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Duneira opened to the public

The late Stuart Stoneman had a vision for his property Duneira. Informed by the great Huntington Collection in California, he sought to create a set of experiences through music, art, books and his glorious garden that would inspire the people in this region and beyond. As a result of her work creating and running the Woodend Winter Arts Festival Dr Jacqueline Ogeil was appointed Director of Duneira and has been designing new cultural, art, health, gardening and well-being activities to be held on the property in Officer Lane, Mt Macedon.

Inside the glorious drawing room you can hear world class musicians perform, lectures and discussions and our popular "On the Couch series" where prominent Australians are interviewed. Comedian John Clarke is our featured guest in October. Guided tours are available by local prominent specialists, featuring a tour of the art collection by Peter Perry, Director of the Castlemaine Art Gallery, and of the garden by Stephen Ryan, of ABC Gardening Australia fame.

Concerts for the rest of 2010 feature the Ormond College Choir singing songs for spring in the gardens of Duneira 23 October, Bob and Mal Sedergreen Jazz concert 20 November and Christmas Carols in the garden 18 December with Ensemble Gombert.

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Full details are available on our website: www.duneira.com.au where you can download a booking form. Or phone 5426 1490 to make a booking.

Submitted by S.R. Stoneman Foundation



Paramoor Farm Fayre

This year's Paramoor Farm Fayre (September 5) will feature more than 40 stalls, folk music, poetry and children's entertainment and carry the theme of "Celebrating the Bush" through the poetry of both Henry Lawson and Banjo Paterson.

This event, that started several years ago, has now become one of the Macedon Region's major annual attractions and brings in people from Melbourne and the surrounding area.

This year's Fayre will feature poetry and songs from the works of both Banjo Paterson and Henry Lawson and have the theme "Celebrating the Bush".

There will be more than 40 stalls highlighting local arts, crafts, foods and produce from the Daylesford and Macedon Region, which has over many years forged a national reputation for outstanding products. There will be a wide selection of produce including meat, vegetables, fruit and herbs, cheese, chutneys and preserves, while for the sweet-tooths, there will be locally produced biscuits, cakes and honey.



A wide range of excellent food will be available, whilst Paramoor Winery, which has consistently earned four and a half stars from national wine critic James Halliday, will also offer its full range of wines.

Special marquees will host continuous folk music performances throughout the day, with a star studded list of performers headed by Red Cat and Eileen McPhillips. This one day folk music concert is regarded by many as being equal to the best in Australia.

Members of the Banjo Paterson and Henry Lawson Societies will be presenting the works of the two great Australian poets in their own dedicated marquee.

Paramoor Farm and Winery is located at 439 Three Chain Road, Carlsruhe.

The Fayre will be run between 10 am and 4 pm. Entry to the Fayre will be \$5 per adult, while children will be admitted free of charge. Ample parking. No dogs please. Paramoor Farm Fayre is a major fundraiser for the Carlsruhe CFA



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Woodend Kindergarten Trivia Night – Come One, Come All!

The Father's Day Eve Trivia Night, a fund-raiser and social event for the Woodend Kindergarten, promises to be a great night out – and anyone is welcome to come along to join in the fun. It is the ideal chance to catch up with friendly people from the local community, show off your extensive trivia knowledge, and perhaps even win a great prize or two along the way! Money raised will help fund major landscaping works in the kinder grounds.

How about buying Dad a ticket as a Father's Day present? Saturday 4th September, 7.00pm – late at St Ambrose Hall, Woodend, BYO – food, drinks and minds full of seemingly useless facts!! Tickets are \$15. Available from the kindergarten, phone 5427 2730 or 5427 1421.

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Submitted by Paula Hurley



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Juggled Interiors

Robyn Clarke's last exhibitions in Sydney and the Blue Mountains were influenced by her direct environment – the jetties and intimate beaches of Pittwater, and the fire-ravaged woodscapes of the high Blue Mountains.

Now she is living in the beautiful rural village of Woodend in the Macedon Ranges and while she comes to terms with such a new landscape, she has turned to painting expressionistic interiors focusing on a special theme – jugs. And this series forms the core of her forthcoming exhibition at the new Colenso Gallery in Woodend, which opens on September 4.

These are not just any jugs. Some reflect antique eras of history. Others are hued with the history of modern art, in playful tribute to such masters as Matisse and Morandi. These are allusions only. All are filled with the true spirit of Robyn Clarke.

Robyn's art has expressionism at its core. She says that despite her work having an emphasis on abstraction of colour and form, there is something in this series which forced her closer to realism than at any other time in her career. Also on show alongside Robyn's paintings are a small

but select number of items from one of Australia's master-ceramicists, Noel Flood, with whom Robyn used to exhibit when she lived in Melbourne before moving to Sydney in 1986. "I've always found Noel's work extraordinarily stimulating. It just brims with creativity. To once more be exhibiting alongside of Noel is wonderful, after so many years away from the Melbourne art-scene", she said.

Robyn, who moved to Woodend last December, is a graduate of the National Art School – the famous East Sydney Tech. She has lived in both Sydney and Melbourne. Her work has been bought by the National Gallery in Melbourne and is in several regional gallery collections as well as in many private collections. She has exhibited with the Stuart Gerstman Art Gallery and Roar Studios in Melbourne, and with the Holdsworth Gallery, Barry Stern Gallery and the Harris Courtin Gallery in Sydney.

The Colenso Gallery is at 42 Anslow Street, Woodend and is open Thursday to Sunday. The exhibition will run from September 4 until September 30. For further information, contact the Gallery on 5427 2788 or Robyn Clarke on 5427 1718).

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	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*	39	May
June	116.7	36.0	105.1	88.7	66.5*	98.5	June
July	76.9	91.6	83.3	112.5	76.5*	87.5	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
YTD:	693.8	486.9	739.8	600.3	670.5	516.0	YTD

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

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Woodend Auxiliary

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday September 9th, with guest speaker, Acting Director of Nursing, Alison Lowe. Alison will speak about the Health Service's progress during the year, and about some of the good things that have been achieved.

