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Carlsruhe Country Market — come one, come all!

The Carlsruhe Country Market will be held on Sunday 9th November between 10am and 3pm, at Woodend Primary School's Carlsruhe campus (Nicholson Street, Carlsruhe — follow the signs on the day).

Once again the Carlsruhe Country Market promises to be another wonderful day, with fabulous new stalls and activities for all. The emphasis of the market is handmade or homegrown, and offers a great opportunity to do some early Christmas shopping. Activities include a jumping castle, old-fashioned games, spinning wheel, pony rides, plaster painting, airbrush tattoos, crazy hairspray, face painting and a lucky dip. Stalls include cakes, plants, crafts, Red Beard wood fired bread, RicRac Sew, lavender products, olive oil products, handmade cards, hand sewn clothing, handmade jewellery and gifts, flowers, Kidzone, hand knits, Tupperware and fresh veggies.

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 veggie 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!

We will be running a Monster Raffle which will be drawn at the market. There are 14 prizes in the raffle ... 1st prize is a wheel barrow filled with goodies, other prizes include accommodation in Trentham and artwork by local artists. Tickets will be sold around Woodend prior to the market, and will also be available on the day.

So pay us a visit and support your local school at the same time.

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

Sam's October achievements

Local student Sam Cooper has been amazed by two achievements in this past month. She wasn't sure which to be more excited about!

During October Sam was advised that she was the winner of the October VCE Achiever Award. She was nominated for this award by her school (Mowbray College, Melton) and as one of this year's monthly winners, she will be in the running to win the overall award for VCE Achiever of 2008.

In addition, Sam was awarded the Best Reporting for a person under 18 years in October's Community Newspapers Association Victoria Awards which were held at the annual conference in Castlemaine. Sam is a regular contributor to the New Woodend Star and it was thought that her article about the work of the Cambodian Kid's Foundation was worthy to submit for an award.

Congratulations Sam from the New Woodend Star and from your local Woodend community.

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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Submitted by Joan Podrazil

Kyneton Theatre Company Inc.

Kyneton Theatre Company presents OLIVER by arrangement with Tams-Witmark Inc. Book and lyrics by Lionel Bart.

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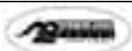
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Joy on 5427 4089 during office hours.

**Mail should be directed to: New Woodend Star,
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Drop boxes for articles are at: The Bank (75 High Street), Woodend Newsagent, Collier Office & Business Assist and Marks' Liquor Shop.

Copies of the publication will also be available.

Woodend Star Publication Dates for 2008

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 Community and Arts Precinct Project

Alan Morton, from the architectural firm Morton Dunn, is close to finalising the draft report for the refurbishment of the Woodend Community Centre and plans for a performing arts facility adjacent to it. The report was guided by the Project Steering Committee, which is made up of community representatives and council officers, and was developed after community consultation. Once the draft report has been finalised it will be considered by the new Council in early 2009. The plans will then be placed on public display and the community will have an opportunity to provide feedback. Following the community's feedback the plans will be modified and finally adopted by Council by mid 2009. The timing for construction of the facility will be determined by Council based on budget priorities and in the context of Council's 5 year capital works plan. If you have any queries, contact Kate Lawrence Council's Community Infrastructure Coordinator on 5422 0216



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Date 5th November, this happens to be Guy Fawkes Day plus Kyneton Cup Day, amusements around these two events will be arranged, so bring along any stories you had of Guy Fawkes Day as a child.

Time 11:30 am at S.E.S Hall, Urquart Street Woodend.

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The Woodend Senior Citizens Annual General Meeting was held on the 3rd of October 08. Congratulations to the following members elected as Office Bearers:-

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Vice-President – Lil Scanlon

Secretary – Pat Mansfield

Assistant Secretary – Norma Richardson

Treasurer – Bob Adams

On the 7th November at 10.30am a General Meeting will be held at the Woodend Community Centre to decide on our bus trips for next year from February to June 2009. Following the meeting a fun afternoon and cards will be held at 1.30pm. There will also be Bingo on Tuesday's and on Friday's carpet bowls at 10.30am and cards at 1.30pm.

A reminder that on the 5th of December we will be holding our Christmas Dinner and that all members are welcome to attend. Cost is \$16.50 per person, please RSVP Pat 5427 0512 or Bob 5427 0484 prior to the 25th November.

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Rainfall figures for September not available at time of printing

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



New Members The Rotary Club of Woodend

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News from Newham Primary School

The Newham Primary School Annual Art Exhibition & Sale was held at Newham Hall on Saturday October 25, featuring works of students and invited artists.

Local artist and parent at the school, Tim Jones has worked with the students on a voluntary basis for the past two years, teaching them specific skills in water colour, charcoal, still life drawing, landscapes and the art of painting using the Chinese brush style.

Well known local artist Stan Perkins once again generously donated one of his paintings for our raffle, valued at \$650; other prizes included a family photographic package donated by local photographer, Marnie Tole, valued at \$200; and a voucher at a Woodend art store. All winners will be contacted.

Newham Primary School Community Market & Festival will be held in the school grounds at 1271 Rochford Road, Newham on Saturday November 22 from 9am – 4pm.

This is a great family fun day for everyone with over 30 stalls to assist with Christmas shopping – crafts, gourmet food and great coffee, local produce, jewellery, plants, Christmas products, cakes, honey, make-up, ladies wide calf boots, tools, second-hand goods – just to name a few.

