

# THE NEW WOODEND STAR



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## Rotary Club of Woodend receives Rotary District Benchmark Award

The Rotary Club of Woodend recently held its changeover evening at the Hanging Rock café. During the event District Governor John Davis Presented outgoing Woodend President Grant Hocking with the District Benchmark award.

To receive the award Rotary Clubs must have contributed to the many areas of Rotary activities including membership, community, international, vocational and new generations (youth).

Outgoing president Grant Hocking said 'the award represents the successes of the club over the last twelve months and hopefully people in the community also recognise the great work of Rotary.'

The Rotary club of Woodend has been very active fundraising and working towards improving the world both locally and internationally. In the last 12 months the club has been involved in local projects including donating to the Woodend Childrens Park, environmental books and the Boardmaker program to the Woodend Library, Heritage Society, Woodend Toy library, Woodend Scout group, and worked at cleaning up the Woodend Cemetery. Internationally we have purchased two shelter boxes, donated to Operation Cleft and continue to accumulate funds for a water project in PNG. In new generations we have sponsored students to attend the Model United Nations assembly, Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN), Science camp in Canberra, International Science tour to Russia, and donations to local schools for student awards and breakfast programs.

'With all this activity we have also managed to gain 5 new members' said Grant.

At the changeover Grant handed the Presidency over to Gordon Whyte who will take on the role of President of the club for the next twelve months. The club now



meets at the Victoria Hotel in Woodend from 6:45 pm on Thursday nights and welcomes guests any evening.

## Woodend Green Corps Update

By Tom Robinson and Mandie Buckley  
Woodend Green Corps Team Members.

Despite the wet and cold weather of July the Green Corps Team have completed some more works at the Woodend Hub site. Wire around the chook shed has been put up for fox proofing. The plastic around the hot house has been installed to create a warm environment for raising seedlings. In order to finish the chicken and hot house we have been making doors at the Kyneton's Men's Shed. Two ponds have been made to attract frogs to the garden in order to keep pest insects away. We have also paved around the compost bins to make it tidy and easy to clean up.

On wet days, we have been designing brochures for the Woodend Sustainable Living Community on what we have made in the garden. The brochures will provide some information on why and how to build the various components of a Permaculture garden. They include the chook shed, vegetable garden, compost bins, ponds, indigenous gardens and the stairs.

The team have organised and held two fundraisers to buy fruit trees for the orchard. The sausage sizzle held on Saturday the 15th of June raised \$300. Thanks to Coles and the Woodend Scout Group for their kind donations. Thanks also to the Woodend community for their support on the day.

A trivia night was held on Friday the 25th of July and had over 100 people attend with over \$1000 raised. We had a lot of donations for prizes from local Woodend shops and we would like to thank them for their support: Natures Garden, EpiGenetics, Pets Haven, Blue Orange Concepts, Woodend Pharmacy, Mitre 10, Woodend Second Hand Book Shop, Uncle Fester and Woodend Fruit Shop.

We really enjoyed assisting with a school education day with Elphinstone and Taradale Primary Schools. We prepared the site and planted 500 trees with the children and volunteers. We also attended Gisborne Secondary College and spoke to the Year Twelve students about Green Corps and what we do.



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We have completed all of our training in Certificate Two in Conservation and Land Management. The modules we completed are relevant to the work we have done and include recognising plants, installing aggregate paths, treating weeds, and planting trees and shrubs. We also completed our Introduction to Permaculture course with Tony Cudmore. The team is graduating from Green Corps on the 14th of August. The Woodend community is welcome to attend. Please call 0407 686 289 for more details.

## Woodend Rainfall Report 2008

Each month we add the rainfall details and the year to date total. Our rainfall report shows **2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007** 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	2008	
January	21.2	47.4	49.8	83.5	17.1	Jan
February	6.2	72.2	53.1	27.4	22.1	Feb
March	19.0	5.8	20.6	35.7	25.4	Mar
April	41.2	18.8	46.4	20.2	20.4	April
May	39.3	13.6	58.8	95.7	43.7	May
June	98.0	116.7	36.0	105.1	88.7	June
<b>YTD:</b>	<b>224.9</b>	<b>274.5</b>	<b>264.8</b>	<b>367.6</b>	<b>217.4</b>	<b>YTD</b>

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

For the year to date 31/05/08 there was rainfall of **217.4 mm**

1 inch = 25.4 mm therefore the total year to date is 8.56 inches

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**Disclaimer: The opinions and views expressed by the contributors are theirs alone, and do not necessarily reflect the views and opinions of the Committee of Management, or the Rotary Club of Woodend.**

The Committee reserves the right to edit articles for length and clarity.

Committee: Barry Naphine, Ivor Johnson, Claudia Green, Irene Hatcher, Joy Barker and Jane Watters.

Closing date for inclusion of articles for each issue is the 15th of the month prior to publication.