Commencing at 1.30 p.m., with Alison to speak at about 2.00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend, listen to the Guest Speaker, and enjoy afternoon tea RSVP (for catering purposes) to Jo – 5427 1909, or Marjorie – 5427 2988.

We Urgently Need New Members For The Auxiliary – Can You Join Our Happy Band?

We also have news of an upcoming event to raise funds for the Health Service. It is being organised by the Hospital's Fund-Raising Committee which includes representatives from the Kyneton and Woodend Auxiliaries. The event is an Antiques Roadshow, and it will be held at the Woodend Community Centre on Saturday October 23rd. There won't be any TV cameras, but there will be expert valuers from Leonard Joel who may be able to tell you something about that strange-looking thing that Great-Uncle Cyril left in his shed. Allsorts of valuables and fine art items may be assessed for a small fee, and morning and afternoon teas and light lunches will be on sale. Make a note of the date!!

Submitted by Jo Clancy

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Father Malcolm is residing at the Rectory at St. Mary's, and has been getting to know Woodend and the local people. Please give him a warm Woodend welcome if you see him out and about in town!

Guest Speaker at Back to Church Sunday

Everyone is welcome at services at St. Mary's at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays and 10:00 a.m. on Wednesdays. In particular, we would love to see you at Church on Sunday 12th September, the day that has been proclaimed as "Back To Church Sunday"! This is an initiative that was started in the U.K. in 2004 and has since become Worldwide. Primarily it is for those who used to attend church but for a variety of reasons have stopped going, but also for people who have no history at all of Church. Many people are interested in coming along to Church but need a reason to "break the ice" At the conclusion of our regular service on that day (approx. 12 noon), we will have a guest speaker, local woman Sharon Simpson. Sharon will speak about the importance of prayer, faith and miracles that happen to real people in our everyday life. Sharon and her son Jack are going to Rome in October as a consequence of that faith, for the Canonisation of Mary McKillop. Sharon has a wonderful and inspirational story to tell, and we hope that as many people as possible will take the opportunity to hear her speak.

Submitted by Kelly Clune

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You'll be able to feast from a selection of barbecues, cakes and scones; buy preserves and handmade crafts and pre-loved goods; browse through second hand books, bid for a selection of locally donated auction goods and take part in a variety of activities.

If you wish to set up a stall on the day, call or email Sylvia Mathews on 54 27 1885, nma00780@bigpond.net.au

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Lions Markets returns

Spring time in Woodend means The Lions Club Markets are about to return on September 19th with lots of new stalls about the regular ones of great quality. Those wishing to place a stall please phone before 8pm Alisa Howe 5427 2321.

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-----	North North East (abbr)	5
-----	Due North (abbr)	

2) Then unscramble the letters (14) to reveal an MR M.P

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Macedon Ranges Rock Climbing Club

Are you a keen rock climber? Have you always wanted to "give it a go" or have you been a climber in the past and would love to get back into it?

A new local club is being formed for rock climbers that will be community focused and family friendly. We aim to provide club social activities, climbing trips and training opportunities. We will also be trying to generate some interest in the development of a local climbing wall.

An initial meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Mon 13th September at the Macedon Ranges Business Centre, 103-105 High St, Woodend (above Bella). If you're interested in being part of the club or finding out more, please come along to the meeting - or contact Phil on 0407 328 623 or phil@aarons.id.au



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The primary attractions at Duneira are the soft-tinted rhododendrons, the azaleas and the masses of daffodils. Some of the rhododendrons are of tree-like proportion, reaching up to more than 10 metres.

Guided garden tour dates: Wednesday 15th September, Wednesday 13th October, Wednesday 10th November, Wednesday 15th December. Tickets: \$20/\$15 Concession
All tours running for 1 hour. Bookings required, please call 5426 4190

Open Gardens

Duneira's magnificent heritage gardens will be opened for you to explore at your own leisure on Sunday 5th September, Sunday 3rd October, Sunday 7th November, Sunday 5th December 10am - 4pm. Tickets \$10/5 Children free. Bookings are not required. Please pay at the gate. This is a rare opportunity to explore these gardens in their Spring Splendour.

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Tylden Community Planning

The TCPG has received a grant of \$6000 from the Macedon Ranges Shire Council for a preliminary study of the Tylden- Kyneton Bike path. Added to this is \$750 from Councillor Initiated Grants. A meeting will be organized with a consultant to discuss the study in the near future.

A meeting was held to discuss the dilapidated state of tennis courts at the Tylden Hall Reserve in view of the viability of an upgrade of the current site. A report will follow in the near future.

No decision has been made by Vic Roads for the site of a Community Notice Board along the road reserve at the Tylden General Store at present.

The Youth Space Activities take place at the Tylden Hall on Wednesdays from 4:30PM for teenagers from the age of 12 and up. Activities include: sport, dance, cooking, art and crafts. Come along and join in. Tylden Community Planning Group meetings will be held at Tylden Hall on September 21st and October 19th at 7:30 PM. All welcome. For further information phone Dawn on 5424 8452.

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Monthly Bus Trip, Monday 13th Sept. We visit the Australian Garden at the Royal Botanic Garden, Cranbourne. Wandering through the different types of gardens; water saving, arid, peppermint etc, or just relaxing taking in the view.

Notice is given of our Annual General Meeting on Friday 1st Oct. All positions declared vacant; nomination forms are available, only members are eligible to vote.

Please support our club. New members welcome.

Submitted by A. Warnock, President

New Board at 100.7 Radio

Following its recent Annual General Meeting, 100.7 Highlands FM has a new President and Committee.

Retiring President, Charles Gaal, is still on the Committee of Management, and still dedicated to the success of the station. "We want to thank Charles for eight years of hard work. He was the prime mover behind establishing new studios in Woodend and the transmitter on Mount Macedon," said new President Roni Wildeboer.

President, Roni Wildeboer; Vice-President Technical Coordinator, Gary Matthews; Secretary, Rob Acton; Treasurer, Peter Rowley; Program Coordinator, Milton Perkins; Sponsorship Coordinator, Dean Padgham; Grants Coordinator, Kevin Dwyer

"The aim of the organization now is to become a meaningful media outlet in the Macedon Ranges, bringing together the townships in the region and giving the residents a sense of belonging. I feel extremely fortunate to have so many skilled and enthusiastic people on our new committee," she said.

