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## Fireworks for all the family

*Woodend Winter Arts festival launches with a bang!*

Were you in the crowd in June last year to see the spectacular fireworks that accompanied the Woodend Winter Arts Festival? It was a cool, clear night and the spectacle was like nothing Woodend had seen before.

Well, they're back! This is a free, family-friendly event, right here in Woodend. This year, the venue has changed to the **Buffalo Sports Stadium**, in Forest Street, Woodend. Fireworks will go off at 7.30 pm, so be sure to get there early and get a good spot. Plenty of parking and lots of space for all!

If you're heading on to the 8 pm Jazz Concert after the fireworks, there will be plenty of time for you to get back to St Ambrose Hall.

The WWAF Fireworks in 2010 are proudly sponsored by Bendigo Bank

Bring your car and all your friends and come down on Friday 11th June at 7.30 pm for a great light show!

See [www.woodendwinterartsfestival.org.au](http://www.woodendwinterartsfestival.org.au) for more information.



For further information on the festival, a full event listing is on page 2, with additional articles throughout this issue. There are plenty of FREE events during the weekend for all the family to enjoy.

## Fun Run for a little battler

A Fun Run will be held in Woodend on Sunday, July 4 to support a Gisborne baby born in April with multiple medical complications.

Funds raised will help alleviate spiralling expenses faced by the Wells family, whose son Dempsey has not yet made it home from hospital.

Dempsey's Day Out Fun Run is being organised by family friend and Woodend resident, Wendy Hooper, with major backing from Woodend Health & Fitness and Quick Fit Boxing.

Wendy said several businesses had been quick to sponsor the event and, within a week, more than 40 people had indicated they would participate in the run.

"Dempsey hasn't had the easiest start to life but with much love and support we hope he will be able to go home soon with his mum Lynne, dad Heath and brother Hawley," said Wendy, who has set up a Facebook page which includes a link to a blog detailing Dempsey's progress.

The Fun Run will be held from 9am to 1pm at Gilbert Gordon Oval, Davy Street, Woodend.

Runners can choose either a four kilometre or eight kilometre course, with prizes awarded to winning males and females in three categories – Primary Students, Secondary Students and Seniors.

Registrations Close On June 22. Entry Fee of \$10 or Gold Coin for Primary Students is payable on registration.

A Big Breakfast will also be available for \$5 or \$10 per family.

For more information about Dempsey's Day Out Fun Run ring Wendy on 0447 778 756. Registration forms are available at Woodend Health & Fitness, 30 Wood Street, Woodend; Quick Fit Boxing (Rick Ellis), 2 Tattersall Drive, Kyneton; or email: [misswh@bigpond.com](mailto:misswh@bigpond.com)





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## Calendar of all WWAFF Events, June 11-14

### Friday 11 June

6 pm	Cartoons on the Wall	Exhibition opening	Colenso Gallery, Anslow St
7.30 pm	Fireworks Display	FREE	Buffalo Stadium
8 pm	Joe Chindamo Trio	Jazz piano trio	St Ambrose Hall
9.30 pm	Joe Chindamo Trio	Jazz piano trio	St Ambrose Hall

### Saturday 12 June

10 am	Capturing Images - Barry Jones Photography Exhibition, Duneira, Mt Macedon		
10 am - 4 pm	Cartoons on the Wall	Exhibition	Colenso Gallery, Anslow St
10 am - 4 pm	Macedon Ranges Potters	Pottery Exhibition	Cobaw Community Ctr
10 am	Leigh Hobbs	Creating a Character	Woodend Library FREE
10 am - 12 pm	Spoken Word - Getting Heard	Poetry Workshop	Woodend Community Ctr
12 pm	Percussion - Claire Edwardes	Percussion concert	St Ambrose Church
12 pm	Chopin - Nancy Tsou	Chopin Piano recital	St Ambrose Hall
12.30pm-3.30pm	Robyn Rowland	Poetry Workshop	Leadlight Room, Holgates
2 pm	Medieval Chant - John Stinson	Lecture	Duneira, Mt Macedon
2.30 pm	Neil Matterson	Cartoon workshop	Library BOOKED OUT
4 pm	Tobias Cole & Accademia Arcadia,	Concert	St Ambrose Church
4 pm	Matthew & Daniel Thomson & John O'Donnell,	Schumann,	St Ambrose Hall
5.30 pm-7.00 pm	Emilie Zoey Baker and 10 poets	Poetry Slam	The Victoria Hotel, FREE
8 pm - 9 pm	Ensemble Gombert & Accademia Arcadia,	Monterverdi,	St Ambrose Church
8 pm - 9 pm	Freshwater Trio, Schumann and Ravel	Piano Trios	St Ambrose Hall

### Sunday 13 June

10 am	Creating Editorial Lines, Neil Matterson and artists	Woodend Community Ctr	
10 am - 4 pm	Cartoons on the Wall - Political cartoons	Colenso Gallery, Anslow St	
10 am - 4 pm	Macedon Ranges Potters Pottery Exhibition	Cobaw Community Centre	
11 am	Wadaiko Rindo Japanese Drumming, Performance	Primary School SOLD OUT	
12 pm	Percussion - Claire Edwardes	Percussion concert	St Ambrose Church
12 pm	Chopin - Nancy Tsou	Chopin Piano recital	St Ambrose Hall
2 pm	Nicolas Rothwell	Author session	Woodend Community Centre
2 pm	Drumming Workshop - Wadaiko Rindo - Workshop	Woodend Primary	SOLD OUT
2.30 pm	The Glugs - Theatre for Teens, Young Adults	St Ambrose	NEW HALL
4 pm	Tobias Cole & Accademia Arcadia - Concert	St Ambrose Church	
4 pm	Matthew & Daniel Thomson & John O'Donnell, Schumann,	St Ambrose Hall	
5.30pm	Dr Roger Sworder	Plato vs Marx	The Vic Hotel SOLD OUT
8 pm	Ensemble Gombert & Accademia Arcadia, Monterverdi,	St Ambrose Church	
8 pm	Freshwater Trio, Schumann and Ravel	Piano Trios	St Ambrose Hall

### Monday 14 June

10 am - 4pm	Cartoons on the Wall	Exhibition	Colenso Gallery, Anslow St
10 am - 4pm	Macedon Ranges Potters	Pottery Exhibition	Cobaw Community Centre
10 am	Kim Trail with Mary Delahunty	Red Square Blues	Community Centre
11 am	The Glugs - Theatre for Teens, Young Adults	St Ambrose	NEW HALL
11 am	Three String Quartets - Koehne Quartet - String Concert,	St Ambrose Church	
12.30 pm	Three String Quartets - Koehne Quartet - String Concert,	St Ambrose Church	

### Book in Advance

Online: purchase tickets online via the Festival website.

