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Local producer gains retail exposure

As part of the Provincial Food Initiative the Champion IGA stores wrote to 450 small and medium businesses of hand-made/niche food products within Victoria, specifically focusing on businesses that were not in the Melbourne area.

Of these businesses, 100 responded and went through a series of presentations and readiness to launch their products on September 20th in Bendigo. Of those 100 business, nineteen were ready for immediate retail and Maureen Wilson of Not Just Fudge was delighted to be one of those selected.

Seven IGA stores consisting of Heathcote, Kangaroo Flat, Long Gully, Bacchus Marsh, Geelong, Gladstone Park/Tullamarine and The Foundry in Bourke Street, CBD were chosen to showcase these products.

Businesses will have a 4–6 month exposure depending on the response to their products, with the possibility of becoming an on-going line in IGA Stores.

Not Just Fudge is currently supplying five delicious flavours – Baileys, Mint Chocolate, Lemon Sorbet, Chocolate Caramel & Death by Chocolate, with the possibility of additional flavours being introduced as demand increases for these items.

Maureen and her team spent many days preparing the fudge, including packaging and labeling so that it was ready for the retail market. A little bit of Woodend's favourite fudge is now out there for others to enjoy!



Maureen and other niche producers at the launch of the initiative in Bendigo recently

2008 Carlsruhe Country Market

Woodend Primary School is once again hosting the Carlsruhe Country Market event on Sunday 9th November between 10am and 3pm.

This year's Carlsruhe Country Market promises to be another wonderful day, with some fabulous new stalls and activities for all. The emphasis of the market is handmade or homegrown, and offers a great opportunity to pick-up some unique Christmas presents. Activities include a jumping castle, old-fashioned games, spinning wheel, pony rides, plaster painting, face painting, fairy floss and lucky dip.

Enjoy a Devonshire tea in the Old Schoolhouse Tearooms, or listen to the live music whilst enjoying a sausage from the barbeque in the orchard. Produce picked straight from the vegie patch will be available you can't get fresher than that!

Wander around the gardens surrounding the historic Carlsruhe school, browse the stalls, join in the activities, grab something to eat and above all have fun!

Why not pay us a visit and support your local school at the same time?

So don't forget to mark the Carlsruhe Country Market in your diaries – Sunday 9th November.

For further information phone Jane (5427 2590). To book a market stall (\$15) phone Kerrie (5427 2098), Jane (5427 2590) or Bronwyn (5427 1477).

Another Night to Remember

supporting Cambodian Kids Foundation

Join with Woodend's Cambodian Kids Foundation at their annual fundraiser "Another Night to Remember" this November. All proceeds from the event will go to the children of Cambodia and the projects that are underway.

Hesket House is again the delightful setting for the event. The evening is \$95 per person, which includes entertainment with the Dean & Jerry Show, food, beer, wine, softdrink, dessert and coffee. A fantastic auction will be part of the evening where you have the chance to pick up an exotic treasure and give to a great cause at the same time! For more information, visit www.cambodiankidsfoundation.com.

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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.

Launch of Macedon Ranges Friends of East Timor

The newly established Macedon Ranges Friends of East Timor invite you to join them on Thursday October 16th 2008 from 7:00 – 8:30 pm at the St Ambrose Church Hall Woodend for a special Launch Party.

With Special guest Annie Phelan “Mavis Goes to Timor”, Music by Dili Idols, Handcrafts made by the women of East Timor, Light refreshments & drinks you are invited to come along and celebrate with us, enjoy some Timorese culture, and find out how you and your community organization can be a part of this exciting adventure.

Learn more about the East Timorese community we will be partnering with.

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Attention contributors: Due to an overwhelming number of submissions this month, we have had to hold some articles over to another issue.

Woodend's warmest, fuzziest show

The teddy bears are returning to the town at the end of the woods for their third big gathering to celebrate the champions among them and their creators. Organiser of the Woodend Teddy Bear Show, Kerri Botwood, says this year's event will be the best yet with stalls again fully booked and many new faces participating.

“It's a great day for all teddy bear lovers and their friends to come along and choose that special bear to adopt and take home. “There is a heap to see and learn about. The whole community gets involved, with kids from local schools entering posters, and teddy makers presenting their special bears for the competition,” says Kerri, owner of Kerri's Bundle of Bears teddy bear, patchwork and craft supplies store.

Half of the 40 stallholders are new to the show, including New Zealand's Bears By Tracey, 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 from NSW, Rag Tag Teddies from Tasmania, Linden Bears from S. A. Bearly Sane by Sandi Smith, Starick Bears and Hug O' Bears from Victoria.

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. Categories include Junior to Professional, Original Bear, Miniatures, Best Dressed Bear, Bear in other medium and People's Choice. 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. Entry \$5, Concession \$3, Kids under 6 accompanied by an adult \$2. For more details visit: www.woodendteddybearshow.com

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
August	76.1	125.0	30.8	34.8	52.2	August
YTD:	394.8	476.4	387.1	485.7	382.1	YTD

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

For the year to date 31/08/08 there was rainfall of
382.1 mm

1 inch = 25.4 mm therefore the total year to date is 15.04 inches

What's on at the Kyneton Town Hall?

The Tank – Saturday October 4th @ 8.00pm

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Aziza School

Jack Cooper is spending some time in Cambodia at Cambodian Kids Foundation (CKF) & Village Earth's Aziza School. Aziza teaches English as a supplement to public schooling as well as assisting families in the community of Dey Krahom.

I sit inside Aziza school, with its bright and exciting paintings covering the walls, the room full of bright-eyed students eager to learn about anything and everything; with the desks cramped up to the point where your back touches the table behind you, because there are so many children who want to join in. The teacher has a huge job to do, but he can always find time to play and laugh with the kids. Whether it's the morning, 4-8 year old beginner class, or the evening university students, Aziza school is always an amazing experience. I find it hard to believe that outside that door, is a community of beggars, makeshift shanty-houses, once a day meals and knee-high seas of rubbish and human waste.