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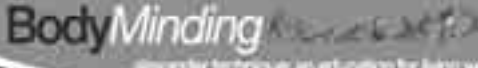
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Lions Club members are delighted with the success of the September & October Markets, and take this opportunity to thank the public who came out in great numbers, in spite of very cold winds. We all have our fingers crossed for the next market, to be held on Sunday, 16th November. Come along & start your Christmas shopping!

Christmas cakes will be delivered to various businesses during the first fortnight of November as well, so be early & beat the Christmas rush. If you have a special bulk request please phone 5427 2469 as early as possible, so we can organise them for you.

Three schools have entered the annual Lions International Peace Poster Competition: St Ambrose PS, Holy Cross PS & Woodend PS. The winning posters have been sent on to Lions Districts for further competition & hopefully one will end up in the final level. However we congratulate the many students in Grades 5 & 6 who have taken up this challenge & given serious thought to this year's concept: 'Peace begins with me'.

All Lions are now engaged in our next major project: Carols by Candlelight, which will be held at the Woodend Community Centre surrounds on Sunday, 14th December.

Anyone interested in visiting the club with a view to joining* can come to a dinner meeting on the 4th Wednesday of the month. Please phone Garry Dudderidge on 5427 2255 during business hours for further details.

*Joining doesn't mean you have to commit to an enormous amount of community work. You can nominate to do only an hour or so a month if you like; any extra hands will be appreciated.

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Late night shopping is happening again in Woodend on Thursday 20th November, write this date in your diary now! Why not shop locally, save time, fuel & money, and support your local businesses in their efforts to assist the Woodend Children's Park whilst late night shopping.

Catch up with a group of friends, or slip out alone and enjoy a relaxed shopping experience, maybe enjoy a late supper at one of Woodend's fabulous eateries before heading home! Prizes, Refreshments and "Specials" will be available on the night. Pre-purchased tickets are available from Blue Orange Concepts, Kerri's Bundle of Bears, New Leaves, Pink String & Zappa-do, proceeds of the sale of tickets will go to the WCP. Further enquiries please phone 5427 4500 or 5427 1270.



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Saint Mary's Annual Fete Is Now A Christmas Event!

Saint Mary's Anglican Church is holding its annual fete in the run up to Christmas this year, on Saturday the 29th of November.

When fire destroyed the old church hall two years ago, the Woodend community lost one of its useful venues for public events and low cost space for smaller interest groups to hold their weekly activities.

However, people have rallied to the cause with donations and support in fund raising functions to such an extent that building plans have now been finalized.

This year's Christmas fete is a major part of St Mary's fund raising program to ensure that its ministry to the community can continue, without weakening the progress of the hall building process.

Rosie Baker, convener of the Christmas Fete Committee, is hoping the event can be bigger and better than ever this year.

"We will have the jumping castle again, for the littlies, but we will also have pony rides for them as well as face painting and all the usual stalls."

"We have invited dozens of stall holders from miles around to set up with us this year. The church grounds are extensive and we can offer space to a lot of people."

"We have also invited several choirs, bands and music groups to perform on the day, so the stage should be fairly busy."

"People will be able to sample some local wine and then stock up for the Christmas season if they like the taste."

Committee member Derek Shepherd sees the fete as an opportunity for people to get some inexpensive Christmas gifts.



"There will be plant stalls, cottage crafts, farm gate produce, locally made sweets, cakes and jams as well as books and collectables."

"I normally run the wine stall but I think I've been "volunteered" this year for the task of walking up and down the footpath in the main street wearing a sandwich board and ringing a bell to tell people where the fete is being held!"

[For any of our readers who may be newcomers to the area, Saint Mary's Anglican Church is across the bridge and at the foot of the hill, beside the Primary School]

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When: Saturday 29th November
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❖ Jumping Castle

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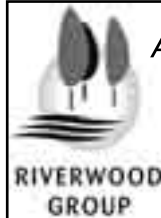
❖ collectables

❖ locally made sweets, cakes, jams & treats

❖ farm-gate produce

❖ Music by local talent

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Come and join in the fun!



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If you have good quality women's clothing, shoes, bags & hats just lying around in your wardrobe year after year, why not recycle them? Join us, catch up with friends, update your wardrobe and help us raise funds for a worthwhile cause. Donations welcome prior to the event.

\$5 entry fee includes Door prize, champagne & nibbles. All items \$5. Saturday 22nd November from 1pm – 5pm at Romsey

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Young Women's Program

A program is running in Gisborne for young women who want to have fun, while working on their self-esteem, body-image, relationships, assertiveness and managing their anger.

'Go Girls Go' is for young women 13-16 years and starts on Wednesday 22nd October. The program runs for seven weeks and costs \$5 per week. Interested parents and young women can contact the co-ordinator Sandra on T: 5428 0300




CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S EVE AT CAMPASPE COUNTRY HOUSE



Christmas Eve

Tomorrow's dinner is prepared, last minute gifts are wrapped. Now is the time to relax and enjoy a stress free dinner or drink in the Edna Walling historic gardens!



Christmas Dinner

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Sustainability Q & A for councilors

The Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group is determined to make the local election count in terms of progressing sustainability.

The Sustainability Group has organised a public Q & A session to focus on sustainability issues and invites all nominating councilors to attend. The Councilor Q & A has been organised for 11th November from 7.30 at the Woodend Neighbourhood House.

Ratepayers from across the shire are welcome to attend, however numbers will be limited so those interested are requested to register on line (mrsrg@woodendweb.org). Redbeard Bakery is supporting the event and supper will be provided. Attendance is free for MRSRG members. Non members are welcome with admission set at \$5 per person to cover set up costs and use of facilities.

