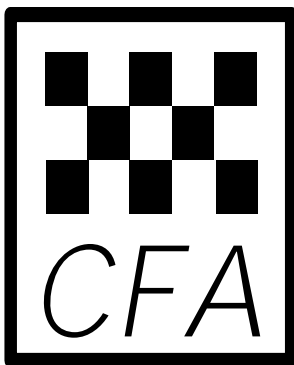


Sale of Gifts

A big THANKYOU to all those who donated goods, attended or made cash donations to our Annual Sale of Gifts. Due to your generosity we raised over \$4000 to support the management of our community hall.



Annual CFA Quiz Night

Saturday August 19th

Come along and enjoy the fun of being perplexed by Mark's trivial questions

Start thinking about who you will invite to be on your table of 8.

More booking details soon.



MACEDON RANGES
BUSINESS CONNECT

UPCOMING MACEDON RANGES BUSINESS CONFERENCE OPEN FOR BOOKINGS!

MRBC invites all businesses of all kinds around the Shire to spend quality time on their business at the 2-day conference on 24th and 25th May at the Kyneton Town Hall. Two days filled with business workshops presented by Small Business Victoria to help you learn, improve and grow in your business.

MRBC will also be hosting a catered network lunch on the Thursday for business owners to connect with others and share their experiences. You can select individual workshops to suit your interests and needs or discounted package options. The Small Business Bus will also be present for your free one-on-one mentoring session, strictly by appointment at <http://www.business.vic.gov.au/events/small-business-bus> (search Kyneton location).

Take this opportunity of low cost workshops with industry professionals to help identify your future business movements.

See all details including booking information at www.mrbusinessconnect.org.au/conference or search for the Macedon Ranges Business Conference at www.trybooking.com.

Prepare your schedule now as every workshop has limited numbers.

Enquiries welcome by email at info@mrbusinessconnect.org.au.





Darraweit Diary

CFA Quiz Night
Saturday August 19

**DIY Christmas
Carols**
Saturday 2nd
December

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

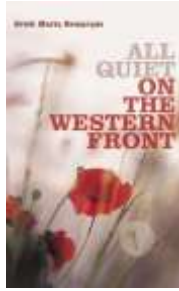
Red Cross Unit

4th Monday at 9:30am
at the hall

Craft Group

Meets at the
Darraweit Guim War
Memorial Hall on
Saturday 27th May at
12:30pm

Everyone
welcome



Bookclub

Sunday June 11th —7:30 pm

Meeting cancelled this month, so last month's next month is now next month: 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 May to

Stephanie Craig 13th
Natalie Sorraghan 21st
Chloe Bosch 21st
Sarah Findlay 29th
Chloe Smith 30th



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.



Currently available for sale high quality compost and compost worms with worm castings. Premium compost coming soon.

Just call Steve to
organise a time to
visit and check out
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Council's first Climate Change Action Plan drafted for public exhibition

Macedon Ranges Shire Council has drafted its first Climate Change Action Plan and is seeking community feedback from 18 April to 9 May.

The draft Action Plan outlines how Council will reduce greenhouse emissions from its operation by 25 per cent by mid-2021.

In recent years, Council has invested in several works to reduce greenhouse emissions, including the installation of pool covers at its aquatic centres to reduce the need for heating water, the installation of solar panels at the Gisborne Administration Centre, and converting residential streetlights to energy efficient LEDs. Details about further works are presented in the draft Action Plan, which together will reduce greenhouse emissions by 1,910 tonnes of carbon dioxide (CO₂).

The draft Climate Change Action Plan also outlines how Council will support community efforts to address climate change, and promotes a shared Council-community vision—consistent with the Victorian Government's target for a zero net emissions Victoria by 2050.

To have your say, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay or drop-in to one of Council's service centres.

Protect your bush block forever

Are you passionate about preserving native vegetation on your block?

