DARRAWEIT GUIM TENNIS CLUB
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
MONDAY 13TH OCTOBER 7.30 P.M.

The tennis club needs support from the community if we are going to keep the courts up and running and available for use by people within the community. If you are interested please come along to the meeting.

Conversations About Fire

Almost 40 people came along to the Hall in late August at the invitation of the Macedon Ranges Municipal Fire Management Planning Committee (MFMPC). The MFMPC sought feedback from the community about the February fires.

Some of the themes to emerge were:
Traffic management points
Animal welfare
Collaborative fuel load management (property clean-up, roadside management, etc.)
Emergency alerts/warnings

Following the meeting, the committee contacted the newly appointed Investigator General Emergency Management (IGEM) who (in September) prepared a report for the state government on traffic management points during the Morwell fire. The IGEM used the stories of Darraweit Guim residents to substantiate findings in the Morwell emergency.

Other information will be collated and an action plan developed to implement the measures identified that are within the scope of the MFMPC. The MFMPC appreciates the effort that members of the community made coming out on a cold night to help develop ways to work together before, during and after emergencies.

DIY CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Saturday 6th December
It’s that time of year again. Start thinking about what you would like to do to help make the Carols a success.

* Perform on stage
* Be an elf
* Join the committee to help organise the event.

Whatever you would like to do please contact Viki Spedding on 5789 1237 and register your interest in participating.
**Craft Group**

Saturday 11th October.

At the hall at 12noon for lunch or 12:30 for craft.

Everyone welcome

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**Experienced Babysitter available**

Hello, my name is Amy Findlay (24). I live locally and have many years experience in babysitting.

Cheap rate $15 per hour.

Please contact me if you would like any more information.

Ph: 0400 384 934

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**Tennis Club AGM**

Monday 13th October

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

9am at the Station

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**Bookclub ~ 21st October**

This month? **Dissolution** by British author **C. J. Sansom**. Mathew Shardlake searches for the murderer of Thomas Cromwell’s commissioner in 16th century England.

November? **My Family and Other Animals** by **Gerald Durrell**. Memoirs of a young Gerald, and his kooky family and their move from grey England to beautiful Corfu.

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?

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**MEGA WEEKEND GARAGE SALE**

11th & 12th October

8 am until 3 pm.

KITCHENWARE     GAMES AND TOYS
ART/CRAFT SUPPLIES  COMPLETED ARTWORKS
FURNITURE     FABRIC/FLEECE/WOOL
BRIC A BRAC  BOOKS
HOLDEN JACKAROO (REG March 2015)
MULTITUDE OF GARAGE ITEMS
MINI CORRUGATED IRON SHEETS  SHELVING
HZ HOLDEN 1 TONNER (UNFINISHED PROJECT)

ITEMS FROM HOUSE, STUDIO, GARAGE AND GARDEN

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DARRAWEIT GUIM

SOON TO DOWNSIZE TO A CARAVAN LIFESTYLE.
Let’s improve our waste line!

Everyone has a role to play in reducing waste for the long-term benefit of our natural environment and the liveability of our beautiful shire. Following a recent review, Macedon Ranges Shire Council has developed a new strategy to reduce waste and increase recycling across the shire over the next five years.

Council is inviting community comments in the draft strategy, which will guide Council and the community in taking action to reduce waste going to landfill and increase recycling. It sets out actions to prevent major types of waste from going to landfill, such as paper, glass, plastics, household goods, and garden and kitchen organics.

One key focus for the next couple of years will be to work more strongly in partnership with the community to better understand the composition of our waste and reduce the amount of waste going to landfill. We can do this by reducing contamination (wrong things in bins) and diverting more material out of the general waste stream.

The draft strategy is on public exhibition from 30 September until 28 October 2014. It is available online at mrsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay and in Council service centres in Gisborne, Kyneton, Romsey and Woodend. Submissions should be addressed to the Director of Planning and Environment and submitted either by email, mrsc@mrsc.vic.gov.au, or by post to Macedon Ranges Shire Council, PO Box 151, Kyneton VIC 3444.

