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Woodend Childrens' Park

After two and a half years of solid planning, grant submitting and fundraising, the Woodend Children's Park is finally coming to life for all to see. Kids faces are wearing a cyclone fence inprint as they stare from behind the barrier in excitement at the construction now heavily underway on the Nicholson Street site. Equipment has been shipped in from around the world and installed, and the ground is being carefully shaped into the formations and special areas that will indeed make this a world class facility. Incredible generosity has been shown by local trades donating equipment and valuable time to construct the park, in particular Mick White Earthmoving, Altitude Electrics and ADD Plumbing and Gas which have laid the foundations for BBQ's, water bubblers, and 3 phase power for potential live performances to be shown in the park for lighting and wired sound.

Fencing is due to be built shortly, thanks to the very generous support of Unique Redgum and the services of Neil Turner who will create the front entrance way. Volunteers are looking to build the fence around the toddler area and create safe barriers in areas around the creek. Landcare has been a great partner of the park, and is assisting us in beautifying the creek area further. We have a working bee planned for Sunday June 14th, to clean up the creek area between 9-1pm, if anyone is handy with a whipper snipper or pruners - unfortunately no kids allowed for safety reasons. The park will continue to be under construction over Winter, providing a great deal of distraction for the townsfolk to pass the grey months by. Overall funding for the park has a \$30,000 shortfall currently, if anyone has any spare funds available, we would like to stress that due to our partnership with the People and Park's Foundation, we are totally tax deductible, and can provide permanent signage recognition for this gesture.

The funds will go directly to additional fencing, seating and shelters. Fundraising is still very much ongoing, so please pop down and see us in High Street on Queen's B'day weekend and pick up a sausage!

Pavers can still be bought at May Five Gifts. A big thank you to all the volunteers who have supported this wonderful cause to date, there are plenty of opportunities to still participate and we can be contactable through our website: www.woodendweb.org/childrenspark Seeing this project bring the entire town and district together, with the result being such an important facility for all community members to enjoy for years to come, has been an exciting, unique experience. For donation enquiries please call Kelly on 0412 420 146 or 0417 440 228.



Breaking Festival news

In just a few days, the Woodend Winter Arts Festival will be in full swing. Here's the latest news so that you know what's on and what's sold out!

The following events have SOLD OUT: Catherine Deveny *Stirring*, Michael McCoy & Richard Aitken *Botanical Riches*, Flynn Silver, Japanese Drumming both sessions, Don Watson *American Journeys*.

These events are SELLING FAST: Monday *Octets*, Sunday night *Ensemble Gombert*, Friday both *Flamenco* sessions, Saturday night *Virtuoso Cello*. Some of these may sell out before the weekend.

Buses for Tubby the Tuba will leave from Clocktower and Visitor Info Centre from 1.30 pm till 2.15 pm on Saturday. Your ticket to Tubby the Tuba includes free transport. No parking at Braemar.

Lots of FREE STUFF: sessions for kids of all ages at the Woodend Library 10.30 am Saturday, pottery exhibition at Woodend and art exhibition in Malmsbury, Pub Philosopher Roger Sworder, local identity Athol Guy.

www.woodendwinterartsfestival.org.au for information

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Woodend Star Publication Dates for 2009

July	29th June
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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	2009	
January	21.2	47.4	49.8	83.5	17.1	0.0	Jan
February	6.2	72.2	53.1	27.4	22.1	0.0	Feb
March	19.0	5.8	20.6	35.7	25.4	32.3	Mar
April	41.2	18.8	46.4	20.2	20.4	38.6	Apr
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		Aug
Sept	31.7	55.2	50.6	49.8	42.0*		Sept
Oct	38.9	49.8	5.2	12.1	13.0*		Oct
Nov	111.0	72.4	13.0	91.0	67.2		Nov
Dec	144.2	40.0	31.0	101.2	96.0*		Dec
YTD:	720.6	693.8	486.9	739.8	600.3	70.9	YTD

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

Figures for 2008 include information from a different location indicated by *. This has resulted in a slightly different total than the official BOM totals.

**There was no rain in
January or February 2009.**

Woodend Senior Citizens

There will be a general meeting on Friday the 5th of June, this meeting will commence at 10am as we will have a guest speaker at 11am, from Country Care (rehabilitation and mobility equipment) Owen Kelly. Fun afternoon will take place at 1:30 pm and cards at 1:30 pm on the 5th of June in the afternoon.

There is carpet bowls on Friday mornings; cards each Friday 1:30 pm, Bingo each Tuesday at 1:30pm. All seniors of Woodend are very welcome at all our activities.

Submitted by Norma Richardson

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The family of Luke Wilson would like to extend our most grateful thank you to members of the Woodend community and surrounds.

After the death of our son, we have had support that has been overwhelming, by way of meals, visits, phone calls, flowers, plants, cards, gift vouchers from local businesses, staff on call for our business.

Special thanks to the members of the Woodend Golf Course and the officers of the Local Victorian Police on the day of the funeral.

If there was anywhere to be living after such a tragedy it would be Woodend. This community has the true Aussie Spirit that join together in helping its' members in times of crisis.

There have been many people that we send a special appreciation and you will know who you are. Thank you.

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Police concerned about dog-baiting

Woodend Police, the RSPCA and residents of Urquhart, Duffy, Hendley, Anslow and Burke Streets are very concerned about a spate of recent dog baiting events that have killed at least five dogs in those streets since December 2008/January 2009.

The most recent incident was at 3am on Monday 25th May in Hendley Street and resulted in the death of a much-loved dog. The distress caused to these animals is extreme, resulting in a cruel and painful death. Their owners are distraught and helpless at the loss of a much loved family member.

The RSPCA recently issued a letter to the neighbourhood to highlight these incidents and warn residents to be vigilant and keep their dogs safe. The RSPCA reminds us that wilful, unnecessary and unjustifiable harm to an animal is treated very seriously. The use of a poison is of particular concern, as it would appear that the intention of the offender/s is not only to cause the death of an animal, but to inflict pain and suffering as well. Offenders face being charged with two offences under the *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act*, which can result in penalties and imprisonment.

Woodend Police have begun an investigation into these incidents, and residents are asked to report any suspicious behaviour to **Woodend Police on 5427 2610** or **Crimestoppers on 1800 333 000**. In addition, information can be given to **Amy at Bendigo RSPCA on 5441 2676** or **Macedon Ranges Shire Council By-laws Officers on 5421 9670**.

Of greatest concern to local Police is that dog bait may be picked up by young children. Dog baits in these recent attacks have killed dogs that are more than 20kg. The consequences of a young child handling or eating a bait intended for a dog could result in severe illness and/or death.

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The Central Highlands GP Network, Cobaw Community Health, Macedon Ranges Health Services and Kyneton District Health Service and the Macedon Ranges Shire Council are investigating barriers and opportunities to assist the older members within our community to lead better and healthier lifestyles.

Following on from a series of 14 community consultations across the Shire in April and May this year, a series of three summary findings sessions will be conducted across the Macedon Ranges Shire. Your attendance or representation from your practice at one of these sessions advertised on the enclosed flyer would be extremely valuable.

