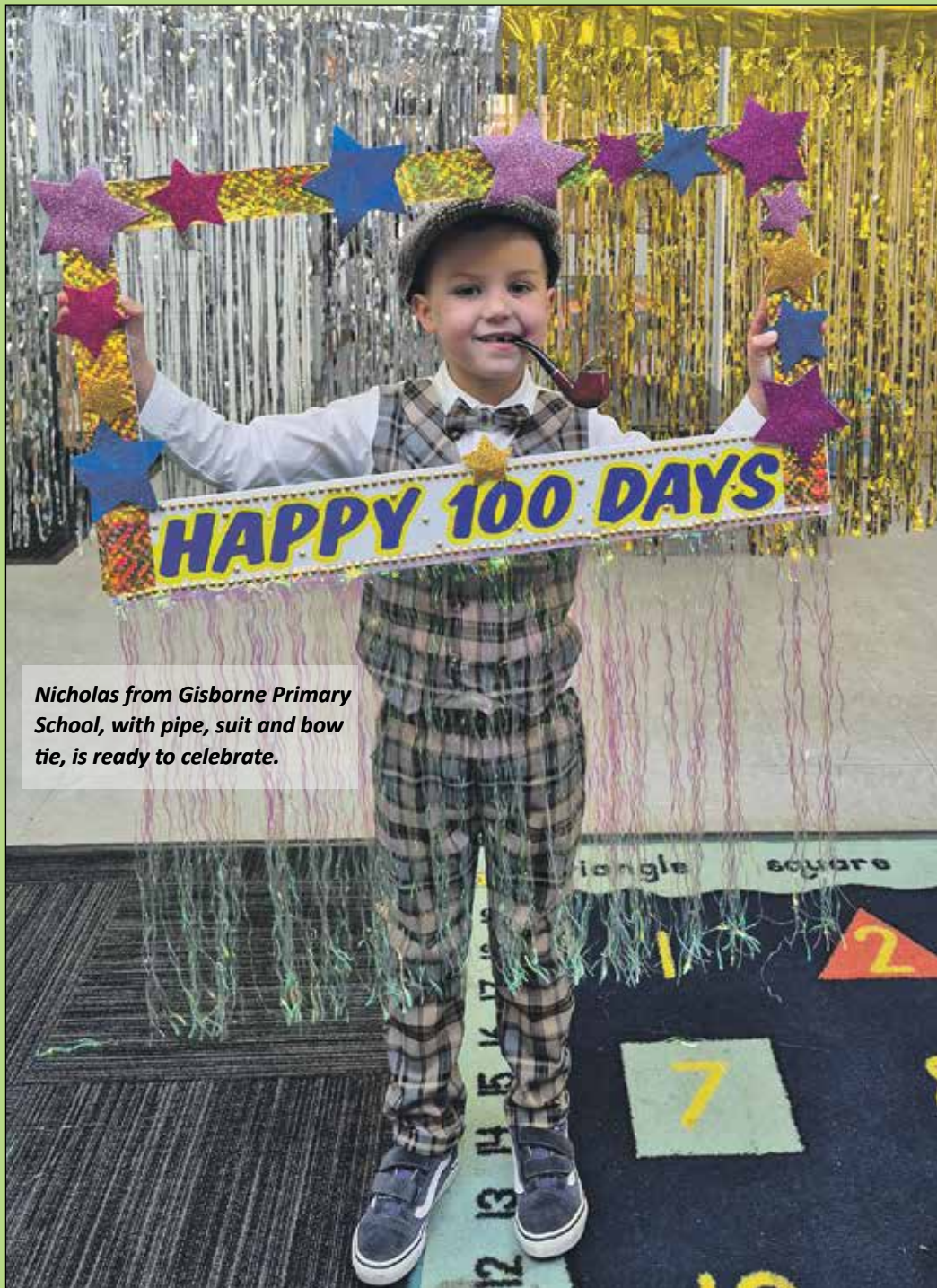


Gisborne Gazette

serving the southern macedon ranges

SEPTEMBER 2026 FREE



Nicholas from Gisborne Primary School, with pipe, suit and bow tie, is ready to celebrate.

Preps celebrate 100 days of school

Prep and Foundation students at local primary schools recently celebrated their first 100 days of being at school.

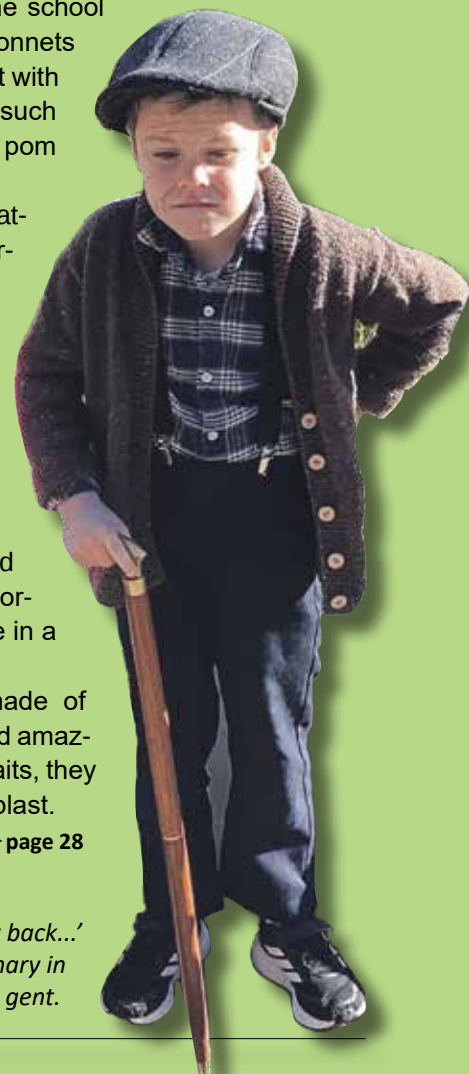
At New Gisborne, lots of little old people shuffled and wobbled through the school gates with their walking sticks, bonnets and cardigans. They also brought with them collections of 100 objects, such as bottle tops, lollipop sticks and pom poms.

Students spent the day celebrating by doing crafts with the numerals of 100, colouring in, listing three things they were wearing in costume and more. They even played sports in their costumes and did an amazing job of keeping in character all day.

At Gisborne Primary School, the Foundation students dressed up in awesome costumes and started their day by making self-portraits of what they would look like in a hundred years.

The portraits, which were made of cotton, paper and markers, looked amazing. After they finished their portraits, they played lots of games and had a blast.

Continued ► page 28



'Ooooh my back...'
Finn from New Gisborne Primary in character as a 100-year-old gent.

BOUND Macedon Ranges

Would you like to sell this Spring? We're here to help.

Agents also servicing: Castlemaine | Daylesford & Hepburn Shire | Sunbury | Toorak | South Yarra | Prahran | Windsor | Albert Park | Port Melbourne

(RHYS NUTTALL)
0438 383 221

(LYNNE PAYNE)
0479 068 228

(PAUL BOHAN)
0413 594 224

(DAMIEN WALDER)
0439 391 589

(CAROLYN RYAN)
0407 393 079

(ALEX WHITE)
0488 990 212



Scan the QR Code to visit our website:
boundrealestate.com.au



From the Editor's desk

The Community Newspaper Awards of Victoria are coming up in October and we are tasked with choosing editions and articles we are most proud of to be judged. This is a great time for us to reflect on what we do well at the *Gazette* and what we can improve upon.

I think it is also a good opportunity for me to reflect on and apologise for our mistakes. Our kids learn at school that 'mistakes help us learn' and this couldn't be truer. With many moving pieces and wonderful volunteers working on our paper, sometimes things are misspelled, miscommunicated or missed entirely. If you let us know when this happens, as upset as you may be, we can work out what went wrong and improve processes to hopefully ensure it doesn't happen again. I promise we are doing our best and feel pretty awful when errors are made.

Reflecting on past editions also makes me proud to be part of this amazing community group which connects us all. I am incredibly grateful for, and absolutely encourage, people to email and let us know when someone in their life has a story to be shared.

There's nothing better than celebrating the achievements of our local individuals and groups. You are a talented lot! For example, this month young Benji from Gisborne is advancing to the national championships in cross country (page 3), local Jarrod Byham has winning news from the World Boomerang Championships (page 4), and Lachy Hay visited St Brigid's to share how he followed his dream and is playing footy for the Tasmania Devils (page 27).

Our local groups continue to inspire as well, whether knitting for others (Yap and Yarn on page 8), hosting a fundraising luncheon for asylum seekers (Macedon Ranges Rural Australians for Refugees on page 15), or undertaking a cold plunge to raise money for cancer research (Gisborne Singers on page 17), just to name a few.

We are very proud of the *Gazette*'s own Bryan Power and Pip Butler, who have been with us for 20 years. Read their stories on page 31. Thank you Bryan and Pip. The *Gazette* literally would not be what it is now without you both.

Stay warm and well,

Katrina Buttigieg

Gisborne Gazette
PO Box 9, Gisborne 3437
www.gisbornegazette.org.au
Gisborne Gazette Community Newspaper Inc.
ABN 727 412 060 17



Circulation
8000

Gazette Team



Editor: Katrina Buttigieg
gisbornegazetteeditor@gmail.com
0401 874 441



Production
Pip Butler 0439 816 278
pbutlerhistory@gmail.com



Photographer
Chris Fleming
0417 322 944



Distribution Manager
Maxine Barker 0438 711 138
maxineandpeter@bigpond.com



Advertising
Maxine Barker 0438 711 138
gisbornegazetteadvertising@gmail.com



Social media Jenny Shipp

Distributors: Proudly distributed to letterboxes in Gisborne, New Gisborne, Macedon, Mt Macedon, South Gisborne and Bullengarook by more than 90 volunteers.

and committee members:

Bryan Power
Patsy Smith
Dorothy Murray
Deb Fleming

Available online at
www.gisbornegazette.org.au

DEADLINES FOR COPY AND ADVERTISING

ISSUE	MONTH	DEADLINE	DISTRIBUTION
222	October	16 September	29 September
223	November	14 October	27 October
224	December	18 November	1 December

DISCLAIMER

The views expressed in the *Gazette* are not necessarily those of the *Gazette* or its management committee unless acknowledged as such. No endorsement of products or services is implied by the listing of advertisers or sponsors. Any advice offered is intended for informational purposes only. It is not meant to replace or substitute for any professional advice. While every effort is taken in printing contributions accurately, the *Gisborne Gazette* takes no responsibility for errors.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Copies of the *Gazette* are posted to subscribers each month for an annual subscription of \$37.40 to cover postage. Payment can be made through direct deposit online. Please contact Maxine on 0438 711 138.

OBITUARIES

To submit an obituary for publication, please email bryanp2@bigpond.com. Please also provide a photo for publication and restrict the article to about 300 words.

Where you can find the Gazette

If you do not receive the *Gazette* in your letter box, you can collect a copy at:

Gisborne: Post Office, Village Shopping Centre, Priceline Chemist, Hardy's UFS Pharmacy, Gisborne Medical Centre Brantome Street, Foodworks supermarket, Hello World Travel, Gisborne Library.

Mt Macedon: The Trading Post.

Macedon: Post Office; United Service Station on Black Forest Drive.

New Gisborne: Baringo Food & Wine, Station Road; Smithy's Cafe, 3 Ladd Road.

Riddells Creek: Newsagency

Woodend: Coles supermarket.

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

MINUTE WITH MAXINE

Gazette reception coming soon

We have 110 volunteers that make up the *Gazette* team and we will be celebrating the paper's 20th birthday this year at our annual reception on Thursday 15 October.

Distributors who have been delivering the *Gazette* to letterboxes will be receiving the following certificates.

Five years' service: Debbie Wilson, Susan Young.

Ten years: Diane Harle, Laraine Hanks,

Debra Johnston, Kevin and Pat Petherbridge, Maree and John Clarke.

The 20-year recipients who were there pretty much from day one are Bryan Power and Pip Butler on the editorial side, and for delivering to letterboxes for 20 years, Trevor Armstrong, John and Jill Bennett, George and Ann Peart and Brian Smith.

Thanks will also be given to new retirees from delivering the *Gazette* but who were there at the start in 2006, Kevin and Isobelle Gossip and Lorraine Theel.

I also look forward to seeing Michael O'Brien and Trevor and Dianne Harper and Shirley and John Cross who have also retired from delivering the *Gazette* for a total of 29 years between them.

Invitations will be emailed to everyone shortly.

I look forward to seeing you all there and let's party!

Maxine Barker



To read the
Gazette online,



www.gisbornegazette.org.au

Gisborne Region Events Activities & Tourism

contact us at greatgisborne@gmail.com
to discuss becoming a volunteer
or applying for a grant



Gisborne Olde Time Market Sunday 6 September 9am – 2pm

www.gisborneoldetimetmarket.org.au
or find us on Facebook

Freemasons' amazing multiplying donation

Freemasons have for many years gone about assisting Victorians in many different ways. Many people don't know much about this fraternity of men who quietly go about doing charitable acts in many areas of the state.

In Gisborne, perhaps we haven't thought about them much, though we've all seen the building on the corner of Aitken and Fisher Streets and some would have attended functions in this hall. It has been there for over 100 years.

On August 13, Gisborne Lodge was visited by the Grand Master of Freemasons Victoria, Most Worshipful Brother Peter Henshal, for two special purposes. One was to recognise the contribution to Freemasonry of one of the members with the presentation of a 65-year jewel, the other was to acknowledge the work being done by Gisborne Foodbank.

The Gisborne Masonic Lodge has been raising funds, in conjunction with the old Trentham Lodge, to support the Gisborne Foodbank with a donation of \$3900. The Freemasons Foundation Victoria,



From left: Geoff Graham, Past Master of Trentham Lodge, Tony Woodgate, President of Gisborne Foodbank, Peter Henshal, Grand Master United Grand Lodge of Victoria, and Lt. Col. Peter Crosby, Master of Gisborne Lodge.

which is a charitable organisation, having been made aware of this effort by the Gisborne secretary, Anthony Borg, used the attendance of the Grand Master to pre-

sent Gisborne Foodbank with a cheque for a further \$10,000.

Following the presentation of the cheque and after a response to this generosity by Tony Woodgate, the Gisborne Foodbank President, the Grand Master was so impressed with the work the Foodbank is doing and with the efforts and enthusiasm of the members of Gisborne Lodge, that he pledged to increase the combined total to \$20,000.

As President of Gisborne Foodbank I was stunned by the commitment that this group of quiet achievers have displayed towards the wellbeing of those truly vulnerable in our community. If you would like to know more about Freemasons and how to join, or if you would like to donate to the Gisborne Foodbank, please check out their websites.

Freemasons Victoria is at www.freemasons.vic.net.au or www.gisbornemasoniccentre.com.au, and the Gisborne Foodbank is at www.gisbornefoodbank.org.au.

Tony Woodgate
President, Gisborne Community Care Foodbank Inc.

Benji runs to the nationals

In August, Benji Hateley from Gisborne Primary School came second in the state 9/10-year-old School Sports Victoria cross-country race, which means that this month he will be heading off to Sydney as part of Team Vic for the national event.

Benjamin loves sport in general but his first foray into running was in Run for the Kids 2023. He has participated in a few fun runs and parkruns since then.

Last year, as a Grade 3, Benji made it to the regional level of cross country. In reaching his state-level second, he won the school, district, division and regional

levels. Only the top six in the state compete at the national level.

A highlight for him was getting to run at the state competition alongside one of his best mates from his class at Gisborne Primary School, Alexi Sani.

Benji has been involved in various sports over the years. He plays for a couple of basketball teams (Macedon Ranges Rockies and Gisborne Bulldogs), a futsal team (Hot Shot Pythons) and swims with Gisborne Thunder. Though Benji has not been able to focus on running specifically, in the holidays or when-

ever his other sports are not on, he will often be found doing parkrun or jogging the streets of Gisborne for fun.

At the state sports, he will run in an individual two-kilometre race and will run a relay as well, involving 1km for each leg. Benji was surprised and thrilled to make it into Team Vic but he is always creating new challenges for himself. He wants to run further and faster all the time.

"I've had a lot of fun so far, and want to keep trying my best," he says.

Benji with his state medal





Romer Maud
FAMILY LAWYERS



Expert family law advice and support in the Macedon ranges.

SERVICE AREAS

Pre-Separation Advice	Parenting Arrangements
Amicable Separation	Binding Financial Agreements
Divorce	Collaborative Practice
Property Division	

 **03 9070 9856**

reception@romermaud.com.au
romermaud.com.au



APPROVED FOR SUPPORT AT HOME SERVICES?
We are here to help!







Call Us Today
(03) 5427 2002
Monday to Friday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

63 Urquhart Street, Woodend, 3442
enquiries@newagedcare.com.au
newagedcare.com.au



Macedon Ranges Badminton Club

Badminton
COME AND TRY

Tony Clarke Stadium
37 Waterfalls Road, Macedon Vic 3440



Women only **Open to all**

17 September Thursday
Time: 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM

19 September, Saturday
Time: 2:00PM - 4:00 PM

For further enquiries, please contact
David - 0419589425
Debbie - 0438081491
Ian - 0402401397

Boomerang comes back for Jarrod – and for Australia

World Boomerang Championship success

Gisborne's Jarrod Byham has returned from Bandung, Indonesia, after proudly representing Australia as part of a six-member team at the World Boomerang Throwing Championships.

Across three days of intense team competition in multiple disciplines, Australia claimed an outstanding third place overall – the nation's best result in 38 years – finishing just behind reigning world champion Brazil, and newly crowned champion, the US.

Competitive boomerang throwing is a highly technical sport that tests speed, accuracy, distance and catching ability across several demanding disciplines.

Australia celebrated a world title in Team, Maximum Time Aloft, keeping four lightweight carbon-fibre boomerangs in the air at once and catching them all after almost two minutes.

The team's success continued with a brilliant second-place finish in Team, Endurance, a fast-paced relay-style event in which four team members threw and caught high-speed boomerangs, completing an impressive forty-two catches in just five minutes.

Jarrod added to the Australian team's success with a standout individual performance in the archery-style Accuracy event, setting a new Australian record with ninety-four points out of a possible one hundred.

Jarrod now has his sights set on the next World Cup in Perth in 2028 – a fitting return to the city where he first represented Australia at a world boomerang championship in 1991.



Jarrod in action (left) in the Team Endurance event, and (second from right above) with members of the Australian team.

Congratulations to Gisborne star footballer forward Pat McKenna who won the Bendigo Football Netball League's Ron Best Medal for top goal kicker with a total of 78 goals for the season.



For more on local sports, see pages 33-37.

