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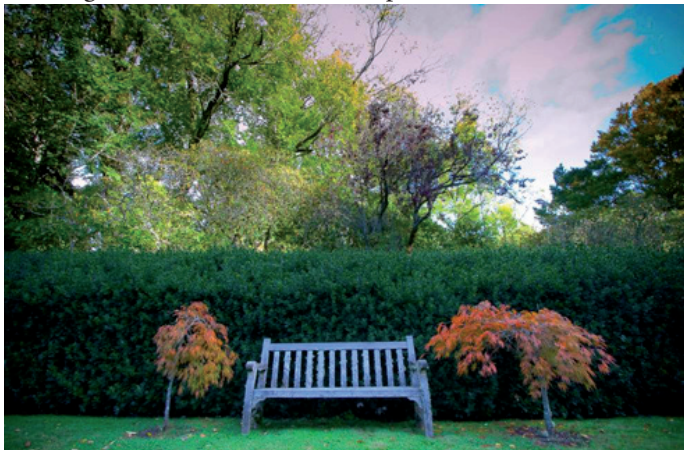
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Special fundraising event

On Sunday March 27th, the Kyneton District Health Service Fundraising Committee will have the great pleasure of welcoming visitors to the beautiful garden of "Duneira" on Mount Macedon.

Mount Macedon is famous for its superb hill station gardens, which were developed by many of the wealthy residents of Melbourne in the latter half of the 19th Century.

Of all the fine gardens on "The Mount", Duneira is regarded as one of the very finest. Its 38 acres are a botanical wonderland, and its avenue of Dutch Elms is thought to be the longest in the Southern hemisphere.



This season in the Macedon Ranges has been such that all the gardens are greener than they have been for years. The 150 year old trees are growing taller than ever before, and the plants in this cool climate are flourishing.

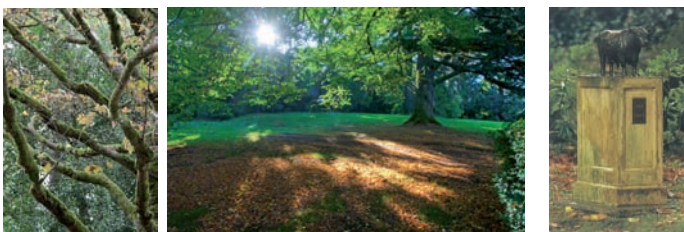
We urge people to come and see this glorious garden, and to refresh your souls while helping our local Health Service!

Kyneton District Health Service wish to thank the Stoneman Foundation and its Director, Dr Jacky Ogeil, for the use of Duneira.

Further information can be obtained from: Jo Clancy – 5427 1909, Marjorie Wilton 5427 2988 or www.kynetonhealth.org.au

Funds raised will be used to purchase equipment to benefit the patients and residents of local health care facilities.

Submitted by Jo Clancy



Woodend Carnival

Hold the bus! Each year the Woodend Carnival morphs a little as subtle changes reflect fresh ideas. 2011 will see the Carnival make way for a variety of young talents by expanding the former Woodend Idol Vocalist competition into a celebration of a far more diverse range of performing arts in "Woodend's Got Talent"

So if you are between 5 and 18 years of age, can sing, dance, act, recite a poem, play a musical instrument, or maybe pull a rabbit out of hat, we want to hear from you. Register your interest by calling Annie Rowland on 5427 1997.

The Carnival is now over 20 years old, and will be held on Saturday 26 March, at the St Ambrose School in Woodend. Stalls open at 9, and rides at 9.30. The day will finish at 4pm after the draw of the major raffle prizes, which include an accommodation package at The Bentinck, gift vouchers for Maloa House and Warner's Jewellers and a mosaic chess board by local artist Kathryn Portelli.



The usual array of excitement will include a book stall, spinning wheel, trash and treasure, plant and food stalls and the ever popular gourmet cake raffles. Get in early for them. Parents will enjoy a light lunch or afternoon tea feasting on homemade slices and cakes, sandwiches and Devonshire teas. If the Carnival Café is a bit too removed from the excitement, then the hamburger and fairy floss stalls about the more thrilling pursuits of the ball crawl, jumping castle, cliff hanger and all the activities on the oval.

Entertainment, alongside Woodend's Got Talent, will be provided by "Women of Note", and performed on Graham Glasson's new purpose built Festival stage.

All queries regarding the Carnival should be directed to our Facebook page "Woodend Autumn Carnival – St Ambrose Parish and School."

It's a great community event. See you there.

Submitted by Kathy Mexted



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WOODEXPO is coming!

Have you ever wondered about the many and varied services and not-for-profit organisations we have in Woodend?

Perhaps you are new to the area and are interested in getting involved in some community-minded groups – be it Landcare based or something musical, like the Woodend Youth Music Collective. Or maybe you could use some of their services or expertise but aren't sure where to begin?

Either way, WOODEXPO on Saturday March 19 is the place to start. Hosted by the Woodend Neighbourhood House, this is your chance to gather information, make some new contacts and get up to speed with who does what in town.

Come and visit the stallholders – all representing community and local not-for-profit groups –and while you are there, you can check out your Neighbourhood House with its array of courses and activities.

There will be a BBQ, plus demonstrations and short workshops involving many of our regular activities including scrapbooking, Tai Chi, sculpture, Thai cooking, computer skills and entertainment from local artists including the Kyneton Municipal Band. And yes, the Green Bean Coffee Machine will also be on hand!