These sessions are both for service providers across the Shire as well as community members are being encouraged to attend.

Dates of the summary sessions are:

23rd June 10.30 am at Kyneton Administration Centre, Town Hall, Kyneton.

26th June 10.30 am at Romsey Administration Centre, Mt William Room, Main Street, Romsey

29th June 10.30 am at Gisborne Administration Centre, Council Chambers Room, 40 Robertson Street, Gisborne.

All meetings include a light lunch.

For more information and to RSVP for the session, please feel free to contact: Nikki on 03 5422 0250 or via email n.pante@macedonranges.vic.gov.au

More Festival Fun

Fireworks set to go!

As part of this year's Woodend Winter Arts Festival, there will be a fireworks display to celebrate the performance of Handel's Firework Music. The fireworks will be held on the St Ambrose School oval, at approximately 9.15 pm on Sunday night, 7th June. Even if you can't get to the performance, come along and enjoy the display.

Flamenco Fun & Paella night

Friday night's opening concerts are two performances by Sydney group Flamenco Crew. To start off your evening, why not book in at Templeton's restaurant across the road from the Hall, for their themed Paella night. With varieties to suit both non-seafood and seafood lovers, it's bound to be a fun way to start your evening. See the advert in this issue for information.

Extra Octet concert scheduled to meet demand

Monday's usual string quartet concert was doubled in the form of an octet this year! The organisers hadn't realised how popular this would be and have had to schedule a repeat performance! A new concert is scheduled for 1.30 pm on Monday, making for two performances one after the other. The performers are excited at being asked to repeat their concert ... there's nothing like being a sought-after event! So if you missed tickets to the noon performance of the Mendellsohn and Bruch Octets, here's your chance to book a ticket for the second performance or take your chance on the day with a ticket at the door.

Box Office news

The Festival box office will once again be at the St Ambrose Primary School and will open on Friday afternoon for ticket collections and purchases. During the festival the box office will be open from 9am to the final concert. Tickets for events can be purchased here rather than the venue door.

Seating in the church and hall venues are allocated this year, so it is in your interest to purchase tickets prior to the concert to ensure you receive a seat.

Free events

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2009 AMBA Vic AGM a HUGE Success

The 2009 AMBA Vic AGM hosted by SunRanges Twins Plus Inc. and proudly supported by Bodywise Underwear was an outstanding success.

SunRanges Twins Plus Inc. is a not for profit support group for families of multiples and are affiliated with the Australian Multiple Birth Association (AMBA). SunRanges Twins Plus Inc. provides a valuable service to new and expectant mums by linking them to AMBA and offering local support by way of our weekly playgroup and monthly "New & Expectant Mums Coffee Mornings". We currently have 116 families in our club and cover a wide area including Sunbury, Gisborne, Romsey, Woodend, Melton, Sydenham, Riddells Creek and Macedon. We also provide our members with a monthly newsletter, social events, information nights, equipment hire and an extensive library.



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The Australian Multiple Birth Association (AMBA) is also a not-for-profit volunteer organisation that provides support, resources and education to families and/or carers with multiple births. The national organisation that exists today had humble beginnings as a "mother's of twins" club based in Newcastle NSW formed in 1969. By 1974, this one club had grown requiring the formation of a national governing body to support the many local clubs all over Australia. Today there are multiple birth clubs in every State and Territory of Australia with membership of around 5000 families.

The State AGM held on 16th May 2009 at Macedon Spa was attended by 48 delegates from 14 AMBA clubs and 2 guest speakers. The scene was set from the moment guests walked in and saw the beautiful view of the Macedon Ranges, given a fabulous bright purple Contours goodie bag and a folder that was the height of professionalism.

The day got under way with a brief introduction by the host club followed by an update on the Publications available from AMBA National. The first of the guest speakers was Shiona Long, Life Coach and owner of Authentic Success. Shiona presented a very interesting, thought provoking speech about wearing the various hats in our life and the most important one is the ME hat which should be worn daily. Shiona's website www.authenticsuccess.com.au is also very interesting.

Following Shiona we had a brief morning tea break with delicious scones with jam and cream ready for our celebrity speaker Nicole Livingstone. Nicole spoke about her career in the pool and how that did not compare to the challenges of parenting multiples. She also spoke about the competitiveness in multiples and the importance of physical activity in children. She was very open, honest and real about her parenting journey and very easy to listen to.

The afternoon session was all about the AGM and electing a new committee however we did find time for a birthday cake to celebrate SunRanges Twins Plus Inc. 10 year anniversary.

Each guest in attendance received a wonderful pair of briefs which they could select the colour, style and size proudly donated by Bodywise in Woodend (www.bodywise.com.au) as well as lots of gifts in their goodie bags. We had lots of spot prizes for the day which we had lots of lucky recipients.



New President Karen, special guest Nicole Livingstone and Bree Mort

Special Playgroups Starting in June

Woodend Playgroup is starting up two special playgroups this month - one specifically for Pre-Schoolers (aged 4-5 years) and the other for Younger Children (aged 2-3 years).

The Pre-Schoolers playgroup will meet on Wednesday afternoons at the Woodend Playgroup centre in Forest Street from 12.30. This group is specially offered to those families wanting to further socialise their children in readiness for starting school in 2010. A variety of group led activities are also possible to run during the sessions including arts and crafts, cooking and interactive play. The facilities available support a wide range of indoor and outdoor play and encourage interaction with the other children. Younger siblings are also welcome.

The Younger Children group will meet on Mondays from 11am-1pm. It is aimed at children aged 2-3 years to encourage their play and interaction in a safe, group setting with other parents and children present. Woodend Playgroup offers fantastic play possibilities including outdoor and indoor play structures, many ride on toys, dress ups, a huge variety of toys and art and craft materials. The group can also make use of the kitchen facilities for cooking activities and providing snacks and meals during playgroup. Siblings of other ages are also welcome.

For more information, please contact our Enrolments Officer, Nicole Cooper, on 5427 4812. Group numbers are limited to a maximum of 18 children so call soon to ensure your place. If these times do not suit you, please get in touch as we have playgroups running every day of the week. All families are welcome at Woodend Playgroup and we will do our best to match you to a group that suits your needs.

Submitted by Nicole Cooper



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Paul McCarthy and Hayden Evans are organising a Depression and Mental Awareness Evening on Saturday 22 August 2009 at the Kyneton Shire Hall. Hayden is a former Trentham resident now living in Melbourne and Paul has been both a player and coach of several different sporting clubs around the Macedon Ranges over the past 20 years.

Depression and Mental Illness touches more people than all of us often acknowledge. Suicide is too often the sad end to lives needlessly wasted. We ourselves have been affected by the loss of loved ones and friends. We have decided to do something – take action. But we can't do it alone – we need YOUR help to make a difference. Our aim is to make the community more aware of the symptoms of depression and mental illness and, if anyone is experiencing any symptoms, we want to encourage them to speak out and realise that they are not alone and that there are avenues to talk about their problems.

We would not have been able to even initiate this event and generate the momentum we hope will perpetuate without the very tangible assistance from so many organisations, businesses and individuals. The Shire of Macedon Ranges has been behind us from the start and is providing the facilities and further support.