Come along to a free information session for landowners interested in finding out about the financial incentives and support available for protecting native plants and wildlife on their property.

The event will be held on Tuesday 23 May from 7pm–8.30pm at Kyneton Mechanics Institute, 81 Mollison Street, Kyneton.

Participants will find out more about conservation covenants and environmental stewardship programs to assist with works such as exclusion fencing and weed control to protect conservation areas within bush blocks.

The evening will include a discussion with representatives from:

Trust for Nature
Land for Wildlife
The Victorian Government's Native Vegetation Offsets Department

To book your place, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/environment-events or call 5421 9660.

The event is supported by Macedon Ranges Shire Council and the North Central Catchment Management Authority through funding from the Australian Government.

A Metre Really Does Matter

You may have seen the recent announcement from the Victorian government to not introduce a minimum safe passing distance, even as a trial. Victoria is now the only state or territory in Australia that doesn't have at least a trial in place. The decision was made despite the recommendation of a parliamentary inquiry, at which we were fortunate to be invited to offer evidence in support of such a law. It makes you wonder why the government went through the expense of an inquiry, not to mention everyone's unpaid time?

Where we are disappointed is the message that this sends. It segregates road users and offers no advice or help that can allow all users of our roads to interact more safely. Unfortunately, it encourages the culture that some road users believe that they have a higher status than others despite the most vulnerable – walkers, cyclists, horse riders – the ones that are likely to come off worse in any incident.

At Bike Safe Macedon Ranges, we encourage everyone to show some respect and a little patience on our roads so that we can all get home safely to our families.

Jem Richards
Bike Safe Macedon Ranges



Fire Danger Period—Can I (yet) or Can't I (pardon?)

The declared Fire Danger Period has ended for the Shire of Macedon Ranges and Mitchell. As Local Government Laws still apply it would be best to check what you can legally do before you dig out the matchbox!

For instance, (as it applies to the general public): If you visit the Shire of Macedon Ranges website shown below you will discover you may light a fire without a permit on Council land, a road or a public place, where a fire is in a permanent or portable barbecue used for cooking food

So, a nice jolly bonfire while camping on the Rec Reserve? No! Pile garden cuttings on your road verge and touch them off? No!!!

In other sections it is mentioned that if your land is 4,000 square metres or less in area you must apply for a permit to light a fire in the open air on land, including in an incinerator, unless:

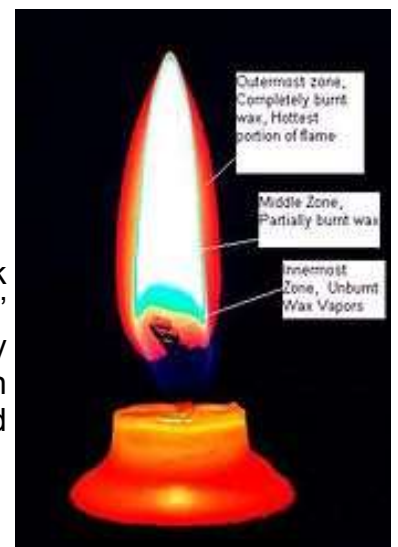
- 🔥 you are using a barbecue, pizza oven or other properly constructed appliance for cooking food
- 🔥 you are using a fire in a brazier or chimenea for heating
- 🔥 you are using a tool of trade for the purpose for which it was designed

www.mrsc.vic.gov.au/Council_the_Region/Laws_Regulations/Fire

www.mitchellshire.vic.gov.au/services/local-laws-animals-parking/local-laws/local-laws-open-air-burning

Winter Issues

Regardless of the above, as the risk from Wildfire recedes, the risk from other fires increases. Did you see the coverage of 'Miracle Mum' Thalia Bhandari? She did a magnificent job of rescuing her family from their burning home, but now regrets leaving a candle burning in the lounge room while the family slept. Open fires and candles need supervising, and should not be left unattended.



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