



### Red Cross News

#### Red Cross Winter Warmer Luncheon

Midday 25th June

Darraweit Guim War Memorial Hall

\$10 per person for lunch and a Line Dancing demonstration.

Raffle and door prize.

You might even enjoy getting up and joining the line dancers.

Mark the date in your calendar and come along and join us.



### Primary School News



It has been a busy few months @ DGPS will many engaging activities happening both in the classroom and in the kitchen garden program. One of the highlights was the visit from Tony, a war Veteran who talked to our students about ANZAC day and his personal recounts of his experiences in the Army. He also shared some artifacts and his medals. We also had a group of students participate in the ANZAC march and lay a wreath.

Another highlight was visiting the local Kindergartens as part of our leadership program. Two of our students read 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' to the kinder groups and then followed with a colour in activity. It was a very rewarding experience for our students.

Finally on the sports front: Ten of our students represented our school in the Cobaw District Cross Country race. Each one did exceptionally well. Ava, one of our year 4 students went on to the regional level in Bendigo and finished in the top 10 students and now will represent our region at a state level.

We are currently taking tours and enrolments for 2019. Please contact myself at school, if you would like to come and visit us for a tour.

Carol Booker – Principal  
Phone 5789 1234





## Darraweit Diary

Red Cross Luncheon and Line  
Dancing demonstration  
Monday 25th June

### REGULARS

Bookclub  
4th Sunday  
7:30pm at the Tennis Club

CFA Brigade Training  
4th Sunday—08:45am  
at the Station

Craft Group  
4th Saturday  
12:30pm —3pm at the hall

Hall Committee  
3rd Monday 8pm in Jan, Mar,  
May, July, September, November

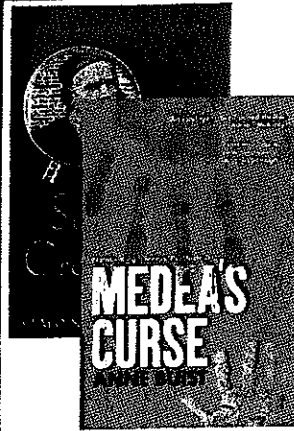
Landcare Group  
Committee Meeting  
3rd Monday  
8:00pm at the school

Playgroup  
Currently on hold due to  
renovations.

Red Cross Unit  
4th Monday at 9:30am  
at the hall

## Bookclub

Sunday 24th June — 07:30 pm  
at the tennis club



*This month* EXTRA VALUE: As last month was cancelled at the last minute, come along and discuss *The Surgeon of Crowthorne* by *Simon Winchester* as described last month AND *Medea's Curse* by *Anne Buist*. Forensic psychiatrist Natalie King works with victims and perpetrators of violent crime. She rides a Ducati and wears a tank top a size too small.

*Next month:* 3 short works, finishing with the explosion of a fragile domestic balance, including the smashing of ukeleles, an unexpected ascension of an angel, and a sudden shower of jonquils. *Cosmo Cosmolino* by *Helen Garner*.

Come along, it will be brilliant! Maybe suggest the book we try next time? Come along to the tennis club and, if nothing else, have a cup of tea and a chat.

HELEN  
GARNER



## Craft Group

Meets at the Darraweit  
Guim War Memorial Hall  
on  
Saturday 23rd June at  
12:30pm

Everyone  
welcome



Happy  
Birthday  
in June to

Mairead Tighe 6<sup>th</sup>  
Jack Landt 15<sup>th</sup>  
Kaylee Bourke 27<sup>th</sup>

## Get inspired to go green with sustainable building design

If you're planning to build or renovate, or have an interest in sustainable building design, you're sure to enjoy Council's free sustainable building information workshops. The sessions on 31 May in Gisborne and 6 June in Woodend will introduce you to the basics of passive design. These strategies incorporate natural sources such as sunlight to heat and ventilation to cool a building, instead of relying on costly alternatives that require gas or electricity. The information sessions will be hosted by Council's Felicity Houghton, who's also a qualified sustainable building designer.

At the workshop you'll learn more about sustainable design principles, including:

- Home orientation
- Location and size of windows and their influence on temperature
- Shading
- How to harness a home's thermal mass
- Insulation.

Sessions will be held at 7pm on:

- Thursday 31 May, Gisborne Administration Centre, 40 Robertson Street
- Wednesday 6 June, Woodend Neighbourhood House, 47 Forest Street

For more information or to book your place, call Felicity on 5421 9829 or email [fhoughton@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:fhoughton@mrsc.vic.gov.au)



**Macedon  
Ranges**  
Shire Council

## **Preventing dog attacks in our community**

Macedon Ranges Shire Council is asking dog owners to check their pets are adequately confined to their properties following a series of recent dog attacks.

Council officers responded to a number of reports of dog attacks recently, some which were very serious where livestock, wildlife and pets were injured and/or killed.

Council is encouraging pet owners to ensure their dogs are adequately confined in a property, gates are closed and locked, and regularly checking gaps in fences so dogs can't escape.

If residents see a dog wandering, especially if it is displaying threatening behaviour, call Council immediately so officers can try and prevent an incident from occurring.

For further information on dog attack prevention or on responsible pet ownership, contact Council on 5422 0333 or email [mrsc@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:mrsc@mrsc.vic.gov.au), or visit the State

## **Opportunity for men to skill up on youth mental health**

Macedon Ranges Shire Council is offering its award-winning Youth Mental Health First Aid training course specifically for men during July and August.

This hands-on program is focused on how to give initial help to young people who are in a mental health crisis situation or in the early stages of a mental illness.