WOODEXPO is on Saturday, March 19 from 10am-2pm at Woodend Neighbourhood House, 47 Forest Street, Woodend. For more information check out our Facebook page under Woodend Neighbourhood House. Or call Coordinator Sarah Campbell on 5427 1845 / 0428 134 712 or email: coordinator@wnci.com.au

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The Macedon Ranges Art Group is once again preparing for its Autumn Art show.

This annual event will be held a little earlier than previous years. Held at our usual venue the Masonic Hall, corner Aitken & Fisher Streets in Gisborne, this years event will be on the 2nd and 3rd of April from 10am till 5pm. The group has made the decision to bring the 2011 Art Show forward as the Autumn colours surrounding the Macedon Ranges are more prominent at this time and the climate is often milder.

The group expects another very successful show due to the wide range of art and craft work to be displayed. Each and every year the group expands in its number of members of local artists and the diversity of their skills.

Exhibits consist of framed paintings in various mediums, styles and subjects, including some contemporary art to catch the eye with an array of bold, bright colours



reflecting our autumn season. Some unframed work will also be available. Also on display will be an extensive range of painted porcelain, pottery, jewellery, glassware and hand painted silk scarves. Demonstrations by the group's artist will be a highlight of the show.

All profits made from this show will be donated to the Mount Macedon CFA to assist them with the wonderful work they do in protecting our communities in our bush fire seasons.

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	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	
January	49.8	83.5	17.1	0.08*	54*	227.5	Jan
February	53.1	27.4	22.1	2.5*	71.5*		Feb
March	20.6	35.7	25.4	42.5*	121*		Mar
April	46.4	20.2	20.4	51*	45		April
May	58.8	95.7	43.7	30.5*	39		May
June	36.0	105.1	88.7	66.5*	98.5		June
July	91.6	83.3	112.5	76.5*	87.5		July
August	30.8	34.8	52.2	107.5*	148.5		Aug
Sept	50.6	49.8	42.0*	88.5*	97		Sept
Oct	5.2	12.1	13.0*	46*	154.5		Oct
Nov	13.0	91.0	67.2	99*	193		Nov
Dec	31.0	101.2	96.0*	60*	93		Dec
YTD:	486.9	739.8	600.3	670.5	1202.5	227.50	YTD

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

For the year of 2010 there was rainfall of

1202.5mm

1 inch = 25.4 mm therefore the total year 2010 is 47.34 inches

January has proved to be our wettest start to the year ever

World Day of Prayer

The World Day of Prayer committee of Chile have prepared a service of worship to be shared worldwide on 4th March.

We invite everyone to join us at St Andrews Uniting Church, Forest Street Woodend at 7.30pm Friday the 4th of March in prayer, in song and in hearing the story of the Chilean women. The worship service will be one of thanksgiving to God for the fruits of creation and the challenge to all of us to protect, nurture and share the earth's bounty. Enquiries Alison Killoh 0417 815 593.

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Gisborne Outdoor Cinema event for National flood relief

Local Event Managers have vowed to help out all Victorians and Queenslanders affected by the recent floods, by hosting 'Cinema Under The Stars' at Gisborne's Sankey Reserve on Saturday the 5th March - with all proceeds going to the National Flood Relief Efforts.

The recent floods have been a devastating blow on the affected communities, Event Promoter Siobhan Wynn says, "This has been a major disaster and in true Aussie spirit we will band together and do what we can to help provide support for the victims".

Event Organiser Raphael Sammut from Gisborne is passionate about this cause saying, "Many of my friends were either evacuated or stranded, with some losing their homes, it is a very traumatic experience and we want to help out in any way that we can".

As well as helping out flood victims, this event is set to be a fun night out for the whole family; Toy Story 3 will be screened, with gates opening at 6pm and the presentation commencing at 7:30pm.

Families are invited to bring their picnics and blankets, although alternatively beanbags will be available for hire and food can be purchased at the event.

Tickets are priced at \$10 for adults and \$7 for children (under 12yrs) online at www.moshtix.com.au

This is a great way for the community to pitch in and help those affected by the floods whilst having a fun night out with their family and friends. (All money raised from the event will be divided evenly between the Australian Redcross Victorian Floods Appeal and the Queensland Premier's Disaster Relief Fund). Management can be contacted by phoning 0425 564 472.

Submitted by Siobhan Wynn


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Youth Health Expo at Macedon Ranges Health

Macedon Ranges Health Services will hold its annual Youth Health Expo in late March. The Expo is for Year 9 students from the Gisborne Secondary College who attend the Health Centre and meet local Youth Health Workers.

Students will meet Community Health Nurse Louise Beer and Dr. Alison Bailey from the EYES Youth Health Clinic, Joe Grbac, Youth Resource Officer from Victoria Police, Pauline Neil from the Macedon Ranges Shire Council Youth Unit, and Paul Ross, manager of the Gisborne Fitness Centre.

Feedback from past students indicates that they really enjoy and appreciate the opportunity to participate in the event. It introduces young people to some of the Youth Health Services that exist in the Macedon Ranges Shire and addresses issues related to both physical and mental health. Students enjoy the opportunity to ask questions, discuss health issues and participate in some fun events, such as warm-up games, try on beer goggles, and complete short surveys. Past students have stated that they have learned,

"A lot of stuff about our health and what services are available".... "That there is help there if you need it".... "How much alcohol can affect you"... "It's OK to talk about problems"..

The event is organised by Teresa Perri, Student Welfare Coordinator from Gisborne Secondary College and Ian Huke from Macedon Ranges Health Services.

