also have grips, developed to increase ergonomic and comfort factors.

Colours too are a consideration with crochet hooks available in any colours of the rainbow.

Purchase of hooks can always be done at a retail setting, online or from any charity shop. And again, never overlook your own back yard as family and friends may be sitting on a goldmine.

Care of crochet hooks

A repurposed jam jar or mug with a little sand in the base can work well. Crocheting your own case to accommodate your hooks can also be extremely satisfying.

Which hook should I use

Crochet hook is usually determinant on modern yarn weight. Lace, try a 1.5-2.25mm hook; 8 ply wool weight, usually 3.5-5mm; a yarn weight of chunky requires a 7mm or larger hook size to complete the work.

Crochet and Conversation group meets at 2.30-3.30pm on the first Monday of each month at the Gisborne Library.

Those new to crochet as well as more experienced crocheters are welcome. Bring a crochet hook and wool.

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-	2.5mm	12
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-	3	11
D/3	3.25	10
E/4	3.5	9
F/5	3.75	-
G/6	4	8
7	4.5	7
H/8	5	6
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A rare talent



More than 60 quilts produced for the Presbyterian Quilt Show went on display in St Andrews Church on 6 and 7 October. The quilts, which are amazing pieces of artwork made by the church craft group, are all donated to Australian charities.

Grass Identification Field Days

29 November, 7 December, 15 December, 10am to 11.30am, various locations.

Macedon Ranges Shire Council is holding these practical sessions for beginners to learn more about the grasses that populate your property and surrounds, and learn how to recognise important weeds of the region.

To find out more and register, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/healthy-landscapes.

Junior brigade member describes time at Fire Cadet Championships

In September, Gisborne Junior Fire Brigade member Asher Kroon was lucky enough to attend the Australian Fire Cadet Championships in New South Wales. Here Asher talks about his experience.

"Here we were, 12 people who had never met and about to spend three days together for the Cadet Championships.

The first day we toured around Sydney Harbour and visited the famous landmarks – Sydney Harbour Bridge and the Opera House. From a distance the Opera House seemed small, but as we got closer it was massive! It was pretty cool. The next day we travelled by bus to a bushland town called Appin. There were brigades from everywhere and it seemed weird, because we all had different fire brigade uniforms on. All of us Victorians ended up in the one cabin and got to know each other and socialised together.

The championships went for three days, and we were split into two teams, Alpha and Zulu. During the event we were working towards NSW standards and rules, so we had to do some planning as a team. We had eight events to complete in total, and we did a lot



Asher (left) takes part in the hose team event.

on the first day. One of my favourite events was called 'two tanker'. This involved a team of two cadets on the pump and a team of three cadets on the hose branches and a crew leader for each team. We had targets to reach. I was on the pump truck called CAT7, which is equivalent to a normal tanker seen here in Victoria.

The trucks were very delicate, so you had to ensure you were doing all the right things and pushing all the

right buttons! Everyone started in the truck, then the event marshall would signal to start and the crew would jump out of the truck. I went to the pump, another crew member bowled the hose, then I would connect the hose branches, open the valves, start the water and a crew member would run down to hit the target.

Once we reached all the targets, we rehabilitated and 'made the truck up'. We then ran to the end of the line and the marshall would signal to stop.

I was crew leader for one of the events involving raking mulch. I directed the crew to rake the mulch and ensure we swapped the tasks around. It was quite challenging at times because we did not know each other or understand each other's strengths and weaknesses.

I think it taught me how to lead a team without being bossy, and how to be direct without being harsh. I was trying to make sure everyone understood the messages and what their tasks were, which worked.

I definitely got running experience as a fire fighter in a pressured environment. We have trained for our own running team at Gisborne during our Junior Program, but not in a time-critical scenario.

All the cadets have a group chat and will keep in touch to assist each other as we grow through our years as junior firefighters and transition to our senior brigades. We will also have a chance to catch up and compete in the upcoming State Running Championships.

I never really appreciated how difficult running as a firefighter was until I participated in these events.

