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Local Foundation visits Phum Veal, Cambodia

On our latest trip in July, Cambodian Kids visited and stayed in Phum Veal, a remote village 65 kms north of Phnom Penh. There we had the privilege to work alongside of Peter & Yim Moore, the founders of Four Winds Cambodia, another Aussie based organisation doing great work in Cambodia.

Through the generosity of our supporters we were able to fund the building of three traditional Khmer style homes for three beautiful young families who were in desperate need of housing. The construction was undertaken by local tradesmen using local materials, providing the community with extra income and a sense of community spirit.

One of the most exciting moments of our stay in Phum Veal was the construction of the three new fresh water wells located throughout the village, made possible by the selling of "Build-A-Well" gift cards to 3 very generous Woodenders!

This was a particularly satisfying achievement for us, as fresh drinking water is a valuable commodity that most of us take for granted.

Cambodian Kids Foundation is very fortunate to be able to be a part of this project and to enable to deliver such a valuable outcome to the community of Phum Veal, none of which would be possible without the kindness and



dedicated support of our local community.

Cambodian Kids Update – Aziza Schools

The Cambodian Kids Foundation (CKF), in partnership with Village Earth, is working hard at giving back to Cambodia the very thing they are missing – EDUCATION!

In 1975 a quarter of Cambodia's population were killed by Pol Pot and the Khmer Rouge. This included most of the intellectuals, who appeared to be a threat to the regime. Because of this, Cambodia has become terribly disadvantaged when it comes to Education, Occupational skills and Leadership.

CKF and Village Earth have become partners in supporting and running the AZIZA schools, located in the slum areas of Phnom Penh. These schools are free and open to any child that wishes to learn. The schools also offer the 200+ children that attend daily, free basic dental, medical and family support.

After many trips to the country, Cambodian Kids feels the greatest gift to Cambodia is Education and with the help and generous donations from our supporters and the people of Woodend, together we are making the dreams of these children a reality!

Heskett House "Another Night to Remember"

Join us on Saturday 8th November 2008 for the major fundraiser for Cambodian Kids Foundation. Come join us for great food, great atmosphere, wine, beer & soft drinks, entertainment & auction \$95 per head all inclusive. We are looking for people to organise a table!

For more information, our newsletter containing details of all our completed and ongoing projects in Cambodia is now available from Color Me Cooper, Woodend & Daylesford or you can call Donna on 5427 1454, 5348 1237 or 0417 271 453. Very soon you will be able to find information on the Foundation via www.cambodiankidsfoundation.com



Coming up in September

- Father's Day
 - Paramoor Farm Fayre
 - Mozart's *Requiem* at St Ambrose
- and much more ... details inside!

Submitted by Donna Cooper



Macedon Ranges really Walk Together

August 12th was a misty cold winter's day for the Riddell Creek Walkers visit and walk hosted by Mike and Hubert. The Riddells group arrived by train at 10.30am, had an hour walk hosted by Woodend, lunch at The Woodend Neighbourhood Centre, a browse along the main street and caught the return train at 1.20 pm. By the smiles, chatting, and comments a good time was had by all.

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Drought help extended

FARMERS and small businesses across country Victoria would continue to receive drought assistance following the extension of Exceptional Circumstances funding, said member for McEwen Fran Bailey.

Fran said the six-month extension of help for country areas until next March had been part of recommendations from the National Rural Advisory Council. "The council's review found that drought is continuing to severely affect production in many parts of country Victoria," Fran said.

"The extension of drought assistance in our local regions and 30 other areas across Australia shows that farmers continue to struggle with the drought." Fran welcomed the council's reviews and recommendations for continued assistance for the rural sector.

"The national council's recommendation to continue aid recognises the current difficulties faced in rural production and the importance of increasing the long-term sustainability of our rural industries and country communities," she said. "We must support farmers and their families through these difficult and drought-affected times."

Drought-affected families and small businesses can call the national Drought Assistance Hotline on 13 23 16.

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Woodend Star Publication Dates for 2008

September	Delivery 1st September
October	Delivery 29th September
November	Delivery 27th October
Dec / Jan	Delivery 1st December

Advertisers and contributors are reminded to book in by the 15th of the month with artwork to follow immediately.

Changes to advertisements, new advertisements or cancellations should all be made by email or in writing.

Woodend Senior Citizens

Our monthly General Meeting will be held on Friday 5th September at 10.30 am. The Fun Afternoon and Cards will follow the meeting at 1.30pm.

Carpet Bowls on Friday mornings at 10.30am. Bingo on Tuesdays at 1.30 pm. Please remember that our \$5 subs are now due. The Woodend Senior Citizens Club will be holding their Annual General Meeting on 3rd October at 1.30pm in the Meeting Room at the Community Centre (home of Senior Citizens). All members are welcome and are requested to bring a plate. New members who wish to join our club are invited to attend.

We do have lots of fun – come and join us. Norma Richardson 5427 2315.




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Advertisers are advised that in our October edition we will have a special insert featuring a number of aspects of the Macedon Ranges Lifestyle that we all love. Last year's insert was very popular, so if you would like to be included please contact Joy on 5427 4089 or Irene on 5427 3092 to register your interest. Particularly suited to tourism, hospitality, homewares, giftware and much more. Prices will be slightly more than our regular priced adverts. Please register your interest by 10th September with copy by 15th September.