ALL JOBS Semi-Retired Builder at Your Service

✕ Carpentry ✕ Tiling
✕ Painting ✕ Renos

 **Bruce**

0402 438 844

DBU-13652

 **REGISTERED**
Building Practitioner

PART-TIME DRIVER REQUIRED



Gisborne-based position for someone who has a good driving record and a friendly manner. Afternoon & evening availability is essential. Earnings are around \$40 an hour. Call Peter, at Gisborne Cab Co, on 5428 2444



Local experts, tailored Building Design & solution focused Town Planning, for over 35 years.

www.caddickdesigns.com.au
03 5428 1853

Registered Building Practitioner

Residential Building Design (New Houses, Renovations/Extensions, Multi-Dwelling Developments)

Commercial Building Design

Town Planning Permits & Building Permits

BAL Report (Bushfire Attack Level)



Memorial Cross restoration continues with variation to grant

The Mount Macedon Memorial Cross Reserve Committee of Management is delighted to announce a variation to its grant, enabling the committee to invest the remaining \$30,000 in the next stage of restoration works.

This includes the installation of additional direction signs and interpretive signs.

The chairman, David Mann, said the latest funding represented another significant step forward, but the restoration journey was far from over.

Can I still help?



Community members can continue supporting the restoration by donating through the committee's GoFundMe campaign (scan the accompanying QR code) or by making a tax-deductible donation directly to the Mount Macedon Memorial Cross Public Fund, via secretary@mmmrccom.com.au.

You can also consider supporting the committee through sponsorship or community partnerships.

Improved signs are part of the next stage.



APOLOGY

We regret that we omitted to publish the photograph of Michael Langmaid with his obituary in last month's edition. We also gave Michael's middle name incorrectly.



Michael Douglas Langmaid

Gisborne bus petition

A community petition is circulating calling for improvements to Gisborne's local bus services. The petition says there is a fundamental problem with the town's public transport network: buses that are supposed to connect residents with Gisborne Station frequently do not align with V/Line train services.

The petition calls for improvements to Routes 73 and 74, including timetables that properly connect with V/Line trains and greater accountability when buses fail to stop for waiting passengers, or scheduled stops are missed. Residents say reliable connections are essential for people travelling to work, school, medical appointments and other commitments, particularly those who cannot drive or do not have access to a car. The petition is at change.org; type 'Gisborne' in the search bar.

Supreme Health Care
NDIS PROVIDER

NDIS support that feels clear, calm, and built around you.

Compassionate, personalised support for participants and families-every day.

Personal care

Respectful assistance with hygiene, dressing, routines, and confidence-building daily support.

Household support

Help keeping home environments safe, organised, and supportive of everyday living goals.

Transport assistance

Reliable support to access appointments, programs, community spaces, and key commitments.

Community access

One-to-one support for social engagement, confidence outdoors, and stronger participation.

Capacity building

Goal-led support that develops skills, routines, and more independence over time.

Coordination mindset

Clear communication across participants, carers, and support networks for smoother care delivery.

Let's talk about your support needs.

We're here to listen, understand, and help you move forward with support that works for you.

jeannie.supremehealthcare@gmail.com

0422 566 701

0468 618 337

Scan to connect

Scan the QR code to learn more or get in touch with our team.

Designed for real life

Support that fits routines, confidence, and community goals.

Gisborne Gazette

To advertise in the Gazette, email gisborne_gazette_advertising@gmail.com or call/text Maxine on 0438 711 138

Hamilton St Doctors
YOUR LOCAL GP CLINIC IN GISBORNE

QUALITY CARE FOR every stage of life

Women's Health

Children's Health

Family Medicine

Mental Health

Preventive Care

- ✓ Women's health & baby care
- ✓ Chronic disease care
- ✓ Children's immunisations
- ✓ Skin checks & minor procedures
- ✓ Telehealth & phone consults
- ✓ Mental health support
- ✓ Work health assessments
- ✓ Travel health & vaccinations
- ✓ Referrals & care plans
- ✓ Home visits (when needed)

WE LOOK AFTER THE WHOLE FAMILY

NOW ACCEPTING new patients!

medicare Bulk Billing Practice

CONVENIENT LOCATION
Right in the heart of Gisborne
Easy access | On-site parking
Family-friendly environment

03 5414 2888
www.hamiltonstdoctors.com.au

Unit 1, 45 Hamilton Street, Gisborne VIC 3437

Need help getting to your appointment?
Complimentary local transport may be available for patients*

We look forward to caring for you and your family.

SCAN TO BOOK

New round of Community Bank funding now open



Are you part of a community group making a difference in the Macedon Ranges? Do you have a passion project that needs funding to get off the ground, or a special project or event on the horizon? Community Bank Gisborne & District is proud to support the groups and organisations that make this region such a vibrant and connected place to live. The spring grant round opens on 1 September, and we're inviting eligible local groups to apply.

Grants are on offer for community groups in health and wellbeing, education, emergency services, the environment and the arts, as well as sponsorships that help grow the bank's customer base — from local sporting clubs to festivals and community events.

If your project has the potential to strengthen community connection, wellbeing or resilience, we encourage you to apply. To be eligible, your group must be a not-for-profit community group or organisation with an ABN (or be auspiced by one), and be based in post-codes 3437, 3431, 3438, 3440, 3441 and/or 3442.

Applications close at midnight on 30 September. For more information and to apply, visit www.mrce.com.au or contact Kat Buttigieg via email community@mrce.com.au.



Leadership summit participants, L-R: Jessica, Misono, Isobel (from Gisborne), Hayley and Alessio.

The popular book *Tales of Old Gisborne* by Eddie and Peter Gardiner will soon be available at the Gisborne Newsagency, at a price of \$35.

Special summit for the young leaders of tomorrow

In July, five young people from the Macedon Ranges took part in the Magic Moments Youth Leadership & Business Summit in Tylden, thanks to support from Community Bank Gisborne & District.

More than 100 teenagers attended the five-day summit.

Designed for young people aged 14 to 17, the summit combines education, connection and fun to help participants develop practical skills and build their confidence. Attendees explored financial literacy and entrepreneurship, mental resilience and mindfulness, leader-

ship, and the importance of giving back to their communities.

Isobel, from Gisborne, said, "My favourite part was getting to meet new people and forge new connections ... It's

five days of energy-packed education and fun. My biggest learning experience was checking my own beliefs and analysing them – it really helped ground my understanding of the world."

If you know a young person who will be aged 14 to 17 years in July next year, follow the bank's Facebook/Instagram page for updates.

HE'S HERE FOR US

ROB MITCHELL MP
MEMBER FOR McEWEN

5716 3000 | robmitchell.com.au

Authorised Rob Mitchell MP, Australian Labor Party, 57-59 High St, Wallan.

Gisborne Optical Centre

Providing Eyecare to the Macedon Ranges since 1980

Eye examinations for all ages

Come in and see our range of over 400 Spectacle Frames and Sunglasses to suit all budgets and needs.

Call today 5428 4100 and book an eye exam.

Hours: Mon to Fri 9.00am to 5.30pm
Saturday mornings 8am to 12 noon

15 Hamilton Street | Gisborne | 5428 4100
enquiries@gisborneopticalcentre.com.au

MRFL
Macedon Ranges Family Law

Legal Advice made easy

- All Areas of Family Law
- Divorce
- Child Arrangements
- Asset Division
- Wills & Estates
- Probates
- Deceased Estates
- Power of Attorney

Level 1, 45 Hamilton Street, Gisborne
P: (03) 5428 8711 | www.mrfl.com.au



GISBORNE GOSS

► Land is up for lease at the corner of McGeorge and Brooking Road with the advertising description noting that 84 childcare places have been approved for the site.



► Magpies have returned to their power pole nest opposite the Jolly Miller in Brantome Street; watch your heads on the pedestrian crossing!



▲ A smiling Mt Macedon Primary student Ed Jones had a successful day selling his 3D printer creations near the Trading Post on Sunday 16 August. Ed is holding one of his popular products, an articulated blue dragon.



▲ Greater Western Water has completed the installation of a high-capacity sewage tank at Rotary Park in Kilmore Road, Gisborne. The park is now being reinstated.



▲ Workmen were putting the finishing touches to the new Vodafone-TPG tower near the corner of Mt Gisborne and Couangalt Roads on 20 August. There are now four telecommunication towers in South Gisborne.

● The intersection at Cherry Lane and Swinburne Avenue Gisborne (adjacent to the Children's Centre carpark access), has been made safer in recent weeks with fixed signs and road markings installed.

Shoes designed for your comfort



Propét

Locally owned and operated and proud stockists of leading brands.

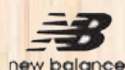
Kyneton Shoes

Monday - Friday 9am-5pm
Saturday 9am-2pm



23 High Street, Kyneton
03 5422 2090

Hush Puppies®



SKECHERS



Gisborne/Macedon Ranges Plumber

0406 171 986

● Renovations ● Maintenance Plumbing
● Gutter Cleaning ● Blocked Drains
sam@plumberman.net.au

www.Plumberman.net.au

Knitting group donates handmade comfort Community spirit woven together

On 5 August, Debbie Fleming and Kate Medhurst had the privilege of meeting the wonderful members of the Yap and Yarn Knitting Group at the Trading Post, Mount Macedon, where community spirit, friendship and generosity were on full display.

Kate and Debbie were warmly welcomed by Maureen, Judy, Leanne, Lora and Liz, representing the group of 12 dedicated women who meet twice each week to knit, share stories, support one another, and strengthen community connections.

The group is entirely self-funded, generously donating their own time, wool and materials to create beautifully handcrafted comfort items for people experiencing difficult times. Their knitted creations have provided warmth and reassurance to children travelling in ambulances, families affected by emergencies, CFA volunteers supporting communities after disasters, residents in nursing homes, and many others who simply need a little comfort and kindness.

During this visit, the group gener-

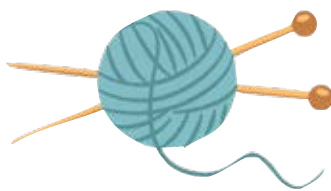
ously gifted a significant collection of handmade blankets, comfort toys, beanies and other knitted items to Debbie and Kate. Through their extensive community networks, these items will now be distributed across the region to individuals and organisations where they are needed most, providing not only warmth but also a tangible reminder that someone in the community cares.

Kate said the visit highlighted the incredible difference that volunteers continue to make.

The Yap and Yarn Knitting Group hopes this is just the beginning of a lasting partnership and would love to continue providing regular deliveries of their handcrafted items throughout the region.

If your organisation, community group, emergency service, health service, aged care provider, or support agency knows of people who could benefit from these handmade comfort items, or if you are aware of a community need, we encourage you to get in touch.

Please contact info@pfniconsulting.com.au.



VALE PAUL O'RILEY



Gisborne CFA is deeply saddened by the passing of our friend and fellow volunteer, Paul O'Riley.

Paul joined the Gisborne Fire Brigade in October 1987 and went on to dedicate almost 39 years of service to the CFA. During his long and distinguished service, Paul served as Fourth Lieutenant, sharing his experience, knowledge and commitment with generations of firefighters.

Paul was someone who answered the call whenever he was needed. He was involved in many incidents throughout his years of service, including the devastating Black Saturday bushfires, where he stood alongside fellow firefighters protecting communities under some of the most challenging circumstances imaginable.

Paul's contribution to the brigade extended well beyond the fireground. As the owner of O'Riley's Coaches, he was a familiar and respected member of the

local community and was always willing to support the brigade and the causes that mattered to it.

For many years, Paul generously provided buses for Gisborne CFA's annual Good Friday Appeal collections. His support helped the volunteers travel throughout the local community collecting donations for the Royal Children's Hospital, something he continued to do year after year. It was a wonderful example of Paul's generosity and his commitment to supporting both the brigade and the wider community.

Paul will be remembered for his nearly four decades of service, but also for the friendships he formed, the knowledge he passed on and the generosity he showed to those around him.

His contribution to Gisborne CFA and the wider Gisborne community has left a lasting legacy and will not be forgotten.

Our heartfelt condolences are extended to Paul's family, friends and loved ones at this incredibly difficult time.

Gisborne Rotary welcomes Silje from Denmark



Gisborne Rotary Club is delighted to welcome Silje (pronounced "Sil-yah"), our new Rotary Youth

Exchange student from Denmark, who arrived in Gisborne in August. Silje is spending a year in Australia through Rotary Youth Exchange, an international program that gives young people the opportunity to live with local host families, attend school, and become part of a community in another country.

It's a chance to experience everyday life in a different culture, make lifelong friendships, and learn a new language along the way. Silje has already settled into life at Braemar College, where she has received a warm welcome from students and staff. She has quickly made new friends.



Silje

While she is loving school and her new Australian life, there has been one surprise — the weather! Silje admits Australia is a little chillier than she expected. We've reassured her that there will be plenty of opportunities to experience the famous Australian heat before her exchange is over!

Thank you to Greg and Delina Reid, who are welcoming Silje into their home as her first host family. There is a lovely connection between the two families, as Greg and Delina's daughter, Veronica Reid, is currently on her own Rotary Youth Exchange in Denmark.

Could your family be part of Rotary Youth Exchange? Gisborne Rotary would love to hear from local families interested in becoming involved in the program.

Young people can apply to spend a year overseas, while local families can also experience the program by welcoming an international student into their home. Hosting is a wonderful way for the whole family to experience another culture without leaving Gisborne.

To learn more about Rotary Youth Exchange, visit rotariyyouthexchangevictoria.org.au.

Interested in hosting or finding out how your child could become an exchange student? Contact Gisborne Rotary Club on 0493 870 635. Send a message to say hello I am interested.

Laurel Harrison and Paul Pearman



Hesket Estate
Macedon Ranges

Relax at Hesket Estate's Cellar Door for a wine tasting or glass of wine accompanied with a regional produce platter.

Better still, get some bottles to take home.

Saturday and Sunday
11:30am - 4:30pm

856 Ramsey Road Hesket 3442

[@hesketestate](https://www.hesketestate.com.au)
www.hesketestate.com.au



GISBORNE FOODBANK



**Open Wednesday and Friday
10am to 3pm**

Enter via Heritage Way at the back of the
Gisborne Uniting Church
Enquiries: 0492 850 520
Email: gisborneccf@gmail.com



What – or who – is GREAT?



I am sometimes asked: who are these GREAT people? Do they have tickets on themselves? The answer of course, is no they don't – they are a group of community-minded individuals who give a couple of hours a month to help the local community, at the same time having some fun and laughs along the way (who could forget the tall fairy at the market, or the full-sized puppets?).

GREAT stands for "Gisborne Region Events Activities & Tourism" Association Inc, which is quite a mouthful – hence the acronym. It was formed 26 years ago to encourage tourism and to support the broader Gisborne community.

For the past 24 years it has managed the Gisborne Olde Time Market, and the market generates the funds that enables the organisation to do its work.

The volunteers work for a few hours at the market, just 11 per year, and at events such as GREAT's Australia Day celebration on 26 January each year. GREAT also strongly supports the Grand Tour (www.macedonrangesgrandtour.com.au) in October each year.

Recent community projects include the lighting of flag poles, Gisborne Golf Club trophies, and the purchase of a sophisticated (and expensive!) piece of gear for Bullengarook CFA which allows one hose to reach two parts of a fire simultaneously. Bullengarook CFA members are much appreciated by GREAT as they help early in the morning at every market, and at the Australia Day celebration.

Local community groups are welcome to set up at the market several times a year to promote themselves, at no cost.

GREAT provides support for a number of local bodies: the Gisborne Men's Shed, the Macedon Ranges Wildlife Network, Gisborne Foodbank – especially at Christmas, the Mount Macedon Memorial Cross and Dawn Service, Gisborne Bowls Club, Gisborne Histori-



Specialist firefighting equipment provided to the CFA.



The Grand Tour is supported by GREAT each year.

cal Society, plus local chaplaincy through the Korus Connect organisation, and both the local Scout troops.

Christmas is a special focus: we want to see Gisborne come alive so we erect

Christmas lights along the trees in Aitken Street, put up Christmas banners on the eight flag poles that we erected many years ago near the traffic lights, and we conduct a popular Christmas shopfront competition. And we sponsor the Lions Christmas Festival.

If any of this sounds like something you would be interested in, we would love to have you join our little band of volunteers – reach out to us at greatgisborne@gmail.com or on 0431 563 566. Or talk to us about a possible grant if your community group needs support.

Rick Arden

Vice-President GREAT Association Inc

Lions seeks old spectacles and used postage stamps



Tired of old spectacles littering bedside drawers and cupboards? Gisborne & District Lions Club can help you out as part of your spring clean – and in turn you can help a needy person with sight problems. Rather than dumping those no longer wanted glasses in a bin to go into landfill, drop them off at Gisborne's UFS Pharmacy (Brantome Street) for recycling.

As part of the Lions Recycle for Sight program, Gisborne Lions will dispatch these glasses to a Lions centre in Queensland for grading, cleaning and refurbishing before going to sight-impaired recipients worldwide. In an average year, our club provides about 500 pairs of glasses for recycling – and since 1987, Lions clubs Australia-wide have delivered more than seven million pairs of refurbished spectacles worldwide.

So long as lenses are not broken or scratched, both reading glasses and sunglasses are accepted.

And it's not just glasses. Gisborne Lions also collect used postage stamps. The stamps are sold at auction to raise funds for Australian Lions Children's Mobility, which buys walking devices and mobility aids for children with conditions such as cerebral palsy.

Again, they can be dropped off at Gisborne's UFS Pharmacy. Simply trim stamps from envelopes, leaving a 5-10mm paper border around the edge (don't tear or pull stamps from paper). In the past year alone, this Australia-wide program has raised \$57,000.

Currently we are seeking a community-minded local to manage the stamp project. To volunteer, email secretary@gisbornedistrict.lions.gisnet.net.au.

And if you would like to join Gisborne Lions to do your bit for the community, let us know. We are always looking for new members. You can make contact at the same email address.

Tony Fawcett



MACEDON RANGES
**TIMBER WINDOWS
& DOORS**

UPGRADE YOUR WINDOWS SAVE ON BILLS

*Receive the Victorian Energy
Upgrades Rebate **

ALUMINIUM • TIMBER • uPVC



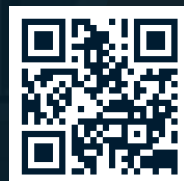
**Conditions & eligibility criteria apply.*

03 8746 9777

info@evolvewindows.com.au

evolvewindows.com.au

988 Black Forest Drive, Woodend



SHOWROOM OPEN IN WOODEND



Volunteers wanted for Bolobek Garden Fair

Spring is on its way, and there are plenty of opportunities to get involved at Macedon & Mount Macedon Community House (MMMCH) over the coming months — but first, we're putting out a special call for volunteers for the Bolobek Garden Fair.

The volunteers are needed to help at the beautiful Bolobek Gardens on Saturday 3 and Sunday 4 October, between 10am and 4pm. And there's a pretty lovely thank you for helping out — free entry to the Garden Fair!

There are three shifts each day, so you can lend a hand without giving up your whole day: The times are 9.30am to 12 noon, 12 noon to 2pm and 2pm to 4pm.