Submitted by Desirée Cohen Macedon Ranges Health Services

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Woodend Youth Music Collective

Thanks Woodend!
Woodend Youth Music Collective is a group (proudly auspiced by the Woodend Neighbourhood House) of musically minded people who work to bring a range of performance opportunities to young musicians (12-25 years) in and around Woodend. We are fuelled by the hard work and commitment of volunteers (young and "older") who all share the view that music is a great connector. We run a regular Open Mic Night on the first Thursday of the month at Pink String Café from 6:30pm till 8:30pm and have proudly supported the Woomba, Woodend Carnival and Cambodian Kids Festival by showcasing the amazing talent of young people on these stages.

We would like to express our deepest gratitude to the Woodend Traders and all the wonderful shoppers involved in the Christmas Late Night Shopping in 2010, we were overwhelmed to be the community recipients of the incredibly generous proceeds from this night and will now be able to purchase much needed equipment to allow us to become more sustainable and to continue bringing these opportunities to local young people.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Keelie Bird from Pink String Café for being so generous with her Café and providing us with a much-needed venue to host our Open Mic Nights, in doing so she has fostered the connection between young people and this gorgeous community.

We are planning for a Music Workshop for young people in the local community in May this year and ask any young person who is interested in participating to help shape the program for the workshop by expressing their interests via our on line Survey www.surveymonkey.com/s/ZY6KY3N If you are interested in knowing more about the Woodend Youth Music Collective you can find us on Facebook or feel free to call Annie Rowland 0411 963 711 or email arowland@bigpond.net.au

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Using the fire roads below Bawden Rd in Macedon Regional Park including the Macedon Ranges Cycling Trail, riders will make their way across the railway line then negotiate the Macedon reservoir and into the Pine forest, the single track junkies will be in their element.

Heading back to town on Blackmores Rd, Bawden Rd and through the streets of Woodend, riders will come through the race centre at the Clock Tower and then head out to do it all again on a second lap.

This race is not only for Mountain Bikers wanting a challenge but for the people that come along for the trip to see the town and what it has to offer. Spectators can enjoy a spot at Mt Macedon Winery, to sit on the deck with great views and cheer on the riders as they come through. Businesses will have the opportunity to set up at the race centre and there will be a jumping castle for the kids and don't forget the new playground. Vouchers to cafes are

being given away to make the wait for friends and family supporting their riders more enjoyable.

If you're interested in participating, there's a range of races from 15km to 73km. For further information view the website www.link2trail.com.au On-line entries close on Friday 11th March 9pm. Entry is available on the day at the race administration tent near the Clock Tower from 6:30am to 7:30am.

Submitted by Ronda Collins



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The first International Women's Day was held in 1911 and the Global Centenary will be celebrated on 8 March 2011. Kate Ellis, Federal Member for the Status of Women, said: "*The centenary of International Women's Day is an opportunity for us to celebrate the extraordinary women who have broken down so many barriers throughout the last 100 years.*"

The Zonta Club of Kyneton is one of many organizations holding special events in March to mark this occasion. As part of a global service organization whose charter is the advancement of the status of women worldwide, the Club sees this as an important opportunity to bring together women from the Macedon Ranges in an evening of celebration.

The guest speaker for the dinner will be Linda Beilharz, the first Australian woman to ski from the edge of land to both the South and North Poles. Ms Beilharz will share stories of her extraordinary adventures as she speaks about resilience, team work and environmental sustainability.

The IWD Dinner will be held at the Kyneton Town Hall on Tuesday 8 March, 6:30 for 7pm start. Tickets are \$35, catering is by "Monsieur Pierre", drinks are BYO. The dinner will be supported by sponsorship from the Macedon Ranges Shire Council.

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Submitted by Kath Breen



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Macedon Ranges Film Society

Macedon Ranges Film Society, now in its second year, is again gearing up to show a variety of films in 2011. The Film Society offers the opportunity for people who like to watch films to do so together. Membership is \$60 for 2011 which covers the cost of films from February to November and a light supper after the film.

The Film Society tries to show an assortment of films over the year but generally speaking, less mainstream. We listen to our members and endeavour to show films that will appeal to a wide audience. We may show films that you would not have chosen to watch yourself, but just as a book club aims to stretch interest and reading, we aim to stretch our members and encourage viewing of films they may not have given any previous thought to.

Films are shown on Third Tuesday of the month, at Woodend Neighbourhood House @ 7pm.

If you are interested in joining Macedon Ranges Film Society please call Victoria Wells 5427 2323 for more details, or come and join us on a film night and join the Society. Screening Dates for 2011: 15 March, *Good Night and Good Luck*; 19 April, *In the Mood for Love*; 17 May, *Bad Day at Black Rock*; 21 June, *Jules et Jim*; 19 July, *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid*; 16 August, *Ed Wood*; 20 September, *Adaptation*; 18 October, *The Sound of One Hand Clapping*; 15 November, *Some Like it Hot*

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News from Mongolia

Long term Rotary member Kai Saldaneri gave a fascinating account of life in Mongolia to an audience of Rotarians and partners on February 10th at The Victoria Hotel.

The slide presentation showed a country with a rich culture dating back to the time of Ghengis Khan. Traditionally the people are herders of cattle and horses but now have to gradually adapt to a different life style based on mining and manufacturing. However Mongolians are extremely proud of their heritage illustrated by their brilliant traditional costumes and ancient sporting prowess.