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This sort of money is raised by volunteers running Raffles, Dutch Auctions and Accessories Afternoons, and supported by the generosity of the people of Woodend. Thank you all!

On September 11th we are holding our Annual General Meeting at St Ambrose Hall in Templeton St, commencing 1.30 p.m. The Chief Executive of KDHS Ms Jennifer Gale, and the Director of Nursing Ms Tracey Hines will be present to tell us about the “doings” at the Hospital and plans for the future. All are welcome.

PS: The afternoon tea is always terrific, and there is no entry fee!

Submitted by Jo Clancy, Secretary



New Members
The Rotary Club of Woodend

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Contact Kai 5427 1029

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
July	93.8	76.9	91.6	83.3	112.5	July
YTD:	318.7	351.4	356.3	450.9	329.9	YTD

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

For the year to date 31/07/08 there was rainfall of
217.4 mm
1 inch = 25.4 mm therefore the total year to date is 8.56 inches

Be part of the action to make Woodend Children's Park a reality

The Woodend Children's Park Committee is extremely grateful for the generosity shown by local businesses and individuals who have contributed over \$230,000 so far. It is clear that the local community is enthusiastically behind the push for a large playground in Woodend to suit young and old alike. However there is still a way to go before we can make the dream a reality.

There are many ways big and small that people can contribute to the Park's fundraising efforts.

Join the growing list of major donors

So far 27 local businesses and residents have made donations of \$500 or more to the park. All donations over \$500 will be acknowledged at the entrance to the park. To make a donation contact Kelly Clune on 0412 420 146.

Donations of \$2 or more to Woodend Children's Park partners, the People and Parks Foundation, are tax deductible.

Hold an event

In July, the Talking Threads Luncheon raised \$2,200 to be donated to the park. The Woodend Children's Park is very grateful for the support of Talking Threads. If your community group has an event coming up you might consider donating the proceeds to the Children's Park. Major donations from clubs and community groups will also be acknowledged at the entrance to the park.

Woodend Kids Rock t-shirt

These funky kids t-shirts sell for \$15 each, with all proceeds going to the park. Sizes vary from 1 to kids 12, and come in two colour schemes. They make great gifts, and can be bought from Zappa Do in High Street Woodend.

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Westpac donation tins at store counters

It is hard to find a local business that doesn't have the distinctive Westpac car shaped donation tin on its counter. Your small change helps make a big contribution to the Children's Park.

Sausage sizzle

Look out for our sausage sizzle outside Coles on 6th September.

Join the team

The Woodend Children's Park welcomes new members who can contribute some time and skills to the projects development. For more information about the park's progress or how you can be involved visit www.woodendweb.org/childrenspark or phone Kellie Duff on 0419 535 062.

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Mozart's Requiem – a musical highlight in Woodend

A performance of one of Mozart's most exciting and beloved works will be a highlight of early spring in Woodend. The Gisborne Singers will present Mozart's Requiem complete with an orchestra and professional soloists at St Ambrose Catholic Church at 3.00 pm on Sunday 14 September.

Mystery surrounds the beautiful and complex requiem. Mozart was commissioned to write the work by an anonymous messenger for an eccentric Count who wanted to claim the composition as his own and dedicate it to his late wife. The stranger paid half of the fee up front with the remainder to be paid on completion. But Mozart fell gravely ill before he could complete the work. On his deathbed he desperately tried to finish the work, even resorting to singing some of the pieces with fellow musicians. Part of the requiem was performed at Mozart's own funeral. Determined to collect the rest of the fee, his wife, Constanza, engaged other composers, including Sussmayr and Stadler to complete the work in Mozart's name. It was nearly 3 years from the original commission when the piece was finally performed for the count's late wife. Controversy continues to rage amongst Mozart scholars over how much was written by each composer and indeed, there are several versions of the piece which can be performed.

The Gisborne Singers have engaged a new and distinguished conductor to guide them through this magnificent work. Stephen Brockman is a noted flautist and conductor who has recently moved to the Macedon Ranges. He has assembled a professional orchestra of experienced and mainly young musicians to accompany the choir and make the most of the beautiful acoustic of St Ambrose Church. The Gisborne Singers have also engaged four of their favourite soloists to lead the work. The choir are delighted that Soprano Catherine Northey, alto Lynlee Williams, tenor Peter Mander and bass Manfred Pohlenz will fit the Requiem into their busy schedules.

The performance will also include some other favourite Mozart works. Tickets are available from Lyn on 5428 2173 or will be available at the door for \$25 or \$20 concessions, including afternoon tea.

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It's a long road for Woodend residents

All roads lead to Melbourne – or at least the majority of them do – for Woodend and Newham residents, new Shire research shows.

The study has found that 36 per cent of all workers who live in Woodend work in Melbourne. That's 501 local residents who head to Melbourne each day.

And the study has further found that 61 per cent of the Woodend residents who go out of town for their work are driving a car. That doesn't leave too many who travel as passengers or use public transport.

That's a lot of cars, a lot of mileage, and a lot of fuel – and that's just Woodend alone.

The excellent study by the Shire's Social Planning Co-ordinator, Lorraine Beyer, throws up some very interesting issues for us all.