Going interstate without family takes a person out of their comfort zone which helps you build confidence, not only as a firefighter, but as a person."

Asher Kroon



Phoenix art group's exhibition earlier this year. If you are looking for crafty gifts, don't miss the exhibition and sale on 2 December.

Fortieth anniversary art and craft show



PHOENIX Macedon Ranges Art & Craft Group

We are celebrating our 40th Anniversary with an Exhibition and Sale at the Old Gisborne Court House, Hamilton Street, Gisborne, on Saturday 2 December from 10am to 4pm and Sunday 3 December from 9am to 2pm (coinciding with the Gisborne Olde Time Christmas Market).

We are a multimedia group with mem-

bers producing a wide range of work including pottery, painting, paper craft, woodwork, glassware jewellery, and textiles such as spinning, weaving, thread painting and puppets.

At the exhibition you will have the chance view the original works on display, all of which are locally made by our various artists, and to buy a unique one-of-a-kind item for your family and friends at a reasonable price just in time this Christmas season.

The Phoenix Macedon Ranges Art and Craft Group was formed after the

1983 Ash Wednesday bushfires which decimated local areas and affected many artists and craftspeople.

Past members are asked to join us in our celebrations and to contact longtime member Kay Beale on 9744 2646.

If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Kay or visit our website (phoenixmrac.com/) or Facebook Page (www.facebook.com/phoenixmrac/)

Submitted by Dianne Egan

Local launches game to encourage connection

Gisborne resident Cathy Fokes recently launched WeShare, a deck of connection cards designed to foster positive conversations. The first deck, 'Celebrate,' made its debut on 22 October.

Cathy's inspiration for WeShare grew from years of crafting questions for family Christmas gatherings. Recognising the positive impact these questions had on bonding a mixed group, she envi-

sioned a tool to simplify mingling at social gatherings.

Two further decks are expected in the next few months. The 'Celebrate' decks can be bought at wesharecards.com.au.