To help the station meet its many targets for the coming year, 100.7 invite members of the community to volunteer a couple of hours per week at the radio station. "There are many areas that one can get involved," said Roni, "such as answering phones, general office administration, technical, computing and even presenting your own show."

For further information: Roni Wildeboer: 0424 938 931 or email: roni@wildeboer.id.au; Rob Acton 0413 326 300 or email: robact@gmail.com; Highlands FM 03 5427 2040 or by email: thedesk@highlandsfm.org.au



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- Health Awareness Support Group
Offering meditation, reiki healing and general discussion on natural therapies and preventative medicine. Tues 7.30-9.30pm.

- Self Empowerment and Healing Support Group
For "confidence building" and "positive living". Thurs 10-11.30am

Health Workshops/Seminars for September

- Reiki II Workshop - facilitated by Gary McKenzie. For those interested in learning the healing art of Reiki. On Sunday 12 September from 1pm to 6pm. Cost \$120, \$95 for students and pensioners or \$80 for CNTF Members.

- Bowen Therapy Seminar - This seminar offers an introduction into Bowen Therapy. How it is applied, how it works and its benefits. On Tuesday 28 September from 7.30pm. Cost \$10 or \$8 for CNTF Members.

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Joanne Duncan

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Do you have basic computer skills and would like to learn more? Would you like to make your work more professional or understand more of the function keys? We offer a one day Advanced Excel course on 16 Sept where you will learn to make the most of Excel and an Advanced Word Course on 9 Sept. Book in now.

Seniors week is coming up at the beginning of October – please keep your eye on our notice board at Coles, or the next edition of the Woodend Star for details of what we have especially for anyone over 55.

Dance is one of the simplest ways to connect with your self, community and spirit. "Dance Hall Days" is a new dance and movement class for over-60's based on the 5Rhythms® which offers a fun way to feel good, and meet people. Come to stretch, move, have a cuppa and socialise. This pair of introductory classes is offered FREE specifically for Seniors in the Macedon Ranges, Wednesdays 1 & 8 Sept, 1-2.30pm. If you are curious to find out more call David Juriansz on 0409 992 656 or 5427 4654. Or you can find out more at www.5rhythms.com

Did you know we have a keen group of knitters and sewers who meet regularly and who make and donate knitted squares for winter blankets, and make baby bonnets & shawls for the Kyneton hospital? Donations of wool or squares always welcome – for details pop in to see us. Our volunteers are busy working on a fabulous Christmas themed wall hanging - raffle tickets will be on sale next term.

Quilters World of Queensland are returning by popular demand on 30 Sept & 1 Oct. Pauline will run a one-day workshop on machine quilting for \$55 and ½ day on bias appliqué and quilt as you go for \$25. If you book and pay for both workshops receive a \$5 discount.

Our Tax Department trained volunteer is available every Monday until the end of October to assist people with their tax returns. If you would like help with your tax return and are on a low income ring or call in for an appointment.

Our last course brochure for 2010 will be in your letter boxes by the end of September. If you would like to go on our mailing list, either email or paper based, please let us know. We will also offer a range of school holiday activities once again during the first week of the school holidays (20-24 September). Details will be sent to all schools and if requested we can email the program to you.

Volunteer wanted for poster run – would you like to receive free tickets to local shows and events? If you are interested in putting up fliers around Woodend advertising local events please let me know.

Submitted by Sarah Campbell Coordinator

Ride your bike to buy a bike.

A fantastic bicycle ride through the heart of Macedon Ranges will take place on Sunday 14th of November 2010, taking in some of the region's most famous landmarks, including Hanging Rock and The Memorial Cross at the top of Mt Macedon. The ride is a recreational cycling event starting in Gisborne and is organised by the Rotary Club of Elsternwick, to raise awareness and funds for the Cambodian Kids Foundation, which is their international project.

The message is a simple one: Ride your bike to buy a bike. The funds raised from the entry fee will be used to purchase 100 good quality second hand bikes in Cambodia, for the children who attend Saing Sy Centre, the school built by the community of Woodend and Macedon Ranges

Our school was recently built in Mous Village, one of the poorest villages in Cambodia. In addition to attending Saing Sy, the children need to attend Public school. For some students, the only way to get there would be to walk over 12km. This is a long way for a little person with no shoes! Not surprisingly, many kids can't always attend and they miss out on this very important part of their education. A simple second-hand bike, purchased for \$35 means a proper education. A simple bike could actually change a child's life.

Remaining funds raised from the bike ride will help to pay for the ongoing educational needs of the children. Cambodian kids foundation currently educates over 1000 children through 2 schools that it runs, as well as a kinder and dorm style accommodation for university students who have scholarships from the CKF.

The ride has been planned by an experienced local rider and is sponsored by the local bike shop in Gisborne, Wheelspeedcycles and Color me Cooper in Woodend and Daylesford.

With a beautiful ride route planned, which includes a short easy option, a free Ride for Bikes jersey to early bird entries by 14th of October and home baked cakes and muffins, we all hope that local riders will be amongst the first to support this beautiful ride.