In these times of high fuel prices, we all need to think about what can be done to reduce the impact on our community.

One of the obvious measures is to look at sharing rides to Melbourne. Given the critical mass of motorists – some 61% of the Woodend workers hit the road to get to work – there have to be a significant number of cases where residents have similar travel patterns to ensure it's convenient and feasible to share a ride.

I'll be calling on our Shire officers to investigate the feasibility of setting up a ride-sharing register so that residents can check out the advantages and connect with each other.

Another area we need to further explore is the creation of local jobs so that our residents don't have to travel out of area for their work.

Staff in the Council's Economic Development Department work hard to attract business and growth to the area, and the more local jobs created the better it is for our community.

The Council study shows that the Calder Highway is well populated by commuters from other parts of the western side of Macedon Ranges.

Around 1965 cars per day head down the highway to Melbourne from Woodend, Gisborne, Kyneton, Macedon and Mount Macedon.

If we can help encourage more local jobs and promote car-pooling, we will all be doing our bit.

Henry Bleeck., Your Local Macedon Ranges Shire Councillor,
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Landcare News

Our AGM and Platypus Forum were a great success on July 26th, and Geoff Williams gave a really interesting talk about platypus. It was reassuring to learn that we are doing the right things for the habitat of this animal and of all indigenous species. We're getting rid of the introduced major weed species, including large trees, gorse, broom and blackberries. In their place along the Creek and at other projects around the town are thousands of new plants, most of which are flourishing.

Our September Working Bee will be at the big site at the bottom of Wood St. The success rate of these plantings has been fantastic, but a few have failed, so we have purchased replacements, and are calling for volunteers to help plant them on Sunday September 28th.

We're also having a Trivia Night – NOT a fund-raiser, but strictly just for fun! It will be on Wednesday September 3rd, 7 for 7.30 p.m. at the Neighbourhood Centre. All welcome, BYO drinks and nibbles. Phone Kate – 5427 2312 or Jo – 5427 1909.

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Friends Group celebrate Launch

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The launch of The Macedon Ranges Friends of East Timor is about celebrating a friendship between the people of the Macedon Ranges and a community in East Timor. This relationship will be of benefit to both communities, learning and appreciating new cultures, sharing experiences and skills and growing together.

Come along and celebrate with us, enjoy some East Timorese culture, and find out how you can be a part of this exciting adventure.

Learn more about the community we will partner with in East Timor. Representatives from community groups within the Macedon Ranges Shire: schools, churches, service clubs, local media, health services, retail, trades and services have contributed to the Steering Committee which has met regularly since May. Strong support and involvement has also been provided by the Macedon Ranges Shire Council.

Invitations will be mailed out to community organizations in the Shire during September.

If you would like to be involved, don't wait for an invitation just come along.

Watch your local newspapers for more details, and venue, nearer to October 16th.

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The Woodend Teddy Bear Show was a resounding success when launched in 2006. Now, as organisers prepare for the third show, they are gearing up for a long and exciting haul with stalls again fully booked and many new faces participating.

Half of the 40 stallholders are new to the event, including Tracey Smith, Bears By Tracey from New Zealand, which will join highly talented soft sculpture artists from around Australia. Some of the big names are Lois Hancock Studio 70 and Claire Bears from Queensland, Maureen Christie (NSW), Rag Tag Teddies (Tas) and Hug O'Bears (Vic).

As usual there will be hundreds of teddy bears to adopt as well as craft and decor supplies to purchase.

Entries are still being received from amateurs and professionals for the teddy bear competition. Check the website below for an entry form.

The show will feature raffles throughout the day, refreshments and a special appearance from "Cuddles" the friendly bear.

It is hoped that proceeds will enable ongoing sponsorship of two bears through programs run by Free the Bears Fund Inc and Animal Asia.

The 2008 Woodend Teddy Bear Show will be held at St Ambrose Hall, Templeton Street (cnr Anslow St), Woodend on Sunday, October 26 from 10am to 4pm.

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Sustainability has a new name

The Macedon Ranges has a new Sustainability Group seeking to create and nurture a sustainable future.

As a result of the annual general meeting held at "the Hub" (the Woodend Neighbourhood House) last Thursday evening, the Woodend Sustainable Living Community has a new name, a new committee and a new purpose.

The newly renamed Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group hopes to extend this influence shire wide and wants to connect with other groups in the Shire, like the Greening of Riddles, which seeks to provide practical community solutions to climate change.

Community response to Climate Change is now a recognized force in Europe and North America and is steadily developing across Australia. More than 400 sustainability and renewable energy associations now exist across Australia with leading examples in nearby Ballarat, Hepburn and Mount Alexander Shires.

The Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group (MRSG) inherits the facilities and momentum of the Woodend Sustainable Living Community. WSLC was established more than 4 years ago and has achieved enormous outcomes in a short period. "The Hub" at the Woodend Neighbourhood House features an office, resource room and a quality meeting room overlooking the recently completed permaculture garden.

In recent months the Hub has been the venue for the Movies that Matter program and a number of informative and practical events.

Newly appointed president, Peter Hansford, in accepting his new role, paid tribute to the dedicated membership that has created such an outstanding community resource. He committed the new committee to continuing to providing an active voice on sustainability issues and develop initiatives that build partnerships with government and local organizations including WISE (Woodend Integrated Sustainable Energy Inc).