I think, how can anybody who lives in this place, who has suffered like these people have, be as happy as they are? How can these kids be so sure of themselves, knowing that they are going to make it in this world?

My new friend George told me about his life, but I think now I'm even further from answering this conundrum. George was born in a Vietnam concentration camp, in 1985, when the Vietnamese took control of the Cambodian people and rescued them from the inconceivable horrors of the Khmer Rouge Regime. George (khmer name Ieng), survived in these camps, where about two-thirds of the people died. At one point, George remembers, he was given only a single can of tinned fish to last him a whole week. He was very lucky to make it, his parents however weren't as well-fortuned. After seven years of moving around the countryside from camp to camp, Australia, Canada and America offered refuge to a small number of Cambodians. George's application was declined and he moved into Thailand instead. After the heat died down in Cambodia, George moved back to Phnom Penh. Today, George works as a teacher for Aziza, teaching the computer class. He is extremely proud of his computer lab. He studies at Aziza so that he can improve his English and get a good job in the IT industry, hopefully overseas. George sleeps in the Aziza School and protects his pride and joy, the computer lab. He has enough money to feed himself, but has no time to earn anything else between University, Teaching IT and learning English at Aziza.

George's radiant joy and remarkable pride, make him a tremendously inspirational person. Like all the students at Aziza, he knows that to dwell on the past will do nothing but destroy his future. As with most Cambodians, he has experienced great loss and many hard times, but he doesn't let it get to him. In a place like Cambodia, you have to give

everything if you want to get anything back. George takes nothing for granted, and is always looking forward towards the future because he knows that one day, his hard work will get him to where he wants to be. The same can be said for every student in Aziza school.

Perhaps the reason why these unfortunate families all have such high spirits, is because they know that everybody has suffered the same. Everybody is equal. One family cannot complain that they have no food or that their husband has died, because the same can be said for every other person. All that they can do is move on, work hard, and hope for a better future.

Aziza is helping these students achieve exactly that. Thanks to Aziza, the children of Dey Krahom now speak fluent English and are able to get jobs in foreign restaurants and hotels. But they don't stop there. Settling for "good enough" doesn't seem to be an option for these kids. Instead they have great dreams, hopes and ambitions. Doctors, Entrepreneurs, Teachers. This is what they see in themselves and I can see it too.

They say that children are the future. Well, I think Cambodia should have no doubts in handing it over to the students of Aziza.

submitted by Jack Cooper

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The Rotary Club of Woodend will be holding a Book Sale in the Community Hall at the Woodend market Sunday 19 October. The last sale held in May was very successful with people picking up bargains including near new popular titles for \$1 to \$2.

Woodend Rotary Club member Grant Hocking requests members of the community support the event by making donations of books and coming in to browse and buy on the day. Books can be delivered to Frank at Connallys Real Estate, High Street Woodend during business hours.

"We are utilizing the Woodend market and the Community Hall to display and sell the many books that will be available. If you have any books that you have read and enjoyed I encourage you to donate them to this Book Sale so they may be recycled and re-loved. There will be thousands of books available with the proceeds shared with the Woodend Heritage Society" Grant said.

Grant stated "most books will be available for \$1 to \$2 per book so there are bargains galore. Some newer books will be \$5, which is still a bargain as they have been read once and still cost around \$30 in the shops".

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The Milky Bar Kids, a team participating in the Lancefield-Macedon Ranges Relay For Life, are brushing their ponytails and donning blue suede shoes for a Rock n Roll Night to help them raise money for cancer research, education and support services.

Live band, Kaleidoscope, will have the Lancefield Mechanics Institute hopping on Saturday, October 18 from 7.30pm. The band will be headed by Sammy Depetro, performing as Richie Valens.

Tickets are \$20 and include a light supper. BYO drinks. Bookings for tables of up to 10 people are essential and can be made by ringing Sandra Clark at the Lancefield Newsagent & Milk Bar on 5429 1444 or 0421 839 050.

The Milky Bar Kids have participated in five of the six Relay For Life events at Lancefield Park. Team members include staff at the Lancefield Newsagent & Milk Bar, customers, family and friends.

In 2008 the team raised \$5700, which has been put towards breast cancer research.

Relay For Life teams comprise 10 or more people who walk, run or stroll relay-style for up to 24 hours. The 2009 Lancefield event will start at 3pm on Saturday, February 28 and finish at 10am on Sunday, March 1.

It costs \$15 per person to register. Once a team name is registered more members can be recruited.

For more information about the Lancefield-Macedon Ranges Relay For Life event or to register, visit www.relayforlife.org.au, call Melissa McCarthy on 0438 831 427 or contact The Cancer Council of Victoria on 1300 65 65 85.

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Spring into the Woodend Permaculture Garden

Budding fruit trees indicate that spring is on the way and the Woodend Permaculture Garden has been a hive of activity...

September saw the Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group host the sustainable house day at the Woodend Hub. It was one of five buildings open in the Macedon Ranges where people could visit homes or facilities that have been sustainably built or retrofitted and see how easy it is to be 'comfortably green'. A lot of interest was shown in the permaculture garden and the north facing trombe wall that takes advantage of passive solar design. Thanks to the many volunteers and supporters, including Ecomaster, Keatings Real Estate, Holgate Brewery, Curly Flat Winery and Red Beard Bakery, who helped make the day a success.

Since the departure of the Green Corps team, plumbing has been installed to the chicken house roof using recycled olive oil drums to provide permanent water for the chickens. This would not have been possible without the help from plumber, Brett Gregoire. The chickens have also been very well fed due to regular deliveries of finely cut organic vegetable scraps from Mark Ryrych from Natures Organics. A big thanks to Brett and Mark for their assistance!

The Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group invites you to help the Woodend Permaculture Garden. You can learn to grow your own food, enjoy the company of others, get fit and bring home your own basket of goodies! Some exciting projects



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Submitted by Krista Patterson-Majoor



WORLD ANIMAL DAY Saturday 4th October 2008

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Petanque at the Rock from Thursday 9th Oct 08 from 5.15pm onwards at the western carpark

French boules is known internationally as Petanque (pronounced P TONK) and is one of the great recreational games of the world. It is usually played in parks, along roadsides, in back yards, in fact all you really need is a “flattish” space with gravel or stones.

The carparks at Hanging Rock Reserve in fact provide a near perfect surface and surrounds for this great activity.

Join the Woodend Hanging Rock Petanque Club members any Thursday evening from 5.15pm onwards during Daylight Saving Season at Hanging Rock to hear and enjoy the ball on ball of this easily played game.

Socially the Woodend Hanging Rock Petanque Club prides itself on good fellowship at the weekly BBQ (bring your own drinks of choice).

Expert tuition is available to get you started and there is always a group of members who will help you with the tactics which turns the game into a greater challenge as you learn to understand how you can beat your opponent by more than just good luck!

Lots of free tuition from our experienced members is always available.

“We find that new players are right into the spirit of competition from the very beginning”.

“Oh yes! Our traditional weekly BBQ is free for the opening on Thursday 9th October so that provides an added bonus for new players to come and try our great sport”.

“Residents of the Macedon Ranges are welcome, in particular those in and around the Woodend, Newham, Cobaw, Heskett, Ashbourne area who want to see more of this original French game of Boules”.

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On Sunday the 31st August 2008, the Woodend Junior Football Club held a display at St Ambrose Hall celebrating 35 years of history.

We would like to thank the many contributors for their generosity which enabled us to have this display. Their enthusiasm and their willingness to entrust us with their valuable memorabilia and share with us their memories made the whole day possible.

We still have many gaps in our collection of history. If you have photos (team or other), newspaper clippings, videos of game days etc, etc we would love to hear from you. We will take extreme care of any items loaned to us for the purpose of writing our history. All items will be copied for our records and returned to you a.s.a.p.

We would like to thank the many people who came to see our display. It was also great to see how many memories were triggered on the day and conversations between members of yester year and those of today.

We would also like to give many thanks to Rob Macklin for above and beyond the call of duty assistance to make the day as memorable as possible.

Our target now is to have a complete and comprehensive history compiled to celebrate our 40th anniversary in 2013. So, please clean out your cupboards, sheds and attics and contact us.

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Woodend Primary School

Term 3 is always a busy one for schools and at Woodend Primary School it has been no exception. In recent weeks the students have been involved in a range of activities including House Sports, Bus Safety Program, Electronics with Father Ray Siggers, Athletics in Schools, Beat Concert, District Athletics, Junior Unit visit to Carlsruhe and the Grade 3 Camp. Extracurricular activities such as these provide students with a range of opportunities well beyond classroom experiences.

Teachers have also been active undertaking a variety of professional development opportunities designed to improve teaching and learning across the school. The inaugural meeting of the Macedon Ranges ICT Network was held at the school in early September. This group of teachers from a number of local schools will meet regularly to share and showcase their computer and eLearning skills. With the renewed emphasis that the Department of Education is again placing on teaching children how to best use information technology in their learning, this Network will become a valuable resource.

Enrolments for 2009

Last year's Prep intake was very close to capacity. A few more enrolments would probably have created a need for a waiting list. Parents of children, who are to begin Prep in 2009, need to guarantee a place for their child by submitting enrolment forms as soon as possible. At Woodend Primary School we try to keep our numbers in classes as low as possible and with 47 enrolments in Prep in 2007 we were getting very concerned. If you haven't enrolled your child at Woodend PS yet I would certainly do so quickly as indications are that enrolment numbers could be similar to last year.

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Their current exhibition runs till 9th October, which is "Seeking Equilibrium" paintings, photographs, prints and drawings by Erika Beilharz, Leigh Humphreys Grey, Helen Kennedy, Patricia Kennedy and Pam Slessor.

Their next exhibition from 10th Oct to 6th November is called "A Splash of Colour" and includes weaving by members of Black Pearl Textiles; watercolours by Jennifer Matthews and prints by Elizabeth Winter. Opening Sunday 12th October at 2pm. For more information contact the Mad Gallery on 5429 1432.

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WISE Solar Forum well supported

A crowd of 70 people gathered at the Woodend Neighbourhood House to learn about solar options for homes, schools and sporting clubs. Bruce Mildenhall, President of WISE (Woodend Integrated Sustainable Energy Inc) explained that the evening had been organised in an attempt to provide the community with the facts about solar.

Speakers from Going Solar, Sustainability Victoria, The Greening of Riddell and the Central Victorian Greenhouse Alliance spoke about the emerging technologies, the cost effectiveness and the opportunities for community bulk purchase.

Victoria has a world class solar resource and a strong demand for renewable electricity but current electricity prices and feed-in-tariffs and rebates limited the financial attractiveness of solar relative to other countries. Wind power is currently an 8 to 10 times cheaper option in generating renewable energy than solar photo voltaic installations.

Renewable energy sources supplied 1900 GWh to the Victorian grid in 2007 – just 3.5% of the total. The renewable energy target for Victoria is 3274 GWh new renewable generation by 2016. Currently the main sources are hydro (1140 GWh), wind (362 GWh) and biomass (320 GWh). Solar power currently provides just 3 GWh.

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WISE is currently looking to develop a community wind park. Mr. Mildenhall explained that the small scale development meant that many prospective sites were available which were sensitive to local concerns. WISE has not spoken to nor authorised any company to speak to residents in the Pipers Creek area.