For those in our community who prefer a less energetic way to get around the Ranges, you might like to support a rider by sponsoring their efforts. For more Info on Ride for Bikes or to Register www.rideforbikes.org or contact margaret@cambodiankidsfoundation.com

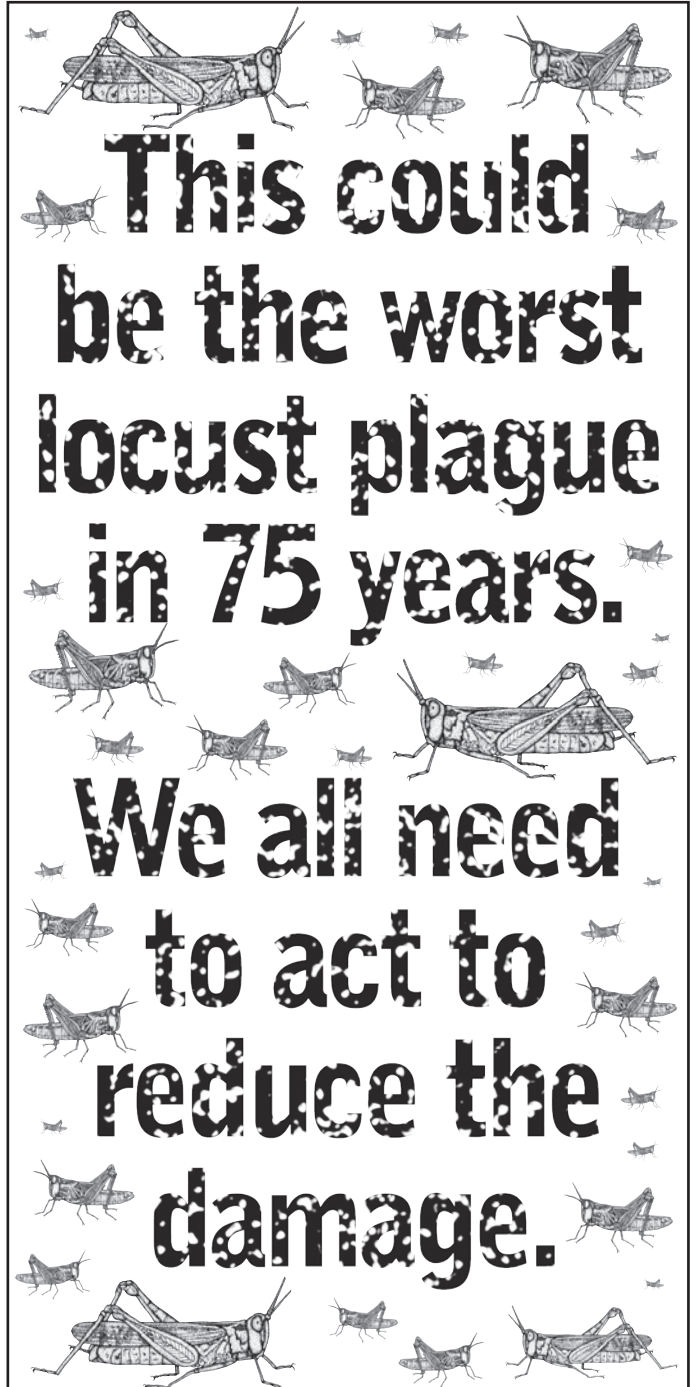
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Submitted By Margaret Harvey Ride for Bikes Co Coordinator

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The Victorian Government is providing a 100% rebate on the chemicals listed for locust treatment. The Government has ordered \$4.2 million worth of chemicals to treat locusts on public land. You need to prepare to chemically treat locusts on your land. Seek advice from chemical suppliers and agronomists about the most appropriate chemicals for your situation.

DPI has developed a new online tool that will help inform landholders about the range and use of chemicals. Meetings are also being held to ensure an effective collaboration between government and landholders.

Remember, you must monitor your property and report any activity urgently to the DPI Locust Hotline **1300 135 559** or visit dpi.vic.gov.au/locusts



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Upcoming Feature

The *New Woodend Star* will print a special October feature about Woodend and surrounds. If you're a local business with something special to promote this spring, we invite you to place an advertisement and/or editorial in this feature. For information, phone Alexia on 5427 3092.

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Submitted by: Nelly Molina, native Spanish speaking teacher (LOTE)

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Part of the proceeds of the entrance fee will be donated to Very Special Kids, a unique organization which supports families throughout their experience of caring for children with life threatening illnesses, from diagnosis through to recovery or bereavement.

Through a very generous gift Very Special Kids have been given 26 hectares of the farming property "Glen Osmond" on Old Lancefield Road Woodend. On this beautiful property Very Special Kids will be developing a host farm for families supported by their organization.

"Glen Osmond Farm" will have up to four cabins and a barn designed to give families the opportunity to have a short break in a relaxed, peaceful, rural farm environment away from the day-to-day routine and demands of care, with or without their sick child and other children.

The cabins will be designed to provide full disability access and have wonderful views of Mt Macedon and Hanging Rock. Farm activities will be structured around families being able to choose to get involved in all the Woodend area has to offer, or just take timeout for a complete rest.

Volunteers are being sought to help manage the entrance ticket sales for the garden opening at "Flint Hill". If you are able to assist please email Jane on jane@overwood.org or call 5427 3308.

Happy Fathers Day

Fathering Is Hard Work:

According to the 6/10/03 issue of Family Circle magazine in its national poll in of fathers finds:

- 94% feel building a family is the hardest and most important thing a man can do.
- 91% bathed, fed and changed their kids as babies.
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- 52% feel fatherhood is their true calling.

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Maybe you have not had a good role model as a father; maybe as a father you are facing issues that you don't know 'how' to handle. If you would like to know more about your Heavenly Father, His ways and receive hope and guidance for your Challenges in life, please contact the Living Word Church office to speak to someone who cares.

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News From Landcare

The biggest news – well, a cause to celebrate – is the massive rain we've had this winter. Our Creek is running fast, and all the little gullies and streamlets are flowing. It's doing so much good for the soil, the plants, the underground aquifers, and for the frogs. How the frogs are croaking for joy!

Our group is thinking about the future. At the end of the year we had a look at the Action Plan we've had in place for the previous two years, and discovered we have really achieved quite a few of the goals we had set ourselves. Sometimes these things creep up on you while you're busily caught up in the everyday stuff.

We think we're entitled to feel a little pride, because since 1984 this Group (sometimes under different names) has been responsible for a huge amount of weed clearing, fire control, and replanting of native vegetation. In all of this we have had the help of many people in the town, of our Councillors, of the Shire itself, and of private, State and Federal funding. Many of the people in the town tell us our work is truly appreciated.