Although a poor country where unemployment is high, Mongolia refuses to be absorbed into Chinese culture and dominance by its powerful neighbour.

Kai has been teaching English in northern China for two years and periodically returns to Woodend for "rest and recuperation". We look forward to her next visit in August for more tales of the Orient!

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The log cabin has become a popular eatery amongst the Woodend community and tourists during the Woodend Winter Art's festival, for coffee, soup and sandwiches in front of the blazing fireplace. Once again, the log cabin, scout hall and grounds will share with the community a 'Market Extravaganza' on 19 March. From 11am until 4 pm you will be able to shop amongst the array of stall holders indoors and out, and enjoy great food, coffee and ice-cream for the kids. Games and Raffles with great prizes for the whole family. Local businesses are encouraged to promote their business – "Market Extravaganza" enquiries Cris – 0407 333 430. For Scout Group membership and General enquiries, please contact Jenny Johnson on 5427 4968.



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Submitted by Desirée Cohen Macedon Ranges Health Services

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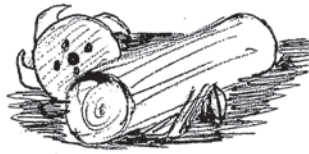




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Riddells Creek Local Food Fair

March 19 & 20 at Riddells Creek Primary School

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On Saturday 19 March from 9am-2pm, we will hold our regular monthly Farmers Market. In addition we will have speakers, presentations, demonstrations and workshops on a range of activities related to growing, storing, preparing and preserving local food. Our speakers will include David Holmgren, co-founder of the Permaculture concept, Su Dennet, an authority on local food, and Rosemary Stevenson, heritage seed curator. Local chefs will show you how to devise delicious dishes from local seasonal produce and a lunch made from local ingredients will be available. Local musicians will entertain us throughout.

There will be an Open Food Gardens event on Sunday 20 from 10am to 1pm. A variety of home food gardens throughout the town will be open to visitors, and there will be further demonstrations of how to make use of seasonal produce. The gardens include small vegetable plots, orchards, small livestock and gardens based on permaculture principles. The gardeners will be happy to share their ideas and experience with visitors.

Submitted by Lyn Godfrey

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Newham Harvest Festival

Saturday April 9

From time to time, many of us become occupied with thoughts of trading our busy lifestyles for something more simple and sustainable. But where to start?

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And next month they will showcase a range of skills which are not only good for one's lifestyle, they are also good for the environment.

The one day event "Harvest Festival", to be held on Saturday April 9, 9.30am - 4pm, is a follow up to the highly successful sustainability conference and workshop, held in the community last year, and which won the Community Event of the year at the MRSC Australia Day Awards.

This year's event will have an emphasis on food production and harvesting, and will include a broad range of practical demonstrations including beekeeping and honey production; wine & beer production, bread making; cheese making; preserving and storing food. And for those just starting the sustainable lifestyle journey, the Garden Club will be on hand with tips for setting up your own veggie garden from scratch.

TV presenter and local garden guru, Stephen Ryan will open the festival & the community orchard (& mosaic sign) at the rear of the Mechanics Hall.

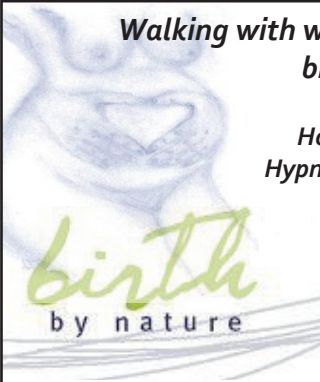
For further information about the event, contact Fran on 54270661, Sue on 54270065

The workshops will be held at the Newham Mechanics Institute Hall & the Newham Primary School, Rochford Road, Newham on Saturday April 9th from 9.30am - 4pm. Gold coin donation. This event is supported by the Newham Community Planning Group and the Newham Landcare Group.

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Submitted by Alma Warnock

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Opening Ceremony

Wednesday 23rd March 10am-11am

Community members are invited to come and watch as the monks perform the blessing ceremony and pouring of the first sands for the mandala at the Woodend Community Centre.

Sand Mandala Creation

Visit the venue at any time from 11am to 4pm to watch the sand mandala taking shape and chat with Tenzin and monks.

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Sustainable Living Festival -

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The 2nd annual Macedon Ranges Sustainable Living Festival has built on the success of the 2010 event with more stall holders and more visitors and has generated more interest in local solutions to sustainability challenges as well as increased interest in the activities of the Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group (MRSG).

This year's event attracted approximately 800m people to the festival, mostly from within the Macedon Ranges.

MRSG launched bulk buy arrangements for solar hot water, solar electricity and secondary glazing with partners BREAZE and EcoMaster. These schemes provide a discount to our members and everyone is welcome to join to take advantage of these.

The energy group WISE started a petition for a local community owned wind farm (similar to Hepburn Wind). 212 signatures were gathered on the day and the petition will be available at various locations around town for signing over the next few weeks.

Both stall holders and visitors provided positive feedback with a lot of people commenting on the great setting in the permaculture garden and the warm community atmosphere. The music by young local performers, co-ordinated by Sound Vault Records was a definite highlight.

As a consequence of the decision not to use disposable dishes and instead use the "Wash against Waste" trailer (available from Mount Alexander Sustainability Group) the festival, with 800 visitors, produced just one 240ltr bin of rubbish.

The MRSG President Ralf Thesing said "This is something we are particularly proud of. With the help of enthusiastic volunteers from Braemar College we were able to use proper dishes for food and drinks. Everything was washed on site. The rubbish contractor was amazed when he had only one bin to take to the dump next day."

