




**KEEP
CALM
AND
BID
ON**

Darraweit Guim War Memorial Hall **Sale of Gifts** Save the Date: **Saturday 4th 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.



St Ignatius Playgroup
1471 Bolinda-Darraweit Road, Darraweit Guim

Darraweit Guim & Wider Community

Where: At the Orthodox Church
When: Saturdays 2.00 - 4.00 pm
(During School Terms)

For Families with children 0 - 5 years of age & Siblings Welcome

Gold Coin Donation
(For Fruit Snack)
All Welcome

fun, games, stories, songs, painting, crafts & lots of play indoors/outdoors

- Identity
- Community
- Wellbeing
- Learning
- Communication

Victorian Early Years Learning and Development Framework

Find Us on Facebook Orthodox Community of the Protection of the Theotokos on Groups
Facilitated by a Registered Primary Teacher, VIT and Member of Playgroup Victoria
Contact: Heather 0447 340 440

Craft Group

Meets at the Darraweit Guim War Memorial Hall on
Saturday 23rd March
12:30pm

Everyone welcome





Darraweit Diary

Sale of Gifts
Saturday 4th May
CFA AGM
Monday 29th April

REGULARS

Bookclub
4th Sunday
7:30pm at the Tennis Club

CFA
Brigade Training
4th Sunday—08:45am
Brigade Meeting
4th Monday 7:30pm.

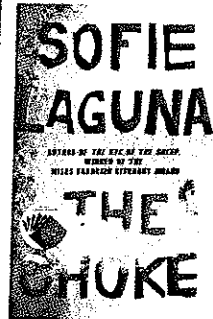
Craft Group
4th Saturday
12:30pm —3pm at the hall

Hall Committee
3rd Monday 8pm in Jan, Mar,
May, July, September, November

Landcare Group
Committee Meeting
3rd Monday
8:00pm at the school

Playgroup
Currently on hold due to
renovations.

Red Cross Unit
4th Monday at 9:30am
at the hall



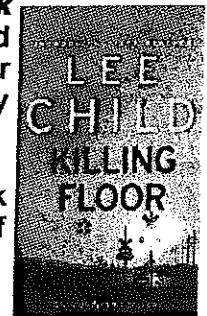
BOOKCLUB

Next meeting on Sunday the 24th of
March — 7:30pm at the tennis club

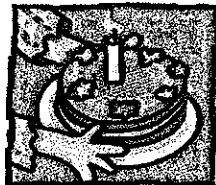
March: *The Choke* by Sofie Laguna. Justine is raised around Pop's chooks and The Choke, where the banks of the Murray River look as if they might touch. But she is in danger. Her father is a criminal, and his world can be lethal.

April: *Killing Floor* by Lee Child. The first in the *Jack Reacher* series, a tough ex-military cop of no fixed abode walks into a town where he is the only stranger when a murder is committed. They picked the wrong guy to take the fall.

Come along, it will be brilliant! Maybe suggest the book we try next time? Come along to the tennis club and, if nothing else, have a cup of tea and a chat.



Happy Birthday in March to



Lauren Potts 1st
Maxwell Dickson 2nd
Jasper Wright 9th
Natalie Sorraghan 21st
Mathilde Wright 25th

Council's free environment events in March



**Macedon
Ranges**
Shire Council

From workshops on controlling rabbits to tips on how to save money and energy in your home or business, Council is delivering a diverse program of free environment events in March designed to educate and engage.

Rabbit workshop

On Saturday 16 March, the spotlight is on rabbits as local pest animal experts present a free workshop from 10am–12pm at the Romsey Community Hub for property owners on how to successfully undertake rabbit control.

Retrofitting your home for energy efficiency workshop

Did you know that most of the energy you use in your home goes in heating and cooling?

Come along to a free workshop on retrofitting and find out what you can do at home to reduce your environmental footprint and save money.

Information sessions are being held as follows:

Thursday 28 March, 7.30pm–9pm Gisborne Administration Centre, 40 Robertson Street
Saturday 30 March, 11am–12.30pm Kyneton Administration Centre, 129 Mollison Street.

Soil management workshop

Council is supporting the Upper Campaspe Landcare Network to deliver a soil workshop on Thursday 21 March from 10am–2pm.

Soil scientists Christian Bannan from South East Soil and Water, and Melissa Cann and Martin Hamilton from Agriculture Victoria, will be discuss how to assess and improve your soil.

The location of the workshop will be confirmed days before the event via email. For more information on Council's environment events or to book, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/environment-events or call 5421 9660.



School News

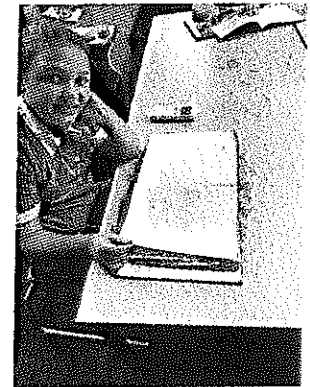
We are very excited about the development of our new school library in the iconic blue stone building, which has become an integral part of our teaching and learning process.