In association with beyondblue: the national depression initiative, One in Five and the Sunrise Foundation, we will have several key speakers on the night. Comedians, a live band and many more surprises will ensure we have a great night. Plus heaps of fabulous give-aways.

This topic is one that touches so many of us and is something that shouldn't be ignored. Our theme, "Let's Break the Silence" identifies the need for everyone to speak out and reduce the stigma that is associated with mental illness.

For more information about the event, visit www.letsbreakthesilence.com.

Tickets go on sale and full line-up announced June 1. \$30 bookings 1300 88 88 02. All proceeds to be divided between Beyond Blue, Sunrise Foundation and One in Five.

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The New Woodend Star, May edition featured an article by Jo Clancy "Don't Rubbish Australia, specifically don't rubbish Woodend". Do any readers have any new ideas on how to keep Woodend clean?

There has been Tidy Towns competitions, Clean Up Australia Days, local council providing bins in the CBD area and of course individual and local school efforts. A rubbish bag for cars may help to prevent roadside litter! It has been suggested that walking groups, once per month, take a bag & glove and collect rubbish. Anybody interested in joining a monthly 'clean-up walk' please contact Clare on 5427 3897.



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The Color Me Cooper Closet & Family Fun Day held on Saturday 16th May proved to be a huge success, so much so that we kept the closet open on Sunday the 17th for everyone to enjoy. We must thank the Macedon Ranges Shire Council and the Lions Club Market enormously for allowing us to do so.

The total amount raised for Cambodian Kids Foundation was \$4320, This will ensure the children and young adults CKF assists in Cambodia will continue learning and growing into amazing people and role models for their younger generations.

This amount would not have been possible without the efforts of so many supportive people who continue, time and time again, to help Cambodian Kids Foundation.

We would like to show our appreciation to the following Friends, Bourkies Bakehouse, Glenn's Meats, Dean from Green Bean Coffee Machine, Heskett House, All CKF Board Members, Macedon Ranges Business Solutions, Pat Chivell for her ongoing support and cake making, and all the people that made beautiful cakes and slices for our cake stall. Arrow Home Entertainment for our fantastic jumping castle, Kyle & Mat, the boys on the barbie, Kleenheat Kyneton for supply the BBQ, all of our volunteers, and a special thanks to all the people that donated their money and picked up a bargain!

This fundraiser was such a success that the day has been dubbed "Cambodian Kids Festival" and will be held again towards the end of the year. We anticipate it will be bigger and better and more exciting than ever before, and we do hope you look forward to that!

If you would like to get involved in the next festival, or would like more info on CKF you can email me at emily@cambodiankidsfoundation.com or Donna at donna@cambodiankidsfoundation.com.

Submitted by Emily Siegert on behalf of Cambodian Kids Foundation.

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Submitted by Jo Clancy

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The Welsh are famous for the sheer magnificence of their singing in four part harmony. It touches the soul, expressing feelings of sadness, joy and love. There is a wonderful range of songs in the choir's repertoire from Welsh hymns, love songs and lullabies to Afro-American spirituals, opera choruses and modern musicals such as Les Miserables.

The Welsh have music in their soul and hearing these songs is always uplifting and enjoyable. The choir performed recently at the new Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Hall, at the Melbourne Recital Centre to a sellout audience. The Victoria Welsh Choir is the official choir at the Anzac Day Dawn and Midday Services at the Shrine in Melbourne.

At the 28th June concert the Melbourne Chapter is coming up to join the Bendigo Chapter to perform for central Victorian audiences at the McGillivray Hall, McCrae Street, Bendigo. The Concert will also feature 'Academic Brass', a group of professional musicians and music teachers from Bendigo. The concert will commence at 2.00 pm on Sunday 28th June. Tickets \$22.00 are available from Graeme Sargeant Tel : 54394323 and from Shop G064, Bendigo Market Place or at the door, subject to availability.

RSL Women's Auxiliary

Our auxiliary would like to thank all the many volunteers who helped us on ANZAC Day. It was very gratifying to see such a record crowd attend our service, the 7am breakfast and the morning tea. Also many thanks to Joy for her donation of a tray of lovely cream cakes, much appreciated. All in all a great day.

Our Karioke and dinner nights have been a huge success. Lovely home cooked meals, the bar open and a great time had by all. Our next night will be Friday 5th June and bookings are essential. We will be holding these nights on the first Friday of each month, so don't miss out as bookings are already coming in. Our thanks also go to Bill Payner who does a great job of putting up our posters around town, which saves us a lot of work.

Our hall has been booked for several functions in May and June, so if you are considering having a party, Wedding or other events, please make contact with the RSL on 5427 3122 or contact Reg at the RSL Office. Our rates are very reasonable, the bar is available and catering can be arranged if needed. Every assistance will be given to ensure that your special night is catered for.

We are pleased to say that our "sickies" are much improved and we hope that they continue along the road to good health. We hope to see Marie, Lola, Stella, Barbara and Margaret W back with us soon, Cheers girls! One of our girls has recently been on a cruise and tells us it was an experience not to be missed, she is saving for another cruise!

As we did not have a meeting early this month due to unforeseen circumstances, I will be notifying all members by letter as to the date of the next meeting.

Betty Barned, Secretary

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Upcoming Events & Meetings

June

- 1 Carlsruhe Landcare meet 7.30
- 3 Carlsruhe Community Planning Group 7.30 pm at Carlsruhe CFA
- 4 ADFAS Lecture Kyneton
- 5 Woodend Senior Citizens meeting at 10am
- 5-8 Woodend Winter Arts Festival, Queen's Birthday weekend
- 6 Home Produce Exchange group meeting in Woodend
- 6-8 "Have a Go" at Woodend Art Group, Woodend Railway Station
- 8 Queen's Birthday public holiday
- 11 Stress Management workshop at Woodend Neighbourhood Centre
- 13 First Aid Training Woodend Neighbourhood Centre
- 22-23 Film Makers Seminar at Lawson Lodge
- 28 Victorian Welsh Choir to perform in Bendigo
- 30 Bridge lessons begin Tuesdays for 8 weeks

October

- 4 Daylight Savings starts 2am
- 14 National Ride to Work Day www.bv.com.au
- 25 Woodend Teddy Bear Show, St Ambrose Hall