According to the Victorian Government's State of the Environment Report the Macedon Ranges has a severely degraded landscape. The Shire has 30 different categories of vegetation communities as described by their ecological vegetation class. Of these: 13 are categorised as endangered, defined as having contracted to less than 10% of pre-European extent.

In addition to the protection of unique flora and fauna the shire also must cope with degradation of soils (salinity, erosion, and acidification) water quantity and quality issues and the ever increasing expansion of weeds and reduced air quality from wood fire heating.

From the ACF Consumption Atlas the average resident in the Macedon Ranges area has an ecological footprint (6.07 Ha); in excess of the State Average (6.03). The high level of car transport, the burning of wood fires and the cold climate are all contributing factors. But apathy and naïveté are enemies of improved environmental performance.

Given the dependence on brown coal in Victoria and the generally profligate use of resources in Australia (relative to other countries), the Macedon Ranges region is amongst the worst of the worst of the worst performers globally in relation to environmental sustainability.

"The amount of CO₂ emitted by this region far exceeds our ability to absorb it through a carbon sinks strategy. The energy footprint provides a clear message on the need for a region-wide strategy for the adoption of alternative energy sources". (The Energy Footprint for North Central Victoria: An Initial Step Toward Addressing Climate Change. Maureen Rogers Published in Sustaining Regions 2002).

It has been calculated that local government has the capacity to influence 50% of the greenhouse gases produced in Victoria through Council business and contact with ratepayers (Sustainable Energy Authority Business Plan 2001-2002).

The shire council manages 160 buildings through the Macedon Ranges, employs in excess of 300 people and, through rates and public notices, is in contact with all residents. Macedon Ranges Shire Council is working towards reducing the Council's greenhouse gas production by 20% from 1996 levels by 2010.

MRSRG President Peter Hansford says "the Q&A forum will provide an opportunity for nominating councilors to provide their vision for a Sustainable Macedon Ranges.

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Questions from the floor are likely to cover the councils wind power policy, investment in transport infrastructure and improved waste management and council commitments in targets and budget for sustainability projects.

The next local government term of office is 4 years – 2 years beyond the start up of the proposed federal government carbon pollution reduction scheme. According to Mr. Hansford "all organizations will need to become serious about mitigation of greenhouse gases and adaptation to climate change." "The Council Q & A will be an opportunity to learn what sort of leadership can be expected from our local government representatives."

The Councilor Q & A will be recorded by Highlands FM 100.7 radio for broadcast on the 12 th of November. All local newspapers have been invited to cover the event.

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4th December 2008

Everything’s Cool (2007) (Documentary)

DESCRIPTION: *Everything’s Cool* is a toxic comedy about the dangerous chasm that exists between scientific understanding and political action on the topic of global warming. While industry-funded naysayers sing their swan song of scientific doubt and deception, a group of self-appointed global warming messengers are on a life-or-death quest to help the public go from understanding the urgency of the problem to creating the political will necessary to push for a new energy economy. From the director of *Blue Vinyl*.



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Display hours are 10:00 am to 5:00 pm each day and as well as being Cup weekend Lyn said that the Spring weather enhances the beauty of Mt Macedon's gardens and you can combine a visit to the art show with garden viewing on the Mount.

With new members constantly joining and their fresh outlook and the artistic renewal that results, you will see excellent painted porcelain items, silks, glassware, pottery, and paintings in oils, watercolours and pastels, many of our wonderful local views including landscapes of the ranges, forests, farms, and villages, and still-life paintings of local flora and fauna.

Lyn said that this exhibition affords a great opportunity to add to your personal Art collection, whether for home or office, or Christmas gifts for someone special, by taking advantage of the good prices and quality of the items.

The Exhibition will be opened by nurseryman and media garden commentator Stephen Ryan, on Friday 31st October at 7:30 pm and will be the first opportunity to wander around and view the great art exhibits whilst enjoying a wonderful mix of good company, good conversation, good wine and tasty nibbles. If you would like to attend the opening phone 54282473 for an invitation.

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Krista Patterson-Majoor is facilitating community gardening each Friday fortnight. Come along to learn and share the work and results. Topics covered include worm farms, organic fruit & vegetables, looking after chooks, growing native plants and bush foods and so much more. Fortnightly from 7 November, 9-12.

We recently had a lovely day and were thoroughly spoilt with a group of men cooking a community lunch during senior's week. Friendship, skills, fun and delicious lunch made for a super day. Thank you to everyone who attended and for the support of Macedon Ranges Shire Council.

We have enjoyed supporting Krystal who has undertaken a youth project whilst on work experience from Uni. I hope many of you have, or will complete the survey to help us provide what the Woodend teenage population want in the area. The survey can be found at www.geocities.com/woodendyouth

We welcome volunteers, students and tutors and all community members into the Centre – it is here for YOU.

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Woodend Primary School news

Carlsruhe Annexe Students Create a Lasting Contribution to the Carlsruhe Common

The Grade Four Students at the Carlsruhe Annexe of Woodend Primary School experience a hands-on environmental program that includes projects that enhance the local environment. Each year the students take part in tree planting projects in the area. For the last few years they have worked with the Woodend Landcare Group to plant trees along the Five Mile Creek.

This year the students were invited to create a garden on the Carlsruhe Common by the Carlsruhe-Upper Campaspe Development & Protection Task Force who are gradually beautifying the Common with gardens, tree plantations, picnic tables and hopefully a children's playground using ideas submitted to the Macedon Ranges Shire Council by the Carlsruhe Annexe Students.

