



### School News

The new school year has well and truly started, but this term is a short one. The senior students have been working on Indigenous studies and the juniors on Themselves & Family.

A welcome BBQ was held in February and it was pleasing that most families were in attendance. It was a chance for the new families to meet others.

School Council elections have been held and the new Council for 2016 will be meeting early March.

We are all looking forward to next term as all students will be attending a performance of the musical the "Sound of Music" at the Regent Theatre.

### PLAYGROUP

Our playgroup (0-4yrs) has commenced and is held in the bluestone building on Wednesday mornings from 9-00am to 1030am. The room is air conditioned so hot days are not a problem. If you have any queries please contact the school or visit the school website [www.darraweitquimps.vic.edu.au](http://www.darraweitquimps.vic.edu.au)

## Get back to nature at Hanging Rock's annual camp out

Pack your tent, sleeping bag and pillow and get set for a camping experience like no other, as Council hosts the annual Hanging Rock Camp Out on Saturday 2 April. Open for one night only to a limited number of campers, be transfixed by the mystery and magic of Hanging Rock under the moonlight.

The local SES are providing a barbecue dinner for a small fee, and with your cooking taken care of, you're free to join the guided night walk exploring the reserve's flora and fauna.

For those that prefer to sit back with family and friends and soak up the atmosphere, expect a dazzling array of stars on a clear night.

Zip up your tent for a good night's sleep, and wake on Sunday morning to birdsong and breakfast provided by the SES for a small fee.

Campers can set up from 4pm on Saturday 2 April, and must be packed up by 11am on Sunday 3 April. Campers are welcome to arrive earlier and stay later, but camps must be set up and packed up during the designated times.

Bookings are essential, with a limited number of places available on a first in, first served basis. Book online at [mrsc.vic.gov.au/CampOut](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/CampOut) and for information phone Council's Recreation team on 5421 1468.

Camping fees are \$21 per adult, \$12.50 per child and \$54 per family. School and organised groups are also welcome to attend. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.





# Darraweit Diary

**Bookclub Road Trip**  
Sunday 6th March  
9:00am at the Tennis Club

**Sale of Gifts**  
Saturday 14th May  
At the hall

## REGULARS

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

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

**Landcare Group  
Committee Meeting**  
3rd Monday  
7:30pm at the school

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

**CFA Committee Meeting**  
4th Monday 7:30pm  
at the Fire Station

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

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

## Craft Group

**Saturday  
12th March**  
12:30pm at the hall

For further information  
contact Viki on  
5789 1237

Everyone welcome



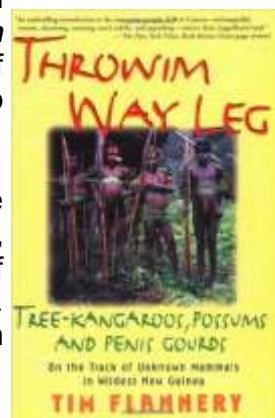
# Bookclub Monday 14th March 7:30 pm



**Reckoning** by **Magda Szubanski**. 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 will be worn at the meeting.

For something different, why not shop for the above books with us in Bendigo. **Road trip next weekend**, meet at the tennis courts at 9am and we will head off to a favorite book shop. Maybe lunch somewhere. Contact Henriette 5789 1217 if organisation required.



## Happy Birthday in March to

Lauren Potts 1st  
Maxwell Dickson 2nd  
Jasper Wright 9th  
Mathilde Wright 25th



## 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



# Bike Safe

Just a few Seconds

I had the enlightening experience of borrowing a teenager over the holidays.

We are driving down Mount Macedon and come across a cyclist ahead of us. My nephew says “Why is he in the middle of the road?” I take my foot off the accelerator as we approach some blind corners. Nephew says “Can’t we pass him here?” I wait, we pass the cyclist after the corners.



So I share what I know. The cyclist probably didn’t hear us coming. He’s travelling at about 50km an hour down the hill. The wind is rushing in his ears. The loose gravel and glass on the side of the road are dangerous for him to ride on. When he does know I’m there he doesn’t pull over. It’s a blind corner and it’s not safe to squeeze or cross the centre line for him or me. It’s my responsibility as a driver to pass a slower vehicle safely.

I share these thoughts with my nephew. I ask him after we’ve passed: How long do you think that held us up? Nephew says “I dunno about 5 minutes.” I say “Really? We didn’t stop we just slowed down.” I would say if you timed that it might have delayed us 20 seconds. Far less time than it takes for a teenager to get ready to leave the house.

## Get the tools you need to help teens in crisis

Do you want to learn how to help young people?

Fully accredited Youth Mental Health First Aid courses are available to parents, guardians and teachers in the Macedon Ranges who are interested in learning how to assist young people experiencing mental health problems.

