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Celebrating Australia Day

Woodend and surrounding areas was host to at least three Australia Day events, all well attended on what was a wonderful day all round.

The **Woodend & District Heritage Society** organised celebrations in Woodend at the back of the Court House & Scout Hall in Forest Street.

The morning started with a sausage sizzle and refreshments and continued with a parade of flags representing the country of origin of all those who now make up our local community. After the breaking out of the Australian flag by the 1st Woodend Scouts troop, the flags were formally presented to the accompaniment of "I am Australian." After the National Anthem, the crowd joined in with "Cameron's Ceilidh" who presented songs and stories which gave a poignant reminder of what it means to be Australia.

The **Kyneton Municipal Band** then introduced the unveiling of plaques and the dedication of trees along the **Family Heritage Walk**. Now over fifty in number, these line a delightful walking track and tell the story of individuals or families who have had a past or present involvement with the district. A large crowd attended to support the dedication of seven new plaques and trees. The morning concluded with refreshments and the opportunity for all those attending to meet with other family members and friends from the district.

Macedon Ranges Shire Council official celebrations began at the tearooms at the top of Mt Macedon at 8am. With representatives of dozens of community groups from all around the Shire, there was a great feeling of community contribution as the awards were given out by the Council.

Locally, the **Woodend Winter Arts Festival** was awarded **Community Event of the Year**. On behalf of the committee, Festival Artistic Director Jacky Ogeil expressed



Jack Simpson



Jack McGuckian

photos by Michelle Craig

her thanks for the community support of the event and gave a brief history of the Festival which is now in its fourth year.

Young Citizen of the Year award was distributed among 14 young people, representing towns throughout the Shire as part of the OurS project (Our Shire, Our Space, Our Solutions program). Locals Stacia and Hayley Gilholm were Woodend's representatives.

The 2008 Citizen of the Year Award went to Ian Nagle of Gisborne. An ambulance officer for over 30 years, Ian also received an Ambulance medal this year. He has been involved in numerous community organisations and events, and was the Ambulance Coordinator during the Ash Wednesday fires.

The Community Achievement Award went to John Willmott, who has been an active member of the Kyneton community and many organisations.



Woodend: The parade of flags was led by piper Andrew Bell

"Local cards go far and wide"

With over 3000 Christmas cards printed, the artwork of the Woodend Women walking Relay for Life team has spread far and wide across the globe. The fundraiser launched in October 2007 has been a resounding success with the local and wider community embracing the concept and supporting the quest to raise funds for the Cancer Council, Victoria.

According to Team Captain Leonie Garvey, the assistance from key local businesses was integral to the success of the fundraiser. "These businesses not only promoted our cards verbally to their customers but monitored supplies and collected funds, all on a voluntary basis. Our group is indebted and we kindly thank Gourmet Delights, Post Office, Westpac Bank, Literary Latte, Woodend Fruit Shop and the Vic Hotel."

The Lancefield Relay for Life event is scheduled for the first weekend in March 2008, Woodend Women walking is one of several local teams participating and information regarding teams, events and online donations can be viewed at www.relayforlife.org.au.

News from Newham

Happy New Year to everyone. I do hope the New Year brings you much happiness. The Mechanics Hall folk will be very happy if we raise the \$20,000 we require as our contribution to our works. There are many events planned, some are our regulars and some are a bit different. Our Grand Garage Sale is on again on 29th March with Marty Evans donating his auctioneering skills to help us. There will be a "drop-off" day, so clear out your cupboards and sheds and contribute to what has always been a successful day for us. Our Spring Plant Sale will be on again in November and keep your eye out for our Bat workshop in March and a Bee Workshop with Jim Sansom in April. If you enjoyed the Mushroom workshop with Alison Pouliot then you will enjoy these.

We will continue to raffle, the next one will be a dozen bottles of wine kindly donated by Geoff Neil and Council – and we thank them both for their generosity. We also received an Australia Day Grant from Council and this has enabled us to put our flagpole up.

The Landcare end-of-year celebration was, as always, a scintillating success with Hilary Roberts conducting the events and Chris Wiggett organising the lucky dip. The winners of the egg-tossing competition were Stephen Mahon and Mark Grady and the winner of the inaugural Wellington Stakes Trophy [donated and presented by Helen & Ian Scott] for gumbboot tossing was Paul Tanner. Just a terrific night of fun, plenty of fairies and wonderful food on the shared table.

Preparation progresses well towards applying for Grants to do our Conservation and Restoration. We are looking to start talks with our funding bodies and Council at the end of January. Roger Rugless and Val Sutton are towers of strength as we work towards our goals.

Australia Day in Newham is a simple affair with a presentation of our Community Awards and a light supper. We give our awards as there are many people in our community who contribute so much and will never receive a local, State or National award. We think it is important that people are acknowledged and praised for what they do, so often very quietly with no fuss, they are just always there when help is needed.

We presented our Australia Day awards again this year and as a result of an Australia Day Grant we have been able to install a flagpole in the front garden of the Hall – thank you to Bob Evans and Ian Miller.

Our Awards this year went to Dianna & Tony Attard for long service and help to Newham Primary, Pat Mansfield, Val Sutton, Mark Crozier and Jim Sansom & Jenny Waugh.

Our fundraising sign has been erected and we start in earnest down this path - we have \$30,000 to raise and we hope everyone will help us to achieve this. Our thanks go to Ric & Amanda at RT Edgar and Sign Obsession for contributing our sign.

Submitted by Sally Staback



Cr Geoff Neill with Dianna & Tony Attard who received an award for their help to Newham Primary School.

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Ormond College Choir to perform in Woodend

The Woodend Winter Arts Festival is pleased to announce that The Choir of Ormond College will perform at St Ambrose Church, Woodend, on **Friday 14th March** at 8.00 pm. This concert will celebrate the launch of the 2008 program for the Festival.

It will also be an opportunity to hear Kyneton twins Daniel and Matthew Thomson, who have been members of Ormond College and its choir over the past year. Both have also recently been admitted to the rarified ranks of the performance stream in the third year of their Bachelor of Music course at The University of Melbourne.

Entry for the concert is \$10 per person (all tickets are one price, no concessions) and will be available at the door (cash only). Please arrive 20 minutes before the start of the concert with the correct payment.

This year is the Festival's fourth year, and an exciting line-up will once again put Woodend on the map throughout Australia and beyond. Recent accolades for the Festival include 'Community Event of the Year' presented by the Macedon Ranges Shire Council on Australia Day.