Everyone—residents, business operators, community groups and visitors—is encouraged to provide feedback, and to consider how they can support the strategy’s implementation.

For more information about Council’s waste services, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/waste, or call Council’s Strategic Planning and Environment department on (03) 5421 9660.

### Backyard bird count

Macedon Ranges Shire Council is inviting residents and community groups to get involved in Birdlife Australia’s inaugural Aussie Backyard Bird Count during National Bird Week (20-26 October).

Anyone can take part in the count which only takes 20 minutes and will provide information about the health of local bird populations and our environment. It will also assist in examining the impact of pest species such as Indian Mynas.

Getting involved in the Aussie Backyard Bird Count is easy: sign up on Council’s website, mrsc.vic.gov.au/birds or download the Aussie Backyard Bird Count App (Apple and Android).

It’s then a matter of choosing a location like a backyard or sports oval and spending 20 minutes recording birds seen in that area on the online form or via the App.

A variety of fact sheets to help identify local bird species in the shire have been developed by Woodend Landcare and Woodend Bird Observation Group. These are available for download on Council’s website, mrsc.vic.gov.au/birds.

Following National Bird Week, Council will use the data collected to create a series of maps showing bird populations around the shire which will be made available online later this year.

To celebrate National Bird Week, Council will also be hosting the Macedon Ranges Bird Forum on Saturday 18 October from 2pm to 4pm at the Woodend Neighbourhood House. More information and a list of speakers can be found on Council’s website: mrsc.vic.gov.au/birds

### 2015 Australia Day award nominations now open

Each year Macedon Ranges Shire Council recognises and celebrates amazing people who make outstanding contributions to everyday community life—not only prominent people in each community, but also those who work tirelessly in the background.

Five awards are presented: Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Community Achievement Award, Community Event Award and Arts Ambassador.

If you know someone who deserves recognition for their work in the community, nominate them today. It’s a great way to acknowledge the tireless work and contributions so many people make to their local community.

Many people in our community are unsung heroes, including some of the younger people living and working in our shire. Council would love to see more nominations for the Young Citizen of the Year Award, which is open to anyone under 30 years of age.

Nominations close on Monday 3 November 2014 and can be completed online at mrsc.vic.gov.au/australiaday. Hard copy nomination forms are available at Council service centres or can be requested by contacting Trudy Campbell on 5422 0320 or via tcampbell@mrsc.vic.gov.au

The awards will be presented at a special ceremony to be held on Australia Day, Monday 26 January 2015, at the Kyneton Town Hall.
October—time to clean the place up

There is every possibility the next Fire Danger Period could commence before you next find the Tales in your letterbox. Current indications are for an early and long fire season, and everybody should have powerful memories from the last season to help visualise what that means.

A reminder to everybody, Darraweit Guim extends over two shires, and that means two fire danger districts. The centre of the town itself is in the Shire of Macedon Ranges, and in the Central Fire Danger District. A little ways east and you are in the Shire of Mitchell, and in the North Central Fire Danger District. Be alert for news from the shire that applies to you, and base your activities in preparation on the differing rules that apply in each. One may declare the start of the Fire Danger Period BEFORE the other.

Have a look at the Macedon Ranges website www.mrsc.vic.gov.au and follow the links to People & Family/Emergencies & Safety/Fire & Heat and read about the relaxation on burning off restrictions for the month of October, and a reminder you can drop off green waste FREE at their transfer stations.

For Mitchell please peruse www.mitchellshire.vic.gov.au and follow the links to Services/emergency management for their views. It costs residents $15 per cubic meter to drop off green waste, and vouchers are available in many retail outlets.

We are all hoping for a nice, quiet fire season, but everybody has to help to achieve it.