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Beanies are back!

Gisborne heads are going blue again as football and netball clubs and local businesses get behind the FightMND fundraiser for motor neurone research. Local FightMND organisers plan to make this year's fundraising and community involvement bigger and better and invite the wider community to join the 'beaniemanía' and Big Freeze at the Little G at Gardiner Reserve on June 20. See story on page 3.



Beanies on: From left – Alana Dickins, Benson Olive, Poppy Olive, Tom Gauci and Kyan Bannan

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From the Editor's desk

As this edition goes to print, three days into the seven-day lockdown that started on May 28, I really hope that life will be able return to the new normal soon as some exciting local events are planned for June.

The happy kids on this month's cover point to the biggest one – Big Freeze at the Little G – a community celebration of local fundraising efforts for motor neurone disease charity FightMND (mainly purchases of Big Freeze beanies) scheduled for June 20, complete with the famous FightMND ice slide used at the 'big G'. See the story on page 3.

Earlier in June, Macedon Junior Football Club plans to have its inaugural Indigenous Round on June 6 – a fantastic initiative to recognise and educate our community on Indigenous culture and Indigenous people's contributions to sport. Details on page 32.

And on the long weekend of June 12-14, local artists plan to display their work and talent at the Woodend Winter Arts Festival, on again after last year's cancellation. See page 15 for details.

We can all do our bit to limit lockdowns by getting vaccinated and I thank Dr Umair Masood for providing another helpful article on COVID vaccination on page 18.

I am delighted to have a Legal Matters column start this month and thank Macedon Ranges lawyer Kate O'Loughlin for the first edition. If you have any suggestions for future topics for this column, please email them to gisbornegazetteeditor@gmail.com

Finally, I thank Fr Dennis Webster for his thoughtful article on page 38 on how lighting a candle can help when remembering lost loved ones – a potential comfort to many after a number of tragic deaths in our community last month.

Whatever June holds in store for us, I hope you have time to read about many parts of our wonderful community in this month's *Gazette*.

Happy reading,
Corinne

Woodend Winter Arts Festival

Four short concerts are on offer during the Woodend Winter Arts Festival on the June long weekend.

Ensemble Gombert – *Anniversaries*: Festival favourites perform daytime *a cappella* concerts of Anniversaries, including music by Josquin des Prez, Michael Praetorius, Stravinsky and Vaughan Williams. Saturday and Sunday June 12 and 13.

Ensemble 642 – *À modo italiano*: Duo Hannah Lane and Nicholas Pollock perform 17th century Italian works, including rarely seen instruments. Monday June 14.

John O'Donnell – *Bach's The Art of Fugue*: O'Donnell's edition of the original version of Bach's *Art of Fugue*. Monday June 14.

For further information on festival events and/or to book tickets, go to www.woodendwinterartsfestival.org.au

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A MINUTE WITH MAXINE

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Welcome Mary-Beth O'Brien and Susan Young to the distribution family.
Maxine Barker

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Here we go again

COVID-19 restrictions reinstated



As the *Gazette* went to print we were in the middle of the seven-day statewide lockdown, scheduled to end on June 4.

Hopefully that is the end of it, but as this is a changing situation, readers are encouraged to monitor

government communications.

The State Health Department website is www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus.

For local information and support, contact Council Customer Service on 5422 0333 or email recovery@mrsc.vic.gov.au.

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Big Freeze at the Little G coming up

The Gisborne football and netball community is holding a Big Freeze at the Little G at Gardiner Reserve, Gisborne, on Sunday June 20 – COVID permitting.

Gisborne is the only place outside the MCG to have an AFL-sanctioned Big Freeze event. Gisborne Football Netball Club, Gisborne Rookies Junior Football Netball Club, Gisborne Giants Junior Football Netball Club and Gisborne Masters Football Club are uniting to support footy legend Neale Daniher and the fight against MND.

This is the third year the Gisborne football and netball community has supported FightMND. An impressive \$42,500 was raised in 2019 and an extraordinary \$88,880 in 2020 for the motor neurone disease research charity. The team hopes to make a new fundraising record this year.

There will be a celebration game on the day between Gisborne's two junior football-netball clubs, the Rookies and the Giants.

All the clubs involved invite all Gisborne residents to attend. There will be plenty of



Gisborne's FightMND driving committee: Jodie Bannan (Rookies), Jo Young, Dale Pemberton and Darren Ponton ('Golden Bulldogs') and Richard McKibbin (Gisborne Giants) flanked by Community Bank Gisborne & District director Dominic Andreachio (far left) and Bendigo Bank regional manager Shaun Leech (far right).

activities including nominees of the clubs and major sponsor Bendigo Bank going down an ice slide! Face painting and other entertainments promise to make it a great day out. The clubs and broader community look forward to seeing you there.

A week on rations to help refugees

We've all been affected in some way by the pandemic, but Syrian refugees, who've been forced from their homes, their livelihoods and their loved ones through war, are especially vulnerable.

Around the world, many refugees live in cramped and overcrowded conditions, with limited access to food, health care and basic sanitation.

To support Syrian refugees, Nancy Prewer, pharmacist at UFS Pharmacy in Brantome Street, is taking the Ration Challenge organised by Act for Peace, the international aid agency of the National



Nancy Prewer – putting her principles where her mouth is.



The rations Nancy was sent to live on for seven days from June 13 to 19. Thanks to sponsorship at the point of writing, Nancy earned an additional 120g protein (two eggs), one onion, a can of tomatoes and a few tea bags.

Council of Churches in Australia, to raise money for emergency food, healthcare and life-saving support for people who need it most.

Nancy will be eating the same rations for one week as a Syrian refugee living in an urban refugee camp in Jordan receives – no coffee, no sugar, just the rations pictured. To support this initiative and sponsor Nancy, go to www.actforpeace.rationchallenge.org.au/nancy-prewer



Essential ice cream

The ice cream shop in Aitken Street stayed busy during lockdown.

Owner Dre Reiss said her customers told her during the previous ones that they considered ice cream most essential during lockdown, "for bribery, exercise and reward".

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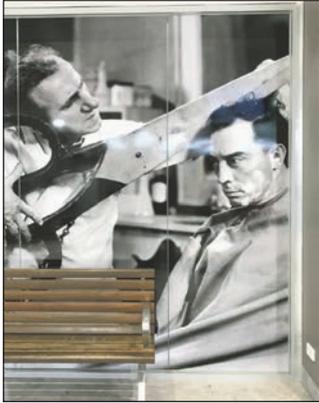
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SEEN AROUND TOWN

This window photo wrap at the barber's in Gisborne Village Shopping Centre stopped the *Gazette* editor in her tracks the first time she saw it.



Hard to miss the smoke around Macedon on May 2 from this planned burn.

Corellas have been in the national news recently, descending in huge numbers on towns in NSW. Gisborne residents, too, will be familiar with huge flocks congregating locally, often under oak trees to feed on fallen acorns, or at Daly Reserve to feed on seeds in the grass.



According to bird experts, every cockatoo species screams, mostly to communicate with group members. Every evening, before going to sleep, there is a screaming session and the noise can be phenomenal.

Brew it, and they will come

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

More than 40 people attended this year's annual Biggest Morning Tea, held on May 27 (one day before the seven-day COVID lockdown!) at the Gisborne Masonic Hall.

Sponsored by St Paul's Anglican Guild with help from Friends from Vision Australia, a wonderful social morning was enjoyed. Local Naturopath Leisa Blanch from Gisborne Health Essentials gave an interesting and stimulating address before the scrumptious morning tea.

Special thanks to the Gisborne Flower Shoppe for their donation of a cyclamen for the raffle and to Baker's Delight for their welcome contribution of scones. Proceeds of \$750 will be donated to the Cancer Council.

Elaine Millar



Among those enjoying the Biggest Morning Tea were (clockwise from left) Elaine Millar, Graeme Millar, Ruth Crawford, Gayle McKerral and Leisa Blanch (speaker).

FOR THE RECORD

Local projects in state budget

Two specific projects in the Gisborne area received funding in the state budget handed down in May.

- Gisborne Secondary College will receive \$12.9 million to refurbish Block B and deliver new basketball and netball facilities.
- Funding has been agreed towards upgrades along Black Forest Drive.

Update on Benetas' retirement living and aged care development

Further progress has been made on the proposed Macedon Ranges Health/Benetas Retirement Living and Residential Aged Care development in Gisborne.

The not-for-profit aged care provider is set to submit the land rezoning and planning application for the complex. This is likely to occur this month. It can then begin going through Council and State Government processes.

In addition, a separate planning application for the new Oaks redevelopment was advertised in May through the official Council processes.

Benetas says the local population is forecast to grow 40% over the next 15 years, including a doubling of people over 80 in the next decade.

Further information on the development can be found at www.benetas.com.au/gisborne



Architect's impression of the proposed retirement living and aged care development.

New development

A 266-hectare development site was listed for sale on Ross Watt Road, New Gisborne, at the end of May.



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Representatives of recipient groups, Community Bank team members and guests at the bank's autumn grant night in May.

Community groups thrilled with grants

The volunteer board of directors and staff of Community Bank Gisborne & District (Bendigo Bank) were delighted to be able to hold their first community investment evening in 18 months on May 17.

More than \$70,000 of new grants and sponsorships were awarded to 18 community groups for projects in community wellbeing, education, arts and culture, sport and community infrastructure.

Major projects include a flying fox for Ash Wednesday Park, Macedon, new starter gates for Gisborne Little Athletics Club, new front stairs for the Mountview Theatre, Macedon, and a computer upgrade for Gisborne and Mount Macedon Districts Historical Society.



Community Bank board chair Gary McSwain (centre) presents Peter Shaw and Joe Leonello with a grant for Ash Wednesday Park, Macedon.

The bank will continue to sponsor local Chaplaincy, Gisborne Masters Football Club and Macedon Ranges Music Festival, and will be the major sponsor of 'Big Freeze at the Little G' on June 20.

School Spectacular this year, and Swinburne Kindergarten for its Sustainable Food and Health Eating program. The bank will also fund drug and alcohol education for all under 17 players at Gisborne Rookies Junior Football Netball Club this year.

The chair of the board of directors that manages

community investments, Gary McSwain, said the board was very pleased to support the many dedicated volunteers of local clubs with its autumn 2021 community investments and thanked everyone who banked at Community Bank Gisborne & District for making the grants possible.

Including the latest grants, the community bank has given back nearly \$1.4 million to the community since 2008.

Grant recipients

Macedon Mount Macedon Business and Tourism Association - \$18,725 (flying fox)
 Gisborne Secondary College & Community Chaplaincy - \$5000
 Gisborne Rookies for MND fundraising Day - \$4950
 Gisborne & Mount Macedon Dist Historical Soc - \$4982
 Macedon Ranges Photographic Society - \$4800
 Gisborne Masters Football Club - \$4900
 Mount Players - \$4400
 Gisborne Little Athletics Club - \$4363
 Macedon Ranges Music Festival - \$4300
 Gisborne Secondary College - \$3000
 Swinburne Avenue Kindergarten - \$2000
 Gisborne Rookies Junior Football Netball Club - \$2000
 New Gisborne Community Garden - \$1765
 Macedon Ranges Running Club - \$1600
 Riddells Creek Basketball Club - \$1586
 Riddells Creek Neighbourhood House - \$4900; Riddells Creek Lions Club - \$3000; Riddells Creek Kindergarten - \$850; Riddells Creek Carols in the Park - \$750



Members of Gisborne Little Athletics Club accept a grant for new timing gates.



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MACEDON RANGES MUMMA

with Kat Buttigieg

This column was inspired by a social media post at the start of this year which I rewrote for us Ranges folk. It is a great reminder as we head into the second half of 2021.

The Cure

May this year be the year to be conscious.

Marvel at the mountains in the distance. See the beauty in your surroundings every day. And then actually allow yourself the time to get back to nature. Make that weekend road trip. Stop at a local winery or cafe and support the small business owners. Sit and enjoy that coffee or wine. Smile at a stranger. Start a conversation.

Visit that waterfall. Hear the wind rush through the treetops. Feel your shoes on the dirt path. Take in the fresh air and hear every bird call and buzzing insect and the rush of water.

Climb that mountain. Work up a sweat. Move your body. Go with someone you love, who you can be yourself with. Or go by yourself, just for yourself. Clear your mind of what you have to do and soak up the scenery. Notice the colours of the leaves, the shape of the clouds, the texture of the bark on the trees, the smell of freshly fallen rain.

When you get to the top of the mountain, sit and enjoy the view. Drink in the landscape. Enjoy that feeling of being on top of the world. Be silent, be still. Stay longer than you think you should. Think of all the possibilities. Realise how small you are in the universe. But remember that one drop in the ocean has a ripple effect.

Visit a local market. Buy fresh, local food that not only tastes better but supports local farmers and growers. Nourish your body. Eat raw food. Eat real food.

Walk or ride to your local township. Buy in your community whenever you can. Join a club, visit the library, chat to shop owners. Make connections.

Do a good deed every day. Take your neighbour freshly-cut flowers. Invite a friend for a cuppa. Let another car through. Offer to help someone with their hands full. Take a friend in need a cooked meal. Message a friend you haven't spoken to in a while.

Help lead others to the mountain top. Discover a life that is fulfilling, healthy and joyous.

International humanitarian group joins Macedon community at VEMI

International humanitarian organisation RedR Australia has moved its training courses to the Victorian Emergency Management Institute (VEMI) at Mount Macedon.

RedR selects and trains skilled professionals such as engineers, communications professionals, project managers and public health specialists and deploys them in response to humanitarian crises around the world. The organisation's flagship Essentials of Humanitarian Practice and Hostile Environment Awareness Training will be run at VEMI.

RedR Australia's training manager, Mark Tell, says VEMI and the Macedon community provide an outstanding setting for the style of training required to equip humanitarian professionals.

"We provide skilled people and training to help communities plan, prepare, rebuild and recover before, during, and after crises and conflict," Mark says. "Our training is very interactive and we leverage the natural and built environment at VEMI to provide a realistic representation of the circumstances deployees may find themselves in when working in humanitarian assistance settings."

Each course takes around 25 people. Over five days, trainees learn the complexity of the international humanitarian relief system. "Our Hostile Environment Awareness Training course is more



RedR Australia trainees undertake "movement under fire" exercises during Hostile Environment Awareness Training at VEMI. Photo: RedR Australia, Darren James photography

hands-on and prepares individuals to work in crisis zones or a range of hostile situations," Mark said. "That means you may see people in army fatigues holding (plastic) weapons, hear sounds of gunfire, loud bangs or see smoke from VEMI. Rest assured, this is all entirely staged and part of the simulated nature of our training. There is absolutely no risk to the community, property or the environment from these simulations."

Those who complete the courses may be eligible to join the RedR Australia roster and be considered for deployments. RedR Australia is a "standby partner" to 15 United Nations entities, as well as other frontline relief agencies. During a crisis, a global network of standby partner organisations provides support to UN response efforts. It is also the sole delivery partner of the Government's civilian humanitarian deployment program, Australia Assists.

Mark said he welcomed the Macedon community to explore RedR Australia and encouraged anyone interested to consider how they might want to get involved. "We hope to base our training at VEMI for a very long time and look forward to meeting many of our neighbours," he said. "We are happy to answer any questions you have about who RedR is or what we are doing during our training."

For information on RedR Australia, www.redr.org.au



Training manager Mark Tell, leads a session during the humanitarian practices course. Photo: RedR Australia, Darren James photography



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Holy Cross wows SES with donation

Holy Cross Primary School went orange on May 19 for WOW day (Wear Orange Wednesday) for the SES. Staff and children participated in the day to acknowledge and thank the volunteers who selflessly give their time to help our community.

Children enjoyed trying to find some orange clothing and were quite creative, adding a touch of colour to their school uniform. They also brought gold coin donations to help Gisborne SES team.

Many of us have connections to someone they know or have been helped by someone in the SES and Elizabeth and Harrison Middlemast were very proud to hand our donation to their uncle Steven at the Gisborne station in late May.