By Phone: Call the Bookings Line 0447 570 327 between 9 am & 5 pm.

A booking administration fee of \$5 for internet bookings and \$10 for mail or phone order bookings will be applied.

### Festival Music Package

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### General Information

For general information about the Woodend Winter Arts Festival please visit the festival website or phone the General Enquiries Line. 0417 225 268

Festival Website [www.woodendwinterartsfestival.org.au](http://www.woodendwinterartsfestival.org.au)

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Ticket prices range from FREE to \$45 depending on event.



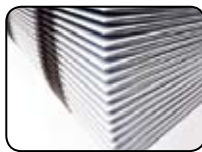
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Each month we add the rainfall details and the year to date total. Our rainfall report shows, **2005, 2006 2007 2008 2009 and 2010** comparisons. Please note that your own rainfall readings may not exactly match these.

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	
January	47.4	49.8	83.5	17.1	0.08*	54*	Jan
February	72.2	53.1	27.4	22.1	2.5*	71.5*	Feb
March	5.8	20.6	35.7	25.4	42.5*	121*	Mar
April	18.8	46.4	20.2	20.4	51*	45	April
May	13.6	58.8	95.7	43.7	30.5*		May
June	116.7	36.0	105.1	88.7	66.5*		June
July	76.9	91.6	83.3	112.5	76.5*		July
August	125.0	30.8	34.8	52.2	107.5*		Aug
Sept	55.2	50.6	49.8	42.0*	88.5*		Sept
Oct	49.8	5.2	12.1	13.0*	46*		Oct
Nov	72.4	13.0	91.0	67.2	99*		Nov
Dec	40.0	31.0	101.2	96.0*	60*		Dec
<b>YTD:</b>	<b>693.8</b>	<b>486.9</b>	<b>739.8</b>	<b>600.3</b>	<b>670.5</b>	<b>291.5</b>	<b>YTD</b>

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

Figures for 2008, 2009 & 2010 include information from a different location indicated by \*.

For the year of 2009 there was rainfall of

**670.5mm**

1 inch = 25.4 mm therefore the total year to date is 9.07 inches

## Woodend Primary gets a free lunch

Vegemite sandwiches and museli bars were nowhere to be seen at Woodend Primary School recently as students and teachers swapped their lunchboxes for a homemade feast.

Using fresh produce sourced from the gardens of the school community, two parents – Sharon Frantz and Jo Lane Welsh – prepared a healthy and nutritious lunch, free of charge, for each student and teacher. "We really wanted to show the kids what food is in season, what can be cooked with it and how great it tastes," said Ms Frantz.

"The school really embraced the idea and we received wonderful donations of home grown fruit, veggies and eggs including pomegranates, quinces, figs, pumpkins, pears, apples, purple potatoes, tomatoes, corn and various herbs."

The menu was prepared after the donations were gathered. Students had a choice of two pasta dishes and a fruit muffin, while teachers enjoyed pumpkin lasagne, various salads, pear crumble cake and apple and rhubarb pie.

School principal Andy Kozak said the seasonal feast had been such a success it would become a regular event. "It was amazing to see how much produce was donated and to see the number of parents who stepped in to help prepare the lunch for our 320 students and 25 teachers," he said.

"The children ate things which many had not tried before and overall the feedback was extremely positive."

There are plans for future feasts using produce harvested by the students from the school's own kitchen garden, which is under construction.

"In the meantime we are going to make chutney with the left over apples and other produce which was donated and sell it," said Ms Lane Welsh.



*Kevin Weston, grade one student at Woodend Primary, enjoying the school's first seasonal feast.*



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- Grow Your Business the 'Entrepreneurial' Way by Federico Re. Tuesday, 8 June, 7pm - Kyneton Tuesday, 13 July, 7pm - Kyneton, Tuesday, 3 August, 7pm - Gisborne

Free of charge

- Business Basics by David Wilson, Thursday, 15 July, 9am – 4pm, Woodend Cost: \$30
- 7 Ways to Attract Clients to Your Business by Bernadette McClelland, Tuesday, 27 July, 8am – 9.30am, Gisborne Cost: free
- 9 Quick Fixes to Change Bad Business Behaviour by Bernadette McClelland Wednesday, 16 June, 7pm – 9pm, Gisborne Cost: free
- 5 Mistakes Small Business Owners Make and How to Avoid Them by Bernadette McClelland Tuesday, 31 August, 7pm – 9pm, Kyneton Cost: free

Bookings are essential. To download a booking form or for further information, log-on to [www.mrsc.vic.gov.au](http://www.mrsc.vic.gov.au) and follow the links to 'Tourism & Business'. Alternatively, telephone 5421 9608 or email [jbird@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:jbird@mrsc.vic.gov.au)

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## Woodend Playgroup News

The Woodend Playgroup has been a hive of activity in recent months with many new families joining playgroup resulting in 2 new sessions starting. We currently have 62 families enrolled at playgroup. New members are always welcome. Playgroup operates 5 days a week with 3 sessions daily 9am–11am, 11am–1pm, 1pm–3pm. Each session has children of similar ages. For enquires call playgroup on 5427 2583. We had a well-attended Working Bee at the start of May with many cleaning and outside jobs now complete. They include new sand in the sandpit spreading mulch under play equipment clearing a garden bed for herbs and vegies and the installation of a new storage unit for our toys.

We have purchased some new toys and equipment they included pencils, crayons, balls of all shape and sizes, new dress ups, musical hand bells, hand drums, mini maracas and alphabet bean bags.

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The Woodend Art Group is holding its 3rd Winter Art Exhibition on the Queen's Birthday weekend, Saturday the 12th June to Monday the 14th June, 10.00 am to 400 pm. The exhibition will be held at the Woodend Art Group's art rooms at the Woodend Railway station.

The exhibition is an opportunity to enjoy and buy quality paintings in both traditional and contemporary styles from artists in the area. Paintings will be in a variety of mediums including oils, watercolour, pastel, mixed media and the children's folio club. Well known local photographer Gordon Cope-Williams is the participating guest artist in the exhibition. Both Gordon and his wife Judy are major sponsors in the arts of the Macedon Ranges, including the Woodend Art Group.