The Garnaut Report has highlighted the challenges faced by regional Australia as a consequence of being more exposed to the impacts of climate change. Temperature increases, reduced annual rainfall, increased frequency and depth of droughts, combined with peak oil will impact greatly on rural communities with a high dependence on agriculture and food and wine tourism.

Membership of MRSG, as the local community group committed to enhancing sustainable living practices is a powerful way of contributing to locally based solutions.

Women take charge of their health

On Saturday 5th July, twenty-nine valued women of the Macedon Ranges and beyond, gathered in Woodend to attend a Breast Awareness Information Session initiated and sponsored by Bodywise Underwear of Woodend.

This session was organized due to the feedback of many women who have telephoned or dropped into the Bodywise showroom seeking assistance with bras and related breast care issues. It is apparent that there is a need to support women of all ages and stages and to enable them to have access to current information and personal contact with Health Care & Associated Professionals regarding breast care pre and post surgery.

It was a privilege to listen to four very interesting guests, women speaking from a professional perspective or personal experience of the need to be always Breast Aware.

Dr Ann-Marie Elliot, GP from Brooke Street Medical Centre gave an overview of the importance of vigilant breast care, regular self-breast examinations and awareness by woman of all ages of the normal look and feel of her breasts, and to report any new or unusual changes promptly to their doctor. Watch for breast tenderness, swelling of breast/s and armpits, lumps and bumps, thickening tissue, bleeding/discharge or rash around nipples/areola/breasts and be aware of and report any family medical history of breast or ovarian cancer. Seek active treatment sooner rather than later. The benefits of early detection include increased survival, treatment options and improved quality of life!

Kylie Barton, RN – Breast Care Nurse at Royal Women's Hospital, discussed the free self-referred service (no doctor's referral required). Available to women of all ages and stages – just telephone for an appointment. Free public service, no out-of-pocket expenses.

Most generous with her time, a local woman spoke of her personal journey: diagnosis, bilateral mastectomy and subsequent surgery and chemotherapy. Care of oneself is paramount! A positive approach, making the effort to look good in order to feel better, to manage the good and bad days. Reactivate your own life with an achievable exercise program; make a list of manageable goals; downsize property, goods and chattels. A new perspective of self and personal objectives, work commitments, family, friends and associates – one day at a time...

Judy Strates – a qualified Breast Care/Lingerie Consultant – operates a professional & personal home bra fitting service. Judy discussed options open to women who have undergone breast surgery, and the many products available to women, designed to suit most body shapes. She also discussed the availability of government funding to help purchase breast forms and in many situations the costs are covered somewhat by these programs.

A lot of valuable information was passed on to the women present. It was particularly pleasing to see the interaction between unknown women, brought together by a common thread, enabling them to take on board the information, handouts, and the opportunity to share afternoon tea and a chat! Thank you to the number of 'local' registered nurses who also attended out of interest, we hope that the information provided was beneficial to all.

If you, a family member or friend are interested in any further Breast Awareness Information or are interested in networking with other women in your community please contact:

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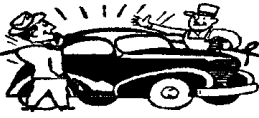
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The Tank is a collaboration between filmmaker and playwright Steve Thomas and his brother, musician Mick Thomas of Weddings, Parties, Anything fame. It combines the personal experiences of growing up in rural towns with their considerable creative talents, to bring this very funny and sometimes shocking tale to the stage.

Tickets: Full \$27.50 Con \$22.50 Caberet & Balcony seating. Phone 1300 66 17 66.

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MP

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Grants available for volunteer community organisations

Dear friends

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Since 2004, more than 1000 community groups across Victoria have received over \$3 million to help them recruit and support volunteers. Many of our local community organisations who have applied for these grants have been successful.

Organisations can apply for the Volunteer Small Grants program at any time. If you are intending to submit an application to this program, please contact my office on 5428 2138 to seek a letter of support.

For more information about the program, telephone the Victorian Government's Grants Information Line on 1300 366 356 or visit: www.grants.dpced.vic.gov.au

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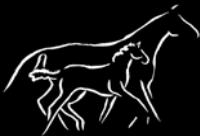
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Nicole Kidman's had a baby

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Kate and Mia have established two brands online with successful children's sleepwear Mondays Child Pyjamas www.mondayschildpyjamas.com.au and linen brand Daphne Doris. The sisters decided then to turn their focus to sourcing beautiful, unique products for women from around the world and the Enchanted Closet was born.

With a focus on sourcing products not readily found elsewhere in Australia, Kate and Mia stock brands with cult status and celebrity following in the UK, US and Europe, alongside some hand picked Australian ones.

From homewares and sleepwear to scented candles, perfume, linen, hair and beauty products, The Enchanted Closet is the perfect place to find beautiful and unique things with which to spoil yourself or your loved ones.

Recently selected by an exclusive Sydney-based promotions company sourcing unique Australian baby and children's products for a hamper to welcome the new Urban bundle, Kate and Mia have a particular interest in the birth of Nicole's baby.

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Art Deco at Historic Buda

As part of the state-wide Art Deco Regional Festival, Buda Historic Home and Garden in Castlemaine has organised a special exhibition At Home with Art Deco which will feature artworks, decorative arts and domestic items relating to the period 1914-1945.

