Hall Working Bee
Sunday 23rd November from 10am

Please put this date in your diary and come along to help tidy up at the hall.

We can only keep hiring costs down if we don’t have to pay to maintain the hall other than for professional work.

The jobs which need to be done are:
- Gardening
- Replacing the back door
- Clean-out of store rooms
- Prepare walls for painting
- Mulching garden
- Erecting storage shelving

Please bring along whatever tools you think may be useful.

Sausage sizzle lunch will be provided.

We look forward to seeing you there.

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Tennis Club BBQ Night
Friday 21st November from 6pm

Sausages, hamburgers and soft drinks will be available for purchase on the night.

The tennis club committee will provide salads.

If you wish to have a hit of tennis, bring your tennis shoes and racquet and have a go.

DARRAWEIT GUIM TENNIS CLUB

The AGM was held on Monday 13th October at the club rooms and unfortunately our numbers were once again low.

The office bearers are as follows:
President - Henriette McDonald
Treasurer - Curt Lindstrom
Secretary - Helen Callahan

The membership renewal forms were included in the September Guim Tales and were payable by 1st October. The gate key to the tennis courts has been changed. If you have last years key and are rejoining please return your key and we will replace it with the new one.

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DIY Christmas Carols
Saturday 6th December

“Fancy yourself as an elf?
Are you between 12 & 18?
Do you want to help out with the Christmas Carols?
Then call Christine Craik on 57891373 by Monday November 10th

Can you lend a hand?
If you are keen to help out in any way please give Viki Spedding a call on 5789 1237. We will need lots of help setting up and packing up on the big day.

If you feel the urge to perform and have not already done so, please contact Viki Spedding so that you can be included in the line up.
Craft Group
Saturday 8th November
At the hall from 12:30pm,
We will no longer be having lunch but will share afternoon tea.
Everyone welcome

Youth Spaces are in full swing!

Macedon Ranges Shire Council’s Youth Spaces are for young people aged 12–18 years who live, study, work, play or have a significant connection to the Macedon Ranges.

All our Youth Spaces run during the school terms and are fully supervised. Weekly activities at our include Master Chef challenges, circus skills, fitness sessions at the gym, games, Mexican fiestas, creative workshops and much, much more!

For more information or to find the nearest space to you, email Mim in Council’s Youth Development unit via mgrundy@mrsc.vic.gov.au, or call (03) 5422 0296. Alternatively you can head to our Facebook page, facebook.com/MacedonRangesYouth or visit Council’s website, mrsc.vic.gov.au/youth.

Keep an eye out for fun NEW skill building workshops and activities for young people coming up in 2015!

LGBTI and Mental Health in Rural Victoria

WayOut, a Cobaw Community Health program, is funded by the Victorian Department of Health as part of the HEY (Health Equal Youth) project.

It is an early intervention suicide prevention program that supports young people aged 12-25 in rural Victoria, focusing on lesbian, gay, bi, trans* and intersex (LGBTI) young people, their friends, advocates and family in the Macedon Ranges and across rural Victoria. LGBTI people regularly deal with marginalisation and stigma, experiencing more negative mental health outcomes than the population as a whole.

Sex and gender diversity and intersex conditions are not themselves risk factors for mental health problems, but they may make people more vulnerable to negative experiences and discrimination. Even though there is an increasing acceptance and visibility of LGBTI people in society, many LGBTI people still experience discrimination, harassment and violence at work, school and in social situations. This can be exacerbated for LGBTI people living in rural and regional Victoria due to lack of services and supports.

WayOut provides safe spaces for young people to explore their sex and gender identity, to connect with other young people and services, and to take part in LGBTI specific events and celebrations.

House of Awesome meets every second Tuesday afternoon at Cobaw Community Health in High Street, Kyneton. If you would like to find out more about the group please contact Mez or Erin on 5421 1666, or visit www.cobaw.org.au

Happy Birthday in November to
Marli Smith 20th
Dylan Landt 18th

Bookclub – 18th November

For a variety of reasons we didn’t meet last month giving you extra time to finish Dissolution by British author C. J. Sansom.


Come along to the tennis clubrooms at 7:30pm. We discuss the book, and chat about this and that, and maybe you could come along just to suggest a book we may try next time.

Community Christmas Carols
Saturday 6th December

REGULARS
Tennis Club Evening Tennis
Friday nights from 7pm

Bookclub
3rd Tuesday (7:30pm) at the Tennis Clubrooms

Craft Group
2nd Saturday
12 noon — 3pm at the hall

Landcare Group Committee Meeting
4th Tuesday
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
Galloping into Council’s next business networking night

Former Victoria Racing Club Deputy Chief Executive, Sue Lloyd-Williams AO, will share her extraordinary achievements in the racing industry and beyond at a Council-organised business networking evening at Cope Williams Winery on 17 November, from 6.30pm to 9.30pm.

Among Sue’s many achievements is being responsible for the development of an international strategy which has turned the Melbourne Cup Carnival into a global event. Sue was also instrumental in the growth of Fashions on the Field, which had an enormous impact on Oaks Day crowds. Sue recognised that women were an untapped market so utilised fashion to lure them to the track.