A gold coin donation entitles visitors to a raffle ticket for a chance to win the daily door prize, a donated painting from a local artist. Tea and coffee will be provided, along with a log fire adding to the ambience of The Winter Art Exhibition. The weekend will include daily demonstrations from well known artists. Visitors will have an opportunity to have some artistic fun by contributing to an abstract painting in acrylic which will be auctioned at the end of the weekend.

The Woodend Art Group runs art classes each term in a variety of mediums. For further information telephone Amanda Candusio, President, Woodend Art Group, on 5423 5144.

Submitted by Justine Cadman

## Family Breakdown: Court or Mediation?

What happens when parents separate and they are unable to resolve the issues that surround the care of their children? For the majority of people the first step is mediation, not court. At mediation what commonly occurs is discussion surrounding key issues concerning the children of the relationship. Key issues are where the children will live, schooling, healthcare, who they will spend Christmas and their birthday with?

The list of what can be discussed in this confidential setting generally surrounds the key focus of 'what is in the child/rens best interests.' When an agreement is reached it can be formalised into a document called a 'Parenting Plan'.

Mediation focuses on moving forward and finding solutions rather than attributing blame. If matters cannot be resolved a certificate can then be issued by the mediator, which can then be attached to an application to court.

A key advantage of mediation is that the parties have some control over the end result, whereas during litigation in court, the procedure and outcome is substantially governed by rules of the court and the discretion of the judge.

Mediation can be provided by a number of government providers or by a private mediator. Solicitors who practice family law can provide guidance and advice regarding the many issues that surround parenting after separation.

Useful Resources: [www.familyrelationships.gov.au](http://www.familyrelationships.gov.au)  
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Submitted by Juliana Smith, Solicitor

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## RSL Report

The Woodend RSL Committee and members extend their grateful thanks to the local community for their ongoing support during our Badge Week on the lead up to Anzac Day. You can be assured that those funds raised from the sales of the tokens etc, will go towards the welfare of our veterans and their families.

I would like to thank Coles supermarket and the Woodend Pharmacy for allowing our volunteers access to sell our tokens. We also pass on our thanks to the local schools and businesses who assisted in the sales of the tokens.

Anzac Day was another terrific day and we were very lucky with the weather, weren't we? The gunfire Breakfast after the Dawn Service was well received and thanks must go to Coles supermarket for their donations of eggs and even more thanks to Foodworks Gisborne for coming to our aid with the supply of bacon after our usual supplier defaulted.

There was a huge turnout for the march (considering it was a long weekend) and the Diggers marched proudly through town to the RSL.

Again, for fear of omitting anyone, thank you to everyone involved for making it such a successful day.

Don't forget our dinner on the 1st Friday of each month (saves cooking). The Celtic Club have booked the Hall for their 'Celts & Cobbers' Night every 2nd Friday beginning 14th May 2010, so come along and enjoy a cheap night out and some great entertainment – see you there.

Submitted by Barry Meldrum – President of Woodend RSL

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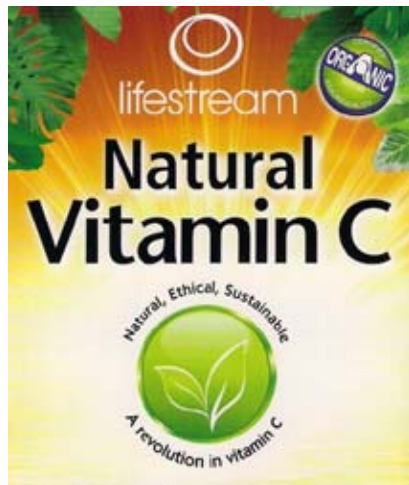
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Sugar & Spice is not just about shopping (ok who am I kidding of course it is all about shopping!) you'll be able to sip on a latte and munch on a scrumptious cupcake whilst browsing the stalls. Dad will be able to sit in the coffee corner to enjoy the morning paper with his cappuccino and also keep half an eye on the kids while they are being entertained in kid corner. That's right you can shop in peace and quiet! It will be worth your while to get to the market early too, Sugar & Spice are teaming up with Flip & Tumble bags and we will be handing out 100 free goody bags!!

Another aspect of the market is that any profits made by the organisers will be donated to charity. The first cause we are supporting is Running the Marathon for Autism (<http://www.intellectualdisability.org/>). So by shopping at Sugar & Spice not only will you be purchasing gorgeous products for your children, you will also be supporting local handmade businesses and charities!

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## Red Cross

Woodend Red Cross meeting will be held on the 3rd June at the SES building at 1:30pm. We ask that as many members as possible to attend as we must finalise for The AGM on the 1st July 2010. New members are most welcome., please call Norma Proctor on 5427 1260.

Submitted by J Podrazil & P Wilson.

## Dance classes for all

### Tiny Tackers Dancers

The Buffalo Stadium is now taking enrolments for term three classes. Tiny Tackers is a Ballet, Tap and Jazz style dance class for children aged 2- 5 years. The classes promote fun and creativity through movement to music, improve confidence and teach the basic dance principles. There are no strict uniforms. Classes are held on Monday mornings (school term only), and start back Monday 12th July, 2010. Fees for term 3 are \$90.

### Studio Two Dancers

Studio Two provides intermediate and advanced dance classes for children aged 6 years and above. Classes include Jazz, Tap, Ballet and Contemporary. Miss Anita is a qualified dance instructor with years of experience locally and in Melbourne. Anita aims to provide children with quality dance tuition, in a fun relaxed atmosphere. Classes are held on Monday and Thursday afternoons (school terms only) and start back Monday 12th July. Fees for term 3 are \$90.

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### Mumma's Can Tap

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## Textile Events

The Official Opening and Presentation of Awards will take place on Saturday, 5th June, 2010 at 4.30pm. Jonathon Sweet will give the Opening Address and our Patron, Lynne Landy, will formally launch the Textiles for Schools Program. You are cordially invited to this Opening.

Throughout the period of the Contemporary Textiles Award Exhibition, a Gorgeous Garb, costume display will be mounted in the House.

Other textiles related events which are being held in Castlemaine in the May-June period which may interest you, include: Opening the Glory Box, Garden Room, Saturday May 22, 10.00am – 5.00pm. Textiles Appraisal Day – 9.00am registrations. \$5 per item, with a maximum of three items. Food will be available. Textiles – The Leviny Sisters and Beyond - Phee Broadway Theatre Foyer, May 16 – June 16.