For those who have not already had the pleasure of visiting Buda, it is an intact house museum surrounded by 1.2 hectares of historic garden, and was the home of the Leviny family from 1863-1981. The Leviny's were a cultured and artistic family, and the property represents many of the changes in taste and style which occurred over their 118 years of occupancy at Buda.

Artworks will be featured in the house which were collected by the family including paintings by Margaret Preston, Eveline Syme and Norbertine Bresslern-Roth, and studio pottery by Klytie Pate, Phillipa James, and others artists from the era. There are also art and craftworks created by family members and their circle of artistic friends, such as art metal and enamelwork by Dorothy Leviny, rag rugs by Kate Leviny, pokerwork containers by Alice Newell, fabric designs by Frances Burke and Lucy Newell. These are some of the treasures produced between the first and second World Wars with a distinctive Art Deco flavour.

The Art Deco Regional Festival is a partnership project organised by the Royal Historical Society of Victoria and Museums Australia (Victoria), supported by the Victorian Government through the Visual Arts and Crafts Strategy and the Community Support Fund.

Buda's house exhibition will be on view until the 28th September 2008. For further information please ring 5472 1032 during office hours or go to our website: www.budacastlemaine.org

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Macedon Region's Paramoor Farm Fayre

This year's Paramoor Farm Fayre on Father's Day, Sunday September 7 will feature around 50 stalls, folk music, poetry, Morris dancers and carry the theme of Henry Lawson.

The event that started several years ago, has now become one of the Macedon Region's major annual attractions and attracts visitors from not only the region, but also Melbourne and other parts of Victoria.

The beneficiary of the Fayre is the Carlsruhe Fire Brigade, which - largely because of the Fayre and the money it raises - has been described as one of Victoria's best-equipped small units.

This year's event will be no exception. Following in the tradition of last year, which had Banjo Patterson as its theme, the 2008 Fayre will feature poetry, verse and songs from the works of Henry Lawson.

A highlight of this year's Fayre will be the presence of TV personality and doyen of craftwork, Tonia Todman - who will also host a demonstration. Tonia operates a school for cooking, craft, interior design and gardening at Lauriston near Kyneton and is widely known for her exceptional craft work.

Daylesford Macedon Produce (DMP) was established in 2002 to nurture, develop and market the growers, winemakers and food producers of the region. There will be a wide selection of DMP produce including meat, vegetables, fruit and herbs, chutneys and preserves, while for the sweet-tooths, there will locally produced biscuits, cakes, and honey.

A wide range of excellent food will be available. Paramoor Winery, whose 2006 "The Fraser" Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot has just been ranked by James Halliday among the best wines in Australia, will offer its full range of fine wines.

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Paramoor Farm and Winery is located at 439 Three Chain Road, Carlsruhe (off the Calder Highway between Woodend and Kyneton). (Melways Ref: Map 609 G9, VicRoads Ref: Map 60 A6).

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Woodend Sustainable Living and Green Corps Project Celebration

On Thursday the 14th of August the Woodend Sustainable Living Community (WSLC) and CVGT Employment and Training Specialists celebrated the completion of the very successful Woodend Green Corps project.

A team of ten motivated young people recruited from the local area constructed a permaculture garden at the new Woodend Sustainable Living Centre, in Forest Street. The project included building a mud brick chicken house and runs, hot house, compost system, vegetable garden, orchard area, pond system and indigenous garden beds. The garden aims to promote sustainable living concepts within the local community.

The team have also been involved in a variety of conservation projects in the local area. They have planted over 1800 plants and cleared weeds at Hanging Rock, Stanley Park, and 5 Mile Creek. They also propagated several hundred plants with Newham Landcare as well as assisted with a number of school environmental education days (with Malmsbury, Taradale and Elphinstone Primary Schools and Gisborne and Sacred Heart Secondary Colleges). As part of their community venture the team organised a very enjoyable trivia night which raised over \$1000 towards the sustainable living project.

Team members learnt valuable work skills and received certificates in conservation and land management and permaculture. They all intend to move into other work or further training after the project.

WSLC president, John Randles said "The project would not have been possible without the tremendous support from the local community and businesses. We thank everyone for their time and assistance when it was needed."

The CVGT team leader, Krista Patterson-Majoor said; "the last six months have been very rewarding. The team have worked exceptionally well and should be very proud of what they have achieved. The community will benefit from this project for many years to come."

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- 5 Woodend Senior Citizens meeting 10.30, fun afternoon 1.30 pm
- 6 Buy a sausage and support the Woodend Children's Park (at Coles)
- 6 Josine McEwan Lecture - presented by John Arnott - at Buda Castlemaine
- 7 Happy Father's Day!
- 7 Paramoor Farm Fayre, Music & Poetry Festival 10am 5427 1057
- 11 Woodend Auxiliary AGM St Ambrose Hall 1.30 pm
- 13 Theatre Night at the Newham Hall \$25 ph 5427 0661
- 13 Sustainable House Day phone 1300 326 627
- 14 Gisborne Singers present Mozart's Requiem 3.00 pm St Ambrose Church
- 21 Gumnutters at Kyneton Town Hall
- 21 Woodend Lions Market
- 27 Blackwood Arts Society Show
- 28 Cafe night at Community Centre 5427 3605
- 29 St Mary's Anglican Church Guild progressive dinner 5427 2315 for info
- 30 Commencement of Songwriting Workshop Kyneton ph 5422 0394 for info