MRSG would like to give thanks to Mayor Henry McLaughlin and Donna Petrovich, MLC for opening the Festival and for their support. Both joined as members on the day as did 75 other new members.

The Festival was organised and managed completely by volunteers.

MRSG is already working on their next project, an accredited Farmers market in Woodend which will provide an opportunity to bring local producers and local residents together to appreciate the importance of locally grown produce.

Submitted by Ross Hansford

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- Digital Photography, one day workshop
- Scrap Booking Day, get creative and have fun
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Submitted by Sarah Campbell
Coordinator Woodend
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- 5th Cinema Under the Star, Flood Fundraiser – Gisborne
- 5-6th Relay for Life Lancefield
- 8th International Women's Day Dinner - Kyneton Town Hall
- 8th Record Keeping Workshop
- 12th, - 14th Woodend Lions Art Show POSTPONED
- 12th Clock to Clock race
- 13th Craft Market, Hanging Rock
- 14th Giant Trash & Treasure Sale, Newham
- 17th – 18th Red Cross Calling
- 19th Woodexpo
- 19th Woodend Scout's Market Extravaganza
- 19th Camp Out at the Rock
- 19th Giant Garage Sale - Newham
- 19th & 20th Riddells Creek PS Market
- 20th Woodend Lions Village Market
- 21st Woodend Winter Arts Festival Program Launch
- 22nd Business Networking Evening - Macedon
- 23rd – 27th Cultural Diversity Week 2011
- 26th Woodend Carnival at St Ambrose Primary School
- 26th Mircochipping Day Woodend
- 27th Kyneton District Hospital fundraising event "Duneria"

April

- 2nd – 6th A Thousand & One Stitches Exhibition - Castlemaine
- 2nd & 3rd Macedon Ranges Art Exhibition Gisborne
- 9th Newham Harvest Festival

May

- 1st End of fire restrictions

June

- 11th, 12th & 13th Woodend Winter Arts Festival

July

August

- 9th The Census of Population and Housing

All Community groups and events are invited to submit their dates for listing on the Community events calendar

PLEASE SEND US YOUR FUTURE DATES

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
- Kyneton Municipal Band Doug 0411 420 113
- 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, 5420 7595
- 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, Brendan 5422 6442
- 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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A Message from the Mayor

2011 is definitely shaping up to be a busy year with many projects and new initiatives to be rolled out in the coming months.

The recent extreme weather resulted in Council receiving thousands of requests for assistance in relation to flash flooding of properties and roads, overloaded drains, fallen trees blocking roads, damage to fencing and wandering livestock.

Most flood-impacted municipalities are in similar situations and recovery will take time.

The cleanup effort will continue for many months and one of the many things Council is doing to assist residents in the ongoing cleanup effort is offering free disposal of clean green waste at transfer stations until the end of February 2011.

Green waste is recycled into mulch and can be purchased and collected from local transfer stations for your garden to help prevent weed growth and reduce moisture evaporation.

Loads can be picked up or delivered to your property by prior arrangement – 6 cubic metres \$170 or 10 cubic metres \$250. See Council's website for further information, including locations and opening hours of transfer stations in Kyneton, Romsey and Woodend.

Following Council's successful funding application in round two of the Australian Government's Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program in 2010, of which Council was allocated \$407,000, upgrades to existing infrastructure and community facilities in Woodend, Lancefield, Gisborne and Macedon are nearing completion.

These works have seen the construction of new footpaths, car parking spaces, upgrades to sporting facilities and accessibility improvements and pedestrian linkages in open spaces.

Lastly, there is much happening from now to the end of March and detailed below are just some of the events planned throughout the shire. For further details about these events and more, visit www.mrsc.vic.gov.au

Coming up:

- 8 March: International Women's Day 100th Anniversary Morning Tea, Gisborne
- 13 March: Craft Markets Australia at Hanging Rock
- 19 March: Camp Out at Hanging Rock
- 22 March: Business Networking Evening, Macedon
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Have a look on our website for other information. Toddlertime (Tuesday) and Storytime (Thursday) have started for 2011 at 10.30 am. We are planning after school activities, author visits and lots more. www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au

Submitted by Lulu Cockram Woodend Library

Number pyramid

Submitted by Neil Anderson

1. Solve the numbers pyramid

— 1x1
— — letters in New Woodend Star
— — — 0x0
— — — — 2-1

2. Numbers in each line must be in ascending order. answers on page 32

St. Mary's Anglican Guild

– Flood Relief Stall

Saturday morning shoppers in Woodend will be familiar with the St. Mary's Guild Street Stalls which are held on the second Saturday of every month outside the newsagency. The Guild usually has a rest in January, however when January's devastating floods occurred in Queensland and across Victoria, the members decided to get baking and hold a special stall. As usual, there were home-baked cakes, slices and biscuits, jams, marmalades and chutneys, and lots of handmade crafts - and the people in the street showed exceptional generosity for this cause.

The stall raised a total of \$779, all of which has been passed on to help flood victims in both States. The Guild would like to most sincerely thank everyone for their support.

Submitted by Kelly Clune

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The auxiliary are starting off the New Year on a very positive note as we have recently enrolled another two members. I am sure that they are very warmly welcomed. We still need more members to lighten the load of our hard working team, so come along ladies we have room for more. On that positive note, this year we have altered our dinner nights to the first and third Friday of each month. We intend to retain our first Friday entertainers and have different ones on the third Friday nights. Bookings are essential and must be made a week ahead for catering etc. Please, now that our R.S.L. is now running at full strength once again do make an effort to support your club. We have excellent meals at reasonable prices, entertainment, convivial atmosphere and the best bar prices in town. Come along and join us for a good night out.