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## Two Howards for Rotary

THE Rotary Club of Woodend recently welcomed two new members into the fold, increasing its membership to 21.

Club President Eb Friedrich formally inducted Howard Burvill and Howard Bradfield – accompanied by their respective partners Debbie and Julianna – at a recent club meeting on Thursday May 6.

Both new inductees call Woodend home and work in the region.

Eb Friedrich said the Rotary Club of Woodend was looking forward to their valuable contribution in future club projects both locally and internationally.

Both new members have already volunteered their time assisting with Rotary events in recent weeks before their official welcome.



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## The Taste of The Village Larder

Sunday 9th May was Mother's Day. A day when I made my first reservation in a restaurant. I phoned early, and then went with my Mum, Dad and my sister to enjoy breakfast at Woodend's The Village Larder.

When I walked in the door I could smell fresh food and that gave me a feeling that it would be a good day.

Then Erin (one of the waiters) gave me a chrysanthemum and I gave it Mum. I felt happy and excited to give it to Mum.

Then we went to a table that was near the fireplace. We sat down. It was warm and comfortable. I even saw how fast the fire was burning. It was roaring.

I ordered a poached egg on toast. It tasted nice but even then I wanted something else. I read on the specials board there was banana bread – with quince jam and honey and cinnamon butter! We asked Adrian to save some Banana Bread for us for later.

We then went to the Woodend Children's Park to make some room in our tummies. We went back into Village Larder again. I asked for the Banana Bread. When I tasted it, the first taste was Banana, the second taste was the honey and cinnamon in the butter. The texture wasn't like anything I've ever tasted, out of all the desserts. It was the best taste I'd ever had. I would have given it a 9 out of 10, but I gave it a 10 out of 10. It was served with some Quince Jam which I'd never had before, but I tried it 'cause Auntie Betty makes it.

Auntie Betty also makes the world's best meringues. Her meringues melt in your mouth. I decided to try a Village Larder Meringue to compare it. I gave it a 9 out of 10. It wasn't as good as Auntie Betty's but I liked it because it had rich chocolate on the bottom. It mixed well with the meringue. Happy Eating!

Submitted by Rafiq Halim

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Holgate's Extra Special Bitter and Temptress Chocolate Porter were each awarded a gold medal in their class, outperforming a number of the traditional English ales and American microbrews that inspired Paul and Natasha Holgate to establish their brewery ten years ago.

Senior Brewer Ian Morgan participated in the blind judging this year at the University of Ballarat as an associate judge. "Knowing now the calibre of judges, with years of experience at some of Australia's largest breweries, and the time and effort that goes into tasting the beers, it's an incredibly humbling experience to put your beers forward," he said, "To come away with two gold medals is a wonderful vindication of the past year's work."



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Dr. Peter Ferguson said “this is very exciting. After 20 years of privately funding the surgery, the Government grants are a welcome support of infrastructure. It really eases the burden being undertaken by the practice.”

There is a general lack of doctors, nurses and other allied health professionals across the whole of Australia. Investment in a purpose designed emergency medicine teaching facility will help meet the needs of patients as well as students. Our new treatment room facility will provide state of the art care for patients and also train doctors and nurses.

The old treatment room will be redesigned to create a rehabilitation gymnasium and teaching facility. Patients will be able to access an improved range of services while allied health, medical and nursing students learn best practice. The practice will also build student consulting rooms and a multidisciplinary training room.

This is a win for the practice, the people of Woodend and the wider community.

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### Flu Vaccine delays

There is currently an extreme shortage of flu vaccines. Delays in air travel have disrupted schedules to transport the vaccines from Europe.

Publically funded vaccines are now available for those over 65, pregnant women and adults & children older than five at risk due to chronic disease. People with children aged six months to five years who are at risk with chronic disease should ask to speak with a nurse.

Vaccines for private patients are not expected until around the start of June. Please ring the practice in June to enquire about stocks and to book appointments.

Until private stocks arrive, if you more urgently require a flu vaccine for overseas travel and do not meet the criteria for the free public list, please ask to speak to one of our nurses to discuss your options.

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**Thursday 3 June, 1pm:** Christine Stevenson, piano ... *Pictures*, followed by Anne Harvey-Nagl, violin and John O'Donnell, piano ... *Spring Sonata*.

**Thursday 10 June, 2pm:** Li-Wei Qin, cello and En Pei Lin, piano ... *Virtuoso Cello*.

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### Health Seminars/Workshops for June 2010

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### June

- 1 Toddlers workshop "Behind Every Mighty Toddler is a Mighty Parent"
- 8 "Grow your Business the Entrepreneurial Way" Business workshop Kyneton
- 8 Kyneton Hospital maternity Services Information night
- 11-14 Woodend Winter Arts Festival, visit [www.woodendwinterartsfestival.org.au](http://www.woodendwinterartsfestival.org.au) for information.
- 16 "Knit a Square for the Homeless"
- 18 Wombat Stew Kyneton Town Hall
- 20 Busting Out! Kyneton Town Hall
- 20 Sugar and Spica Childrens Market St Ambrose Woodend

### July

- 4 Fun Run for Dempsey. Gilbert Gordon Oval
- 9 Mario Lanza Story
- 14 Johnny Cash Tribute Show
- 5 Business Bacisc Course by David Wilson
- 17 Fox. Kyneton Town Hall
- 27 "7 Ways to attract Clients to your Business" with Nernnadette McClelland and Gisborne

Community groups are invited to submit their event dates to be included in this listing

### COMMUNITY GROUPS CONTACT DETAILS

- Alcoholics Anonymous Friday night, Cobaw Community Centre 0409 131 144
- Australian Breastfeeding Association, Heather 5427 2398
- Cobaw Thursday Walking Group 5427 3340
- Daylight Masonic Lodge, 5427 2480
- 1st Woodend Scout Group, 5427 4968, Jenny
- 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 Assoc. 5427 1481 or 5427 2651
- Macedon Ranges Communicators (ITC), 5427 2669
- Macedon Ranges Photographic Society, 1st Tues of month, Ron Mathews 5427 3284
- 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 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 Hanging Rock Petanque Club, Hanging Rock Reserve Ph: 5427 2477
- Woodend Lions Club, Meetings 2nd/4th Wednesday each month, ph Robyn Roberts 5427 1342
- Woodend Model Railway Club, Buffalo Stadium
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- Woodend Senior Citizens Club, Comm. Centre
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# Joanne Duncan

STATE MEMBER FOR MACEDON **MP**

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Feel free to call me on:

**5428 2138**



State Budgets are a lot like our household budgets – not particularly interesting but very necessary. Just like us, State Governments need to set aside money for ongoing and fixed expenses, keep some aside for emergencies and plan for the future.