A garden was designed in the shape of a diamond, a significant shape to the local aboriginal tribe: the Dja Dja Wurrung (also known as Jarra) people who once occupied the area. It was decided to call the garden the Carlsruhe Reconciliation Garden.

After successfully applying for a small grant during Arbour Week, indigenous plants were purchased for the garden. Mr Bill Taylor, a member of the Carlsruhe-Upper Campaspe Development & Protection Task Force worked tirelessly to edge the garden with bricks. The students helped to remove onion weed from the site and then the big day arrived: National Tree Planting Day!

With Mr Taylor's help the students were taught how to plant, water and tree guard the plants and then they eagerly set to work. The students will continue to maintain the garden and hope that it will not only be a beautiful landmark on the Common but be a small, lasting contribution to the well being of the local fauna and flora in the Carlsruhe area.

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Submitted by Jack Cooper

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My name is Nov Synoeun. I am 18 years old. I am studying at grade 9 at Chea Sim Boeung Keng Kang High School.

I find education really necessary for each individual. If a person has gained high and qualified education from school, then they could be successful and can find a good job in the future. For me, my family was so poor. My parents could not afford for me to go to school. I had no money to buy study materials to support my study. I needed books, pens, and proper school uniform. As a result, I'd forced myself to stop studying at grade 8, and went to work with my mother at the garment factory.

Afterward I had a vision that I didn't wish at all. While I was working, I felt very disappointed with my bad destiny. I didn't want to be a garment worker at all. I knew by the time I got older, I will get married with someone at one day whose living condition is similar to mine. And we will have children then our ways of lives are still poor. One thing that I've never expected to happen, it happened instead. That was the real hope in my life because I got a good opportunity to study again. I was so excited. It was a very great goodness of Mr. Drew and Aziza School. They helped me to emerge from the predicament by finding me a job working as a cleaner for a foreigner, which allowed me to go back to school.

In my personal time I am a student studying the leadership class at Aziza Schoolhouse. I was interested in the course indeed because all the students studying at this course were so brave; especially they had the real strong idea and knowledge. When I had been learning the lesson in the class, I began to realize that they were very useful and necessary for me. I



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My studying went smoothly from the beginning to the end, and I was the #1 student in my class. Finally, I got the certificate from the director there. I really felt delighted. After I have finished the Leadership course, I was provided with the extra skills about how to prepare and to be interviewed to find a job. I would like to say a special thank to teacher that offered me a good chance to peruse the knowledge. I'd like to promise that I will use the significant opportunity efficiently to overcome and succeed the bright goal, and I will get my teacher as well as my parents to meet their expectation on me. I won't make them disappointed. Depending on my own experience I myself hope, I will be a good pattern for everyone.

I want to get a good job and make enough money to support my family. Beside I'd like to improve myself, I am ambitious to make my country develop more because of me. I realized that everything will be possible to happen in the future; however, it has to start from me first.

After showing excellent results in her Grade 9 exams, Synooun was offered a scholarship to Panastra, a Phnom Penh private school where she now studies along with Aziza.

There are many students, with stories just like Synooun's, that Cambodian Kids are helping each day. You can help us continue this by attending our annual fund-raising event coming up November 8th.

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Friday night will see the carnival in full swing with more rides than before catering for all age groups. The young, and young at heart, will be able to enjoy the great local talent on display during the Kyneton Idol contest. Anyone can enter with the heats being held prior to the Show – for more information contact Denise Sheridan on 5422 1668 or 0419 581 360. The cream of the crop will then fight it out in the Kyneton Idol final held at the Show on Friday night.

The toughest & sexiest Utes in (and out) of town will also be on display at the Ute Muster, beginning 6pm. Awards will be presented to Best Chicks, Rural B&S, Best Feral, plus awards for various makes, family Utes, Trade Utes and more. The fantastic prize of 2 nights accommodation in Melbourne plus \$300 cash will be awarded to the "People's Choice", so if you have a Ute that your proud of, bring it along and you may end up with a weekend away.

With more rides and amusements, Showbags, Unicycle races, Paddy the Entertainer, and topped off by a fantastic Fireworks Display, Friday Night at the Kyneton Showgrounds will be the place to be.

Saturday sees the rural aspect of our community on display. We will see the return of the Horses to the main arena showing all their finery. As well there will be hot competition in the Cattle, Sheep, Rabbits, Poultry, and Goat events. The VCA Championship Dog Show can also be viewed at the bottom oval.

The community fun day will continue with a number of great events being conducted on the North side of the Showgrounds, including miniature steam train rides & miniature hay bailing display, Egg Toss, Tug O'War, Sheep Poo Lotto and a Scarecrow competition. The kids can have fun building and creating in the Kids Tent or cuddling the cutest



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animals around with Farmer Darryl. Everyone can bring their favourite pet to enter in the Pet Parade or if you think you have the fastest small dog around, test them out at Small Dog Races.

Those that love slippery things (or those that just can't keep away) come and view the Snake Handler, seeing the softer side of those scary creatures. Or if flight is more your thing, the Birds of Prey display might take your fancy. The SES will be on hand, showing their skill at search & rescue, while the Victorian highland Dancing authority will once again display a wonderful dance competition. Showgirl & boy judging will take place at 12 noon outside the Pavilion with some great prizes for the winners in each class.

If Art & Craft is more your style come into the Watts Pavilion on the South Side of the Showgrounds to view the creative aspect of the community. In there you will find some amazing photography, paintings, needlework & knitting, cooking, produce, arts & craft and much more. All items are entered by our locals showing what wonderful talent we have here. The fantastic Sheep Fleeces and the delicious wine from the Wine Competition will also be on display.