For more information about the Festival, and about the concert in March, visit www.woodendwinterartsfestival.org.au

Woodend Rainfall Report 2007

Each month we add the rainfall details and the year to date total. Our rainfall report shows **2004, 2005 & 2006** comparisons. Please note that your own rainfall readings may not exactly match these. These readings are the official BOM readings and have been taken in the same location in Woodend for many decades. All measurements are in millimetres.

	2004	2005	2006	2007	
January	21.2	47.4	49.8	83.5	Jan
February	6.2	72.2	53.1	27.4	Feb
March	19.0	5.8	20.6	35.7	Mar
April	41.2	18.8	46.4	20.2	Apr
May	39.3	13.6	58.8	95.7	May
June	98.0	116.7	36.0	105.1	June
July	93.8	76.9	91.6	83.3	July
August	76.1	125.0	30.8	34.8	August
Sept	31.7	55.2	50.6	49.8	Sept
Oct	38.9	49.8	5.2	12.1	Oct
Nov	111.0	72.4	13.0	91.0	Nov
Dec	144.2	40.0	31.0	101.2	Dec
YTD:	720.6	693.8	486.9	739.8	YTD

Reminder: We are now on Stage 3A water restrictions.

For the year **2007** there was rainfall of

739.8 mm

1 inch = 25.4 mm therefore the total year to date is 29.12 inches

Enjoy a Picnic @ Hanging Rock in 2008

Producers from the Daylesford and Macedon Ranges region are gathering together to present a combined force at this years Harvest Picnic at Hanging Rock on Sunday 24th February.

The Harvest Picnic is a wonderful day out for family, friends and food lovers. It features 100's of individual presenters, live music on stage, kids activities, and cooking demonstrations by some of Australia's finest chefs.

In the midst of the hundreds of food and wine producers from across the state, our presenters will proudly flying the local flag with a specially designed 'mega-marquee' that will feature local wine and food, preserves and spices, sweets and locally brewed beer, fun games and activities.

Jock Allan of the Macedon Ranges Tourism Unit said, "As one of the largest events in the Shire with up to 25,000 people attending on the day, the Harvest Picnic is a great way to showcase our regions quality food and wine, and to celebrate in the beautiful natural setting of the Hanging Rock Reserve."

Features of the local presence will be the Macedon Region Wine Hall – featuring the very best wines from the Macedon Ranges Vignerons Association, along with activities that will test your wine knowledge.

"Tourism Macedon Ranges and Daylesford Macedon Produce are keen to capitalise on the large numbers of tourists and visitors that come to the Macedon Ranges for this hallmark event." Jock said.

We encourage all locals to join us at the 2008 Harvest Picnic on Sunday 24th February to sample the best fresh produce in Victoria.

More information can be found on the Harvest Picnic Website: www.harvestpicnic.com.au or by calling the Tourism Unit on 5421 9616.

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All rates include GST & are priced per month.

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June	Delivery 2nd June
July	Delivery 30th June
August	Delivery 4th August
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October	Delivery 29th September
November	Delivery 27th October
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Woodend Art Group

The Woodend Art Group enters the new year with a number of activities. There is a group of members who regularly go out to paint at locations around the Macedon Ranges. We have a well established **Drawing Class** which is geared to further develop and improve general drawing skills and which this term will be run by well known artist, Catherine Tait. **Life Drawing** sessions are also provided. We also plan to run a short course on, **Introduction To Acrylics**, to be run by acclaimed local artist Helen Cottle. Our program also includes **The Folio Club** children's classes.

For anyone interested in finding out more about any of these activities please contact Pamela 5427 1659 or Marian 5426 1449.

Joanne Duncan
STATE MEMBER FOR MACEDON **MP**



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Bush Tucker for Long Lunch at the Rock

In a perfect complement to the bushland setting and heat of summer, the 2008 Macedon Ranges World's Longest Lunch is taking on a Bush Tucker theme for the 29 February foodie extravaganza at Hanging Rock Reserve.

The World's Longest Lunch is a dining experience like no other. Join the expanse of the single, elegantly laid long table for up to 200 guests as we serve up a delectable four course luncheon with perfectly selected Macedon Ranges Wines.

The table will be set amongst the gums at the Hanging Rock Reserve with stunning views to 'The Rock', visits from all the local wildlife, while feasting on a specially designed menu of gourmet bush tucker.

Dispel from your mind a goanna on the coals and start to imagine the flavours of baked quail with quandong poached in Muscat, polenta and wattle seed squares, salmon with lemon myrtle aioli, kangaroo sausage sautéed in river mint, Kakadu Plum, and wattle seed rigatoni.

Local chef Garry Nish of Bungaree Catering is heading up the team bringing a new slant to an old favourite at the Hanging Rock Reserve, along with Colour of Earth – Makers of Fine Foods, and a selection of medal winning Macedon Ranges Wines.

Garry's passion for Australian native food is long standing.

"What better spot will you find to have a gourmet food experience than Hanging Rock? I love the place. The smell of the Eucalypts on a hot day, the sound of the cicadas, a visit from Snowy the Kangaroo...it all set my mind to thinking about doing a gourmet bush tucker feast for this years Longest Lunch." said Garry.

Get together with a group of friends or work colleagues to indulge in a long lunch in one of the regions most beautiful settings.

Tickets for the 2008 World's Longest Lunch are \$99 each including site entry, transport connections, food, wine, and great company.

Tickets and information is available by calling 5421 9619 during business hours.

The Macedon Ranges World's Longest Lunch is proudly supported by Tourism Macedon Ranges, Macedon Ranges Wines, & Genovese Coffee.

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February 24th



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St Ambrose School & Parish 2008 Carnival

The St Ambrose annual carnival has become one of Woodend's most popular family events.

This year all the fun of the fair will be had on Saturday, April 12 from 9.30am to 2.30pm in the school grounds and hall.

Apart from the usual attractions there promises to be a few surprises to excite both little and big kids.

The carnival committee is also exploring ways of making this year's carnival more environmentally friendly.

Visitors will again have an opportunity to enjoy a spectacular aerial view of the town from a crane. A giant inflatable slide, jumping castles and rides to thrill older children and entertain younger ones, will add to the occasion.

The Parents & Friends Association will run a barbecue, while the supper room is sure to be as popular as ever for homemade morning and afternoon teas.

Meanwhile, anyone having a clean-up at home in coming weeks is asked to consider donating unwanted goods to the stalls.

Among the items sought are plants, pots, gardening gear, furniture, toys, games, sporting equipment, CDs, DVDs, books, household items, jewellery and trinkets.