The May 2010 State Budget is about making the right choices and reforms to build on previous achievements and provide a framework for the State's future.

It is a budget that continues record investment in health, education and community safety, delivering a \$4 billion investment in health that sets up our hospitals and health services for the next decade, includes the biggest one-off boost to police officers in Victoria's history - with 1,966 additional frontline police and delivers on our \$1.9 billion Victorian Schools Plan.

For Macedon Ranges rail users the \$4.3 billion committed in the Budget for the Regional Rail Link is fantastic news. This is the first new rail line development project undertaken in the Melbourne region in the last 80 years. The Regional Rail Link is a \$38b project to build a 40km dual-track link that will allow regional rail services to run express into Melbourne and reduce congestion on the metropolitan network, a major source of frustration for many regional rail passengers.

Good news too for Clarkefield Primary School who will have their portable classrooms replaced and for motorists using the Sunbury–Riddell Creek Road and Ashbourne Road, Woodend, where road safety improvement will be carried out.

If you would like more information on the State Budget please don't hesitate to contact my office on 5428 2138.

*Warm regards*

*Joanne Duncan*

## Log Cabin Café opens for Reprise

This coming Queen's Birthday weekend in June will see the Scout's "Log Cabin Café" or "Café Cabane en Bois", open for a reprise performance for the sixth Woodend Winter Arts Festival.

Last year, Woodend Scouts operated the inaugural Log Cabin Café which proved to be a successful fund-raising activity. To once again raise funds, the 1st Woodend Scout Group community will be operating a café in the Log Cabin across the Queen's Birthday long weekend (12–14 June 2010). This is a busy weekend in Woodend with many visitors to our town. The Scouts will be operating a sausage sizzle in front of the log cabin, as well as offering Devonshire teas, light lunches and refreshments inside. The atmosphere inside the Log Cabin promises to be warm and rustic. Perfect for a midday soirée amid the events of the Woodend Winter Arts Festival.

The Café will open from 10am to 3pm on each day of the weekend. The Woodend Winter Arts Festival runs from Friday 11th - Monday 14th June. For more information contact: Leisa Macartney on 0429 331 695 or 5427 2848.

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## Woodend Senior Citizens

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General meeting and trading table Friday 4th June 2010 at 10:30am. Speakers: Lauraine Camerson and Ian Brooks on Macedon Ranges Community Register, followed by lunch (buy or bring your own), then fun afternoon and cards at 1:30pm.

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Submitted by A Warnock – President Ph 5427 1644

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On Saturday 15th May a raffle was held by members of Woodend Rotary outside Coles Supermarket for a trailer load of firewood.

The raffle raised \$311.60 which will go to the Nepali Village Initiatives Association Inc. This Association, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Woodend, is carrying on projects for the education, health and wellbeing of villagers in remote areas of Nepal. It began with a chance meeting with the Headmaster of the Paudwar Secondary School in 1993.

Achievements since then have included delivery of computers that enabled the introduction of Computer Science teaching at the school; construction of a computer science classroom; introduction in 2008 of English-medium teaching (a first for government schools in Nepal) and currently support for establishment of a dairy farm to produce milk for the cheese factory run by the school to generate needed funds. Further details can be found at [www.nepalaid.org.au](http://www.nepalaid.org.au).

Ken Butcher of Asbourne Road was the lucky winner, and we wish to thank him and all contributors including those who gave donations without taking tickets!

The raffle was run in conjunction with free blood pressure testing offered by the Rotary Club. Of the many people who accepted a test, a number were advised to see their GP for further testing. This was an example of the National Stroke Foundation's "Know your Numbers" campaign in action - see [www.strokefoundation.com.au/know-your-numbers](http://www.strokefoundation.com.au/know-your-numbers).

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## Woodend Neighbourhood Centre

Last month saw us out and about in our community, with the Woodend Whole Town Garage Sale – thank you to everyone who participated, either as a stall holder, or bargain hunter. We hope you had a fun and productive day. We also met some of the newer residents to the Shire and welcomed the opportunity to show them around our Centre.

We have a couple of courses still to run this term including silversmith jewellery making with Fran Harkin, where you can learn and make a piece of silver or gold jewellery over four evening sessions. Anaphylaxis and Paediatric first aid will once again run on Saturday 19 June, so if you care for children of your own or other peoples this certificated training will give you more confidence to deal with first aid emergency situations. You can attend for the whole day and gain 2 certificates, or attend just for CPR or anaphylaxis training when you learn how to administer adrenalin using an Epipen.

Do you lack confidence to get out, apply for a job or socialise? Joy Black will guide you through many ways to increase your confidence, one step at a time. Classes are

held on Thursday mornings during June.

We are now planning for the winter term and welcome ideas from you. If there is something you would like to learn, or try, or show others please call in to meet Sarah and discuss your ideas. The Woodend Neighbourhood Centre is here to benefit all members of your community and we really do appreciate your ideas and input.

We will once again be offering activities during the first week of the school holidays and our program will be sent to all schools, and posted on our website by early June.

We are open five days a week and we offer internet access, photocopying and printing as well as regular courses during the day, on weekends and evenings across a broad spectrum of interests. We welcome new volunteers and tutors with knowledge to impart so come in and meet us at 47 Forest St, or call 5427 1845 or check our website [www.wnci.websyte.com.au](http://www.wnci.websyte.com.au) for further information about courses and classes.

Submitted by Sarah Campbell, Coordinator

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## Art in Clay

The Macedon Ranges' Potters have been exhibiting together for over 20 years, providing a diverse range of high quality sculptural and functional work. This exhibition is their third as part of the Woodend Winter Arts Festival. You can see their work at the Cobaw Community Centre, in Forest Street, Woodend on the Queen's Birthday weekend, 12-14 June from 10 am till 4 pm daily. Entry is free and works are for sale.