Despite all this, there is still a huge amount more to be done along the Creek, especially in the area between Jeffrey St and Gregory St, including the lower slopes of Golf Course Hill, and the old Racecourse. It's pretty much of a jungle in places. Yet the same sort of improvement that we all delight in, that's taken place in the areas where work has been done, could potentially be carried out at the western end of the town.

There is also the work being undertaken by Bert Dawson and his crew, who are specializing in the road and rail reserves from the High St nearly to the Freeway. AND, there are lots more road and rail reserves that have scarcely been touched, except where one or two individuals have done a little work on their own.

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Some years ago (2002) the Catchment Management Authority called a meeting of groups and individuals to discuss the preparation of a Waterway Action Plan for the Five Mile Creek Catchment. It was a terrific meeting, with everyone so enthusiastic about having "ownership" of the Creek that runs through the heart of our town. Someone made a statement that "The Creek will belong to the people, and the people will belong to the Creek", and there was an immediate buzz of approval.

The CMA has now given us a small grant to start a similar - but more effective! - consultation process. We've begun planning, and will let you know when such meeting(s) will be held, though at this stage it's likely the first one will be in October.

We will really be looking for input from our fellow-townfolk in order to continue the progress that's been made towards the Five Mile Creek becoming one of the icons of our Shire.

Creek Working Bees are on the fourth Sunday of each month, so September's will be Sunday 26th (yes, that's right, the day after the Grand Final).

The Quarry Rd crew usually meets on Thursday mornings, so phone Bert on 5427 1520 for details.

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"Sustainability is everyone's responsibility and in business it is the leading strategy for success," according to Ian McBurney, business sustainability mentor, and presenter at the recent Macedon Ranges Sustainable Business Event.

The event sponsored by the Calder Regional Waste Management Group and Macedon Ranges Shire Council and organised by the Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group, attracted 30 local companies from across the Shire.

Presenter Diane Hood, Manager of Sustainability Services from VECCI (Victorian Employers' Chamber of Commerce), was delighted by the interest.

"It appears that many local businesses understand that sustainability is more about leveraging opportunities and realising costs savings" she said. "Results from the VECCI programs suggest that the average small business can save up to \$6,600 per annum in utilities costs alone." "Our research and industry analysis is telling us that many businesses want to play their part in tackling climate change but many of those wanting to take action get confused and feel unsupported."

According to Peter Hansford from Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group, "The Sustainable Business workshop series is exactly what is needed to fill that gap." "Inspiring local case studies, encouragement by peers and stakeholders, simple actions and personalised follow up by advisers."

The feedback was really positive, he said. "Many business owners really enjoyed the presentations and unanimously volunteered for the 3 workshops to follow."


VECCI has offered 3 workshops to help local businesses become more sustainable and understand how they can save money and help the environment. Those businesses interested in registering for the 3 workshops should contact Kerri Tomkins (email kerriea@chariot.net.au)

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- 4 Woodend Kinder Trivia Nigh
- 4 "Jugged interiors" exhibition opens
- 5 Paramoor Farm Fayre
- 11/12 MR Potters Exhibition @ Boilerhouse Sunbury
- 13 Post you Art submissions due
- 13 Meeting MR Rock Climbing Club
- 14 Bush Tucker @ Gisborne Library
- 15 NMI Green energy from Coal
- 15 Bush Tucker @ Woodend Library
- 15 Garden Tour with Stephen Ryan @ Duneria
- 17/18 Stillness Meditation @ Duneria
- 19 Lions Market
- 26 Bird identification @ Hanging Rock
- 26 Landcare Creek Working Bee

October

- 1/2 Stillness Meditation @ Duneria
- 13 Garden Tour with Stephen Ryan @ Duneria
- 23/24 Flint Hill Garden Open Day
- 31 Wildflower walk @ Hanging Rock
- 31 Teddy Bear Show 10am -4pm

November

- 10 Garden Tour with Stephen Ryan @ Duneria
- 13 Newham Garden Club Plant & produce stall
- 13 Newham Primary School OPne Garden Fundraiser
- 14 Ride your Bike to buy a Bike
- 27 St Marys Festiva
- 28 Tree & Shrub planting @ Hanging Rock

December

- 19 Summer Soltice lunch @ Hanging Rock

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 Assc. 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
- Woodend Pony Club, 5427 2793
- Woodend Senior Citizens Club, Comm. Centre
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Meandering through the backstreets seeking a warm place to eat, we casually paused to look through the huge window of an old historic shopfront. The type that dare you to enter. Stunned by what we saw, we looked at each other in surprise, then looked back through the window.

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On display hung four huge handmade patchwork quilts. Perfect in their symmetry, intriguing in their colour, and enticingly tactile. There was nothing for it but to enter the shop. More quilts. Everywhere. We loved them. We wanted them. We marvelled at them. We tried to buy them, but the shop lady told us they were not for sale - you have to do the course. Sewing suddenly took on a whole new dimension.

I went home and told my husband I was taking up quilting. Rob went home and told his wife she was taking up quilting.

I made quilts for the couch, the beds, the children, friends, babies, and friends babies. Quilts for quilts sake.

It is generally said that once you discover quilting, you rarely go back, and my style has emerged as rip, snip, chuck it all together. Scrappy mismatched mayhem.

It's been ten years since the start of my enduring love, and the realisation that you never know where lunch might lead you.

And Rob? Oh, I dunno. Last I heard they moved to Qld.

Submitted by Kathy Mexted



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Clearing volatile fuels such as grass, undergrowth, fallen leaves, bark, dead branches and twigs will lower the intensity of a fire.

Reduce green and you won't see red!

In grasslands, the intensity of grassfires increases with the height and weight of the grass. Cut the long grass within 30 metres of the house, and then keep it under control. If grass cannot be kept short by grazing animals, it should be slashed well before the fire danger period so that cut grass has time to rot prior to summer.

A well maintained garden will reduce the fire intensity around your house and make it safer for you to stay and defend your home, and put out spot fires started by embers from the main fire.

Make sure all vegetation around the house is pruned, especially any overhanging branches, clear ground around trees from dead undergrowth and fallen branches. If you live on a slope, greater ground clearance is desirable, especially under established trees.

Remove over-hanging branches and clear leaves and twigs from roof gutters— something you should do on a regular basis.