The evening provided considerable focus on the financial viability of a solar system compared with other renewable energy options. In the central highland region the amount of solar radiation available is obviously less available than in Mildura but, according to speakers Solar Hot Water systems still provide a reasonable opportunity.

Anita Foerster from WISE said that, with lots of interest in solar and a need to increase the renewable energy contribution in light of CO2 reduction targets, there was widespread concern in relation to the economics of solar systems.

The audience learnt of the success of the group from Riddells Creek which organised a public forum and signed up 70 households for a bulk purchase of solar PV systems. Con Sloopjes a Woodend resident is keen to learn from locals interested in a similar bulk purchase arrangement.

For details of the WISE wind park please contact Peter Hansford at rosshans@bigpoond.net.au. For interest in a community bulk solar purchase contact Con Sloopjes at sloopjes@optusnet.com.au

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Woodend RSL News

Thanks to several generous donations to our rebuilding fund and the outstanding efforts of Senior Vice President Bill Gilchrist, in obtaining competitive tenders for our new central roof and general restoration work, we are now in a position to meet with our building's trustees, the RSL Victorian Branch, to discuss funding avenues to enable the work to go ahead.

The clubroom's whilst a part of our RSL Branch are not that important, what is vital is that the Club offers all RSL services to its members and is a dynamic organisation. All members must give serious consideration to standing for the 2009 committee in March next year.

In the meantime, due to the club's very limited opening hours, if you have any problems please ring Reb on 0427 187 836 or Eric on 5427 3340 for assistance.

Please support the RSL Women's Auxiliary function at the Woodend Golf Club on 4th October, both to raise funds for the restoration of our clubrooms and to have a great night.

Remembrance Day 2008 will be commemorate on 11 November outside the clubrooms, starting at 10.30 am. President Reg Till attended the RSL region 7 meeting at Bendigo on 24th September to keep us abreast of RSL activities and to ensure the club has an input to RSL Statewide planning.

A final reminder, the 3rd December at 7.30 pm will see two important meetings held at the Woodend Neighbourhood house. Firstly a Special General Meeting to approve rule changes to our Constitution, as detailed in the September edition of *Mufzi*, arising from the 2008 Victorian State Branch Conference, followed by our quarterly General meeting which will in part advise on progress with the restoration of our clubrooms.

Submitted by Eric Read, Assistant Secretary



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Joanne Duncan

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Dear friends,

October is Wildlife Awareness Month in the Macedon Ranges, and we are being asked to be especially mindful of our local wildlife, and what we can do to help. As part of the awareness program, Macedon Ranges Wildlife Network will be hosting many events and activities.

Ways in which you can help our local wildlife: drive carefully to avoid wildlife crossing the road which will help to reduce the risk of injury to you and the animal, plant wildlife-friendly plants or leave out buckets of water for animals on hot summer days. And if you see injured wildlife, please telephone 1300 094 535 (24 hour hotline).

Every day many volunteers in the Macedon Ranges give up their time to rescue, and care for our local native wildlife. Whether animals are hit by vehicles or are injured as a result of bushfire, these volunteers care for these animals.

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If you walk in a group and would like to advertise more broadly in the register, then up until the end of October you can send me your details. Phone no., Contact person, Day walked, Cuppa involved, Time involved, and an email if possible. Send to Jeannie, Woodend Neighbourhood Centre 5427 1845

As my time as coordinator has come to an end, I would like to say thank you for your support.

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Jeannie, ex-Coordinator of the Walk Together Project.



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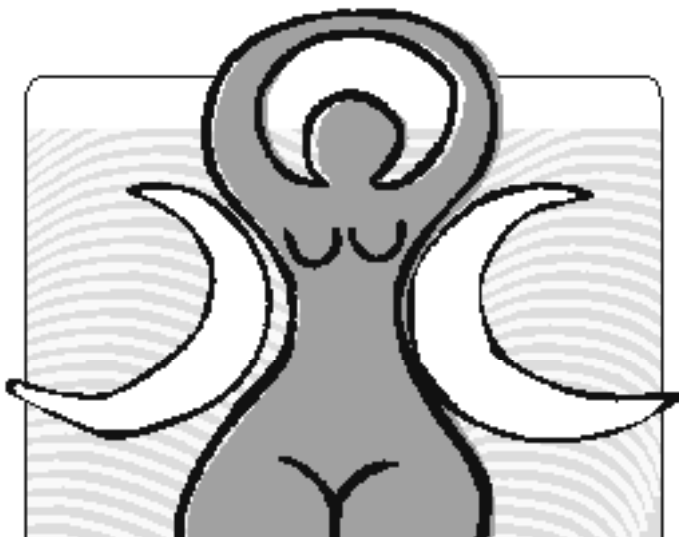
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If you would like to compete or perhaps are interested in making a donation to enhance the prize money or a donation in the form of goods or services, please contact Maria Wolfe, Manager Woodend Library on 5427 2074.

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For further details, go to slv.vic.gov.au/goto/poetryslam.

News from the Woodend Hospital Auxiliary

The Woodend Auxiliary's Fathers' Day raffle raised just over \$1000. First prize went to Dot who shared it with her sons-in-law, while second went to Andrew, a young dad from Corinella Rd.

The Auxiliary held its Annual General Meeting on September 11th. Marjorie Wilton was re-elected as President, Aileen Barker as Treasurer, and Jo Clancy as Secretary.

Our next fund raiser will be another raffle at Christmas, but it won't be just another hamper! No, I'm not going to tell you yet! You'll have to wait for the surprise!

Submitted by Jo Clancy

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- How to check a kangaroo/wombat/koala/possum pouch for a joey
- How to rescue a possum from a wall cavity
- How to handle an injured wombat
- What equipment you need to rescue a variety of animals

The training will be held at Woodend Scout Hall (Forest Street, Woodend) on Saturday 25th October 2008, from 9am to 5pm. Cost is \$15 which includes a Training Manual.