If you want to get around to everything but you're not sure how to do this, the Treasure Hunt Showbag will show you the way. Designed to take you to all corners of the show, from the animals to the pavilion and back to the rides, this will bring out the explorer in all of us. The rides and amusements will be operating all day and heaps of other Showbags will be available to buy.

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Upcoming Events and Meetings

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- 1 Free Blood Pressure Check / Stroke Awareness outside Coles 10 am
- 4 Melbourne Cup
- 5 Kyneton Cup
- 6 Woodend Toy Library AGM at Merv's Bar
- 6 Movies that Matter: Escape from Suburbia at Woodend Neighbourhood House
- 7 Green Thumb Friday in Woodend Permaculture Garden 9am 0407 686 289
- 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 Karlsruhe Country Market 10 am
- 11 Remembrance Day outside RSL clubrooms
- 11 Sustainability Q&A for Councilors 7.30pm at Woodend Hub
- 15 Giant Plant Sale at the Newham Hall
- 16 Trentham Lions Cool Country Classic Run www.coolcountryclassic.com
- 21 Green Thumb Friday in the Woodend Permaculture Garden, 9-12, 0407 686 289
- 22 Newham Primary School Market
- 25 Newham Hall Art Exhibition
- 30 Churches'R'Us combined ecumenical Advent service at St Ambrose 3pm
- 30 Living Word Cafe Night at Woodend Community Centre

December

- 5 Green Thumb Friday in the Woodend Permaculture Garden, 9-12am, 0407 686 289
- 6 Movies that Matter: Everything's Cool, 8pm at Woodend Neighbourhood House
- 6 RSL Christmas Dinner at Woodend Golf Club
- 19 Green Thumb Friday in the Woodend Permaculture Garden, 9-12am, 0407 686 289
- 21 Summer Solstice with Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group


March 2009

- 1 Gisborne Festival & Car Show, Dixon Field Gisborne



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<i>Coles Supermarket</i> 5427 2377
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Daylight Masonic Lodge, 5427 2480	Probus, 5427 2003
Friends of Macedon Ranges Library, Chris/Bill 5427 2469	R.S.L., Anslow Street 5427 3122
Garden Club 5422 6062 / 5427 3340	Red Cross, 5427 1260
Living Word Christian Church 5429 6327	Rotary Club of Woodend, meetings weekly at Vic Hotel Thursdays 6.45pm, Kai 5427 1029
Historical Society, Courthouse, 5427 2523	St. Mary's Guild, 11am, 4th Wednesday of month
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)
Macedon Ranges Animal Aid, Buffalo Sports Stadium, 5427 1752	Woodend & Five Mile Creek Landcare Group, Jo 5427 1909 or Doug 5427 0666, 3rd Tues Meeting, 4th Sunday Working Bee
Macedon Ranges Bridge Club, 5427 4440	Woodend Angling Club, RSL Hall, 5427 2395
Macedon Ranges Families of Children with Disabilities Support Group, 5427 3365	Woodend Art Group, Railway Station, 5422 6172 or 5427 1659
Macedon Ranges Residents Assc. 5427 1481 or 5427 2651	Woodend Business & Tourism Association, Cori 5427 3434, 2nd Tues of month (BATA)
Macedon Ranges Communicators (ITC), 5427 2669	Woodend Lions Club, Meetings 2nd/4th Wednesday each month, ph Maureen Dougherty 5427 4949
Macedon Ranges Photographic Society, 1st Tues of month, Ron Mathews 5427 3284	Woodend Model Railway Club, Buffalo Stadium
Macedon Ranges Social Club (activities for singles over 35) phone 9740 5517 or 9744 2697	Woodend Pony Club, 5427 2793
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Over \$8000 has been raised from this year's badge sales, which was distributed to 250 war widows in the Macedon Ranges according to their needs for heating and welfare. Legacy provides assistance in communicating with the Dept of Veterans Affairs to enable widows their entitlement to applicable benefits.

A special thanks to Legacy members, Legacy widows and others who helped staff the selling booth at Coles Supermarket.

Woodend Coordinator
Legatee, Ron McKenzie

Come and Play

Woodend Toy Library is inviting all members to come along to the end of year drinks and Annual General Meeting.

The Library is a great resource for the children of the Macedon Ranges and has recently added a new range of indoor and outdoor toys to cater for all young imaginations. Everyone involved with the Toy Library is a parent themselves so the Library is an invaluable supportive and fun meeting place for families in the region.

The Toy Library is managed by a committee of members who are elected at the AGM. There are a variety of roles that need to be filled this year, and we'd love to see some new faces. None of the committee positions take up much time, it's a great way to meet new people and the bi-monthly meetings are a lot of fun.

Our end of years drinks and AGM will be held at Merv's Bar (formerly Sequoia) 84-88 High St, Woodend on Thursday November the 6th at 8pm.

Whether you're already a member or are interested in joining we'd love to see you. For further information please contact Beth Lacey (5427 1114) or Annette Pointer (5427 1990).



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The Woodend Children's Park is coming, so please don't miss out on your chance to donate to the park by purchasing a paver. For only \$50 they would make a special lasting Christmas gift for families and their children. The paver forms can be collected from May 5 Gifts in High Street Woodend - and as the committee will be pushing ahead with construction, the deadline for these pavers is nearing an end. Closure for purchasing a paver will be 24th December.

People can also make a tax deductible donation to the park and all donations of \$500 or more will be permanently acknowledged at the entrance to the park. The committee wish to thank all the people that have contributed to the park so far. These generous people and businesses are currently acknowledged on our website and on our large signage on the park site in Nicholson St, which are updated regularly.