## Western Water invites you to Sammy's Super Saturday!

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Tenors Daniel and Matthew Thomson are well-known to many in the Macedon Ranges. They completed their secondary education at Sacred Heart in Kyneton, and are now at Ormond College in Melbourne where they are members of the Ormond College Choir. They have also performed with Ensemble Gombert. This performance will be their first together at the Woodend Winter Arts Festival. Two concerts will be held, Saturday 12 June and Sunday 12 June at 4pm at St Ambrose HALL. Tickets are available online at [www.woodendwinterartsfestival.org.au](http://www.woodendwinterartsfestival.org.au) or by phone 0447 570 327.



*Daniel and Matthew Thomson will perform this year*

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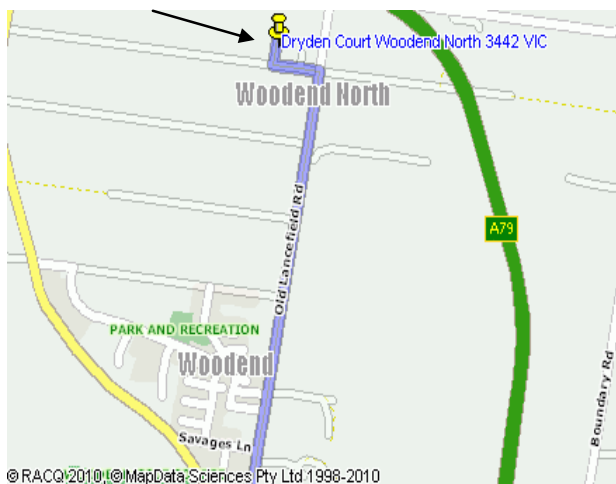
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## Notes from Newham

### Inaugural Winter Lectures

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#### Friday, June 18th Dementia - Kathryn Nicholson

There is more to dementia than Alzheimers. Kathryn Nicholson is a Newham resident who recently submitted her PhD entitled "Dementia with Lewy Bodies: The Caring Experience" for examination. Kathryn will speak about the four common dementias: Alzheimer's disease, vascular dementia, dementia with Lewy bodies and frontotemporal lobar degeneration, how they present and the differing ways they affect memory. Gold coin donation. Phone Secretary, Fran 5427 0661 for more details.

#### July 9th Antique Jewellery - Roy Martin

Don't forget the Community Planning Group BBQ evenings last Friday of month at Newham Hall, from 6pm, BYO everything.

#### Diary dates

July 11th Macedon Ranges One Act Plays at Newham

November 13th Newham Garden Club Famous Plant Sale

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## Woodend Auxiliary, Kyneton District Health Service

Our Mothers' Day Raffle was, as always, well supported, with over \$900 raised. First and third prizes were won by people who live in Woodend, and third prize went to a nurse who works at Thomas Hogan Wing, Kyneton Hospital.

During June we're presenting a very special health event. Annie Barry, the dietitian from Brooke St Medical Centre will give us some inside knowledge and tips on how to live better (and longer, we hope) as we age, by eating better. She promises it won't be all about the things we have to give up, but more about the positives.

She has all the up-to-date info about the links between food and arthritis, mature-onset diabetes, osteoporosis, and all the other odds and ends that we notice happening to us as we go through the "ageing process".

Held at the RSL hall in Anslow St, June 10, at 1.30 p.m. Devonshire tea and a lucky door prize. Entry \$7. P.S. This is not just for the womenfolk - we all know men eat, too! We'd be very happy to see some of the fellers attend. You don't have to come with a wife, either!

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## Woodend Primary School – Enrol Now

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Students at Woodend Primary are provided with specialist teachers in Music, Art and Physical Education and the early intervention program, Reading Recovery, is provided to children in Grade 1 who don't reach the Prep benchmark in Reading. The school has a particularly energetic and inclusive physical education program and many students regularly compete in inter-school sports.



Using technology to aid learning is a priority at Woodend Primary. Many grades have interactive whiteboards and computers are an integral part of the learning process in each class – particularly in the senior area of the school where each student in Grades 5 and 6 is provided with their own netbook.

The school also has a thriving Instrumental Music Program. One in three students learn violin, cello, flute, saxophone, drums, guitar, keyboard, trumpet, trombone or singing. Many students participate in the school choirs and recorder playing is incorporated into classroom music lessons. The vibrant 'strings' program runs a junior ensemble and has close ties with the Woodend Strings Orchestra - 'Resonance'. Junior students are also able to participate in a Pre-Instrumental Music Program to prepare them for taking on a musical instrument in the following year.

Grade 4 students attend the school's historic rural campus in Carlsruhe. Carlsruhe continues the school's Literacy and Numeracy strengths and focuses attention on sustainability, the environment, caring for animals, landcare and cooking. An abundant vegetable garden, new outdoor pizza oven, rabbits, chooks, guinea pigs and sheep make Carlsruhe a favourite with students, families and teachers.

In an exciting new initiative, the Woodend Children's Garden is bringing this environmental focus back to the main Woodend campus with a very large garden and orchard being nurtured behind the school hall. This will flourish over the years with the energy and enthusiasm of the parents supporting this project.



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Woodend Primary School prides itself on providing a caring, creative and nurturing environment with high quality teaching and learning for students of all abilities. The teaching team is highly motivated and has a wonderful mix of experience and youth.

Enrolments are now being taken for 2011. Please contact the school on 5427 2455 to arrange a meeting with the Principal and a tour of the school.

submitted by Andy Kozak, Principal

## Landcare News

Shortly we expect that Greg Wilson of Agdom will be doing the power-raking of the site on the south bank of the Creek, next to the Children's Park, which will leave it able to be mowed or slashed by Council. He will include some improvements to the drainage with the job.

Money for this work is being contributed by Cr Neil Manning (a very generous \$2000), the Woodend Lions' Club (\$1000), and a contribution from the Shire's Infrastructure funds.

Quarry Rd/Bawdens Rd people are working hard, and achieving great stuff! Recently they have been chopping down *Pinus radiata*, which are a weed species on public land. They work somewhere along the rail and road reserves every Thursday, so if you can join them phone Bert Dawson on 5427 1520.

Three noble souls responded to the call for committee members to fill the gaps left by the resignations of Bert Dawson and of Kel and Lois Gordon. Kel and Lois have been members of Woodend Landcare since its inception, and have finally retired. Evan Murfett, Danielle Thynne and Marjorie Wilton were co-opted onto the Committee last month, until the elections are held in July.