Registration for training is essential as numbers are limited.

To register, please visit Wildlife Victoria's website at www.wildlifelive.com.au and go to the 'Training and Education' menu.

Submitted on behalf of the Macedon Ranges Wildlife Network



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Many thanks to past and present committees and families for supporting playgroup and also a big thank you to many local businesses who have supported playgroup during our fundraising events.

The new play structure is a wonderful addition to our existing our door play area and offers many new adventures during play for our children.

Many families spent a Saturday last school holiday's shoveling the 40 cubic metres of soft fall mulch we had delivered. Thank you to Mary O'Brien at Children Services MRSC for organising a donation of \$400 towards the cost of the mulch.

Playgroup is a self-funded organization, which relies on our member's fees and fundraising to continue to operate and offer these wonderful facilities to so many families from Woodend, Tylden, Newham, Kyneton, Macedon, Gisborne and Lancefield.

Enrolments

The Woodend Playgroup operates 5 days a week with sessions at 9am to 11am, 11am to 1pm, 1pm to 3pm. Each session has children of similar ages in them. New members are always welcome, so if you have just moved to the area or become a new parent, playgroup is a great place to meet other parents to share your stories with.

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The Woodend Playgroup will have Open Days on Tuesday 21st Oct 9am to 1pm and Wednesday 22nd Oct 9am to 1pm.

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Submitted by: Josie McLeish President Woodend Playgroup



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- 4 Crakajak at Mad Gallery Lancefield
- 4 Senior Cricket comps commence
- 4 Pot Luck Dinner for RSL Auxiliary at Woodend Golf Club
- 5 Commencement of Daylight Savings
- 10 Little Aths registrations
- 11 Junior Cricket comps commence
- 14 Money Matters workshop at Woodend Neighbourhood Centre 5421 2000
- 16 Breast Cancer research fundraiser 10.30 am 5427 1845
- 16 Friends of East Timor launch 7pm ph 5427 3523
- 19 Rotary Monster Book Sale at market/community centre
- 21-22 Open Days Woodend Playgroup
- 22 WWCC info night at Woodend Tennis Club 5427 3524
- 25 Wildlife Rescue and Transport Training Day @ Woodend Scout Hall
- 26 Woodend Teddy Bear Show, St Ambrose Hall 10am

November

- 4 Melbourne Cup
- 5 Kyneton Cup
- 8 Another Night to Remember – fundraiser for Cambodian Kids at Heskett House phone 5427 1454 for information.
- 8 Woodend Kindergarten Trivia Night at St Ambrose Hall 7pm
- 8-9 Budburst Wine Festival at participating wineries www.budburst.com
- 9 Carlsruhe Country Market 10 am
- 11 Remembrance Day outside RSL clubrooms
- 15 Giant Plant Sale at the Newham Hall
- 16 Trentham Lions Cool Country Classic Run www.coolcountryclassic.com
- 22 Newham Primary School Market

December

- 6 RSL Christmas Dinner at Woodend Golf Club



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Living Word Christian Church 5429 6327	Rotary Club of Woodend, meetings weekly at Vic Hotel Thursdays 6.45pm, Kai 5427 1029
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Macedon Ranges & District Motor Club, 10 Webb Cres, New Gisborne 1st Wednesday each month 8pm	St. Mary's Street Stall, 9-12 noon outside Woodend Newsagency (2nd Sat of the month)
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Thursday 9 October 2008

Morning Program 10am

Cooking for Men - Cooking with Brian

Ladies Surf the Internet

Lunch 12 – 1pm – Shared community lunch – all members of the community come together to share lunch prepared by the men!

Afternoon Program 1-3pm

Men Surf the Internet

Ladies Movie Arvo

This is a day of free activities for anyone in our community who is 55 years young or more, and comes complete with bottomless cups of tea and coffee.

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Let's not drag the chain on a bike plan

A recent Federal research report has shown the economic and health benefits of cycling, and I'm keen to see our Shire's 2002 bicycle plan dusted off, updated and implemented.

The report, Cycling: Getting Australia Moving was commissioned by the Federal Department of Health & Ageing, and was launched in June. It found that cycling saves an estimated \$227.2 million per year across Australia in health costs alone, and for the first time placed a dollar value on cycling participation.

Other economic benefits identified in the report were a reduction in the cost of traffic congestion of \$63.9 million per year, and a further \$9.3 million saved in transport externalities such as greenhouse gas abatement.

Metropolitan Melbourne has already taken significant steps to encourage and promote cycling, and I believe we need our Council officers to update and begin implementing our plan so that we can also reap the benefits in Newham, Woodend and across the Macedon Ranges Shire.

We need more bike racks around our shopping areas, and I would be encouraging more designated bike areas along our main roads, in the same way that they are marked on many major arterial roads in Melbourne. I'm not advocating that our Newham or Woodend commuters should ride to work in Melbourne each day, but sections of routes could and should be developed so they can be better used by cyclists – such as the excellent walking/cycling track installed from Lancefield to Romsey several years ago.

Inter-township routes were developed during the Shire consultation process on our old plan. These routes require minimal infrastructure works with advisory signage for the most part recommended.

The Macedon Ranges Shire already has a reputation as a destination for sports cycling, with the roads around Newham and the Lancefield to Kyneton back road especially popular with club events. We don't need to encourage sports cycling much more.

But a plan to promote and encourage healthy and recreational cycling, and bicycles as an alternative form of transport, is vital. The cycling community is pushing for Federal funding for local projects in the wake of the release of Cycling: Getting Australia Moving, and I will be asking our officers to consider how and where we could use money and prepare a submission.