The Park committee are awaiting the Council to issue a planning permit and need to obtain the balance of the funding required before construction can begin. The WCP team are busy ensuring that everything is ready to go once these are granted.

The committee would like to wish Cr John Connor all the best in his retirement from Council and would like to sincerely thank him for all the support and encouragement that he has given our community group since the very start of this project.

The Woodend Children's Park will be a beautiful and much needed asset for the community where everyone will be welcome to enjoy for many years to come. A large scale drawing of the park concept plan is displayed in the Coles front windows and our website www.woodendweb.org/childrenspark has an extensive overview of the project and details on how you can help.

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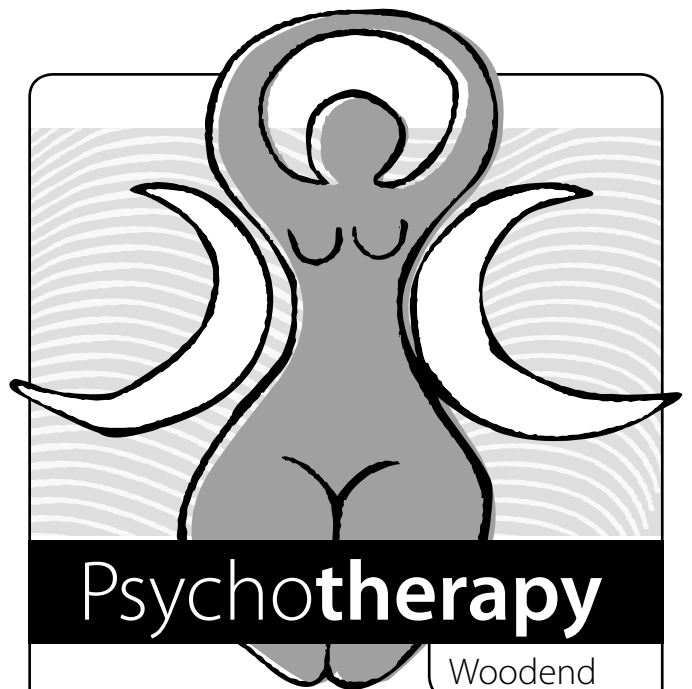
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Woodend RSL Women's Auxiliary

Once again our thanks go to Gary and the Woodend Golf Club for their generosity and the use of the Woodend Golf Clubrooms on Saturday for our "Pot Luck Dinner" which was a great success. The night was very well attended and our girls did a fantastic job and all credit to our hard working team who worked tirelessly to raise funds towards the restoration of our Woodend RSL clubrooms. The Auxiliary has raised two large donations towards the roof and hopefully work will commence very soon.

Our thanks also go to the local tradespeople who have supported us so generously with donations for our raffles and offers of alternative accommodation etc in order to run our events and meetings. Your generosity is much appreciated by us all.

Remembrance Day, 11.11.08 our Auxiliary will be supplying refreshments at the Woodend Scout Hall following the service at the Woodend Information Centre. Our hall will be unavailable as renovations to the hall will hopefully have commenced. Poppy sales will be at Coles Supermarket as usual, so please support this worthy cause.

The Auxiliary's next big night to be held on the 6th December at the Woodend Golf Clubrooms will be the RSL Annual Christmas Dinner. Cost \$25pp and bookings are essential. There will be a giant raffle, so once again our girls will be selling tickets for this at Coles. Please support our cause as we work towards the re-opening of our RSL Hall. This has been a very traumatic time for us all and our Auxiliary, being the main fundraisers, have shouldered this task and proudly look forward to a better 2009 and a new look RSL Hall. As the Christmas Dinner will be our final fundraiser for 2008, let's make it a good one. Our Auxiliary will take our usual break over Christmas and the New Year, resuming our activities in February.

At our recent committee meeting we were pleased to welcome back two of our valued members, Barbara & Margaret

Kirsty Nuttall

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Residents can read and sign the petition online at <http://www.gopetition.com/petitions/keep-macedon-ranges-rural.html>, in local shops, or download a petition sheet from www.mrra.asn.au. Anyone in Victoria can sign until the end of November. For more information, call MRRA Secretary Christine Pruneau on 5427 1481.

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Plants are locally propagated and all products are made by a hardworking group of volunteers.

So if you are after a unique Christmas gift or just some bargain priced flowering plants, vegetables and herbs or potted peonies come along and join the fun.

Tea /coffee/cool drinks & scrumptious cakes will also be available at the Garden Café.

Garden Lotto will be a new & exciting addition to the day.

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It took a week but I've got one now and it's green and white and you can check it out. (<http://kathymexted.typepad.com>)

So it was then back to composing stories, and a paying gig was snagged.

Thrilled to be getting "money for words", the victory was bitter sweet, as the story is on Ferris's Auction Rooms. They've sold the building and the 92-year-old business will wind up some time in January.

On hearing the news, I threw myself on the floor and screamed. Concerned friends asked "Kathy! What are you going to do?"

Well ... I don't know!

As an avid auction hound with a crooked eye for a dodgy bargain, our house and shed harbour many 'auction finds' of varying usefulness.

Just as the commuters of Woodend have "train friends", we crooked eyed auction hounds have our "auction buddies", and we'll surely miss it. You can tell an auction buddies house, because the furniture has a life of it's own and comes and goes at will.

Who decides what's antique and what's trash anyway? And just because I bought another table, does that mean I have to keep it forever? Or forever in the one spot?