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## Woodend Red Cross

There will be no meeting during the month of August. The next meeting of the Woodend Red Cross Unit will be held on Thursday September 4th in the S.E.S. Building Urquhart Street, Woodend at 1.30pm. Any member of the public is more than welcome to attend if interested in joining the unit.

Submitted by Margaret Gaal

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### Woodend Star Publication Dates for 2008

September	Delivery 1st September
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## Woodend Tennis Premiership

Woodend women collected one premiership and a runners-up award in the winter Mountain District Ladies Tennis Association competition.

Congratulations to the Section 3 team of Kellie Duff, Jane Crozier, Brigid Wenn, Clare Sanguinetti-Bowen and Colleen Lodge. And well done to Section 5 Silver: Leonie Barker, Briony Lee, Jane Cahill, Jeannie Dean, Meagan Gatehouse and Laura Clark.

The midweek ladies summer season has commenced, with five teams entered. Emergency players are needed for the Tuesday morning competition. Enquiries: Kellie on 5427 1857.

Open summer competition team entries are due by September 1. New players are sought. Teams of three men and three women compete on Saturday afternoons.

Meanwhile, excitement is growing around the club with the imminent arrival of lights, opening the door to NIGHT TENNIS. Two teams have been entered into the mixed tennis competition held around the Macedon Ranges on Thursday night. Hopefully they'll soon be able to enjoy a home court advantage.

Anyone interested in the open competition or social tennis can contact Trudy on 5427 3524.

The clubhouse is available for meetings, private functions and workshops. Details: Nadine 5427 1571.

### **KIDS NEED A HAND**

The Woodend Tennis Club annual general meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 13 at 7.30pm. All committee positions are open to nominations from club members.

Allan Morton will be standing down from the position of Junior's Coordinator, which he has enjoyed filling over the past few years during and after his own children's participation as junior club members. Over this time the club has had many more junior players involved in

## Movies that Matter

Due to popular demand the hosts of the Movies That Matter program are intending to re-screen *The 11th Hour* as August's environmental movie. This screening will be 7th August at 8pm.

*The 11th Hour* is produced and narrated by Leonardo Di Caprio. It is an update on Al Gore's *The Inconvenient Truth*, and importantly dedicates considerable time to what we as individuals, as a community and as employees can contribute in the fight against climate change.

*The 11th Hour* will replace *Koyanishqatsi* in the program. *The 11th Hour* is very accessible to adults and teenage children and is sure to generate conversations at work, and at the dinner table.

"Movies that Matter" are shown the first Thursday of the month at the Woodend Neighbourhood House, 47 Forest St, Woodend from 8 pm. The movies will no longer be shown the following Sunday.

Future screenings include *The Power of the Community: How Cuba Survived the Oil Crises* (September 4).

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competition tennis, however it is now time for another parent to take over this important and rewarding position.

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“Western Water has a positive track record in ensuring that the quality of our drinking water exceeds set standards.” John Wilkinson, Managing Director Western Water said.

“Our commitment to drinking water quality is demonstrated by our continuous improvement approach and the formal systems we have introduced over the last decade”

The regulatory audit reviewed the Western Water ‘Drinking Water Risk Management Plan’. This plan identifies potential risks to drinking water quality, Western Water’s systems for early identification of any water quality abnormalities, the methods for managing these risks and water resources.

“In line with international best practice, our plan identifies potential risks from catchments, through to the tap. It focuses on a “multiple-barrier” approach to provide several layers of protection for the customer. “Mr Wilkinson said.

“A key to our strong record of compliance with water quality measures is our on going certification in the use of the ‘Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP) system.”

“The use of HACCP ensures that we focus on each part of the water supply system and the process of ensuring safe water. It then verifies that we are in fact, supplying our customers with quality drinking water.”

Western Water collects on average 5,500 routine water quality samples per annum. These routine samples are tested against microbiological, aesthetic (or physical) and chemical parameters across our supply area.

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Lancefield. The Plan also includes the management of the water that we receive from Melbourne Water.

“Western Water’s continuous improvement program for drinking water quality goes beyond the requirements of the regulatory audit.” John Wilkinson said.

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## From your local councillor

### Tree risks

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The Department of Sustainability & Environment has given us \$10,000 to carry out tree risk minimisation works at Hanging Rock Reserve.

On top of that, we have received \$10,000 to work on the trees at the Woodend Public Park (golf course), and \$9900 for works at the Woodend Racecourse Reserve.

### Pushing for an Early Years Centre

Your Council is pushing for Federal funding for four local Early Years Centres.

Council has been informed that the Federal Government will be making funding available for the construction of early years centres across Australia. There is \$1.7 million per 50-place centre, catering for up to 80 children.

Alternately, the option of achieving an increase of 50 places in a locality may also be through adding rooms to one or more existing centres.

We will be submitting expressions of interest for the construction of centres in Kyneton, Gisborne, Riddells Creek and Lancefield.