Lily McCaskill and Michael Buskes wear orange for WOW Day.

Steven Middlemast collects the gold coin donations from his niece and nephew Elizabeth and Harrison Middlemast.



MEMBER'S MESSAGE

With Mary-Anne Thomas

It's all systems go at the Willowbank Primary School construction site in the south of Gisborne as we get closer and closer to our brand-new school and kindergarten. At the point of writing, the steel framing had been installed on the buildings.

Designs have also been released after community consultation, with the community here in Gisborne placing high value on the school being integrated with our beautiful natural environment. The school is going to look wonderful, and I encourage you to head to the Victorian School Building Authority website to check out the designs.

You will have noticed all the works on Station Road and Saunders Road – where right turns from Saunders Road to Station Road and left turns into Saunders Road are still not permitted.

Thanks for your patience while traffic changes are in place – limiting these turns means that through-traffic can continue while delivering this upgrade and avoiding significant detours.

The workers on-site are putting the safety of all our road users first – so please treat them with respect and follow their instructions when travelling around the area. I promise that the end result will be well worth the wait!

As we know, the roads across the Macedon Ranges can sometimes get slippery, icy and dangerous in winter. Make sure to follow the road signs and keep a safe distance between yourselves and other cars. Be safe out there!



Designs for Willowbank Primary School, now under construction.

Sounds of Gisborne

The morning walk takes me into the sunlight rising over the town. If there's moisture on the ground or in the air, the sun forms into rays or mist. At the right angle it can seem like a cathedral of light.

But on the morning walk silence comes in small pockets. This is not the silence of the solitary walker alone with their thoughts, but of the world in which he walks. The pools of no sound are few. This is of course no surprise. This isn't the endless horizon of the outback.

The sounds of the morning are kin to its colours. Sometimes when I am walking around town, under canopies of the parks or past houses and shops, I'll be accompanied by my dog Denis, who at times has a word to say, other times without him I'll listen to music via earplugs. The former allows the aural equivalent of cinema verite, the latter the inner universe of song.

The inescapable drone, however, is traffic noise. It rises and falls with the hour of the day before dropping to nothing at night. As the town and environs have expanded, so too has the volume.

But further away from the main roads, the air fills with the calls and cries of birds: magpies, crows, cockatoos, the occasional kookaburra, and ducks.

REFLECTIONS

with Warwick McFadyen

The mellifluous notes of the magpie meet the long caw of the crow, fading into the sky. The ducks keep to themselves except when they fly off from the creek and pronounce a parting shout. The kookaburras, well they just laugh don't they? And the cockatoos, they're a squadron of loud-mouthed jets.

Into this, of course, comes the human voice. It too rises and falls when there are games on at the sports grounds. Shouts of encouragement, groans of disappointment, the thwack of the kick in winter and the strike of the ball in summer.

They're part of the murmur of life, joined by just a casual hello and goodbye with a stranger, an aside at a cafe, an exchange at a shop, a neighbour's greeting.

More than at any time in history, the white noise of inconsequence, a sort of reductio ad absurdum of what matters, assails life. The walk through the sounds of the day might, dare I say, just be sound advice.



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Two achieve P-plates through driver program

Two young people recently passed their P-plate test after participating in the Macedon Ranges L2P driver education program.



The Transport Department program in the Macedon Ranges is managed by the Salvation Army Bendigo and operates with local volunteer mentor drivers who take participants out in the L2P vehicle to help them get the required 120 hours of supervised driving.

Corinne Shaddock, director of Community Bank Gisborne & District which sponsors the vehicle, said the L2P team deserved big thanks for their contribution to the welfare of young people and road safety in our community.



Five mentor drivers with Phil Tennant and Denise Sibenaler of the Salvation Army Bendigo at a well-deserved morning tea during National Volunteers Week in May.

POLICE BEAT

This month from Macedon Police Station



With Leading Sen. Const. Rick Janssen

Hello to everyone, With the colder weather upon us it is time to remind everyone to take care on the roads as black ice and snow are more prevalent causing the roads to become very slippery.

A male driver was detected speeding at 133kmh in an 80 zone on Black Forest Drive in March. His car was impounded and he will have to appear at the Kyneton Magistrates' Court.

On this note, I remind you that the speed limit along Black Forest Drive from the Mount Macedon roundabout to High Street, Woodend has been changed to 80kmh and the 60kmh zone into Woodend has also been extended. Both of these new limits are now being enforced.

Refugee group to meet in Gisborne in June

The Macedon Ranges branch of Rural Australians for Refugees (MRRAR) will hold its first ever meeting in Gisborne on Wednesday June 23 at 6pm, in the Uniting Church Hall in Brantome Street, Gisborne.

Macedon Ranges Rural Australians for Refugees, as the name suggests, is a sub-branch of the national Rural Australians for Refugees organisation.

We aim to raise awareness of the plight of refugees and people seeking asylum in Australia, lobby politicians to improve government policies affecting refugees and asylum seekers, and raise money to support refugee families who have been brought to Australia from offshore detention through the 'medivac' legislation. We also offer monetary support to other organisations such as the Asylum Seeker



Resource Centre in Footscray, Friends of Refugees in Springvale, and the Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project.

A food collection and sausage sizzle is being held in front of Coles in Woodend on Saturday June 19, and a film night at Norma Richardson Hall in Woodend on Friday June 25.

We are hoping that having a meeting in Gisborne will bring interested members of the Gisborne community to our group and we will be able to conduct more events in the Gisborne area to help refugees and people seeking asylum in Australia.

Ruth Mulkearns

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To make a wise choice, you need to understand what an executor does and the skills they need to perform the role. Your particular circumstances and family dynamics must also be considered.

What does an executor do?

The executor is responsible for administering your estate (your assets and liabilities) when you die. This generally involves:

- Making your funeral arrangements;
- Applying for a grant of probate (a document issued by the court certifying that your will is valid and the last one made, and confirming the authority of the executor to administer your estate);
- Safeguarding your assets until they are distributed;
- Lodging any outstanding income tax returns on your behalf;
- Closing bank accounts, social media accounts etc; paying your

LEGAL MATTERS

with Kate O'Loughlin

debts; selling or transferring ownership of your assets; and anything else needed to distribute your estate in accordance with your will.

Who should be appointed?

Finalising another person's estate is a heavy responsibility. It can also be time-consuming and complex, involving a lot of paperwork and liaison with banks, the tax office etc. The time it takes depends on what needs to be done, but six to 12 months is not unusual.

It is important to select an executor who is capable of handling the paperwork involved and can work with legal and financial advisers (if assistance is required), is motivated (the role is generally unpaid), and lives in the jurisdiction where the majority of your assets are.

It is common to select a person who inherits from your estate (a beneficiary) to act as executor.

They are generally motivated to perform the role out of love and because finalising your estate means simplifying or adding to their own. Spouses generally act as executor for each other, or adult children in the case of older people.

Generally speaking, it is best to appoint only one executor. Having more than one can slow things down and increase costs. However, it is really important to appoint a substitute in case the person initially appointed is unable or unwilling to perform the role when required.

There are circumstances where having two executors acting jointly is beneficial. If disputes between family members are likely, or there is potential for conflict between a spouse or adult child of a current relationship and adult children from a former relationship, having more than one executor can be helpful, provided they can work together.

The will-maker's family circumstances should always be taken into account when choosing executors.



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The busy life of a Gazette columnist

Dr Umair Masood has become well known to *Gazette* readers through his monthly 'Health Talk' column, and the advice he has been providing about COVID-19 has been particularly much read and appreciated. As well, his COVID-19 information through the Neal Street Clinic Facebook page has attracted grateful responses from around Australia.

Umair grew up in Perth and attended Mazenod College in the hilly suburb of Kalamunda. His family moved to Melbourne with his father's work so he finished his schooling in Melbourne.

He excelled at cricket as a batsman. He played at school and then went on to play cricket at county level when he was at university.

Umair was awarded the AG Hewitt scholarship after finishing school and went on to study medicine at the National University in Ireland and the UK. While studying he played county cricket for Leinster for six seasons.

He graduated in 1998 and did his Intern training in Liverpool for a year. He went on to do his basic surgical training in the UK with the Royal College of Surgeons in Edinburgh. After returning to Australia, he continued to work and train in orthopaedics and trauma surgery in Darwin and Canberra.

In the meantime he had met his wife, Georgie, who grew up in Echuca and is a registered nurse. She currently works at Neal Street Medical Clinic as a practice nurse. They married in 2009. It was after the birth of their first daughter, Aysha, in Canberra that Umair decided to start work in general practice. Umair and Georgie, along with lit-

Bryan Power delves into the life of local doctor Umair Masood

tle Aysha, set off on a road trip from Canberra to Cairns. Umair did some locums in general practice during the trip up the coast which took them a few months. Once at Cairns, he decided to begin his general practice training.

The couple's second daughter, Yasmin, was born in Cairns. It was after this that the family moved back to Victoria and came to live in Gisborne in 2010. Umair completed his Fellowship training in General Practice and worked in Gisborne and Kyneton as a GP.

The third and most boisterous child, Billy, was born here. The family continued to live in Gisborne and started enjoying life in the Macedon Ranges.

By 2014, Umair decided to open up his own GP clinic in Gisborne. It was at a chance meeting with the local Primary Health Network that he was told that Macedon Ranges Health was planning to build a primary care centre and were looking for someone to establish a GP clinic in the building as well. After much discussion with the board of Macedon Ranges Health, the idea of setting up Neal Street Medical Clinic came about.

The clinic opened its doors in March

2015. Elise Sloss (practice manager) and Noelene Trollope (reception team leader) have been present from the inception of the clinic. Umair was joined in partnership at the clinic by Dr Ben Crowther and Dr Felicity Reeve. The clinic now has 15 GPs and 13 specialists along with an engaged nursing and reception team. The practice is well established and will soon grow significantly with the opening of a sister medical clinic in Woodend.

Asked about working in general practice, Umair says that he enjoys looking after families and finds great satisfaction in the long-term nature of the relationships he has built with patients compared to his experience with hospital medicine. He thoroughly enjoys the continuity of care that general practice affords his patients.

Umair is a strong advocate of general practice as an important pillar of the health system. He said that at present, less than 7% of the national health budget is spent on the GP sector despite the fact that it is acknowledged as being the most efficient part of the health industry. Hospital emergency departments continue to see an increase in attendance but some of those patients could have been treated at GP clinics.

With advances in technology, such as remote monitoring devices becom-

ing more readily available in GP clinics, he said the demands on hospitals can be reduced. Also, widespread adoption of telehealth consultations has suited a growing number of patients.

Umair has a number of other commitments. He is a board director at Bendigo Hospital and is an adjunct senior lecturer at the Monash University medical school. He is involved in training GP Registrars as a supervisor and he supervises medical students at the clinic. Umair is also involved in medical research projects and is vice-president of the Australian Society of General Practice.

Umair speaks fondly of the Macedon Ranges and living in the local area. His children attend Bacchus Marsh Grammar. Umair and Georgie are committed to supporting their children's sporting enthusiasms. All the children are competitive swimmers with Aysha swimming at state level competitions. The family is usually up at 4:30am on weekdays to get the children to swimming training. Billy's love of cross-country running does not require pre-dawn driving, thankfully!

Umair's parents are now enjoying their retirement. He also has a brother and sister who both trained as lawyers. His sister is a judge in Melbourne.

Umair still enjoys the occasional game of social cricket but is now working on reducing his golf handicap of 15. As well, he and Georgie keep fit with regular family runs and bike rides. Despite having grown up in WA, Umair has the good sense to support a Victorian footy team, whose colours just happen to be 'yellow and black'.



Umair and son Billy supporting Australia at the 'G'.


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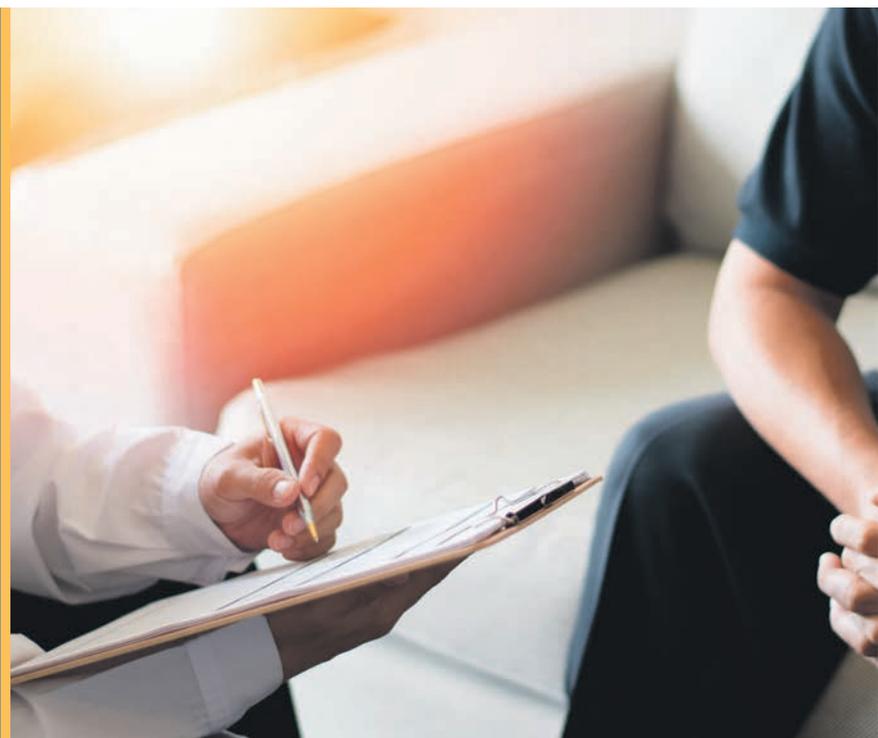
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Krystal enjoys the view from the passenger's seat.

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Helping carers get to a 'Good Space'

Local charity PS My Family Matters, who offer support to families caring for loved ones with mental illness, launched its complimentary support program, 'Good Space', in the middle of 2020. The aim of the program is to provide practical and emotional support to local families.

"We are aware that the last year has placed great strain on the mental wellbeing of many in our community," the president of PS My Family Matters, Tamara Wilson, said.

"Our Good Space package is designed to help our carers focus on their personal mental and emotional wellbeing."

The program features a range of emotional and



practical support elements, including complimentary respite items, to support carers and make their lives

a little easier. "We wanted to ensure that families in the Ranges who are impacted by mental illness know that we're there for them," Tamara said.

If you'd like to know more about the Good Space program and how it might help your family, please call 0475 269 965 or email psmfm@outlook.com.

The Good Space program has been made possible due to the generous support of the Bendigo Bank, Tobin Brothers and the State Government.

Submitted by Mike Hamer

Gisborne Rotary awards annual scholarship

Representatives of the Gisborne Rotary Club travelled to International House in Carlton on May 5 to present the annual Peter Reade scholarship to this year's recipient, Alex Pekin.

The \$1000 scholarship, which is named for one of the foundation members of the Gisborne Rotary Club, is awarded to a candidate who is active in his or her community and may not necessarily have the means or opportunity to study without assistance.

For many international students, being away from home, the associated isolation and COVID-forced remote learning have added an extra dimension of hardship. Alex Pekin is formerly a country Australian whose family now lives in the Philippines. Because of COVID restrictions he has not been able to return to see his family for over 12 months. He is an active community worker and volunteer.

Emeritus Professor Dr Peter Reade AM, for whom the scholarship is named and who lived at South Gisborne, was passionate about education and helping others to succeed. He was an international authority in dental research and innovation. During his career, he supervised many honours and graduate students studying in that field. Upon his passing in 2009, the scholarship was named in his honour.



Rotarians Barry Wills (left), Noelene Richardson and Richard Stewart with scholarship recipient Alex Pekin (second from right) after the presentation.

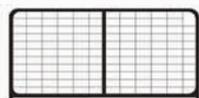
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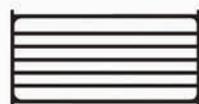
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Two fun ways to support Chaplaincy in June

The Gisborne Secondary College & Community Chaplaincy support committee are holding two activities this month to raise much-needed funds for chaplain Barb Davis this year.