The auxiliary will be running an Easter raffle, so look for our ticket sellers at Coles and buy a ticket, who knows you may be lucky. Great prizes will be on offer. Also in April we will be working hard on Anzac Day as usual. I will outline this event in my next newsletter.

Submitted by Betty J. Barned. Secretary.

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Our thanks, to all our donors, for large amounts of clothing, books, china and glassware.

Our shop donated to Woodend SES and CFA, Tylden CFA, Cobaw Broadmeadows Care, Prahran Mission, Kyneton Secondary Chaplaincy and Gisborne College Chaplaincy.

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Looking forward to keeping the community in fellowship again this year.

Submitted by Jean Lucas.

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The exhibition, A Thousand and One Stitches, will be at the Mount Alexander Golf Club, Wimble Street, Castlemaine, Victoria, from April 2 – 6, 2011 from 10am to 5pm daily.

The Castlemaine embroiderers are a dedicated and skilled group and the exhibition showcases their diversity and creativity, with many members, including ten from the Macedon Ranges, travelling quite a distance to be part of such an active and friendly group.

A Thousand and One Stitches has been coordinated by Sylvia Reeves and traditional and creative embroidery will be on display. Alongside more traditional embroidery such as drawn threadwork, crewelwork or blackwork, the visitor will see embroidery using hand-dyed threads, hand-felted fabric with creative surface stitchery, machine embroidery, machine embellishment and experimental approaches. Something for everyone!

Included in the exhibition is a retrospective exhibition of the work of founding member, June Persson. The work of the junior members of the Castlemaine branch will also be on display.

The exhibition offers an opportunity to purchase something really special and unique and to see the most recent and best work of the members, many of who are award winners in various creative fields.

For further information go to www.embroiderersguildvic.org/branches/Castlemaine/castlemaine.html or www.castlemainefestival.com.au

Submitted by Jane Watters

Woodend Tennis Club

Tennis kids

The Woodend Tennis Club wants junior players for weekly competition.

If you are aged between 8 and 17, can hit a ball over the net and want to play in a team ring Noelene on 0457634356 or email noelenerobertson@bigpond.com

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Submitted by Nadine Hartnett

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Giant Garage Sale

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Hall for hire

When the weather improves, the painting will be done and when the soil is a bit dryer the landscaping will happen too. Meanwhile, we want everyone to know the Hall is available to hire for functions. Hiring of the Hall is an important source of revenue for us, it assists in meeting running commitments and future projects.

P.A.C.C. Luncheon

We hope everyone will come to the PAAC lunch on Tuesday 8th March at 12pm at the Hall. Tell us what you would like Council to do to help you live as an older person in our area. Posters are up and questionnaires are at the General Store for those who can't make it on the day.

General Information

Members Meeting is on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.30 pm - come along and talk to us about what you do or don't like, or what you would like to see happen at the Hall - we look forward to your input.

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Submitted by Sally Stabback

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20th	Liam Patrick Callaghan	Turns 4
21st	Charlotte McKinnon	Turns 13
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One donation may not go far, but together with thousands of others, you can provide clean drinking water for thousands of people in East Timor, Indonesia, Laos, and Cambodia, improving their health and quality of life.

Or you could provide a healthy nutritious breakfast to kids who would otherwise go to school without a proper start to the day.

Red Cross member Melissa said, *'Australians have always been extremely generous and have shown they are prepared to support others in need. Although they may have given generously following recent disasters such as the Queensland and Victorian Floods, we are hopeful they will also support the everyday work of Red Cross which might be less visible but is just as needed.'*

Red Cross will be holding special events and fund raising activities this month, taking to the streets or knocking on doors to support our work with vulnerable people in Australia and overseas. Individuals can also register to become a collector by emailing rcc@redcross.org.au

Individuals can also make a lasting commitment to help those in need by becoming a Red Cross Humanitarian Partner. A regular gift to Red Cross will ensure hungry children are fed, elderly people are cared for and the vulnerable are reached by Red Cross in remote communities across Australia and overseas. For further information, go to www.redcross.org.au
Red Cross Calling in Woodend

In Woodend, Red Cross will be raising money by collecting at Coles from 10-2 the 17th and 18th of March. We also will be at the Market on the 20th March.

To donate visit www.redcross.org.au and click on how you can help or call 1800 811 700.

To find out more about creating an event or Everyday Hero [online fundraising page] visit www.redcross.org.au/rcc
Woodend Red Cross

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Submitted by M.Hocking



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Please don't let the nomenclature of *university* deter anyone. No educational qualifications are required or given. U3A is a university in the original sense of the word: a community of people devoted to learning with its members in the Third Age of "life". The term "Third Age" refers to the period of time after the First Age of childhood and the Second Age of employment, often called "the age of active retirement". However, U3A Kyneton especially welcomes those not in full time employment for any reason. The Kyneton Community & Learning Centre (34 Mollison Street) provides meeting space for the Friday afternoon meetings between 2pm-4.00pm. The Annual Membership fee is \$30 a year. Otherwise, folk may become Associate Members (\$10 a Term). Visitors are most welcome. Please contact Doug McIver, Secretary, 5422 3828.

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On Sabbath the 26th January, we welcomed our new pastor and his wife, Graham and Pauline Sutherland. After a very inspiring church service, we had a fellowship lunch and a lovely time with our pastor and each other.