COMMUNITY GROUPS CONTACT DETAILS

Australian Breastfeeding Association, Heather 5427 2398
 Cobaw Thursday Walking Group 5427 3340
 Daylight Masonic Lodge, 5427 2480
 1st Woodend Scout Group, 5427 3788 Sarah
 Friends of Macedon Ranges Library, Chris/Bill 5427 2469
 Garden Club 5422 6062 / 5427 3340
 Living Word Christian Church 5429 6327
 Historical Society, Courthouse, 5427 2523
 Macedon Ranges & District Motor Club, 10 Webb Cres, New Gisborne 1st Wednesday each month 8pm
 Macedon Ranges Animal Aid, Buffalo Sports Stadium, 5427 1752
 Macedon Ranges Bridge Club, 5427 4440
 Macedon Ranges Families of Children with Disabilities Support Group, 5427 3365
 Macedon Ranges Residents Assc. 5427 1481 or 5427 2651
 Macedon Ranges Communicators (ITC), 5427 2669
 Macedon Ranges Photographic Society, 1st Tues of month, Ron Mathews 5427 3284
 Macedon Ranges Social Club (activities for singles over 35) phone 9740 5517 or 9744 2697
 Neurological Support Group "Contacts", Woodend Community Centre
 Panic & Anxiety Group, 5427 8256
 Parents & Carers of Children with Special Needs, Woodend Community Centre
 Probus, 5427 2003
 R.S.L., Anslow Street 5427 3122
 Red Cross, 5427 1260
 Rotary Club of Woodend, meetings weekly at Vic Hotel Thursdays 6.45pm, Kai 5427 1029
 St. Mary's Guild, 11am, 4th Wednesday of month
 St. Mary's Street Stall, 9-12 noon outside Woodend Newsagency (2nd Sat of the month)
 Woodend & Five Mile Creek Landcare Group, Jo 5427 1909 or Doug 5427 0666, 3rd Tues Meeting, 4th Sunday Working Bee
 Woodend Angling Club, RSL Hall, 5427 2395
 Woodend Art Group, Railway Station, 5422 6172 or 5427 1659
 Woodend Business & Tourism Association, Cori 5427 3434, 2nd Tues of month (BATA)
 Woodend Lions Club, Meetings 2nd/4th Wednesday each month, ph Maureen Dougherty 5427 4949
 Woodend Model Railway Club, Buffalo Stadium
 Woodend Pony Club, 5427 2793
 Woodend Senior Citizens Club, Comm. Centre
 Woodend SES Training Nights, Urquhart St
 Woodend Winter Arts Festival Inc., Jacky 5427 1560

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10.30 am – 11.30 am **Lee Fox Jasper McFlea & Ella Kazoo Come to You!** Woodend Library **FREE** suitable ages 5+ yrs
10.30 am – 11.30 am **Simmons Howell Everything Beautiful About Writing**, Woodend Library **FREE** suitable ages 11+ yrs
12.00 noon – 1.00 pm **Alice Giles Harp Extravaganza** St Ambrose Church \$35 full / \$30 conc / \$20 U18
12.00 noon – 1.00 pm **Christine Stevenson Piano recital: Pictures** St Ambrose Hall \$35 full / \$30 conc / \$20 U18
1.30 pm – 4.30 pm **Arnold Zable Workshop: The Power of Story** Woodend Library \$45 full / \$30 conc
1.30 pm – 3.30 pm **The Cultural Pavlova Lecture / afternoon tea** Campaspe House \$25 full / \$20 conc
2.30 pm – 3.30 pm **Alex Papps & Scotch College Orchestra Tubby the Tuba** Heyward Hall, Braemar College \$10 all tix, inc. transport
4.00 pm – 5.00 pm **Sally-Anne Russell & Samantha Cohen Purcell: British Orpheus** St Ambrose Church \$35 full / \$30 conc / \$20 U18
4.00 pm – 5.00 pm **Anne Harvey-Nagl & John O'Donnell Beethoven, Spring Sonata** St Ambrose Hall \$35 full / \$30 conc / \$20 U18
5.30 pm – 7.00 pm **Athol Guy Follow your Dream** The Victoria Hotel upstairs **FREE**
8.00 pm – 9.00 pm **Ensemble Gombert & Accademia Arcadia Music for a King** St Ambrose Church \$35 full / \$30 conc / \$20 U18
8.00 pm – 9.00 pm **Li-Wei Qin & En Pei Lin Virtuoso Cello** St Ambrose Hall \$35 full / \$30 conc / \$20 U18 - **LIKELY TO BE SOLD OUT**

SUNDAY 7th JUNE

10.00 am – 4.30 pm **Macedon Ranges Potters Pottery Exhibition: ART IN CLAY** Cobaw Community Centre **FREE**
10.00 am – 11.00 am **Don Watson American Journeys** The Bentinck - **SOLD OUT**
11.00 am – 12.00 noon **Wadaiko Rindo Performance Japanese Drumming performance** Woodend Primary School Hall - **SOLD OUT**
12.00 noon – 1.00 pm **Flynn Silver 10 Pieces of Silver** - **FULLY BOOKED OUT**
12.00 noon – 1.00 pm **Alice Giles Harp Extravaganza** St Ambrose Church \$35 full / \$30 conc / \$20 U18
12.00 noon – 1.00 pm **Christine Stevenson Piano Recital: Pictures** St Ambrose Hall \$35 full / \$30 conc / \$20 U18
2.00 pm – 3.00 pm **Wadaiko Rindo Workshop Japanese Drumming workshop** Woodend Primary School Hall - **SOLD OUT**
2.00 pm – 3.00 pm **Catherine Deveny with Mary Delahunty Stirring! A Great Aussie Tradition** The Bentinck - **SOLD OUT**
4.00 pm – 5.00 pm **Sally-Anne Russell & Samantha Cohen Purcell: British Orpheus** St Ambrose Church \$35 full / \$30 conc / \$20 U18
4.00 pm – 5.00 pm **Anne Harvey-Nagl & John O'Donnell Beethoven, Spring Sonata** St Ambrose Hall \$35 full / \$30 conc / \$20 U18
5.30 pm – 6.30 pm **Dr. Roger Sworder Heraclitus on Accident & Intelligent Design** The Victoria Hotel upstairs **FREE**
8.00 pm – 9.00 pm **Ensemble Gombert & Accademia Arcadia Music for a King** St Ambrose Church \$35 full / \$30 conc / \$20 U18 followed by fireworks display 9.15pm St. Ambrose Oval - **LIKELY TO BE SOLD OUT**
8.00 pm – 9.00 pm **Li-Wei Qin & En Pei Lin Virtuoso Cello** St Ambrose Hall \$35 full / \$30 conc / \$20 U18

MONDAY 8th JUNE

10.00 am – 4.30 pm **Macedon Ranges Potters Pottery Exhibition: ART IN CLAY** Cobaw Community Centre **FREE**
10.00 am – 11.00 am **Richard Aitken with Michael McCoy Botanical Riches: Stories** Café Colenso - **SOLD OUT**
12.00 noon – 1.00 pm **Josephine Vains & Friends Mendelssohn & Bruch Octets** St Ambrose Church \$35 full / \$30 conc / \$20 U18
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Cambodian Kids Foundation News

A beautiful country garden played host on the Mother's day weekend, for the Cambodian Kids Foundation's very first Autumn Ramble Amongst the Roses.

Angella Graham was very generous in opening her garden to help raise almost \$3000 that will go towards the new Attitude Centre for Education that the Cambodian Kids Foundation set up in February.

The garden that has been ten years in the making, debuted on Saturday 9th of May at 10am and saw its first guest right on the dot. Everyone was excited to see that some one had arrived and we were all on our toes ready to serve them Devonshire tea in the blink of an eye, but they were happy to just meander around the garden and enjoy the roses. More people arrived and chaos erupted in the kitchen when our first Devonshire tea order was put in. I never realised how much effort went into putting just the right amount of jam on a single scone. It took ten people and then an executive decision, before the correct amount was agreed upon. We were all relieved and pleased when the person came in and told us that they enjoyed the scones very much.