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Bush tucker isn't just about witchetty grubs. Come and find out about the amazing variety of Bush tucker plants that grow in the Macedon Ranges. A range of plants will be on display at the Woodend and Gisborne Libraries to touch, taste, and smell. The session will also include a story and hands on activity. Kirsty Skilbeck, environmental educator, will lead the discussion. Find out about Bush tucker plants, where you can find them and how you can cook with them. Come and join us after school at 4.15pm on Tuesday 14th September - Gisborne Library, Wednesday 15th September – Woodend Library. Ages 5-12.

A Home Education Book Group for children living in the Macedon Ranges aged between 10 and 14 will be offered next term. Aimed at home schooled children the group will meet at the Gisborne Library the second Wednesday of each month at 11.00am beginning the 13th of October. The group will be facilitated by an experienced home education parent. Please contact Georgina at the Gisborne Library 5428 3962 to register your interest as places will be limited.

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The Night shift

A shift-worker's moon hangs in the eastern sky, A waning gibbous moon of pale yellow, It's sheer presence betraying the lateness of the hour., It is a time of day with which, only a few are familiar., While most are hunkered down in their homes or their beds,, A few, like myself are travelling to work.

The FM stations are playing ridiculously long songs like "Bat out of Hell" by Meatloaf (9:47) or "Money for Nothing" by Dire Straits (8:26) while the AM stations broadcast inane "talk-back". Well, at least you get to learn what keeps "normal" people awake at nights, if it's not work. Usually, they're insomniacs, lonely, or eccentric. Or perhaps they're just shift-workers on their days off?

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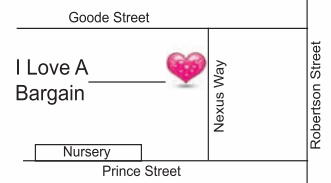
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RSL Report.

As I write, Karen and Barry Meldrum are winging their way to Vietnam for a well-deserved holiday and to commemorate Long Tan Day. Barry has just completed the latest Outhouse Tales which, we hope will help members keep in touch with the many events happening at the Club. We now have a good management team and hope to recruit new blood soon to spread the workload and get a broader perspective on the future of Woodend RSL.

As treasurer, I am continually asked how are things going? From an activity viewpoint, with the able assistance of the Women's Auxiliary, we are getting involved in more local functions, some of which are community based. I believe as a Welfare organisation, this is where we should be. It is an exciting time at the Club, as we are constantly upgrading facilities. Pop in any morning for a hot drink and a chat or when the bar is open between 4 and 6pm and have a look.

Financially, since recovering from the closure of our building in April 2008, we have repaired the building to meet 2008 standards and, thanks to the efforts of many members, are now in a sound financial position. Having recently passed WorkSafe and licensing audits we meet current regulations. We are paying all our bills on time and planning and incorporating improvements to the club on a weekly basis. A 50 inch TV kindly donated by Kyneton RSL was installed a couple of days ago. Our current big project, the veranda over the back door, is awaiting approval on 12 Aug by RSL Vic. We are confident that by the time you read this, construction will be well advanced.

Forth coming events include; 1/9; HACC lunch and activities from 11.30am to 2.30pm; 3/9 RSL and Women's Aux. Dinner 6pm; 8/9 General Meeting for all members 7.30pm; 10/9 Celtic Night 7.30pm; 15/9 Legacy meeting; 24/9 Vietnam Vets lunch 11am; 28/9 Committee meeting 7pm.

Submitted by Eric Read Treasurer.

Woodend Fire Brigade Auxilliary Shopping Tour

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Mining luminary to take stage at Newham

Newham Mechanics Institute continues its impressive 2010 form of guest speakers. Sir Roderick Carnegie AC, eminent business identity and longtime Macedon Ranges resident, will make a special appearance when he presents the latest of the Institute's Winter Seminar program. Sir Roderick is a distinguished figure in Australian business and the mining industry in particular. It is something of a coup for him to appear in an intimate local setting.

Climate change and atmospheric carbon are at the center of widespread controversy and debate, particularly for Australians in the midst of a federal election. Sir Roderick provides a highly informed and unique insight to these issues in his presentation, 'Using Carbon to Best Advantage'.

Founder of the Australian office of McKinsey & Co, former Director of McKinsey based in New York, and Managing Director of CRA Ltd (now Rio Tinto), Sir Roderick was awarded a knighthood in the 1978 Queen's Birthday Honor's list and a Companion of the Order of Australia in 2003. He is widely recognised as having made an enormous contribution to Australian business and industry, as well as advancing innovative leadership and providing significant community initiatives in the health and arts fields. His property 'Flint Hill' in Woodend is known for the spectacular historic garden.

Newham's Winter Seminars reinvigorate the original raison d'être of Mechanics Institutes. The nineteenth century term 'mechanic' referred to an artisan or working man. Beginning in Scotland, lectures for working people in local Institutes (over a thousand built in Victoria alone) were the precursors of adult education and libraries. This is the third seminar to be held this year and follows highly successful lectures on Alzheimer's and Antique Jewelry.

Sir Roderick's presentation will be held on the 15th of September at 7.30pm. This is a rare opportunity to hear and put questions to a central figure in the Australian mining industry, and to get an insider's view of the clean coal debate and the issues surrounding carbon proliferation.

Doors open at 7pm. Drinks and nibbles provided before and after the seminar. Gold coin donation. Numbers are expected to be tight, so please RSVP at bvsutton@bigpond.com or call Barrie Sutton on 5427 0387.

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The Garden aims to demonstrate a working permaculture set-up so visitors can take and use ideas at home. It includes a food forest, chickens (with an eco-chook house), rotational vegetable beds, fruit trees, compost bins, and water tanks.

Thanks to recent funding from the Macedon Ranges Shire we hope to increase community involvement and the educational benefits of this unique garden. This funding will allow for the installation of two entrance signs and interpretation signs that highlight and explain a number of the facets of the permaculture garden as well as information on how community members can get involved.