Donations can be discussed with Carnival President, Anne-Louise Lindner on 5427 3056 or alpete@aapt.net.au



21st Picnic @ Hanging Rock

The Macedon Ranges and District Motor Club will be staging its 21st Annual Picnic at Hanging Rock on Sunday 10th February 2008.

The event is open to all veteran, vintage, classic and 'special interest' cars, motorcycles and pedal power vehicles as well as to persons who wish to view the vehicles on display.

The 20th Annual Picnic in February 2007 attracted more than 2500 entrants as well as more than 10,000 people.

The Picnic includes a number of free displays and attractions suitable for all ages, including miniature steam train rides, Rocker Cover Races, games for children, an animal farm as well as a range of presentations from our sponsors. The major sponsor for the 2008 event is Lumley Special Vehicles.

The event takes place at the world famous Hanging Rock Reserve near Woodend, approximately 50 minutes north of Melbourne. Apart from the excellent display of vehicles, visitors are able to climb the 'Rock', as well as enjoy a family picnic and great day out.

This year one of the club member's cars – a 1928 Graham-Paige – has been selected as the Event Presentation Vehicle and will be on display near the main stage.

Entry to the reserve for this event is \$20 per car, \$5 for motorcycles and \$50 for buses – entry fees are payable at the gates. Entry for display cars is via the North or South gates, with spectator parking via the East gate. Traffic Wardens and road signs are in place to assist with directions. Gates open from 8am.

For more information please contact the Club's Hanging Rock Coordinator on 0419 393 023 or email graham.williams00@gmail.com. The latest information and updates are available at the club's website www.mradmc.com.au



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Have you walked along the Five Mile Creek, east from Campaspe Drive on the north bank, or from Pike St on the southern side? If you haven't, then like the teddy bears "you're in for a big surprise!"

The 3000 trees, shrubs and grasses that were planted by more than 100 volunteers in October 2007, are growing wonderfully. Many of the trees are already taller than their plant guards.

Of course the bursts of good rain in November, December, and January have been a great help, but the care and attention that went into the planting had a fair bit to do with it! I reckon plants respond to TLC, and they got a huge dose of that from the Woodend community

If they could speak they would say thank you – since they can't, I'll say it for them! They need a little more care now though. The rain has also encouraged weeds, so we're having our first **working bee** for the year on **Sunday February 24**, to do some weeding & tidying up, because there are a few more plants (about 300) to be put in by April, when the weather is (we hope!) a bit cooler.

As usual, everyone is welcome, tools are provided, and there's a slap-up morning tea. In fact if enough people let me know they are coming we might stretch it to a sausage sizzle for lunch. We look forward to seeing lots of friends.

Sunday February 24th, 9.30 am start. BYO cold drinks, hats and gloves. Phone or email Jo to advise your attendance, rasbooks@netcon.net.au

Submitted by Jo Clancy

Australian Open Gardens Scheme – Plant Fair at Bolobek

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Over this one special weekend, Australia's Open Garden Scheme is once again bringing together around 40 exhibitors from Victoria and interstate. It is an ideal opportunity for gardeners to meet and talk with expert growers of the most interesting and unusual plants, and to find something out of the ordinary.

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Woodend Senior Citizens

February 1st we will hold a General Meeting at 10.30am in the Seniors home at the Community Centre, followed by the Fun Afternoon at 1.30pm. Friday mornings we play carpet bowls at 10.30am and at 1.30pm on Friday afternoons we have Cards. On Tuesdays there is Senior Bingo at 1.30pm. All Seniors are very welcome.

Norma Richardson

Kirsty Nuttall

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Preparation for Easter

Woodend's Christian Churches are working on preparations for Easter. The local churches come together during Lent for a mid-Lenten service (date to be advised) and also have a combined service on Good Friday.

Here are some dates for your diary. You will be welcome at any church this Easter season.

Ash Wednesday 6th February

St Ambrose: 9.30 am, 11.30 am (school Mass), 7.30 pm
St Mary's: 10.00 am Woodend, 8.00 pm Trentham
St Andrew's: phone 5427 2761

Lenten Discussion Program

7th February for 5 weeks St Ambrose: 7.30 pm
10th February for 5 weeks St Mary's: 7.30 pm

If you are interested in participating please phone Fr Tony Hally on 5427 2590 or Fr Tony White on 5427 2460 to register. Please ring to confirm time and place of discussion group.

More from Woodend's churches in the March edition of the *New Woodend Star*.

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Woodend Business & Tourism Association

Next meeting 12th February at Holgates

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The cost for the evening is \$20 members, and \$25 non members. The meeting will be held actually inside the brewery so it will be a fantastic opportunity to hear about how Paul and Natasha Holgate operate the brewery.

The guest speaker for this meeting is Rob Nettle, Economic Development Officer for the Macedon Ranges Shire Council. It will be a great opportunity to meet with Andrew and learn more about how the Council can assist with the development of business and tourism in the region.

New business owners are most welcome. The monthly BATA meetings provide a great networking opportunity as well as keeping you updated with business developments.

For more information contact Cori on 5427 3434.

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Macedon Ranges Walk Together

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Discover Walking: suitable for those new to walking and who want to walk at their own pace. The walks may be in a hall, with fine days outside in a small circuit. Individuals who may want to explore this option are those that have deconditioned, the older walker, well walking frame walkers, recovery after an illness, and those with a disability. The terrain is flat and the circuit is small to encourage progress. Duration: Up to 30 minutes

Pram's Plus: mums, dads, grandparents, carers with littlies.

Puff and Sweat: For walkers who would like a longer walk time to get warm, puffy, and slightly sweaty. May involve hills and longer local walks. Duration: 30-60 mins.

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1. Sarah Campbell, Woodend Neighbourhood House- 5427 1845
2. Phone Jeannie, Macedon Ranges Walk Together Coordinator on 5427 1845 and leave a message and/or ring Thursday 10.30-12.30 pm if you would like a chat.
3. Email wncitreas@vic.chariot.net.au

Macedon Ranges Walk Together Project is facilitated by the Neighbourhood Houses, Lancefield, Romsey, Woodend and the Riddells Creek Community Living & Learning Centre in collaboration with The Macedon Ranges Shire Council, Cobaw Health, and The Central Victoria Health Alliance PCP. Funding provided by the Department of Planning and Community Development (DPCD).



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The winner of the canteen of cutlery was Sue Sullivan and second draw who won the wine hamper was Margaret Price. Both ladies are local and were each pleased with their win. The winning ticket was sold by our newest member, Alma Warnock. So speaking of new members please consider joining the Auxiliary. Our first meeting for 2008 will be held at the RSL Hall in Anslow Street on Thursday, 14th February commencing at 1.30pm. New members are always made welcome. At that meeting we will plan our year's activity. Any inquiries please contact Marjorie 5427 2988 or Jo 5427 1909.