Our country stood in amazement as we watched the natural disasters hit several states. Our prayers and thoughts were with the people. We also opened our hearts and purses to relieve to some degree their material losses. Our own ADRA (Adventist Development, Relief Agency) was, and still is there helping out, and also donated a substantial amount to the Premier's appeal.

We, like all other churches know that giving is an on going matter, and certainly not a one off donation.

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Submitted by B Bosilka Lipkovich

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Business Networking Night

Tuesday 22nd March, 6.30pm – 9.00pm at Rasputin's Bar, 40 Victoria St, Macedon Cost: \$25.00 includes finger food
Guest Speaker: Alisa Page from AP Marketing Works.

The first Business Networking Event for 2011 will be held on a Tuesday night which we hope will bring out many new businesses who normally cannot attend when the events are held later in the week.

This time we are joined by Ailsa Page, Marketing that Works who presented at the Big Business Seminar held in Kyneton last year. Ailsa is a dynamic speaker who is down to earth and very approachable. Ailsa is a qualified marketing professional with over 18 years experience and specialises in small business services.

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And hello again

Manisha Fernando & Emma Read

We are thrilled also to welcome back to the Practice, Doctors Manisha Fernando and Emma Read. Manisha has spent the last year travelling and Emma has been on maternity leave. It's great to have them back on board.

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In some cases, before these dangerous symptoms occur, other symptoms may arise including swelling of the face, lips and eyes; congestion and watering nose and eyes; hives or welts on the skin; headaches, anxiety and flushing.

If you have a known allergy, see your GP to create an emergency action plan including the use of an adrenaline auto-injector which can counteract the dangerous effects of anaphylaxis.

If stung and a severe reaction occurs - call 000.

New Patients Welcome



Brooke Street Medical Centre is now able to accept new patients. Please phone reception for an appointment on 5427 1002.

**Irritable bowel syndrome &
Food intolerance**

People experiencing symptoms such as diarrhoea, constipation, wind or bloating may have undiagnosed food intolerances and would benefit from an appointment with our Dietitian, Annie Barry. To make an appointment, or to enquire about fees, talk to our receptionists.

Heritage Society News

During the years when the Heritage Society operated the Visitor Information Centre nearly every week we would be asked two questions. Now, at our Local and Family History Centre, these same two questions are still being asked. Can you guess what they are?!

Yes, the first one relates to Hanging Rock – “*did those girls really disappear?*” Not wishing to destroy this delightful story, we try and gently provide the truth without totally taking away the sense of mystery, which Joan Lindsay created. The second question relates to what is usually referred to along the lines of “*can you tell us about that lovely old white house near the bridge and the little cottage nearby.*” In other words, Islay House and Beth Shan. In this instance we have no hesitation in providing some hard facts and assuring the enquirers that we too are sad to see Islay House looking somewhat neglected but pleased to see Beth Shan once more looking so spick and span. We explain that because Islay House is privately owned there is little we can do about its present condition but we can provide a summary of the history of the building. This is the information we have collected to date.

The land on which Islay House stands was purchased from the Crown in 1859 by Henry Dale. The sale price was £30. He built the building we now know as Islay House and in 1861 applied for a publicans licence under the name of the *British and American Hotel*. By 1862, records indicate that Henry Dale was in financial difficulties and eventually became bankrupt. On the 11th June 1863, Henry Edwards appealed against the Rates of £100 for the British American Hotel and these were reduced to £75. He may have been the receiver. The Hotel then became *The Cumberland Hotel* and later when it was leased to Thomas Patterson, *Patterson's Family Hotel*. In 1877 it was again put on the market: “*To let or for sale Privately: Patterson's Family Hotel, High St Woodend, now licensed, containing 8 rooms & bar, with detached kitchen & servant's rooms & ballroom, ten-stall stable. The land, 2 original Government allotments, town of Woodend.*” Thomas Patterson, who had been both a Councillor and Mayor, left the district in 1879 to become a Miller. Local folk memory suggests that the hotel became a stopping place for Cobb & Co. coaches and the blacksmith's shop, which stood beside it for many years until it was destroyed by fire in 1972, would support this. The hotel was eventually de-licensed and purchased by the Gilchrist Family to become their private home.

John Gilchrist was born on the Island of Islay off the West coast of Scotland and named the house after his birthplace. When he arrived in Woodend in the 1850s he established a tea, wine and spirit business, one of the first stores in Woodend. After he died in 1893, his wife and then his sister continued to live at Islay House. The Victorian façade of the building was altered to incorporate some Georgian features just after the end of World War II.

In more recent times the property became the home of another local Councillor, Gilbert Gordon and his wife Annabel. After his death, the property was auctioned in 2000, sold; some restoration work carried out and then resold again.

Submitted by Janet Hawkins

Woodend Winter Arts Festival

Program launch – Italy, France, Germany, Ireland, Uganda... Woodend. Acclaimed ensemble ArParla in Woodend to launch 2011 Program.

The Woodend Winter Arts Festival (WWAF) will unveil the 2011 festival program at a launch featuring the top 17th Century harp / violin duo 'ArParla' at the St Ambrose Catholic Church, 8:30pm on Monday 21 March.



The original baroque instruments will accompany David Monti (violin) and Maria Cleary (harp) in their journey from Italy to Woodend, sponsored by Culture Ireland.