The course will be held from 6pm–9.30pm on Tuesday 17, 24, 31 July and 7 August, at Holgate's Brewery in Woodend.

The 14-hour course will cover topics such as anxiety, depression, psychosis, alcohol abuse and other drug issues and eating disorders.

Mayor, Cr Jennifer Anderson said the course offered attendees the opportunity to learn more about the complexities of mental health and take home tools on how to support young people in a crisis.

"The transition from teenager to adult is an incredibly tricky one – and it's often the time when mental health issues can arise.

"To be able to support a young person through a mental health crisis through learning a few key strategies is really important, and something we should all be looking to do.

If we can develop the tools to be able to help young people feel supported, rather than alienated when they're experiencing difficulties, the whole community benefits."

To find out more information or book your place, visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/live4life](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/live4life), phone Loren Polzot on 5422 0275 or email [lpolzot@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:lpolzot@mrsc.vic.gov.au)

## **Register your child for kindergarten**

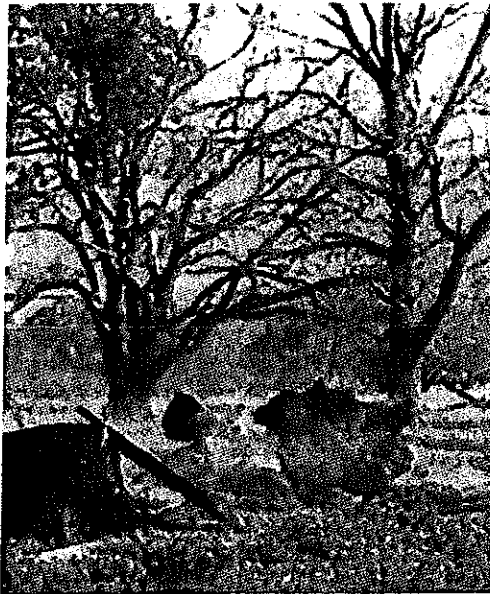
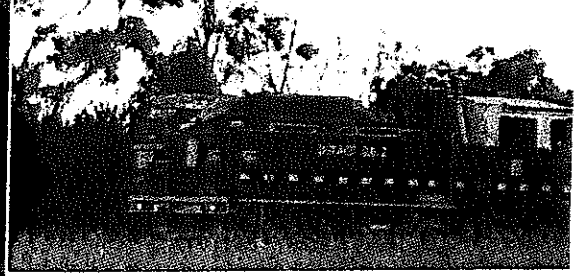
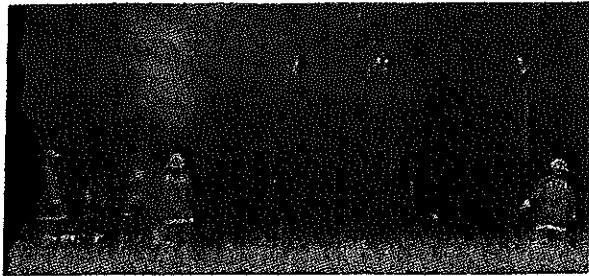
Give your child the best start to their learning journey at one of Council's eight kindergartens in the Macedon Ranges.

Vacancies currently exist in our three and four-year-old kindergarten programs at Kyneton, Lancefield, Macedon, Riddells Creek, Romsey, Gisborne and Woodend.

Kindergarten is the foundation of every child's learning journey. Each child develops skills that will not only prepare them for the classroom, but they will build on throughout their life.

By experimenting and participating in group interactions, children make friends, build resilience and develop positive self-esteem.

For more information about kindergarten programs, Early Start Kindergarten, fees and enrolments call Council's Early Years unit on 5422 0239 or visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/kindergarten](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/kindergarten)



## Council lifts restrictions on burning off for small properties

Following consultation with local CFA brigades, Macedon Ranges Shire Council has approved the lifting of burning off restrictions until Tuesday 12 June 2018 for land less than 4,000 square metres (one acre). Council is reminding residents to ensure that when burning off they do not create a nuisance for their neighbours, and they should continue to monitor any burn-off for at least seven days to ensure it is fully extinguished.

Always remember the more carbon-neutral option of lumping your green waste (excluding noxious weeds) to the Council's transfer stations, (the nearest being Romsey), where it will be greeted with glad cries, accepted with no charge and recycled as useful mulch.

### Before burning off:

- Check and follow local regulations or laws set down by CFA or your local council
- Notify neighbours at least two hours before starting the burn
- Notify the Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority (ESTA) on 1800 668 511
- Check the weather forecast for the day of the burn and a few days afterwards
- Check the fuel moisture conditions
- Establish a fire break of no less than three metres cleared of all flammable material
- Make sure there are enough people to monitor, contain and extinguish the burn safely and effectively.

For more information about burning off, see [mrc.vic.gov.au/fire-ready](http://mrc.vic.gov.au/fire-ready), or [cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/burning-off](http://cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/burning-off) or contact Council on 5422 0333.

## Winter Fire Safety

Would your family know what to do if a fire started in your home?

- Get down low and stay out of smoke.
- If it's safe, close doors to slow down the spread of fire and smoke.
- Alert other people on your way out.
- Get out and stay out.
- Meet at a safe place such as the letterbox outside your home.
- Call 000 (triple zero) from a mobile phone or a neighbours phone. Ask for FIRE when the call is connected.

Prepare a home fire escape plan and practice escaping quickly and safely.

**Creating Safer Communities**  
**100% VOLUNTEER**