The Commonwealth has advised that the roll out of the centres in Victoria will be through the State Office for Children, which is very positive from the local government perspective in terms of integrated planning.

The Federal Government will be funding up to 260 new centres, so we're hopeful that we will get on the list for funding.

The Commonwealth has advised that the criteria for priority locations will be determined in conjunction with the State and identification of locations negotiated with local government.

Henry Bleeck, Your Local Macedon Ranges Shire Councillor, 5422 7027

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## News from Woodend RSL Auxiliary

Firstly our Auxiliary would like to thank a lady for her help and generous donation during the trip to the Cuckoo Restaurant and also another nice lady who donated articles for the raffle on the bus. Thank you ladies, your continued support is very welcome.

The Cuckoo trip was a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Maybe we can do the same next year. The manager of the cuckoo presented our group with a Citation and a book on the Cuckoo, these will be added to our Memorabilia collection.

Bookings for our Curry & Pasta night have so far been very pleasing and we are looking forward to a great night at the Woodend Golf Club. Arrangements are already in the pipeline to hold our R.S.L. Annual Xmas Dinner also at the Golf Club. More on this later.

We are underway with another Wood Raffle this month. Last one was won by Bob Moody, one of our best ticket sellers. Good on you Bob, you deserved it. Bob is always ready to offer his services whenever needed.

Helen, our fundraiser is researching a possible bus trip to Shepparton Cannery. As bus hire is becoming very expensive with the rises in petrol costs, due consideration will be done before the trip is decided.

Several functions were discussed at our recent meeting for August so watch the papers and read the posters in the local shops for further news of coming events.

Once again we thank the Neighbourhood House for the use of their cosy room for our meetings. Last month we recruited another two members which brings our number to 23. Well done, and a hearty welcome to you both. Please don't hesitate to join our happy group. You will be made most welcome.

Submitted by Betty Barned



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Renovation of the garden and the amenities allows various options for groups with a large lawn area and BBQ facilities available for after work functions and morning gatherings.

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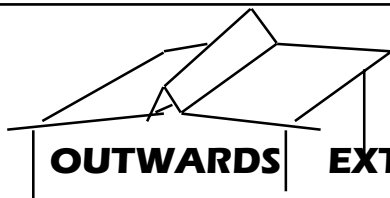
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Council's vision for pokie gambling in the Shire is to ensure pokie gaming is positioned appropriately. The new policy is designed to provide a balance between the recreational potential of pokie gaming in the Shire and Council's broader town planning, health, wellbeing and community representation responsibilities.

Public comment on the new policy is being sought. The policy is available for view in hard copy at libraries and in Council's service centres as well as electronically on Council's website: [www.macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au](http://www.macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au) home page under 'For Your Comment'. Alternatively you can email or ring to request a copy on the contact details below.

Please email or post responses to Council by Friday 29 August 2008 including your full name, address and contact numbers.

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Macedon Ranges Shire Council  
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With a cast numbering about 30, there will be room for only about 80 or so in the audience, so this will be both a world class and a very intimate performance! Our advice to you Gilbert and Sullivan fans out there is to waste no time in booking tickets! Phone 5427 1057 or visit [www.paramoor.com](http://www.paramoor.com)

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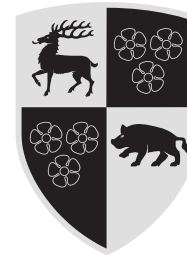
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Changes to feed in tariff legislation and the means testing of the rebate have however confused the issue. In addition there are new technologies and programs on the drawing board.

The Solar Solutions Public Information Forum has been organised by WISE (Woodend Integrated Sustainable Energy Inc).

A knowledgeable panel of speakers have been arranged including representatives from industry and government. This is an opportunity for individuals, schools, local government and community organisations to identify opportunities for generating renewable energy through solar technology.

Information will be provided on domestic PV solar, Solar Hot water and larger scale solar parks. The forum will also provide information in relation to other renewable energy activities in the Macedon Ranges; including the potential for small community owned wind parks.

The Solar forum is supported by Red Beard Bakery Trentham. An admission cost of \$10 for non members is being charged to cover the costs of arranging the event and entitles attendees to a free WISE membership.

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The region's reputation for producing exceptional local produce is growing, and two recent government grants will assist in our efforts to continue to grow our reputation.

Last month, the Macedon Ranges Vignerons' Association received a grant from the Victorian Government to promote the wineries in the Macedon Ranges through a new website and a range of events and activities designed to highlight the great products we have to offer.

Recently, I also had the pleasure of visiting the Woodend Tourist Information Centre where it was announced that Macedon Ranges Shire Council on behalf of the local tourism industry had received a grant from the Australian Tourism Development Program to better promote tourism in the Macedon Ranges region.

The Macedon Ranges Shire is popular with visitors and locals for its natural attractions, character and heritage of our local townships.