We're looking for volunteers to help with:

Gate – welcoming visitors and helping at the entrance.

Garden and Fair security – walking around the gardens and keeping an eye on things.

General assistance – supporting the volunteers and stallholders with drinks, snacks and food.

Bolobek generously donates money from the Garden Fair to the Community House, so by volunteering, you're helping raise valuable funds for the House while enjoying a beautiful day at one of the region's most spectacular gardens.

We're also always looking for volunteers to get involved with our regular programs, including the Friday morning Gardening Crew and Macedon Fruit Crew, as well as the many activities and events held throughout the year.

Interested in joining us at Bolobek? Email Megan at admin@mmmcommunityhouse.org.

Regular programs

Playgroup: Mondays 10am to 12pm; Yoga: Mondays 6.15pm to 7.30pm; Yoga: Wednesdays 6.30pm to 7.30pm; Craft Circle: Thursdays 10am to 12pm; Friday Gardening Crew: Fridays 9.30am to 11am; Community Library: Fridays 10am to 12 noon; Warhammer Club: every second and fourth Sunday 3pm to 6pm. Further details on the website, www.mmmcommunityhouse.org.

Nominate your Local Hero for this year

Nominations have opened for the Local Hero Award that will be presented at the Gisborne Community Carols on Sunday 6 December at Dixon Field.

If you know of someone who has dedicated much to the Macedon Ranges community in a voluntary capacity and deserves recognition, please nominate them, and let us know their community contributions.

Last year's local hero was awarded to Debbie Fleming from Macedon for her volunteering with Girl Guides, Mt Macedon CFA, GREAT, Tennis Association and Ambulance Auxiliary. We look forward to celebrating another Local Hero at this year's Carols. Please send nominations to gisbornehero@gmail.com by 15 November, or contact Bronwyn Tacey on 0417 028 605 for further information. Nominations from last year will also be reviewed so no need to resubmit them.

Thank you.

Gisborne Community Carols Committee

Handmade generosity



Robin (right) thanks the Presbyterian Ladies Craft Group, who delivered a big bag of beautiful handmade quilts to the Gisborne Foodbank in August, ready to be distributed to those who need them. The time and effort that goes into making each one is greatly appreciated.

Join National Wattle Day celebration in Botanic Gardens



This year the Friends of Gisborne Botanic Gardens invite you to be a part of their Wattle Festival. Over three days, come and explore the ecology of the wattles native to the Macedon Ranges. Held in the Gisborne Botanic Gardens, you will have an opportunity to contribute

to local conservation with the Friends, so come along and explore our wonderful environment at another level.



Tuesday 1 September: Day 1, 10am to 12 noon

Invites attendees to contribute to citizen science. An introduction to ecological tracking utilizing an app on a guided walk to contribute to build knowledge of our locally native plants.

Thursday 3 September: Day 2, 10am to 12 noon

'Pop-up, Pot-up': All wattles contribute significantly to their associated plant communities. Gisborne Botanic Gardens' 'River Gums' bed will be a focus to help restore this plant community.

Saturday 5 September: Day 3, 10am to 12 noon

Invites attendees to contribute more citizen science, this time on a guided walk with a conservationist using the Climate Watch app created by the Royal Melbourne Botanic Gardens.

Please register your interest for each or all events. Bookings are essential. Limited places \$5 per session, \$15 festival pass or \$10 members' pass. Please email infogisbotgard@gmail.com

Gisborne Podiatry



Sheridan – Podiatrist

18 Brantome Street (inside Priceline)

Ph 1300 44 77 63

M 0416 038 828

• HICAPS • NDIS • DVA • HOMECARE PACKAGES •

Subsidised treatment available for eligible clients. Call to enquire.



How do I advertise in the Gazette?

To advertise in the Gisborne Gazette, just contact our

Advertising Coordinator

on 0438 711 138

or email

gisbornegazetteadvertising@gmail.com



WHAT'S ON AT THE LIBRARY

September is an exciting time for the library with lots of events being held.

Celebrate Father's Day by creating with Lego. Enjoy a morning of creative play with your children, lucky dip challenges and prizes to be won. We recognise that families are unique and all are welcome. **Saturday 5 September, 10am to 12 noon. Bookings required.**

Participate in the **Great Book Swap** from 7 to 11 September. Bring a pre-loved book, swap it for another and make a donation to help gift books to children in remote communities across Australia.

Receive one-on-one **expert advice on the most cost-effective energy plan** for you and potentially save some money. Learn about available concessions and supports and receive some energy-saving tips. **Saturday 12 September, 10am to 12pm. Bookings required.**

Does **car maintenance** leave you feeling bamboozled? Experienced mechanic Rich Bergami will teach you how to look after your vehicle; troubleshooting common issues and how to perform regular maintenance. **Saturday 12 September, 10.30am to 12.30pm. Bookings required.**

Concerned about changes in your memory or that of a loved one? Come along to a free information session providing strategies for improving memory and an overview of the support services available. Presented by Anna Caro from Nurse Next Door. **Wednesday 23 September, 2.30pm to 3.30pm. Bookings required.**

A Justice of the Peace is available at the Gisborne Library each Thursday from 12 noon to 2pm. No bookings required. JPs available at other times can be found at www.justice.vic.gov.au.

Bookings for events can be made at goldfieldslibraries.com or call 5428 3962.

Georgia

Family History Room to reopen this month



As I write this article, members of the Gisborne Genealogical Group are looking forward to our Seminar on 'Mapping Family History' on 29 August, and the reopening of the Family History Room which is nearing completion.

The room should be operational early in September after all our resources have been rehoused. For the first time many items will be visible and accessible. The room looks fabulous, and we are very grateful to all who have been involved in the refurbishment, especially Macedon Ranges Shire Council and Goldfields Library Corporation. A recent grant from Community Bank Gisborne & District has also enabled us to update some of our computers.

In September we will return to volunteers being

available on Tuesdays from 10am to 1pm and Thursdays from 2pm to 5pm in the Family History Room to assist with your research.

It also means that Saturday Workshops and the DNA Group (DIG) will soon recommence. More information about Gisborne Genealogical Group is available on the website, www.ggg.org.au.

The next general meeting will be held in the Family History Room, 7.30pm on Thursday 22 September, when member Neil Cheney will talk about what life was like living in the workhouses and orphanages in Britain – something that many of our ancestors experienced. Supper will follow the meeting. All are welcome.



Lyn Hall

Lyn Hall

Vet Talk

Sinking the teeth in

with Dr Caitlin Retchford
Veterinarian



Pups and kittens start their life with smooth mouths before the deciduous teeth erupt, breaking through the gumline around three to four weeks of age. These "baby teeth" are sharp and relatively fragile.

By four months, the permanent adult teeth begin to emerge, and by six months they have a full set: 30 teeth for cats, and 42 for dogs.

At 14 weeks old, local puppy "Cash" chews on whatever he can find, including the hands that feed him. Which raises the question: Is it ok if his gums bleed? Is it ok if the baby teeth break off? Is it ok for my pup to chew on everything?

A spot of blood when chewing at this age is OK; it is simply a last hurrah as the deciduous tooth breaks away from its attachments. Any bleeding should be

quick to resolve, and the pup will often swallow the little tooth before you know it's happening.

Dogs with malocclusions (abnormal tooth or jaw positions) risk retaining their baby teeth as the adult ones erupt, resulting in the sharky grin of an abnormal double teeth row. In this scenario, the deciduous teeth require extraction to make way for the new crown, to avoid crowding, trauma or dental pain. A prematurely broken baby tooth can also lend itself to infection.

As for that incessant mouthing, biting and chewing things up when teething? It is normal behaviour, but it sure can hurt when they sink those sharp little teeth in. It's a good idea to redirect this chewing onto an appropriate item. Choose toys they can gnaw, not swallow whole, not so hard that it might break a tooth, nor splinter off sharp fragments. And better if it's not the fingers!

TOORALLIE MERINO TEE'S – Save 20% when you buy 2 or more



NEW
COLOURS
FOR
SPRING



Mae

www.frankieandmae.com.au

Open 7 days

36b Aitken Street, Gisborne

Ph: 03 8652 8492

Gisborne RSL Sub-branch

Vietnam Veterans' Day Service



A small gathering attended the service on August 18, at the Gisborne Cenotaph when Vietnam veteran John Hike laid a wreath on behalf of the Gisborne RSL Sub-branch.

Defence Audit Report and Government recommendations

The RSL has expressed concern about Federal Government divestments of a number of Defence properties nationwide, including 16 in Victoria.

The divestments follow the Defence Estate Audit Report and the Government's response which were released on 4 February.

The RSL said it hopes the Government adheres to sentiments expressed in consultative leaflets in which the Government said it acknowledged the deep connection that service people and their families, both current and former serving, had with the establishments on which they lived, worked and trained or had done so in the past, and would be sensitive to that.

Some of the sites listed for Victoria are Victoria Barracks Melbourne, RAAF Point Cook, HMAS Cerberus (partial divestment) and Kyneton Training Depot. The Kyneton site was most recently used as a cadet training facility prior to vacancy in 2020. The building has since become dilapidated.

Following consultation, the Cadets have been relocated to Gisborne Secondary College.

The RSL needs your support to ensure we sustain our range of commemorative services and welfare programs. If you're interested, please contact our secretary via email at admin@gisbornersl.com.au or by phone on 0487 278 681.

*Norman Smith
President Gisborne RSL Sub-branch*



Vietnam Veterans Day service at Gisborne on August 18. John Hike, third from right, laid a wreath on behalf of Gisborne RSL Sub-branch.



Service at Mt Macedon for the Central Highlands Sub-branch.

Mt Macedon host to Vietnam Veterans memorial service

August 18 is now known as Vietnam Veterans' Day. It is regarded by Vietnam Veterans as their memorial day, but not a day to replace Anzac Day in the hearts of Australian and New Zealanders. It is the day that unites Vietnam veterans.

The Central Highlands Sub-branch of the Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia join at a memorial on Mount Macedon on August 18 each year to remember that part of our lives and those not with us.

At 2pm we gathered at our memorial just inside the gates of the Mount Macedon Memorial Park. The bugler sounded a long "G" to signify the start of the service. The President, Ken Bryce, welcomed those gathered and announced "Stand To" to signify the time when no sound is made and all are on alert, listening. (This is a military action at the start and end of the day when attacks can take place.)

Kevin Davis (guitar) and Frank Donovan (voice) performed a song entitled *The Ballad of Long Tan*. Frank then gave an address.

This was followed by the laying of a wreath in memory of all those who could not be with us. Then Fr John Healy (ex RAAF) from St. Ambrose Catholic Parish gave a prayer. This was followed by *The Ode to the Fallen* and *We Will Remember Them* by those gathered. The Last Post was sounded before a minute's silence, and all joined in singing the National Anthem.

While the crowd was not huge, the service was observed in silence by others in the area and we were appreciative of the respect shown.

At the conclusion of the service, everyone gathered at the Mount Macedon Trading Post for a chat and afternoon tea.

Ken Bryce, Central Highlands Sub-Branch of Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia



I specialise in:

- Establishing and managing superannuation and investment accounts
- Retirement planning
- Aged care financial advice

MICHELLE ABELA

FINANCIAL ADVICE

Are you thinking about retirement?

Let's work together to achieve the lifestyle you want.

Local resident, proudly servicing the Macedon Ranges



michelle@michelleabela.com.au

www.michelleabela.com.au

0472 688 589



Michelle Abela (AR 1267997) and Michelle Abela Financial Advice Pty Ltd ACN 675 615 326 (CAR 1310111) are authorised representatives of Integrity Financial Planners Pty Ltd (AFSL No 225051) ACN 069 537 855 www.iplan.com.au

Gisborne Gazette

To advertise in the Gazette, contact our **Advertising Coordinator** on **0438 711 138**

or visit our website, gisbornegazette.org.au



NEW GISBORNE & KILMORE

admin@theartclubhouse.com.au
0410 424 589

Art Classes for primary students & adults.

Pre School Sessions.

Kids Birthday parties:
Slime, clay, UV neon & paint!

Adult events:
Paint & Sip, UV Neon & Clay

School holiday programs!
Kids play area & coffee/tea for adults.

Taking class enrolments & party bookings now.



A clean sweep



The longer-term aim of the recent "deep clean" at the Men's Shed was to resurface the floor. So what started that chain of events?

A few months ago, as part of connecting with the community, the Shed did a little job for a bloke by the name of Tony. He was really happy with it and when he found out what we're all about, he made us an amazing offer. Provided we did all the preparation work, he would coat the floor with an industrial finish. Of course we

said yes! So now, not only have we got a lovely new floor but the stairs have a new non-slip coating too. Thank you to Tony.

So where did everything go to clear the floor? Some was block-stacked in a shipping container and the rest temporarily in the basement car park next door (thanks Benetas). Everything is back in place now and even after we've been here for 11 years, the place looks brand new. All that's left for us to do now is ... keep it clean!

Feel free to drop in any Monday, Wednesday or Thursday morning to see how we're going.



The shiny resurfaced Men's Shed floor.



MACEDON MAIL

Finally the daffodils are out, the days are getting longer and spring is in the air!

Huge congratulations to Macedon senior women's football team on winning a third straight Premiership — an amazing achievement! The future looks bright for our female program, with the youth girls also winning another Premiership.

The men's football program now begins finals with all three teams qualifying — it promises to be an exciting few weeks for the club and community.

Macedon Ranges Bowling Club members are looking forward to the upcoming season. Hopefully the sun shines to bring the green to its best for the pennant season starting in October. The club is hosting students from Macedon Primary School and Mount Macedon Primary School for a couple of sessions later in the year. Barefoot bowls begins on the first Friday of the month and runs October to December and February to April. Go along and have some fun, with a barbecue being held afterwards. For inquiries contact treasurermacedonbowls@gmail.com.

Cricket season is fast approaching with round one of the McIntyre Cup starting on 3 October. New players are welcome. Visit the club's website or Facebook for details.

The club has further bolstered its list this season, welcoming two international signings from the UK. Preseason for the men's squad will begin Sunday August 23.

Condolences to the family of Macedon's Paul O'Riley (O'Rileys Buses) who passed away on 4 August, and to Megs and family on the passing of Trish Thomas on 30 July.

Rainfall in Victoria Street for the four weeks to 21 August was 106mm. Year to date is 719mm. Have a great month.

Anne

THE SPA SKIN+BODY — CLINIC —

- Anti-Ageing
- LED Light Therapy
- Facials + Peels
- Waxing
- Skin Needling
- Massages
- Microdermabrasion
- Aesthetic Nurse

5428 8800 • 3/31 Brantome St, Gisborne
www.thespa.com.au



MACEDON CHIROPRACTIC

Where Local Caring Matters



CALL 5426 3945 or BOOK ONLINE



Specialising in

*Bathrooms
All Renovation Work
Deckings
Pergolas*

Rob 0412 55 29 27
robelle71@gmail.com

40 years building experience



SERVICES

- **Children's health checks** advice and treatment including routine childhood immunisations.
- **Women's health advice** and treatment on contraception, antenatal and obstetric shared care, cervical screens, and breast checks.
- **Men's health advice** and treatment about concerns such as physical issues, prostate checks.
- **Mental health diagnosis** and treatment, care plans, and referrals to counselling services.
- **Health checks**, including physical check-ups and tests for lifestyle concerns such as diabetes and cholesterol levels.
- **Cancer screening, spirometry testing, audiometry testing, heart health checks** and ECG.
- **Diagnosis and management of chronic diseases** such as asthma and diabetes.
- **Full body skin checks**, individual spot checks, minor and complex excisions.

(03) 5428 3355
16 Brantome Street, Gisborne VIC
gisbornemedical.com.au
OPEN 7 DAYS

Catching up with Gisborne Probus



Hooray! Probus's application for a Macedon Ranges Shire Council Community Grant was successful.

We wish to thank the council as it means that members' monthly bus outings can continue.

As we hadn't yet heard the outcome of the grant application last month, August's trip was a guided tour in the State Library of Victoria.

We travelled by train instead of the bus, reducing the numbers who could join us, for a very informative and educational tour of the archival collections held in the library as well as the Dome Reading Room.

The grant means our September trip to the Archibald Prize Exhibition at the Shepparton Art Gallery is available to everyone who wishes to attend.

Anniversary



Our meeting on 1 October will be very special as we will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of Probus in Australia with a special lunch for members and guests after the meeting.

There's lots happening in the club. If you would like more information, please contact the President, Gary Jones, on 0458 841 947 or email our Secretary, Dianne Egan, at gisprob20@gmail.com. All are welcome to join us on the first



Probus members with the marvellous backdrop of the Dome Reading Room at the State Library.

Thursday of the month at Gisborne Community Centre hall at 10am.

The next meeting will be on September 3.

Dianne Egan

St Paul's Anglican Op Shop Jottings

About 20 years ago, Anne was in church at St Paul's, Gisborne when long-time member, Graeme, asked her if she would like to volunteer a shift or two at St Paul's Anglican Op Shop. Realizing that she could fit a morning and an afternoon shift into her schedule, Anne agreed.

To begin with, Anne's time was spent behind the counter. Standing there, she was looking at the magazines, children's books and adult books every day. Loving books, Anne began sorting through donated books and magazines in the Sorting Shed and restocking the Op Shop shelves. Anne found that people come in regularly, buy a book from a favourite author, and after reading the book, return it to be sold again.

For many years now, Anne's main work for St Paul's Op Shop

has been going through the donations, discarding damaged or incomplete books and magazines, and restocking the shelves with quality adult and children's books. Any oversupply of good books gets donated to other Op Shops; books that are not fit to sell go to a paper recycling plant that makes them into egg cartons, in keeping with St Paul's goal of putting as little as possible into landfill.

Anne is kept busy with all the books and magazines that are donated by the Gisborne community. She lives within walking distance of St Paul's, so she often drops in to the sorting shed to work an hour or two, and see what has been donated since she last dropped in.

If you love to read, then make St Paul's Op Shop a regular stop. And perhaps you will be able to say "Hello" to Anne.

Jan Volkman Harris, volunteer



A few of the books awaiting new owners.



Join the gathering to help raise funds and hear about how the Macedon Ranges helps to assist refugees.

Gathering to help refugees

With the Macedon Ranges shaking off its winter blues, the refugee support group, Macedon Ranges Rural Australians for Refugees have decided to welcome the new season with a celebratory fundraising luncheon.

In recent years, the group has thrown its support behind the Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project. Established in Melbourne in 2001, this group was formed partly in response to misinformation surrounding the infamous "children overboard" incident. Since then, the organisation has worked tirelessly to provide material and moral support to asylum-seekers in Australia.

Largely volunteer-driven, Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project provides emergency relief, housing assistance, help with employment, English-language assistance and connection to legal and community services.

The CEO, Renee Mazloum, herself the daughter of refugees, is quick to point out that the Brigidine Project



receives no government funding.