ArParla has performed together since 2005 worldwide and have recorded two CD's under the Stradivarius label. Their program *Le Grazie del Violino* features music of 17C Italy. Composers include *Marini, Uccellini and Corelli*.

“We are thrilled to have secured ArParla to launch our Festival program for 2011,” said WWAF Artistic Director, Dr Jacqueline Ogeil. “This is a very high benchmark – and visitors to the Festival can expect the very best classical, jazz and chamber music this year – along with an exceptional literary program,” Dr Ogeil said.

Now in its 8th year and being broadcast over Europe, WWAF brings together acclaimed Australian and international talent with the music, literary and arts community over the June long weekend.

The Program Launch is an invitation only event, however a limited number of tickets will be available at the door on the night for the concert – \$20 only, Monday 21 March. No prior bookings are available. Program details will be available on-line at www.woodendwinterartsfestival.org.au after 21 March.

Submitted by Alicia Patterson



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The Macedon Ranges Junior Tournament

In October 2009, after the success of individual club junior golf events, (The Gary Watts Shield at Romsey and the Lancefield Junior Tournament) junior co-ordinators from Romsey, Lancefield and Woodend Golf Clubs sat down to plan a junior tournament that would include rounds at each course and the Macedon Ranges Junior Tournament (MRJT) was born.

The 2nd MRJT will be held the Labour Day weekend (March 12/13/14). The tournament is for 18&U, 16&U & 14&U boys and 18&U girls. Playing the three courses tests all golfers as each course offers many unique challenges. The families of many competitors stay in local B & Bs or guest houses and take the opportunity to both see some excellent junior golf and to see the sights of the Macedon Ranges and surrounds.

This 54-hole tournament, which is a Victorian Golf Association sanctioned Geoff Ogilvy Trophy event and a Women's Golf Victoria Ranking event, will again draw a good number of single figure handicap players from all over the state.

The boy and girl who record the best gross score, over the three rounds, will be named the Macedon Ranges Junior Champions, the boy and girl who record the best nett score, over the three rounds, will win the Chris Gaunt Cup. There will also be daily gross and net awards for each group as well as a variety of NTPs and Longest/Straightest Drive prizes.

The Romsey, Lancefield and Woodend golf clubs all have strong records when it comes to producing wonderful junior golfers. Perhaps the best known are current professionals Daniel Gaunt (European Tour) and Chris Gaunt (One Asia Tour) however names such as Danny Bell Chambers, Trevor Lambert, Darren Freestone, Andrew Newell and Mat Hall also come to mind as very successful juniors who have continued their success as adult golfers.

Today players such as Daniel Wright, Brad Kimivits, Hugh Parks, Connor Whelan, Shannon Wright, Mason Memmolo and Thomas Perkins carry on this fine tradition, in their home club competitions, at tournaments around the state and in Dalhousie and other District Pennant Golf competitions.

Our thanks to the Shire of Macedon Ranges, ClubTech, MTM Golf Clubs and the Gisborne Branch of the CBA; who are all sponsoring the Tournament.

Entry forms available at the following web sites; www.romseygolfclub.net, www.woodendgolfclub.com, www.lancefieldgolfclub.com.au

Submitted by Tony Lakey

Trades & Services Feature

The *New Woodend Star* is proposing to run another of our well regarded feature inserts, this time casting the spotlight on our trades and service providers. With our feature set for March 2011, please contact Alexia if you'd like to expand your business promotion. Places will fill fast, so contact us quickly!

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SPORTS NEWS

Woodend Heskett Football Netball News

Autumn is in the air and football and netball is gearing up for an April start to our RDFL season.

Players of any age or ability are welcome to join us for training on Monday's and Wednesday's (Thursday's for netballers).

There is much happening around the club – feel free to drop in anytime.

Season launch

We are very excited to have Essendon legend and Big V State Captain Terry Daniher coming to the club for our season launch on Wednesday 16th March at Gilbert Gordon Reserve.

Terry will take the boys through their paces on the training track before joining us in the social rooms for a meal and a chat. Anyone who has met Terry before will attest to the fact that he loves a chat and is a highly entertaining after dinner speaker. Cheap meals will be served and the bar will be open for refreshments.

We warmly invite all community members to join us on this night - particularly our valued sponsors.

Please call Jock for further information 0419 308 501

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The cost is \$330. Only 50 are being offered. Call EJ on 0408 541 992 for info and sign up.

The Woodend Heskett website has been refreshed and is the best place to keep in touch with the happenings of the club, go to www.woodendheskettfncl.org

Not long to go now before our opening match on April 9th

See you at the footy and netball!

Submitted by Jock Allan – 0419 308 501

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Table Tennis

Welcome back it's that time of the year again to enrol for the 2011 Summer / Autumn Table Tennis Competition.

We have made some changes to the competition including changing the night of play and the time of the competition. We now play on Tuesday nights from 6.00-8.00pm. All ages and skill levels can get involved.

FREE "Hit up Nights" Tuesday 1st March 6pm, Competition begins on the 8th March 2011 from 6pm \$5 per night/ upfront season fee will apply \$10.00 per player registration fee

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to call the Buffalo Sports Stadium on 54 273 411.

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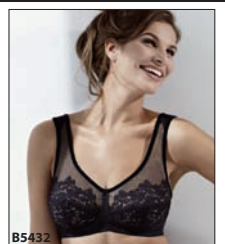
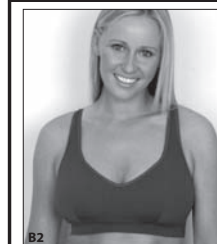
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