New volunteers are always welcome and most appreciated. Green Thumb Fridays are held on the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month from 10-12 am. Working Bees are held at 11am after the Food Exchange on the 1st Saturday of the month. The Garden can be found at the rear of the Woodend Neighbourhood House (47 Forrest St). For more information please contact Krista on 5426 2140 or email kristafish@hotmail.com.

Submitted by Krista Patterson-Majoro



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1952	43.07
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1957	21.93
1958	32.06
1959	26.50
1960	37.10
1961	26.70
1962	32.49
1963	35.91
1964	38.16

Heritage Society News

As I write this on a blustery and decidedly damp Saturday afternoon, an historical look back at our weather seems like a topic that readers may find interesting. If you are a relative newcomer to this district, the rain and cold we have recently been experiencing may have come as a bit of a shock. On the other hand, if your memory of the district stretches back twenty years or more, you are probably one of the many who have recently been heard to exclaim —It's almost like the "old days" But what were the 'old days' really like?

Looking through The Woodend Star this article and chart caught my eye. It appeared in the October 1, 1970 edition. The rainfall up till that month must have been getting people down, but as the Editor pointed out, "Woodend has had many wetter years than 1970" Here is the article:

"Rainfall figures for the month of September (1970) totalled 416 points. So far for the year Woodend has had 3521 points of rain. An interesting comparison of rainfall figures for all the years since 1915 has been supplied to us by Miss Muntz of Carlisle Street. This shows wide variations in totals with 1916 being the wettest year with 44.52 inches and 1939 running a close second with 44.36 inches, and 1938 and 1967 being the driest with about 15.5 inches each. This averages over the 55 year period at 31.80 inches. Many people seem to think that we have had enough rain already this year, and the condition of the ground would certainly support this feeling, but as you can see by the figures Woodend has had many wetter years than 1970."

To make comparisons with today's figures, 1 inch = 25.4 mm. (Thank heavens for calculators!)

But what happened after 1970? Many of us will, I suspect, associate the beginning of the dry years with the lead up to the Ash Wednesday fires in 1983. That was certainly a dry year with severe water rationing throughout the district. But when did we really begin to experience our own local 'climate change'? From memory it was during the 1990s. Apart from the figures printed each month in this paper, I have been unable to find a full listing equivalent to Miss Muntz's to cover the years from 1970 until the time they began to be printed in the *New Woodend Star*. The collection at our Centre holds several private collections of charts which have been deposited with us over the years, for example, from the late Douglas Robinson (charts for 1968—1977) and the late Bill Bowyer (charts for 1988- 92). Then again, the web has a myriad of weather-related sites, but none appear to provide complete and comparable information for these years. Perhaps one of our readers can help us find this to bring our records up-to-date. In the meantime, welcome to Woodend's weather of old!

FAMILY HERITAGE WALK: Please note that next year's ceremony will take place on Sunday 3rd April. Applications are now open for anyone wishing to dedicate a plaque and tree at next year's ceremony. We have a limit of six new plaques and trees each year and applications close on 12th October 2010. If you would like an information kit, please phone the courthouse on Wednesday 5427 3361, leave a message on 5427 1893 or email us on wahs@vicnet.net.au

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Macedon Ranges Potters

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The group have been exhibiting high quality work for over 20 years, with members from the Macedon Ranges area, a number of members living in Woodend. The September exhibition will show the high quality and diversity of work from the group, including functional, sculptural and decorative work.

Opening night for the exhibition is Friday 10th September at 7.30pm. The exhibition continues for the rest of the weekend, Saturday 11th & Sunday 12th September, 10am-4pm both days. Entry is free. Boilerhouse Community Arts Centre, Building 20, Boilerhouse Road, Jackson's Hill, Sunbury. Plenty of parking is available at the rear of the building, and all are welcome. Further details: scgrose@hotmail.com

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So far an estimated 1600 people have been killed and at least two million people affected since flash floods and Pakistan's weather service has forecast widespread rain in the next few weeks to continue.

So what can we do here in the middle of Victoria? The simple answer is that you can help by giving money.

The Anglican Parish of Kyneton and the Parish of Woodend have started a fund to help the victims of the Pakistan flood disaster and you can help by making a donation at any one of the six churches (St Paul's, Kyneton, St Mary's, Woodend, St George's Trentham, All Saints Blackwood, St John's, Malmsbury or Holy Trinity, Taradale) either by cheque or cash. Alternately you can make a donation at Aesop's Attic Bookshop in High Street Kyneton or at Collier Office and Business Assist, Woodend. You can help by organising fund-raising at your local school or community group. or by forwarding a cheque to the Anglican Church - PO Box 887 Kyneton.

We can then send the funds, in full, to the Church World Service in Pakistan which has so far distributed 500 food and shelter kits in Balochistan, Dera Ismail Khan and Khyber Paktunkwa provinces, with 750 more kits being dispatched.

The severe floods in Pakistan have already killed more than 1,600 people, left more than 2 million people homeless and affected at least 13 million people.

Entire villages are under water. Railways and roads have been swept away. Families have lost their homes, crops, livestock and many people have nothing to eat.

Food prices are drastically increasing. These price hikes could cause severe food insecurity and malnutrition leading to more deaths.

Families remain at high risk of waterborne and skin diseases. Thousands of families are without shelter and can be found roaming and sleeping on the streets.

The Rector of St Paul's Kyneton, Archdeacon Tony White, called for urgent donations to help the people affected by the devastating events "The people of Pakistan are living through a terrible time. Many people have lost their lives and those who are still alive have little to eat and limited shelter."

Fr Malcolm Thomas added "A lot of humanitarian assistance is needed quickly. The people of the Central Province can help the people of Pakistan in their time of need by supporting AngliCORD's emergency appeal which we are coordinating through our church network throughout Woodend and Kyneton."

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Local Footy is nearly over: Cricket is nearly here again for the 150th Season!!

Pre Season training is well under way with the first senior session held at Melton Indoor Cricket centre on the 15th August

Also held on the 15th August was the initial registration session in conjunction with a sausage sizzle out the front of Coles, unfortunately the weather was a little dismal and Mark Grady, Ian Fletcher and myself kept warm by eating sausages and staying close to the BBQ that was borrowed from the WJFC, many thanks to the Junior Footy club and we hope that they continue on enjoying the success they have had over the past years as we share many members and parents.