"We are entirely reliant upon private donations, philanthropic contributions and community fundraising," she said, adding that she had been delighted with the support received from the

people of the Macedon Ranges.

In recognition of this valuable support, Renee will be guest speaker at the luncheon, where she will outline her group's role in the provision of assistance to asylum-seekers in Australia. The doors will open at Norma Richardson Hall, 15 Buckland Street, Woodend at 12.30pm for a 1pm start, Saturday 12 September. Tickets are available at \$25 per head and can be booked online at www.trybooking.com/DOVKR.

For more information on the Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project, visit <https://BASP.org.au>.

A host of golden daffodils for CWA



MACEDON: Spring has arrived; it is lovely to see colour returning to our gardens. I wouldn't put away the warm clothes just yet though.

For some of the CWA branches in the Central Highlands Group including Macedon, the arrival of spring means involvement in the Daffodil Festival in Kyneton. Over the weekend of 12 and 13 September at the Masonic Hall in Yaldwyn Street, Kyneton, we will set up stalls selling cakes, craft items, plants and more. Also, there will be tearooms providing light lunches, morning and afternoon teas. We have been a popular part of the Daffodil Festival for many years, and we would love to see you there whether for the first time or if you come every year. It's a good place to enjoy a cuppa after being out and about at other Festival activities.

If you are visiting the Melbourne Show this year, make sure you visit the CWA tearooms there for some of the famous scones, jam and cream or other refreshments. As with the Daffodil Festival, the Show tearooms provide the opportunity to rest weary legs for a while.

Think you might be interested in joining CWA Macedon Branch? Please call Anne Fyfield on 5426 2210 for more information.



GISBORNE: Like Macedon, Gisborne Branch will be at the Daffodil Festival. CWA lunches are in the Masonic Hall in Yaldwyn Street on Saturday from 10am to 4pm and Sunday from 10am to 3pm. Gisborne looks after the craft stall and there are always items of interest for sale. There is also a cake stall and plants which are both very popular, so do go along and enjoy some CWA scones, soup or sandwiches.

Our next meeting is at 10am at Gisborne Secondary College Stadium on Monday 14 September. The use of the meeting room and kitchen at the stadium allows Gisborne CWA members to stay very cozy for a chat after our meetings. Everyone brings along a plate to share and have a catch up.

Coffee, Craft & Chat is on 21 September at the same time at the same venue.

GISBORNE FAMILY DENTAL



see what
our happy patients
are saying!

8595 1888

gisbornefamilydental.com.au

conveniently located next to Coles Gisborne

dental implants
clear aligners
natural aesthetics



patient-focused
honest & ethical
gentle, empathetic





Photographers go on Malmsbury panning walkabout



July walkabout saw a group of Macedon Ranges Photographic Society members meet at the Malmsbury Botanic Gardens in perfect sunny, still conditions for Peter Ryan's panning exercises.

The site was ideal for experimenting with panning shots of passing traffic. The gardens and viaduct provided picturesque subjects for landscape and general photography.

It must have been quite bemusing for passing motorists to see the line-up of photographers spaced out with cameras following their progress along the road.

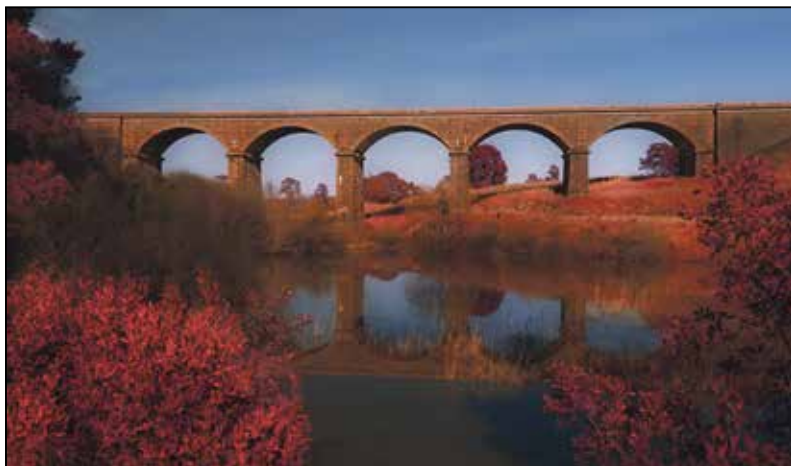
Peter's guidance with camera settings and panning techniques was invaluable as each member mentally ran through his checklist for the task: camera settings, firm stance and body alignment and clicking the shutter at exactly the right moment to get the desired effect.

A bite to eat at the local bakery rounded out the morning beautifully.

On Monday 7 September our guest presenter, Mark Bloothoofd, will explore the idea that great photography begins long before you press the shutter. All welcome, Jubilee Hall, 52 Smith Street, Macedon, 7pm for a 7.30 start.

For more information, please email info@macedon-ranges-photography.org.au.

Jenny Orford



Mount Players Happenings



The Mount Players' August production, *After-Light*, wound up on a high and the group was proud of being able to provide the opportunity to everyone in this original show.

Thanks to Zac and Tom, our writer and musical director, for their passion and commitment in bringing their creation to life.

Time keeps moving though and our last show for the year is already in full rehearsal! A David Williamson classic, *Money and Friends*, will run its season throughout November. First time director to The Mount Players, Deborah Fabbro, brings a vast amount of experience, having worked across theatres in Melbourne for many years and has also enjoyed being one of our valued patrons. She is very excited to be a part of the Mount Players 2026 season.

Our 2027 season launch will be held in October and feature presentations from each of our four directors, along with the opportunity to socialise with others over nibbles and drinks. It is a lovely evening to be a part of, with a chance to engage and ask questions about each production. For full details on the evening, the next show and, indeed, all things theatre, go to www.themountplayers.com.

Karen Hunt

CHAMBER POETS

The next Chamber Poets afternoon will take place at the Woodend RSL on Saturday 12 September, 1pm to 4pm.

Featuring guest poets, open readings, live music, bar, snacks and prizes.

\$10 cash for entry at the door.



Water is essential for life in our region. Let's look after it together.

Drying conditions are placing pressure on our local storages.

Permanent Water Saving Rules are always in place to help us all use water wisely.

Every small action you take to save water can make a big difference to your community.

Follow these tips to help protect our precious water supply:



Stick to a 4-minute shower.



Turn the tap off when brushing teeth.



Install a water-efficient showerhead.



If you have a leaking tap, replace the washer.



Visit our website for more information www.com.au/saving-water





Watercolour by Denise Martin

Spring into The Gallery's show



For September the members of The Gallery welcome Spring. So "Spring into The Gallery" and enjoy the season of renewal in the form of art works, textiles and myriad accessories made by local artists and artisans. There will be something for everyone and, of course, that special gift.

Spring in the Macedon Ranges is a time of lightness, colour returning to our winter gardens and a "Spring" in our step. We invite you to pop into our exhibition of colour and springtime on display, then visit local cafes, gardens and nurseries.

Look for the bright signs next to the Trading Post and head down the lane. Mildred the cat will appreciate a pat as he greets you at the door.

The Gallery is at 684 Mount Macedon Road, Mt Macedon (behind the Trading Post), open Friday to Tuesday, 10am to 4pm.

Sue Anson, 413 581 632

Gisborne Singers take an icy dip

the Gisborne
Singers

The Gisborne Singers are celebrating a joyful mid-year milestone after last month's Cabaret Concert, where the choir proudly showcased their new digital keyboard purchased through a Community Bank grant. Its vibrant sound added sparkle to an evening of music, humour, and community connection.

After a short week of rest, the choir has just begun rehearsals for its next major performance on 22 November at the Church of the Resurrection, Macedon.

This concert will feature a stunning selection of works by Gabriel Fauré, including *Requiem*, *Tantum Ergo*, *Les Djinns* and *Cantique de Jean Racine*.

If these pieces are close to your heart, save the date, or consider singing them with us. The choir especially welcomes male voices, with rehearsals held every Wednesday at 7.30pm at the Uniting Church, Brantome Street, Gisborne. Visit www.gisbornesingers.org.au to find out more.

The icy plunge

The Gisborne Singers have proudly supported Relay for Life for many years, singing in all conditions at Lancefield Park to honour those affected by cancer.



The Singers in rehearsal.

This year, the choir is taking on a new challenge by joining the Daffodil Day "cold dip".

As I write, the Gisborne 'Swimmers' are planning to brave the icy Macedon water on 29 August to raise vital funds for cancer research.

Sarah Lander



Two pieces of daffodil photography by Dianne Dawe



PODIATRY

Do you have

fungal nails?

We
can
help
you

Shop 12, 13 Goode Street, Gisborne (behind McDonalds) Call us for an appointment P: 1300 650 293

Joanne McFadyen
Professional Travel Advisor

'We come to you'

Let's meet to discuss your travel plans!
Contact me on t: 1300 365 688 (ext 672)
m: 0407 432 520
e: jmcfadyen@mtatravel.com.au

FIND OUT MORE

www.mtatravel.com.au/jmcfadyen

Young Voices prepare for showcase

Young Voices of Macedon will proudly present their annual showcase concert *Land, sea, sky* at the Church of the Resurrection, Macedon, on Sunday 13 September.

Featured in the program is the cantata *Jonah-man jazz*, which tells the Old Testament story of Jonah and the surreal experience with a whale. Accompanying the choir will be string bassist Peter Cocklin and drummer Chris Finch, along with our excellent pianist Cathy Hutchison.

Also drawing upon the sea theme is the rousing shanty *Eye of the needle* by Australian composer Paul Jarman, telling of the narrow passage of sea between dangerous rocks near Cape Otway that was greatly feared by 19th century sailors.

The program also features works from the classical tradition, including selections from *Messe brève* by Leo Delibes and the very pictorial two-part song *Five eyes* by English composer C Armstrong Gibbs. Our choir is working with great enthusiasm on this attractive program under the inspiring leadership of our Artistic Director Rosie Cocklin.

Most recently, members of the choir performed at the Riddells Creek Farmers Market, giving shoppers



Singers from Young Voices of Macedon entertain shoppers at the August Riddells Creek Farmers Market.



a foretaste of the showcase concert. Other performances may be viewed on the choir's website www.yvmacedon.org.au and Facebook page.

Children from the age of six are welcome to join us at rehearsals on Thursdays after school, especially in Term 4, when the focus will be on Christmas music.

Here are our concert details
Land, sea, sky concert
 Sunday 13 September at 2.30pm
 Church of the Resurrection, Macedon.
 Bookings \$25/15 at Trybooking.com

Dianne Gome

Crochet kits – the one-stop shop

CRAFT CORNER

with Mary-Beth O'Brien

Seeking crochet inspiration? One of the many ways is a crochet kit. The range of crochet kits available, both in store and online, is awesome, as is the quantity of choices available and customised to your crochet level. Some are in the hundreds of dollars while others require minimal outlay. Each crochet kit has a hook, wool and pattern. The hook can be put to use in future projects while enjoying the satisfaction of a completed handmade crochet project.

Sunbury Agricultural Show

This show has with a huge range of Homecraft Schedules to enter, with Section J of the schedule devoted entirely to crochet. The Show is on Saturday 10 October.

Dates to remember when submitting work:

Online and postal entries close 30 September. Enter online at www.showdayonline.com or mail to Pavilion Steward, Ms Faye O'Shea, 11 Cowper Crescent, Sunbury 3429. Confirmation of postal entries will not be made unless a stamped self-addressed envelope is enclosed. In person entries can be submitted from 6.30pm to 8pm on Wednesday 30 September at the Clarke Oval Social Clubrooms.

Crochet and Conversation

The Crochet and Conversation group meets at 2pm on the first Monday of the month at the Gisborne Library.

You are very welcome regardless of your crochet skill level. Bring your latest project, inspiration, crochet hook and wool.



Happy FATHER'S DAY

This Father's Day, we're taking a moment to celebrate the dads, step-dads, granddads, father figures and special men in our community who give so much to the people around them.

Fatherhood comes with plenty of roles, responsibilities and sometimes a healthy dose of chaos! But amongst the busy days, it's important to remember to make time for yourself too.

So, to all the dads in our Ranges Medical community — look after yourself, make time for your own health, and don't put off that appointment you've been meaning to book!

Wishing you a wonderful Father's Day
From everyone at Ranges Medical



Dental Talk

with Dr Jacob Chan

How orthodontics has been transformed

The 'smile revolution'

When people are thinking about straightening their teeth — or their child's — they might not realise just how much has changed in the world of orthodontics. The journey from tracing X-rays by hand to using 3D digital scans is more than just a technological upgrade. It has fundamentally changed how we plan treatment, predict results, and give patients real control over their own smile journey.



The 'Old Days': analog orthodontics

Let me paint a picture of orthodontics 15 years ago. When a patient came in, we'd take physical X-rays and then... trace them. By hand. On paper. With a pencil.

There were also plaster casts — the physical moulds made from taking impressions using alginate, a seaweed-derived goo that would go into the mouth. Now, if anyone has ever experienced this, you will know it was not exactly pleasant. The material is gritty, it sets while in the mouth, and it can trigger a gag reflex in even the most patient of patients. We would wait for it to harden, then pour liquid plaster into the mould to create a physical replica of the teeth.

From there, we would manually measure angles and distances on these physical models and X-ray tracings. A small error in measurement could lead to a less-than-ideal outcome. The process was labour-intensive and it was genuinely

difficult to show patients what their teeth would actually look like after treatment.

At that time, clear aligners existed, but they were dominated by a single brand. While they could move teeth in simpler cases, we often still recommended traditional braces for anything moderately complex. The technology simply wasn't sophisticated enough to achieve the level of control needed for more intricate tooth movements.

Enter the digital era

Fast forward to today, and the transformation is striking. 3D scanning has replaced alginate impressions. A small handheld scanner takes images of the teeth in seconds—no goo, no gagging, no mess. The patient immediately sees a detailed 3D model on screen. The entire process is faster, more comfortable, and more accurate.

Digital radiographs and imaging mean we no longer squint at physical tracings. We work with high-resolution digital data that we can measure, analyse, and archive.



Digital image of a tooth

Many practices now use CBCT (cone beam computed tomography) for more complex cases, giving a three-dimensional view of bone structure and tooth positioning that would have been unimaginable 15 years ago.

Case analysis software has also leapt forward. Instead of pulling measurements from a single patient, we can now compare cases against libraries of prior treatments. This historical data helps us understand how different teeth types respond to

certain movements, predict how a case will progress, and anticipate potential challenges before they arise.

What this means for treatment

Here's where it gets exciting — and empowering: better predictions, better planning. Modern digital analysis allows us to predict tooth movement with remarkable accuracy. We can test different treatment scenarios digitally before committing to one. If we notice that a particular approach might cause issues later on, we can adjust the plan in advance rather than discovering problems mid-treatment.

See before you commit

Perhaps the most transformative change is treatment visualisation. Once we've planned a patient's treatment, we can show them a digital animation of their teeth moving through the entire process—week by week, stage by stage. Patients can see what their smile will look like at the end, not as a vague promise, but as a concrete visual outcome.

This is empowering because patients are not making a treatment decision in the dark. They know exactly what they are signing up for, and understand the process.

More treatment options with better outcomes

The improvements in clear aligner technology mean we can now tackle more complex cases than ever before. This doesn't mean everyone should choose aligners—traditional braces are still often the gold standard for intricate movements and severe cases—but patients now have genuine options, each backed by solid data and clear treatment projections.

The message

The goal has always been straight teeth and a healthy bite. The difference now is that patients can see exactly where they're headed — and why — before the process even begins.



Jim's Mowing

TOTAL GARDEN PROFESSIONALS
HIGH QUALITY RELIABLE SERVICE
INSURANCE COVER

- Lawn Mowing
- Gutter Cleaning
- Gardening
- Pruning
- Weed Control
- Pest Control

131 546

www.jimsmowingwv.com.au



KENNEDYS ACCOUNTANTS

0418 566 635
5 Hamilton St, Gisborne

*Reducing Tax &
Improving Business*

www.kennedysaccountants.com.au

Join the world in walking against suicide

Every year, our community comes together to remember those we've lost, support those impacted by suicide, and remind one another that hope, connection, and conversation can save lives.



This September, we invite you to join us for our Annual World Suicide Prevention Day Walk. This is a free community event that brings people together to raise awareness, reduce stigma, and show that no one has to face life's challenges alone.

The walk is on Sunday September 13 at Woodend Children's Park, with registrations and live music from 8.30am. There will be speeches from inspiring guest speakers from 9.15am and the walk begins at 10am.

You can expect a welcoming community atmosphere and trained peer support volunteers will be available throughout the morning.

Following the speeches, we'll read the names of

loved ones who have died by suicide. If you would like someone to be acknowledged during this remembrance, please email their name to suicidepreventionwalk@mrspag.com.au.

Everyone is welcome

Whether you're walking in memory of someone you've lost, supporting a loved one, or simply standing with your community to raise awareness, we'd love to have you join us. Together, we can create hope, reduce stigma, and remind people that every conversation matters.

To help with planning, we'd appreciate if you could pre-register by getting a free ticket. Go to [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) and type 'suicide prevention' and 'woodend' in the search bars to find our event.

You can also register on the day from 8.30am.

We hope to see you there.

Macedon Ranges Suicide Prevention Action Group



COUNCILLOR'S COLUMN

With Cr Rob Guthrie

The Local Government Act 2020 requires Councillors to declare a conflict of interest if they have one in relation to matters before Council. The Act specifies two types of conflict of interest.

1. A *general conflict of interest* exists in a matter if an impartial, fair-minded person would consider that the person's private interests could result in that person acting in a manner that is contrary to their public duty.

2. A *material conflict of interest* in respect of a matter if an affected person would gain a benefit or suffer a loss depending on the outcome of the matter. The benefit may arise or loss incurred (a) directly or indirectly, or (b) in a pecuniary or non-pecuniary form.

I have a material interest in relation to the subdivision at 89 Ross Watt Road now known as Rosalia as I live near it and have declared that conflict since the first development plan application was submitted to Council in 2021.

I have not been involved in the applications and have removed myself from the decision-making process in accordance with Council's Governance Rules. Recently, some neighbours have contacted me and said that they voted for me, but I was not representing them in relation to Rosalia. I have explained the situation that I cannot have any involvement as a councillor, only as a resident and then only on publicly available information, the same as any resident.

Council has refused each application submitted for this subdivision, but the applicant has taken them to VCAT who have approved them.

I have written this article to explain the situation to our community that I must act in accordance with the legislation.

If I can be of assistance on any other matter please email me at rguthrie@mrsc.vic.gov.au or phone me on 0419 309 953.

Moving Freely & Brain Health Recreational program offers free sessions

The Moving Freely & Brain Health program is a movement with music recreational program for all abilities, carers, and people with neurological conditions. It is designed on research-supported evidence and runs weekly in-person sessions in Gisborne, and is open to community members.