Our Library provides our students with another space to learn. It offers a quiet area for students to study and share a love of books with friends. Our students are able to choose and borrow books that are similar to their interest on a weekly basis.



Providing books that interest them is another way to encourage our students to read more. Developing reading and curiosity skills creates better learners.

We have been blessed with the generosity of our school, and wider, community, who have donated a number of books to us.



Macedon Ranges
Shire Council

Shine a light on sustainability during Earth Hour

Macedon Ranges Shire Council will show its support for sustainability by taking part in Earth Hour during March.

Earth Hour is a global environmental movement that seeks to raise awareness of climate change.

Solar Light Challenge

As part of Earth Hour, residents are being encouraged to visit Council's stall at the Lancefield Market on Saturday 23 March between 9am and 1pm and learn how to assemble solar lights.

Council staff will be available to explain the project, and the assembly process.

The solar lights will then be sent overseas and distributed to remote communities in Papua New Guinea.

The project is part of Earth Hour's Solar Light Challenge, and aims to increase social, educational, economic opportunities through bringing power and light to disadvantaged communities.

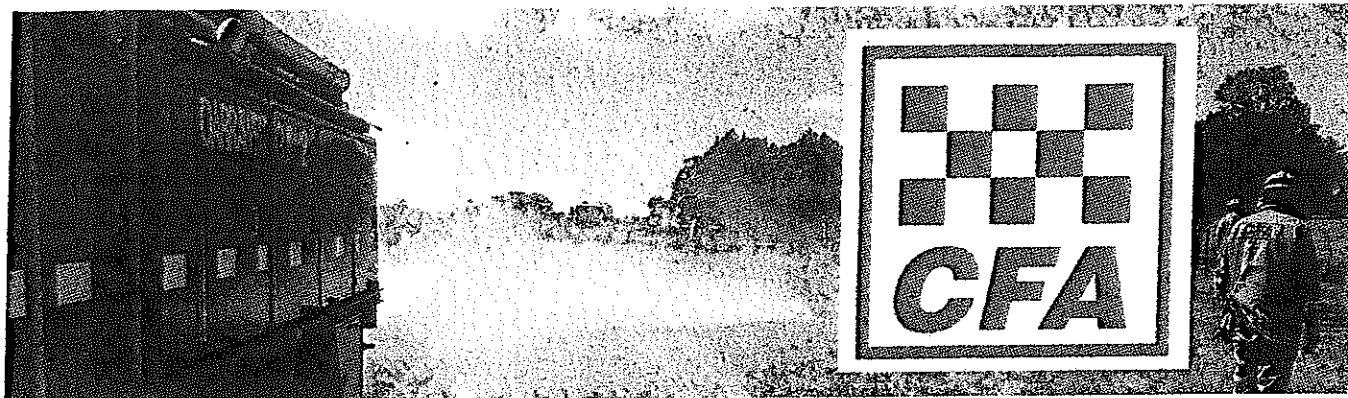
Switch Off

Earth Hour are again holding their worldwide Switch Off event on **Saturday 30 March at 8.30pm.**

The initiative sees millions of people turn off the lights in their home or business for one hour in a show of solidarity.

Earth Hour began in Sydney in 2007, and is now celebrated in over 180 countries and territories worldwide.





AGM—Monday 29th April 7:30pm at the Hall

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 Annual General Meeting is open to all members of the community, and all members of the Brigade can vote.

Please be at the War Memorial Hall at 7:30pm on Monday April the 29th to have your say on how the brigade is run for the next two years and who gets the epaulettes.

Fire Danger Period

Kids are back in school, we survived the traditional Australian Open heatwave, but the Fire Danger Period continues! Dangerous fire weather is still possible, and the fully cured grasslands will still burn enthusiastically in the right conditions. Take the time to review the *Can I Can't I* flyer on your fridge, and remember these restrictions apply until the end of the declared period, on the 1st of May, unless gazetted otherwise. Please continue to observe the fire restrictions until then, and continue to comply with Shire rules afterwards!

Do | Stay or Do | Go?

As we are still under risk of bushfire some recent events may help you to make your decisions. To stay and defend your property, or to take refuge within it, or to remove yourself to a place of safety is a decision you have to make well in advance of the danger.

The cars below were trapped by a fallen tree, or pranged trying to seek an alternative path. Hmmmmm. The timing of an attempted evacuation is up to you, and you need to base it on the warnings that are on the right. The first warning you get may indicate it is too late to leave!

ADVICE

- An incident is occurring or has occurred in the area
- Access information and monitor conditions.

WATCH AND ACT

- An emergency is developing locally
- The need to take action may be imminent and severe.

EMERGENCY WARNINGS

- You are advised to evacuate and move to a safe place
- You are advised to evacuate immediately



If you're caught in a car, don't get out and run. Turn your hazard lights on and park off the roadway away from dense bush and long grass facing towards the oncoming fire. Before the fire approaches tightly close windows and doors, shut all vents and turn off the engine and make sure you get down below window level and cover up with woollen blankets. Sheltering in a car is extremely dangerous and can result in serious injury or death. Always plan to leave early to avoid this situation.

Creating Safer Communities

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