New Year’s Eve at the Tennis Club

If you do not have anything planned for New Years Eve, then come and join us. If you are planning to have friends come up bring them down as well, the more the merrier.

8pm onwards
BYO drinks and bring a plate of supper to share.
Mark this down on your calendar and don't forget to invite your friends.

DIY CHRISTMAS CAROLS
Saturday 6th December
from 6pm
at Darraweit Guim Primary School

This year's carols will also be a celebration of our survival after the February fires and an opportunity to say thanks to some of the fire fighters who helped fight for our village.

Come along for tea from 6pm. Baked potatoes and hot roast beef rolls will be on the menu. Paid for by Macedon Ranges Shire Council to support our survival and continued recovery from the fires. There will also be dessert available for purchase.

BYO drinks, seats, rugs, bug repellent etc.
As usual dinner will be followed by a great evening of entertainment and a visit from a special celebrity.

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 at 3pm and packing up after the big night.
Craft Group
Saturday 13th December
At the hall from 12:30pm,
Everyone welcome

Primary School News
The 2014 school year is coming to a close but there is still a few busy weeks ahead. Preparations are well under way for our annual school concert to be held at the Darraweit Memorial hall, a much anticipated event for our students and their families. We will also be participating in a cluster school sports day at Bolinda Primary School, celebrating our grade 6 graduating students with a dinner, having an end of year cluster swimming day and holding our annual Big Breakfast at school on the last morning.

We look forward to the new year and welcoming our 4 new Preps to the school. New enrolments are always welcome. Please visit our website – www.darraweitgulmps.vic.edu.au

Our staff and students would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe, happy New Year.

Clean fill available
For collection from Corrigans Lane, Darraweit Guim
Contact Pam 0408387138

Found in the post
The postie found a small badge in a box at the bottom of the post tubs this week. She believes that it has fallen out of an envelope.

If you are missing such an item please call Lorraine on 5789 1367.

Australia Post

Happy Birthday
In December to
Charli Leaty 18th
Maga Brzen 25th
James Siriani 21st

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Bookclub – 16th December


Next month? Gone Girl by Gillian Flynn. An addictive #1 bestseller thriller.

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?
Anzac Day 2015—Poppy project

Darraweit Guim War Memorial Hall

We would like to decorate the entrance to the hall and hopefully the memorial in the school grounds with hand made poppies. This is inspired by the 5000 poppies project.

Patterns for poppies are available at http://5000poppieswordpress.com

Contact Viki Spedding on 5789 1237 if you would like more information or to drop poppies off.

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
DarraweitGuimPS
Our Primary School

Umbrella and portable café barriers
Small climber/cubby/slide

To make us an offer please contact Viki Spedding on 5789 1237.
Rural Living Zoned land under review

Macedon Ranges Shire Council is inviting residents and landowners to review *In the Rural Living Zone*, a draft strategy on managing land in this zone of the shire.

The Rural Living Zone is Council’s preferred location for rural residential style development and hobby/small farm activities.

*In the Rural Living Zone* provides an update on the available supply of land and presents a strategic approach for managing rural living opportunities in the shire to 2040.

It proposes that land supply in this zone be provided to meet demand for at least 30 years across the shire, with a range of lot size options from 2 to 40 hectares.

Residents are encouraged to review the draft strategy, and owners of rural living zoned land are also invited to complete a survey. The draft strategy is available on Council’s website and in Council service centres. The survey can be completed at www.surveymonkey.com/s/rural-living-review.

To comment on the strategy, residents must make a written submission to Council addressed to the Manager, Strategic Planning and Environment. Submissions can be emailed to mrsc@mrsc.vic.gov.au or posted to Macedon Ranges Shire Council, PO Box 151, Kyneton VIC 3444.

Comments on the strategy are invited until 5.30pm on 12 December 2014. Submissions received by the closing date will help inform the final strategy before it is considered at a future Council meeting. Once adopted, the strategy will be subject to a planning scheme amendment process.