It creates a socially safe space and sense of belonging for people who enjoy moving freely and want to explore the joy and benefits of movement, music and creativity with like-minded people. The program also facilitates a social session with refreshments after the movement and music.

Some of the pilot clients said that they were willing to travel for over an hour to participate in such a program because it met their needs.

The facilitators are qualified and trained and have a depth of experience in multidisciplinary areas. Current sessions are running in English, Shanghainese or Mandarin. The sessions are every Saturday, 2-3pm plus social, at Gisborne Uniting Church community hall, 23 Brantome Street.

Free sessions

We are planning the following free sessions: Saturday October 3, 2-3pm + social at Gisborne

Uniting Church hall; Tuesday October 6, 1-2pm+ social at Kyneton Mechanics Institute; Saturday November 21 and 28, 10-11am + social, Woodend Neighbourhood House; Saturday December 5, 10-11am + social, Woodend Neighbourhood House.

Who can attend the program?

- You are senior or of any age
- You are fit and well but enjoy movement and music
- You have neurodegenerative conditions such as Parkinsons, dementia, MND, HD, Stroke
- You are a carer or relative
- You are in a youth group (the program is a work with children safe program)

Although we specialise in tailoring the program for seniors or those with neurological conditions such as Parkinsons, dementia, stroke, MND or Huntington's, it is **not** a requirement for your participation. We want to build a community who understands neurodegenerative conditions and brain health; everyone is welcome! We look forward to connecting with you – Together we create and have fun! With love and peace,

Angela and Richard Snowdon

r.a.s7989@gmail.com or tel. 0409 099 681

www.facebook.com/movingfreely.brainhealth

Labor is making healthcare
cheaper and easier with
Chemist Care Now



Mary-Anne Thomas MP

State Member for Macedon

☎ 03 5428 2138

🌐 www.mary-annethomas.com.au

✉ mary-anne.thomas@parliament.vic.gov.au

Victorian
Labor

Louis Bokor: heart of Calder Fly Fishing

Every club has those special individuals who quietly make a lasting difference, and at the Calder Fly Fishing Association, Louis Bokor is undoubtedly one of them.



For 10-plus years Calder Fly Fishing Association barely missed an article in the *Gazette*: each month Louis would collect tall tales from our members using uploaded photos to create a 200-word masterpiece.

What makes Louis so highly regarded is not just his penmanship and Walkley traits, but how he goes about it. He brings warmth, humour and genuine enthusiasm to every club activity. His encouragement has helped countless members improve their skills and confidence, while his positive attitude has strengthened the sense of community that makes Calder such a special place.

Louis understands that a club is about far more than catching fish. It is about friendships, shared experiences, and creating an environment in which everyone feels welcome. Through his dedication and example, he has helped foster exactly that culture.

So today, as I write this right on the *Gazette* deadline, I make this little pledge to you, my friend: you keep reading, laughing, swapping stories, and fishing with that same good spirit, and I'll keep sending through my last-minute articles, hoping they bring a smile, raise a chuckle around the club, and somehow avoid the editing room floor.

Simon Hall
Calder President



Louis Bokor throws a line in.

Gentle walking is on local agenda

Walking Moai

Gisborne Walking Moai is growing all the time. (You can find the group on Facebook).

We all meet in front of 3 Little Pigs cafe every Wednesday morning and start walking at 9.30am. It's about a 45-minute walk and then we stop for coffee, tea/ morning tea till about 11.30am. It's a great time to catch up with locals and make new friends.



Myriad walks for Ramblers

This last month seems to have been cold, dark and miserable from a weather perspective, but has not stopped the Ramblers from muddling through with walks at Sunbury, East Trentham, Bullengarook and Riddells Creek.

Even with the rainfall we have had of late, there was still no flow over the waterfall at Conglomerate Gully. This does not bode well for the coming fire season, especially as there is now talk of a 'super' El Nino.

On the next page you will see described a walk the Ramblers did early August at Firth Park. This is a great walk if you are in the area, or you can just enjoy a picnic at the park, a very picturesque spot. It gets very busy on public holidays, so pick your time!

Details of our weekly walks are emailed out if you care to join the mailing list, there is no cost or obligation. You can walk with the group on Fridays or solo at your preference.

Charles (gisramblers@gmail.com)



DOUBLE GLAZING IN YOUR EXISTING TIMBER WINDOWS

macedonrangesglass.com.au

Your Local Glaziers for Over 50 Years

Gisborne
☎ 03 5428 2899

Kyneton
☎ 03 5422 1724





SAINT MARY MEDICAL CENTRE

Dr Demyana Ayoub

Dr M Tikirimali

Dr Mike Masih



Podiatrist

Sheridan Gilbert



Audiologist

Bloom Hearing



Diabetic Educator

Ann Bush



Clinical Labs

Pathology

CONTACT US

03 5420 7014

After hours: 0491 141 010

51 Brantome St, Gisborne



GISBORNE GAZETTE AGM

The Gisborne Gazette Community Newspaper Inc Annual General Meeting will be held at 1.30pm on October 8 at the Men's Shed, Lyell Street, Gisborne. Officeholders for 2026-27 will be elected.

All welcome.

Bushwalkers trek Longforest and Lerderderg



The Long Forest Nature Conservation Reserve was the destination for the Gisborne Bushwalkers' first hike of August. It was a cool day but with sunny breaks perfect for walking.

The reserve has over 400 native species including Bull Mallee, the only mallee species found south of the Great Dividing Range. Wandering through undulating bush and along Pyrites Creek there was plenty of wildlife and varying landscape to keep us entertained. The walk was led by Pierre, one of our new leaders and what a great job he did.

Mackenzies Flat Circuit in the Lerderderg Gorge near Bacchus Marsh provided a more challenging adventure along the Spur Track down to the Lerderderg Weir and Diversion Tunnel with epic views into the gorge. Arriving at Grahams Dam it certainly wasn't swimming weather but a great spot to stop and enjoy the scenery and marvels of the Lerderderg.

The walk leaders got together to refresh our walk safety skills and discuss how to ensure everyone gets the best out of each of our activities. With winter now behind us (well sort of) the club has a great calendar of walks planned to take advantage of the early bursts of spring and warmer weather.



Long Forest gang led by Pierre.

You should come and join us. The club has something for everyone so if you would like to give bushwalking a try, you can join us as a casual participant for \$5 (insurance coverage) and see if it's for you. For details about the Gisborne Bushwalking Club, please contact Secretary Jenny on 0438 691 801 or our President, Gail, on 0419 374 603.

The website is www.gisbornebwc.org.

Deborah

RAMBLERS WALK Anderson Mill Trail East Trentham

Anderson Mill trail – Firth Park, East Trentham

Length: About 6km (there and back)

Level: Easy

GETTING THERE

Short route: Drive along Bacchus Marsh Road, turn right into Carrols Lane. Carrols Lane morphs into Firth Road and this will eventually lead you to Firth Park. Warning: Firth Road is dirt all the way and is known for some serious potholes. Not recommended for sedans.

Long route: Drive up the Calder Freeway, turn off to Woodend. Before the town, turn left into Ashbourne Road. Drive the full length and turn left at the T-intersection. After about 3km, turn left into Gleeds Lane. Drive its full length to another T-intersection, turn right and then left into Firth Road. A further 3km will bring you to the Park entry road.

On arrival at the picnic ground, parking is probably best adjacent to the horse corral.

Walk through the park to the direction sign for trail start.

This is an easy walk to the remains of the mill's sawdust heap. Amazingly, after the mill being closed



Anderson's Mill site

for over 100 years, no weeds invade the heap. It is really worth a visit.

The walk is generally a 'there and back' type walk, but the Ramblers enlarge it to a longer loop walk.

I have not described the walk as the complexity increases with the loop return, but details will be sent out if requested.

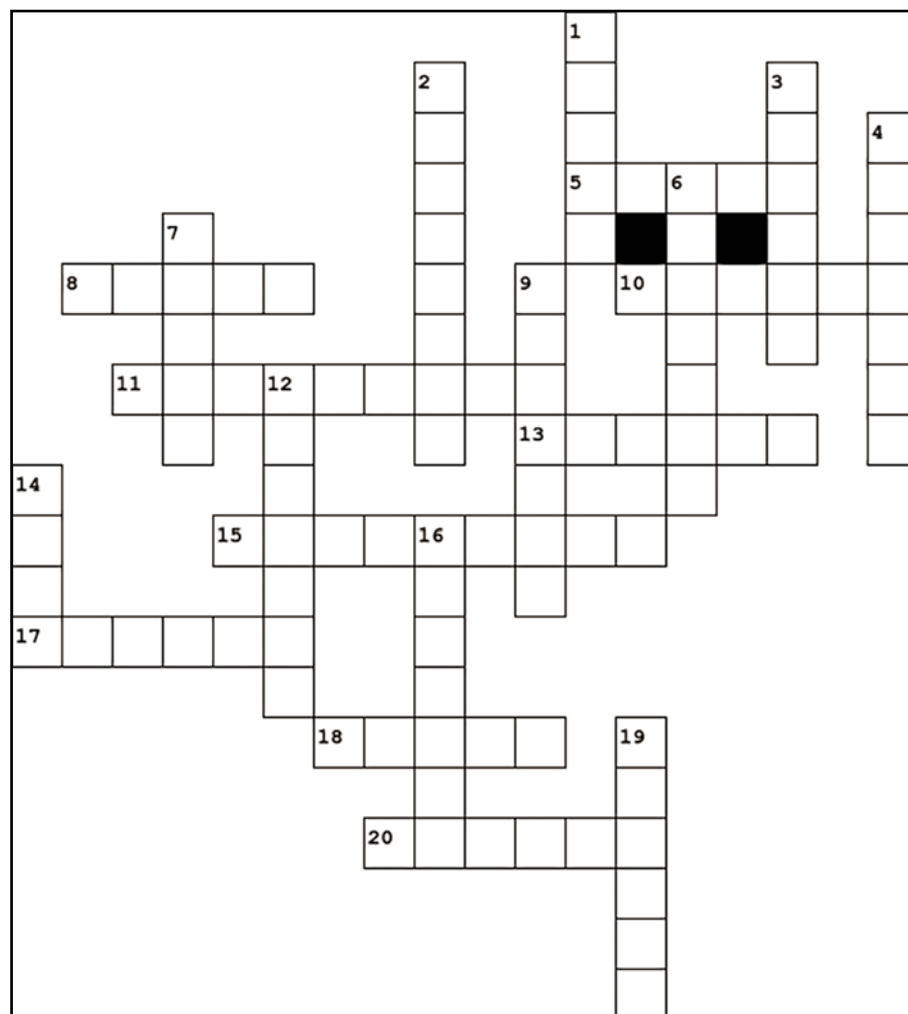
Even if you are not into walking, the camp ground is well worth a trip. There are some special trees in the area – a giant American Redwood among others. A picturesque lake sets the place off.

QUIZ

- 1 How many months are in a trimester?
- 2 Which car maker makes the Impreza model?
- 3 In Melbourne the "G Class" is the newest what?
- 4 What is 2026 in Roman numerals?
- 5 The AUKUS agreement is meant to supply what form of defence vehicle to Australia?
- 6 Who did Ben Carroll replace as Victoria's Premier?
- 7 Soprano Helen Porter Mitchell was better known as?
- 8 What is the state bird of Victoria?
- 9 Who was Queen Elizabeth I's mother?
- 10 What is the capital of Portugal?

Good, glorious food

Compiled by Chris Antoniou



ACROSS

- 5 Delicious and Jonathan
- 8 Gnocchi's two main ingredients are potatoes and
- 10 Green lipped mollusc
- 11 Makers of Fruit Loops
- 13 Vegetable reputedly but incorrectly described as good for your eyesight
- 15 Butter substitute with a word meaning pearl
- 17 Meat from an adult sheep
- 18 What shark meat is better known as in Australia
- 20 Dark chocolate, cream, and eggs together make a chocolate

DOWN

- 1 The staff of life
- 2 Another word for gaol time
- 3 Stilton, Wensleydale and Roquefort are types of
- 4 Australian dessert with meringue, cream, and fruit
- 6 Collective name for meat from domesticated birds
- 7 The most commonly eaten product made by insects
- 9 From the French for "twice cooked"
- 12 Garfield's favourite
- 14 Spiced Ham is better known as
- 16 Fruit with the types Hass, Bacon, and Shepard
- 19 Fruit on a Black Forest cake

Answers p39

Speech therapy available for adults

Adult speech therapy appointments are now available at Omnia Community Health's Kyneton, Romsey and Sunbury sites. Speech therapists can assist with communication difficulties, as well as helping make mealtimes safer and easier. Support is available for issues such as choking, coughing, difficulty swallowing

and eating in public. Speech therapy can also help with memory and comprehension, building confidence and independence to support participation in everyday life and enhance feelings of inclusion.

The service is available to adults aged 18 and over and supports people living with conditions including

Parkinson's disease, motor neurone disease, brain injury, stroke, head and neck cancer and dementia. Reduced rates are available for those with a concession card, and the service can be accessed through NDIS and Support at Home funding.

Call on 5421 6035 or email intake@onmiach.org.au.

What's better than a Big 4 bank? This local one.

As an award-winning Aussie bank, we're big on providing legendary customer service to you every day. Talk to our friendly team about your personal, business, and agribusiness needs.

🏠 11 Nexus Way, Gisborne ☎ 5420 7210

Community Bank
Gisborne & District

Bendigo Bank
The better big bank



KIDS' CORNER

KIDS' QUIZ

1. What does the Bluey family use for money?
2. How do you write the number 66 in Roman numerals?
3. Who did Taylor Swift marry in July 2026?
4. What kind of domestic pet is a Dachshund?
5. What is the capital of Argentina?
6. The Rice Bubbles mascots are Snap, Crackle, and who?
7. The retina lies at the back of which human sense organ?
8. Which abundant gas in our atmosphere has the atomic symbol N?
9. Which country won the FIFA World Cup in 2026?
10. What colour are native Australian swans?

Answers p39

JOKES & RIDDLES

What trees do you have in your hands?
Palms

Why do French people eat snails?
Because they hate fast food.

Why do ducks make good detectives?
They always quack the case.

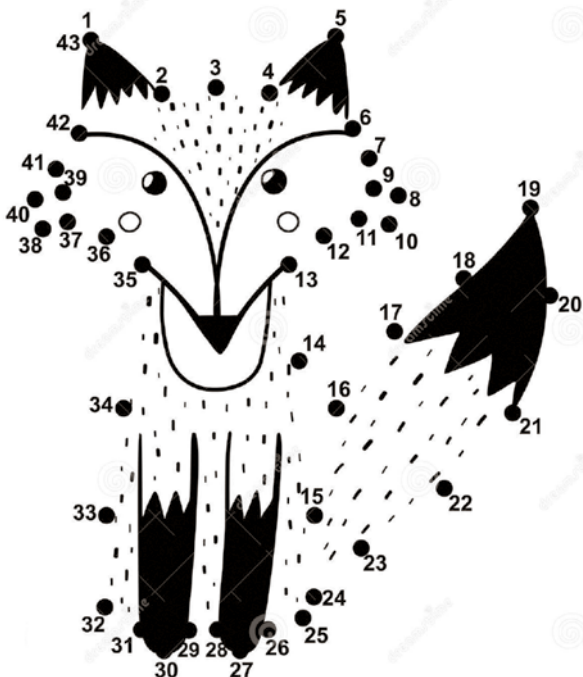
Why did the computer catch a cold?
It left its Windows open.

Why have balloons become so expensive?
Inflation.

My brother threw a wedge of cheese at me for no reason. I said, "That's not very mature."

I don't like Russian dolls. They're so full of themselves.

JOIN THE DOTS



SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Artwork by Eliza Ransome

Can you find 10 differences between the pictures? It would be fun to colour in this great party scene too.

A festival for young writers returns

Young people, families, educators and story enthusiasts are invited to Newstead in October for a celebration of creativity, books and storytelling.

The Newstead Young Writers Festival will be at the Newstead Arts Hub on Sunday 11 October, with more than 20 workshops and mentoring for ages 5 to 18, plus storytelling and creative activities for all ages. The program features former Australian Children's Laureates Sally Rippin and Gabrielle Wang, Chicken Divas creator Lucinda Gifford and New York Times bestselling author Adam Wallace.

The weekend kicks off with a Festival Eve Songwriting Masterclass on Saturday 10 October, featuring musicians Mo'Ju and Eliza Hull; 6-8pm, for ages 13 to 18, \$35. Festival organiser Nelle Pierce said the festival was created to bring top-notch creative opportunities to regional children. Festival day will also see the inaugural John Marsden Story Prize awarded.

Register at www.newsteadyoungwritersfestival.com now before tickets drop. Workshop and mentoring tickets are expected to sell quickly.



Fallen trees in Daly Nature Reserve are home for some

The recent heavy rain has caused a few trees in the reserve to fall. Some are old dead trees that have been standing "stags" for many years. Others have been live trees that were unable to stay upright due to the wet ground conditions.

The live trees may continue to grow as some of their roots are still in the ground. They may still send up new branches towards the light.

Daly is a Nature Reserve, and trees must remain where they fall and not be removed for firewood. They will continue to provide habitat for small animals, insects and fungi and will eventually break down and provide nutrients for new plants.

On Saturday 5 September at 1pm we will be holding our annual information meeting at the Scout Hall for all members and anyone interested in the reserve. The guest speaker will be John Walters from Malmsbury District Landcare, presenting on drone technology to record fauna species at night.



Fallen trees in Daly Nature Reserve provide vital homes for local wildlife.

During spring, as the weeds are more active, we conduct extra working bees on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month. Newcomers are welcome and there are tasks suitable for all ages and abilities. We meet at the Scout Hall on Howey Street, starting at 9.30am and finishing around 11am with a cuppa and a chat.

Friends of Daly Nature Reserve, subgroup of Gisborne Landcare
E: dalynaturereserve@gmail.com



Gardeners delighted with Garden Club Expo

 The Gisborne Garden Club welcomed the popular and knowledgeable landscape designer Jim Fogarty, as guest speaker at the Garden Expo on 12 August.

A large group of enthusiastic gardeners filled the room at the Macedon Ranges and District Motor Club. Jim's garden designs have been acclaimed at many international and national gardening awards including winning gold at the famous Chelsea Garden Show in 2011.

Jim gave an entertaining talk about how his journey setting up his garden displays; seeking out Australian native plants from Britain and European growers, mostly in freezing weather conditions; working with international teams, especially if they didn't speak English; getting the garden displays ready for judging. It was always a challenge but a lot of fun and brought exceptional success.

He won awards in Singapore,



Garden Club secretary Louise with guest speaker Jim Fogarty.

Japan, Britain and the US.

Jim answered a range of questions from the audience while everyone enjoyed a delicious afternoon tea.

Included in the event was a raffle won by a club member, a silent auction of assorted goodies and a selection of hellebores (winter rose) for sale.