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Australian Red Cross

The first meeting of the Woodend Red Cross Unit for 2008 will be held in the S.E.S. building, Urquhart Street, Woodend at 1.30pm on Thursday February 7th.

All members are requested to attend to discuss activities for the coming year. From the 18th February to the 16th March we will be conducting our Annual Red Cross Appeal. We will be rattling tins and selling raffle tickets at a "sit-in-the-street" collection point. There will also be a group of young people involved in a door knock; as dwindling numbers and advancing years are taking their toll on unit members. If you are interested in donating a couple of hours of your time please contact unit secretary on 5427 4080 to have your name added to the roster for the street collection point.

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For more information visit www.maxadventure.com.au. Up to 1000 riders are expected to descend on Woodend for this cycling event. Spectators welcome. Any businesses and cyclists who would like more information should ring Russell at Woodend Cycles on 5427 2662.

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We are now in the midst of the Bushfire season and it is never too late to ensure you are prepared. Come along to our free sessions on Saturdays at 1.30–5pm, 23 February—1 March to understand how to keep your property and family safe this summer.

Want classes to gain employment? We are running first aid, hospitality, Integration Support, responsible serving of alcohol, computer accounting workshops, boosting small business, email and Internet, office computer skills, work ready computer graphics and an all in one computer class for beginners.

Feeling more creative, we have philosophy, creative writing, scrapbooking, drama, dress making, embroidery, jewellery making, digital photography propagation and DIY paving on offer. We have a stack and slash quilt class to, so if you have never tried patchwork, this could be the class for you.

This term sees the start of our Chess club, every Tuesday evening. Junior players will receive instruction and play from 7.15–8pm then adults play from 8pm.

We offer occasional childcare 3 mornings each week during term time – for information and bookings call 0434 262 511.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas raffles. Congratulations to the following prize winners the Meacham family, J Staib, B Campbell, L Skimbirauskas, M Turner and H Leahy. The proceeds will be used for the upkeep of our Centre.

For details all our services and upcoming classes visit us at 47 Forest St, go to our web site www.wnci.websytc.com.au or call 5427 1845.

Sarah Campbell, Coordinator

All news items, articles, advertising bookings and community news columns must be received by 15th of each month.

Buda Contemporary Textiles Award

Excitement is growing with the delivery of the advertising brochures for Buda's June 7-15 Contemporary Textiles Award. Already interest has been expressed from Textile devotees in Tasmania, New South Wales, ACT and South Australia. The these for the Award is Gold and there are 6 categories of Award

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Woomba – Woodend’s Street Festival

The sub-committee of the Woodend Business & Tourism Association, responsible for the organising of the Woomba Festival would like to thank everyone involved in the event in December 2007.

The feedback from the local community has been fabulous, and the day was a great success. Good participation from local businesses and attendance from locals and visitors alike as well as a beautiful sunny day ensured that this will be the first of many annual events.

The generous support of the many sponsors was greatly appreciated, in fact, without this support the event could not have gone ahead. Like many community events, sponsorship and in-kind assistance is always needed and is a valuable way that businesses can assist the local community.

Planning for this year’s event is about to start – so if you have time, and would like to contribute – your input and involvement would be appreciated. For more information contact Alexia or Erin on 5427 3092.



Woodend’s panorama – with thanks to Bruce Hedge for these photos – taken at Woomba on December 1st.

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With the kids now back to school, we need to all be careful when driving near schools or along school bus routes.

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Many of our youngsters travel to school by bus – and statistics show that the few seconds around getting on and off are danger periods for pedestrian accidents.

There are several key steps which parents can take to minimise any risks to their children around the school bus.

If they're picking up their child from the bus stop, they should park on the same side of the road as the bus will pull up. One of the dangers is children running across the road to mum or dad's car, excited to tell them about their day at school.

If you're parked on the same side as the bus, the kids aren't running onto the road.

Motorists should also be aware when they're passing stationary buses that there's a danger that children might suddenly dart onto the road.

Looking at wind farms

The Council has decided to revisit policy issues to do with wind farms. I support the concept of wind farms and solar energy providing they don't impact on areas of aesthetic or landscape significance.

We realise that policy decisions rest largely with the State Government, but still feel that it is timely to refresh ourselves on issues surrounding wind power.

Given the prolonged drought and concerns over climate change, it's timely that we update our views on alternative energy sources and our changing environment.

The Council's current position will be reviewed by the Natural Environment Committee. Environmental Services Manager Barry Whelan is happy to respond to inquiries on 5421 9657.

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Cafe Colenso is a favourite with locals, having often been described as an icon of the Woodend village. Situated in a peaceful garden, with a wonderful vibe and boasting a fabulous menu, with bread and cakes all baked on the premises, a breakfast-brunch-lunch menu full of delicious fresh produce and a weekly specials board.

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- 7 Film, *Inconvenient Truth*, at Woodend Neighbourhood Centre, 8 pm
- 10 Motor Club Picnic at Hanging Rock, 0419 393 023 or www.mradmc.com.au
- 10 Film, *Inconvenient Truth*, at Woodend Neighbourhood Centre, 2.30 pm
- 11 Re-opening of Woodend Library
- 12 Woodend Business & Tourism Association Meeting at Holgates Brewhouse
- 14 Hospital Auxiliary meeting at RSL Hall 1.30 pm
- 17 Lions Market
- 22 Romsey Roundup – Country Rock Night \$26, Phone Christie 5429 5099
- 23 Winemakers' Harvest Dinner, 7.30 pm at Kyneton Ridge Estate, 5422 7377
- 24 Working Bee for Woodend & Five Mile Creek Landcare
- 24 Harvest Picnic at Hanging Rock, phone 5421 9616
- 27 'Tips & Titles to get Teenagers Reading', talk at Woodend Library, 6.30 pm
- 29 Macedon Ranges World's Longest Lunch, Hanging Rock, 5421 9619

March

- 1-2 Relay for Life, Lancefield – visit www.relayforlife.org.au
- 1-2 Australian Open Gardens Scheme Bolobek (includes Plant Fair)
- 6 Film, *Who Killed the Electric Car*, Woodend Neighbourhood Centre, 8 pm
- 7-10 Lions Club Art Show at St Ambrose Hall
- 14 Ormond College Choir at St Ambrose Church 8pm, tickets \$10 at door
- 16 Lions Market
- 21 Good Friday
- 23 Easter Sunday
- 24 Easter Monday

April 2008

- 12 Woodend Autumn Carnival, hosted by St Ambrose
- 16 Lions Market
- 20 BMC 100km Classic mountain bike ride, ph 5427 2662
- 25 Anzac Day

May

- 18 Lions Market

June

- 6-9 Woodend Winter Arts Festival, www.woodendwinterartsfestival.org.au



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Woodend Gallery – Mark III

Woodend Gallery still remains the working studio of artist Dr Ray Hearn, but in its current form Ray's artworks begin to take a back seat. "There have been some changes in my life recently which give the opportunity to broaden my focus," says Ray, "Firstly, my I'm putting out bits of my own collection – having finished my Ph.D. (in anthropology and fine art), the research stuff from the material culture documentation ended up in boxes. Now, although I can't sell it, it's nice to see bits out on display – as museum pieces." And you can buy a CD copy of the thesis itself on sale for the first time.