Those new and prospective members who missed the registration day need to download a form from the Woodend Cricket Club Website www.woodendcc.cricketvictoria.com.au, or pick one up from Warner's Jewellers. Registrations can be posted to PO Box 326, Woodend, 3442. Members from 2009-10 need to advise the committee of their shirt sizings and sleeve preference as soon as possible in order to have shirts available for the start of the season.

Fantastic news for the people who wish to play cricket but can't set aside consecutive weeks, the Gisborne District Cricket Association has a One Day competition to play in the lowest grade of the Association. Any person who is interested in forming part of a playing roster for this competition, please contact us.

By the time the October deadline for "The Star" closes we will be into matches of the season proper and we will submit results as they come to hand.

Submitted by Jamie Walker



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Careers Night in Woodend

The Rotary Club of Woodend hosted a big careers night for students at the Woodend Community Centre on the 4th August.

Many speakers from wide ranging backgrounds gave excellent insights into their own individual careers and what it was like to work in that environment. The purpose of the event was to provide an opportunity for both students and parents to have interviews with speakers on various career choices.

Over 100 people attended the evening and the general opinion rated the meeting an overall success in what has now become a regular annual event for students in the Macedon Ranges area.

Submitted by Brendan Watters

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Woodend Pony Club

Winning 3 Lowden Family Shields In A Row

An enthusiastic group of riders from Woodend Pony Club has won the prestigious Lowden Family Shield for the third year in a row.

The Shield, a gymkhana-type event, brings all the clubs in the region together to compete. It was a proud victory on Sunday for the young Woodend members and D.C. Ronnie Graham, who also won the Shield in 2008 and 2009. Woodend, which hosted this year's event in cold but clear conditions, retained the Shield ahead of Macedon Pony Club, with Riddell's Creek coming in third.

Woodend Pony Club president Russell Manton congratulated his members and D.C./Chief Instructor Ronnie Graham on the great result.

"The most pleasing aspect of the Lowden Shield is that the result is not based on individual efforts, rather each competitor contributes to their club's result," Mr. Manton said.

"The club has record membership, rising from 28 to 53 in the last two years, and a waiting list of riders wanted to join."

The club recently received a grant from Macedon Ranges shire council of \$4500 to construct cross country jumps and a Woolworths' Fresh Food Kids grant of \$3054 to add to its showjumping equipment.

"The club really is surging ahead. I congratulate all competitors and their parents for their participation at the Lowden this year," Russ Manton said.

Woodend Pony Club, which operates from the picturesque former racecourse on the edge of town, has been running for almost 40 years. The club will celebrate this milestone and anyone who would like more information can contact Russell Manton on 0409 136 071 or see www.woodend.ponyclubvic.org.au



Woodend Pony Club's Lowden Family Shield winning team

Boats

Do something different and creative with the kids over the school holidays - dress in a nautical theme and receive prizes!

Boats is a story about a man called Jof, told by his friend Nic. The two of them are life-long friends and sailors. They met through bizarre circumstances involving a chicken, a deserted island and a sombrero. It is a story of two mariners fleeing their past and embracing adventure

Boats is a poetic show where you watch the magic created in front of you. It is classic story-telling done up close. Jof and Nic transform the world in front of you using everyday objects that would be found on a boat's galley. Each scene is a unique and highly inventive use of space and puppetry. A boat is made from a piece of bread, and ropes. An island is made from a hat. A circus is made from a jacket. And a storm is made in a teacup.

Boats is a moving story which ultimately tells the story and adventures of Nic and Jof with a twist at the end which will leave a lump in your throat and a smile on your face Tickets Adults & Children \$15.00 Family -2 Adults @ 2 children \$50.00 (Additional children \$12.50) Kyneton Town Hall, 1300 88 88 02

Submitted by Macedon Ranges Shire



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Caffeine, nicotine, whatever gets you through the night. Some just stay busy the whole time and don't allow their eyelids to become heavy. Easier said than done, I say. A distraction is always good, a conversation, a book, a DVD. But as the road signs say: "Only sleep cures fatigue", so it is the power-nap that I rely on.

And when the proverbial whistle blows, it's time to face the challenge of getting home before the last of your stamina gives out and your brain and your free-will part company! That's when the lights are on but no-one's home. That's when you are more dangerous than a drink-driver. So you battle against the swarm of on-coming headlights until you locate your exit but you can't relax yet! You still have to be alert enough to swerve to avoid the early morning walkers in dark clothing.

As you hear the comforting sound of driveway gravel under your tyres, you realise, you made it! You kill the engine and finally relax. Don't forget the hand-brake. A welcoming refrain of "first hugs" meets you at the door and you kiss the partner you should've spent the night with and thank your guardian angel for watching over you thus far.

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Mid Week Ladies social competition, Wednesday Mornings, new players welcome. Contact Lisa on 0418 108 284

Due to limited court availability, places will be restricted, please register early.

Final Day for registrations is Sunday 12th September (Grand Final Day) 9.30am – 7.00pm

For further information go to www.macedonranges.basketball.net.au Phone 5427 3783.

Macedon Ranges Futsal

Registration for the following age groups will occur on Wednesday 15th September at Woodend Stadium from 5pm – 7pm. 9 & Under; 11 & Under; 13 & Under, 15 & Under, 17 & Under, Youth. For further information please contact Dee 5427 1726.

Woodend Junior Netball club

Registrations are being taking from 28th August - 11th Sept for the Summer Season. Please contact Rhonda Scanlon 5427 1174 rhondascanlon@gmail.com

Little Athletics Track And Field Season

The first competition day and registration day is Friday 8 October. Registration for the season will be \$75. If registering for the first time, proof of age is required. The age range is 6 to 15 years of age. Registration will take place from 5.30 pm to 6.30 pm in the building just inside the gates to Buffalo Stadium, Racecourse Reserve. The registration includes the use of the Centre shirt for the season.

Submitted by Buffalo Stadium

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