As the day wore on our jam spreading technique improved, but it wasn't until around two when the sun finally decided to poke its head out that our service skills were tested. With the sun came a crowd of people all wanting to sample our homemade scones or mixed cakes platter. As Fred Zeinstra describes ... it was enjoyable pandemonium. A great laugh, but an awareness of the organisation to be required. Saturday proved to be a critical day in which to hone our service skills in preparation for the following day, Mother's day.

Sunday arrived and with much better weather, including blue skies; just what we needed for a perfect Mother's day out in the garden. Many people came that day, most out to enjoy a delicious Devonshire tea with their mums, or just with their partners and friends. One couple in particular really touched our hearts on Mother's day. While we did serve Devonshire tea we also had a merchandise table, donated by Color Me Cooper, including beautiful cushions from India and Thailand. The lady from the couple was so taken by one of the cushions that she had to have it. So her partner bought it for her and as the cushion was passed over, tears came to her eyes as she told us that this will be the first piece of furniture for our new house. Our other one burnt down in the Black Saturday fires. She held the cushion tight so her first addition to her home had no chance at escape and walked out of the garden with a smile on her face. From all the volunteers who worked that day, we hope that the lady was able to find the perfect place to put her cushion on and that the cushion brings good fortune to her home.

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The garden looked stunning especially when the sun was out. Everyone enjoyed rambling amongst the roses in the country garden that Angella herself had designed with the help of her parents, Marjorie and William, who used to own the Barringo Valley Nursery. The Nyssa tree was on popular demand, with many people commenting on its beautiful autumn foliage of warm reds and golden yellows, as they walked though the garden.

All too soon the weekend was over. We all had fun whether it was painting faces, preparing or serving Devonshire tea or discussing Cambodian kids projects. I would just like to say a big thank you to everyone who helped out over the weekend. Angella for allowing us to use her garden and all the time and effort she put in to it. To her family: Mark, Daniel, Jen and Eliza who helped in the garden and on the day. To Ronnie, Ian S, who helped out on both days and made delicious cakes and slices. To my family for all the support they gave me and for being able to lend a hand and to Vincent and Marion for putting in their time to volunteer. To Jin Mi, Marjorie and William who helped not only in the garden but the kitchen, and everyone else in Angella's family who contributed. To Hanging Rock Winery, The Spa, Paramoor Winery, Color Me Cooper, Mt Gisborne Winery, Macedon Ranges Business Solutions, and Heskett House, for their donations of the raffle prizes and contributions towards making the Autumn Ramble a success. And also to everyone who came to the open garden and helped us to raise the money to help the children of Cambodia. The Weekend could not have happened without everyone's help and support in attending the events that the Cambodian Kids Foundation hold. We all had a good time with many laughs in our "enjoyable pandemonium" and I hope that you all enjoyed the weekend as much as I did and that we will be able to continue with raising awareness of the people of Cambodia. For the more we are able to make, the more we are able to give the Cambodian people a hand up and make a difference.

Submitted by Rebecca Zeinstra, Fundraising Coordinator,
Cambodian Kids Foundation

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State Budget delivers for Macedon Ranges

Dear friends

This year's State Budget brings some great news for our region with increased funding for local schools and our emergency services.

The highlights include \$6 million from the State Government to upgrade Gisborne Secondary College. The College will now provide more educational opportunities and resources for our young people by constructing new food technology kitchens, a Science Learning Centre comprising of three Science Labs and a Science IT Room as well as a new canteen and senior student lounge.

I'm also pleased to announce that the historic Mount Macedon Primary School will be upgraded in the next financial year, and Gisborne and Romsey Primary Schools will also be upgraded through the Labor Federal Government's 21st Century Library and Learning Neighbourhood program.

In recognition of the essential role that emergency services play in our community, the Romsey CFA will receive a replacement Light Pumper Truck and Gisborne and Woodend SES will receive new Road Crash Rescue kits to increase assistance at car accidents. The Budget also includes a new police station for Riddells Creek.

To improve rail services along the Bendigo Line, the State Government is also spending \$204.6 million to start the process of electrifying the Sydenham Line to Sunbury. This project will increase the capacity and reliability of the service between Sunbury and Sydenham which will in turn improve the service along the whole of the Bendigo Line.

Overall, the Brumby Labor Government is investing in our schools, hospitals, public transport and community services to ensure our local infrastructure meets the growing needs of our community while providing opportunities for local jobs in this difficult economic climate.

Warm regards,
JOANNE DUNCAN MP
State Member for Macedon

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

Visual Arts at Woodend Winter Arts Festival

Free visual arts events at this year's Festival include two exhibitions. The first is Art in Clay, with displays of local functional and sculptural pottery pieces by local potters, organised by Gilbert Buchanan. This was a successful event last year, and this year the Festival is delighted to have the same high quality of work on display.

The second exhibition is an installation by Caroline Williams, called 'Impropagana: A Pastoral of the Macedon Ranges'. The Exhibition will commence Sunday 7th June at 11am at Woodbine Art, 2644 Daylesford Road, Malmsbury, and continues through to 28th June.

Caroline Williams is also one of the presenters at "The Cultural Pavlova" a lecture and afternoon tea which will be held at Campaspe House on Saturday 6th June at 1.30 pm. Cost is \$25 of \$20 concession. To book for this lecture, phone the bookings line on 0447 570 327.



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Woodend Neighbourhood Centre

We recently celebrated National Volunteer Week, in conjunction with Neighbourhood House Month and really do appreciate the volunteers who give their time to the Neighbourhood Centre and throughout the Shire. Thank you to everyone, whether you give one hour or 20, every little helps. We welcome new people into the Centre regularly and if you have time we would like to meet you.

We are the recipients of a State Grant under the Modernisation of Neighbourhood House Program, through the Department of Planning and Community Development and will be upgrading our kitchen over the coming months. This is something we are really excited about.

We are planning our School Holiday program at present so please look in school newsletters towards the end of term for the full range of activities. If anyone would like to run a program please come and talk to me.

There are still opportunities to attend programs this month including

- Combined anaphylaxis and paediatric first aid training day on Saturday 13 June. You can book in for the full day or just anaphylaxis.
- Stress Management – this one day workshop will give you the skills to identify and manage stress. 11 June
- Safety in the Home – surprise yourself how much safer you could be – topics include chemical storage and use, fire safety (not bushfire) height and machinery safety. 16 May 2-5pm
- Walkers and cyclists welcome each week
- Digital camera club meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7.30pm, to share ideas, techniques, pictures and more

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A group painting by members will be auctioned over the weekend so everyone can join in the bidding. There will be plenty of time to browse the quality artworks before purchasing a favourite, and those interested can learn about the many activities of the Woodend Art Group over a cup of coffee. For more detail: 5427 1659.

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Submitted by Sue Gillis, Secretary of St Mary's Guild.

