Darraweit Guim War Memorial Hall

Sale of Gifts

The crowd this year was a small one, there were many regular faces missing but it was wonderful to see some new faces at the Sale of Gifts. Bidding was spirited and there were also some great laughs.

Thank you to all who donated goods for sale, the auction would not be possible without you.

This year’s Sale of Gifts raised a little over $2500 which will be used to help maintain the hall.

Local trees and shrubs available from the Landcare Group

The landcare group is offered a selection of plants to the local community at a cost of 50c per tube.

Silver Wattles. 160
Light woods. 83
Hedge wattle 52
Black sheaoaks 31
Drooping sheaoaks 15
Swamp gums. 122
Wooly tea tree. 150

This is a great time to get some locally sourced trees into the ground.

Anyone interested in purchasing any of these plants can contact Margaret Pike on 57891280 or via email on adbpike@optusnet.com.au

Craft Group
Saturday 11th June
12:30—4:30pm at Chris Merritt’s house
129 Quayles Road, Darraweit Guim

Special fabric weaving workshops

In June and July we will meet at Chris’s house to learn fabric weaving.

For further information contact Viki on 5789 1237

Everyone welcome

Happy Birthday in June to
Mairead Tighe 6th
Jack Landt 15th
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.

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Bookclub
Monday 6th June
7:30 pm

Yes. Tricky that. Due to the QB long weekend we discussed this month *The Third Policeman*, a comic trip through hell, in Ireland, as told by a murderer. From the warped imagination of *Flann O’Brien*. If you didn’t make it through, it is now kosher to fast forward to the explanatory note from the publisher at the end.

Next month: *1421: The Year China Discovered the World* by Gavin Menzies. I think this one is best described as a fond imagining of how history may have been… The largest exploratory fleet there had ever been sets off to explore the world, in 500 foot ships commanded by eunuch admirals! Their mission: Proceed to the ends of the earth to collect tribute from the barbarians and unite the world in Confucian harmony.

Come along next month, (on the second Monday), maybe to suggest a book we may try next time? Come along to the tennis club and, if nothing else, have a cup of tea!
Grow your business at our Business Networking Night

Want to expand your local business but not sure how to go about it?

Macedon Ranges Shire Council is inviting local business owners to find out by going along to its Business Networking Night on Monday 20 June in Kyneton.

The event is designed to help local business owners connect and interact with each other and form mutually beneficial relationships. It will include a range of networking activities to get participants circulating around the room and making new contacts.

Macedon Ranges 2015 Business of the Year Award winner Donna Fabris, Managing Director of Primacare, will deliver an inspiring presentation and share how she has grown her business from a single employee in 2013 to 10 highly skilled staff members.

The Business Networking Night will be held at La Bonta, 12–14 Piper Street, Kyneton from 6.30pm–9.30pm and cost is $40 per person.

Bookings are essential.

Register online at mrsc.vic.gov.au/business-events or contact the Economic Development & Tourism Department on 5421 9616 for more information.

New VicRoads rules for temporary community event signage

Community groups are urged to familiarise themselves with new VicRoads regulations which affect placement and display of temporary community event signs on arterial road reserves throughout the shire.

There are now 37 new VicRoads-approved sites for temporary community event signage within 10 Macedon Ranges Shire towns.

Each site has two steel posts erected to fix temporary community event signs, which must be produced by a professional signwriter and approved by VicRoads.

VicRoads says it has developed these new rules to ensure the safety of all road users, to minimise any line of sight issues and to reduce sign clutter.

“All community groups need to make themselves aware of these changes by VicRoads and ensure they allow enough time for the application process,” said Anne-Louise Lindner, Council’s Manager Community Safety.

Information regarding the event post location and conditions for use can be found on Council’s website at www.mrsc.vic.gov.au/signs. Community groups should direct any inquiries to Kelly Sanders at VicRoads on (03) 5434 5003.

The new rules come into effect on 1 July 2016 and penalties may apply under the Road Management Act 2004 if anyone erects a sign on an arterial road without written consent from VicRoads.
Trivia Quiz Night—27th August 2018

What were the registration letters of Kirk’s first Enterprise?
What was Picard’s Borg name?
What was the name of Spock’s human mother?

Let me reassure you that the answers to these questions will be of no use at all to you on our Trivia Quiz Night, because, (apparently), questions about Star Trek are NOT ALLOWED!!! Pardon? Oh! Nothing about Doctor Who either. [Sigh].

These rules will ensure YOU have a good time in August, even if I am a little miserable. Table bookings start next month, start getting together your tables of 8, tickets remain at $15 a head!

Fire Safety in the Cooler Months

Please don’t take electric blankets for granted! At this time of year the risk increases for injury of damage to your home from electric blankets, and how they are used. The whole concept of running household voltage in your cosy bed is one that deserves some respect for the potential dangers.

Old electric blankets are a particular problem. When safety tested, many blankets 10 years or older fail! Blankets over 10 years old cause the majority of electric blanket related fires. Just how safe is yours?:

- Check your electric blankets at the start of each winter for damaged wires, leads and hot spots. If it is damaged it should be replaced, and the old one destroyed, so there is no chance of it being “recycled”.
- NEVER purchase or use a “second hand” electric blanket. (The one I bought at last years Sale of Gifts has been DESTROYED).
- Follow the manufacturer’s guidelines regarding the use, maintenance and servicing.
- Lay them flat, and secure them to the bed.
- Turn it off at the power point before you get into the bed.
- Babies or young children? Think of bed-wetting, and think of something else to keep them warm.
- Try your luck at www.recalls.gov.au. Follow the link ‘Home & Garden’ then ‘Heating, cooling, fans’.