October

- 16 Friends of East Timor launch 7pm ph 5427 3523
- 26 Woodend Teddy Bear Show, St Ambrose Hall

November

- 8 Another Night to Remember - fundraiser for Cambodian Kids at Heskett House phone 5427 1454 for information.
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Woodend RSL Womens Auxiliary

Well winter is certainly upon us and no doubt our recent raffle of 2 metres of wood will be warming the winner. Mrs Connor who purchased the winning ticket, generously donated the wood to Ian & Betty Howden. Thank you to all who purchased tickets and special thanks to our team and Bob Moody for sitting in the cold selling tickets.

Our thanks also go to the traders who donated goodies for the raffle held on our Pasta & Curry night which was held at the Woodend Golf Club. Thanks to all our ladies for a splendid evening and thanks to the Golf Club who made us so welcome. The night was very well patronised and we thank all who made it such a success.

Things have been fairly quiet this month but at our recent meeting it has been decided that we will hold another function at the Golf Club. This will be a Pot Night with casseroles etc (not a smoking one!) to be held on Saturday 4th October. Bookings will definitely be needed to make it easier to cater for.

Our last fundraiser for the year will be our Annual RSL Christmas Dinner, to be held at the Woodend Golf Club on Saturday 6th December. More on this later.

There are a couple of our members away on holidays, lucky things relaxing in warmer climates. On the sick list, our Nola with her leg in plaster and Stella, Margaret W, Marie and Pam, get well soon girls, we miss you.

We are still holding our monthly meetings in the Woodend Neighbourhood Centre, next meeting is Saturday 6th September at 1pm. Any ladies wishing to join our friendly group please come along, you will be made most welcome.

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Spring is just about here and it brings with it the celebration of Adult Learners Week (1–8 Sept). On 2nd September we are offering the community the chance of a FREE bus tour around all the Neighbourhood Houses and Learning Centres within the Macedon Ranges, highlighting the uniqueness of each Centre, and providing refreshments and lunch along the way. Ring today for availability.

We have just farewelled the Green Corps team, who have spent the past 6 months working hard on the community garden at the Woodend Hub and many other projects around the Shire. We wish all the participations well in the future and sincerely thank them for the wonderful gardens they have left as their legacy for the community to enjoy and share.

It is only a few weeks until the school holidays once again and we will soon have our school holiday program advertising opportunities for children and teenagers. Check for details outside Coles Supermarket, or on our website.

As a volunteer organisation we offer opportunities for people to volunteer at the Centre, whether your skills are office based or more manual. Tutors are always welcome (paid and unpaid) and we are especially looking for volunteers who could help other adults with literacy and numeracy. Please pop in and see what you could do for us and in turn what we could offer you.

Planning ahead for next term we are offering Responsible Service of Alcohol certificate on the evening of 6 October – book now as places are filling fast.

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Check your hot spots

The CFA and MFB have launched an interactive website to highlight the 'hot spots' that should be checked in all houses. To download the Fire Safety Checklist, please visit: www.checkyourhotspots.com

Here you will find lots of useful information about appliances and places that will be found in nearly every home, and the dangers that they can present in the cooler months. Even the simplest things can prove to be the most dangerous. And, with proper action, most are preventable. Here are a few suggestions:

Lounge and Bed Rooms: Don't overload power points and replace damaged power cords.

Kitchen: The majority of house fires start in the kitchen, with common causes being cooking left unattended on the stove. Keep pot handles inwards so they can't be knocked over. Know how to use your extinguisher and fire blanket.

Open fire places and heaters: This is the second highest cause of residential fires. Always place a screen in front of an open fire, and put fires out before going to bed or going out. Keep clothing, curtains and toys at least one metre from your fireplace or heater.

Electric Blankets: Don't use if the wires are damaged. Check the blanket carefully for burn spots. Make sure the blanket isn't bunched up. Turn on no more than 30 minutes before bed. Turn off before you get into bed.

Candles: Keep away from curtains and windows. Don't put directly on wood or plastic.

Laundry: Let the dryer complete its cycle and clean the lint filter in your clothes dryer every time you use it.

Chimneys and flues: They need to be cleaned regularly to ensure they are not choked with soot and creosote.

Ashes: A number of house fires have also started from people placing hot ashes outside in plastic containers, bins or their gardens.

Have you prepared a family plan?

A recent survey indicated that more than 25% of children did not know what to do if a fire broke out in their home. This has been reinforced when we have asked children during recent visits to our local primary schools.

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Dead locks can be deadly!

It's ironic how the simplest things can turn out to be very dangerous. You may think that you are doing the right thing, and it turns out that you are doing the opposite.

A recent house fire resulted in the tragic deaths of two people because they had locked their deadlocks and removed the keys. When the house caught fire (their fire alarm apparently alerted them) they were unable to get out of the house in time.

If you are inside a house with dead locks on doors, it is best to either leave the key in the lock or not to set the lock at all. Only set the deadlocks when you leave the house.