This award-winning course teaches adults first aid skills 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 14-hour course covers topics such as anxiety, depression, psychosis, alcohol abuse and other drug issues and eating disorders.

The program of dates for 2016’s Youth Mental Health First Aid courses are below:

Dates: 2, 9, 16 and 23 March, 6pm–9.30pm  
Where: Leadlight Room, Holgates, High Street, Woodend

Dates: 7 and 14 May, 9am–4.30pm  
Where: Romsey Community Hub, 96–100 Main Street, Romsey

Dates: 13, 20, 27 July and 3 August, 6pm–9.30pm  
Where: Leadlight Room, Holgates, High Street, Woodend

Dates: 13 and 20 August, 9am–4.30pm  
Where: Gisborne Administration Centre, 40 Robertson Street

Mayor, Cr Graham Hackett said while the course content could be confronting, the benefit of being able to assist a young person in crisis meant it was well worth the effort.

“Young people play a vital role in our community and we’re dedicated to doing all we can to help them be the best they can be”, he said. “I believe the Youth Mental Health First Aid course offers those who attend the chance to better understand the many difficulties facing teenagers, and enables them to offer help and support in an appropriate manner.”

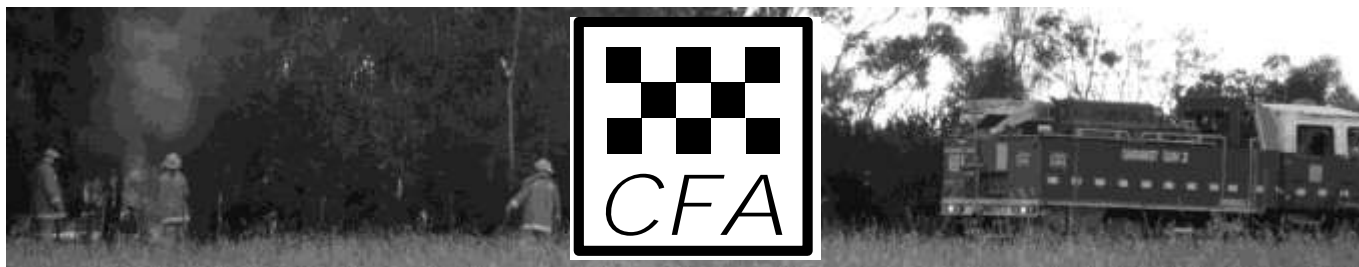
To find out more information or book your place, visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/life4life](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/life4life), phone Lauren Proudfoot on 5422 0275 or [lproudfoot@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:lproudfoot@mrsc.vic.gov.au)

## Music in the Sticks is looking for new members

If you are aged 14–25 and interested in learning a range of new skills in areas such as event management, sound and lighting, publicity, media, photography, film, hospitality, and live and studio recording—then Music in the Sticks (MITS) is where you need to be in 2016!

MITS is a program for young people in the Macedon Ranges Shire with an interest in the music industry. The group meets approximately twice a month and has been running for over 15 years.

To find out more or register your interest, contact Natalie on 5422 0333 or email [mits@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:mits@mrsc.vic.gov.au)

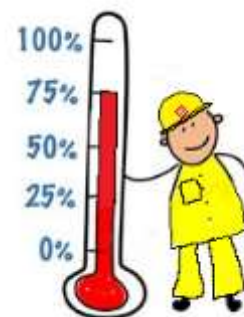


## Smoke Alarm Battery

April 3rd will be upon us before the next tales. When you change your clock for the end of daylight savings PLEASE change the battery in your smoke alarm!

We recommend you:

- Use long-lasting 9V alkaline batteries in your smoke alarm to ensure year-round protection
- Use the brush on your vacuum cleaner to dust around the smoke alarm
- Install photo-electric smoke alarms rather than ionisation smoke alarms
- Test smoke alarms once a month using a broom handle - the alarm should produce a beeping sound when the test button is pressed
- Replace all smoke alarms (both battery powered and 240v hard-wired) after ten years (the year of manufacture is displayed on the alarm)
- Don't pinch the battery to stick in your tranny!



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

Do your kids know what to do when the smoke alarm goes off? Simple actions like getting down low and crawling under smoke save lives, and every family should have a home fire escape plan that identifies all possible escape routes.

Your neighbour can hear it, but you can't? Maybe indulge yourself with one of the special smoke alarms that are available for the hearing impaired? These should feature a flashing strobe light and a vibrating pad that can be placed under the pillow to activate when the alarm sounds.

## Annual General Meeting

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.

[www.cfa.vic.gov.au](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au)

In emergency  
call 000

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communities*



Darraweit Guim War Memorial Hall

# Annual Sale of Gifts

Saturday 14th May

