HALLOWEEN DARRAWEIT GUIM STYLE

Sunday 3rd November

Once again it’s time to spend one day of the year cleaning up our cemetery. Let’s pay our respects and honour to those who have gone before us. As we clean the graves, whipper snip and mow, think of the past generations and what they have contributed to Darraweit Guim. Some have had streets, reserves and bridges named in their honour. Others have served on committees (school, hall, CFA, Red Cross) and who’s decisions have moulded this community into what it is today. Others have built homes and raised children in Darraweit Guim. We have all benefited from what past generations have done and for that I thank them.

After the cemetery clean-up, let’s get together and share a meal of goulish delights set within spooky décor at the hall.

Dress: Wear something orange.
Date: Sunday 3rd November
Time: 4—6pm followed by tea at the hall from 6pm
Place: Cemetery following by the hall.
What to bring: Cleaning and gardening tools. Eg buckets, scrubbing brushes, rags, gloves, garden tools, wheelbarrows, whipper snippers. Flowers
Food: Bring a plate of goulish delights to share (tea and coffee will be provided)

All enquiries to Cathy Tobin on 5789 1252.

TO:
Jeanie Coustley
For preparing the Guim Tales while Viki was away.

Glenn McKay
For fitting a new sound system to the War Memorial Hall

Helen Callahan
For completing the work with Council required to get our BBQ pavilion constructed.
Happy Birthday
In October to

Xavier Breen 17th
Bethany Ryan 30th

FREE TO GOOD LOVING HOME
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The Darraweit Guim Red Cross Unit held their AGM on Monday 29th August. The meeting was well attended and our representatives are listed here.

The Red Cross Unit meets each 4th Monday of the month at the Darraweit Guim War Memorial Hall and welcomes any new members. Anybody who would like to come along and see what we do is also most welcome to come along without becoming a member.

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**Darraweit Guim DIY Community Christmas Carols**

**Saturday 7th December**

Our community Christmas Carols are designed to be an light hearted evening at which members of our community entertain each other and join together in the celebration of being members of this special community.

**Tea will be served from 6:30pm.**

Tea will be a BBQ of sausages, hamburgers and soft drinks will be available.

Come along for tea, you help keep the Carols alive because any profits from tea help fund next year and it is a great opportunity to catch up with fellow residents.

**Carols will start at 8pm.**

**Performers**

Remember, we also need performers to get up and help with the entertainment. Now is your chance to get up and take a bigger part in the event. You don’t have to sing, it could be a spoken word presentation or even a mime! There’s a challenge for someone. If you would like to participate please contact Cathy or Viki.

** Helpers**

We also really need people to help decorate and set up, clean up afterwards as well as help serve tea.

Please contact Cathy (5789 1252) or Viki (5789 1237) if you would like to be involved.

Stockdale Reserve now has a gazebo for our use and will shortly have a public BBQ and some extra seating.

This new community facility was funded by Flood Recovery Funding sourced on our behalf by Macedon Ranges Shire Council.
Following our recent AGM the office bearers for the tennis club are as follows:

Henriette McDonald (President), Curt Lindstrom (Treasurer), Helen Callahan (Secretary)

The renewal forms for tennis club memberships have been circulated with the September Guim Tales and we would appreciate any membership renewals to be paid as soon as possible in order for us to register you with Tennis Victoria. Please also note that the Insurance Levy is a Tennis Victoria cost and is onpaid to them.

**BBQ night—Friday 11th October**

6.30 P.M. onwards at the club rooms.

Hamburgers, sausages and soft drinks are available for purchase also there will be complimentary salads. If you would like to come along and have a hit on the night bring you racquet (balls and lights provided). You do not have to be members to attend, just come along and meet the locals.

**PLEASE NOTE** - Memberships are due 1st October, 2013.

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**Understanding Toddlers—Workshop for Parents**

Come along to this free two hour workshop which will focus on:

- understanding the toddler developmental stage—cognitive, social and emotional
- practical strategies to support your toddler through this developmental stage
- ways to develop strong and positive relationships with your toddler.

When: Tuesday 22 October, 7pm–9pm (welcome and registration from 6.45pm)
Where: Woodend Community Hub
No cost—please arrange your own childcare

RSVP by 15 October to Janet Nicola, Program Support Officer, Maternal and Child Health Unit at Macedon Ranges Shire Council on ph. 5422 0281.

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As well as getting into the Christmas in July spirit Con has been feeling very patriotic about his adopted country while maybe planning his next holiday.
Macedon Ranges Shire Council is holding its annual age-friendly community expo on 21 October in Gisborne in partnership with local health agencies as part of the Victorian Seniors Festival.

This year’s Expo theme, *A place for everyone—always*, celebrates what makes the Macedon Ranges a special place to live for people of all ages and abilities.

The event will be held from 2–7pm at the Gisborne Mechanics Institute Hall, with exhibitors and activities in the hall and nearby venues. It will be opened by former media personality, author and Macedon Ranges resident Tonia Todman, who now runs a school for cooking, interior design, gardening and craft.