Other fatal fires have occurred recently, where loss of life could have been avoided. One was caused by a faulty electric blanket whilst in another the occupants had actually removed the batteries from the smoke alarm.

Black ice

This is a major driving hazard in our region. Black ice forms when water on the road surface actually freezes and is normally invisible, turning into a dangerous slippery film. When you see the flashing lights along the freeway and roads, please obey the instructions to keep to the left and slow to 40kph. However, many drivers continue at normal speeds, putting themselves and others in danger. The CFA and other emergency services are called to many black ice accidents every cold season, and they can be avoided if you simply slow down and take care.

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Submitted by 1st Lieutenant Mike Dornau, Woodend CFA

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Our fundraising starts in earnest come Spring as follows:

Theatre Night at the Hall: Saturday 13th September at 7.30 pm Tickets are \$25 Bookings: Fran Spain on 54 270 661. The Mount Players are putting on 2 One Act plays at the hall to help us with our fundraising. Thank you to the Mount Players for their kindness and generosity. Book early as numbers will be limited

Giant Plant Sale: again at the Hall and run by our Gardeners Group Saturday 15th November at the hall. A big selection of plants which grow in our area at very acceptable prices.

Christmas Stall at the Newham Primary School Market on 22nd November at Newham Primary

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

We are almost up to \$25,000 with our fundraising [just a bit under] so we hope you will come along to any or all of these events and help us get over the line!

The Newham Community Planning Group have started our Newsletter. It is called the "Newham Arrow" and the Editor is Stephen Mitchell. If you would like to contribute an article, write a letter to the editor or have something covered in the Newham Arrow you can contact Stephen at narrow@exemail.com.au. Newham Arrow will be published monthly and delivered to your letterbox

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‘We were very excited to be nominated in this prestigious National award. ecoMaster has come a long way from being a husband and wife, home based green fringe business to one of the fastest growing businesses in the Macedon Ranges. Recognition at the National level, having been in business only a few years is quite incredible.’ said Lyn Beinat, ecoMaster’s CEO.

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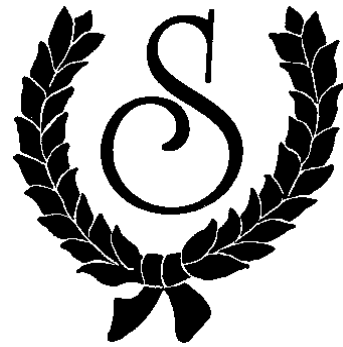
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Heritage Society News

From the Woodend & District Heritage Society

Readers who have been office bearers in local clubs and organizations will be only too well aware of the problems pertaining to record keeping. When the position of Secretary changes hands, if the 'records' of the group consist of several boxes of jumbled correspondence and minutes, the new incumbent may be tempted to tidy it all up and in the process, discard material that appears to be no longer necessary. Alternatively, perhaps realizing that the jumble may contain some material which could be important one day, he or she may simply leave it in the box and place it under the bed in the spare room 'to be sorted one day.'

These days, with the advent of computers, our records often look better, but unless a copy has been printed out and held in a special folder, these records are also likely to be lost. At the Centre, when we ask about a groups records that are missing from the collection, these days the answer is more likely to be 'our last Secretary had everything on his computer and it crashed' rather than, 'they were in so and so's house and they lost the lot in the fires.' Oh dear, what a sad picture I'm painting!

Of course there are exceptions to this. Some groups have shown great care in their record preservation and have deposited their records at the Local & Family History Resource Centre, knowing that they can access them at any time. This is a plea to those groups who have not deposited their records at the Centre to do so without delay. Regardless of whether they are the proverbial box from under the bed or a set of neatly kept books, we will sort them out, index them for future access, and most importantly, make sure that they will survive so that the story of the group and all its activities is recorded for posterity.

The following are extracts from the *Woodend Star*, 17th October 1931. Read on to see why they have been selected for this column:

Country Women's Association BRANCH FORMED IN WOODEND

A meeting was held in the Shire Hall on Monday afternoon to form a branch in Woodend of the Country Women's Association.

Thirty-five ladies attended and were very interested in an address given by Mrs Murray Waller (organizing secretary) and Miss Elsa Grice (craft work).

It was decided unanimously to form a branch and the following office bearers were elected:- President, Mrs. A.R.Goldie; vice-presidents, Mesdames Neville Wight, Searby, McLean and Miss Couchman; treasurer, Miss Mowbray; secretary Miss L. Sommers. A committee of from five to seven ladies will be chosen at the next meeting.

All the ladies present were enrolled as members at 2/- for half year ending December... The first meeting will be held on Tuesday 17th prox., in the Shire Hall when Mrs Oswald Syme of Macedon will preside. Mrs Alec Hunter, president of the Seymour branch, will give a demonstration of Barbola work.

The competitions arranged for that day are 1. scones, (members wishing to compete to bring a plate of scones) and 2. a photograph taken of themselves before the age of six....