1. Dumpling Fundraisers will take place on Saturday June 12 and July 3 from 11am to 1pm at the Flying Pigeon restaurant, Nexus Way, Gisborne.

Come and learn how to make northern Chinese dumplings. Bring friends or family, have some fun together, and take home delicious dumplings for dinner. The cost is \$80 per person per session, which includes a complimentary beverage. 100% of profit made will be

donated back to Chaplaincy. You can secure your spot by emailing Bronwyn on sbtacey@bigpond.com or by calling 0417 028 605. Maximum 10 people per session.

2. We are having a Movie Night with a showing of *Dream Horse* at Readings Sunbury on Monday June 21, 6.30pm for 6.45pm. Supper will be provided after the movie. Tickets \$20 from Snapshot Photos, Brantome Street (beside Priceline). Cash only please. If you are unable to visit the shop, please contact Ann Maree on 0415 773 402 or Bronwyn on 0417 028 605.

We look forward to your support. *Bronwyn Tacey*
GSC & Community Chaplaincy Committee



Lions' volunteers pack up bags of stamps.

Donors put their stamp on caring

A huge thank you to members of the community who provided used stamps and their stamp collections to the Gisborne and District Lions Club. A staggering six shopping bags full of stamps have been collected which the Lions Club has forwarded to the Australian Lions Children's Mobility Foundation.



The foundation uses the proceeds from the sale of these stamps to obtain walking devices that get children out of their wheelchairs and onto their feet.

You can still support this program by forwarding your stamps to: Secretary, Gisborne and District Lions Club, PO Box 807, Gisborne 3437 or drop them off to the Lions collection point at Hardy's UFS Pharmacy, Brantome Street, Gisborne.

The Lions Club held a Mother's Day raffle with the proceeds totalling \$1100, being directed to students from families in need. The lucky winners were Tammy Symmons, Nonie Little, Charlene Hastings, Wanda Cousins and Helen Sankey.

Thank you to the local businesses who generously donated the prizes for the raffle.

Russell Walker



Members of the Gisborne Friends of Vision Australia are advised that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 22, at 1.30pm at the Gisborne Masonic Lodge Hall. New members would be very welcome to join our voluntary group and assist our fundraising efforts to support people who are blind or have low vision. Vision Australia supports children and adults of all ages to develop their skills and reach their full potential. For further details please contact the secretary, Elaine Millar, on 5428 2522.

ST PAUL'S OP SHOP JOTTINGS

For the winter reader there is a great range of adult fiction and non-fiction and children's books available at the Op Shop. Our hardworking and friendly volunteers would love to see you come and snap up the many bargains we have for sale.

Our stocks have been replenished with good quality warm clothes including coats in most sizes, many styles and at low prices. We have a large range of DVDs as well as CDs to suit all ages.

Thank you to the wonderful people who donate clothes by placing them in the large red bin at the corner of the sorting shed. We also appreciate the clothes being placed in bags which makes it much easier for handling when emptying the bin at the end



Rita Versace

of the day. Don't forget to also support our sister op shop, Charity's Secret in Station Street, Riddells Creek.

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MACEDON MUSINGS

With Belinda Carlton-Doney

As we walk by the Macedon Community House, it's easy to see the incredible amount of work being done. As mentioned in their recent article, works include an all-abilities ramp, cosmetic improvements, toilet access and restumping. All this follows amazing community fundraising and the council securing funding through the Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure grant.

The works are due to be finished some time this month (hopefully). The committee will then be undertaking a master planning process, for the internal fit-out and landscaping. An important part of this process will be re-engaging with community stakeholders, to ensure the results are designed to suit a variety of needs and uses.

The committee again thanks the businesses and individuals who have supported this development.

If you would like to become involved, perhaps on the committee or working group, please contact hello@communityhouse.org

Another hot topic over the past few months has been the spate of crime in our area. Many residents have had cars broken into while they were parked on their property. There is talk even of one family whose car was stolen from their property while they were there ... the offender entered their home at night, helped himself to the keys, then helped himself to the car, all while the owners were in the house.

If you are not already doing it, start locking up your home, your cars and your sheds. If you notice something is not quite right, report it. Facebook has a couple of excellent local groups to watch for information: Macedon and Mount Macedon Residents page and Macedon Ranges Crime Activity.

Meanwhile, the best thing about winter is the red wine and candles at night!

Enjoys yours.

Men's Shed to restore brigade history

Gisborne Fire Brigade's first Competition Running Reel is being restored by the Gisborne Men's Shed after its retirement in the early 1990s.

The reel was bought in the early 1950s from the Clunes Fire Brigade after their running team was no longer active. It was used by the Gisborne Brigade "202" running team in various state demonstrations, competitions and championships until the early 1990s. It was then decided to build a new and improved light weight version. Since then, the original reel has been stored away in the brigade's 202 team shed at Sankey Reserve where the original Gisborne running track is located.

Bruce Harker, 55-year-veteran firefighter, brigade life member, CFA honorary life member and ex-202 running team member, recalls that the reel was originally made by a wheelwright in the Golden Square area. "This particular reel was the one to have back in the day as the manufacturer had a good reputation in coach building. The quality was excellent and it clearly proved itself, surviving nearly four decades operating in harsh conditions with the 202 team pushing it to its limits," said Bruce.

The Gisborne Men's Shed have kindly offered their labour free of charge to restore this piece of Gisborne history. Once complete it will have pride of place within the fire station engine bay surrounded by historic photos of it being used in its heyday.

Bevan Moody



The old running reel.

News from Gisborne CWA

Gisborne branch was well represented at the recent group creative arts competition in Kyneton, with many firsts, seconds and thirds among the over 700 entries in the show.



Fay Delai took out the Phyllis Mitchell perpetual trophy for the most successful '80s and over' exhibitor. Well done, Fay.

Helen Hallett's quilt was judged best in show, closely followed by Helen Ryvitch and Osija Anolak. Even my chickens did well with their prize-winning eggs.

Participants in our Associated Country Women of the World walk on Mt Macedon were happy to get together to help out country women. One fit lady and her daughter braved the longer uphill hike while the rest of us had a leisurely stroll to the cross, followed by coffee and a lot of chatter.

Bernice from the Gisborne Community Health Centre, representing Benetas, came along to our May meeting. She informed us of the services available to younger people (under 65) in our district at a small cost to them, health care, group activities, exercise classes,



CWA members on the walk at Mt Macedon.

home maintenance and many more. Anyone in need of these services should get in touch with Macedon Ranges Health.

Our 22nd birthday will be celebrated at our next meeting on June 7 (COVID regulations permitting), a week earlier than usual because of the long weekend. Coffee, Craft and Chat will be June 21 at the Gisborne Secondary College stadium where we have use of a carpeted room and kitchen.

Christine Edwards

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A Signing Station for documents will be open at the GREAT office each Thursday, starting on June 10, between 12 noon and 2pm. 23 Hamilton Street, Gisborne.



Probus back in business

With increased numbers at meetings, outings planned and member numbers back to pre-COVID level, the Gisborne Probus club has certainly bounced back from 2020. Everyone appreciates being able to catch up with friends and to socialise once again.



At the May meeting, retired meteorologist, Ron Fitt, gave an interesting insight into the improvement in weather forecasting enabled by the development of satellites, computers and global weather centres. This was followed by a discussion about causes, effects and some of the possible solutions to climate change.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday June 3 at the Gisborne Mechanics Hall. This venue provides the space required to meet COVID restrictions. The speaker will be photographer Martin Leitch.

Outings planned for the near future include a day trip to the historic homestead Beleura, on the Mornington Peninsula, and Christmas in July at Mount Macedon Winery.

If you would like to find out more about the club or attend a meeting as a guest, please contact our president Helen Nettleton on 0491 174 847

Anne Ciesielski

Carer group launches fundraising campaign



Lifestyle Carers' patron Athol Guy and president Neil Pomroy with a model of Macgregor's Farm respite site the group would like to build.



Committee members Cherry Servis and Janelle Judge were pleased with the event.



Committee member Fran Thorne (left) with Annie Mann.



Cr Dominic Bonanno (left), Barbara Nixon, Vanda Mullen and Jacques de Groot.



Brenden Judge (left), with Marg and Ed Eshuys.

The Woodend Lifestyle Carers' Group (WLCG) charity hosted its first Foundation Members event on May 14 to officially launch a new fundraising campaign to support its plans for a respite centre for those diagnosed with dementia in the Macedon Ranges.



Established in 2012, the group has acquired 'Macgregor's Farm' on Old Lancefield Road in Woodend, which it plans to develop into a fully supervised day care farm cottage for people living at home with early-stage dementia to offer short-term respite for carers.

A 2017 report from the National Centre for Social & Economic Modelling estimated that the Macedon Ranges will experience a 662% increase in the number of residents living with dementia by 2050.

"Dementia is indiscriminate – it can affect anyone and, by default, their nearest and dearest who often transition into full-time care roles," the WLCG committee president, Neil Pomroy, said. "All of our committee members have been carers at some point in time, and we are therefore committed to ensuring other carers in our community never feel isolated and alone."

Macgregor's Farm will provide much-needed support to community members caring for family or friends with dementia, while providing a non-clinical, home-like environment allowing their loved ones the opportunity to enjoy a rural ambience.

Tax-deductible donations to support the project can be made through the WLCG website, www.woodendlifestylecarersgroup.org.au

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Charting family fortunes for 30 years



The Gisborne Genealogical Group celebrated its 30th birthday on Saturday May 22 in the Gisborne Library with a large gathering of past

and present members. The Group began in May 1991 as the 'Friends of the Gisborne Library Genealogical Group' so it was a fitting place to hold our celebration. Thanks go to the Gisborne Library staff for letting us share their space.

At our June meeting the group will be doing something a little different. We will screen one of the programs that was featured at the recent 'Family History Down Under' online conference. Dr Nick Barratt (English genealogist involved in the TV series of *Who Do You Think You Are?*) will present *The future of Family History*. It will no doubt raise many interesting questions for genealogists. The meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Thursday June 24 in the Masonic Lodge Hall, Gisborne.



Lyn Hall

Visitors are most welcome to attend for a \$2 donation. Supper will follow the screening.

The Gisborne Genealogical Group room, adjoining the Gisborne Library, is open for research each Thursday afternoon from 2pm to 5pm. Bookings are no longer required.

Lyn Hall



The cake is cut by Judith Cockbill, John Bourne and Heather Tumber, foundation members of the Friends of the Gisborne Library Genealogical Group in 1991.



Gisborne Freemasons have new leader

It was a night of celebration at the Gisborne Masonic Centre on Thursday May 13, as Miles Nelson was installed as the 100th Master of the Lodge. "It is both an honour and a privilege to be made the Master of Gisborne Lodge, especially in this, the centennial year of the Lodge" said Mr Nelson. "I am looking forward to continuing the good work and support the Lodge contributes to the Gisborne community."

Many in the Macedon Ranges may be familiar with Miles from the three years he spent working with Andrew Hall at Gisborne Power Products, the local outdoor/garden equipment business. Previously, Miles had forged a career in banking and finance in Australia and London. Calling upon that 15 years of banking experience, Miles has recently set about rebooting his finance career within the mortgage broking industry.

Miles and his wife Rayoni settled in Gisborne 11 years ago to raise their children, Holly, Alice and James. Wanting to build connections and be active in the community, Miles joined the Gisborne Lodge



Miles Nelson and his wife, Rayoni.

in 2014. "I really appreciate the friendships I have made through Lodge with genuinely good fellows. The great thing about Freemasonry is the friendly atmosphere amongst the members when we meet and the support given to each other outside of Lodge, as well."

Over the next 12 months there will be much activity as members make preparations for the centennial celebrations of Gisborne Lodge. "If you see me about town at the shops or at Dixon Field watching my children play soccer, please feel free to ask me what we are up to or just come up and say 'hello'," Miles added.

If you would like to know more about Gisborne Lodge and Freemasonry, please contact Miles on 0439 410 100 and he would be happy to answer your questions. You can also find Gisborne Masonic Lodge on Facebook.

Western Water reminds residents of merger

Western Water reminds customers that from July 1 the utility is joining with City West Water to form a new water corporation – Greater Western Water.

Recently, Maree Lang was appointed inaugural managing director of the new water corporation. Ms Lang is currently the managing director of City West Water and brings more than 23 years' experience to the role.

Western Water's Chief Operating Officer, Graham Holt, said customers should expect an easy transition to Greater Western Water.

"Customers will be able to pay their bills in all the same ways as they do now, and those with concession cards

will still receive discounted rates. Customers only need to note that future bills will be issued with the new GWW branding."

If customers want to find out more about the new water corporation before the integration, they can visit westernwater.com.au/GWW

From July 1, the new website will be up and running at gww.com.au

Western Water is also reminding customers to prevent a frozen meter this winter by covering their meters with a bucket, blanket or container. This helps prevent burst pipes or meters due to frost. Find out more at www.westernwater.com.au/frost



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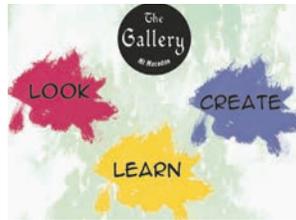
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The Gallery Mt Macedon is pleased to again have an Artists at Work exhibition at the Woodend Winter Arts Festival, which is on the long weekend, June 12 to 14.



The theme for this year's show is 'Make your Mark'. Visitors and children will be encouraged to 'stamp' their mark on the environment, creating cutouts of nature and wildlife.

Meanwhile, as in previous years, you are invited to Look, Learn, Create – **Look** at the quality work of our local arts collective, **Learn** how our members work by watching them demonstrate, and **Create** your own art piece if you wish.

Workshops are also offered each day: Saturday June 12 – 10.30am-12pm: Origami; 1.30-3pm: Paper Spheres. Sunday – 10.30am-12pm: Patchwork Place-mats; 1.30-3pm: Slow Stitching Textures. Monday – 10.30-12: Silk Baskets. Bookings and payment essential for these workshops. Email info@thegallerymount-macedon.com.au Tel 0419 009 030 or 0408 506 283.



Previous exhibitions have been popular.

Woodend Neighbourhood House
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10am to 4pm each day, June 12-14.
Official opening 11am Saturday.
Entry is free



CRESCENDO

A symphony of visual art is promised at the Macedon Ranges Art Trail exhibition, 'Crescendo', being held as part of the Woodend Winter Art Festival's main weekend of events. More than 40 regional participants including accomplished artists such as Helen Cottle, Lesley Rosochodski, William Ritchie, Shay Downer, Kathy Medbury, Deborah Mullins and Michelle Thompson, will exhibit new work for sale.

The exhibition will showcase paintings and drawings in all mediums, fine art photography, ceramics, textiles, basketry and jewellery.

'Crescendo' will be at the Woodend Tennis Club from Saturday, June 12, to Monday, June 14. Open 10am to 4pm daily with entry by donation.



Sunburst by Michelle Thompson will feature in the Crescendo exhibition.



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Macedon Ranges Music Collective lives again



Some years ago, the Macedon Ranges Music Collective was formed with the intention of promoting music in the area and raising money to support young and developing musicians. The general area of musical interest was in the jazz, blues and related areas, but not exclusively.

Regular gigs were held in various locations and the money raised was pooled and then given out as scholarships to students. These scholarships were enhanced by the generosity of the Bendigo Community Bank. The members of the collective found this most rewarding, and enjoyed giving the students an opportunity to perform with the group at the presentation gig.

Due to COVID-19, and the changed circumstances of crucial members of the group, there has been no activity for over a year. Consequently, an extraordinary general meeting was held recently to decide the future direction of the group. The result was overwhelming support for continuation of the group, including, where possible, support of developing young musicians and providing an opportunity for involvement of older new or 'returning' musicians.

Another aspect meeting general approval was to encourage diversity, with for example folk, Celtic, rock, soul, classic, world, or any other musical form branches being established.