The region has a lot to be proud of, and by showcasing our local food, wine, products and places to visit, our community benefits from this investment in the region.

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## **RSL President & Secretary Resign**

At its Committee meeting on Monday 7th July, 2008, Dr Frank Donovan tendered his resignation as President and Committee member of the Woodend Sub-branch of the RSL. This follows the resignation in June of Secretary Nino Grgurovic.

"Since my election as President in March 2007 – a position I did not seek but was asked to accept – I have given near full-time of my energy, experience, skills and commitment to the Woodend RSL" said Dr Donovan.

Both income and membership had been falling relative to rising operational costs, for few gains in mainstream RSL priorities – aside from ANZAC Day functions, funerals and wakes. With Vice President Reg Till and Treasurer Eric Read, Dr Donovan instituted an Operational Viability Review, the findings of which he reported in January/February 2008. In March the recommendations of that review were carried without dissent.

Relevant RSL sub-committees now have been appointed and procedures are underway to implement those recommendations. Planning has started on the roof replacement and restoration of the old RSL building, in accordance with the overwhelming vote of RSL members present at the Special General meeting on 26th May, 2008. Plans are underway for the sub-division and sale of half of its land to finance the project, to be supplemented by local fund-raising and applications for government grants. All plans are subject to approval from the Victorian RSL's Building Trustees at ANZAC House, Melbourne.

"Progress considered, I feel I have done my best for the Woodend RSL in challenging circumstances and at some costs to my family and myself", said Dr Donovan. "Yet there remains a gulf between my own values and those of more influential voices within and around the Woodend RSL. In that climate it would be harmful to the Sub-branch and to myself for me to remain President."

Mr Grgurovic offered similar reasons, plus work commitments and family responsibilities.

Dr Donovan will resume work on two new book projects and professional interests that he had put aside to serve the RSL. He remains an RSL member and Vice President of the Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia (Central Highlands Sub-branch).

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## **Alola Foundation gets a hand**

Thanks to the generosity of Vicki Cronin and the Macedon Ranges Rockers, Newham Landcare's annual Winter Gathering went off without a hitch.

Choosing a Country and Western theme, the likes of which the hall hosts well, citizens arrived dressed in an assortment of outfits, funny hats and very big belt buckles. The atmosphere was set by Fran Spain's amazing and enormous painting of a cowboy on a galloping horse which dominated the decorations and got the place hopping.

As convenor of the event, I have to apologise to the dancing group for being late with the key, therein leaving them to ponder the freezing night at their leisure, while I tried to leave the house with a screaming child attached to each leg. However once warmed by the hearty casserole contributions of their hosts, the music began, toes starting tapping and there was no looking back.

As a return goodwill gesture the Landcare group made a donation to Mana Timor. This non profit label was started by Vicki and her friend Fran Wigley, where they buy products from craftswomen in Timor and sell them over here, enabling entry into the Western market. All money (and more) goes back to Timor.

Vicki says she likes to support causes which support women, and for two years has donated to the Alola Foundation, started in 2001 by then First Lady Kirsty Sword Gusmão. As 90% of women give birth outside the hospital environment, Alola encourages birthing mothers into a clinical setting by offering maternity packs of baby clothes, sheets, towels, soap, nappies and nappy buckets among other things.

Fran and Vicki are supporting a tree planting project with Alex Gusmao (no relation to Kirsty), CEO of Timor Aid. The aim is to donate a minimum of 10 trees to every



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The third group of interest is a malnutrition clinic in Dili called HIAM Health. As 46% of children currently suffer malnutrition, HIAM Health distributes certain foods to needy families.

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I am fairly sure it's on the fault going under Gisborne. We can't dig up the town unless we hand out shares like Bendigo and Ballarat mines. I hope those mineral resource companys can keep the recession at bay. The poor little digger has an uphill battle winning any gold due to some new leases taken out by the big boys just holding onto it. Can we get a deposit together for a mineral exporation lease? I don't think our non-profit club has enough funds yet, so we'll just keep scratching in the dirt.

Seems the rivers a-running again. I went to the Trentham Falls last weekend and enjoyed the cold and wind for a picnic. A little gold resides in the river gravel. It takes an effort to get down to the river from the lookout. It would be worth a look if anyone is interested? Can I suggest some of the group get together while I am away and try their luck.

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however we'll keep looking and maybe they'll turn up. Someone has been digging around the area but they had no luck either. Our next official outing won't be until my return from the States in October, but please catch up with one another and try some known locations. Please contact me on 0414 893 446 if you have an interest in our club.

Best regards, Rockhound Dave.

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## News from Newham

Work towards our conservation of the Mechanics Institute and replacement of our ageing facilities continues unabated. The Committee have authorised our Architect to continue applying for our Planning permit as soon as possible as we aim to start our works in February 2009. We will apply for a grant from Dept of Planning & Community Development to help with the fitout, primarily the kitchen and securing our water supply. We are also researching solar options as we would like to make the Hall at least energy neutral.