Museum curios include 15th century AD and earlier South East Asian artefacts such as a stucco sculpture fragment of Hanaman, the monkey god, a Naga from a Buddhist temple entry staircase, betel nut paraphernalia and a rare 12th century Ming copper red jar made around 1190. There's lots of historical ceramics, enough to provide a mini history of Thai stoneware and its developments over the six or so several centuries of production.

There's a heart-warming story behind Ray's ceramics study, which is in part about the Australian project that reintroduced pottery making to a village of poor subsistence farmers in the 1980s. The gallery stocks these ceramics, from the village of Ban Ko Noi in north central Thailand which was the focus of Ray's Ph.D. "It's a bizarre bazaar," says Ray. "In the village you can see bits of ceramics from the old kilns made 500 or so years ago, and at the same time browse stalls with work made literally yesterday."

The gallery sales help support these subsistence farmers. For example through providing money for education, the potters' children now tend to stay on into, and through high school rather than leaving to work in the rice paddies. Woodend Gallery also stocks a good range of celadon elephants, and again sales go to support the Lamphang Elephant Training Centre and Elephant Hospital.

There is also small but varied range of exclusive tableware from Indra ceramics in Thailand, where Ray has been working. Brightly coloured and hand painted high fired stoneware, it's mostly designed for the European market, and is not imported into Australia by any other outlet.

Julie Ward, an award winning local artist, presents a brand new display of it iris paintings in acrylics. Ray's youngest daughter Emily, who is just starting art school this year, is featured in the gallery for the first time. Her work revolves around alternative strategies for making and showing art – in the sanctioned streets such as Hosier Lane in Melbourne's CBD through tags and stencils, with a self published comic or zine, images screened onto T-shirts, and on line.

Woodend Gallery

featuring

- Street artist & art student Emily Hearn
- award-winning local artist Julie-Ann Ward
- South East Asian Ceramics Museum
- Ban Ko Noi village ceramics from Thailand
- Celadon ceramic elephants
- The working studio of Dr Ray Hearn

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All artwork is for sale, though note that this does not include the display pieces from Ray's collection in the little museum section.

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The Woodend Playgroup AGM will be held at Woodend Playgroup on Monday, 18th February at 8pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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Woodend Community and Arts Precinct

Architects Appointed

Macedon Ranges Shire Council has appointed Morton Dunn Architects as the architects for the Woodend Community and Arts Precinct.

Morton Dunn Architects is a very experienced company which has designed many facilities throughout Victoria, including the redevelopment of Ballarat Mining Exchange and Ballarat Town Hall. The company has won numerous awards, including the 2004 City of Ballarat Design Excellence Award and a Property Council of Australia Award in 1998.

One of company's first tasks will be to develop a draft master site plan and facility concept plan for the development of an integrated community/arts precinct on the site surrounding and including the Woodend Community Centre.

A project launch will be arranged in early February 2008 and extensive community consultation undertaken to allow all to have input into the plan.

Submitted by Macedon Ranges Shire Council



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Energy Plus!

Dawn Robinson is an adventurous artist who constantly tries new mediums. So far she has ventured into Sculpture, Painting, Jewellery-making, and for the past year, Sculptural Glass.

The exciting thing about Dawn's work is that she is also prepared to experiment with any material, or combination. For example, in her sculpture she has worked in rock, timber, steel and glass, or mixtures of these. The picture below demonstrates this well.

Also, her output is significant; she has exhibited in no less than 30 shows since 2004, winning awards and commissions every year!

Currently Dawn is preparing work for the Woodend Lions Art Show in March (7th-10th). This is the club's most important fundraiser for the year so we urge the public to come along and support local talent, as well as artists from further afield. For further information or entry forms phone 5427 2469.



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We were able to donate to the Uniting Church Minister's Discretionary Fund, S.E.S., Fire Brigade, Kyneton Secondary School (Father Ray Saggars Support Fund) and Tylden Fire Brigade.

In October, our beloved long time helper Lorna Wynstanley passed away, we miss her very much.

We look forward to a New Year of helping the community in fellowship.

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Buy the best quality you can find and afford for major pieces like jackets, pants, skirts, shirts and shoes (enter – recycled clothing stores!) and fill in the gaps with affordable accessories and fun pieces in favourite, new or current fashion colours that work for you.

Believe me, your good quality major pieces will be with you for years to come and look different with various accessories. Classic designs never date and are very adaptable.

Know thyself! Know what shapes, colours, and sizes look best on you. Get professional advice if necessary. A good clue to these are the 20% of garments in your current wardrobe that you wear 80% of the time – you feel confident and comfortable wearing them. Less is more.

Best quality doesn't always mean trendiest label either. Look for natural or natural blend fabrics; a dense fabric count; well joined seams that don't "teeth" when you stretch them; and well fitted linings. Give the garment the "feel" test – if the fabric and the way the item fits you feels wonderful – you most likely have a good quality item, and you will feel wonderful.

Find a balance that fits your taste and budget with a mix of recycled high quality/low cost classic garments with new fashion pieces. And when someone comments "Oh I love your outfit, you look fabulous in blue/white/red"... tell them it's green!

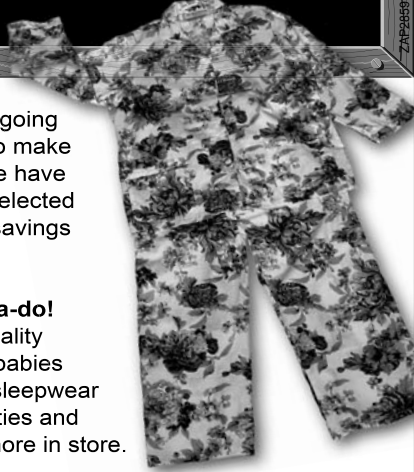
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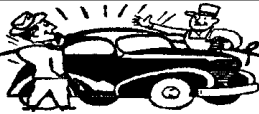
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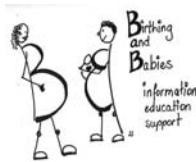
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Rotary raffle aids effort

The Rotary club of Woodend would like to congratulate the winners of the Christmas Raffle and thank the local traders who donated the prizes. The winners were N Proctor, D & V Whitelock and D Thompson, all of Woodend.