Sue is currently involved in a range of international engagement initiatives with the Victorian Government, and has recently led equine trade missions to Hong Kong, Middle East and Turkey.

Through Macedon Ranges Shire Council’s relationship with Sue and the Victorian Government, some local businesses have already attended trade missions in the Middle East and Hong Kong.

Sue will speak to businesses about her achievements with a focus on her international experiences, marketing business overseas and the importance of forming relationships—including networking, the key to success.

Tickets to the networking night are $30. For more information about the workshop or to book, contact Council’s Economic Development and Tourism Department on (03) 5421 9616 or email econdevadmin@mrcsc.vic.gov.au.

Macedon Ranges Christmas Toy Shop

In past years the Combined Churches of the Macedon Ranges have organised a Christmas “Toy Shop” for families living in the shire who might struggle to afford a Christmas gift for their child. Each year we assist over 100 local families, or over 250 children. As with each year, we anticipate the need to be even greater.

The Toy Shop relies completely on the generosity of our community, to donate gifts to stock the shop. Families are referred to us by local support and welfare agencies and are given a personal invite to attend the shop and pick out toys for their children. As we rely on donated goods, there is no cost to the families for these gifts. We also offer gift wrapping and a cafe style space to enjoy free tea and coffee and home baked goodies.

For families who are facing challenging times, Christmas can become an incredibly stressful, lonely and sad season. Unable to participate in many of the traditions that our culture has come to know as “normal” these families can feel even more isolated and marginalised.

The Toy Shop gives struggling families the opportunity to enjoy what most people take for granted – to choose something special for their child and be able to give it to them on Christmas morning. Many of these families would otherwise be unable to give their child a gift on Christmas morning, and many of these children would miss out on the joy of opening a gift that is just for them.

For our community, the Toy Shop is a fantastic opportunity for local people to embrace the true Christmas spirit, and reach out in generosity and love to those in their own community who are facing a tough time. Whether you are an individual or a business, you can get into the Christmas spirit and give some joy to local people who really need it.

The toy shop relies 100% on the goodwill and generosity of our community. We need your donations to make this important initiative possible. We require donations of toys for boys and girls aged 0-18. Gifts need to be new and valued around $20. We also welcome donations of books, plush toys and smaller items that would be suitable as stocking fillers. We particularly fall short in gifts, books and stocking fillers for older children each year.

How to Donate:
The Uniting Church and Target Woodend are again running “Operation Santa” and have kindly agreed to donate all gifts to the Toy Shop. Members of the public can donate by leaving a gift at the tree located in Target Country Woodend.

Donations will also be received at the offices of Cobaw Community Health in Kyneton and Woodend.

Contact Georgina Harvey (0404442891) directly to arrange pick up of donations

Donations of both gifts and money will be gratefully received. All financial donations will only be used to purchase toys to stock the shop. Gifts need to be received by Monday 15th December to allow time for sorting and setting up of the toy shop.

All Enquiries: Georgina Harvey (0404442891).
November—Fire Restrictions Likely

No official word yet on the commencement of the Fire Danger Period, but November 10 has been recommended for both shires. Current indications are for an early, active and long fire season, and everybody should have powerful memories from the last season to help visualise what that means. If you want to check before lighting the match then please visit:


Check out your Can I Can’t I flyer to find out what it means. If you don’t have one on your fridge then get one from the Victorian Bushfire Information Line on 1800 240 667 or follow the links from above. Expect information and restrictions on the use of fire, vehicles, mowers, chainsaws, welders, grinders and more.

Preparing your Bushfire Survival Plan

Understanding your level of risk is the first step in developing your Bushfire Survival Plan. Research shows that when threatened by a fire, many people living in high risk areas will leave it too late to make critical decisions, leaving them with very few safe options. In high-risk areas, leaving early is your safest option—particularly on Code Red, Extreme and Severe days. Get the Fire Ready Kit at the following link, or a hard copy from the VBIL:


Neighbourhood Safer Places

People have asked about these. Neighbourhood Safer Places are municipal council designated buildings or spaces within the community that may afford some protection from radiant heat, the biggest killer during bushfire. They are a place of last resort in bushfire emergencies only. They are a last resort shelter that may assist people when there is imminent threat of bushfire and they have no plan, or their planned options are not possible.

They are not locations to relocate to when leaving early. On days when there is advice to leave early people should relocate well away to an area of lower risk either the night before or early in the morning. NSP are places of absolute last resort.

Safety and survival cannot be guaranteed at an NSP and there may be no support or services provided. NSPs will offer limited protection against radiant heat and embers.

Travelling to a place of last resort is inherently dangerous. Traffic congestion, fire activity, accidents or fallen trees may block the route.

There are no NSP designated within our community. The nearest two are:

Riddells Creek Leisure Centre Stadium - Cnr Sutherlands & Racecourse Roads, Riddells Creek

Hadfield Park (outdoors area) - Bounded by Northern Hwy, Wallan-Whittlesea Rd, Windham St & Queen St, Wallan

www.cfa.vic.gov.au

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