On the subject of Energy, Bob Evans local resident and expert on these matters gave a talk on conserving energy in the home and car and did a good trade in electric foot warming mats! This was a fundraiser for the Hall and a good group of people enjoyed beautiful soups and supper and socialising on the night.

We have celebrated milestone birthdays at the Hall this month for Jean Ager and Margaret Dunn. Their friends and family came to a very extended morning tea along with others from our community. Thanks must go to Val Sutton for organising this. The Annual Landcare Winter Dinner has also been held this month at the Hall, this year's theme was country and western and there were some truly remarkable outfits, the usual fabulous food on the "shared table" and line dancing. This event is so popular and was booked out. Kathy Maxted was the organiser this year and did a really great job – thanks Kathy! Our Landcare group continues to grow because of the hard work of Penny & Hilary Roberts – we have 95 households now and when you think Newham only has 251 households this is a fantastic achievement. There are sub-groups who tackle specific problems such as roadside weeds, rabbits and so on, so there is bound to be something that would be of interest for everyone and these things affect all our properties. There have been extensive plantings of native vegetation since the group's inception, so if you are concerned about water [or the lack of] and greenhouse issues then come along and give a hand on

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a spring/autumn planting day as well as enjoying good food and company and helping to care for our land. Our Landcare group is very kid friendly too. We have an Auxilliary which supports the CFA in times of local emergencies by providing sandwiches and fluids to firefighters and they also support our team with sustenance as they go out on Good Friday collecting for the Royal Children's. They provide catering for various CFA social occasions also. Anyone can be a member, the meetings are 3-monthly, so it is not an onerous task. To join contact Pat Mansfield on 5427 0512. The Auxilliary is a quite a big group so the work and friendship is shared.

Our fundraising continues for our Hall works, we are up to about \$24,000 now and we have further events coming up. Keep your eye out for the Mount Players coming to the Newham Hall somewhere in the next 6-8 weeks – no date set yet. They will be presenting a 2-Act play for us. The Giant Plant Sale will be in November with a huge variety of plants, which actually do grow in our area, at very reasonable prices. We recently sent letters out to the Newham community for donations and we do hope you will respond to our request for help.

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- 13 Woodend Tennis Club AGM
- 14 Australian Army Big Band at Kyneton Town Hall 10.30 am
- 14 Hospital Auxiliary meeting 1.30 pm at St Ambrose Hall
- 16 Paediatric First Aid - Woodend Neighbourhood Centre 5427 1845
- 17 Homeopathic First Aid Workshop, phone 5427 1456 or 0407 526 403
- 17 Woodend Cricket Club registration day 10am Woodend Stadium
- 23 Milli, Jack & the Dancing Cat at Kyneton Town Hall
- 28 Solar Solutions public information forum at Woodend Neighbourhood Centre, 7.30 pm
- 29 Last Day to get in submissions for Gaming Policy 5422 0237
- 30 Buda guided tour and other events www.budacastlemaine.org
- 31 Pirates of Penzance at Paramoor Farm 5427 1057
- 31 Living Word Cafe Night - African Singers 6pm Community Centre

### September

- 4 Red Cross Unit meeting at SES building 1.30 pm
- 7 Father's Day
- 21 Gumnutters at Kyneton Town Hall
- 27 Blackwood Arts Society Show



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Neurological Support Group "Contacts", Woodend Community Centre	Woodend Senior Citizens Club, Comm. Centre
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It is true that there is usually more than one contributing factor. As an example, a woman suffering from PND will often find herself still depressed even when her baby no longer has reflux problems and is settled.

The arrival of a new baby is a major life event, whether the first, second or third child. The impact of this celebrated event is often underestimated and generally understated. There are many adjustments to be made. The upheaval and accompanying stress, alone, are sufficient to unbalance even the most stable of us.

Most new parents have had little or no experience in baby care and so this must be learned "on the job". Even for experienced parents, every new baby is an individual and, as such, may have a different temperament and varying needs to those of its siblings. So the new parents are completely responsible for the 24 hour-a-day care of their baby, with little or no assistance from others.

Broken sleep is common at that stage and it is believed that severe sleep deprivation is a contributing factor which requires more consideration in the on-set of PND. So, getting sufficient uninterrupted sleep over an extended period of time can cause you to become extremely anxious, irritable and tense, not to mention fatigued.

With the birth of a baby, there are changes in the roles played in marriage and also as an individual and adjustments have to be made in this regard. In women with PND, it often appears that there is some degree of difficulty in accommodating these

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changes, either on the part of the woman or her partner.

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*Quoted/taken from the book "On thin ice" by Sharon Hauptberger*

Submitted by: Nelly Molina, mother of two.