The three prizes consisted of over \$1200 of wonderful gifts and vouchers donated by local Woodend and Macedon Ranges traders: Schatzis, Woodend Health and Fitness, Epigenetics, MyStyle furniture, Ian Marks Liquor, Blue Orange Concepts, Chelleon, Littery Latte, Alchemy, Bites, Jasper, Woodend Florist, Color Me Cooper, Macedon Ranges Dry Cleaners, Maloa House and Habitat.

All winners were extremely pleased when presented with their prizes prior to Christmas.

Funds raised are being used to purchase a Rotary Shelter Box which will deliver humanitarian aid and relief on a worldwide basis in the form of material and equipment that provides shelter, warmth and comfort to people displaced by natural and other disasters. This is the second Shelterbox which the club has made available through fundraising efforts. The community should be praised for their ongoing support of the Rotary fundraising efforts. Details of this Shelterbox purchase will be made available in future copies of the New Woodend Star.

“Movies that Matter” – Al Gore and More

Thursday 17th January

The “Movies that Matter” program, hosted by the Woodend Sustainable Living Community (WSLC) is becoming a popular fixture at the Woodend Neighbourhood Centre.

According to organiser Peter Hansford there have been good numbers attend each movie and more importantly people have stayed on to enjoy supper and discuss the movie.

The next movie is the internationally renowned *Inconvenient Truth* featuring Al Gore.

Peter believes it is a must see movie and recommended for both adults and teenagers. A second viewing is a good way to be reminded of the important challenges facing the world. Discussing the movie with others has proven a successful way to spawn local projects.

“Movies that Matter” have also proven to be propitious. Peter advised that when *Crude Awakening* was shown, oil prices were \$88 per barrel. And *Maxed Out* (all about the credit addiction) unfortunately preceded increases in home loan rates.

Movies that Matter are shown first Thursday of the Month (8–10 pm) and the following Sunday (2.30–4.30) at the Woodend Neighbourhood Centre. A great supper is served. \$8 for concession and WSLC Members and \$12 for guests.

Please note the following program

Feb 7 and 10	<i>Inconvenient Truth</i>
March 6 and 9	<i>Who Killed the Electric Car</i>
April 3 and 6	<i>Sustainable Table</i>

Future titles are being investigated. For further details of the program please phone Peter Hansford on 0417 050 939.



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Woodend Children's Park

The Christmas break has been a perfect chance for the Woodend Children's Park team to take a well deserved break, sit back for a couple of weeks and reflect on the busy year just passed.

2007 in review:

February: Talk around town about the need for a park and playground facility in Woodend motivated a small number of locals to act – research and planning began.

April & May: The first Community meeting was held, a committee was formed and WCP quickly became incorporated. Our website is launched – check it out at www.woodendweb.org/childrenspark

June: Support and awareness of our project is escalating throughout town and the MRSC. Feedback is very encouraging and creates a buzz throughout the WCP committee with new members joining this worthwhile project everyday.

June & July: Our growing and enthusiastic committee started consulting with the community and launched our fundraising drive with a raffle and numerous sausage sizzles. We now have over 20 committee members and many volunteers.

August: We start receiving offers of help from other community groups – the first one being the Woodend Toy Library for the Gumnutters concert. Partnerships are also formed with Central Highlands FM and we start working alongside MRSC in the Shire's Playground Strategy Plan and the exciting community centre re-development.

September/October: The committee is in full swing – researching, writing and submitting grant applications and sourcing various forms of funding.

November: Fundraising is ever present within the community and the Salsa night at the St. Ambrose Hall was a lot of fun and a great success.

December: Fundraising and information stalls at Teddy Bear Show and Woomba Festival. End of year wrap up.

Results:

- A strong, committed and focused team that will see this project through to completion in Dec 2008.
- The support of the council's Playground Strategy Plan – We are the only town in the Macedon Ranges Shire that does not have a 'District Playground'.
- The committee has raised \$20,000 through fundraising and local grants.
- Members of the public initiating fundraising activities and donating proceeds to the WCP.
- Two successful grant applications.

We would like to thank the many people and businesses that have donated their time, resources, and goods over the past year and hope that their support will continue this year.

The year ahead 2008:

February: Receive in-principle support and land site from Council.

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April—October: Finalise the park's design and continue raising the +\$300k needed.

October—December: Start and finish construction of the Woodend Children's Park.

December: grand opening in time for the Christmas school holidays.

We would like to encourage anybody out there in the community to please contact us if you think you have a funding initiative, guidance or would like to help, no matter how big or small. If we all work together we will have a very special place where the community can relax, play and socialise. You can email us at childrenspark@woodendweb.org or phone Kellie 5427 1857 or Jane 5427 3308.

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The visit to Duneira in late October on Mt Macedon was a popular event. Over 50 people attended. The committee would like to thank: the SR Stoneman Foundation for allowing us to visit the house and garden; the Woodend Lions Club for help with parking; Jan Maplestone for entertaining us on the piano and Milton and Liz Collins from Campaspe House for donating a raffle prize, Sunday lunch for two. This prize was won and has been enjoyed by Patricia Rowe.

The Book Stall at the Woodend Market was held in December and there will be another in February. Please ring Bill on 5427 2469 if you have any spare books that could be sold on the stall to help our fundraising.

The Friends group is pleased to announce a very informative evening with Agnes Nieuwenhuizen, founder and retired manager of the Centre for Youth Literature at the State Library of Victoria and author of the recent book *Right Book Right Time* Allen & Unwin 2007.

Come to the newly refurbished Woodend Library on Wednesday 27 February at 6.30pm.

Diary dates

17 February 2008 Book Stall at Woodend Market
27 February 2008 at 6.30pm Woodend Library Talk with Agnes Nieuwenhuizen - **TIPS & TITLES TO GET TEENAGERS READING**

An evening for parents, grandparents, teachers and librarians - and also interested teenagers

Agnes will provide tips for encouraging teenagers to read and also quick bites on a range of books. There will be a display from the Library's collection available for loan. A booklist of about 20 books will be provided. Refreshments will be served. We look forward to seeing you. Bookings and information: Sheila 5427 3644

Burning off now can burn a hole in your pocket

The annual fire restrictions have now been in place in the region since November, and that means that fires in the open air are heavily restricted.