Of cold comfort, is that this forced change may haul the overdraft out of the red.

Of more comfort to the family, will be coming home to know that all the furniture is still there (including the beds).

Following The Last Hoorah, never again shall I (and my kind) scuttle home and say like generations before us, "LOOK WHAT I FOUND AT FERRIS'S".

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- How people can protect themselves
- Do you and your family know what to do if faced with a bushfire?
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- You should not expect a fire truck to defend your property
- You should not expect a personal warning.

If you would like more information visit cfa.vic.gov.au. A FREE informative free brochure 'Living with Bushfires' is also available.

Time to spring into action and clean up!

The bushfire season is approaching, and this year promises to be one of the most dangerous fire seasons for many years. NOW is the time to start preparing to reduce the risks of fire danger to you, your family and your property.

The ferocity of a fire depends on a number of factors, including the weather, slope of the ground and especially the amount of 'fuel' on and around your house or property. Fuel is the only factor that can be altered before an unplanned fire starts. Fuel reduction is therefore one of the most important preventions you can undertake, with the most effective methods including mowing, raking, slashing and burning.

The importance of reducing 'growth' fuel

A well maintained property will reduce the fire intensity and make it safer for you to stay and defend your home. Even though the grass may still be quite green, it only takes a bit of warm weather to start to dry things out. So, make sure grass is cut regularly and weeds are kept in check.

Also ensure all vegetation around the house is pruned, especially any overhanging branches. If you have large trees on

your property, keep an eye on them and specifically, look out for what's growing underneath them as this can be the biggest fire threat as this provides fuel in case of an ember attack.

An ember attack is the result of leaf, bark and twig matter drifting from the main fire and falling in and around a property, starting one or more additional 'spot' fires. In the case of a large bush fire, embers can fall many kilometres ahead of the fire front with strong winds.

Clear ground around trees from dead undergrowth and fallen branches, and prune any shrubs or plants so their tops are well away from tree branches. If you live on a slope, greater ground clearance is desirable, especially under established trees.

Embers can also fall on a wooden deck, or enter through a roof cavity or even land on a door mat. Also remove leaves and twigs from roof gutters– something you should do on a regular basis.

The Fire Season will start soon – so this is your last chance to burn off!

Be careful burning off – even a small fire

For small clearing fires, a permit is normally not needed, however there are still strict guidelines you should be aware of.

By law, the size of pile of material being burned must not exceed 2 cubic metres, and you should clear a firebreak at least 3 metres around a fire.

The space above the fire, and the space above 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 burnoffs require a Council Permit

Larger burn offs, such as piles of stumps, etc.. require a council 'Permit to Burn'.

To make sure, check the local laws via the internet (www.macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au) or visit your nearest Macedon Ranges council information centre, where the application forms are available.

The CFA can also assist with controlled burn offs to ensure that they are handled efficiently and safely.

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

Are you a railways buff? At our last look, incredibly no one with this particular interest turned up! At our previous sale, the collection of railway books and magazines we had were all purchased by avid collectors who informed us that they were "just great." The good news is that since then we have found quite a lot more railway related material. (You may remember that we have received a donation of over 1000 books, the life work of a book collector who had a wide variety of interests and we are still in the process of sorting them and pricing them for sale). As our next book sale will probably not be held until next year, we have decided to make this railway collection available for inspection and/or purchase at the Court House on Wednesdays. First in, first served!

While on the topic of railways, the following account of an almost mythical piece of Woodend's early history will be well known to many long-time residents of the district. It was an event which received great publicity at the time, and one which we have felt is worth "keeping alive" through publication. Interestingly, we first published it in The Record – an early Woodend & District Heritage Society publication in 1979 and again in Heritage News in April 1998.

This extract is taken from the Annual Report of the Royal Humane Society of Australia, 1910. Case No 2625. Award – Gold medal.

James Henry, Woodend, works foreman Victorian Railways, aged 49, who risked his life in stopping a runaway train near Sunbury on January 25th 1910. A heavily laden wheat train of 41 trucks, from Woodend to Melbourne, got out of control between Macedon and Gisborne, the Westinghouse brake failing to impede the speed. The train travelled at over 60 miles per hour through Riddell and Lancefield junction stations. The speed decreased on the level country, but on the falling grade, nearing Sunbury, it accelerated and the train was travelling at 80 miles an hour, and at this rate she tore through the Sunbury Station. Foreman Henry, who was in the van, then realized that unless something special was done there was nothing to stop the train running down to Melbourne and crashing into the suburban traffic. He therefore left the van about three quarters of a mile on the Melbourne side of Sunbury and clambered over the wheat trucks. On each truck as he passed over he let down the handbrake and ratched it. Altogether he braked 33 trucks and eventually stopped the train 9 miles from the spot where he left the van. The oscillation of the trucks and the fact that two of them were covered with tarpaulins made the task one of great danger. Foreman Henry's clothes were badly torn and his hands cut.