For more information about the strategy, visit www.mrsc.vic.gov.au/rural-living-review or call Council’s Strategic Planning and Environment department on 5421 9660.

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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. If you have any please ring Helen 5789 1305 and she

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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

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Staying safe in the heat

More than 170 deaths are attributed to the heatwave in January of this year. The Department of Health will once again issue Heat Health Alerts on days that pose a high risk to health. They have identified temperature thresholds for Victoria, above which heat-related illness and mortality increases substantially.

Follow these simple steps to staying safe during heatwaves:

- keep cool
- drink plenty of water
- stay out of the sun
- look after yourself and others.

Beat the heat at Council’s libraries

Chill out on days of extreme heat at our libraries in Gisborne, Kyneton and Romsey. The key to staying healthy in the heat is to keep cool and stay hydrated. During heatwaves these libraries will have free water, toys out for the kids, and of course books, magazines and newspapers to read as well as free WiFi and internet access.
Rural Living Zone
Have your say

Do you live or own land in the shire’s Rural Living Zone? Council has developed a draft strategy for managing land in this zone to support rural residential style development and hobby/small farm activities.

Comments on the strategy are invited until 5.30pm on 12 December 2014.

To have your say:
- visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/rural-living-review
- complete the survey (if you are a landholder)
- view the strategy in person at a Council office
- make a written submission to Council.

Submissions should be addressed to the Manager, Strategic Planning and Environment and emailed to mrsc@mrsc.vic.gov.au or posted to Macedon Ranges Shire Council, PO Box 151, Kyneton VIC 3444.

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Fire Restrictions

Sorry about some false starts with this vital information, but there have been a few spurious dates announced. Latest news: Shire of Mitchell is locked in and the fire danger period commenced on the 17th of November. The Shire of Macedon Ranges has not yet been gazetted, but expected on December the 8th. If you want to check before lighting the match then please visit:


Hairdryers?? Walkie-Talkies???

Begging for handouts! We are almost ready to move into out new station! One of the new features of it is an area to clean and prep our Breathing Apparatus. Part of the process is to dry the masks with a hair dryer, and we don't have any. If you have one spare we can make it work for the community!
Likewise, we are doing some Brigade training next year that requires a large number of radios. Don't know why, the Training Officer is being mysterious, but he has accepted a Dora the Explorer set, so anything you have we could probably use. Please contact a Brigade officer if you can help.

Santa is coming to town

Early intelligence on the coming fire season has revealed the unexpected news that Santa has decided on another run through Daraweit Guim on Sunday the 21st on one of our fire trucks! He will tour Bolinda Road and Daraweit Valley Road in the township, starting at 7pm with a Ho Ho Ho and a bag of lollies for anybody he encounters. For more information, or to arrange a side trip to another location please contact the Secretary, Dani, on 5789 1321

Prepare and Share

With the fire season fast approaching, Macedon Ranges Shire Council is asking residents to share their tips and ideas for getting prepared with the chance to win a GoPro camera, vouchers or a fire ready kit. Please snap a photo of your preparations, and post it for the ‘Prepare and Share’ competition via the Macedon Ranges Emergency Alerts Facebook page.

“Entries should convey an idea that can be shared with the broader community—the more creative, the better!” said Mayor, Cr Roger Jukes. “We had a tough fire season last summer, so we want to encourage residents to get prepared early and share their best tips and advice.”

Residents can vote for their favourite photo with 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes up for grabs, as well as a special Judge’s Choice award. The Macedon Ranges Emergency Alerts Facebook page is worth a look, and worth a ‘like’. It offers tips, advice and information for emergencies, especially fire.

Get your entry in by 5pm on Monday 15 December. For the honour of the community, see if you can do better than this patriotic guy...

www.cfa.vic.gov.au
In emergency call 000
Creating safer communities