In fact, burning off is totally prohibited during the Fire danger Period, unless you have a special permit (see below), and this year the CFA has 'Zero Tolerance' instructions to strictly enforce the laws in regard to this offence. If people fail to comply with the regulations we must report every incident to the police, who are also required to attend. The incident must be reported, even if it is only a small one, and this is not negotiable. This can result in court appearances, substantial fines and even the possibility of a jail term.

However, despite the extreme dry period and obvious fire danger, we are still getting calls to 'illegal burnoffs' – one recently on the eve of a Total Fire Ban day.

To burn off during the Fire Danger Period you must obtain a special permit from the Macedon Ranges Municipal Fire Prevention Officer. But it is only in very special circumstances that residents MAY be granted such a permit – and even then you have to comply with extremely strict conditions and precautions.

The most dangerous part of the fire season

The most dangerous part of the fire season has only just begun, with history showing that the bulk of grass and bush fires in the Macedon Ranges occur in February and March. On February 16 it will be 25 years since the devastating Ash Wednesday bushfires, when over 100 fires started across Victoria which destroyed over 3,000 buildings and claimed 47 lives – in our region they claimed 628 buildings and 7 lives. We should therefore not become complacent.

What are the fire restrictions?

Many people mistakenly believe that fire restrictions only come into effect on the relatively few days of the year declared as Total Fire Bans. As mentioned above, restrictions are in place throughout the entire Fire Danger Period, which will continue until the end of April (unless stated otherwise).

Extreme caution is necessary throughout this period because dry vegetation and hot weather increase the risk of fires accidentally igniting and spreading.

Not just burning off

Solid Fuel Barbecues are permitted, provided certain precautions are taken. An adult must be in attendance at all times and an area of 3 metres all round and above the barbecue must be completely cleared of flammable material.

Campfires have the same restrictions as barbecues, and must be fully contained in a proper fireplace or in a trench at least 30cm deep. And the fire must not be lit within 7.5 metres of any log or stump.

Welding, soldering, grinding or grass cutting may be carried out, again with certain precautions. The same applies to the use of machinery such as tractors, slashers and chainsaws. Each year, many fires are started by sparks and heat generated by such machines – this was the case back in 1983.



In all cases it is important to have sufficient water on hand in case of emergency.

Total fire bans

TFBs are declared only when the danger of fires occurring is extremely high and when fire would be expected to develop rapidly and be extremely difficult to control. Last season we had numerous Total Fire Ban days, and this year we have already had a significant number.

On days of TFB – fires in the open air are prohibited:

- Permits issued for burning off are automatically revoked.
- Campfires and solid fuel barbecues are banned.
- In most cases, the use of the equipment and machinery listed above is not allowed. Special permits may be issued for essential works.

A Portable and Fixed gas/electric barbecue may be used as long as it is located within 20 metres of a permanent dwelling (not including caravans or tents), the area is cleared by 3 metres around and above, an adult is in attendance at all times and a tap with hose is connected ready for use.

The state of Victoria is divided into five Total Fire Ban Districts – the Macedon Ranges is located within the 'Central District'.

The details regarding the Fire Danger Period are clearly listed in the free leaflet 'Can I or Can't I?' which is available from the CFA or visit the CFA website: www.cfa.vic.gov.au

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For further information contact Captain Mick Christie on 0419 870 601, call the Woodend CFA on 5427 2356, visit the station in Urquhart Street, visit the CFA website: www.cfa.vic.gov.au or the Woodend CFA website: www.woodendcfa.org

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Macedon Ranges Social Club

The Macedon Ranges Social Club for singles over 35 has finished another fun filled year. Activities included get togethers at hotels, clubs, dances, picnics, fancy dress parties, variety shows, festivals and similar special events, and for regular members, the ever popular coffee and chats in the cosy comfort of willing member's homes.

Socialising in the club is as easy as buying a newspaper, and everyone just wants to make friends, friends and more friends. After all, that is the whole point of being a member. The Club serves the Macedon Ranges region, with some enthusiastic members commuting from far afield.

The latest calendar of events is now available with a richer variety of events than ever before, so if you are not a member yet, please call Monty on 9744 2697 or Lyn on 9740 7950 for a big hello, and a free event calendar with welcome letter will be sent to you. You can also post to Macedon Ranges Social Club PO Box 691, Sunbury, Victoria 3429 or email to macrangessc@yahoo.com.au. Copies of the event calendar and welcome letter can also be obtained at some neighbourhood and community centres.

The Club is for singles over 35 only. Some small assistance will be expected towards running the club – about a minute per day on average. Surnames, addresses and telephone numbers of members are not given out without permission. Membership is just \$35 annually (\$25 pensioner). If you are an unpaid member or have not attended for some time, please contact us and join in the fun.

The Club is restructuring the committee to both reduce the workload of committee members and to provide better service to the members. The Club is intending to set up a website early this year, so if any knowledgeable members can help us with this, it would be much appreciated. A big thankyou for all the great support, fun and smiles of the members.

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Macedon Ranges Visitor Information Centres

Local Learning Tours – November 2007

In the middle of Budburst week, 34 volunteers from Kyneton and Woodend Visitor Centres set off on a fine morning with Verna, our driver, for Newham, Romsey and Mount Macedon.

First stop was Hanging Rock Winery for wine tastings and a delicious morning tea of muffins and scones. Cassy King was our host and Andrew Kostos provided an excellent guided tasting through the Jim Jim range of Hanging Rock Wines which included a selection of sparkling, whites and reds followed by a delicious light and fruity dessert wine. Hanging Rock winemaker, John Ellis, was recently awarded “Most Outstanding Contribution by an Individual” at the 2007 Victorian Tourism Awards Ceremony. Hanging Rock Winery also processes grapes from a considerable number of the smaller wineries in the Macedon Ranges. Hanging Rock Winery Retreat also provides stylish accommodation for up to 8 guests. Their cellar door is open 7 days a week, 10am to 5pm (except Christmas Day and Good Friday).

Midhill Vineyard is at 1727 Romsey Road, Romsey with 7 acres of vines on a working farm carrying a fine herd of Black Angus cattle. Dianna and Hugh Richards gave us a warm welcome and some fine wine tastings. The Richards are warm and generous hosts with a fine range of wines on offer.

Our next stop was Mia's B & B at 658 Mt Macedon Road, Mt Macedon. This is a charming retreat, nestled in a private long established Old English style garden. Hosts Yole and David Hartwig gave us free run of the property. Mia's B & B is ideal for couples, with a private patio from which to enjoy the views of Mt. Macedon.