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Sarah Campbell, Coordinator

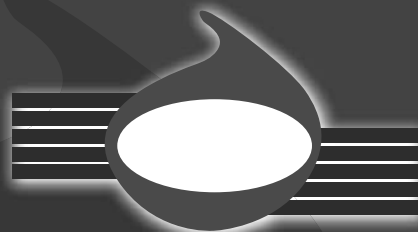
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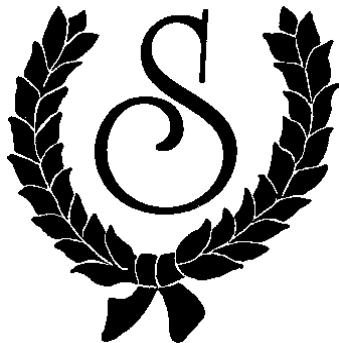
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Our next meeting will be held on Friday 1st of August. A General Meeting at 10.30am will be followed by the Fun Afternoon at 1.30pm, all welcome. Carpet Bowls are held on Friday mornings at 10.30am and on Tuesday Bingo commences at 1.30pm. If any senior would like to join us on our Bus Trip each month, they would be made welcome. We have great trips! Subscriptions are now due \$5. If you would like more information please call the Community Centre on Tuesday or Friday in the afternoon.

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Our next meeting will be held at St Ambrose Hall supper room, on Thursday August 14th. The usual start for a normal meeting – 1.30 p.m. Don't forget to bring a contribution for the Fathers' Day Raffle, and we will also draw up the roster for ticket selling. I hope you can all be there.

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## News from Carlsruhe

### What's happening in the Carlsruhe Community Planning Group?

Following a meeting of 48 members of the Carlsruhe community held on 4th May, the following members volunteered to become the Carlsruhe Community Planning Group and help steer action on the Carlsruhe Community Action Plan: Bill Taylor, Sam Fisher, John Morieson, Garry Birrell, Maurie Wigget, Steve Marriot, Catherine Perch-Nielson, Mary Ellen Stannard, Margaret Glen and Vicki Wilks. The meeting also identified priorities for Carlsruhe as follows: re-development of the 'Common'; opportunities associated with the Campaspe River; establishment of 'Yelka Park', including an interpretive centre; and investigating the feasibility of establishing a community facility. The task ahead is to develop a Community Action Plan based on these priorities, to work on over the next 12-18 months.

#### Streetscape project

Spraying of gorse within the village will take place in Spring 2008. Planting of Snow Gum Avenues along Three Chain Road have been completed, as has planting on the northern approaches along Cobb and Co Rd. Planting of the Avenue of Honour along Nicholson St has been completed with Pin Oaks. Snow Gums have been ordered for plantings in Jeffery Street but will not be available for 6-8 weeks. The planting policy is to plant Snow Gums (13 metres apart) where there are no power lines overhead and Ovens Wattles where power lines are in place.

#### Contacts

Historical photos and information on all aspects of the Carlsruhe community are desperately required to enable a complete history of Carlsruhe to be captured for the future. Please Contact Sam on 5422 6663.

For any further information about the Carlsruhe Community Plan, please contact Bill Taylor on 5422 2201.

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The group has been growing and women are keen to discuss topics but we need midwifery support to keep Babs going into the future.

Please contact Cindy 0415 513 707 or June 0423 123 316 or visit [www.woodendweb.org/babs](http://www.woodendweb.org/babs)

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

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## To help our community you need a few good quotes

In recent issues we have been running profiles of members of the Woodend CFA. One of the questions they answer is 'Why did you join the CFA?' and amazingly there is a strong consistency in their responses.

Martin Beaumont (IT Support Manager and Animal Rescue): "To meet more local people, as well as gain an understanding of the threat of fire from living in the country. The enjoyment comes from working with a diverse range of people I'd never meet in my day-job, as well as the sense of contributing to the community".

Keith Beman (FEM Manager and Singing Fireman): "I enjoy the 'unexpected' life in the CFA. You meet so many different types of people, and get such a diverse outlook on life. There is a real pleasure in being able to help others".

Mick Bobic (Leading Hand at Barker Trailers): "Meeting a great bunch of people and feeling that as a volunteer you are helping safeguard your community".

Ben Glasson (Sales Person and Flying Hawk): "You get a great feeling of satisfaction, make lots of great mates and I have always loved those big red trucks".

Graham Glasson (Film & TV Lighting Technician): "Meeting people, becoming a part of an important local organisation ... and doing my bit for the community!"

Brad Jepsen (National Logistics Manager and Group Officer): "I enjoy being able to do something for the community that really makes a difference, and I also enjoy the friendships and teamwork involved."

George Keyes (Technologist Leader and Training Manager): "I love the opportunity of working with a great group of people who have many strong talents and are willing to share them and help out whenever possible".

Rhys Lade (Military Test Engineer and father of twins): "To return something to the community. Having lived overseas and in some very large cities you come to appreciate local communities and understand the need to contribute".