If you would like more information on the Gisborne Garden Club please contact Edwina on 0407 576545.

Gisborne Garden Club

Growing seedlings for Landcare in your own back yard

The Upper Deep Creek Landcare Network in partnership with TreeProject will be taking their plant propagation workshops on the road and bringing seedlings to a town near you. The Gisborne workshop will be held on Saturday 12 September at 2.30pm.

TreeProject is non-profit, volunteer-based organisation leading the way in sustainable revegetation throughout Victoria, by providing low-cost native seedlings to landholders and Landcare groups.

The TreeProject is simple: it trains volunteers to grow native seedlings from seed in their back yards, and after six months the seedlings are planted out in managed revegetation sites by Landcare groups and landholders.

When environmental issues seem too big to be tackled by concerned individuals, TreeProject provides a tangible way



that anyone can contribute to the solutions. You don't need to have access to land, special skills, fancy equipment or even loads of spare time. Becoming a TreeProject grower is a unique volunteering experience that you can take on in your back yard.

It's not a long-term commitment; volunteers register for a growing season (up to

six months) and nurture their plants from seed to seedlings. Growers are provided with training, equipment (a growing kit which contains seeds, pots and potting mix to grow 336 seedlings), and support. The workshops this month hope to encourage more locals to become volunteer TreeProject growers.

You can find out more about the workshop, including links to register, by visiting www.upperdeepcreeklandcare.org.au/events or emailing Ammie at udc.landcare.facilitator@gmail.com.

Are you looking for adult speech therapy?

Appointments available in:

- Romsey
- Sunbury
- Kyneton

Support with communication, mealtimes, memory and comprehension



Not-for-profit with over 50 years of experience



📞 5421 6035

✉ intake@omniach.org.au





Joeys out on a night walk led by a biodiversity officer from the council.

Exciting times for 1st New Gisborne Scouts

Excitement grows as 1st New Gisborne's 16 Cubs and eight leaders are only weeks from the 2026 Cuboree, a state-wide camp with five action-packed days of adventure, friendships and unforgettable moments.

At Cuboree, confidence, independence and memories are made.

Our Cub Scout band, Cailin and the Unicorns, were selected as "Cubs Got Talent" finalists and will be playing live on stage at the Cuboree.

The Joeys visited Baringo Reserve for a night walk

led by the Biodiversity Officer at Macedon Ranges Shire, Dr. Jaclyn Harris. Conditions were perfect, with a still, cloudless night. Joeys hiked with enthusiasm and saw a ringtail possum, some kangaroos and even some tadpoles.

We have signed contracts for construction of a trailer bay, a home for our camping trailers and equipment. A building permit has been applied for and construction should begin in October, soon followed by the Scout Hut kitchen, toilets, meeting room and insulation.

Contributions are welcome and tax-deductible.

Scouting offers proven programs, challenges and opportunities for young people and great training for leadership and support opportunities for parents.

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

Contact Group Leader Russell Barker on 0400 297 025 or at russell@jeem.com.au.

For Venturers, call Tracey on 0407 098 032.



Guide Imogen created this picture using recycled bottle tops for her Service project.

Guides undertake activities for their BP Badge



Members of the Gisborne Lightning Guides have decided to take on the special challenge of earning their Junior BP badge. BP refers to both 'being prepared' and the initials of Baden Powell, the founder of Scouting, which led to Guiding.

The girls have to undertake 12 challenges based on the six concepts of Guiding. The girls are undertaking facilitating the activities for a meeting night as part of this challenge.

Imogen began the challenge by organising a games night, with the girls voting on what games they wanted to play. Democracy at work.

Whilst Guiding has traditional skills and knowledge to share with the girls, the program is led by the current interests of the girls. This term they have chosen to undertake the Australian badge and begin the Agate challenge badge.

If you think you would like to try Guiding this year, please refer to the Girl Guides Victoria website, www.guidesvic.org.au.

The Gisborne unit meets at the Daly Reserve community hall on Thursdays between 5 and 6.30pm.



From Prep to the Tasmania Devils

Why role models matter

As a principal, there are moments that remind you why schools are such special places.

Recently, we welcomed former St Brigid's student Lachlan Hay back to our school following his selection with the Tasmania Devils. It was a homecoming that left a lasting impression on our students, staff and families.

I should acknowledge that Lachlan is also a member of my extended family, and I had the privilege of teaching him in Prep. Having watched his journey from the beginning, I have seen first-hand the determination, resilience and humility that have shaped the young man he is today.

When Lachlan stood in front of our students, he didn't simply talk about football. He spoke honestly about hard work, setbacks, resilience, being a supportive teammate and, most importantly, never losing the enjoyment of the game. His message resonated with every student, but particularly with those who sometimes questioned whether they were big enough, fast enough or talented enough to achieve their dreams. Lachlan reminded them that success isn't always about being the biggest or strongest. It's about persistence, character, and continuing to improve every day.

The impact of his visit extended far beyond the school assembly. The following morning, families stopped me at the school gate to tell me how inspired their children had been. Parents shared that conversations around the dinner table had centred on Lachlan's story and that their children had already been online searching for Tasmania Devils' merchandise, eager to follow his journey.

Throughout the day, students continued to approach me, sharing how motivated they felt and how they wanted to work harder towards their own goals.

As educators, we often talk about the importance of positive role models. While elite sporting achievements



Lachy Hay at St Brigid's with some current students.

are exciting, what matters most is seeing young people who remain humble, grounded and willing to give back to the communities that helped shape them.

Lachlan exemplified those qualities. He returned not because he had to, but because he genuinely wanted to inspire the next generation.

For our students, seeing someone who once sat in the very same classrooms standing before them was a powerful reminder that dreams can begin in small country schools. Success isn't reserved for someone else. It

can begin right here, through courage, commitment and the willingness to keep showing up.

Our community is incredibly proud of Lachlan and grateful that he took the time to return home. We wish him every success with the Tasmania Devils and look forward to following his journey in the years ahead.

If his visit taught our students anything, it's that where you begin doesn't define where you can go, and sometimes the greatest impact comes from simply returning home to inspire those following in your footsteps.

What a flurry of activities in Term 3 at St Brigid's



Some of the 300kg of goods collected for the Foodbank.



We jumped straight into Term 3 activities at St Brigid's, and we've already been very busy! The Prep Students celebrated the very special milestone of 100 Days of Prep. Inspired by the much-loved story *Dear Zoo*, the day was filled with hands-on fun, from adopting their own "perfect puppy" and creating edible zoo worlds to making 100 Days hats, enjoying a pizza lunch and finishing with a 100 Frog Treasure Hunt.

There were plenty of smiles and some very proud Preps celebrating just how far they had come in their first 100 days of school.

We were also incredibly proud of our school community following the annual St Brigid's Food Donation Drive. Led by our Minnie Vinnies students and faith leader Alex, an amazing 667 items — weighing 300kg

We jumped straight into Term 3 activities at St Brigid's, and we've already been very busy! The Prep Students celebrated the very special milestone of 100 Days of Prep. Inspired by the much-loved story *Dear Zoo*, the day was filled with hands-on fun, from adopting their own "perfect puppy" and creating edible zoo worlds to making 100 Days hats, enjoying a pizza lunch and finishing with a 100 Frog Treasure Hunt.

— were donated to the Gisborne Community Care Foodbank. A huge thank you to students and families who contributed.

It's wonderful to see our community come together to support local families in such a practical way.

There has also been plenty of interest in the arrival of five new feathered friends — three Silkies and two Bantam chickens. Students have been suggesting names before we put the favourites to a whole-school vote.

National Science Week has been celebrated, with one of our students helping to lead activities across the school, and Book Week activities were great fun as always.

We are looking forward to the Grade 3/4 camp and our Father's Day celebration.

It's certainly been a busy term so far, and we're looking forward to everything still to come.

Celebrating 100 days of school

From page 1

New Gisborne Primary School



The Foundation students at New Gisborne Primary School were asked about their favourite parts of school.

Oliver said, "I like playing at lunch and snack on the oval with my friends".

Tilly also enjoys playtime and said, "I like playing with my friends on the slide".

Finn answered, "I like the specialists we do (PE, Art, Performing Arts and Indonesian)".

Inside the classroom, Hannah replied with, "I like writing about my 100 days of school", while Mia said, "I enjoy learning about maths". And Kaeden likes his teacher because, "She's very fun".



Milla, Year 6
Reporter

Congratulations to all the Foundation students for celebrating with a proud smile on their faces for their 100th day of school! We all enjoyed seeing their creative costumes. It was wonderful to watch the enthusiasm and excitement they all have for school.

By Milla, Year 6 Reporter



Mia and Oliver, New Gisborne Primary School.

From page 1

Gisborne Primary School



After the morning's activities, at lunch time the Gisborne Primary School Foundation students enjoyed a marvellous hot chip lunch. Everyone loved them, sinking their teeth into yummy potato goodness.

At the end of the day, they went to assembly to participate in a parade to show off their costumes to the whole school. The costumes were so cool, some kids even thought the preps were one hundred!

The room was filled with applause and laughs as their song played in the background. Thank you to the teachers who organised this special event for the Foundation students.

Ben P and Tom F
Year 5 Writers' Club



New Gisborne's Kaeden, Hannah and Tilly...

Leadership Day for Braemar students

Leadership Day is an incredible tradition at Braemar College where the Year 7 cohort look towards the future. On 31 July, the Year 7s experienced the Lead-4Impact incursion to develop leadership skills.

'Crazy Ideas College', or CIC as they call it, visited and gave a marvellous presentation of what a leader is, how we can be a leader, and even how to discover what type of leader we are personally. They helped us collectively create a school motto and a definition of leadership.

In addition to the incursion, our teachers put us in randomised groups to see who could work well with one another, which led to the discovery of new connections.

We rotated through amusing activities and learning including baking choc balls (food tech), playing teamwork building games, learning about conflict resolution strategies, and completing "my



Year 7s listen to a leadership speaker at Braemar.

strengths" activities to find out more about ourselves and how to improve our leadership skills.

Overall, Leadership Day helped benefit our leadership skills and improved our ability to work with others. We all had lots of fun and gained confidence to be inclusive leaders, with or without a badge.

Rose and Eliot – Year 7



Willowbank students at the Queen Victoria Market with the cityscape ahead — not to mention one of the famous Melbourne seagull population.



Global Village Learning students are working towards their Summer Solstice production.

Global Village Solstice Showcase



As we continue building excitement for this year's musical, our last session was filled with energy, creativity, and plenty of hard work. Everyone embraced the opportunity to develop their

talents and prepare for what promises to be a fantastic production.

A highlight of the session was our Winter Solstice Showcase, where participants proudly shared their progress with the community. The event celebrated the dedication, enthusiasm, and teamwork that have been at the heart of our musical journey.

Throughout the session, everyone immersed themselves in a range of creative activities. From learning dance routines and practising songs to playing instruments, creating a band and developing new skills on the ukulele, each participant challenged themselves and grew in confidence.

We also spent time bringing our musical characters to life through acting, while creative art projects allowed everyone to express their imagination and contribute to the production in unique ways.

The showcase was more than just a performance — it was an opportunity to celebrate who we are, what we have achieved, and the passion we share for the performing arts.

It was wonderful to see our community come together to support and encourage our performers as they continue their journey.

We are incredibly proud of everyone's commitment and can't wait to share even more as we move closer to opening night and the real rehearsals begin and costumes come to life.

Stay tuned for more exciting updates as our musical continues to take shape!

Bec — Exploration and Discovery Guide

Bugs galore invade Willowbank



Science was in the spotlight in August as students at Willowbank held their Big Bug Extravaganza. A competition was held, and students, either on their own or with their families, created all manner of creepy crawlies!

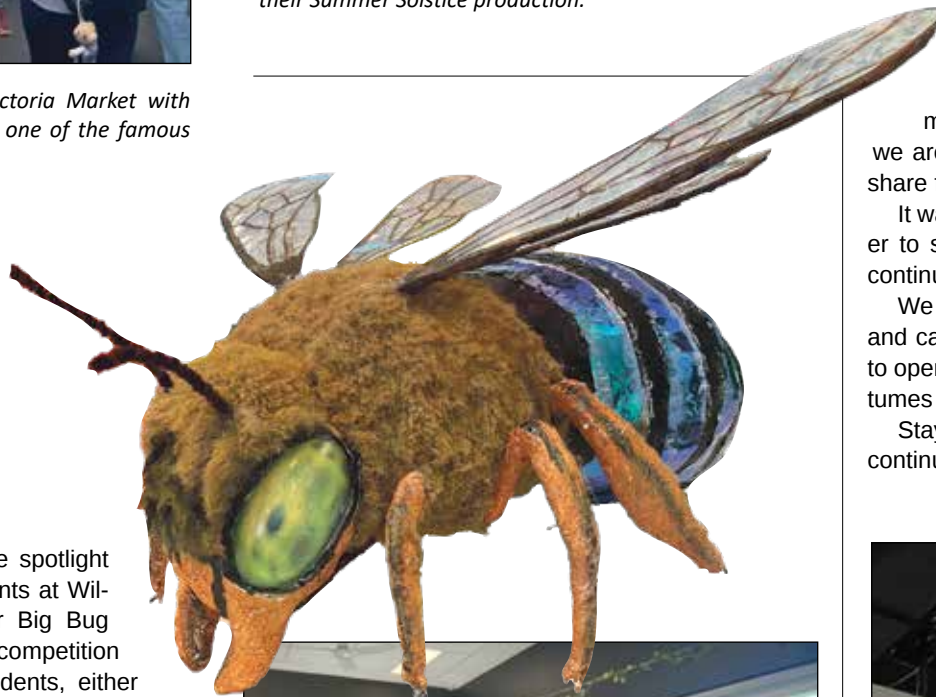
The grand display of all the creatures in the science room was an entomologist's dream! Students have cast their vote for their favourite creation, and we are eagerly waiting to see who is crowned Willowbank's Chief Bug Creator. A special thank you to Miss Legge and Mrs Ferguson for bringing it all together and our Willowbank families for their bug-tacular enthusiasm!

Year 5/6 enjoys City Camp

The Year 5s and 6s have returned from their school camp in Melbourne. They visited many well-known places, such as the Melbourne Museum and the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

Another place they went was the Shrine of Remembrance. Built in 1934, the Shrine is dedicated to everyone who has served in wars and peacekeeping forces. The students learnt new things at the Shrine; one is that there is a fire called the Eternal Flame, which has been burning since 1954 and was lit by Queen Elizabeth.

Wylde (5/6MM)



Above: two exhibits in Willowbank's Big Bug Extravaganza.



Global Village Learning: creativity.

Couple's seventy years in Gisborne

Long-time Gisborne resident Wendy Kays celebrated her 90th birthday in July with family and friends at the Gisborne Bowling Club where she is still an active member.
Interviewed by Bryan Power

“When I first came to Gisborne in 1956,” said Wendy, “I could walk from my home in Prince Street to the grocer’s in five minutes and not see anyone. Later, when pushing the pram with my babies, it would take half an hour because I met so many lovely people on the way. Visits to the baby health centre could last two hours.”

Wendy was the second of nine children born to Ted and Nell Shelly of Bacchus Marsh. “My elder sister didn’t like cooking or housework so a lot fell to me.”

Wendy met her future husband Les Kays at a dance at Coimadai. For her it was love at first sight. However, the first meal she cooked for Les was “a beautiful roast but I burnt it to a crisp.” Luckily that didn’t frighten Les off and they were married at St Bernard’s in Bacchus Marsh in 1956, moved to a rental in Gisborne and a few months later into their home at 14 Prince Street, (located where the carpet shop is now).

Les had grown up in New Gisborne where he went to New Gisborne Primary before going on to Marist College in Kyneton and Essendon Tech. When he met Wendy he was working at Bullengarook where his father had a saw mill but after the mill was sold Les got a job with the SEC.

An opportunity came up for Les to be the agent for Neptune (and, later, Shell) and their backyard, which extended back to Goode Street and down to Robinson Street, became the site for oil drums and gas bottles. For a while Les kept a cow there too and would carry his bucket and stool to wherever she was to milk her.

They were lucky to have as neighbours Marie and Don Clifford and their three girls, and the two families became great friends. One day Don was trying to repair the old fence between their properties when he said to Les, “Les, do we need this fence?” Les agreed that they didn’t and in no time Don had pulled it down.

Their first child arrived and was followed in quick succession by the next three. “I had four under four — but we managed.” By this stage Wendy was driving a car to get about with all these little children.

They had bunks in every bedroom but when number nine was on the way Les had to extend the house. With the arrival of the tenth baby their family was complete. In order of birth they are Terry, Paul, John, Maree, Brendan, Leanne, Libby, Shelly, Michael and Marcia.

Fortunately, all the children got on very well. They all had their jobs to do. They started at St Brigid’s and later went on to Sacred Heart College. Wendy was on the Mothers’ Club committee at St Brigid’s for a while but she didn’t have any spare time to become involved in other groups. She had trained as a typist-bookkeeper and worked in that capacity at the coal mine in Bacchus Marsh for five years before she married. Any spare time she might have had after having the children was spent keeping the books for the business.

The children played football, netball, cricket, tennis



Ninety-year-old Wendy Kays has been in Gisborne since 1956.

and golf and were members of the swimming club and the Scouts and Guides groups. They were within easy walking distance of all those activities. They would arrive home shivering from the outdoor pool and Wendy would always have a hot meal ready for them.

The family didn’t have many holidays but the kids seemed to be happy just being in Gisborne. Favourite activities were picking blackberries along Jackson’s Creek and mushrooms up the hill where Cherry Lane now is.

In those years everything was delivered. Jim James from Sansoms’ store turned up every Monday morning for Wendy’s grocery order and it would be delivered later that day. Tony Monaghan brought six bottles of milk each morning, Freddie Thomas two loaves of bread, Bill Deverall the fruit and vegetables and Jack Robinson delivered the meat order.

Prince Street and Goode Street neighbours, Marie Clifford, Betty Hemphill, Mrs Keane and her daughter-in-law Dawn, regularly dropped into Wendy’s kitchen for afternoon tea and they were always welcomed. Wendy and Marie’s friendship goes back 70 years. They do everything together: Probus, church activities, hydro classes, Scrabble, afternoon teas and senior citizens’ weekly luncheons at Riddells Creek. They are always there for each other.

The children are all dispersed around Australia now,

with children and grandchildren of their own. However, hardly a day goes by without one of them calling Wendy. She has 26 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

When Les was 59 he was made redundant and that was a shock as there were still three children at Sacred Heart. However, the management of Nexus made Les and Wendy a good offer for their house and land, which they accepted and bought a home elsewhere in Gisborne. Les then had more time to enjoy his golf at Gisborne and at other places they travelled to.