The final stop of the tour was Mt Macedon Winery at 433 Bawden Road. Rhonda and Rowena hosted us for a tour of the garden and the B&B accommodation before spoiling us with generous platters of cheeses, antipasto, salads and woodfired pizzas. The views from the property are absolutely stunning and the garden setting is proving very popular for weddings. The vineyard was planted in 1989 and is 680 metres above sea level making it one of the most elevated cool climate sites in Australia' specialising in pinot and chardonnay. The facility is an excellent venue for conferences and private functions for up to 150 people.

Our thanks to Nigel Heyward for this report.

**All news items, articles and community news
columns must be received by 15th of each month.**

Heritage Society News

MURDER IN THE BLACK FOREST

by Marion Button

This is the sixth in our monthly instalment of *Murder in the Black Forest* by Marion Button.

“Henry Webb was in great agony. The shot had hit his belly, his bowels protruded. Within ten minutes of the shot, he lay dead.

John Riches was guarded through the night. He was secured with a leather rope and a black silk handkerchief round his hands. Several times during the night Riches offered Robert Chambre £50 and fourteen ounces of gold if he would let him escape. Robert Chambre was not interested.

Next morning, at Riches’ suggestion, Jem Ward and Mrs Webb examined the kettle in which some fat was kept and Jem took out of it some gold and money, which he handed to Charlotte Webb. Riches threw £21 to Charlotte and said “Take it, its of no use to me, the Government will take it. It will do to bury”. All the money was counted out by Mrs Webb at Hunter’s Coffee Shop.

When the party of police from Gisborne arrived, John Riches was given into charge, and then soon after transferred to Mr Mason of the Mounted Police, in whose custody he arrived in Melbourne on the afternoon of 11th October 1852. He was confined in the Swanston Street watchhouse. It was a short eight months since receiving his Conditional Pardon in Tasmania.

Mr Lapham, the police magistrate at Kyneton, held a magisterial inquisition at the scene of the outrage. Charlotte Webb made a sworn statement at the Black Forest on 9th October. A subpoena was issued to make her evidence available at the trial. She arrived in Melbourne on the morning of 13th October.

Committal Hearing: Monday 11th October 1852

When John Riches faced the District Court, his only defence was that he was drunk. He was committed to take his trial for the murder of Henry Webb.

Supreme Court: Thursday 14th October 1852

John Riches pleaded Not Guilty to an indictment charging him with the wilful murder of Henry Webb.

Mr Pearson Thompson stated that he had been requested to defend the prisoner, but not having seen the depositions, and being entirely ignorant of the circumstances of the case, he did not feel justified in incurring so heavy a responsibility. Mr Thompson begged a postponement of the trial. His Honor, Mr Justice Redmond Barry, acceded to the request and John Riches again returned to gaol on remand.

There was little time for Mr Pearson Thompson to prepare for the defence as the case was again brought before Judge Barry the following day!

The Trial: Friday 15th October 1852

The Sessions for the current month resumed at ten o’clock when His Honor Mr Justice Barry took his seat. The Court was crowded to excess with parties anxious to hear the trial of the alleged Collingwood murderers (which was also being held the same day as John Riches’ case) and amongst the audience were a number of ladies.

The prosecution in the case of John Riches was conducted by the Honorable the Attorney General. Evidence was heard from Alfred Ward, Charlotte Webb and Robert Chambre on the part of the Crown. The learned Counsel for the Prisoner addressed the jury but called no witnesses.

The jury returned as their verdict “Guilty of Murder” and accompanied their verdict with a recommendation to mercy. Judge Barry requested that the foreman would favour him with the grounds on which the recommendation was based, but he declined to do so. The Prisoner was then remanded until judgement on Tuesday 19th October 1852.

Sentencing: Tuesday 19th October 1852

Once again, John Riches stood before Judge Barry. He appeared by no

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February Birthdays

2 nd	Joanna Gladwin Hunt	Turns 12
6 th	Jayden Bullard	Turns 10
6 th	Curtis Barclay	Turns 12
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11 th	James Simpson	Turns 12
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15 th	Laim Chattington.....	Turns 12
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17 th	Kathleen McQuade	Turns 11
20 th	Joseph Hebb.....	Turns 6
22 nd	Luke McVicar.....	Turns 9
22 nd	Adam Lawrence.....	Turns 13
23 rd	Jane K. McLeish	Turns 10
25 th	Sam Hayward	Turns 10
25 th	Malachi Anderson	Turns 6
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28 th	Paige McMillan	Turns 11

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means embarrassed at the position in which he was placed, and having been asked if he had anything to say why the sentence of the Court should not be pronounced upon him, said that he hoped His Honor would have mercy on him. Riches added that if he had meant to shoot Webb, it was unlikely that he would have deposited his money with him. The fact was, he said, that they were all drunk when this occurrence took place. He also remarked that one of the witnesses who had given evidence against him had stated differently in Court to that stated at the Police Office, inasmuch as in the latter place he had said that he did not see Riches take the gun from the back of the tray.

Judge Redmond Berry, speaking in an exceedingly low tone, informed the Prisoner that as the gentlemen of the jury had not advised him of the grounds upon which they founded their recommendation to mercy, he was unfamiliar with the reasons which had influenced them; that acting on his own judgement and after a careful examination of all the features and circumstances of the case, he was unable to agree with that recommendation but that he would forward it for the consideration of His Excellency Charles Joseph La Trobe, Lieutenant Governor of the Colony of Victoria, and His Excellency’s Executive Council.

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Ladies Pennants 2008 season commenced on January 15th with Division I winning their match and Division 2 going down to Romsey.

Mens Division 2 and both Division 4 teams are hoping to retain their winning ways to ensure they remain in the top four positions of the Pennant ladder.

Some members of the community when passing the Woodend Bowling green may wonder why the green is in such a sad state. This has come about by the lack of rain and chemicals discovered in the bore water. Colin, our green director is confident the grass will return once a major filtration system has been installed in the bore water.

Members dates to note:

Sunday 10th February – Club Mixed Fours commencing at 12.30pm, afternoon tea provided. Players in whites please.

Thursday 21st February – Ladies Promotion Day commencing at 10am, public welcome. Clothing sales and cooking demonstration.

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Woodend has teams of all abilities entered and emergency players are always welcome.

The clubhouse and courts are available for casual and permanent hire. A key to the courts can be collected from the Woodend Visitor Information Centre. For clubhouse booking enquiries contact Nadine on 54271571.