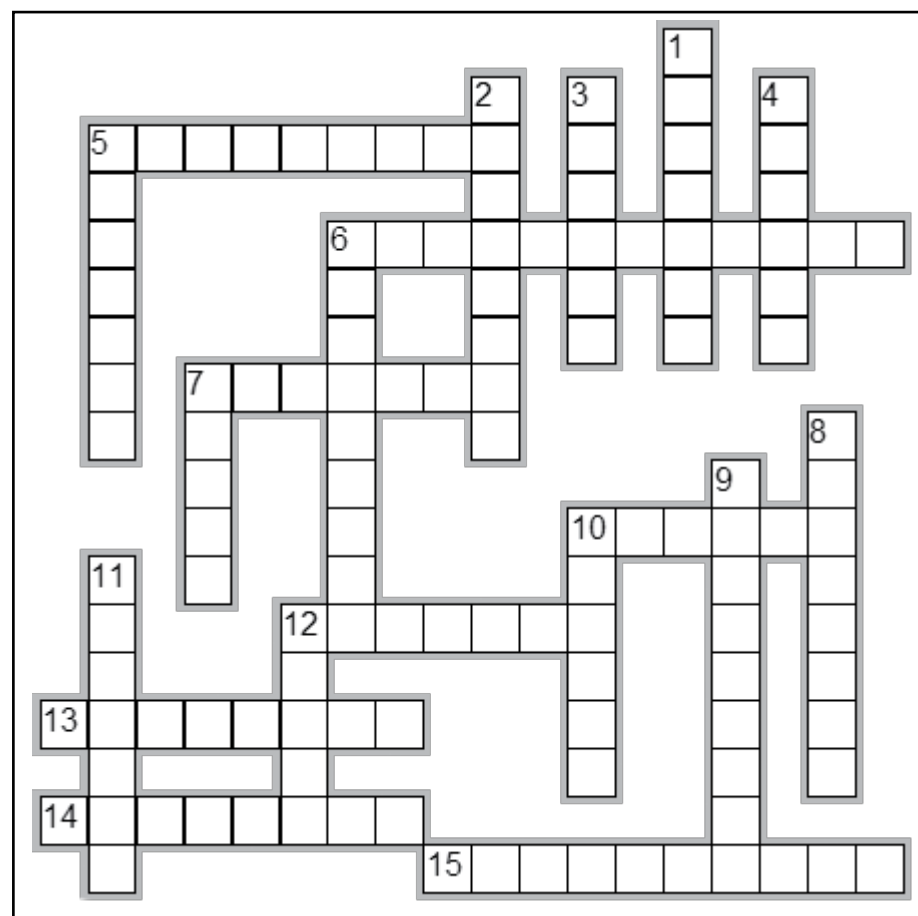
CROSSWORD

Words starting with the letter 'V'

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

ACROSS

5. A plant used as food
6. A person skilled in treating animals
7. Van Gogh's first name
10. "Discretion is the better part of _____"
12. Meat from a deer
13. Once Queen of the British Empire
14. Enlarged veins, especially in legs
15. An animal having a backbone



DOWN

1. Port Vila is the capital of this Pacific Ocean country
2. A happy little _____
3. A drug used to treat anxiety
4. European city called "The Bridge of the Sea"
5. A person who has served in the defence forces
6. To give or grant
7. An alcoholic drink
8. This USA state was named after Queen Elizabeth
9. A person who offers their service free of charge
10. Disappear
11. Official residence of the Pope
12. Star sign between 23 August and 22 September

Answers page 39

QUIZ

Who wrote *The War of the Worlds*?

On which date did decimal currency start in Australia?

Which car manufacturer makes the Jazz?

Carbon has what atomic number?

In which African country is the city of Timbuktu?

Also known as the "Big Australian" what do the letters BHP stand for?

What was Taylor Swift's first album released in 2006?

Prosciutto is made from the meat of which animal?

The name of which disease is usually abbreviated to TB?

Who was Australia's second Prime Minister?

Answers page 39

Animals bring us many blessings



The Feast of St Francis of Assisi is celebrated on 4 October each year in many parts of the world to commemorate the life of St Francis, who is known for his love and compassion for animals and the environment.

There are many stories of St Francis and his interaction with animals. One records him preaching to a flock of birds and another of taming a wolf. I know many people who talk to their animals, particularly pets or a favourite working dog or horse. Many of us are sure they listen and take notice, providing a non-judgmental sounding board for our worries.

In many places, pets are brought to church to be blessed on St Francis' feast day. Educators, caregivers and animal welfare organisations take the opportunity to teach children about endangered or abused animals and what can be done to help save these animals. This feast coincides with World Animal Day.

The community generally believes all animals, whether pets, companions, working, food producing or wildlife, should be treated with respect and kindness. The many groups and societies working for animal welfare reflect this.

Mount Macedon Uniting Church often holds a special "blessing the animals" service near St Francis' Day, although not this year, but we do pause to reflect on the many blessings and contributions animals bring to our everyday lives.

Neil Tweddle, 5426 2045



A contented trio: Faye with Riley and Piper.

The sound of silence

GISBORNE UNITING CHURCH

Stop the world; I want to get off was a 1960s hit musical. After this last month of international, national and local crises, we might want to revisit it. However, a more healing option is to take some time to be quiet.

After the failure of the Yes campaign, some Indigenous leaders opted for a week of silence. It used to be common in Australia for people to derisively refer to the indigenous habit of going 'walkabout'. Now we can see it as an opportunity to clear our muddled minds.

Silent retreat is part of the tradition of many religious groups. It has long been a practice in Christian churches. Moses went up to a mountain to meet God; Jesus went into the wilderness. The late great Desmond Tutu would withdraw to a Catholic retreat house to regain energy to continue the fight against apartheid. Some walk the pilgrim trails or wander into bushland or even find the quiet place of weeding the garden.

With so many things grabbing our attention, we can lose our capacity for attentiveness.