The group was keen to promote this among the community by means of social media and the local press.

Dr Rod Guy, President, MRMCC



Rod Guy

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Luke Severn and happy Gisborne Singers after the Americana concert.

Singers thrilled to be back on stage

The Gisborne Singers were proud and excited to present their first concerts since November 2019 on Sunday May 23.

the Gisborne
Singers

Under the new leadership of the passionate and enthusiastic Luke Severn, the choir presented traditional and contemporary songs with an Americana theme. Anna Clarke, a master on the piano, and Daniel Tan, a violin virtuoso, backed the choir and also played instrumental pieces.

Complimentary feedback from the audience included: *...a professional performance of beautiful, melodic music in a well thought out program. It was good to see the choir singing different material and the voice matching produced a well-balanced sound.*

Emotions ran high at times, both with the choice of music and the sad memories of last year, with some patrons brought to tears.

Luke, the instrumentalists, the venue (Barcham Theatre at Gisborne Secondary College) and the college student helpers were all to be applauded...

The choir resumes rehearsals on June 9 in preparation for their winter Cabaret. Practice is held at Gisborne Uniting Church, 23 Brantome Street, on Wednesdays from 7.30pm to 10pm.



Violinist Daniel Tan, pianist Anna Clarke and choirmaster Luke Severn after the Singers' wonderful performance.

Always looking for new singers (especially tenors and basses), the choir is non-auditioned. Choral experience and the ability to read music are advantageous but not essential. Interested singers are welcome to try the choir out by attending a few practices. For further details please contact us at www.gisbornesingers.org.au

Alison Kinghorn

Stoneman Foundation sponsors Young Voices of Macedon



Amelia Clark sings jazz.

Young Voices of Macedon is the proud recipient of sponsorship from the SR Stoneman Foundation, based at Duneira, Mount Macedon.

This is in recognition of the choir's contribution to the community by way of choral music education and experience for children.

This term the choir is focused on preparation for our annual concert in September. We were also preparing to perform to residents at Bupa Aged Care Woodend on June 3. Unfortunately, because of the COVID lockdown, that performance will have to be rescheduled.

The Cantabile group is powering its way through the long and challenging *Captain*



Noah and his floating zoo cantata, enjoying the humour of both text and music. And the young Vivo group is excited to be part of the final song.

One of our Cantabile singers, Amelia Clark, recently performed as guest soloist at the concert *Django and Djules* at the Newham Community Centre. Accompanied by a professional jazz ensemble including her dad James on string bass, Amelia sang the song *Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday* with assurance and musicality.

On June 10, Young Voices will hold an Open Rehearsal, where visiting children will be able to take part in warmups, hear the choir sing and learn a new song.

Dianne Gome

Photographers battle the elements

Starry, starry night...

Most of us
rug up and
stay indoors



during these cold winter nights, however some people wait all year for the opportunity to get out in the middle of the night when skies are at their darkest.

The Milky Way season is upon us and there are many photographers who will now monitor the phases of the moon, study cloud cover percentages, and try to find the darkest places to spend a few hours.

Stan Mansas, member of the Macedon Ranges Photographic Society and keen night sky photographer, prepared a workshop for the group. Stan shared some of his images and discussed the techniques and strategies that he used to capture them. These images ranged from a spectacularly captured Milky Way over a scenic landscape, through to deep sky photography showing the Orion Nebula. Stan also brought along some specialised tracking equipment to show members.

After the presentation, the group had planned to head outside to attempt some night sky photography for themselves. Unfortunately though, the enemy of night sky photographers arrived in the form of thick cloud cover and drenching rain. Unperturbed, members set up their cameras and



A sample of night sky photography with the Milky Way. Photo: Stan Mansas

tested out some of the techniques and settings. No doubt this group will be rugging up and heading out again to try out their new skills very soon.

The club usually meets on the first Tuesday of the month, followed by the next Monday. Social chats start at 7pm with the meeting beginning at 7.30pm. Visitors welcome. Please visit www.macedon-ranges-photography.org.au.

Colleen Mahoney



Members work on their manual focus techniques. Photo: John Spring

Nothing crook about the 'Many Crooks' in here

The Mount View theatre finally opened its doors again on May 14 and welcomed in a full house of patrons for the opening of *Too Many Crooks!*

The radio play/comedy enjoyed a wonderful season and provided the perfect escape for everyone to step back in time and enjoy a laugh – just what we all needed after the year we've had.

Our next show, *Love Song*, is now



in rehearsal and will open in August. Lots more about that next month.

The Mount Players are delighted to report that they received \$4,400 in the autumn round of grants of the Bendigo Community Bank branch in Gisborne. This money will go towards upgrading the front steps.

A huge thank you to the bank which has already committed so much to the theatre and continue to support it. Thank you from the committee and membership.

Karen Hunt

Kyneton Town Hall shows

Please note these dates were current as of May 30. Please check with venue whether there are any changes due to COVID situation.

A Taste of Ireland—Irish Music & Dance

Sunday, June 13, 7:30pm to 9:10pm
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lighting during the performance.

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I have A Face: Jude Perl

Friday June 18, 8pm to 8:55pm, Kyneton Town Hall

An honest and hilarious show that uses humour and song to discuss mental health, with a theatrical twist. Jude Perl's insight into her personal and relatable mental health struggles of being an adult will make you want to sing along, cry and laugh all at once. Cost Full \$28, Seniors \$25, Concession \$20, Groups 8+ \$20, Student \$10. Tickets: obtain as for above show.



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Birth doco back on this month

Birth Time: This documentary follows three women on a mission to find out why an increasing number of women are emerging from their births physically and emotionally traumatised. The film shines a light on what's happening in our maternity system and seeks answers as to how change can be effected for all women.

Birth Time aims to educate women about different maternity services that are available to them including new and evolving midwifery models of care.

A screening due last month was postponed due to issues with the technology at Baringo not being compatible with the requirements of Demand Films. The screening is now planned for June 8 at Readings, Sunbury, at 7pm. All bookings need to be made at <https://tickets.demand.film/event/10856>



BETTY'S BOOP

With Betty Doolan

Anzac Day was a solemn day at the hostel. The walls were covered with quilts made with beautiful poppies on them. A big thank you to the Quilt Group for giving the quilts to the residents.

Then there was the sound of the bagpipes as a piper walked up and down the corridors, and outside in the courtyard was Brian Austen's grandson, an army officer, mounted on a beautiful horse. He was in full army uniform down to the slouch hat with side feathers.

The horse stood in the doorway and residents were able to pat the horse. Thank you to this lovely soldier on his horse and the piper, also in full uniform.

This year our service was different; residents read beautiful poems and when the Last Post was played, residents laid a lovely wreath and then there was a minute's silence. The service finished with the national anthem. May the souls of the soldiers who fought bravely rest in peace, from The Oaks aged care home.

Mother's Day to me is a family day, and I got loads of phone calls. In the morning I headed for Gary and Maureen's place. We had a lovely lunch, with lots of talk (I am so good at that). Thanks to management, all the mums received a nice roll-on perfume.

Memorial services were held in our home for the residents who had passed away during the year. This is a beautiful service where family speak about their loved one and a small daisy is dropped into a large bowl of water.

Thank you to all those concerned for making this a beautiful service.

Residents were happy to see the kindy kids back again, it was good to hear the laughter coming from the courtyard.

Stay safe,

Betty

Health Talk COVID vaccination with Dr Umair Masood



We are in the grip of another lockdown as I write, due to the coronavirus pandemic. It is the Indian mutation of the COVID-19 virus, known as B.1.617.1, which has been identified as the cause of the exploding cluster in Melbourne.

This mutation seems to be particularly infective. It causes at least double the infection rate of the initial wave of this virus when it came out of Wuhan in China.

Vaccines available

The biggest difference with regards to the pandemic now is the fact that we do have effective vaccines that can help. Australia currently has stocks of both the AstraZeneca and the Pfizer vaccines.

The AstraZeneca vaccine is available through most GP clinics and state vaccination hubs. The Pfizer vaccine is only available to the 40-49 age group and others who are eligible under phase 1a at state vaccination hubs. The government has advised that the Pfizer vaccinations will be also available at GP clinics towards the end of the year, but a date has not been confirmed for this.

At the time of going to press, 1,066,368 Victorians had been vaccinated. Whilst there are a lot of people lining up to get vaccinated, there are also people who are hesitant to have the vaccine. It is quite easy to be critical of people who do not want to have the vaccination done. However, it would be more prudent to understand why they are hesitant.

One of the main reasons that people are hesitant is the risk of side effects. The potential issue regarding clotting and the AstraZeneca vaccine is talked about heavily in the media. Although there is a risk with regards to clotting, it needs to be taken in context. Of the first 1.1 million people who had the AstraZeneca vaccine in Australia, 11 developed clotting-related issues, which is essentially 0.001%.

We have also become more adept at identifying and treating these clots now.

The public health messaging has been slightly confusing at the start of the vaccination rollout, which caused a lot of people to sit on the fence. Currently, the government suggests that anyone over 50 years of age should be getting the AstraZeneca vaccine. The government has also advised now that anyone in the age bracket of 40-49 years can get the Pfizer vaccination.

Australia's relative isolation with regards to community transmission has also led to complacency with a lot of people about getting vaccinated. The recent outbreak has shown that we are not immune to having the pandemic affect us.

Vaccination is the most effective way to protect against COVID. It strengthens your immune system by training it to recognise and fight against the virus. When enough people in the community are vaccinated, it will slow down the spread of disease.

Achieving herd immunity requires a large proportion of the population to be vaccinated.

A lot of our public health practices will stay in place until there is good evidence to show that vaccination prevents transmission and we have achieved herd immunity.

When most of the population is vaccinated, outbreaks are much less likely. It also reduces the need for preventive measures such as border closures and travel restrictions. In addition it will reduce the health, social and economic impact that the pandemic has had on all our lives.

Having the COVID vaccination will not always prevent you from having the infection itself. However, there is good evidence to suggest that even if you do get COVID, if you have had the COVID vaccine, in most cases you will not need hospital admission.

Friends can be found in unexpected places



Have you heard of federal parliamentary friends groups? These are non-partisan forums for MPs of all persuasions to focus on their passion, not their politics.

There are over a hundred such groups with a range of common interests including the Antarctic, arts and culture, dementia, Landcare, LGBTQI, organ donation, palliative care, suicide prevention, the Red Cross and, most important to us, Men's Sheds.

The aim of the parliamentary Friends of Men's Sheds Group is to promote social inclusion and education among men in every local community and to liaise with the Australian Men's Shed Association.

Our local federal MP, Rob Mitchell, is co-chair of the Sheds group along with Ted O'Brien, LNP Qld. We invited Rob to a recent Shed breakfast and took the opportunity to lobby him about what we think Men's Sheds need. We don't mind what side of politics our local MP belongs to, as long as they do their bit to ensure grant funding keeps coming!



Shedmen (from left:) Doug, Terry (hiding) and Tony with the federal member for McEwen, Rob Mitchell.

Some of our Shedmen don't bother to conceal their political allegiances. If you're a bloke with a bit of spare time, pop in any Monday or Thursday morning at 10 Lyell Street for a cuppa and see if you can identify the left and right leaners.



GOLD FEVER

An edited extract from
 the chapter 'Gold' in
*Cassell's Picturesque
 Australasia 1889.*

Edited by Phyllis Boyd

Along the banks of the creeks and water-worn gullies, the prospectors first sought gold, for the two sorts of gold mining, alluvial and quartz, alluvial the one first in vogue being the easiest and requiring little or no technical knowledge.

The newest 'chum' could trace the bed of a dry creek above ground. Equally easily recognised was the bedrock, though it could be a hundred feet below the surface, while the water-worn gravel and sand which the 'diggers' washed for gold and consequently termed as wash-dirt, was nothing but the bed of an ancient creek, which in earlier times had carried the gold down from its home in the nearby quartz hills.

Having found what they sought, the natural desire of the diggers was to keep this news to themselves, but this was almost impossible, as it began to be whispered that someone's party had struck gold in paying quantities at a specific place, and within a few days, hundreds or even thousands of men had rushed the creek which a few days before, the little party of prospectors had called their own.

A 'rush' on the early goldfields was like nothing else in the world. One day a picturesque gully, the wild, dense bush untouched by man, and the next, a place thronging with busy life. Rushes varied in size sometimes consisting of only a few hundred men, while at others there were thousands in the field. The newcomers on their arrival, hastened to 'peg out' their 'claims' in what appeared to them to be the most desirable spots, or took gratefully what area the first comers had left available to them.

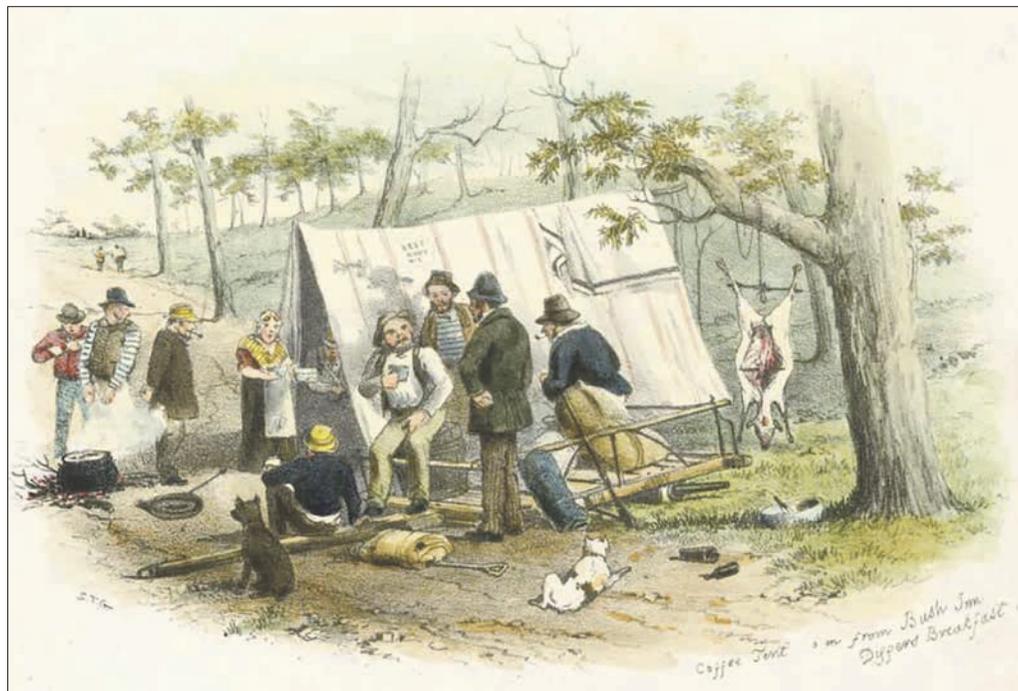
The ring of the axe was heard, the great forest trees fell before strong and

sinewy arms that had learned to wield the axe in the forests of California and elsewhere. For miles around, the land was denuded of timber as tent poles, firewood and timber for the new claim were an absolute priority.

Immediate shelter was a necessity from the biting winds and driving rains south of the Dividing Range. As if by magic, a large canvas and bark township had sprung into existence. A somewhat ramshackle and tumble-down township, for each man was in great haste to be rich and gave scant thought to his personal comfort.

The aim of all was to have a dwelling as close as possible to their claim. This of course was not possible where the ground was rich and where the claims lay close together, so accordingly, there sprang up long, irregular lines of huts and tents, the latter being the simplest to provide, although bark and slab huts were not uncommon.

Uniformity there was none: each man built his own dwelling according to his own needs. Here was a frail bark hut, into which the cold wind must have whistled through the holes and crannies; there a neat white tent, the property of some 'new chum' who had been fortunate to get it safely up to this



ST Gill's 'Coffee Tent 6m from Bush Inn [Gisborne]', 1852, thought to depict a coffee tent near Aitken's Gap run by John Lock, a Couangalt farmer.

part of the country. In marked contrast might be a tent next door – simply a piece of tattered canvas, so old, ragged and brown that it was surprising that it still held together and then farther down the embryo street might be seen a neat hut built of slabs, with a weather-proof bark roof, the property of an old experienced bushman.