Our plan needs to include:

- A route from Woodend to Lancefield via Newham, with an off-road cycle path.
- A cycle path adjacent to the road between Lancefield and Kyneton, with a link to Newham.
- A route between Kyneton and Woodend, beside the Old Calder Highway.
- Woodend to Hanging Rock, then through to Romsey.
- Woodend to Gisborne along a track adjacent to the railway line.
- Woodend to Mount Macedon via Bawden and Douglas Rds.
- Encouragement for bigger employers and employment precincts to provide more secure bike parking and showering facilities at work.
- A bicycle education program to increase confidence and skill levels both in children and the adult population.
- Ride to School and Ride to Work programs to further encourage and facilitate bicycle use.

We need to make sure we're not left out of the saddle in the Macedon Ranges.

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

Join the Relay for cancer support

The Lancefield-Macedon Ranges Relay For Life will be launched at Gisborne Lions Park on Friday, October 17 from 6pm to 8pm.

It is an opportunity for existing teams and prospective participants to find out about the 2009 Relay For Life at Lancefield Park on February 28—March 1, 2009.

Now in its seventh year, the Relay at Lancefield has raised more than \$588,000 for cancer education, research and support services.

The launch will be a family friendly event, with a barbecue and children's entertainment.

The Macedon Ranges Shire Council is again entering a team, with enthusiasm buoyed by a tremendous effort that saw \$9100 contributed towards research into bone and breast cancer.

Mayor Cr Noel Harvey has found the Relay particularly poignant after losing his father to cancer a few years ago.

"My father was a close friend as well as a dad. I know that people all around the shire have very personal stories like mine and therefore use this relay as a way of remembering a loved one or special friend whilst raising much needed funds to help others who are suffering the same experience.

"Whilst it is true to say that huge strides are being made to combat cancer, there remains a long way to go. Every dollar raised by the Relay For Life is used to help prevent the suffering and loss that so many of us have experienced," said Cr Harvey.

"I would urge every resident of the Macedon Ranges to get behind this great event, and in some way use it to make a personal contribution to such a worthy cause."

Relay For Life is open to everyone in the community, and suitable for all ages and fitness levels.



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Teams comprise 10 or more people who walk, run or stroll relay-style for up to 24 hours. The 2009 Lancefield event will start at 3pm on Saturday, February 28 and finish at 10am on Sunday, March 1.

It costs \$15 per person to register. Once a team name is registered more members can be recruited.

For more information about the Lancefield-Macedon Ranges Relay For Life event or to register, visit www.relayforlife.org.au, call Melissa McCarthy on 0438 831 427 or contact The Cancer Council of Victoria on 1300 65 65 85.

Come one, come all

Support a local cricket club & the Lancefield-Macedon Ranges Relay for Life by attending just the one event!

On Saturday the 18th of October from 2pm come to the town's biggest Tupperware party to be held at the Gisborne Cricket Club rooms (above the gym).

All commission, money & Tupperware goods will be donated to 'not for profit' organisations (Relay for Life, The Cancer Council of Victoria & the Gisborne Cricket Club). There will be lucky door prizes, raffles, free giveaways & more!

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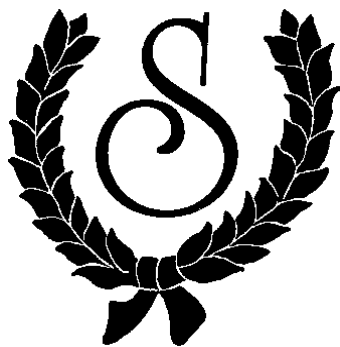
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Sam Luxemburg is a local psychologist who has lived in the area for the past ten years. He has worked as a counsellor for twenty-five years, has practices in Woodend, Romsey and Melbourne, and runs his own training college. He loves working with people and believes "everyone can become a better communicator".

Sam's approach to counselling is person-centred: it is learning about empathy (not sympathy), respect, and how to relate authentically. This is developed through practice (real play rather than role play) in a safe and supportive setting.



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Demand for the course locally remains high so Sam is running an Oct-Nov series: six weeks from 14 Oct, 7.00 to 9.30pm. This will be the last course available this year.

For more information on Sam and his counselling and training work, visit www.luxcollege.com.au

For bookings, call the Woodend Neighbourhood Centre on 5427 1845.

Cost: \$120 or \$20 concession

This course could benefit you if you want to improve relationships, if you work with people, or if you want to take a step towards a new vocation.

Kirsty Nuttall

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Kerrie Hall Art Show

9th Exhibition of Artwork by selected Local Artists

All are invited to attend the Kerrie Hall Art Show, which is a fundraiser for the maintenance of the Kerrie Hall, a community-owned facility. Preselection and opening will be by Kaye Keck, director of the Dromkeen Collection Art Gallery in Riddells Creek on Friday at 8pm, Friday 17th October.

Tickets are \$15, and supper is provided. Please book your tickets before 10th October to assist with catering. Please ring Marlene on 5427 0202 or Jacky on 5427 0576.

The exhibition will be on display on Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th of October from 10am till 5pm. Entry is by donation, with Devonshire teas available.

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Wow! I really can't believe we are in term 4 already; this year has been an extremely busy one at the Neighbourhood Centre. Our new brochure is now out – if you haven't received a copy please either call in, or check out our web site www.wnci.websyte.com.au

Once again we have many of our regular exercise, computer and digital photography classes this term. New opportunities include

- Communicate with confidence
- Boat & jet ski licence
- Bus fire awareness
- Responsible service of alcohol
- Bee keeping
- Indigenous/native plant propagation
- Made in Malmsbury comes to Woodend – make your own silver jewellery
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**Woodend Information Session
Tuesday 7th October 2008, 1pm
Buffalo Sports Stadium**

What is Strength for Health?

For all older people interested joining the Strength for Health program who would like to maintain or increase strength through a monitored progressive resistance program.

These programs are delivered by qualified instructors in an environment which is socially interactive and fosters older person's participation.