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News from Newham

Activity continues on the building sites, but slowly at the Hall. There has been lots of Autumn tree planting with our Landcare group – having a tree planting morning is a great way to get lots of plants into the ground quickly – my Dad used to call it “many hands make light work”, however he never remarked on the social getting together! In those days I think the emphasis was on the “work” word! For those who would like a mixture of both please contact Penny Roberts on 5427 0795. Penny is always happy to help people organise these things and there is equipment to help you too which makes it even easier!

The Mechanics Hall Committee is looking to make the Hall self sufficient and making the most of available solar grants. This would be a feather in our caps and bring us back into line with the purpose of Mechanics Institutes which was education. Part of the Grant process is quite extensive education and publicity programmes which would need to be developed and could be shared with other groups in Newham. We are blessed with many energetic and enthusiastic people all working to make our part of the world a better place to be.

We are also looking to implement our business plan, this means making the Hall more financially viable. Whilst we will be hiring the Hall out we don't want this to be a “wedding a week”. We would like all Newhamonians [there's that word again!] to think about membership of the Hall as part of living here. We are working on what this entails as a reliable revenue source annually would be a great help. If we want to keep the Hall in good nick for the next 100 years we need to have an ongoing revenue stream where the community chips in each year. There will be more on this, I am just putting it out there for thinking about. If you would like to comment or can come up with better ideas could you give Ian Miller(Pres) a ring please on 5427 0478, we would be very pleased to hear your ideas.

Cards group continues whilst building is in progress, if you are interested in playing euchre come along to the CFA shed on Monday nights, you will be very welcome.

Robyn Cohen is looking at initiating further phone tree groups to cover the Newham CFA area. Phone trees are the quickest way to inform each other about emergency situations which may impact on you. Each “tree” would cover a street/small area with a leader for each, who would link together to get a consistent message around quickly. Robyn would like to hear from all interested residents with their name, address, phone no's in order of preference [e.g. landline, mobile or vice versa] and your email address. She would also like you to indicate if you would be a “Tree Leader”

Robyn can be contacted at 5427 0038 or robyncohen@newham.vic.au.

Once the information has been collected and collated then you will be contacted about the next step.

Submitted by Sally Stabback

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Hosted by The Macedon Ranges Arts Collective (based at The Gallery, Mt. Macedon) all palettes will be on exhibition and for sale at Woodend Neighbourhood Centre, 47 Forest St, Woodend during the long weekend and after that at The Gallery, 684 Mt Macedon Road, Mt. Macedon until the end of June.

We invite you to come along and enjoy this unique event. The hours of opening are between 10am and 4pm on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, with the official opening on Saturday 6th June at 11am.

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Paul Holgate, originally from Darraweit Guim near Romsey, and wife Natasha Holgate started the business from their property in May 1999, and introduced their first beer later that year. Their range has now expanded to 10 different ales and lagers.

"We're very proud to have successfully made it to 10 years", said Head Brewer Paul Holgate, "and we're proud to be supporting the local community through jobs and the creation of one of the regions premier tourist attractions at our Hotel". The Holgates purchased the run-down Keatings Hotel in 2002 and renovated it completely to house their brewery, restaurant, bar and B&B style accommodation. The Brewhouse has since become a key tourism drawcard for the region, as well as a popular local watering hole.

"We're planning a year of celebrations", said Paul "and we have kicked off with the release of our NEW Nut Brown Ale on Friday 8th May. The new beer is now available at the hotel in draught and stubbies for a limited time".



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Home Produce Exchange and Open Produce Gardens

The Home Produce Exchange, supported by the Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group, has had an enthusiastic response since beginning last December, and attracted home food gardeners from around the Macedon Ranges. Many have enjoyed sharing their produce, making new friendships and exchanging stories and tips. The monthly meetings were held in the Woodend Community Permaculture Garden, behind Neighbourhood House in Forest Street, Woodend, on the first Saturday of each month. A beautiful selection of produce has been shared, from tomatoes, pumpkins, leeks, garlic and heirloom carrots, to manure, eggs, seeds and seedlings. The winter months are usually quiet in people's gardens, so no swaps will take place. The meetings will be replaced with produce garden tours on the first Saturday of the winter months, featuring a Woodend garden 6 June, Ashbourne garden 4 July and Karlsruhe garden 1 August. Voluntary gold coin donation. Next exchange meeting after winter is Saturday 5 September. If you are interested in attending the open produce gardens, please book with Kristina as places may be limited. Further details on booking.

Kristina Nelson, Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group



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Kerri's bears are partying

Four years ago Kerri Botwood fulfilled a long held ambition when she opened a teddy bear shop in her home town "at the end of the woods".

Her success is proof that turning a hobby into a business can work even in tough economic times. Kerri's Bundle of Bears is an enchanting haven in the heart of Woodend for not just teddy lovers but also quilting and craft enthusiasts, and anyone yearning for a dose of childhood nostalgia.

On June 4 the business celebrates its fourth birthday with an open invitation to everyone to enjoy up to 40% off on selected items in store for four days.

"Dreams really can come true," says Kerri.

This year has brought exciting business growth with the opening of a local warehouse to meet the huge demand for the Charlie Bears range of collectible "bears with personalities".

Kerri is the main Australian agent for the UK-based company and distributes to retailers nationally and in New Zealand. Much of the irresistible range can be viewed at the shop, and many collectors and suppliers are converging on Woodend with their wish lists. Owners of the company, William and Charlie, will be visiting the warehouse and will be in store on August 7 to sign Charlie Bears bags and bears for customers.

A gigantic "Charlie" bear is currently watching over the gorgeous shop window display, which in itself is a popular drawcard for local residents and visitors.

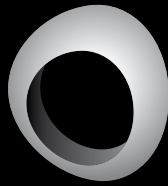
Kerri now has five employees (Sue, Michelle, Anna, Nadine and Jenny) to share the workload. All have specialty areas which help complement the owner's background in retail buying and merchandising.

Driving the business is a belief fostered by Kerri: "Teddy Bears can help mend broken hearts, rekindle memories and bring loved ones together again."

The Kerri's Bundle of Bears team and a dedicated group of volunteers are also gearing up for the 4th Woodend Teddy Bear Show on Sunday, October 25. The event has become a wonderful tourist attraction, with outstanding soft sculpture artists and a handmade teddy competition for amateurs and professionals. Proceeds from the show support the sponsorship of rescued and endangered bears in Asia.

So, if you want to treat yourself or someone else to a precious, cuddly, original new friend with no baggage, or feel an urge to create a bear of your own, patchwork quilt or embroidery, Kerri's Bundle of Bears is well worth a visit – and don't forget there will be bundles of birthday bargains from Thursday, June 4 to Sunday, June 7.





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College Principal John Flanagan said that these much needed facilities will enable the College to provide higher quality facilities, which will benefit students, staff and the Macedon Ranges community.

For any inquiries in regards to all that Gisborne Secondary College offers, please contact Jill Dalton on 5428 3691 or have a look at the College website on www.gisbornesc.vic.edu.au

New Synthetic Bowling Green

Bowlers in the Macedon Ranges will soon have access to a year round synthetic bowls facility following a successful funding application to the State Government for \$60,000 to construct a new synthetic green at the Woodend Bowling Club.