Keith Mason (Retired Cardiac Perfusionist and Communications Officer): "I enjoy the friendly comradeship of the organisation and would recommend it to anybody who would like to give something back to their community".

Stewart McKinnon (Senior Systems Engineer and father of six): "Someone has to do it and sometimes you are someone! But I also thought it would be a great way of getting to know people in my new area and of learning how to deal with fire".

Mick O'Loughlin (Prison Industry Supervisor and former Officer): "I enjoy the camaraderie. It is really like one big family with members from all backgrounds joining together to give their bit back to the community".

Phil Pringle (Woodcraft Teacher and Municipal Representative): "To be better prepared myself and to do something positive for the community".

Steve Ritchie (Business Development Manager, Treasurer and 2nd Lieutenant): "It gave me an opportunity to get to meet and relate to the locals and understand more about the area ... and contribute something to the community".

Steve Rumble (Master Electrician and former Safety Officer): "To put something back into the community and fulfil a childhood desire to be a fireman".

Mark Ryrych (Nature's Garden Organic Foods and former Officer): "I get a buzz out of 'giving' and enjoy the camaraderie and mateship".

Amber Smeenck (Horse Riding Instructor and Equestrian): "I wanted to get to know more people in the area and to do something for the community, especially after those big fires last summer".

Annette van Huffel (Brigade Secretary and Social Committee): "To show my community spirit and give me a chance to quickly meet new people in the area (I have made lots of great new friends), and more particularly the important knowledge I need when you live on a partial bush block".

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Rene Vroombout (Customer Service Manager and rev head): "To get to know people in the area ... and feeling the need to put something back into the community".

Geoff Wells (Aircraft Engineer, Top Gun and 3rd Lieutenant): "The reward of doing a job well, the mateship and really learning about Woodend and the people who live here".

Jasley Wilding-McBride (Secondary Language Teacher): "It's been a rewarding challenge. I've learnt to do things that I would never have been exposed to in my daily life. I also enjoy the camaraderie and I'd encourage more women to join".

Daryl Wilding McBride (IT Consultant and website guru): "I wanted to contribute to the community and meet other people from the area. I joined because I didn't feel I could expect someone else to come and rescue my house in a bush fire".

Julie Wilson-Annan (Molecular Geneticist and Mum) and Andrew Wilson-Annan (Finance Specialist and former Secretary): "To learn new skills, to be aware of the risks involved in our local environment, to meet new people and to contribute significantly to our local community".

### *There's so much more to do!*

The CFA welcomes the efforts of volunteers across a wide range of skills and jobs. There are opportunities to contribute beyond fighting fires and attending emergencies. We have a broad membership base across the ages, sexes and backgrounds. You'll be amazed at the number of different ways you can contribute ... to give something back to your community!

### *If you live or work around Woodend – we do need your help!*

The Woodend CFA needs more members for Daytime Response, especially on week days. While we have a growing membership list, many of our members now work out of the region, which makes it difficult sometimes during weekdays to get enough members for a turnout. If you are around town during the week, and are interested in doing something really valuable for our community, please give us a call. We are ready to start your Minimum Skills training immediately, and you should be qualified in just a few months.

For further information contact Captain Mick Christie on 0419 870 601 or 1st Lieutenant Mike Dornau on 0409 093 935, call the Woodend CFA on 5427 2356, or visit the station in Urquhart Street. Or for the latest local information please visit our website: [www.woodendcfa.org](http://www.woodendcfa.org) - Remember, we're always looking for new members – especially people able to respond during the day.



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# Heritage Society News

For the NWS August 2008 from the WDHS

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## Cheer Up Woodend.

Cheer up Woodend your luck at last is on the wing  
And coming fast to warble in your shell like ear  
The strain that you so long to hear  
Your football team is doing well  
And would not for a fortune sell.  
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Though modest and not ever gay  
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Your sons at all times to the fore  
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In thousands to the Hanging Rock  
And scale Mount Macedon to find  
That all their cares were left behind  
Cheer up Woodend  
And toast with me  
The prosperous time in store for thee  
To bless the hour that saw the birth  
Of thee the fairest spot on earth.

A reminder that if you are considering places a tree and plaque along the Family Heritage Walk, we need to hear from you before September 30th. To receive an information kit, contact Rosemary Wilkinson on 5427 2893 or the LFHRC on a Wednesday, 5427 3361.