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Strength for Health is run as a partnership between Macedon Ranges Shire Council, Council on the Ageing and Cobaw Community Health. This partnership is responsive to the ongoing evolving needs of older people.



**All enquiries to Karyn
Ph: 5422 2239 or 0428 564 202**

News From Newham

It was all roads lead to Newham on Friday 12 September when, on a typically warm and sunny day, Joanne Duncan MLA officially announced a grant of \$250,000 from the Department of Regional Development towards redevelopment of the Newham Mechanics Hall. A crowd of 60 locals were complemented by the Mayor Noel Harvey, Councillors Helen Relph, Geoff Neill and Sandra McGregor along with the CEO Peter Johnston in celebrating this good news. This funding, along with contributions from MRSC and local community donations will ensure that Newham is able to provide a really beautiful and practical facility for the community and visitors to the Shire. An obviously delighted President of the Newham Hall Committee, Ian Miller, thanked the many individuals and organizations which have contributed time and money to date.

The Port Phillip Catchment Management Authority announced at their recent biennial awards ceremony that Penny Roberts, the immediate past President of the Newham and District Landcare Group, was the winner of the "Individual Caring For Private Land" category for 2008. This prestigious award is a well deserved recognition of Penny's efforts in delivering the great activity level and enthusiasm within the Newham Landcare Group over the past 4 years.

Also, Newham Landcare has just announced the signing of its 100th family, a remarkable milestone for the district.

Newham Primary school has some great activities coming up. The Annual Art Exhibition on October 25th at Newham Hall and the Newham Market Day at Newham Primary on November 22nd are always fun and interesting family days. Contact Mary (5427 14990) or Marnie (5427 4668) for details.

Also, a reminder the the Giant Newham Plant sale run by our Gardeners Group is on Saturday 15th November at Newham Hall. The Newham Arrow has now had two editions. Contact Stephen at narrow@exemail.com.au for details

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The National Breast Cancer Foundation relies on community fundraising to enable them to fund breast cancer research across the country. With the profile of the NBCF increasing, there is an increased interest in members of the community supporting breast cancer research through fundraising activities.

Please come to join us on Thursday the 16th of October at the Woodend Neighborhood Centre from 10:30 to 12:30 to see what is new in the Tupperware Spring-Summer Catalogue. A percentage of the sales will go directly to the NBCF.

Can we count on you? Enquiries to Woodend Neighborhood Centre, 47 Forest Street Ph: 54 27 18 45 and / or Nelly Molina 0421 363 939.

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Well, Spring is now upon us and we are looking forward to another busy month preparing for our next exciting event at the Woodend Golf Club. We are planning a very big night with our "Pot Luck Dinner" to be held on October 4th at 7pm. All you can eat for \$20 including dessert. Bookings are essential and necessary for catering. Please call Betty on 5427 2225 or Margaret on 5427 1226 to book a table. Notices are already out in the shops and we hope that we will see you there at the Golf Club. Out thanks to Gary and the golfers for their generous offer of their premises.

We have a few sickies this month, Lola, Pam, Margaret W and some on holidays. Get well soon girls, we need you!

Some of our RSL members and Women's Auxiliary ladies helped Ron McKenzie from Legacy to sell Legacy badges and products this month. We are always happy to help when needed and we sincerely thank the public for their generosity and support of Legacy.

We are always happy to encourage more ladies to join our group of hard working women, so if there is anyone out there willing to give us a little of their time, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Our next meeting will be held on 11th October at the Woodend Neighbourhood Centre at 1pm, so please come along, you will be warmly welcomed.

November 11th is Remembrance Day and once again we will be selling poppies. If anyone can help out on our roster please contact us. We are hoping to have the Service at the Woodend RSL as usual. More on this next month, when we have fine-tuned the details.

Betty Barned, Assistant Secretary

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The sessions covered areas including the different types of fire that could eventuate, where they are more likely to start, how fires behave, dangers that exist during a fire, different methods to extinguish a fire, the different and right types of fire extinguishers, how fire extinguishers work, use of fire blankets, the need not to panic and think clearly, evacuation procedures, information the CFA will require when we arrive, the importance of water sources, dealing with electricity and large gas containers and much more. We also assisted those who attended with fire safety information for their own homes and properties.

We believe that the sessions were such a success that it would be a good idea for other businesses in the Woodend area to undertake something similar, especially those dealing with accommodation, to ensure that their staff are better prepared in the case of an emergency. And we can tailor each session to your individual business.

For more information please contact 1st Lieutenant Mike Dornau on 0409 093 935 or Captain Mick Christie on 0419 870 601.

Now is the time to start reducing the risk of fire

In recent years we have experienced several consecutive extremely dangerous summers, and this year will be no exception. In fact, with reasonable winter rains and strong spring growth, this year promises to be one of the most dangerous fire seasons for many years. And, NOW is the time to start preparing to reduce the risks of fire danger to you, your family and your property.

Be careful burning off – even a small fire

For small clearing fires, a permit is normally not needed, however there are still strict guidelines. By law, the size of pile being burned must not exceed 2 cubic metres, and you are meant to have cleared a firebreak of at least 3 metres around a fire, to ensure that the fire can be restricted to a controllable size.

The space above the fire and all ground within 3 metres of the fire should be free of any flammable material and vegetation. You should not burn too close to adjoining land and should also do the courteous thing and notify neighbours. If they are surprised by sudden smoke they may unnecessarily call the CFA. You will need to have adequate methods of controlling and extinguishing the fire in place, and you shouldn't just set fire to a large pile and let it burn.

Larger Fires are controlled under Local Law

If you are planning a large burn off you are required to get a council 'Permit to Burn' to ensure that a larger fire will be able to be controlled. If you are unsure, it would be wise to check the local laws via the internet (www.macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au) or visit your nearest Macedon Ranges council information centre, where application forms are available. The CFA can

also assist with larger burn offs to ensure they are handled efficiently and safely. Even in a non-restricted period you could be hit with a large penalty.