I'm writing this in National Volunteers Week, and thinking about the amazing amount of work volunteers do all over our community. To everyone who has ever helped Landcare, I say thank you, on behalf of our environment, our Creek, and our plants and animals. Where would they be without you?

The Creek Working Bees are held on the fourth Sunday of each month. Contact me for details.

It's pleasing to be able to report that we've been asked to help both the Woodend Scout Troop and St Ambrose Parish School participate in Landcare activities. Our young people are the hope of the future, and getting them involved at this stage is really exciting.

Congratulations to the parents and teachers responsible. Submitted by Jo Clancy 5427 1909, or [rasbooks@netcon.net.au](mailto:rasbooks@netcon.net.au)



## Woodend CFA elects new Management Positions

The Woodend Fire Brigade recently held its bi-annual election for senior operative positions and the results were as follows: Captain Mick Christie, 1st Lieutenant Mike Dornau, 2nd Lieutenant Steve Ritchie, 3rd Lieutenant Geoff Wells, 4th Lieutenant George Keyes Communications Officer Keith Mason, Secretary Annette van Huffel, Treasurer Steve Ritchie, Training Officer George Keyes, Training Assistant Steve Rumble Fire Equipment Maintenance Keith Beman, Member Support Steve Rumble, Association Representatives Ray Colban & Evan Colban, Social Secretary Annette van Huffel, Group Delegates Brad Jepsen & Mick Christie, Municipal Fire Prevention Committee Phil Pringle & Mick Christie

### *Well Done Woodend*

It was fantastic news for everyone that our summer period in 2009-10 was not as busy as 2008-09. A lot of that is due to the good work of our community in becoming more aware of the need for pre-season preparation and fire prevention. But this doesn't mean we should become complacent, as there are still people who are doing the wrong things at the wrong times, and there are always more ways to improve the safety in our community.

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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.

For further information contact Captain Mick Christie on 0419 870 601 or 1st Lieutenant Mike Dornau on 0409 093 935. Or call the Woodend CFA on 5427 2356, visit the station in Urquhart Street or our website: [www.woodendcfa.org](http://www.woodendcfa.org).

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Tucked away, in the Anslow Street Colenso Complex, a new gallery has opened its doors.

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“Working outside the Square” works like this: 50 locals involved in the arts are selected and given a blank “canvas” to make their mark on. This year, the canvas came in the form of a plaster cast of a torso, or mask.

Inevitably, all pieces that are returned are unique. Some are exquisite in the intricacies, some are more about fun, all of them wonderful and as the whole process is so compelling, it is a captivating sight.

The pieces are sold via silent auction and all the money raised goes towards a scholarship for students within the Macedon Ranges that are undertaking tertiary courses in fine arts.

The mastermind behind this amazing project, Ettore Di Pilla says “Any student doing tertiary art courses can apply for the grant” Ettore is a well known and highly regarded member of our local community, giving leadlight classes from his studio here in Woodend since 1988.



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Internationally-acclaimed Australian percussionist Claire Edwardes is at the forefront of her field. Since winning the ABC Young Performers Award in 1999 her charismatic presentations and unique interpretations of new and old works have won over audiences worldwide. Likewise, she has inspired composers from Shanghai to London to write specifically for her. In 2007 Edwardes was awarded the coveted AMC/APRA Classical Music award for “Outstanding contribution by an individual” through her recent commitment to Australian music.

Edwardes is admired for her riveting and enthusiastic performances, which combine energy with great sensitivity. Her programs form an eclectic mix of baroque, classical and jazz transcriptions, African-inspired minimalism and Australian dance suites. Audiences are taken on an exotic musical journey – the mellow organ-like tones of the marimba, the pure resonance of clay flower pots and drums depicting canons and gunfire.

Her highly acclaimed debut solo CD, Coil was released in 2007 on the Tall Poppies label and her CD of the works of Sir Harrison Birtwistle with pianist Nicolas Hodges received five stars in the BBC Music Magazine. She is the 2005 MCA/Freedman Fellowship winner.

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## *The Voice of the Ranges*

The past twelve months have been a really challenging and satisfying period for the members and committee of Highlands FM. With our transmitter now on Mount Macedon and the increased reception area, our signal is able to be heard by more residents in the Macedon Ranges. The excellent quality of our programs and the enthusiasm of our presenters is infectious and being part of the organisation is fun. Without our volunteers we would not have achieved what we have and the committee is most grateful for the time and effort dedicated by the volunteers to the station.

100.7 Highlands FM is your local Community Radio station run by volunteers and funded by various grants including the Community Broadcasting Foundation, donations, membership and sponsorship by local businesses. We are a non profit organisation with studios centrally located in the Woodend Community Centre, on the corner of High and Forest streets.

Our aim is to provide a meaningful media outlet in the Macedon Ranges by presenting live, recorded and satellite programs, and music appealing to most tastes. The current format is a mixture of local, national and international news, magazine style information, interviews and music. An example of our live, locally produced, Autumn shows is shown below and we welcome listener feedback and suggestions. We are on air all day every day.

If you would like to get involved, be it in administration, sales and marketing, or have an interest in amateur radio, computers or just like music, we would love to hear from you. You might also wish to become a presenter (Training will be provided). Community groups including sporting clubs, service clubs who wish to publicise their activities are encouraged to contact us and we will be only too pleased to assist you.

If you wish to assist us by becoming a sponsor, we would be delighted to hear from you as well. Our rates are very attractive. Our contact details are as follows: Email : [thedesk@highlandsfm.org.au](mailto:thedesk@highlandsfm.org.au) Phone: 5427 2040 during office hours.