The event program includes entertainment from local music students and Windarring participants and information sessions covering issues relevant to older people such as housing and planning for retirement. There will also be a book launch and a range of ‘come and try’ activities such as line dancing and AFL football.

A highlight of the day will be to announce the winners of the ‘Age-friendly looks like this’ photo competition, where residents were invited to capture what makes their town inclusive of all ages and abilities.

Macedon Ranges Further Education Centre will run an Open Day in conjunction with the Expo, with opportunities to try out some of their programs. The Gisborne library will also offer an event for grandparents and grandchildren and free health checks will be available from 2–4.30pm in the Street Health Bus.

The Expo is being conducted in partnership with Cobaw Community Health, Kyneton District Health, Macedon Ranges Health, Central Victorian Health Alliance and Macedon Ranges and North Western Melbourne Medicare Local.

Transport to the event can be arranged, but bookings are essential. For the full event program or more information, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/community-expo or contact Council’s Healthy Ageing Officer, Stephanie Harper, on 5422 0258 or sharper@mrsc.vic.gov.au.

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**Extreme weather photo competition**

Macedon Ranges Shire Council is running an extreme weather photo competition via its Emergency Facebook page, with a $700 annual leisure centre gym/swim membership and handy fire ready kit as the prize for the photo with the most votes.

“To promote our Emergency Facebook page so we can get important information out to residents before, during and after an emergency, we’re asking residents to like our page, enter our photo competition and vote for their favourite photo,” said Cr Roger Jukes.

“Extreme weather events in the Macedon Ranges are not uncommon—perhaps you were in the right place at the right time when lightning struck or a hailstorm hit,” he said.

Council launched the Macedon Ranges Emergency Alerts Facebook Page in January this year and already has over 500 likes, but is aiming high in its bid to reach as many people as possible through social media.

“The more people in the Macedon Ranges who like our page, the quicker we can get important information to locals who need it,” said Cr Jukes.

“We all know the power of social media during an emergency, but we need people to like our page now before an emergency situation arises. Share our page with anyone you think will need this critical information, particularly your friends and family.”

In addition to providing tips on how to prepare for a possible emergency, the page will be used to share information on local relief, support and recovery services during an emergency.

To enter, log into Facebook and search for ‘Macedon Ranges Emergency Alerts’, or visit www.facebook.com/MacedonRangesEmergencyAlerts. Follow the links to the photo competition to upload your photo and vote on other photos.

The competition closes on 31 October and the winner will be announced via the Facebook page in early November.
Message from the Mayor

I take this opportunity to highlight a few of the most recent happenings around the shire to keep our community informed.

Hanging Rock
Council has resolved to work with the state government to secure a sustainable income source for Hanging Rock Reserve by using a portion of the East Paddock to provide privately funded accommodation, conference and tourism facilities. We will keep the community informed of progress with this project, which will ensure that Hanging Rock can financially support itself into the future in relation to conservation work and maintenance of infrastructure.

Walking and Cycling Strategy
Council has recently embarked on the development of a Walking and Cycling Strategy. The strategy will provide direction to Council on opportunities to increase walking and cycling participation and improve infrastructure over the next ten years. We are inviting community input, noting that online surveys and public submissions are to be received by 27 September.

Excellence Award
I am pleased to advise that Council recently won an Award for Excellence for a technological improvement that involves the use of tablet computers instead of paper forms when conducting aged care assessments in people’s homes. It is expected the new technology will result in a 50% increase in client assessments. The award was granted by the Municipal Association of Victoria and recognises team achievements in technological innovation for improvements to service delivery.

Grant Writing Workshop
Council is hosting a free two hour ‘hands on’ grant writing workshop in Kyneton on 30 October from 7pm to assist community groups in preparing successful grant applications. It will focus on Council’s annual Community Funding Scheme application process and provide tips and techniques on how your community group can improve your chances of receiving grants. Places are limited, so register now.

Mayor, Councillor Roger Jukes
Macedon Ranges Shire Council

Free service helps people feel safer at home

Do you live alone? Are you concerned about your personal safety if you were to have a fall in your home or while you were out and about? If you, or someone you know would answer ‘yes’ to these questions then the Macedon Ranges Community Register may be able to help.

The Macedon Ranges Community Register is a free service provided by Macedon Ranges Shire Council and local police to frail older people and those with a disability, to assist them in feeling safer living at home.

Members receive an identification card that fits into their wallet or purse that they are encouraged to carry with them when they leave home. The card provides valuable information to emergency services in the event of an emergency. Members can also choose to receive a regular phone call from a volunteer to check on their welfare. Inspector Ryan Irwin from Victoria Police said the register provides police with information that can be used to assist residents in times of need.

“Police are regularly called on to provide help to community members, particularly the elderly or those with disabilities.

“Often we are called on to assist other emergency services in providing access or locating next of kin when someone is unwell. The Community Register is a valuable tool that enables us to do this and in turn it helps us to provide an improved level of service and security to the public,” he said.

The Register also provides members with information and advice about avoiding heat stress and coping with difficult weather conditions. Also, if needed, it can act as a referral service for other Council services such as home care.