We need your help – with Summer around the corner

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. 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 ready for summer.

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.

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Submitted by 1st Lieutenant Mike Dornau, Woodend CFA



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Heritage Society News

From the Woodend & District Heritage Society

This month we are asking for your help. Our request concerns the Family Heritage Walk. If you know the Walk you will have noticed that it always looks spic and span. The area around the plaques is well trimmed and free of weeds and when it has been necessary, the leaves have been swept up ready for removal. We are indebted to the council staff who regularly cut the main areas, remove the leaves and rubbish we collect and are always very helpful should we need a fallen branch removed. The detailed care however, keeping the plaques clear of leaves and the weeds at bay and giving the young trees some water during the summer months, has been the work of one of our volunteers, Graeme Stephens. Since the first "Federation Tree" was planted by Noelle Stephen's who was then president of the W&DHS in 2001, Graeme has taken on the task of Honorary Walk Curator. Like many of us, Graeme is not getting any younger and has understandably asked if we can find someone else to take his place. Are you able to help? In some ways, it would be an ideal task for a couple or perhaps even a small group of friends. If you are at all interested, please call in to the Court House on a Wednesday and we can talk about what may be involved. As the Walk lengthens, we are looking for ways to make its maintenance and watering as simple as possible and we will certainly appreciate any ideas you have to offer. Fortunately, it is only the small trees that need water during the dry spells as the Black She Oak, once established, is proving to be a great survivor. In conclusion, we would like to record our sincere thanks to Graeme for his many years of service – there is no doubt that the walk is a real asset to the town, something which is regularly enjoyed by many members of the community and visitors to the area.

While on the subject of the Walk, please note that we still have a few places left for next years Australia Day dedications. This is definitely the last call for places. Please ring Rosemary Wilkinson on 5427 1893 immediately for more information.

During the month of October we are offering access to our Birth Death and Marriage records at the Centre for a small donation of just \$5. We hold all Victorian and NSW records on CD rom plus some additional records such as Inquests etc. If you are doing your family history, this is a good opportunity to use these resources. You can also take the opportunity to find out about the extensive records we hold relating to the local area. Just call in to the Court House in Forest Street, Woodend on a Wednesday between 10 am and 4.30pm.

Finally, on Sunday October 19th, which is a Woodend market day, we will be joining Rotary in the Community Centre when they hold their huge book sale. We have recently been donated over 1000 books which cover a wide area of interest. Many are real collector's items and some are rare early editions dating from the early 1800s. Railway enthusiasts, art lovers, early children's book collectors, people interested in all sorts of unusual hobbies and those who enjoy good literature and poetry are just some of the groups that are will find plenty to interest them. If you are looking for a Christmas present with a difference – or simply love old and interesting books – please come and see us. We have priced all these

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15th	William Johnson	Turns 10
15th	Hayden L. Muir	Turns 11
16th	Tyson Lever	Turns 10
16th	William Scott	Turns 12
17th	Blaine Jackson	Turns 6
20th	Lachlan Leeds	Turns 12
20th	Luci Russell	Turns 10
21st	Hazel Meacham	Turns 9
21st	Aaron Robbins	Turns 9
23rd	John Plant	Turns 9
25th	Maclan Hargreaves	Turns 8
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SPORTS NEWS

Working With Children's Check Information Night WWCC

The Macedon Ranges Tennis Association have asked Sports Focus to put together an information night about the WWCC. The WWCC is being phased-in for volunteers in certain fields of child-related work through Associations, Clubs or movements (including a cultural, recreational or sporting nature that provide services or conduct activities for children, or directed at children). The phase-in period is from 1st July.

Sports Focus together with MRSC have arranged a person from the Department of Justice to come along and give a presentation and then answer any questions that clubs may have. This is a free information session available to all clubs, associations within the MRS. Sporting clubs, associations interested to know more on your clubs obligations under the Working with Children Act 2005 come along and get the right information.

The WWCC Info night, is free of charge on Wednesday 22nd October at 7pm for one hour held at the Woodend Tennis Club, opposite the Woodend swimming pool.

For further information please don't hesitate to contact Trudy Campbell Jones MRTA Correspondence Secretary 5427 3524.

Woodend Little Athletics Centre

Registrations will be accepted on Friday 10 October from 4.30 pm. Oval next to Buffalo Sports Stadium, Forest Street, Woodend.

Registration fee for the season is \$75. The Track & Field Season will commence at 5 pm on the same day, on the oval next to Buffalo Sports Stadium, Forest Street, Woodend. First time registrations must show proof of age. Members are asked to bring a full water bottle, wear a hat, runners and comfortable clothing.

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Senior training commenced on the 24th August as a gentle reminder to some of us how old our bodies really are and for the younger members to reacquaint themselves with the different sport that is cricket.

Senior training mid week has commenced and the signs are good for enthusiasm and skill amongst those that have been training. This year the WCC will be committing to 4 senior teams in the GDCA competition and 6 junior teams (U12, U14 and U16) with two teams in each age group.

Senior competition commences on the 4th October for 3 of the four teams, with the amazing F troop set to begin its campaign on the 11th October.

Junior coaches have been training with interested players for only a few weeks and with the season for juniors commencing on the 11th October there is still time to register to play. A junior function will be held to present shirts to all juniors on the 4th October at the Gilbert Gordon Oval Clubrooms, Davy St Woodend whilst the McIntyre Team plies its skills against one of the arch rivals from the district.

Watch out for the new Pitch that has been laid at the Woodend Stadium Oval, courtesy of a grant from the Macedon Ranges Shire. Many thanks to the shire and its Recreation unit for their support of the Woodend Cricket Club and the tremendous encouragement that they give all clubs in our region and help us have great facilities.

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.

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