Here is a listing of our sessions

Sunday	6:00 PM	Hour of Blessings Deidre Cole
	8:00 PM	Eccentrivia Christina Finch (trivia)
	9:00 PM	The Romantic Piano Graham Boscoe
Monday	10:00 AM	Psychology on Air, Sam Luxemburg (Health & Wellbeing)
	12:00 PM	Cool & Spicy Luba Bradford (Great Music)
	12:00 AM	Australian Celtic Connection, Dean Padgham
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Crab & Toad Simon Todman/James Crabtree (Comedy)
	10:00 AM	What's News? Doug McIver (Local News)
Wednesday	12:00 PM	Rocking Me Softly Ken Helmore (Easy Listening)
	7:00 AM	Breakfast with Bruce & Brian Dudon
	10:00 AM	Blond and Blonder Roni & Marci (Eclectic Entertainment)
	12:00 PM	Holding Back the Years John Doherty (60s/70s/80s Music)
	8:00 PM	Conclusions on the Wall Dilys (Bob Dylan fan)
	9:00 PM	The Spoken Word Peter Fernon (Stories, Poems)

Thursday:	10:00 AM	Thursday Arts Magazine Chris Finch
	12:00 AM	Community Matters Charles Gaal
	2:00 PM	Good News Gospel Time Milton Perkins (Christian Songs)
	3:00 PM	Let's Think About Living Milton Perkins (Positive Songs)
	6:00 PM	Rotary Roundup Peter Willmott ( Service Clubs)
	7:00 PM	Three Chords & the Truth Brett Kelly (Country)
Friday:	10:00 AM	At The Crossroads Snitch ( Fun Entertainment)
	12:00 PM	New Releases (Australian artists) Matilda Jane
	4:00 PM	Under the Sun ... David Haines (Reggae/Ska)
	8:00 PM	Noise Pollution ... Trent Calvert (Heavy Metal)
Saturday:	1:30 PM	RDFL Football Live ... Sports Team
	6:00 PM	The Soul Revolution ... Daniel Robbins (Classic Rock)
	10:00 AM	Blond and Blonder Roni & Marci (Eclectic Entertainment)
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## In My Grandmother's Footsteps

It is December 1st, 2009 and I feel today, as if I have just completed a circle that began 122 years ago with the birth of my Grandmother; Mary Harper Richey, at Boggy Creek, Kyneton in 1887. She lived with her parents, Charles and Elizabeth and three siblings; John, Charles and Florence, but I know not where exactly in Boggy Creek. Perhaps in Ritchies Road? And although the spellings don't match, this, I've found during my bumbling attempts at genealogy research, is quite a common occurrence.

Mary's parents soon left Boggy Creek. An electoral roll from 1909 finds Charles and Elizabeth residing in Bourke Street, Kyneton with son, John but no mention of Mary. At the time, women had only just won the right to vote in Victoria, having already won the right to vote federally several years earlier. So perhaps she had moved out of home or perhaps she just hadn't yet enrolled to vote? In any case, she eventually met up with a dashing young fellow by the name of William James Stawell Elliot, whom she married in Echuca, in 1914.

By 1919 they were living where I remember "Pop" living, years later in Prentice Street, Elsternwick. Mary gave birth to 4 children between 1916 and 1924: Norman, Raymond, Gladys and Ronald (my father). I recall their house being a quaint little weatherboard cottage in heritage cream and green. Mary was a house-keeper and Pop was a bricklayer and a damn good fisherman too, I'm told. I was only 3 years old when Mary passed away so there's probably no wonder I have no memories of her, only Pop, who passed away in 1968. It was only recently, with the passing of my own Mother that I realised the Richey side of the family was the one about which I knew the least. So I set about doing a little more research. I had known about Mary being born at Kyneton but never seriously explored it. Now, having lived in Woodend for

more than 10 years, it was high time to take advantage of the proximity of Kyneton and do some "sniffing out"!

Well, I'd never heard of Boggy Creek, it didn't appear on Google Maps, but I kept sniffing and with a little help from the Australian Geoscience database, I located Boggy Creek as the site of the Kyneton mineral spring, on the old road to Malmsbury. I knew about the Kyneton Spring bottling works there so the penny well and truly dropped.

So with nothing better to do this morning I paid a visit to the public reserve at Boggy Creek. The park was created by the local Shire when Mary was just 3 years old, so it seems logical that this was a place she would've visited often as a child. Either to play or swim or just sit on the bank of the Campaspe and take in the dappled sunlight and watch the bubbles of the spring rise to the surface of the water. Surely it would've mesmerised her then, as much as it did me, today?

So how can you explain the feeling of closeness to someone like Mary, who I never knew? Is it her lingering ghost that I feel, or the inexorable connection to someone with the same DNA? Whatever it is, it makes 122 years seems to have passed in a mere blink of an eye. She was once here, as I am here, following in her footsteps.

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# Heritage Society News

Following the discovery of the buried bottle at St. Mary's church, which we reported in last months "New Woodend Star", this small item from "The Woodend Star" May 6th 1916, caught our attention:

"Nearly half a century ago, the work of repairing and renovation the Presbyterian Church at Tylden was begun on Monday when a small jar was unearthed and found to contain some silver coins and papers. The latter included an account of the origin and history of the erection of the church nearly half-a-century ago, commencing as follows:- "Until the close of 1897, Tylden and Trentham formed part of the Kyneton district and were under the cares first of the Rev. Ewan Macdonald, and then of the Rev. Robert Henderson; his successor in the ministry. Since then they have been connected with Newham and Woodend, and have continued to receive the monthly service previously established – the Rev. William Munro, Licentiate of the Church, being the officiating minister."

We can only wonder how many other records of this nature still lie buried, awaiting discovery!

Sylvia Boxshall continues her work on an extensive study of the men and women from this district who served in the First World War. We are still hoping to obtain more family records and photographs for inclusion in what we are confident will be an extremely interesting and important publication. If you can help with these items, a ring to the L&FHRC on 54273361 on a Wednesday or a note to Sylvia at PO Box 124, Woodend, 3442, will be greatly appreciated.

While on the topic of the First World War period, some older readers will remember when for many Australians "News from home" was synonymous with news from Britain. During that terrible war 'going home' became a reality for many Australian troops when they were repatriated to "Blighty" from the trenches of France and Flanders. During those years "The Woodend Star" ran a regular column entitled "London Letter." Today these provide a real insight into those turbulent years when so much in society was undergoing enormous change.

The following syndicated letter appeared in "The Woodend Star" on February 6th 1916.

*London Letter. Carmelite House, London.*

*The real surprise at the present moment is the enormous amount of heavy traffic in the central streets, particularly during the day. The roads around the city and the West End, particularly around Oxford Street, are constantly congested with carts, carriages, omnibuses and motor-cars. Occasionally a nervous lady driver, new to the wheel, has a breakdown in the middle of Oxford Street when she has gone herself for her afternoon's shopping, her chauffeur being off to the war. This brings chaos!*

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Submitted by Carmel Stewart, Woodend Community Aged Care.

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"Whilst we do not play at our Hanging Rock play area during winter we have an exiting winter Calendar of Events".

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Submitted by Chinka Steel

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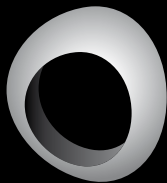
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