

### Darraweit Guim War Memorial Hall

# Annual Sale of Gifts

Saturday 14th May



## Be a responsible pet owner and renew your registration today

Don't forget to renew your pet's registration by Sunday 10 April 2016.

Mayor, Cr Graham Hackett said there were many benefits of renewing the registration of your pet with Council. "The registration of dogs and cats from three months of age is not only a legal requirement of being a pet owner, it's the right thing to do," he said.

"If a pet is registered with Council, the owner is accountable. It improves the chances of a missing pet being returned quickly if they become lost because we know where they've come from.

"Registration fees also help provide important pet-related services within the shire such as animal control, dog attack prevention programs and other community education initiatives that encourage responsible pet ownership."

There are a number of ways you can renew your pet registration. These include:

- Online via [mrsc.vic.gov.au/payment](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/payment)
- BPAY
- Mail
- In person at one of Council's service centres.

For more information on the benefits of registration and how to register your pet with Council, visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/pet-registration](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/pet-registration) or call 5422 0333.

## Fascinating frogs: find out why frogs matter

How important is a single species of frog within an ecosystem?

According to ecologist Andrew Hamer of the Australian Research Centre of Urban Ecology, amphibians are essential—the loss of a single species of frog can affect entire networks within nature.



Andrew will discuss the endangered Growling Grass Frog on Saturday 16 April at Council's free talk on the ecological role of frogs.

The event will be held from 2pm–4.30pm at the Gisborne Administration Centre, 40 Robertson Street Gisborne. It will examine the life history, habitat and threats to the Growling Grass Frog.

RSVPs are essential. To book your place, contact William Terry on 5421 9674 or email [environment@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:environment@mrsc.vic.gov.au)





## Darraweit Diary

### CFA AGM

Tuesday 26th April  
7:30pm at the Station

### Sale of Gifts

Saturday 14th May  
At the hall

### CFA Trivia Quiz Night

Saturday 27th August  
At the hall

## REGULARS

### Bookclub

2nd Monday of the month  
7:30pm at the Tennis Club

### CFA Brigade Training

2nd and 4th Sunday mornings  
9am at the Station

### Craft Group

2nd Saturday  
12:30pm — 3pm at the hall

### Hall Committee

3rd Monday 8pm in Jan, Mar,  
May, July

### Landcare Group

### Committee Meeting

3rd Monday  
8:00pm at the school

### Playgroup

Wednesdays 9:00—10:30am  
At the Primary School

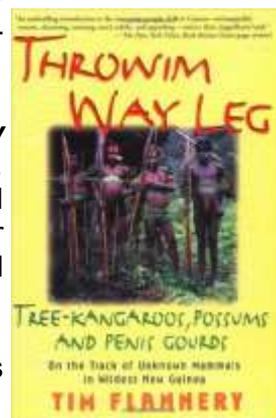
### Red Cross Unit

4th Monday at 9:30am  
at the hall

## Bookclub Monday 11th April 7:30 pm



The trip to Bendigo was a hoot, on a shockingly hot day the bookshop was a relaxing haven of cool introspection, and we saw the bats. It was all so exhausting we didn't get around to discussing **Reckoning** by **Magda Szubanski**, so we will try again this month... This tale of war and suburbia, sexuality and comedy, is likely to be the most popular Australian book of the year. Anyone who doesn't adore Magda the clown will be awed by Szubanski the A-grade non-fiction writer.



Next month: In New Guinea pidgin, **Throwim Way Leg** means to take the first step of a long journey. The journey in this book is a wild ride full of natural wonders and **Tim Flannery's** trademark wit, a tour de force of travelogue, anthropology, and natural history. No penis gourds permitted at the meeting.

Come along to the Tennis Club. Probably no bats though.

## Happy Birthday in April to



Natalie Ager 11th  
Hunter Mansfield 13th  
Aimee Scott 15th  
Caitlin Robson 29th  
Michael Robson 29th

## Craft Group

Saturday  
9th April

12:30pm at the hall

For further information  
contact Viki on  
5789 1237

Everyone welcome



## Old blankets, towels and old pillow cases wanted

If you have any old blankets, towels (even with holes) and pillow cases (without holes) that you are not using or throwing in the bin or taking to the op shop Helen Callahan is collecting them for a shelter.

Please, no pillows or cushions because they cannot be used.

If you have any please ring Helen 5789 1305 and she will pick them up from you.



## Our community on Facebook

Put into the Facebook search:

**Darraweit-Guim-CFA**

for CFA News

**DarraweitGuim**

The Where's the Fox Hat site  
including the latest Guim Tales  
and other news

**DarraweitGuimPS**

our Primary School



# Great ideas, great communities: grants and funding for 2016



Council's new range of grants and funding opportunities are now open.

## New Events & Festivals Grants Program

Council has introduced a new dedicated grant program for groups and organisations seeking funds and other council support for events and festivals.

In the past, Council's main funding for events and festivals was provided through the annual Community Funding Scheme, with additional in-kind support provided by individual departments on an ad-hoc basis. However, from 2016 onwards, all support requests for events & festivals will be handled through the new program.

The Events & Festivals Grants Program will open on Friday 1 April and close on Sunday 1 May 2016 alongside the Community Funding Scheme.