Inside these dwellings, very little furniture was to be seen. The floors were of bare earth and a standing bed or bunk was generally considered a necessity, but there was little else of comfort although occasionally a rough wooden table and shelves could be seen. Boxes and flour barrels served as seats, while the early digger's most important possessions were his mining implements, his blankets, tin billy and his frying pan. The digger was usually attired in a blue or red flannel shirt, moleskin trousers tucked in his high boots, a slouch hat, while at his waist were both a pistol and a knife, without which weapons of defence and offence, no man was seen.

In the middle of the camp was the inevitable grog shanty and general store, a place where anything could be bought, from a needle to a sheet

anchor, from a tent to the chamois leather bag in which the digger carried his gold. The shanty owner had found that in the sale of poor quality liquor at an exorbitant price, he had a surer road to wealth than many of the gold miners in the colony.

"Man must drink" might have been written of the early digger and if he can't drink good liquor, he will drink bad, and if that even fails him, he will console himself with Worcester sauce or Friar's Balsam.

The grog shanty usually consisted of a large tent with a counter down the middle, the stock in trade and the publican on one side and the customers on the other. This scene was, especially in the evenings, crowded with men drinking, fighting, quarrelling, playing cards, exchanging their hard-earned

gold for what they considered the necessities of life, one and all aiding the publican to pile up for himself a snug fortune. If the rush was of large proportions, there were often three or four of these stores or shanties and because of the often impassable state of the roads and the high prices paid for both the products and cartage, to set them up required a large capital outlay, so this practically forbade much competition between proprietors.

Of our early district arrivals, many had tried their luck relating to gold before settling to agricultural and business pursuits.

Some of these included John Lock who set up his Coffee Shop south of Gisborne to catch the passing traffic as it headed to and from the diggings, William Watson whose success made it possible for him to purchase three teams of horses and deliver goods to the gold fields, later to build the first hotel at Mount Macedon, James Nichols whose success enabled him to build a substantial hotel and brickworks in Macedon and Edward Cherry whose luck at the diggings allowed him to set up his successful Cherry & Son business in Gisborne in 1858.



Hello all,
What an eventful time it has been since my previous column.

April saw us remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice and although ceremonies and marches were curtailed this year, I do hope we can return to the Mount next year. Lest we forget.

Councillors recently endorsed two key strategic Council documents to go out to the community for public consultation – the Draft Annual Budget 2021-22, and Draft Revenue and Rating Plan 2021-2025. I'm pleased to write that the draft budget includes (among other things): Funding to begin scoping of an upgrade to the Gisborne Skate Park, \$5.2 million for the Macedon Ranges Regional Sports Precinct, and \$98,000 for new entrance landscaping for Gisborne Botanic Gardens.

Your budget feedback is important and I encourage everyone to provide any feedback via email or online via the Council website.

I had the pleasure of attending the official opening of the clubhouse at IR Robertson Reserve on May 15. Unfortunately, termites forced the closure of the old club rooms back in 2015. The new clubhouse provides functional space for various user groups including the Gisborne Pony Club, Gisborne & District Adult Riding Club, and others. It was heart-warm-



COUNCILLOR'S COLUMN

With Cr Dominic Bonanno

ing to see all the kids (and big kids!) with smiles on their faces.

Projects such as the clubhouse are sponsored in part by Community Bank Gisborne & District, and attending their Autumn 2021 Community Investment Evening opened my eyes as to how much this wonderful organisation and its volunteers contribute to our community; thank you.

Speaking of volunteers, it would be remiss of me not to mention National Volunteer Week (17-23 May). To all our wonderful volunteers across the shire, a big thank you from me and your community. The time and effort you contribute to help others, our flora and fauna is both amazing and inspiring. There is something truly special about being around like-minded community members working together towards a common goal.

As always, I encourage you to engage with your council and councillors. For operational issues, please call 5422 0333 or email mrsc@mrsc.vic.gov.au. You can contact me on 0419 829 867, at dbonanno@mrsc.vic.gov.au or via [facebook.com/domformacedonranges](https://www.facebook.com/domformacedonranges)

New CEO welcomed

On May 10 Bernie O'Sullivan officially started as Chief Executive Officer of Macedon Ranges Shire Council.

Councillors and council staff welcomed Bernie at a smoking ceremony performed by Wurundjeri elder Uncle Bill Nicholson at the Gisborne council offices.

"I look forward to working with councillors, staff and the Macedon Ranges community to deliver outcomes that our community can be proud of and enjoy into the future," Bernie said.

Bernie was previously director of strategy and growth at the City of Greater Bendigo. Prior to that he was Acting CEO at the Institute of Public Administration Australia (Vic) and worked as deputy secretary, regional



Part of the smoking ceremony held to welcome the new CEO, unfortunately inconvenienced by rain.

services, for the state Departments of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP), and Environment and Primary Industries. He also worked in leadership roles in Sydney and Canberra for 15 years in policy, management and advocacy.

Council joins emission-reduction power group

Macedon Ranges Shire Council is one of 46 Victorian councils to sign on to VECO, the Victorian Energy Collaboration, the largest-ever emission reduction project by local government in Australia.

VECO will provide 45 per cent of all Victorian councils' electricity requirements with 100 per cent renewables. The clean power supplied to the Macedon Ranges, provided by

the company Red Energy, will be equivalent to powering 620 houses with renewable energy, or taking 1,170 cars off the road each year.

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For dogs, they are just getting started in this range, and are attuned to the high-pitched sounds of tiny squeaky animals

such as small rodents. Their sensitivity to soft sounds in the low frequencies also means they hear noises in the negative decibel range; as such, hidden from human ears.



Dogs may detect variations in the whirl of a distant car engine – this gives them the uncanny sense of knowing whether a stranger or a familiar friend is approaching, long before we are aware of it.

It is their acute hearing which also gives them the apparent capacity to predict weather events such as the seismic activity preceding earthquakes, or the gentle rumblings of an oncoming storm too soft for us to hear.

Gisborne Golf Club ladies lunch for a cause

Thank you to the fabulous Ladies Committee from the Gisborne Golf Club for their very generous



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donation of \$2500 to the Gisborne Foodbank.

The Gisborne Golf Club Gala Day, held in March, began with a morning of golf concluding with lunch and presentation of prizes.

This year, the Gisborne Foodbank was very fortunate to be the recipient of funds raised on the day. Jenny Barnes, president of Gisborne Foodbank, was invited to speak to the lunch guests about how the Foodbank started and about the work we are doing in the Macedon Ranges community to help those in need put food on the table each week.



Golf Club Ladies Committee members (from left) Jenny Malberg, Maryanne O'Connell and Louise Le Lievre (far right) with Lara, Gisborne Foodbank manager.

We are very grateful for the support of the Gisborne Golf Club and the many other local businesses and community groups who donate funds and food to keep our shelves full.

The Gisborne Foodbank is open on Wednesdays and Fridays from 10am to 3pm. If you need assistance putting

food on the table, please contact the Gisborne Foodbank on mobile 0492 850 520, drop in on Wednesday or Friday, message us via our Facebook page (@GisborneFoodbank), or visit our website (www.gisbornefoodbank.org.au).

Julie Ireland

Dipper Diaries



This morning, Girl fingers, Boy fingers and Screen fingers went to school, and Mama/Walk fingers opened the door to let me back inside. I didn't have breakfast, so feeling rather hungry I decided to investigate upstairs.

Sniff, sniff, what's that? That smell, it smells like veggie pellets! I was in search of meat but it'd have to do.

I bounded to the bathroom and found the pellets. Just as I was finishing off the last ones, I heard a sound behind me. Oops. I turned around and found myself face to face with Boinkie, the family cat. Me and Boinkie are frenemies; she can be nice sometimes but other times she's really annoying (most of the time).

'Dipper' hissed Boinkie, 'you promised not to eat my food, the humans pay a lot of money for that!' Boinkie thinks that the finger family are called humans, she's so simple minded.

'Sorry, I actu--', but before I finished speaking, my ears picked up a sound downstairs and I ran down.

Boinkie was probably going to roll her eyes and lie in the sun as usual.

When I got downstairs I jumped up on the couch – I could see my playdate van with all my puppy friends and my playdate person. She collected me, and I waved goodbye to Mama and happily jumped into the van.

I am so excited – I love my playdates!

Dipper



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JUNIOR QUIZ

- 1 What is the longest river in the world?
- 2 What are the Wright brothers famous for inventing?
- 3 What is the second-smallest state in size in Australia?
- 4 James Bond has what number after his name?
- 5 Who formulated the theory of relativity?
- 6 Who wrote *Oliver Twist*?
- 7 Coco Pops are made from which grain?
- 8 The constellation Crux is also known as the Southern what?
- 9 In the Star Wars universe, Jedi knights traditionally use which weapon?
- 10 Which letter is the Roman numeral for 'one thousand'?

Answers page 39

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June Gazette layout team

This group of grade six students from Holy Cross Primary School helped lay out this edition. When asked which role they would most like to have on a newspaper, the vast majority said photographer, so we hope they like this photo. Pictured (L-R) are Kieran, Ben, Mia, Tayla, Addi, Elena and Charlotte.

JOKES

Last night I dreamed I was eating a giant marshmallow. When I woke up this morning I couldn't find my pillow.

What did the optimist say when he fell from the top of a skyscraper and passed the 20th floor?
So far, so good.

What is a myth?
A female moth.

Why don't centipedes play footy?
By the time they get their boots on the game is over.

JOKES

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Did you hear about the man who ran a successful flea circus? He started it from scratch.

How did the tap dancer hurt himself?
He fell into the sink.

Dad, there's a man at the door with a bill.
Don't be stupid, son, it must be a duck with a hat on.

Doctor, doctor, I'm having terrible trouble getting to sleep! Well, lie right on the edge of your bed and you'll soon drop off.

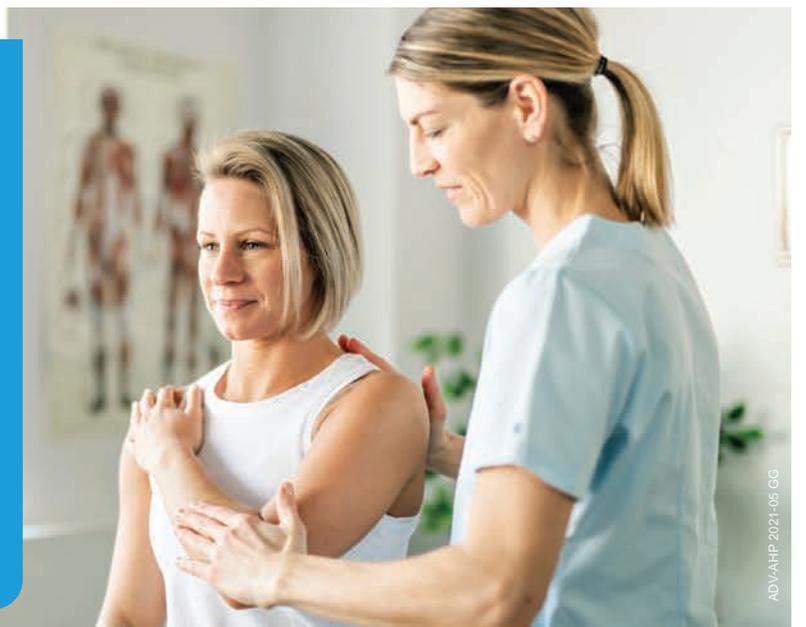
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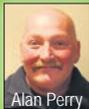
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Honouring first Australians at Macedon Primary

Term 2 at Macedon Primary School has been an awesome discovery into the first peoples of Australia. We focused on the importance of our indigenous heritage and how we are incorporating this learning into our everyday life.

Some of the shared understandings we are exploring are:

History is based on perspectives

The connection of indigenous peoples to time and place is important and relevant

Building a perspective of what the history of Indigenous Australia is in our current time and place.

We are using visualising and questioning to increase our deep learning, with connections to the Wurundjeri community and the rest of Australia. Some Indigenous people we have been studying are Charles Perkins, Neville Bonner, Cathy Freeman, Nova Peris and Jessica Mauboy.

Levi Enge and Noah Rocard, Year 6



Learning about our indigenous heritage.

...And Macedon enjoys athletics



It was a beautiful autumn day for our House Athletics on April 28. Everyone looked great dressed up in their house colours as we arrived at Dixon Field. The students participated in seven events: 100m sprint, hurdles, 800m run, long jump, triple jump, shot put and discus.

Everyone participated so well for their house and made an effort to achieve their best. Mitchell house won the day and about 30 students will go through to our district athletics event in August.

Thanks very much to all the parents who came along to assist on the day – we can't run these events without your amazing help. Thanks also to the teachers and staff who made the day run so smoothly and successfully.

David Oxworth



A beautiful day for running and jumping



Freya Dodd flies at the long jump.

Swimming skills and why they're so important



Who doesn't like playing in the pool? Splashing around in the water, playing with your family, that's great fun! Same thing with the beach!

But not knowing how to swim, and getting swept away? Or getting lost in the water? Not fun. If you don't know how to swim, then going too far out in the water can be fatal.

That's why, at Mt Macedon Primary School, we're having some swimming lessons. Not only are we taught how to swim, we get to have fun!



We all have different instructors for our level, and we practise dives, strokes (freestyle, backstroke etc) techniques (like dolphin kick and survival backstroke), and safe entries, as well as using flippers.

Also, we students are sorted into groups according to how good at swimming we are, so we're not left behind. We get sorted and adjusted to fit in at the start, so we all learn the same things at the right time for us. At the end of our swimming training, we get a giant, slippery inflatable obstacle course! We go in pairs and try to race to see who can get to the end first.

We have these lessons once a year, for two weeks. It's about improving our skills, keeping us safe and helping us to build our confidence in and around the water.

Ryan McClurkin

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Footy fever hits Gisborne Primary



Gisborne Primary and other schools from the Macedon Ranges all competed in the district football at Dixon Field on May 10. The Gisborne Primary girls' football team excitedly won all of their games. Congratulations to all the schools for their efforts. Gisborne girls will now be going to the Division competition, which the team is thrilled about.

Also, at Sankey and Gardiner Reserves, all the boys' football teams in the Macedon Ranges played in their competition. The Gisborne boys also won their grand final. After the games we had a presentation for all the teams who played. The day finished with a longest kick competition. Ellie and Kyan represented our school, with Ellie winning the girls' longest kick.

A big thank you to our teachers for coaching and our amazing parent helpers. We had an awesome day!

Alana Dickins, Year 5 Writers' Club

Teacher always in our hearts ► Page 25

Holy Cross WOW Day for SES



Mishayla Butcher and Harry Dryden of Holy Cross Primary say thank you to the SES on WOW (Wear Orange Wednesday) Day.



Zac and Sienna give their mum Stefanie a big hug for Mother's Day.



Ed Xiao gets a hug from mum Katie.



Jameson, Finnan and Isabella all enjoyed breakfast with their mum.



Massimo and his mum Natlie Guidotti.

Mums welcomed back to Holy Cross

It was so lovely to see our students bringing their mums and grandmothers to school for an outdoor Mother's Day breakfast on a beautiful autumn morning in the Macedon Ranges. We were so lucky to have perfect weather to celebrate all the mums in our lives.



After a year of finding new ways to connect with our school community it was wonderful to see so many reconnecting at school in person!

Some wonderful dads came to school when it was still dark to start cooking so that our mums could have an early breakfast with their children. We even had some amazing mums who helped with the set up and on the day to make it such a beautiful experience.

There were many smiles and lots of conversation and of course an early play on the playground.

A big thank you to our PFA who put on the breakfast for our mums and kids and to the lovely ladies who made coffees for everyone. We are so blessed to have such a wonderful school community.

Kellie McDonald



Marciano and his mum Liza.



The Middlemast family were all up early for breakfast, especially dad Daniel who was cooking for everyone!