All volunteers working on the register have undergone Police Checks and relevant training. Access to all personal details is available to authorised people only.

Being a member of the register does not guarantee evacuation by emergency services in an emergency and each member will receive a copy of the CFA’s Prepare Act Survive – your fire ready kit to assist them in preparing their own emergency plans.

For more information, contact Lauraine on 5422 0218 or drop in to any of Council’s offices, police stations, your local doctor, community health centre or visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/community-register
Where is my Tales?

The Tales is usually delivered to letterboxes on the first Wednesday of each month. If you don’t think you have received a Tales feel free to ring the Postie (Lorreine Dalton—5789 1367) who will arrange delivery for you. Copies of the Tales are also put in the cylinder attached to the town sign opposite the school, so could help yourself from there if you wished.

Join our growing community on Facebook

Visit Darraweit Guim—Wear the Fox Hat for the latest news on Darraweit Guim happenings.

Guim Tales will also be uploaded to the page monthly for your convenience.

Men’s Shed Call for Help

With Cobaw Community Health’s plans to sell their Mollison Place site at Kyneton, the Men’s Shed is looking for a new home. The organisation’s Board and Management are committed to ensuring that the facility will continue in a new location and are working with the participants of the Shed to minimise the impact of the move. Alternative sites are being investigated however the search is still ongoing.

The Men’s Shed has come a long way since it was first established in 2002. “We started in a double garage,” explains John Quinlan, coordinator of the Shed. “Then due to its popularity, more machines being acquired and rules regarding safety, we had to build something bigger”.

The Shed, which has been in its current location for over 10 years, was built with the assistance of numerous local companies and organisations along with the hard work of the participants, many of whom are qualified and experienced tradespeople.

The participants of the Shed are hoping that someone might know of a small piece of land close to Kyneton where a new shed might be built.

“To lose this facility would be a major loss to the community particularly those who are retired; it’s great to feel that you are not too old and still have some value to yourself, your family and the community,” John said.

If you can help with finding a new home for the Men’s Shed, please call Cobaw Community Health on 5421 1666 or pop into the Shed Wednesday to Friday, 9am to 4pm.

For further media information, please contact Margaret McDonald on 5421 1666.

Children with Anxiety workshop

On Friday 11 October, Cobaw Community Health in partnership with Goldfields Library will host a workshop on supporting children with anxiety at Romsey Community Hub. As part of Mental Health Week the workshop entitled ‘Dealing with anxiety in Children’ will focus on recognising early signs and supporting children with anxiety, and will be tailored for parents, preschool and primary teachers.

Author Nicky Johnston will share her personal experiences with her son’s battle with an anxiety disorder. With insight and understanding she will provide valuable information about anxiety, how it presents in children and can influence behaviours, as well useful ideas, tools and strategies for teachers to assist in supporting children with anxiety.

The workshop will be from 1:30pm-2:30pm. To attend, please RSVP to 0411 444 447 or email sarab@ncgrl.vic.gov.au

For further information visit the Mental Health Week website.
CFA NEWS

Trivia Quiz Night

Looking forward to a nice night, expecting a full house at the Hall on Saturday the 5th of October. A reminder that doors open at 7:30pm, we ask the first question at 8pm. BYO drinks and nibbles. Coffee and tea provided. Any questions? Matthew Puddicombe (5789 1216) or Danni Craig (5789 1321)

CFA Sunday—24th November

An event to help us all prepare for the coming fire season, and highlight how you can be involved in the CFA—Details next month, but please stick it in your calendar.

Before burning off:

To help avoid sending your volunteer brigade on a needless turnout, or, even worse, a truly necessary one you have caused please follow the following steps when planning to start a controlled burn on your property.

- Check and follow local regulations or laws set down by CFA or your local council
- Notify neighbours at least two hours before starting the burn
- Notify Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority (ESTA) on 1800 668 511
- Check the weather forecast for the day of the burn and a few days afterwards, including fuel moisture conditions
- Establish a fire break of no less than 3 metres cleared of all flammable material
- Make sure there are enough people to monitor, contain and extinguish the burn safely and effectively.

- See more at: www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/burning-off/

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

Australia Day award nominations now open

Nominations are now open for the 2014 Australia Day Awards. These awards provide the opportunity for our community to recognise local people for their achievements and service to their shire. Five awards are presented: Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Community Achievement Award, Community Event Award and Arts Ambassador. Macedon Ranges Shire Council Mayor, Roger Jukes, said the awards are the perfect opportunity to acknowledge the hard work of many individuals in our community.

“Being nominated is a great honour and there are countless people in our community who donate their time to many different causes and organisations,” he said. Nomination forms are available on Council’s website, mrsr.vic.gov.au/australiaday, or at Council’s service centres in Gisborne, Kyneton, Romsey and Woodend. Nominations close on Friday 1 November 2013.

“If you know someone who deserves recognition for their dedication and commitment to making our community a better place, make sure you nominate them before 1 November,” Cr Jukes said.

The awards will be presented at a special ceremony on Australia Day (Sunday 26 January 2014) at the Kyneton Town Hall.