For further information, contact Bridgette on 5421 9521 or via [bobrien@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:bobrien@mrsc.vic.gov.au)

## Community Funding Scheme

This is Council's annual grants program for not-for-profit community groups and organisations of all sizes, and offers financial assistance for a variety of projects and activities.

Guidelines and application forms are available at [mrsc.vic.gov.au/cfs](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/cfs) or at a Council service centre in Gisborne, Kyneton, Romsey and Woodend.

For more information, contact Trudy on 5422 0320, Kate on 5422 0345 or email [grants@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:grants@mrsc.vic.gov.au)



**Pass with care**

## Look but don't see

Recently a local dad, who happens to be an experienced cyclist, was knocked off his bike on Station Rd in New Gisborne. Despite the fact that he was wearing bright clothing and had flashing front and rear lights, the driver claimed that they didn't see him as they were "looking out for trucks". Even the police commented that drivers are not used to looking for cyclists on our local roads. Yes, in 2016, drivers are apparently still not expecting cyclist to be on our local roads. Fortunately, that cyclist will recover from his injuries and his children will continue to have a father.

It's the responsibility of all road users to be vigilant at all times. When you are behind the wheel of any vehicle, and that includes a bike, there is nothing more important at that time than driving that vehicle. As a car driver and a cyclist, I accept my shared responsibility. When I am riding my bike, it is important that I make myself as visible as possible. When I am driving my car, I can't just be on the look out for something that is bigger and more dangerous than me. We all want to come home safely to our families at the end of the day.

Please go to Bike Safe Macedon Ranges Facebook page to show your support.

Jem Richards  
Bike Safe Macedon Ranges

## FOR SALE

### Wood Heater

Free standing Aztec 264

Burning hardwood  
9.5kw, efficiency 59%  
3 skin flue in good condition  
\$1800 or nearest offer

Phone 0417 511 208

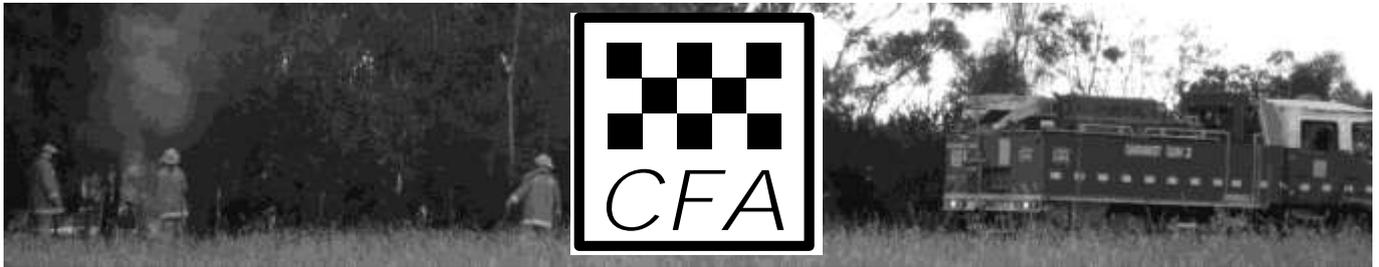


### Kitchen sink

1.5 sinks with single draining board  
New, never used  
L 1150mm x W455mm x D 165mm  
Purchase price \$500, will sell for \$350 or nearest offer  
Phone 0417 511 208



Representation of sink layout, not actual sink.

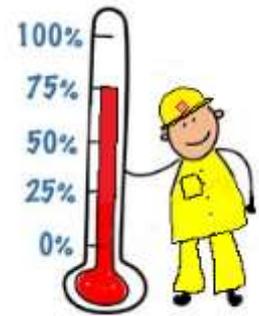


## Trivia Quiz Night—27th August 2018

Start chugging the Omega 3, or whatever else you do to prepare your brains for the task ahead. More details soon.

## Annual General Meeting

A reminder, your brigade will hold its AGM on Tuesday the 26th April, 7:30pm at the Fire Station. No elections this year, so don't worry too much about ending up with a job. Please come along and have your say about how the brigade is run, find out what we have been up to, and participate in decisions about our plans for the future.



### Fire Restrictions Over?

Macedon YES

Mitchell NOT YET

Donations  
Target - \$20,000  
So far? - \$15,051  
75 % achieved!

Fire Restrictions in the Shire of Macedon Ranges have been gazetted to end on the 4th of April, so will be over by the time you read this. No news yet for the Shire of Mitchell so restrictions still apply until the 1st of May, unless gazetted sooner. Check the following link for the latest news.

[cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/restrictions-during-the-fire-danger-period/](http://cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/restrictions-during-the-fire-danger-period/)

The ending of restrictions does not mean the fire risk is zero, and significant fires can still happen. Please familiarise yourself with the Shire's remaining restrictions before hefting your matchbox, and be prepared that days of Total Fire Ban are still possible. Your brigade has no discretion in administering restrictions, any illegal burns must be, and have been, reported to police.

## Smoke Alarm Battery

Clocks are changed. Hope you have attended to your smoke alarm? Sorry to harp on about this, but it is important.

If you have done the deed, WELL DONE! If you want to spare the environment from the toxic effects of your discarded battery why not recycle it? Aldi supermarkets accept AA AAA C D & 9V batteries, (without packaging), in a drop off bin.

[www.cfa.vic.gov.au](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au)  
In emergency  
call 000  
Creating safer  
communities