Shane Dickson, Sam Corso and Daniel Middlemast on the barbecue.

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St Brigid's super athletes



On Monday May 10, the year five and six students went down to Gardiner Reserve and Dixon Field to compete in interschool footy with the help of some year four students.



Summer

We walked down in the morning and when we got there we set up our stuff. We then warmed up to get ready for the day. Everyone had a great time and both the girls' and boys' teams did an amazing job. It was a very successful day.

Congratulations to the boys who came third and the girls who came fifth overall.



Abi

Earlier, on April 30, the whole school walked down to Dixon Field for the annual athletics carnival.

There were activities throughout the day including shot put, triple jump, long jump and many races. The races were 100m, 200m, 800m, 1500m and a year six versus teacher relay.

In the middle of the oval, there were novelty activities



St Brigid's boys' interschool footy team.

which anyone could do. The games, races, and in between games were really fun. Everyone had a blast! In the end, the winners were Brigid house.

Abi Phegan and Summer Busby

Teacher always in our hearts



Devastatingly, one of Gisborne Primary School's beloved teachers passed away on April 24. Jo Goodwin (Mrs Goodwin) provided GPS with 23 years of teaching service. She will be deeply missed and remembered as a kind, funny and truly respectful teacher.



Mrs Jo Goodwin

On April 30, all of Gisborne Primary School remembered her by wearing a touch of purple. Mrs Goodwin LOVED the colour purple!

Everyone wrote lovely messages on purple paper butterflies to pay their respects. These butterflies, each holding a cherished memory, were then displayed at her wake.

Many parts of the community were aware of her passing and paid their respects in different sorts of ways. The Rebels Netball Club thought of a sweet idea, with each player wearing a hint of purple to remember Mrs Goodwin as the amazing person she was.

We live in such a thoughtful town and were fortunate enough to receive flowers from the other schools in the community. Thank you for all your love and support to help us through this hard time.

Addi and Ruby, Year 6 Writers' Club



Maggie Hunter and Claire Oliver in purple on April 30.

Chicks delight at New Gisborne Primary



Lewis and Poppy with two of the chicks.



New Gisborne has had some fluffy visitors staying with us. However, they didn't start out that fluffy. Year 2 students watched them hatch from eggs and cared for them in their classrooms.

They named the chickens Cookie, Glory, Disco, Marshmallow, Speckles, Bob and Splash. Our Year 2 Reporter, Benjamin, documented the experience.

"Hatching Day: When we arrived at school today four chicks had hatched. Three were huddled under the light in the brood box. One had just hatched in the incubator. It was tired and weak, it tried to stand up but it kept falling down.



Benjamin

"Growing Chicks: The chicks are one week old. There are three females and six males. They have now lost their egg tooth and have bigger combs. In the brood box I see them snatch all the food and I can see they drink a lot more! I can see them spy on us while we work. When I had a chick I was scared it would poop or pee on me and I had to cover its wings or it would escape."

Benjamin Richards



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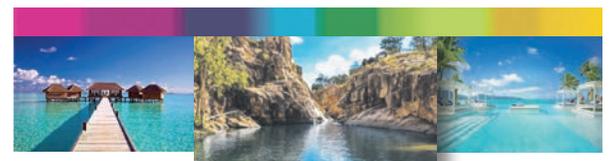
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Help Project Ready start its new social enterprise



Project Ready is a hands-on work readiness and personal development program that is running with a range of young people in Years 10 and

11 from Gisborne Secondary College. It operates one day a week out of the Parish Centre at St Paul's Anglican Church, Gisborne.

At the end of this year, students will gain a Certificate II in Active Volunteering and will have developed a range of life and work skills. This program is supported by wonderful volunteers and a trained facilitator.

As a group we are looking to start our first social enterprise, Planting Shoes – Plants, Pots and Art, providing our community with quality access to plants, arts and pots with a difference.

The profits from sales will go towards cooking for local community members, buying Weetbix for Edgar's Mission, and providing free plants for our local community.

We are looking for your support to get us started. We need donations of quality art supplies, plants, gardening equipment, recyclable containers and anything else that could support our project.

Our goods will be sold at the Anglicare Fair coming up at the end of the year and via outlets to be named.

Your help and support will provide opportunities



Will and Nathan are keen to garden in the new enterprise.

for these young people that they would not get without your help!

For collection, please contact Allie at Alexandramaryclare@gmail.com or Kim at kim.porter@yahoo.com.au

We thank you for your support.

Project Ready team, Gisborne



Working on a logo for the enterprise.



CAPTAINS' RAP

with Hamish Nicoll

Hi all,

It has been a busy couple of weeks to begin Term 2. Many of the students are back into the swing of school routine, with Year 12s already sitting their first and second outcomes for term. VCAL program students are working towards helping the homeless on their excursions to the city, Year 10 students have had a taste of life in the workforce with their week away on work experience and the Year 9s have been away on their city camp as part of the RAID program.



Hamish Nicoll

GSC had teams competing in inter-school footy, with both intermediate boys and girls winning their games and progressing to the next round. Unfortunately for both the juniors and seniors, the results didn't go their way.

The Year 12s and 11s have also danced in their Debutante Ball. For many of the Year 12s it was a chance to make up for the postponement of last year's ball and it was a great experience for all who participated in the fantastic event.

Furthermore, five GSC students as well as one member of staff took part in the World's Greatest Shave. They all shaved their heads in support of blood cancer research and the school managed to raise over its target of \$3000 for the Leukemia Foundation.

Hamish Nicoll

The man leading change – Elon Musk

Elon Musk. Who is he? Elon Musk is a world-renowned billionaire who is the CEO of Tesla and SpaceX. But how did he get to where he is? Keep reading to find out.

Elon Musk was born in 1971 in Pretoria, South Africa. His family was not particularly wealthy or anything like that. He is the oldest of three. His brother, Kimbal, went on to become a chef, and his sister Tosca became a filmmaker, both in South Africa.

The beginning

Elon had started studying coding and scripting when he was 12. He made his first game in the same year which he sold to another company for \$500. His career was set up from there. In 1995 Elon Musk created the company Zip2 and profited largely. Zip2 provided business directories and maps to journalists and newspapers.

He was studying physics at the University of Philadelphia at the time and had two choices. Pursue his career on the internet, or finish his degree in



YOUNG BEAT

with Asher Kroon

physics. Elon chose to leave university.

Musk ran Zip2 until 1997 when a company called Compaq offered to buy it for \$307,000,000 (307 million) US dollars. That converts to roughly \$395 million Australian dollars. He made the deal and became a millionaire. After his instant hit with Zip2, he decided to start another company called X.com. The URL was quite literally www.X.com.

X.com later became PayPal. eBay offered to buy X.com for \$US1.5 billion which is 1,933,200,000 Australian dollars. At this point, Musk was basically set up for life and could have laid back and enjoyed his money, but he didn't. In 2002, Elon Musk launched Space Exploration technologies, better known as SpaceX. He started creating rockets and launching them into space.

Nowadays, he is working on a mission to Mars by 2025. The plan is to build a rocket called the "Starship" which can house a crew of people, and get them to Mars safely.

These people will go on to set up a habitat using the rocket's resources and so on. If you are ever on Youtube, you can check out the SpaceX YouTube channel. They will often livestream their rockets getting launched into space and you can see the whole of Earth in real time! It's pretty cool.

Electric cars

In 2004, Elon Musk was elected to the Tesla Motors board of directors as a chairperson. He was particularly interested in electric cars and wanted to become the CEO of Tesla. He proposed a deal to them. He would buy the company for \$US244 million. This 244 million wasn't a lot for



Sky's not the limit for Elon Musk.

him, considering he had a good couple of billion dollars by now. The CEO had hesitated before finally accepting the deal.

Elon wasn't very happy with Tesla's current plans. They wanted to make a high-speed rail system, but that was discontinued. He introduced a new program called Hyperloop. It was designed to be a train line that is entirely electric and can get passengers from Los Angeles to San Francisco in 35 minutes. Keep in mind, those two cities are 615 kilometres away from each other!

The Hyperloop is yet to be made and it isn't expected to be properly launched until 2030 as Elon Musk has been quite busy preparing a mission to Mars.

This is just a short history of Elon Musk and his life. He has achieved a lot for not only himself, but humanity all together. I quite like how Elon Musk is very environmentally friendly and energy-conserving by powering most of his rockets with hydrogen and the Tesla cars by electricity.



FOR THE GREEN THUMBS

What is cultural burning?

Cultural burns have been taking place around the Macedon Ranges recently and are likely to become more frequent.

Cultural burning, also known as cool burning, is a traditional indigenous fire management practice in which cool and quick burns are applied. These low-intensity fires are carried out in small, predetermined sections and kept low to the ground.

They have several benefits including: They save flora and fauna – animals, including beetles and ant colonies, have enough time to escape. Young trees can survive and the fire keeps grass seeds intact for regrowth. The heat, which is much cooler than a hazard reduction burn, doesn't ignite the oil in a tree's bark;

They are self-extinguishing – the fire goes out by itself straight after it burns each patch of grass;

They avoid chemical weed killers – introduced species, for example grasses, can be removed with fire instead of chemicals.

Cultural burning is tightly connected to caring for country. It is applied more frequently than hazard reduction burning and is very labour intensive.

Cultural burns are used for cultural purposes and



Cultural burn trickling through Daly Nature Reserve.

not simply for asset protection. They protect Aboriginal sites and clear access to country for cultural uses (e.g. hunting, access to fish traps, ceremony grounds). Aboriginal control of preparation and implementation is essential.

A cultural burn was carried out at Daly Nature Reserve in Gisborne in April, and another near Macedon during May.

Cultural burn at Daly Reserve a special experience



It was a pleasure to share the experience of a cultural

burn carried out in the open area of Daly Nature Reserve. The Wurundjeri Narrap Rangers, Land, Water and Natural Resource Management team awaited perfect weather conditions which occurred on April 30.

The purpose of the burn was to demonstrate how, in a cool cultural burn, introduced weeds can be better managed while native grasses and plants are rejuvenated. Following the burn, you could see that parts of native grasses were burned but stalks and seeds lay safely on top of the ash. The trickling motion of the fire, in a pre-determined area, gave insects, lizards and spiders time to escape to safety. Kookaburras were quick to pick off a few mice seen leaving the burn site.

After only two weeks the poa grass had new green shoots. Thank you to the council's Bush Reserves officer, Martin Roberts, for organising this event and the Narrap team for a successful and much-appreciated cultural burn.

We also conducted nature walks for very enthusiastic grade 3 students of Gisborne Primary School.

Next working bee Tuesday June 8, 9.30am
Enquiries: dalynaturereserve@gmail.com

Irene Perkin

First garden visit in ... too long

For our first visit in over a year to a member's garden, on May 12, a particularly pleasant autumn day, we enjoyed the company of 50 members and visitors at a very well cared-for garden in New Gisborne.



Developed over 20 years, a comprehensive selection of trees, shrubs and perennials provided great variety, interest and discussion.

The front garden, featuring, in the main, varieties of native plants, had extended to include a large portion of the verge thus allowing the residence to nestle almost unseen from passing traffic.

Beyond the home, in the back section of the block, a substantial veggie garden and several fruit trees completed the picture.

At this meeting the club celebrated its 33rd

birthday, so it must be said that we owe a debt of gratitude to those five or six ladies back in 1987 who envisaged the possibility of a group meeting to share plants, garden ideas and, inevitably, friendship.

The committee has set a program for the rest of the year which will be forwarded via email or hard copy where necessary. If any member has not received a program, please contact one of the committee members as it has come to our attention over recent months that some email addresses are no longer relevant. If the return of COVID necessitates changes, members will be notified.

Garden Club meetings are held at various venues on the second Wednesday of the month. Our next meeting will again be in Gisborne on June 9.

Kerry Langmaid



The beauty of nature

But remember: look, don't touch.



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Activities galore at 1st Gisborne Scouts



1st Gisborne Scouts construct flagpoles.



Joey Scouts learn about bees and pollinators.

1st Gisborne Scouts have been busy having fun and lots of adventures. The Cub Scouts joined over 4700 cubs, leaders and helpers at the New Horizons CuboreeX at Gilwell Park in April.



Over a period of five days, the Cubs had a fabulous time in the great outdoors participating in a range of activities that included getting very muddy and enjoying the entertainment at the campfire circle each evening. Lots of memories to be treasured forever.

Meanwhile, Ross Watt Scouts participated in the state school Rogaining event at Linton. For many of the Scouts it was their first time at Rogaining and both patrols performed admirably. Back at the Scout Hall, the Scouts have been busy brushing up on their knots and lashings to build a five-metre flagpole, chariot and bench.

The Joey Scouts started the term with an evening learning about Anzac Day and listening to the *Last Post* during a minute's silence (first time they have been silent for so long!) They enjoyed a Saturday outing to the Wombat Forest to learn about our changing environment and plant seeds to grow at home.

One of the leaders brought her bee-keeping equipment in for 'show and tell' – and the Joeyes learnt how important bees are in the production of food and got to taste their delicious honey.

The Joeyes are really looking forward to their first sleep-over for the year at the Scout Hall at the end of May; the theme is 'Bushcraft and Astronomy'.

Carolyn Goode (Assistant Joey Leader)



1st Gisborne Scouts at the Rogaining event.

Queen's Scouts awarded

Congratulations to 1st Gisborne Scouts Alison Stockdale and Sarah McRae received their Queen's Scouts awards on May 8. Well done on achieving the peak Scouting award.



News from New Gisborne (Church of Christ) Scouts

We're having some wonderful Scouting at New Gisborne, enjoying lots of outdoor activity even as winter sets in. Nothing like the taste of damper on a chilly evening.

Recently Cub Scouts Noah and Victoria attended the grant evening of Community Bank Gisborne & District ("our" Bendigo Bank branch). They were handed a certificate celebrating a grant of \$7500 towards our Scout Hut, a home for all our scouting equipment.

The grant kicked off our successful 2020 project to raise \$75,000, though the ceremony was delayed due to COVID. Now we're awaiting the building permit.

All contributions to help fit out the

hut are welcome, and tax deductible.

And as the COVID threat remains, we remember our Law and Promise, living out "love thy neighbour", working as a community to stay COVID-safe. Our thoughts and prayers continue for essential workers on the COVID front line.

We've had a number of Joeyes (ages 5-7) "go up" to Cub Scouts so we have some vacancies. Similarly, we have some vacancies in the Scout section.

Contact Group Leader Skipper (0450 922 787 or johnfrearson@mac.com) to learn more about the fun and challenges ahead with Joeyes, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers.

John Frearson



Noah and Victoria at the bank grant night held in Gisborne in May.



Nothing beats making damper around a fire on a cold night.

Macedon-Woodend Scout Group takes a hike

Nine Scouts from Macedon-Woodend Scout Group braved wild weather on the weekend of May 14-16 to compete in the state's largest Scouting competition for the year.

About 1000 Scouts from across the state participated in the event, which was held at Tallarook State Park.

The two patrols, the Bombshell Bombers and the Macedon Mountaineers, hiked more than 30

kilometres, using the camping, navigating and map-reading skills they had been practising.

The hike included completing activities held at 25 different sites in the forest. At the sites they scored points based on their Scout Craft and how well they worked as a team.

We are proud to say that both patrols earned Bronze Awards in their first attempt at Scouthike. Well done Scouts! *Mark Baeten, Scout Leader*



◀ Scouts (from left) Ronan Yow Yeh, Oscar Bateman, Oscar Walliss and Josh Johnson.



▶ From left: Evie Blain, Lennox O'Bree, Samuel Graham, Leela O'Bree and Lucas McClurg.



Tayla, Victoria and Alice practise bandaging for their Emergency badge.

The 'walking wounded'

Gisborne Lightning Guides started the term by completing their Anzac badges, with this year's theme being 'in peace we trust'.



The girls completed their challenges by laying flowers at the Gisborne war memorial.

