The Guim Tales would never make it to your letterboxes without a few dedicated people, so here is our chance to say thank you for their quiet service to our community.

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THEY'RE CALLING ON YOU

Gorillas are on the brink of extinction. They're calling on YOU to donate your phone today! You can now help save gorillas in Africa by donating your mobile phone! Each time your mobile phone rings, a tiny piece of metallic ore from Africa is making this call possible: coltan.

By donating your phone through the "They're Calling on You" mobile phone recycling program, you are:

• Diverting your phone from landfill;
• Helping Melbourne Zoo to raise money to support the Jane Goodall Institute's primate conservation work in Africa;
• Lessening the demand for coltan mining by providing the coltan coated capacitor in your old mobile phone a second life.

To find out how to do this visit the Zoos Victoria website: www.zoo.org.au and scroll down to Act for Wildlife.

Bookclub 21st January

This month's book is The Hypnotist by Lars Kepler.

Our February book will be The Book Thief by Marcus Zusak

Come along this month to the tennis clubrooms at 7:30pm.

Craft Group

At the hall at 12noon for lunch or 12:30 for craft on Saturday 11th January.

Everyone welcome

2014 Darraweit Guim Calendar

Only a few left. Get yours soon, don't risk missing out.

$12 each.

Contact:
Cathy Tobin on 5789 1252,
Viki Spedding 5789 1237 or
Karen Ivory on 5789 1289

Happy Birthday

In January to

Holly Findlay 1st
Matthew Romania 6th
Matthew Callahan 7th
Emily Cruickshank 17th
Melissa West 18th
Annie Hueppauff 24th
Tommy Tobin 27th
Bradley Beaton 30th

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Closing date for the next issue: 31.1.2014
To include articles contact: Helen Callahan 5789 1305 or Viki Spedding 5789 1237
About 55 folks gathered at the tennis club and Stockdale Reserve to see in the new year. An excellent night was had by all. The tennis club ladies promise that this event will return to the calendar as a regular.

Part of the celebration was the official opening of our new Gazebo and public BBQ.

The tennis club decided to revive an old tradition, the Darraweit Guim New Years Eve party. Thanks go to Helen Callahan who took the lead with this function and did a great job of organising a working party to get the evening off the ground.

Thanks to all those in the working party: Rhonda Petschell, Cathy Tobin, Viki Spedding, Henriette McDonald, Julie McKay, Heather Bird, David Callahan, Bradley Callahan, Peter McDonald and Mark Spedding.

The gazebo was funded by the State Government and the official opening party was funded by Macedon Ranges Shire Council.

Lost at the party was a folding chair labelled ‘Big Kev’. If you know where it is please contact Kevin Ryan on 5789 1287.

Helen Callahan also has a stubby holder and some insect repellent. If you lost either of these please contact (5789 1306) her for it’s return.
**VicEmergency** is Victoria’s primary website for emergency warnings for fire and flood and provides a single source of information and advice to help people prepare for, respond to and recover from emergencies.

**VicEmergency** has a real-time Google Map display with emergency events including fires, floods, storms, power outages, hazardous material incidents and traffic incidents. It also includes important planning and recovery information on fire and flood. The site is being developed in phases and more content will be added over the coming year. It is important that this work is based on community input and your feedback on **VicEmergency** is welcomed.

Remember, always access more than one source of emergency warnings. As well as visiting **VicEmergency** for fire warnings this summer, you can download the new FireReady app, check CFA’s Facebook page and Twitter, listen to your local emergency broadcaster or ring the Victorian Bushfire Information Line on 1800 240 667.

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**Agribusiness Forum—seeking expressions of interest**

Macedon Ranges Shire Council is seeking expressions of interest from local businesses to join a new Agribusiness Forum.

A total of twelve representatives are being sought from a range of industry sectors including viticulture, forestry, horticulture and livestock.

The forum is one of the first actions in the recently adopted Macedon Ranges Agribusiness Plan 2013–18. Its aim is to work in a coordinated way to address the challenges and opportunities within the sector. It will also allow information to be shared within the agricultural community through regular meetings and shire-wide events.

The forum is an opportunity for agribusinesses to work with Council and other like-minded community members to determine the future of agriculture in our shire.

Positions will commence in late February 2014. The selection process will be based on the applicant’s ability to represent their sector’s agricultural aims and objectives by: participating in regular meetings; engaging with other key stakeholders; sharing information with other businesses and contributing to the implementation of the plan.

To submit your interest in the forum, pick up an Expression of Interest form from any Council Customer Service Centre or complete the form online at [www.mrsc.vic.gov.au](http://www.mrsc.vic.gov.au)

Expressions of interest will be accepted until 24 January 2014.

For more information, contact Gaynor on 5421 9615 or email [gatkin@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:gatkin@mrsc.vic.gov.au)