They bought a caravan and went off on their first real extended holiday together, driving around Australia. They enjoyed that trip so much that they repeated the adventure a couple of years later. On one of those trips they met up with Gisborne neighbours Jan and Graeme McIntosh, who were staying at a caravan park at Evans Head in northern New South Wales. They liked the area so much that they drove there for the next eight years to enjoy the winter sunshine.

While staying at Evans Head Wendy took up bowls which she continues to play. At one stage she even became the driver to get her team to away games. Last year she played in a combined Gisborne-Harcourt team that won the “Bubbles on the Green” tournament. She has a lovely circle of friends at the Bowling Club.

Sadly, Les died in 2021 after a long battle with can-

Continued next page



Seventy years in Gisborne

Continued from previous page

cer. This was during the Covid lockdown so it was difficult for the family to visit him while he was in Peter MacCallum hospital.

In summing up her life to date Wendy says, "90 years — it's hard to realise, but fortunately I'm quite healthy. I've had a wonderful life — I wouldn't change a thing. I didn't really plan on 10 children but they arrived and they were always welcome. Les and I had a terrific relationship. We've been so lucky. We've been happy in Gisborne. I've never wanted to be anywhere else but Gisborne."

Wendy in the middle in her birthday sash with from left: Back row: Terry, John, Brendan, Shelly, Michael and Paul. Front: Leanne, Maree, Libby and Marcia.

Twenty years of enjoyment with the *Gazette*

This year marks the 20th year of service with the *Gazette* of the first editor, Bryan Power, and designer Pip Butler. We asked them to tell us something of their stories.

Bryan

Before moving to Gisborne in 1999 I had edited the *Rowville-Lysterfield Community News* for a number of years. In September 2006 I edited the first edition of the *Gazette* and recruited volunteers to deliver the 5400 copies.

For that first edition there were major problems with getting the layout of the paper right but from the second edition all those troubles disappeared when Pip Butler came on board as our designer and layout whizz. From that time the *Gazette* has never looked back nor missed a deadline.

I often mentioned during that time how lucky I was that the quality of contributions from our reporters in this area was so high.

After 10 years of editing, which I thoroughly enjoyed, I handed over to the talented Corinne Shaddock in 2016 and she, in turn, passed the baton to our wonderful current editor, Katrina.

From 2016 I have continued as a member of the *Gazette*'s hardworking committee led very ably by Maxine Barker. It is such a pleasure to be part of a group that works with such dedication to produce a top-quality publication each month for our community.

I now mainly write feature articles and obituaries and am available as back-up editor when required.

I continue to enjoy interviewing interesting people in our community and am grateful to the *Gazette* committee for financially supporting the publication of two of my compilations of stories: *Memories of Ash Wednesday* and the recollections of Eddie and Peter Gardiner in *Tales of Old Gisborne*.



Bryan Power and Pip Butler

From its original small format, the *Gazette* has grown over the past 20 years to be a full-colour 40-pager that each month is crammed with reports, articles and photographs that tell of so many good things happening in our southern corner of the Macedon Ranges.

Long may it continue to do so.

Pip

I became involved with the *Gazette* after Bryan Power, who was a friend and neighbour at South Gisborne, told me they had had trouble finding a suitable person

to do the layouts for the first edition. I'd had experience in layout and production in my career as a journalist, so I offered to help, never dreaming I'd still be here 20 years on.

Right from the start I loved the community nature of the *Gazette*: the deeds of local people being celebrated and the activities of local clubs and organisations being communicated so that everyone could see what there was to do in their community.

I have always worked in newspapers and although I remained interested in news generally, I did begin to tire of the superficial nature of much that makes up our commercial media.

In 2010 I left full-time work to start a small book publishing company. It gave me a better lifestyle and the flexibility to be at home for our children. It also meant that, as the *Gazette* rapidly grew, I could still devote time to it.

It is immensely gratifying to see so many community groups and sporting clubs reporting on their activities, individuals telling their stories, a small army of distributors heading out each month to deliver the paper, and the dedicated group on the committee who put their all into the paper each month. The *Gazette* was at the beginning, and remains, a fantastic example of community engagement.

On a more personal note, it's great for me to still be able to have a hand in the world of print in our increasingly digital world.

I think I was born with ink in my veins. As a youngster growing up in Tasmania I used to bicker with my father about who would get the paper first. He always won of course, but I'd hang about annoying him until it was my turn. Apart from a flirtation with archaeology at university, journalism was the only career I was ever interested in and I feel lucky to have been able to do that. Helping to produce the *Gazette*, with its warmth and the way it embraces the local community, is a highlight for me.



GISBORNE COURT HOUSE

This edited article is from the *Kyneton Observer* newspaper of June 1858 and gives details of the Court House which was about to be built in Gisborne.

Researched by Robin Godfrey

The reporter was keen to identify the superior facilities planned for the Gisborne Court House which he considered ought to be implemented in the Kyneton Court House (which had been built the year previous, 1857).

"On 10 June 1858, the architectural plans of the Court House about to be erected at Gisborne were made available to view. Mr George Piggin's tender for the project has been accepted for the sum of £2,000 [*broadly equivalent to around \$A2 million in modern construction terms*]. Considering the perfection and convenience of the arrangement of the building, the cost is not exorbitant.

In addition to other fittings, there will be two seats and a 9-foot-long [2.75-metre] table for the barristers and solicitors, and a seat of 6-foot [1.82m] for the reporters which will be similar to those provided for the jury.

The building is to be built of bluestone, with two fireplaces in the Justice Hall and a fireplace in each of the four adjoining apartments.

When completed, the building will serve as a model for the planned renovations and improvements of the current Kyneton Court House.

In the Kyneton Court, we would suggest, with confidence in the sympathy of many parties as well as ourselves, the necessity of providing some means of heating the interior of the Justice Hall. It must be confessed that it is the most unpleasant place in which a prisoner could be placed during a long examination. Not only the prisoners but the magistrates, counsel, witnesses, strangers, and all those obliged to attend, are equally exposed to the rigors of influenza and rheumatism. The visitors (having no seats to sit on) are perhaps best off, being compelled in some measure to keep up the circulation by moving about.

In the soon-to-be Gisborne Court House, there will not only be ample accommodation for carrying on the business of the Court, but an air of convenience and comfort, at least up to the mark required by necessity in such places, where long hours of tedious mental labour have to be spent. We hope that the Gisborne Court building will be sufficient evidence in itself for many and absolutely necessary improvements required ... in the Kyneton Court building.

The arrangement and functioning planned for the new Gisborne court building is outlined as follows:

On each side of the Justice Hall are to be two rooms with various passages and doors conveniently arranged. Opposite the principal entrance will be the Magistrate's bench with a proper desk immediately in front for the clerk.

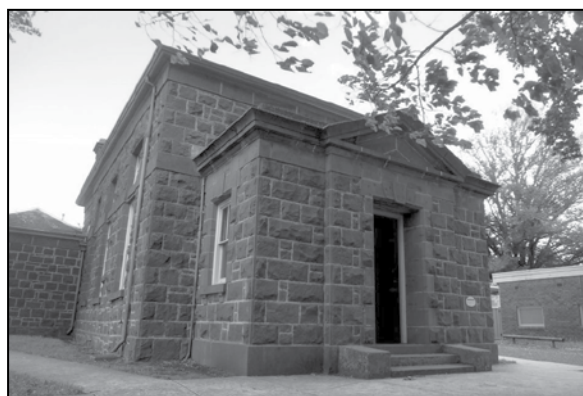
Just behind the clerk's desk will be the barristers'



Gisborne Court House, built 1858



Inside, looking down on the "Justice Hall" from the public gallery, showing Magistrate's/Judge's desk, witness box and jury box.



Kyneton Court House – built 1857 and requiring renovation and improvement the following year.

and attorney's commodious table and seats. Then there is the prisoner's dock, behind which is the space for strangers. Out of a corner of the prisoner's dock rise the stairs to the upper gallery, also for the accommodation of visitors.

The seven-sided witness box is to be on the right of the Magistrate's bench.

On the same side, at the end of the counsels' tables, is the reporter's table. Also on the same side, two doors open into the Judge's and Sheriff's rooms.

On the left of the Magistrate's bench is the jury box and the door opening into the jurors' retiring room. The barristers' room is next to the jurors' room.

From the plan of the Justice Hall, the side wings are set back, leaving obvious the front principal entrance to the Court House.

A handsome verandah runs along the frontage of the Court House between the adjoining apartment wings on each side."

Today, the Gisborne Court House is home to the Gisborne & Mount Macedon Districts Historical Society.

The building has been standing for 168 years, and the main internal features remain in place, as can be seen in the recent photographs.

On the right of the Magistrate's bench is the seven-sided witness box and, on the same side, is the door (on the left) to the corridor with access to the Sheriff's room and Judge's room. The second door (on the right) gives direct access to the Judge's room.

The Sheriff's room, today, is used as the kitchen and lunchroom. The Judge's room today is the shire room and library.

On the left of the Magistrate's bench is the jury box and the adjacent door opens into what used to be the jurors' retiring room. The original bench seating, today, is still to be found within the jury box.

The jurors' retiring room today serves as the archive and research room.

The prisoner's dock was adjacent to the rear corner stairs which rise to the visitors' gallery above. There is a door (on the right) adjacent to the gallery stairs and beneath the gallery which is a false door (there is a fireplace and chimney in the Sheriff's room directly behind).

If a prisoner in the dock was to make dash for this door to escape the Court House, it would be to no avail.

A door on the left (under the gallery) opens into what used to be the barristers' room.

The barristers' room is now used as the main office of the Historical Society.

The witness box is expertly constructed in the shape of a regular heptagon.



Original seating in the Court House.



Proudly sponsored by Rob Mitchell
Federal Member for McEwen 1300 701 966

AROUND THE GROUNDS



Local footballers and netballers are into the finals

Gisborne once again goes into the finals of the Bendigo Football Netball League with good representation, particularly on the netball side of the club.

On Saturday 29 August, in qualifying finals, the Gisborne A Grade netballers defeated Sandhurst and both the A Reserve and B Reserve teams won against South Bendigo. The following day, Gisborne Senior footballers took on South Bendigo in the elimination final. That game was not completed as the *Gazette* went to press.

This is the final year that Gisborne will be competing in the Bendigo League before transferring to the Ballarat Football Netball League in 2027.

Congratulations to Gisborne football star forward Pat McKenna who won the BFL's Ron Best Medal for top goal kicker with a total of 78 goals for the season.

In the Riddell League where finals commenced on 22 August, Macedon and the Gisborne Giants were well represented but unfortunately most of their teams went down.

In the football, Macedon Seniors lost to Kyneton, the Reserves went down by two points to Wallan but Macedon Under 19.5s were too good for Melton Centrals. Earlier in August Macedon supporters had the pleasure of watching their women footballers claim their third consecutive premiership in a resounding victory.

The Gisborne Giants Under 19.5s footballers had a big win over Kyneton.

In the A Grade netball Elimination Finals Gisborne Giants lost to Lancefield and Riddell defeated Macedon. In B Grade the Gisborne Giants were the winners over Macedon in the Elimination Final. In C Grade Macedon lost to Riddell in the Qualifying Final but Gisborne Giants beat Woodend Heskett in the Elimination Final. The D Grade result saw Gisborne Giants defeated by Kyneton in the Elimination Final. In the Under 19 and Under game, Melton South were too strong for the Giants.



Pat McKenna won the Bendigo league's medal for top goalkicker for the season.

Exciting times ahead as Gisborne Cricket Club gears up for new season



There is plenty happening at Gisborne Cricket Club as preparations continue for the 2026-27 season, with some exciting initiatives both on and off the field.

Work began in August on a major upgrade and further improvements to the practice net facility at Gardiner Reserve, representing a \$50,000 investment in the club's cricket infrastructure.

Once completed, the upgraded facility will meet Cricket Australia standards for an outdoor training facility and, most importantly, provide a safer and improved training environment for junior and senior cricketers.

The club is extremely grateful for the support of the Australian Cricket Infrastructure Fund and Community Bank Gisborne & District, whose contributions have helped make this important project possible. The improvements will provide significant long-term benefits not only for Gisborne Cricket Club, but for the wider cricket community.

Attention now turns towards the new season.

The club's Registration Open Day will be held on Saturday 5 September, providing players and families with an opportunity to meet the coaches, register for the season and organise club merchandise and playing kit.

Another important date is our Season Launch on 10 October, which will incorporate the club's Mental Health Round.

The club will be raising funds for the Black Dog Institute as part of the initiative, while we are also looking forward to welcoming former AFL premiership player Tom Boyd as part of what promises to be a special event.

There is a real sense of momentum around Gardiner Reserve, with improved facilities, new initiatives and plenty more to come as we build towards an exciting new season.

Be sure to follow Gisborne Cricket Club on our socials for all the latest announcements, club news and updates as we count down to the new season.

Brett Vernon

Thunder swimmers storm Traralgon

A team of 12 Thunder swimmers made the two-hour trek southeast to Traralgon on 9 and 10 August to swim up a storm at the Victorian Short Course Country Championships — wow, that was a mouthful!



The team had an incredible weekend, bringing home one gold and two bronze medals. The bronze medals were won in the Girls 14 and Under 400m freestyle by Ava H, and the Girls 18 and Over 200m freestyle by Emily K. The gold medal was won by Jeff C in the Boys 16-17 100m freestyle.

There were plenty of other amazing achievements throughout the weekend, with a number of swimmers attending their first country championship. The 14 and over 4 x 50m medley relay team achieved a national championship qualifying time, while multiple swimmers also achieved state age and open qualifying times.

It was a fantastic weekend of racing, with the Thunder swimmers showing determination, teamwork and plenty of speed in the pool. Congratulations to the whole team on an outstanding championship!

Keen to get in on the action? Join us for our next club night on Saturday 12 September; registration is from 4.45pm, racing starts at 5pm

Captains Maverick H and Ava H



Team dinners are a highlight of championship events.

Equestrian event

The Whole Equestrian: Mind and Body is a full-day free event designed specifically for the equestrian community — but without horses. It will run from 8.30am to 4.30pm at IR Robertson Reserve, South Gisborne, on 3 October.

Presenters will share practical insights and encouragement around

- building confidence and resilience
- Managing nerves, pressure and performance mindset
- Rider fitness, movement and wellbeing
- Nutrition for riders

Bookings can be made on trybooking.com/au/event/1632678.



Come and try badminton in Macedon



The Macedon Ranges Badminton Club is inviting the local community to pick up a racquet and give badminton a go at two free 'Come and Try' sessions this month.

Whether you have played badminton before or are completely new to the sport, the sessions are a great opportunity to get active, meet new people and enjoy badminton in a friendly and relaxed environment.

A women-only session will be held on Thursday 17 September from 7.30pm to 9.30pm, followed by an open community session on Saturday 19 September from 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm.

Both sessions will be held at Tony Clarke Stadium, Macedon. There is no cost to participate, and the club will provide badminton equipment, so participants can simply come along and have a go. Refreshments will also be provided.

The Come and Try program is delivered by Macedon Ranges Badminton Club with the support of Badminton Victoria and is funded by Sport and Recreation Victoria.

The club hopes the sessions will encourage more people from across the Macedon Ranges community to experience badminton and discover an enjoyable way to stay active and socially connected.

For further information, please contact David on 0419 589 425, Debbie on 0438 081 491, or Ian on 0402 401 397.

Macedon Ranges Badminton Club looks forward to welcoming new faces to the court.

Ian Strachan

Treasurer, Macedon Ranges Badminton Club

Spring in the air at golf club on the Mount



The first glimpses of spring have begun to appear at Mount Macedon Golf Club with flowers beginning to bloom, days getting (slightly) warmer, and a little bit of bounce and run returning to the course.

The July Monthly Medal was played in coolish but fine conditions. The overall (and B Grade) winner on the day was Kevin Taylor with net 65. Second (and C Grade winner) one shot back was Peter Semmens. A Grade, and best gross score, went to Matt Willis with net 68, which was a three over the card gross score of 70.

The mid-week Mug o' the Month Stableford event was won, along with B Grade, by Geoff Pickles with 37 points. Runner up, three points further back, on count back, for B Grade was Brian Collins. A Grade went to Marcus Ward with an erratic 34 points one shot clear of Kevin Taylor.

As the weather begins to warm up the club will begin a busy spring of events starting with the Grand Final morning two-person Ambrose and culminating in the Mount Macedon Open to be conducted over the Melbourne Cup weekend in November.

Sean Bassett



Goalie extraordinaire Liam Krajewski celebrates the Under 11 boys' team championship win.

Macedon Ranges boys represent Australia in China



Macedon Ranges Futsal was well represented on the Australian Futsal Association tour of China in July, with local players travelling to Jiangmen, Guangdong, on China's southeast coast.

According to Liam Krajewski, from Mount Macedon Primary School, their Chinese opposition were all really friendly. Goalie Liam, played with the U11 boys' championship team and, when the Australian U12 boys team found themselves without a goalkeeper, he stepped up to play for them too – and won another championship. What an achievement!

Joining Liam in the U11 boys team was local player Mitch Harris, while U12 players William Muir and Jo Greene were runners-up in their age group. To top it off, Tom Greene, Jo's brother, represented Australia with the U14 boys championship team.

Futsal wasn't the only thing on the agenda. "I liked the trip to the zoo and seeing a panda," said Liam.

Players selected to represent Australia at international tournaments progress through either a schools tournament pathway or a club/team pathway. Both pathways culminate in national-level competitions, from which players are selected for international tours.

Well done to all of the winter season players – from the Grade 1/2 division all the way through to the Open division. And I know many players and families will agree when I say: thank goodness for an indoor sport during winter in the Macedon Ranges!

*Kristy Mutsaers, committee member
Macedon Ranges Futsal*

Petanque plays on



If you don't mind a few days of adverse weather, you could visit the Mt Macedon Petanque Club, in Station Road, Gisborne, behind the Ampol Service Station.

We are there every Wednesday from 1pm or on the second and fourth Saturday mornings of the month from 10am. Club members are keen to show visitors how this sport is played and enjoyed. The Golden Boule Regional Competition concludes with us playing at the Smythesdale Petanque Club. We have ten members competing in three rounds playing doubles or triples. So far, we have had three wins and two losses. The winning club will be presented at Ballarat with the annual trophy.

Visit our website at mtmacedonpetanque.org



Members get in some practice.

Celebrating juniors



As proud sponsors of the RDFNL, members of the Community Bank Gisborne & District Board and branch team were delighted to attend the junior presentation night on Wednesday 12 August, at Melton Entertainment Centre. From left: RDFNL operations manager Grace Bibby, Macedon Ranges Community Enterprises (MRCE) director Liz O'Connell, Community Bank Gisborne branch manager Courtney Alexander, MRCE CEO Jo-ann Irwin and RDFNL CEO Jordan Doyle.