Each patrol was then asked to decide on a badge for term two, with the results being food and arts. For the food badge we will be planning, shopping, budgeting, cooking, cleaning up and tasting; all skills required for life. For the art badge, the girls have made cards, will be producing their own skirts, learning to sew seams and buttons and creating an art work.

If you are aged eight to 12 and would like to try Guiding, phone Deb on 0409 542 619 for details. We meet on Thursday nights between 5pm and 6:30pm at the Scout Hall in Daly Reserve. *Deb Fleming*

Agatha

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Overnight club trip with Murray cod first timers



The long-awaited 2021 club fly fishing trip for Murray cod, held in late April, was aimed at targeting the peak cod fishing times of last light and dawn hoping to put four cod first timers onto a fish.

The evening session saw me take Shaun and Dean onto the river. I first taught them how to cast the large flies required when targeting our native Murray cod. Once they mastered this, they were shown how to drift the subsurface flies in and under structure where the cod live.

We then proceeded to fish the river as I showed them likely spots to fish. Cover and flow in areas where the river narrowed were targeted with Dean catching a lovely cod on a subsurface fly.

We had swapped to surface flies just before dark, to make the most of the cod's aggressive surface feeding habits, when Shaun was rewarded with a cod on a surface "frog" pattern.

Making it to our camp site just after dark, we enjoyed Ling's homemade dumplings for dinner as well as the usual banter that goes hand in hand with club trips. We were the only group lucky enough to land cod with most of the others having "takes" without hook ups.

Morning saw us back on the water at first light but, none of us having any luck, we called it a day by late morning.

For more information on the Calder Fly Fishing Association visit www.calderflyfishing.com.au

Ben Le Vagueresse



Dean with his lovely Murray cod.



Cheery runners at the Run the Rock event.

Runners rock along in fine style

The Macedon Ranges Running Club had a great turnout for the Sole Motive annual Run the Rock event in April.

This year there were over 50 members who ran a range of distances from 5km up to 22km. The club acknowledges the support of Macedon Ranges Council who have supported the club over the years with a range of grants. A recent grant provided funds so 12 leaders could attend the Athletics Australia recreational coaching program. The committee have credited the success of the coaching program

to a new burst of activity in the club with members undertaking a range of running events along with a growth in membership to 620.

We have active branches in Gisborne, Kyneton, Macedon, Lancefield-Romsey, Riddells Creek and Woodend. The Macedon Ranges Running Club is a social, non-competitive long-distance running club. If you would like to find the nearest town branch, please check our website at www.macedonrangesrunningclub.com

Bushwalkers make the most of autumn

The Gisborne Bushwalkers have enjoyed calm autumn weather for four lovely walks during May.



The first, at the Black Hill Reserve near Kyneton, was a leisurely 7-8 km ascending the southern side of Black Hill on the ridge track and descending on the northern side, affording fabulous views all the way, and giving a chance to explore the fascinating granite boulder outcrops at the summit.

The second walk was also an easy circuit of 16.5km, at Mandurang, following the Coliban Channel through ironbark forests of the Bendigo Regional and National Parks, with occasional lovely rural views. The third walk (13km) at Anakie Gorge was more challenging, following the Stony Creek upstream to view the first concrete dam wall ever built in Australia, in 1866. The walk from this point, the Ted Errey Circuit, is a steep rocky track (poles recommended), but well worth the effort for the picturesque views at the lookouts. The last walk for May took us on a circuit from Macedon Station and into 11km of tracks and hills in the forests of Macedon Regional Park in the foothills of Mount Macedon.

For more information about future walks call Pierre on 0417 515 468, Janeen on 0416 052 366, Nigel on 0437 715 972, or Ashley on 0490 133 656. Or check out our website: www.gisbornebwc.org.au.

Margaret Muehlheim



The Ted Errey Natural Circuit track at Anakie Gorge.

Ramblers' boots are made for walking

As we move into winter, the rambling tends to get a little more uncomfortable (at least for the leader!) but we are a hardy group and only the most severe weather has us heading for the nearest coffee stop instead of walking!



During May, the Ramblers had walks at Macedon, Cherokee, Blackwood, Taradale and Sunbury.

The Whipstick loop is described as Walk #13 if you care to try it. It is a 50-minute drive from Gisborne, but very rewarding.

Details of each group walk are emailed each Tuesday or Wednesday prior to the Friday, after considering the weather forecast.

If you would like to receive details of the walks, please email me (gisramblers@gmail.com) and I will add you to the mailing list.

Charles

Walk No 13

Whipstick loop

Blackwood – Whipstick loop

Distance: approx 5.5km

Level: Easy

This walk begins at the public car park adjacent to the Garden of St Erth, Blackwood.

Walk from the car park towards the toilet block (not a very auspicious start!) but keep to the left, noting the path and sign for the Whipstick track. The track then widens and descends towards Back Creek.

Before reaching the creek, a track to the left with signage is encountered. Continue past it (you will return on this track) noting the mining activity, until crossing the creek by a footbridge. The track then narrows to a single width, winding its way generally along the creek. The trail is well marked with single white posts at intersections with directional arrows.

This area was heavily mined for gold in the 19th century and at various points along the walk there are descriptions of historical sites. As you walk you may see the remains of some water races that supplied water to the miners. Many of these were built by a remarkable French lady (Pauline Bonfond) whose



View along the Whipstick Loop track

grave can be seen in the Blackwood cemetery.

As this is a loop walk, you will eventually meet the main track on which you descended. Turn right to return to the car park and maybe some refreshments at the Garden of St Erth cafe.

This is a stunning walk, probably best seen in filtered sunlight, although a misty day would enhance the bush experience.

Everything old is new again for motorcycle riders

This month's report features the efforts of our motorcycle restorers "extraordinaire".

Many members of Macedon Ranges Ulysses Branch (MRUB) are avid restorers, giving older motorcycles a new lease of life as evidenced by several ridden to a recent tyre kick in Brantome Street.

While sometimes cosmetically "work-in-progress", our members generally take advantage of Victoria's "classic registration" scheme to get their machines on the road at the earliest opportunity. You'll regularly find one or two clearing away the cobwebs attending Gisborne on Saturdays.



Marcus's Norton single circa 1950s.
Photo: Cherry Cole

Enjoying wonderful autumn weather, our recent ride calendar included informal rides by members: Wednesday (road) and Thursday (dirt) as well as a day ride to Echuca. Several members also rode further afield to the national Ulysses Club odyssey and AGM at Orange, NSW. Sadly, the past month also saw MRUB and

friends come together to remember and celebrate member Peter Kiely with a service at Wooling Hill. RIP Peter.

Coming up are a Victorian Breakfast Ride (June 11 and 12 to Nhill) and our Murchison club ride (June 20). An updated calendar can be found at www.mrub.org.au or join us on Facebook for the latest news.

And please, stay safe and stay upright!
Cherry Cole



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Macedon Junior Football Club's inaugural Indigenous round jersey.

Junior Cats launch Indigenous Round

Macedon Junior Football Club is introducing an Indigenous Round to coincide with the AFL's Sir Doug Nicholls Indigenous Round.



The club's inaugural Indigenous football round will be on Sunday June 6 (COVID allowing).

A short ceremony by a local elder will be held on the Tony Clarke Reserve oval. Players will wear an Indigenous jersey specially designed for the club by Aboriginal artist Nathan Leitch that represents local geography and topology of the Macedon-Mount Macedon area.

A subcommittee of the club has worked on the concept for a number of years and is proud to be the first club in the league to introduce an Indigenous round. They intend for Indigenous rounds to acknowledge and celebrate aboriginal culture and the contribution of aboriginal players to the game, promote awareness of local aboriginal heritage, and provide a platform to educate the local junior football community.

Macedon Junior Football Club strongly believes in supporting Indigenous issues and educating our community on these issues by reaching the young players of the club, Under 9s through to the Under 17s, through to their parents, families and the wider community.

Gisborne bowlers third in state



Following our April news that the Gisborne and District Bowling Club made history by winning the Mid-week Division 1 Pennant for the first time since the competition began 69 years ago, we have even more exciting news.

The team went on to win the Central Victorian Regional Championship, resulting in the members representing Central Victoria in the 2020-21 Champion of State Pennant, held in Moama, NSW.

The event was held over two days on Monday and Tuesday April 26 and 27, with our team winning two out of three games played on the Monday, beating Cohuna and Seymour, and one of the two games played on the Tuesday, beating Timboon.

One of the only two teams to beat Gisborne was Port Melbourne, who went on to become the overall winners.

This was an amazing achievement for our club and the team performed extremely well to achieve the rank of third in Victoria.

Congratulations to the team and thank you to the club's selectors and officials who made this possible.



The team under the fabulous dome at Moama Bowling Club. Back, from left: Russell Walker, Alan Higgins, Kevin Jarred, Ethan Higgins, Paul O'Farrell, Ian Ball, John Evans and David Beardmore. Front: Billy O'Connor, Louise Ball, Dorothy Evans, Barry Wylie and Teresa Wylie.

Pennant back for South Gisborne

It has been many years since the SGTC were represented in the Tennis Vic Pennant competition. A group of enthusiastic teenagers aged between 14 and 16 have banded together to play in the current season.



Tennis Victoria Pennant is Australia's largest inter-club competition. Supported by their parents on Saturday afternoons, some of the venues they will travel to include Chadstone, Royal South Yarra and Bacchus Marsh to name a few. We wish Az, Xavier, Sam, Georgio, Leo and Maz all the best.

The team play out of SGTC every second week. Come down and watch some amazing tennis!

Congratulations to our new junior Club Champions Jordan McCraw and Bailey Holt. Thank you to all the club juniors who played in the championships and the steering committee and parents who supported the annual event.

Monday and Tuesday social nights run all through the colder months. Grab a mate, girlfriend, boyfriend,



Az, Xavier, Sam, Georgio of South Gisborne Tennis Club's Pennant team.

neighbour or just turn up. All welcome at South Gisborne Tennis Club.

Gail Scott

Free 'Accidental Counsellor' workshops for sports club members

Sports Focus is an organisation which promotes sport and recreation for all.

Sports Focus invites all sporting club committee members, players and volunteers across the Loddon Campaspe region, which includes Gisborne-Macedon, to attend a free online 'Accidental Counsellor' training workshop in June.

As we return to sport (the week-long

lockdown at the end of May excepted), we are back talking to each other face to face, supporting each other, and we could be speaking with people who are upset, distressed, sad, anxious, confused, hurt, lonely, or simply need someone to listen to them. If you are not a trained counsellor, it can be difficult to manage these conversations with confidence.

'Accidental counselling' refers to situations where emotional support is given by one person to another and where the person giving support is not a trained counsellor.

The Accidental Counsellor online workshop is practical and interactive and will benefit anyone who finds themselves required to provide regular informal support and counselling.

Workshops will be held on June 7 and June 28.

For further information and to register, please visit www.sportsfocus.com.au/clubsupport/training-education/ or contact Tamarra Ferguson at tamarraf@sportsfocus.com.au or on 5442 3101.

Please note that numbers are limited and registration is required.

All-abilities footy clinics a success

Gisborne Giants Junior Football Netball Club ran a series of Saturday morning football clinics for children between 5 and 16 years of age with a disability in April and May.



There were six sessions with up to 20 kids attending each session.

The kids were provided with one-on-one coaching with the aid of the Gisborne Giants junior players from under 15s and 17s. So this is not only a great experience for the kids but also an invaluable experience for the Giants players, who get to experience working with kids with a disability.

The entire program is modified so that activities can be done regardless of the ability of each participant. All of the participants are encouraged to try each activity and increase their skills over the six-week program.

We were fortunate this year to be able to run the program on the new synthetic oval at New Gisborne Primary School.

We received generous support from local



Happy participants in the all-abilities day with their Giants helper-coaches.

businesses to be able to provide the participants with Giants football playing tops and trophies.

The last session and presentation was postponed due to lockdown and the club hopes to be able to resume for the last session on June 5.

We will run the program again at the start of football season next year.

The Gisborne Cricket Club runs a 'modified for inclusion' cricket program for kids with a disability during summer. Keep an eye out for that later in the year.



One-on-one coaching was provided. Scott Vernon

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The mayor, community sponsors and members of Gisborne Pony Club and Gisborne District Adult Riding Club at the clubhouse opening.

Clubhouse officially opens at IR Robertson Reserve

Members of Gisborne Pony Club (GPC) and Gisborne & District Adult Riding Club (GDARC) were very excited to attend the official opening of their new Clubhouse at the IR Robertson Reserve on May 15.

With the support of the Macedon Ranges Shire Council, Community Bank Gisborne & District and extensive fundraising by Club members, the new clubhouse was built to replace the original building destroyed by white ants in 2015.

Mayor, Jennifer Anderson cut the red ribbon to officially open the building. She recognised the work of the members in raising funds and particularly congratulated James Lang, President IR Robertson Reserve Advisory Committee and Vice President of GPC, and John Maynard from GDARC, for their work with the Shire over the past six years.

Hugh Robertson, whose father Mr IR Robertson donated the land for the reserve, unveiled a plaque commemorating the opening. Hugh said he was thrilled to see the reserve continuing to be improved



and enjoyed as a premier equestrian centre in the district.

Gisborne Pony Club was recently recognised by the Pony Club Association of Australia as Pony Club of the Year. Gisborne & District Adult Riding Club is now one of the largest adult riding clubs in the state, and more recently the Melbourne Show Jumping Club (MSJC) has also made its home at IR Robertson Reserve.

After the official opening, attendees were treated to an amazing afternoon tea thanks to the open day organising committee members from GPC, GDARC and MSJC. They were also entertained by pony club members demonstrating their games skills despite the icy weather.



Mayor Jennifer Anderson cuts the red ribbon to officially open the new clubhouse at the IR Robertson Reserve.



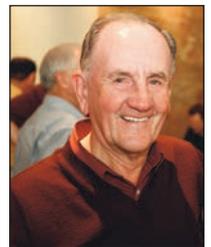
From left: Brigid and Hugh Robertson, Lisa Newman (president GPC), Gillian Leach (president GDARC), James Lang and John Maynard at the unveiling of the commemorative plaque.

A life packed full of activity and the joy of singing

OBITUARY

Lawrence David John
9-12-1929 – 9-5-2021

Laurie John, beloved member of the Macedon Ranges community for 31 years, passed away on May 9, aged 91.



Laurie John

Lawrence David John was born in Preston in 1929. Known to us all as 'Laurie', he and his wife Joan moved to the Macedon Ranges in 1989 from Red Hill, following his retirement as an accountant.

He had a long working career, including office manager for MacRobertson's Chocolates in Fitzroy for 25 years.

They raised their three daughters Kerrie, Leanne (dec) and Carolynn in Greensborough where they lived for 30 years and were heavily involved in the life of the Methodist Church. Laurie was the Sunday School secretary, Trustee of the Church and a member of the choir – Laurie had a wonderful gift for singing.

When they moved to the Macedon Ranges, Laurie and Joan both became heavily involved with the local churches and community groups in Gisborne including the Bowling Club, Lions Club, Probus Club, Uniting Church and Church of Christ, and he loved to sing with the Gisborne Singers and with the Carols by Candlelight choir.

Laurie was always ready to serve. For 25 years he visited The Oaks aged care home, where he held community singing for the residents right up until he himself was older than those he was entertaining! He loved this time with Wally Martin and Colin Pope, who would accompany him.

Laurie was farewelled at the House of the Rock Church on May 14 with a service full of celebration and thanks for his wonderful and enriched life.

His family, the churches and many community groups he was associated with and all of his numerous friends, will miss Laurie's friendship, humour, his consistency and his beautiful singing voice.

Laurie is survived by his wife Joan, daughters Kerrie and Carolynn, seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Barber Danny celebrates 20 years



Harmonix Vocal Company kept the energy going at Danny's Barbershop's 20th anniversary celebration on May 22. If Danny (fifth from left) grew a little hair, he would fit right in.

Mt Macedon Golf Club



Like the thoroughbreds at the Melbourne Cup, the members of Mt Macedon Golf Club began to fine tune their preparations before the start of the club championships in mid-May. Those members hoping not to have run their race too early were April's Gisborne Power Products Monthly Medal winner Malt Salter and May's mug of the month winner, Mike Hoiles. Congratulations to both.