Unfortunately, there are some who unwittingly or unwillingly lose this capacity through diseases such as dementia. One of the most distressing features of this disease can be an increase in agitation. The Gisborne congregation has joined a project to provide some relief with lap mats. These are made of different textured fabrics and adorned with such things as buttons and bows.

In mid-19th century US, the Quaker Joh Greenleaf Whittier wrote his beautiful hymn which ends with the words 'O still small voice of calm'. A more recent song suggests to us the value of the 'sounds of silence'.

Janet Wood



Ladies of the Gisborne Uniting Church display some lap mats they have made for dementia sufferers.



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

Normal weekend services

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

2024 Sacrament Registration Evening

A registration evening will be held on Tuesday 5 December at 5:30pm in St Brigid's Church 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.

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 reach out on 1800 305 330.

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

A time to think about what we ask of volunteers

ST PAULS ANGLICAN PARISH



November, for a variety of reasons, is a month in which many causes are launched.

Within Australia, the MOvember campaign is underway; in Britain, among volunteer leaders, another campaign, NOvember is also beginning. The latter one involves the temptation of leaders of groups and societies across the community not to take on extra responsibility, especially in the light of the Christmas busyness approaching.

It makes sense.

Self-care is important, and before an organisation begins to launch new programs or initiatives, a careful look at available resources is a responsible approach.

No-one should feel pressured to make something happen without the community being in support and behind the project. Good ideas and intentions sometimes fall over when people 'assume' it will happen, yet the volunteers are scarce.

As a community, we are all indebted to the many hours of voluntary service given by countless people.

Not everyone will receive a reward or gong for what they do, but it is at the heart of what keeps our communities going. If there are not enough volunteers then an appraisal of all activities and options may be a better use of our most precious resources, people.

No-vember.

Can our community survive if we consolidate what we have rather than trying something new?

Rev'd Dennis Webster



100 YEARS AGO

NOVEMBER 1923

Gisborne Shire Council Notes

H. Tate and W.G. Whipp, Hon. Sec.s, Swimming Pool Movement, asked that in the event of it being decided to proceed with the movement, permission be granted to construct a basin, 90 feet by 25 feet on site behind the Courthouse and near the tennis court, the work to be carried out under the supervision of Mr. Ewing. Councillors inspected the proposed site and decided that it would interfere with the plans for the enlargement and improvement of the Island Reserve. The committee is to be informed that the council thinks it advisable to procure another site.

Gisborne Gazette Nov. 2, 1923

The Man on the Land – Eucalypts Disappear. Landowners in the districts about Gisborne are much perturbed at the prospect of the gradual, but none the less certain, disappearance of the Eucalypts that is taking place over a large tract of country. Of recent years, close observers have noticed that trees such as box, peppermint, stringy bark, ironbark and flooded gum are dying out, but they have been at a loss to account for the cause of the death of the trees. Recently a careful survey was made of the affected areas, with the result that it was estimated that an area of from 200,000 acres to 250,000 acres of eucalypts are being destroyed by some unknown agency. The affected area, commencing near the Sunbury boundaries, extends past Gisborne in the direction of Macedon and out towards Melton. Local authorities attribute the gradual decline of the trees to the 1914 drought for, so far, a general inspection of the area has failed to disclose the presence of any agency that would account for the destruction of the timber.

The Argus Nov. 9, 1923

His Hours of Ease – Mr. Alister Clark Among His Roses

Mr. Alister Clark's roses are the engrossing passion of his life. The garden of Glenara, his beautiful estate at Bulla, is a vast and fragrant bower of exquisite blooms, and among them Mr. Clark moves with unalloyed happiness. He presents many of the new varieties which issue from Glenara either to those rose societies which in Victoria, New South Wales and South Australia are doing work very near his heart in fostering the popularity of those. Glenara's garden is musical with the notes of myriad birds. The homestead finds an idyllic setting a picturesque valley. ...Mr. Clark's interest in roses was awakened very early in life. As a youngster at school in Scotland, and a young man at Cambridge, he became an assiduous visitor to the wonderful rose shows of Great Britain, and when he returned to Australia and took possession of Glenara, he determined to try his own hand at rose culture.



