



Darraweit Guim War Memorial Hall Sale of Gifts Saturday 6th May

The Sale of Gifts is a tradition dating back to the early 1900's in Darraweit Guim. It relies on local residents donating their home produce, or skill to the auction and then coming along and sharing in the fun of the auction to sell it to a fellow resident. These days the donations take on many and varied things not just home produce.

You all need this event to be a success because it is how we can continue to keep hall hire prices low and still maintain and insure our community hall.

It's a great night with a few bargains and lots of great home grown and baked produce.

If you have something to donate bring it along and we'll sell it to your neighbour, if not, don't worry, come along anyway and we'll sell you something your neighbour donated.

So, come one, come all and please bring along:

- ✓ Any donation which you feel will bring money at auction
- ✓ An open mind and wallet to bid, and
- ✓ A sense of fun



Drinks and nibbles provided.

For more information or to have large donated items collected call Lorreine Dalton (5789 1367), or Viki Spedding (5789 1237)





Darraweit
Diary

Sale of Gifts
Saturday 6th May

**CFA AGM &
Elections**
Monday 8th May

CFA Quiz Night
August 19

REGULARS

Bookclub

2nd Sunday of the month
7:30pm at the Tennis Club

CFA Brigade Training

4th Sunday—08:45am
2nd Wednesday—7:30pm
at the Station

Craft Group

4th Saturday
12:30pm —3pm at the hall

Hall Committee

3rd Monday 8pm in Jan, Mar,
May, July

Landcare Group Committee Meeting

3rd Monday
8:00pm at the school

Playgroup

Wednesdays 9:00—10:30am
At the Primary School

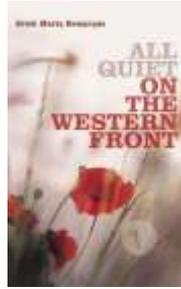
Red Cross Unit

4th Monday at 9:30am
at the hall

Craft Group

Meets at the
Darraweit Guim War
Memorial Hall on
Saturday 22nd April
at 12:30pm

Everyone
welcome



Bookclub

Sunday May 14th —7:30 pm

This month (but, WHOOPS, you've missed it): A tale about the Great War from the 1930 classic "*All Quiet on the Western Front*". **Erich Maria Remarque** says about it, "This book is to be neither an accusation nor a confession, and least of all an adventure, for death is not an adventure to those who stand face to face with it. It will try simply to tell of a generation of men who, even though they may have escaped (its) shells, were destroyed by the war."

Next month: **Lucrezia Borgia**, the daughter of Pope Alexander VI is chiefly remembered as an enthusiastic poisoner, but **Maria Bellonci** gives a bit more detail of a passionate woman moving uncertainly through the papal court and the intrigues, ambitions, and political chicanery that swirled about her.



We will 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? Come along to the tennis club and, if nothing else, have a cup of tea and a chat.



Happy Birthday in April to

Natalie Ager 11th
Hunter Mansfield 13th
Aimee Scott 15th
Caitlin Robson 29th
Michael Robson 29th

**Skill up in mental health first aid
and help teens in crisis**



Do you want to learn how to help young people?

Council is offering parents, guardians and teachers in the Macedon Ranges the opportunity to take part in fully accredited Youth Mental Health First Aid courses for those 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 2017 are:

Dates: 4, 11, 18 and 27 April, 6pm–9.30pm
Where: Gisborne Administration Centre, 40 Robertson Street

Dates: 27 May and 3 June, 9am–5pm
Where: Lancefield Neighbourhood House, 78 High Street, Lancefield

To find out more information or book your place, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/live4life, call Loren Polzot on 5422 0275 or email polzot@mrsc.vic.gov.au



A GM & Brigade Elections Monday 8th May 7:30pm

Your Brigade Management Team is approaching the end of their two year terms. How did we go? Come along to our meeting and pass on your input. All those serving in executive roles in the brigade must face the voters, fancy a job? Our next monthly meeting will be an Annual General Meeting open to all members of the community, with the date altered to avoid some holidays. If nothing else you can check out our plans for the old station house.

Please be at Darraweit Guim Fire Station at 7:30pm on Monday May the 8th to have your say on how the brigade is run for the next two years and who gets the epaulettes.

Fire Danger Period

Residents of the Shire of Macedon Ranges will finish the Fire Danger Period on the 18th of April. There has been no advice from the Shire of Mitchell as yet, so their resident's Fire Danger Period still extends to the 1st of May. Unless gazetted otherwise, please continue to observe the fire restrictions until these dates, and continue to comply with Shire rules after them!

Did you change your smoke alarm battery?

We probably should have reminded you, but when you change your clocks for daylight savings it is time to change the battery in your smoke alarm also. If your smoke alarm is more than 10 years old it has had the biscuit and needs replacing after sterling duty protecting your family! If there isn't a date on the base it is a real relic and needs replacing now,

Victorian law states that smoke alarms must be installed in all homes, units, flats and townhouses. It is the responsibility of all owners and landlords to install working smoke alarms. Photoelectric smoke alarms are the ones recommended by all fire services over the older ionisation types, and it is recommended for all houses, (and required by new ones) to have at least one hard-wired by an electrician. 9v battery types cost 2 for \$20, 240v about \$40 plus installation.

And if it goes off??? It is vital you know what to do if a fire occurs. Practice these simple steps with the whole family.

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

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