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The MRBC is a very friendly club and you will meet around 40 players who regularly turn up each Tuesday evening to play duplicate bridge at the Community Hall, Woodend Community Centre, Forest Street, Woodend.

The cost of the lessons is \$5 per session and includes a tea/coffee break. To book a spot or find out more about these lessons please contact the Rex Fox on 0427 309 800 or Peter Wells on 0407 302 308. More general information is also available on our website at <http://www.mrbc.asn.au>

Submitted by Peter Wells

Barb Davis - Chaplain

An 'ordinary day' is filled with tears, frustrations, failures, joy and laughter.

Barb Davis, based at Gisborne Secondary College says that chaplaincy is a job where no two days are the same. My long service leave started with the tragic death of an ex student and I felt that I was privileged to conduct his funeral at the time.

This year began with great anticipation and was met with tears and sorrow as we heard about the bushfires and stories of great tragedy.

I was able to be of assistance at Whittlesea Secondary College after the Black Saturday fires. My support of colleagues working in the affected areas led to me working at Whittlesea Secondary College for several days and being on call for conversations of encouragement and attending a memorial service and a funeral; listening to stories of students, staff and families affected by the fires. All this woven into the ordinary days.

The journey into Chaplaincy started almost 17 years ago as a relieving Chaplain at Footscray Girls School, now Gilmore College for Girls. This gave me a taste of life as a Chaplain which led me to applying to Strathmore Secondary College where I ministered to the school community for 11 years; I'm now in my fifth year at Gisborne Secondary College.

My role at Gisborne Secondary College is varied. I am there to offer support to the College community, counselling students, staff and parents. Working with small groups, assisting people in crisis and helping with school camps, programs and extra curricular activities.

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The Fire Danger Period is not over!

The official Summer Fire Danger Period has ended, but that does not mean that the fire danger period is over. While we attend most of our bush, grass and scrub fires over the warmer months, the CFA attends more structural fires (such as houses and sheds) in the cooler months. This is the time when people start using their fires, heaters and electric blankets again.

One of our common winter calls is to a chimney fire, where the heat from the fire below has actually ignited ash and debris that is lodged in the chimney. It is therefore wise to regularly check, and even have your chimney or flue cleaned.

Winter is not a time to stay cool!

Many people burn off piles of branches and cuttings during the cooler and wetter months, and while a permit is no longer needed to burn off, there are still strict guidelines you should be aware of. Lighting fires to clear unwanted vegetation can still be extremely dangerous. If a burn escapes and damages someone else's property, you could be held responsible.

By law you are meant to have cleared a firebreak of at least 3 metres around a fire, with the fire restricted to a controllable size. It is too dangerous to just set fire to a large pile and let it burn. You should also do the courteous thing and notify neighbours prior to the fire being lit, so that they can bring in washing and close doors and windows. If they are surprised by sudden smoke they may also unnecessarily call the CFA.

Dangers during winter

There is an increased risk of fire in the home during winter. Last year, CFA statistics show that one-third of all house fires started in the kitchen, 20% were caused by heat from fuel fires and fuel-powered objects such as stoves and heaters and another 20% from faulty or overloaded equipment.

Cooking Fires. One of the main reasons that fires start in the kitchen is from cooking. Never leave cooking unattended, keep stoves free of grease and fat, hang tea towels away, make sure exhaust fans are clean.

Electric Blankets. A common cause of domestic fire. Make sure they are flat on the bed and free of creases, as the wiring can be damaged. You should also never sleep with it on or leave it on during the day. If you have an old one, it would be wise to have it checked by a professional.

Clothes Dryers. The CFA is attending more and more fires where items that haven't been washed properly are being placed in clothes dryers and have actually spontaneously combusted due to the oils left in them due



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to the high temperatures. Also make sure you regularly clean the lint filter.

And above all else, make sure your smoke alarm is working.

You can check your hot spots on the web

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

Here you will find lots of useful information about appliances and places that will be found in nearly every home, and the dangers that they can present in winter.

A winter fire plan is also important

A recent survey indicated that more than 25% of children did not know what to do if a fire broke out in their home.

Have you discussed an evacuation procedure with your family in case of a house fire? Have you discussed with your children how to safely exit a building by crawling low

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A successful and entertaining annual dinner

The Woodend Fire Brigade recently celebrated its 113th year with a very successful annual dinner. It was attended by a record of nearly 130 people, including Woodend members and partners, guest Rohan Luke (Acting Operations Manager CFA Region 14), members of other emergency services and senior members from neighbouring CFA brigades.

Highlights of the evening were the presentation of a 25 Year Service Awards to Captain Mick Christie, Communications Officer Keith Mason and Richard Price.

Member of Year Award to Paul Burgess for an outstanding individual contribution over the last 12 months, and the Captain's Award to 2nd Lieutenant and Treasurer Steve Ritchie for tanker 'skills' demonstrated at a large burnoff.

Special Presentations were also made to Garry Dudderidge from Firebird Motors for his support, Heskett-Kerrie Captain Laurie Lovell for his assistance with driver training and an 'Aussie' Presentation to Woodend CFA members Amber Smeenk and Rene Vroombout who had recently been granted Permanent Residence in Australia.

Sincere thanks to the many local businesses who assisted the brigade with donations and support: Australia Post, Avery, Bella Beauty Salon, Bites, Blue Orange Concepts, Bodywise Underwear, Burkies Bakehouse, Café Colenso, Caras Matic, Chelleon for Hair, Chubb, Coles, Colliers Office Supplies, Colour Me Cooper, Dornau Group, E'Clips Hair & Beauty, Elephant Walk Café, Eloise & Ken, Enchanted Closet, Epigenetics, Excessories, Firebird Motors, Gisborne Cottage Flowers, Glenn's Country Meats, Maloah House Gourmet Delights, Habitat, Hair Blues, Hanging Rock Winery, Holgates Brewery, Jasper Art, Kerri's Bundle of Bears, Kosmac & Clemens, Literary Latté, Macedon Ranges Florist, Macedon Views, Marlins on High, May 5 Gifts, Mt Macedon Winery, Nature's Garden, New Leaves, Pink String, Plumrite, Shatzi's, Surge, Sweet Ideas, Switch, The Bakery, The Top Shop, 2 Birds in the Bush, Uncle Fester's, Victoria Hotel, Warners Jewellers, Woodend Bicycle Shop, Woodend Fruit Market, Woodend Nursery, Woodend Pharmacy, Woodend Simply Health, Zappa-do, Zarby's.

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, visit the station in Urquhart Street or our website: www.woodendcfa.org.

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Submitted by 1st Lieutenant Mike Dornau, Woodend CFA

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Last week was so cold and although I had plans with Jessica to attend Aerobics class I was desperately hoping she was going to call and cancel. Beep Beep I get that text I have been waiting for, I call it my "Get out of Aerobics Class Free Pass" but no, there was a hint of struggle in her text and she needed the encouragement to make the drive down to the stadium on that cold night to get warmed up and stretched out and sore to do her first Aerobics class since having 2 kids. So that was it, I sent an encouraging text back and we met at the centre at 7.30pm for the class. Without that support neither of us would have gone.