Under 11C football, Gisborne Giants



Senior women's football, Macedon



Under 11A football, Gisborne Rookies



11 and Under Div. 1 netball, Gisborne Giants



Under 11C, Gisborne Giants



11 and Under Div. 3 netball, Gisborne Giants



15 and Under Div. 2 netball, Gisborne Rookies



Under 13A football, Gisborne Giants



Under 15A football, Gisborne Rookies



Under 17A football, Gisborne Giants



Under 17B, Gisborne Giants



17 and Under Div. 2 netball, Gisborne Rookies



17 and Under Div. 1 netball, Gisborne Giants



Youth Girls, Macedon



17 and Under Div.1 netball, Gisborne Giants



SPORT IN PICTURES



Futsal: Killer Pythons v Gisborne Go Getters, 21 August



Six and Sevens v Strike Force, 27 August



Strikers v Hot Shot Pythons, 28 August



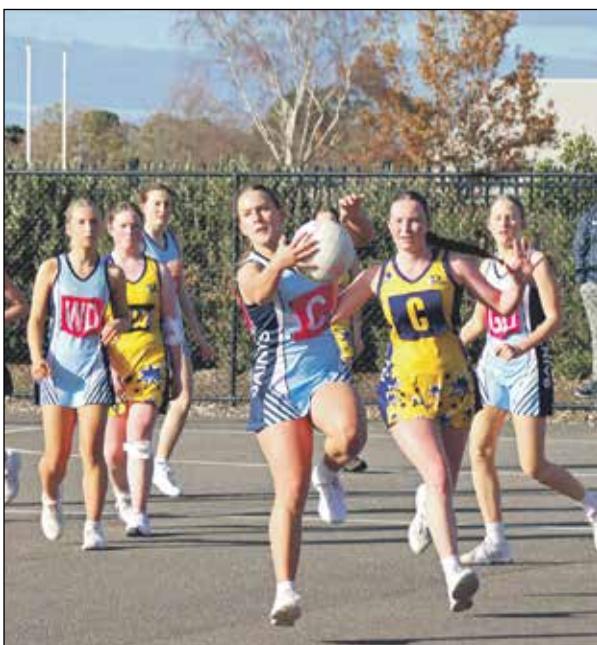
A Grade netball, Gisborne v Broadford, August 8



Under 13, Saints v Rebels, August 8



Under 17, Gisborne v Golden Square, August 22



Under 16, Possums v Saints, August 8



Under 17, Gisborne v Castlemaine, July 25



Under 13 preliminary final, Giants v Riddell, August 9



Gisborne v Golden Square, August 22



Seniors, Gisborne v Broadford, August 8



Seniors, Gisborne v Castlemaine, July 25



Seniors, Macedon v Lancefield, August 15



Under 18, Gisborne v Golden Square, August 22



Preliminary final Giants v Rookies, August 9



Girls' futsal, Misskicks v Dragons, August 7



Seniors, Gisborne v Golden Square

Frontier Services highlights



Mount Macedon Uniting Church was privileged recently to hear of and support the work of Frontier Services, an agency of the Uniting Church that works in remote and isolated parts of Australia. It continues the "Mantle of Care" founded by the Rev John Flynn in 1912.

Twenty-one Bush Chaplains work in the most isolated areas of Australia. Two are Indigenous women in WA's remote Kimberley region. For them, "culture gives strong roots, and with faith, makes her complete".

The issues of our troubled world are even more extreme in remote areas. The Disaster Relief Chaplain in the Northern Territory has been working intensely supporting families and communities impacted by Cyclone Narelle over a year after massive floods engulfed their homes. Other Chaplains assist fly-in-fly-out workers in the mining industry, which take its toll in separation, family breakdown and divorce, and alcohol abuse. The Chaplain is one of the few people men can speak to openly and honestly.

Frontier Services Outback Volunteers rebuilt cattle yards, as well as social contact, for a cattle station owner severely injured in a horse accident and unable to work.

The "Expanding the Mantle of Care" initiative will expand help to people in the bush impacted by natural disasters, domestic violence, financial hardship, education costs or buy food and everyday essentials.



John Cross, Lorraine and James from Frontier Services.

A new program, "Tradies for the Bush", aims to overcome a critical shortage of people with trade skills in remote areas.

A barbecue lunch and celebration of the 90th birthday of long-time member John Cross followed.

Neil Tweddle
0488 001 336

Meet the Chaplain



Look, here comes the Chaplain! Well, the TV version whose storyline is based on the daily work of the very busy chaplain at Melbourne Airport. While there are sure to be dramatic flourishes in the series, it's also true that airport terminals and crises are not strangers. They're places of welcomes and farewells and tears and tensions can flow from either.

Panics and meltdowns are common among those benighted would-be travellers who find they've left their crucial passport on the kitchen table (as once happened to an Australian Test cricket player).

Most denominations set aside people to take on the role of chaplain – in hospitals, aged care homes, prisons, universities, even large shopping malls.

A Uniting Church chaplain at Melbourne University writes that 'the real value of the chaplain is to connect with people through a moment of trust'. What chaplains particularly need is versatility, a capacity to listen and a ready mental index about what he/she can offer on the spot or their services available elsewhere. Chaplains are very clear they are not church recruiters but community supporters.

The Gisborne Foodbank is located on the Uniting Church premises each Wednesday. In her recent report, manager Nicki Gallus illustrated how she can help those whose needs go beyond food relief.

Our premises also have space for people who simply want time to think quietly. Such an opportunity is the contemplative hour each second Tuesday of the month at 10am.

PS: Surely in Gisborne the colour of spring is yellow, in our wattles and daffodils. Simply the best!

Janet Wood



St Brigid's Parish Gisborne

2026 Baptism

Baptism is available each month, generally on the fourth Sunday. Please contact the parish office for the next available dates. The 2026 Baptism calendar has now been set.

Enquiries to: gisborne@cam.org.au or 5428 2591.

2027 Sacraments

Registration is now open for Sacraments to be celebrated in 2027. Please email the office at gisborne@cam.org.au if you would like to receive information sent out for Sacraments in 2027.

Reconciliation – available to Year 3 and above.
Holy Communion available to Year 4 and above.
Confirmation – available to Year 6 and above.
Sacrament fee for 2027 is \$100.
Baptism details required for registration.

Normal weekend services: Saturday 6pm St Brigid's, Sunday 8am St Ambrose Riddells Creek, Sunday 11am St Brigid's. Everyone welcome! Please note: St Patrick's Macedon remains closed for repairs.

Weekday services: Please check the parish website for the weekday Mass schedule as it may change regularly. Parish website: www.melbocatholic.org/s/gisborne. Parish Secretary: Tammie Dalglish

Office hours: Tuesday and Thursday 9am to 5pm
Tammie

Muddy's Musings

There is something about September in the Macedon Ranges that makes the ordinary world worth noticing again. Blossom appears on familiar trees. The evenings stretch a little longer. Gardens begin to stir, and somewhere along a road I have travelled a hundred times, there is suddenly colour, even if it's still terribly bitter outside at times!

Speaking of ordinary, the church has always held that the "ordinary" is in fact extraordinary. At the heart of our faith is the conviction that God did not remain safely distant from the world, but entered it.

In Jesus Christ, God shared the ordinary stuff of human life, and the Church continues to encounter him through remarkably ordinary things—water poured at Baptism, oil traced upon a forehead, hands extended in blessing, bread and wine offered at the altar. The ordinary becomes extraordinary!

I like to call this a 'sacramental imagination': the



idea that the material world is capable of bearing the presence and grace of God. We

need not escape ordinary life to find something holy. We might simply need to learn to look more carefully.

In a way, this is one of spring's gifts. The world we thought we knew suddenly asks to be noticed again. The familiar becomes beautiful; the apparently lifeless reveals itself to have been full of life all along.

And perhaps God is encountered like that too – not always in the spectacular, but in a meal shared, a kindness offered, a garden flowering, a prayer whispered, or bread broken together.

This September, all are warmly invited to worship with us each Sunday at 9am at St Paul's, Gisborne, or 11am at the Church of the Resurrection, Macedon.

With every blessing to you all.

Fr. Scott





100
YEARS AGO

SEPTEMBER 1926

Gisborne — The water supply for summer is causing great concern. At present, owing to corrosion and an accumulation of detritus and oxidation, the mains are choked up. Automatic pipe cleaners purchased by the water trust have failed to remove the obstruction. On all the higher levels the pressure is bad already. With the first semblance of summer a water famine will occur unless new mains are laid. The Barringo Creek supplies Sunbury and Gisborne with water ... Some 36 years ago residents demanded 6-inch instead of 4-inch pipes, but the Water Supply Department refused. It is now held that the 6-inch mains would have saved the situation and allowed the detritus to pass through.

The Age, 1 September 1926

Gisborne Notes — While working at Cherry's factory Mr H Webb had the thumb of his left hand severely cut through coming into contact with a machine-driven saw.

Mr John Byatt, senior inspector of schools, visited Gisborne to report on an application for the establishment of a woodwork centre at the higher elementary school.

The Age, 2 September 1926

Football — It will be remembered that at the beginning of the season, Mr Bob Doherty, of the Victorian Hotel, Gisborne, generously offered a trophy for competition. That trophy, now on view, which takes the form of a handsome silver cup on a stand, is designed on the same attractive lines as the famous Melbourne Cup.

Sunbury News 4 September 1926

Gisborne Notes — The contractors for the construction of the new swimming basin [in today's Rotary Park, Kilmore Road] have completed the work.

A social evening was held in the Mechanics Hall to inaugurate the Ugly Man competition in aid of the Church of England vicarage funds.

The Argus 6 September 1926

Gisborne Shire Council — The electrical engineer reported that the [electrical] plant had had a very satisfactory run. The Police Department wanted to know the charge per annum for a light outside the police station. Decided that the Police Department be informed that a light would be £4 per annum if a pole were supplied.

Gisborne Gazette 10 September 1926

Gisborne Shire Council advises that cattle may be grazed on the island reserve at the rate of one shilling and sixpence per head per week and also calls applications for the position of ranger for the Borough riding of the shire.

Gisborne Gazette 24 September 1926

WHAT'S ON REGULAR MEETINGS

If your group is missing from this list, please email
gisbornegazetteeditor@gmail.com with details.



ADULT RIDING CLUB (Gis) 2nd Saturday Robertson Res, Sth Gis.
ADULT RIDING CLUB (Bullengarook) 2nd Saturday Rec Reserve
AMATEUR RADIO CLUB 3rd Saturday 10am Woodend RSL.
www.mrarc.org.au

BADMINTON Tues 7.30pm & Thurs 9.30am Macedon Community Centre; macedonrangesbadminton@gmail.com or David 0419 589 425

BOTANIC GARDENS working bee first & last Thurs every month 9.30am-11am email infogisbotgard@gmail.com

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP 1st & 3rd Tues 10.30am, Canteena, Gisborne. Enquiries, call Lesley 0484 691 226

BUSHWALKING CLUB Various locations 0402 088 491 or secretary@gisbornebwc.org.au

CANASTA CLUB Macedon & Mt Macedon Community House Wednesdays 2pm

CAR CLUB (Mac Ranges & District Motor Club) 1st Wednesday, 8pm, Steam Park, New Gisb. secretary@mradm.com.au

CARERS GROUP (Mac Ranges) 2nd & 4th Thurs, 1pm Woodend RSL Cherry 5420 7132 (Note: 4th Thurs carers only)

CHAMBER POETS 2nd Saturday of month, 1pm Woodend RSL

COMMUNITY GARDEN Wed 9.30am Church of Christ (Facebook for updates)

CROCHET & CONVERSATIONS 1st Mon 2.30pm Gisborne Library

CROQUET CLUB Mon, Wed & Sat AM Dixon Field Terry, 0493 463 357

CWA GISBORNE 2nd Monday 10am Gis Secondary College

CWA MACEDON 3rd Tues 1pm & 7pm 5426 2210 662 Mt Macedon Rd

DALY RESERVE WORKING BEE 2nd Tues 9.30am Scout Hall, Daly Res dalynaturereserve@gmail.com

EUCRE Tues 7.15pm St Brigid's Hall Janice, 0408 332 624

FILM SOCIETY 2nd Wed Norma Richardson Hall, Woodend 0402 299 153 or 0407 012 140

FLY FISHING CLUB 4th Wed 7.30pm MR FEC Gisborne info@calderflyfishing.com.au

FRIENDS of JACKSONS CREEK working bees 3rd Sun 10-noon

GARDEN CLUB 2nd Wed various venues Edwina, 0407 576 545

GENEALOGY GROUP 4th Thurs 7.30 Family Hist Rm, Library

GIRL GUIDES Thursdays 5pm Gis Scout Hall

GISBORNE SINGERS Wed 7.30pm Gisborne Uniting Church

HISTORICAL SOCIETY open Wed 10am-4pm Court House

LANDCARE: Gisborne Landcare working bee every 4th Sat, venue to be confirmed each month, gisbornelandcare@gmail.com

LIBRARY: TODDLERS' STORY TIME 10.30am Mon, Wed, Thurs; BABIES GROUP Fri 10.30am 5428 3962

LIONS CLUB (Gisb) 1st Thurs of month, 7.30pm 247 Station Rd

MARTIAL ARTS Thurs from 6pm St Brigid's Hall; gisborne@junseikan.com.au

MASONIC LODGE 2nd Thurs 7pm Masonic Hall Aitken St

MASTERS AFL Wed 6.30pm all year round Sankey Reserve

OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB Sun 9am Riddell Rec Res macedonrangesdogclub.org.au

PARKRUN Dixon Field every Sat 8am start at pavilion Tom 0408 691 826

PETANQUE 2nd & 4th Sat 10am behind Ampol service station, Station Rd, Gisborne 0439 887 178

PHOENIX ART & CRAFTS 1st Thursday phoenixmrac.com

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOC 1st & 2nd Mon 7pm Jubilee Hall, Macedon. macedon-ranges-photography.org.au

PICKLEBALL Monday 6.30pm & Wed 10.15am, Macedon Community Centre, macedonrangesbadminton@gmail.com or David 0419 589 425

POETRY Chamber Poets 2nd Sat 1pm-4pm RSL Woodend

PONY CLUB Bullengarook 1st Sunday Rec Reserve

PONY CLUB Gisborne 1st Sunday Robertson Reserve

PROBUS 1st Thurs 10am Gary 0458 841 047 Gisborne Community Centre hall

RAMBLERS Fridays 9.15am meet Tennis Club Dixon Field

ROTARY CLUB Gisborne 1st & 3rd Tues 7pm Telegraph Hotel (email gisbornerotary@gmail.com for confirmation of venue)

RUNNING GROUP Tues & Thurs 9am, 6pm, Sun 8am Gisborne Aquatic Centre Craig 0417 775 785

RSL Gis Bowling Club For dates & times contact secretary, admin@gisbornersl.com.au or call 0487 278 681

SENIOR CITS (Macedon) Tues 11am Tony Clarke Res macedonseniors@gmail.com

SENIOR CITS (Riddell) 3-course lunch Thurs 11.45 Community Centre, Main St. Call 0498 101 008 or riddellscrsen@gmail.com

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCERS Thurs 1-3 Buffalo Stadium Woodend, Lynne 0417 331 439

SPINNERS & FIBRE GROUP Wed 12.30 Rec Reserve, Bullengarook. Kerrie 0406 719 557

SUPPORT AFTER SUICIDE 2nd Mon each month, even if public holiday, 7-8.30pm Newham Mechanics (1292 Rochford Rd)

TABLE TENNIS Wed 7.30pm Tony Clarke Res, Macedon Stan 0437 508 338

THUNDER SWIMMING CLUB 2nd Sat 5pm Gisborne Aquatic Centre www.gisbornethunder.org

TOY LIBRARY gisbornetoylibrary@yahoo.com.au Sat. 9.30-11am 71 Robertson St

ULYSSES GROUP 3rd Tues 6pm Sunbury FC secretary@mrub.org.au

VINTAGE MACHINERY Working bees 1st Sun of month, 8.30am Steam Park; meetings last Friday of month 7pm Steam Park 0419 393 023

WRITERS (Scribes & Scribblers) 2nd Tues 10am-12 Riddell Neighbourhood House 5428 7836

YOUNG VOICES Thursdays 4.15-5.45pm House of the Rock, New Gisborne; yvmacedon.org.au or sdggome@patash.com.au

CROSSWORD ANSWERS

ACROSS

- 5 Apple
- 8 Flour
- 10 Mussel
- 11 Kellogg's
- 13 Carrot
- 15 Margarine
- 17 Mutton
- 18 Flake
- 20 Mousse

DOWN

- 1 Bread
- 2 Porridge
- 3 Cheese
- 4 Pavlova
- 6 poultry
- 7 Honey
- 9 Biscuit
- 12 Lasagne
- 14 Spam
- 16 Avocado
- 19 Cherry



Did anyone spot this happy dinosaur as you read through the paper? He's parked on page 22.

QUIZ ANSWERS

- 1. Three
- 2. Subaru
- 3. Tram
- 4. MMXXVI
- 5. Submarine
- 6. Jacinta Allan
- 7. Dame Nellie Melba
- 8. The helmeted honeyeater
- 9. Anne Boleyn
- 10. Lisbon

KIDS' QUIZ ANSWERS

- 1. Dollars
- 2. LXVI
- 3. Travis Kelce
- 4. Dog
- 5. Buenos Aires
- 6. Pop
- 7. The eye
- 8. Nitrogen
- 9. Spain
- 10. Black

BOUND Macedon Ranges

FOR SALE



9 Willowbank Road, Gisborne

\$2,000,000 - \$2,200,000

🚗 4 🛖 2 🚗 3 📏 1,514m² approx

"The Panorama"



Scan the QR Code to visit
our website:
boundrealestate.com.au



(RHYS NUTTALL)
0438 383 221
rhys@boundrealestate.com.au



(PAUL BOHAN)
0413 594 224
paul@boundrealestate.com.au



(DAMIEN WALDER)
0439 391 569
damien@boundrealestate.com.au

Corporate Office – Level 23, Tower 5, 727 Collins Street, Melbourne 3008

Our agents are servicing Macedon Ranges | Castlemaine | Daylesford & Hepburn Shire | Sunbury | Toorak | South Yarra | Prahran | Windsor | Albert Park | Port Melbourne



helloworld
TRAVEL
THE TRAVEL PROFESSIONALS
GISBORNE

Travel & Lifestyle Expo 2026
Sunday 25 October 2026 | 10am - 3pm
Gisborne Primary School Stadium



SCENIC[®]
LUXURY CRUISES & TOURS

collette

railbookers

contiki

VALON
WATERWAYS[®]

GLOBUS[®]

EMERALD[®]
CRUISES & TOURS

TRAFALGAR

INSIGHT VACATIONS
The Art of Travelling in Style

cruiseco
The Cruise Specialists

Intrepid costsaver.

COSMOS[®]

Wendy Wu Tours

travelmarvel
Premium Travel

Adventure World
Travel with Purpose

EXCLUSIVE TRAVEL
DEALS

FREE ENTRY

MEET TRAVEL EXPERTS