Thanks to the detailed reporting that was common in pre-war newspapers, at least we know when the Woodend CWA started. But where are the Woodend CWA records now? Over the years we have been given leads - the names of people to ring who "may be able to help" but to date these leads have

Welcome to the Woodend Star

Kids Club

September Birthdays

- 1st Barkley Jackson Turns 13
- 2nd Jarrod Still Turns 9
- 4th Holly Mcleish Turns 8
- 6th Alyssa Sullivan Turns 13
- 9th Jack Turner Turns 6
- 10th Thomas Lamb..... Turns 12
- 16th Lachlan Ormerod Turns 5
- 17th Fletcher Cooper Turns 2
- 19th Mikeely Lever..... Turns 6
- 21st Dylan-Lee Bonsack..... Turns 13
- 21st Jayden Merlo..... Turns 5
- 21st Lucas Merlo..... Turns 13
- 22nd Rebecca Evans..... Turns 10
- 26th Matilda Rice Turns 8
- 29th Sarah Bennett..... Turns 12
- 29th Matthew Davies Turns 13

Happy Birthday Everyone!

You can collect your birthday surprise by visiting Collier Office & Business Assist in the Woodend shopping centre – but you must come in yourself!

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

JOIN THE WOODEND STAR KIDS CLUB

Fill in your details below and place in the drop-boxes. Age limit is restricted to 13 years old and under.

Full name: _____

Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

been unsuccessful. We need someone who is interested in this group to find these records for us. There must be someone who can follow this up and in so doing make sure that the history of what was once an extremely active group, is not lost. Can you make sure that the records of this group and other similar groups are collected and deposited at the Centre for safe keeping. Over to you!

Correction: In last month's New Woodend Star an incorrect phone number slipped through.

The notice should have read: A reminder that if you are considering placing a plaque and tree along the Family Heritage Walk, we need to hear from you before September 30th. To receive an information kit, contact Rosemary Wilkinson on 5427 1893 or the Centre on a Wednesday, 5427 3361. Sorry about that!

Submitted by Janet Hawkins

SPORTS NEWS

Hanging Rock Tennis Club

Come and Play Tennis

I am writing to introduce you to the Hanging Rock Tennis Club. If you have ever thought of playing tennis – or even if you haven't – here is your chance to join a group of very friendly locals who would like very much to have you as part of their team.

The Hanging Rock Tennis Club is situated in the Reserve at Hanging Rock. We have very picturesque club rooms and tennis courts, complete with our friend 'Snowy' the grey Kangaroo, who will go into the clubrooms or on to the tennis courts any chance she has.

We currently have teams entered into Tuesday's Ladies Tennis in the Macedon Ranges and we are trying very hard to get a Saturday mixed team organised for the summer. We would also like to enter a team into Thursday night mixed tennis as well as have teams entered in junior competition.

We would welcome any people of any age that enjoy a hit of tennis, no expertise necessary. If competition tennis is not your forte, you are most welcome to join as a social member and use the tennis courts and or club rooms at your leisure.

If you are interested in joining the Hanging Rock Tennis Club please contact me at your earliest convenience, we look forward to hearing from you.

Amanda McFadden, HRTC Secretary,
0413 832 549 amanda.emily@bigpond.com

Macedon Ranges Touch Football

Competitions Start
Tuesday 21st October, 2008

Divisions

Junior

Junior Under 16 Competition
Junior Under 12 Competition

Senior

Senior Mixed A Grade Competition
Senior Mixed B Grade Competition

Come & Try Juniors Come & Try Seniors

4.30pm Tuesday 7th Oct
& 4.30pm Tuesday 14th Oct

6.00pm Tuesday 14th Oct

Where: Dixon field

When: Tuesday Nights

Cost Senior Team: \$990.00

Cost Junior Competition (pp): \$70.00
(includes insurance, VTA registration and playing fees)


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Macedon
RANGES
SHIRE COUNCIL

Registrations Due: Tuesday 7th October

Contact: Riddells Creek Leisure Centre on (03) 5428 7155

For electronic registrations email: rclc@macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au

Check the website: www.macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au

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Tennis Working Bee

The Woodend Tennis Club hopes members will spare an hour or two at a working bee over the weekend of October 4-5.

Cleaning the court surfaces is the main objective, while there are several other jobs that need doing inside and outside the clubhouse.

For details ring Trudy on 5427 3524 or email trudywarren@optusnet.com.au

Woodend District Netball Club - Summer Season

The Woodend District Netball Club Summer season will commence on Friday, 10th October 2008. Games will be played from 4:30 pm each Friday during Term 4 2008 and Term 1 2009, excluding the Fridays preceding long weekends, on the outdoor courts at Buffalo Stadium. Our competition is open to girls and boys aged between 8 and 17 and new players are most welcome! Instruction will be provided if required.

Registrations will take place on Saturday mornings from 23rd August to 6th September at the indoor stadium.

We urgently require parents to help with running our summer competition. Please contact a member of the committee if you are able to help in any way.

For further information, please contact Rachel Crook (President) 5427 2908 or Wendy Lawrence (Secretary) 5427 1697.

Woodend Little Athletics

It's that time of the year again, summer is coming and so is the Little Athletics Season. Woodend will be holding 3 Come & Try evenings - 5, 12 and 19 September. The try out commences at 5 PM and should be finished by 6.30 PM. Registration will be held on Friday 10 October at 5 PM in the Hut at the entrance to Buffalo Sports Stadium, Forest St., Woodend. Registration fee for the season will be \$75.

Should you require further information please phone Colleen Dwyer-Gray on 5427 3224.

Submitted by Colleen Dwyer-Gray, Woodend LAC

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