Congratulations also to Mark Shepherd who overcame Phil Thomas in the final to become the 2021 matchplay champion.

After achieving success in recent years, neither club pennant team was able to reach its final this year, with lady luck deserting the teams at crucial times and many matches (and overall team results) being decided on the 17th or 18th hole.

MMGC would like to thank all the players who took part and the captains, Jim Hynes and Wayne Christie, for organising and leading them each week.

On a final note, the club will be hosting Ladies 'Get in to Golf' clinics on each Sunday in June. These clinics are run in conjunction with Golf Australia and no prior golfing experience is necessary. Please contact the club if you wish to attend.

Richard Payne

BRAINBUSTERS

1. Who wrote the book *Picnic at Hanging Rock*?
2. Brazil is the world's major producer of what drink?
3. What is the highest military decoration awarded to Australian soldiers?
4. The island of Phuket is part of which country?
5. Coober Pedy, SA, is famous for which gemstone?
6. What is the national emblem of Canada?
7. Which country was the first in the world to give women the vote?
8. Name the star of the 'Lethal Weapon' movies?
9. If you attended a Numismatic Society meeting, what would be the topic of conversation?
10. In what sport would a 'googly' be used?

Answers ► Page 39

'Jolly Roger' stays with Mt Macedon

Mt Macedon Petanque Club recently travelled to Camberwell to defend the Jolly Roger trophy. The event is an annual "friendly" event between the two clubs that is now in its 12th year. Always an enjoyable day, our Gisborne-based club won 21 games to 15.



Nineteen MMPC players competed at the beautiful Camberwell grounds. Set in a natural bowl in Hartwell, the surrounds are picture perfect and the clubrooms extremely well-appointed. The Camberwell club are also wonderful hosts.

Mt Macedon Club president Lindsay Kinghorn said, "It was a proud moment...and great to see a good mix of our team members with experienced players combining with those newer to competition (some playing in their first competition)."

On a sadder note, the club recently was saddened to announce that one of the early members, Peter Curtis, had passed away.

Club playdays are held on the second and fourth Saturday of the month between 10am and roughly 1pm at the grounds behind the Gisborne Caltex Service Station. Some playdays will be held during winter on two Wednesdays of the month but it's best to contact the club to confirm these dates from week to week. To register interest, please go to our website, mtmacedonpetanqueclub.weebly.com

Alison Kinghorn



Mt Macedon Petanque Club members at Camberwell

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SPORT IN PICTURES



U13A netball – Rebels v United – May 1



U17A netball – Macedon v Possums – May 1

◀ U11 netball – Macedon v Possums – May 15



B Grade netball - Woodend v Macedon – May 15



▲ A Grade netball – South Bendigo v Gisborne – May 1



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U11 netball - Saints v Rebels – May 22



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▲ Senior football – South Bendigo v Gisborne – May 1



▲ U19 football - Macedon v Romsey – May 22



▲ U13 football – Macedon v Woodend – May 9



▲ U13 netball – Saints v Possums – May 8



▲ U15C football - Gisborne Rookies v Romsey – May 23



▲ U19 football - Macedon v Romsey – May 22



▲ A Reserve netball – Gisborne v Castlemaine – May 8



▲ Senior football – Gisborne v Castlemaine – May 8



▲ Open girls footy – Gisborne v Strathmore – May 22



▲ C Grade netball - Macedon v Lancefield – May 22

All pictures by Chris Fleming



▲ Senior football – Gisborne v Castlemaine – May 8 ▶



▲ U13 football – Macedon v Woodend – May 9

Light a candle to show your compassion

Lighting a candle is a simple act of prayer.

There are times when the circumstances we face can be overwhelming. Some people describe that feeling of being overwhelmed as all-encompassing darkness.



One of my dear colleagues in the Uniting Church once told me that sometimes the darkness is necessary to see the light. At first, I cringed. Must we experience darkness? Darkness is a place of sadness, depression and fear for many. I then was able to see what she was suggesting. Like an insect, my eyes begin to focus on the light.



A single light can be seen for many kilometres. To darken a town is why during WW2, blackout screens were essential. Light is a sign of hope and the longing to be drawn into a better place.

When words fail us, the simple act of lighting a candle can give voice to the deepest feelings of our heart.

It is a visible sign of prayer.

Please contact us via Facebook (Anglican Parish of Gisborne) or leave a message on 5428 4038 if you would like to offer a prayer by lighting a candle in any of our churches.

Alternatively: light a virtual candle at <https://tinyurl.com/candleprayer>

Fr Dennis

A season for everything

Gisborne Uniting Church

There's always some reluctance to let go of autumn, the favourite season of many residents of the Macedon Ranges. As our drop-in morning tea activity, Muffin 'n' More, was able to get back after the year-long lay-off, much fun was had with the harvest of autumn, making dolls with acorns and crafting leaf arrangements. Coffee and chat are the basic ingredients of Muffin, held on the second Tuesday of each month from 10-12, and open to all.



Winter is a season given over more to reflection. There's time to read, to think, to pray. In our faith lives we look for reflection and renewal. These days we're not much drawn to the lifestyle of a hermit, but times of withdrawal and silence are valued.

Members of our congregation use a daily Bible reading guide 'With Love to the World'. It provides a continuous link between Sunday services so we don't come to worship 'spiritually cold'. A wide range of writers provide comments on scripture and poets and artists explore the Christian faith with their own creative skills.

In the book of Ecclesiastes we read "There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under the heavens – a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot."

'Much loved' can be a much over-used phrase, but not when used to describe the late Laurie John



Paul Gilbertson and Pastor Annette Buckley celebrate autumn at a Muffins 'n' More morning tea in May.

who died in May. Warm and witty, he was active across many areas of community and church life in Gisborne. We joined with House of the Rock to celebrate his life and his faith.

Janet Wood

Of Pentecost, and sharing food and interests...

Mount Macedon Uniting Church

Pentecost, often called the founding of the Christian church as a movement, was celebrated on Sunday May 23. Pentecost was the time when the apostles and the congregation of followers were empowered to take their mission to the world, irrespective of language or culture.

The Uniting Church continues this mission, working with other churches, in Asia and the Pacific. It is a multicultural church, striving to treat people on an equal basis and seeking to give a voice to the poor, outcast and needy.

At Mount Macedon, our Thistle Club is an ecumenical gathering on the last Wednesday each



month. On June 30, the topic will be "what's for dinner", sharing quick and easy meal ideas. Members are asked to bring foodstuffs such as cereals, Vegemite, honey or rice, which will be donated to the Kyneton or Gisborne foodbanks.

At the last Men's Group meeting, John Randles gave an insight into fly fishing, demonstrating the specialist tackle and the artificial flies used, and explained the techniques and frustrations.

Our meetings are held on the first Tuesday monthly at 10am (June 1 meeting cancelled due to lockdown; next one July 6).

Visitors are always welcome at these activities.

Neil Tweddle, 5426 2045

Abundance of community generosity is much appreciated

Following our Faithworks service a month or so ago, it was great to have lunch at Trinh's Kitchen in Gisborne. Our pastors, Ken and Lexie, are regulars at the Vietnamese restaurant and couldn't help but be amazed at the generosity and blessing that Trinh's Kitchen has been to the community during the pandemic.

As a result, we decided as a church family to have lunch together and it was a great experience.

During the worst of the pandemic, owners Jack Trinh and his wife



knew people were doing it tough and gave away free meals and have been donating meals and money to the Gisborne Foodbank for those in need.

During my recent visit to the restaurant, Jack mentioned how he gives fortnightly and remembered that it was almost two weeks since he had donated anything. He then

ducked out to the supermarket to grab some supplies to donate to the Foodbank, as, in his words, "not everyone likes Vietnamese, so we think we should donate some Aussie food too."

They are a true blessing, having only been in operation for about two years, and we look forward to many more meals there and the continued support they have for our community.

Web: faithworksgc.com.au or find us on Facebook.

Darren Farrugia



Jack Trinh prepares to donate food and supplies to Gisborne Foodbank.



100 YEARS AGO

From the pages of the old *Gisborne Gazette*

JUNE 1921

Sport – On King’s Birthday, a team from the Camberwell Diggers Club and lady supporters journeyed to Macedon. A visit was paid to the State Nursery, and in the afternoon a good friendly game [of football] was played against the locals, Camberwell winning by 5 goals 12 behinds (42 points) to 4 goals 9. The kindness of the Macedon people was of the highest order and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the outing.

A Tour Without an Objective – “Come for a four-day motor tour, bring a suit of pyjamas and a toothbrush – will call for you tomorrow morning at 10.” This was a note I found awaiting me at the club office in Melbourne one recent afternoon. The writer was my boyhood friend, Austin Pastow. Next morning Austin drew up in his car. “Where are we going?” were his first words. I suggested he should himself fix the route. “Well, we’ll call at Hearn’s and get some of his celebrated pork pies; then, with a bottle of beer, we are sure of a lunch anyhow.” That is how the tour began. We pierced our way through the busy traffic of the city, finally approaching the junction of Sydney Road and the road to Keilor, leading thence to Bendigo. “Which road”, asked my friend. “Let the car decide,” I replied. Just at this moment a Hudson Six, erratically driven, compelled us to swerve towards the Keilor road – the car had made the decision.

A lovely morning, a Lancia car, a good driver, brought us within half a dozen miles to Sunbury; furthermore, a healthy appetite brought us to a standstill. Presently came our way a sturdy pedestrian, travel-stained and carrying a stout stick. ... We learn from him that he is a warder from the Sunbury Asylum, in pursuit of an escaped lunatic.

On we speed past Macedon with its altitude of 3000 ft, fling behind us pretty Gisborne with its weeping willows, and make a halt at the singularly comfortable looking, if extremely old-fashioned, rambling hotel of McKenzies at Woodend. On the road again, we skirt the Campaspe, and now we are at Kyneton and pass a little inn, where, more than 20 years ago, one never-to-be-forgotten Sunday afternoon, four of us – two now lying beneath the grass sward of a battlefield in France, the other two separated by 10,000 miles – wiled in poker a rainy few hours away.

Cycling – The most strenuous course for road racers is that used for the [Melbourne] Cycle Traders 100 miles event – through Bulla and Romsey to Lancefield, across to Carlsruhe and Woodend and back through the Black Forest and Gisborne and Keilor. If a strong north wind were encountered on the outward run to Lancefield, it presented one of the most gruelling of rides, as there is a pronounced incline for 19 miles.



WHAT'S ON REGULAR MEETINGS

New members always welcome

- ADULT RIDING CLUB (Gis)** 2nd Saturday I R Robertson Res
ADULT RIDING CLUB (Bullengarook) 2nd Saturday Rec Reserve
ANGLING CLUB 2nd Wed 8pm Railway Hotel Macedon
- BOTANIC GARDENS working bee** every Thurs 9.30am-10.30am
BRIDGE CLUB Mon 12.30, Tues 7.15, Thurs 12.30 St Mary’s Church Hall, Woodend 5420 7595
BUSHWALKING CLUB Various locations Tel 5428 3490 or 5427 0888
- CANASTA CLUB** 1.30pm every Mon except first Mon of month Parish centre (behind St Pauls Church, Gisborne)
CANCER SUPPORT GROUP last Wed of month MRH
CAR CLUB 1st Wednesday 8pm Steam Park, New Gisb
CARERS GROUP (Mac Ranges) 2nd & 4th Thurs, 1pm Woodend RSL 5420 7132 (Note: 4th Thurs carers only)
COMMUNITY GARDEN Wed 9am Church of Christ
CROQUET CLUB Wed & Sat 10am Dixon Field
CWA GISBORNE 2nd Monday 10am Gis Secondary College
CWA MACEDON 3rd Tues 1pm & 7pm 662 Mt Macedon Rd
- DALY RESERVE WORKING BEE** 2nd Tues 9.30am Scout Hall, Daly Res
- FILM SOCIETY** 2nd Wed Woodend Neigh’hood House 5427 2323
FLY FISHING CLUB 4th Wed 7.30pm MRFEC Gisborne
FOCUS CLUB 2nd Fri 12 noon Gisborne Golf Club
FRIENDS OF JACKSONS CREEK Working bees 3rd Sun 10-noon David Tunbridge 0415 534 477
- GARDEN CLUB** 2nd Wed various venues 0424 038 474
GENEALOGY GROUP 4th Thurs 7.30 Family Hist Rm, Library
GIRL GUIDES Thursdays 5pm Gis Comm 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 5.15pm St Brigid’s Hall
MASONIC LODGE 2nd Thurs 7pm Masonic Hall Aitken St
MASTERS AFL Wed 6.30pm Sankey Reserve
MT MAC & DIST HORT SOC 1st Tues 8pm Horticultural Hall
MUFFINS ‘N’ MORE 2nd Tues 10am-noon Uniting Church
MUMS’ GROUP 2nd Mon 9.30-11.30am 49 Fisher St
- OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB** Sun 9am Riddells Rec Res
- PARKINSON’S SUPPORT** 2nd Wed 1pm Lancefield Bowling Club
PETANQUE 2nd & 4th Sat 10am behind Caltex service station, Station Rd, Gisborne 0439 887 178
PHOENIX ART & CRAFTS 1st Thursday phoenixmrac.com
PHOTOGRAPHIC SOC 1st Tues & 2nd Mon 7pm Riddell’s Creek Neighbourhood House
- PONY CLUB Bullengarook** 1st Sunday Rec Reserve
PONY CLUB Gisborne 1st Sunday Robertson Reserve
PROBUS 1st Thurs 10am Masonic Hall
- QUILTERS (Gisb)** Wed 7pm Room attached to Gisb Library
- RAMBLERS** Fridays 9.15am Tennis Club Dixon Field
ROTARY (Gisborne) First & third Tues evening, call Sec on 0426 500 616 for confirmation of venue
ROTARY (Macedon Ranges) 1st & 3rd Monday Baringo Food & Wine
RUNNING GROUP Tues & Thurs 6pm, Sun 8am Gis Aquatic Centre
RSL 1st Mon 2pm Gis Golf Club 5428 2233
- SENIOR CITS (Macedon)** Tues 11am Tony Clarke Res
SPINNERS & FIBRE GROUP Wed 12 noon Rec Reserve Bullengarook
- TABLE TENNIS** Wed 7.30pm Tony Clarke Res, Macedon
THUNDER SWIMMING CLUB 2nd Sat 5pm Gisborne Aquatic Centre
TOY LIBRARY Every Sat 10-11am; first & third Wed, 8.45-9.30am, second & fourth Fri 9-10am 71 Robertson St
- U3A** Mondays 10.30am MRFEC
ULYSSES GROUP 3rd Tues 6pm Sunbury FC
- VINTAGE MACHINERY** Working bees 1st Sun of month, 8.30am at Steam Park; Meetings last Friday 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



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Baringo Film Club

The Baringo Film Club runs three screenings per week.

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

Dates	Film
JUNE	
5	<i>Freedom Writers</i>
9-12	<i>Misbehaviour</i> (Drama, Palestine/Germany)
16-19	<i>Sarah and Saleem</i> (Drama, Palestine)
23-26	<i>Romantic Road</i> (Documentary, UK/India)
Jun 30-July 6	<i>White White Day</i> (Icelandic drama)

For membership details see www.baringofilmclub.com

JUNIOR QUIZ ANSWERS

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| 1. Nile | 6. Charles Dickens |
| 2. The aeroplane | 7. Rice |
| 3. Victoria | 8. Cross |
| 4. 007 | 9. The light sabre |
| 5. Albert Einstein | 10. M |

BRAINBUSTERS ANSWERS

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| 1. Joan Lindsay | 6. Maple leaf |
| 2. Coffee | 7. New Zealand (1893) |
| 3. The Victoria Cross | 8. Bath |
| 4. Thailand | 9. Mel Gibson |
| 5. Opals | 10. Coins, banknotes, medallions, medals |

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