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	Gisborne Golf Club
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	MRFC Gisborne
FOCUS CLUB	2nd Fri 12 noon	Gisborne Golf Club
FRIENDS of JACKSONS CREEK	working bees 3rd Sun 10-noon	David Tunbridge 0415 534 477
GARDEN CLUB	2nd Wed various venues	0424 038 474
GENEALOGY GROUP	4th Thurs 7.30	Family Hist Rm, Library
GIRL GUIDES	Thursdays 5pm	Gis Scout Hall
GISBORNE SINGERS	Wed 7.30pm	Gisborne Uniting Church
HISTORICAL SOCIETY	open Wed 10am-4pm	Court House
LIBRARY: TODDLERS' STORY TIME	Mon 10.30am, Wed 10.30am	
LIONS CLUB (Gisborne)	First Thurs of month, 7.30pm	247 Station Rd
MARTIAL ARTS	Thurs from 6pm	St Brigid's Hall; gisborne@juseikan.com.au
MASONIC LODGE	2nd Thurs 7pm	Masonic Hall Aitken St
MASTERS AFL	Wed 6.30pm	Sankey Reserve
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
PHOTOGRAPHICSOC	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

DATE		PAGE
NOVEMBER		
1	Riddells Creek Cemetery history walk	4
2,3	Phoenix Art and Craft show in Gisborne	36
3	Peter Pan opens in Macedon	15
4	Croquet club 'Come & try' session	32
4	British choir music concert, Macedon	16
4,5	Duneira Bluebell Festival	6
4,5	Woodend Art Group show, Woodend	6
5	Gisborne Olde Time Market	2
6	Oceans exhibition opens at the Gallery	15
7	Genealogy Group 'Wills' workshop in Gisborne	18
8	'Mrs Harris goes to Paris' at library	10
8	Orienteering in Macedon	30
9	Buttlejork art show opens in Kyneton	15
10	Koala Count at Hanging Rock	12
11	Remembrance Day service in Gisborne	8
11	Refugee talk & fundraiser in Woodend	20
12	Macedon Primary School Fete	3
3,13	Gisborne Futures consultation closes	3
13	Over-55s bingo in Gisborne	6
20	Council budget consultation closes	3
22	William McInness author talk at library	10
24	Over-55s chess in Gisborne	6
26	'Peter Pan' closes in Macedon	15
DECEMBER		
2	CWA Christmas stalls in Macedon	19
2	Home energy info session in Macedon	6
2	Gisborne Singers' Christmas concert	16

CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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| 5. Vegetable | 3. Valium |
| 6. Veterinarian | 4. Venice |
| 7. Vincent | 5. Veteran |
| 10. Valour | 6. Vouchsafe |
| 12. Venison | 7. Vodka |
| 13. Victoria | 8. Virginia |
| 14. Varicose | 9. Volunteer |
| 15. Vertebrate | 10. Vanish |

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| 1. Vanuatu | 11. Vatican |
| 2. Vegemite | 12. Virgo |

QUIZ ANSWERS

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| 1. HG Wells | 6. Broken Hill Proprietary |
| 2. 14 February 1966 | 7. Taylor Swift |
| 3. Honda | 8. Pig |
| 4. Six | 9. Tuberculosis |
| 5. Mali | 10. Alfred Deakin |

KIDS' QUIZ ANSWERS

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| 1. 3 o'clock | 6. South |
| 2. Parliament House | 7. Onion |
| 3. Red. | 8. Belt |
| 4. Electricity | 9. 45 |
| 5. Tennis | 10. The space key |

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3pm and 7pm Saturday

Date Film

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| November 1 to 4 | | The Blue Caftan (Morocco) |
| Nov 8 to 11 | | The New Boy (Australia) |
| Nov 15 to 18 | | Robuste (French) |
| Nov 22 to 25 | | The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry (English) |
| Nov 29 to Dec 2 | | Chicken Run (Animated comedy) |

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