# Welcome to the Woodend Star Kids Club

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- 5th Jasmine P. Carlos..... Turns 12
- 9th Tanya Bavington ..... Turns 7
- 16th Patrick Dwyer..... Turns 12
- 17th Connor P Barron ..... Turns 7
- 17th Bo Langley ..... Turns 13
- 17th Nicholas Bills..... Turns 12
- 19th Sarah Bavington ..... Turns 12
- 20th Naomi Bavington..... Turns 8
- 21th Rupert Miranda ..... Turns 12
- 22th Vicki Hare ..... Turns 11
- 24th Grace Hamer ..... Turns 13
- 24th James Cations..... Turns 10
- 24th Emily Rose Lamb ..... Turns 10
- 27th Ashlee Knight ..... Turns 10
- 27th Alissa Knight..... Turns 10
- 29th Patrick Burnham..... Turns 13
- 29th Tania Adamcewicz..... Turns 12
- 29th Kate Vacirca ..... Turns 2

## Happy Birthday Everyone!

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(PS: We need your jokes and pictures! Please drop them in.)

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1927 Woodend Football team: J. Roberts snr, F. O'Brien, J. McKimmie, E. Barker, C. O'Connor, D. Bolderstone, Tom Surtees, Ted Rolins, Trainer, Middle row: B.Wise, A. Keane, W.Roberts, J. Kirk, E. Kenny, K. Davies, (Cpt.) A. Coates, J. Roberts jnr (Boundary Umpire). Front row: J. Redmond, F. Wilson, L. Christie, Joe O'Brien, Bernie O'Brien, H. Thomson, C. Don, Marsh Morris. Sec and Goal Umpire. Picture from the Woodend Star, June 18th, 1927.

# SPORTS NEWS

## Woodend Pony Club wins 2008 Lowden Family Shield

An enthusiastic group of riders from Woodend Pony Club won the prestigious 2008 Lowden Family Shield on Sunday.

The Shield, a gymkhana-type event held annually by the Central Zone of Pony Clubs Victoria, brings all the clubs in the zone together to compete against one another.

Woodend's 20 riders, predominantly aged six to 12 years, won this year's Shield with 5730 points. It was a great effort for a small club, with Woodend taking out the Shield ahead of Macedon Pony Club on 5370 points. Macedon PC, a club with more than twice as many members as Woodend, had won the past two Shields and was hoping for a 'three-peat' – but it was not to be! Kilmore Pony Club (3770 points) was third in the Shield competition, held at the Tullamarine Pony Club grounds in Greenvale in challenging wet and rainy conditions.

Woodend Pony Club president Phil Desmet congratulated his members and D.C./Chief Instructor Ronnie Graham on the great result.

"The most pleasing aspect of the Lowden Shield is that the result is not based on individual efforts, rather each competitor contributes to their club's result," Mr Desmet said. "At Woodend there is a tremendous sense of camaraderie and all the members are eager to help the club and each other in any way they can. I congratulate all competitors and their parents for their participation, especially given the appalling conditions. We now look forward to next years Lowden Shield!"

The Shield was started by the Lowden brothers of Kilmore horse supplies store fame in the 1960s to encourage riders in a range of equestrian activities. The program includes pony club show rings, games and handy mount activities and children of all ages and pony club levels are encouraged to take part. Those riders placed from first to sixth in various events receive points for their club, and the club with the highest tally of points wins the Shield for the year.

Woodend Pony Club, which operates from the picturesque former racecourse on the edge of town, has been running for almost 40 years. The committee has undertaken many grounds improvements in the past 12 months, including fencing and resurfacing the entire showjumping arena and resurfacing the sand ménage area. State-of-the-art new jumps and a purpose-built jumps trailer have also been added to the club's impressive range of equipment. Woodend Pony Club recently ran the central zone's state games & dressage qualifying event, which was a great success.

The new pony club year has just begun and limited places are available at the club. Anyone interested in joining the Woodend Pony Club should contact the D.C., Ronnie Graham, on 0412 163 841.

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## Is that the sound of ball on Bat?

The Woodend Cricket Club is having a registration day on August 17th, from 10am to 12noon at the Woodend Stadium. The day is for both juniors and seniors to sign up and meet the New Committee elected on the 23rd July.

This is the first opportunity for past members and new members to join our club and to meet committee and link in with some exciting activities for the upcoming summer for season 2008–9.

Last year the club fielded 2 teams in the GDCA U12 competition, 2 in the U14 competition and one in the U16 Competition giving the 4 senior teams a firm base for the future. New Senior Coach, Glenn Warner is excited about the challenge of coaching and looks forward to welcoming new and previous members to the 2008–9 seasons.

Junior coaches will be appointed through an interview process with the senior coach and training sessions will be scheduled according to the needs of each group. Applications for Junior coaches are encouraged, please post to WCC, PO Box 326, Woodend 3442.

A co-ordinator for the MILO "Have a Game Program" is required; this position would suit a senior player that has an interest in mentoring young people and maybe studying for a teaching degree. The MILO program runs for 10 weeks and some remuneration is available.

Further details or information on joining please contact Jamie Walker 0414 658 249 or drop into Warner's Jewellers, long time supporters of the Woodend Cricket Club.

Download a membership form at <http://woodendcc.cricketvictoria.com.au>