So we are offering for the month of June, "Encourage a friend to workout pass" for \$50 for a 10 visit pass which is valid till the pass is used up, and save \$35 on each pass. I know I wouldn't have worked out if I didn't have a friend to come and now it's part of our week and I feel like at least I'm trying.

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We had another great result for our Mother's Day Raffle, raising over \$1000 again!

Prizewinners were: 1st, "Rose" of Fern Hill; 2nd, "Sandra" of Trentham; 3rd "Nigel" of Woodend; 4th, "Gail" of Ashbourne.

Some people asked us what happens to the money we raise. Rest assured, this money goes directly towards providing needed equipment for patients, and not to the hospital's running costs.

Once again we have to thank you, the people who bought the tickets, or who gave a donation, for your wonderful support.

The Auxiliary's next meeting will be on Thursday July 9th, 1.30pm at the RSL Hall. Would you like to join us there?

Submitted by Jo Clancy.

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Rooflines

by Kathy Mexted

Here's how it goes when you're building. You take inspiration from Hampton Court Palace – marvelling at the gorgeous peaks and nooks and your own ingenuity at being able to replicate same. Oooh look, old Henry VIII was a man of taste and tolerance, and surely we could just do what he did?

But, the advisers arrive soon enough to kill the fun by rolling their collective eyes and banging on about rooflines. Ah the rooflines! That old chestnut!

As execution is no longer an option, negotiations begin and the first things to go are your courtyard, conservatory, wisteria walk, all the maids and the barley twist brick chimney. Gone? Really? You shrink a little, wondering what's so hard about making a chimney look like a chair leg, and what the hell is a roofline?

But once you've sorted your hips from your peaks and realigned the chimney with the cheque book, you find the holder of said cheque book waving his quill at you, and with a menacing flourish draws a determined black line (in the finest ink) around some graph paper declaring "At \$x/per sqm, we can't go outside that space".

You smile and nod and consider yourself luckier than some, as having already borne a son you get to keep your head long enough for work to begin.

During construction, it becomes apparent that persons unknown have intercepted the plans and the library is now the mud room, the pool room is labelled "pantry", the office is now the size of a cupboard, and the cupboard that was the laundry, is now the size of the office.

Come on guys. Don't get tense! Where else is she gonna hide the mess when your mother comes to visit? Or just hide? Remember you sacked the maid back in para 3!

Full credit to the tradesmen who have seen it all before and seem to know when to speak, and when to bury their heads in a bucket and either trowel on – or call in the court jester.

Never mind girls. What you miss out on the palace, you make up for the in the garden. It's a 500 year project.

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Heritage Society News

Do you have any local maps or subdivision plans which could be added to our collection?

Some while back we were donated a large vertical map (or plan) storage unit. This is proving an ideal way to store our map collection which now numbers well over a hundred. Many of these maps are very large and although we also have a plan cupboard, hanging them vertically is a much better arrangement. The maps are held in polypropylene sleeves and special strips of plastic called Vertistrips are attached to the top of the sleeves, enabling them to be suspended on metal arms. A bit hard to explain, but this system has many advantages over storing them flat in a plan cupboards. A map can be quickly located and removed from the unit, without disturbing the other maps. These Vertistrip are quite expensive to purchase and we are wondering if anyone knows of a supply, perhaps at their work place, that are no longer being used. We would be most grateful to receive them! Phone 5427 2523 if you would like more details or to have them collected. Alternatively, call in to the Local & Family History Resource Centre at the Courthouse in Forest Street on a Wednesday.

While on the subject of maps, did you know, for example, that the names which appear on Parish maps are the names of the first purchaser of the land, not the present occupants? These names are often a great starting point if you are interested in tracing the history of your current land. Some years ago, two of our volunteers indexed our local Parish and town maps so that if you are searching on a name, and the person was a first time purchaser, this indexing will lead you to the exact place on one of these maps. It was a huge task to index these maps, but its assistance to researchers has been immeasurable.

So called Cadastral maps show Crown land which has been reserved for special purposes such as schools and recreational areas, Crown land which has not been reserved and finally land which has been 'alienated.' In map language 'alienated' simply means sold from the Crown to a purchaser. When we look at our Parish maps, apart from noting the names of the original purchasers, the map will probably carry a more recent date. This implies that the previous maps have been 'put away' and the one we are looking at has been redrawn on that date. The original names will still be there but the new version will show any changes that have occurred such as previously alienated land being repurchased by the Crown for some special purpose. This of course, related to pre digital days when a physical map became

Welcome to the Woodend Star Kids Club June Birthdays

1st	Rachel Mundell.....	Turns 7
1st	Joshua Mundell.....	Turns 7
5th	Sarah Paterson.....	Turns 12
5th	Michael J Chew.....	Turns 13
5th	Mitchell M Johnson.....	Turns 7
9th	Genevieve Brand.....	Turns 10
11th	Ellen McVeigh.....	Turns 13
14th	Dylan Scerri-Johnstone.....	Turns 5
19th	Connor Davidson.....	Turns 11
26th	Sian Saddington.....	Turns 11
28th	Laura Crozier.....	Turns 8

Happy Birthday Everyone!

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shoddy and hard to read. 'Put away' maps can still be searched and can be a useful source if you are searching for a date, but finding your way around map collections can be complicated. Searches on the web can also be complicated so we are hoping that later this year, when our own collection has been rehoused, we will have an open meeting with a Map expert bringing us up to date in this area. Watch this column for further details.

In the meantime, a quick word to Family Historians with Scottish forbears. If you have not found the wonderful map site provided by the National Library of Scotland, search on "NLS maps". If you use Alta Vista it will be the first one listed. It is a great site and maps can be downloaded without cost.

Submitted by Janet Hawkins

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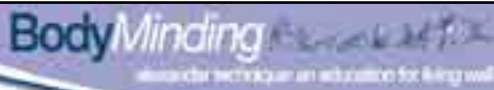
Position of Playing Coach

Expressions of interest are sought for the position of playing coach for the Woodend Cricket Club for the season 2009/2010

The club, one of the most successful playing in the Gisborne District Cricket Association, seeks a motivated and enthusiastic person to oversee the ongoing management and development of its player group. Tasks will include coordinating training seasons, team selections along with grade captains and assisting with junior development. Expenses-based remuneration will be negotiated to assist with out of pocket costs.

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E Grade

Batting Ian Fletcher	Av. 32.29
Bowling Aaron Davis	Av. 31.8

F Grade

Batting Ian Cooper	Av. 44.8
Bowling John Nicholls	Av. 11.8

Points Award

Warren Else - 551 points

Woodend CC Junior awards

Age group and team

	<i>Bowling Average</i>
U16 Green Marcus Stewart	102.2
U 16 Gold Jack Mackintosh	25
U14 Green Harrison Mexted	62
U14 Gold Jacques Garnaut	48.33
U12 Green Ben Matchett	64
U12 Gold Cody Bowen	10.44

Age group and team

	<i>Bowling Average</i>
U16 Green Nicholas Smith	3.4
U 16 Gold Hayden Kinghorn	12.14
U14 Green George Thomas	9.8
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