Welcome to the Woodend Star

Kids Club November Birthdays

3rd	Ria Thompson.....	Turns 11
3rd	Bailey Thorne	Turns 3
4th	Elizabeth Brand.....	Turns 7
6th	Alice Meacham.....	Turns 7
7th	Alex Plant	Turns 3
8th	Jared Gregoirc.....	Turns 11
9th	Jacob Lamb.....	Turns 7
9th	Harry Sanderson	Turns 11
10th	Alice McKinnon	Turns 9
14th	Allan Johnson Molina.....	Turns 4
15th	Aaron Murphy	Turns 13
18th	Ruairi Daws	Turns 13
20th	Keira Lupson	Turns 7
21st	Jemparra Hickie	Turns 2
22nd	Saige Gostelow	Turns 11
22nd	Aden Cooper	Turns 7
24th	Casey Lupson.....	Turns 10
25th	Bryson Gilbert.....	Turns 7
26th	Juliette Johnson Molina	Turns 1
27th	Jamieson Muir.....	Turns 8
28th	Kheldar Tanner.....	Turns 11
28th	Hayden Habjan	Turns 12
29th	Emily Davidson.....	Turns 8
29th	Liam Gregoire	Turns 10
29th	Zoe Forristal.....	Turns 12

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Street festival returns to Woodend WOOMBA – Saturday, November 29

The biggest fling this Spring will hit the colourful flag lined High Street of Woodend at the end of November. Following on from the success of last year's WOOMBA, the centre of town will again be filled with festivities on Saturday, November 29 from 9am to 4pm.

A highlight of the festival will be an afternoon street parade at 1pm. Children are encouraged to see if their school or sports club is marching as a group and join in the fun. There will be plenty of assorted stalls including Christmas craft and wine tasting, a Christmas decoration and bike decorating competition for children of all ages, stage performances and buskers. Of course, there will also be a feast of mouthwatering food and refreshments.

The Royal Australian Air Force Roulettes will take to the sky, leaving festival goers in awe of their flying skills, and the Victorian Mounted Police will be leading the parade on their horses. Professional photographer Marnie Tole will be taking photos of children with Santa. Live music will feature throughout the day including two sets from the 30-piece Western Region Concert Band. Belly dancing, tap and hip hop performances, table tennis demonstrations and a children's jumping castle are some of the more energetic attractions planned.

Tickets for the WOOMBA raffle are now available free from participating businesses when you spend \$10 or more. You will be able to buy more on the day. Winners will be drawn on the festival stage at 2:30pm. There will also be fantastic prizes to win on the spinning wheel – all donated by local businesses. Make sure you mark WOOMBA down on the calendar. It promises to be a great family day out and offers a chance to do some relaxed Christmas shopping. It is also a fine opportunity to introduce others to the delights of Woodend and the Macedon Ranges.

Why not send your friends and families a flier that you can pick up at local businesses! Bookings are still being taken for stallholders. Fees are \$25 for arts & crafts stalls, and \$45 for food stalls. Buskers need to book and pay \$10 to perform.

The WOOMBA committee is again extremely appreciative of the overwhelming support for the street festival from local businesses. For more details about WOOMBA or to book a stall or busking spot contact Julie on 5427 2250 or email wilsonannan@mac.com. Anyone interested in helping the committee organise the event or be involved on the day is also warmly encouraged to contact Julie.

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This is advanced notice of a wonderful opportunity to spring into summer and participate in a community event that promises to get bigger and bigger. All proceeds go to local charitable causes. Formidable cash prizes are also on offer.

Primary school children run/walk in the 5km event free of charge. Bullarto Primary School won for the first time the \$200 Primary School's Prize last year (greatest participation of participants in both runs as a proportion of the total school roll). They will be out to defend their title against all comers this year. This should serve as encouragement to all primary schools in the area (especially those with small rolls) to get involved!

All information (including discount pre-registration details), past results and pretty pictures are on a marvellous web site at www.coolcountryclassic.com or alternatively email akincaid@vicbar.com.au for information ring Andrew on B: 03 9225 6827

Help needed!

This photograph has been donated to the Local & Family History Resource Centre and is No 676 in our collection. It appears to be a team taken in the old youth hall building which was converted to the present library. When was it taken and who are the people? If you can help call in to the Court House in Forest Street, Woodend on a Wednesday.



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Players of all levels, whether they wish to be a permanent or emergency player, are invited to go along to the tennis club, behind the Woodend swimming pool, between 10am and 1pm.

Children are very welcome on the day and current players often bring their children along on competition days (NB: no formal child care is provided).

The next season starts in early February and matches are played against other club teams each Tuesday from 10am to around 1pm (no competition during school holidays). It is a great way to meet a whole range of people in the community, with a luncheon after each match.

It doesn't matter if you are a serious tennis player or one who prefers a hit and giggle, the Woodend Tennis Club has room for men, women and juniors.

The club has teams entered in Midweek Ladies, Juniors (Sat. morning), Mixed Open (Sat. afternoon) and Mixed Night tennis (Thursday night) competitions.

Teams for the next night competition are due in by the end of November. Interested players can contact Trudy on 5427 3524.

Midweek Ladies inquiries: Kellie, 5427 1857

Juniors: Murray, 5427 4487

Night Tennis: Paul, 5427 2510

The courts are available for casual hire (key available from tourist information centre) and the clubhouse can be booked by individuals or groups for meetings and functions. Cost is \$25 per hour or \$15 for regular users. For Clubhouse Hire information contact Nadine on 5427 1571.

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The 7km fun run/walk will start at 11am. Registration is \$20 family, \$10 single and \$5 (16 years & under). Early bird discount of \$2 applies. To register contact Martina on 0409 542 912. Afternoon activities will cost a gold coin donation. There will be a sausage sizzle, games, fairy, facepainting and a special visit from Mother Claus at 2pm.

The 2009 Relay For Life at Lancefield Park will be held over the weekend of February 28 – March 1. To register for or find out more about the event – which assists cancer research, education, advocacy and support services – visit www.relayforlife.org.au or ring Melissa McCarthy on 0438 831 427 or contact The Cancer Council of Victoria on 1300 65 65 85.

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