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## NATIONAL 16-22 MAY 2022 VOLUNTEER Better Together WEEK



National Volunteer Week was celebrated across the nation between the 16th and 22nd May this year. In Riddells Creek we are volunteer champions! We already know that we are Better Together which was this year's theme. We have an extraordinary diversity of volunteers for a small town like ours, including those that:

- keep us safe (SES, CFA)
- support our hobbies and interests (White Goose Book Exchange)
- connect us with others (Men's Shed, Neighbourhood House, Senior Citizens, Toy Library, CWA)
- look after those that need help (HMS Collective, Lions Club, Legacy)
- look after our beautiful environment (Landcare, Greening of Riddell)
- supply us with information and communications (Riddell Round-up)
- keep us entertained (Christmas in Riddell, Farmers Market)

- look after our incorporated groups and organisations (our Boards and Committees)
- support us spiritually (our churches)
- keep us active (Sporting clubs, Running Club, Dog Club)
- that raise money (Lions, Tom's Bicycles)
- are unpaid carers

On Thursday 19th May, the Riddells Creek Neighbourhood House hosted afternoon tea for Riddell volunteers. Special guest Gill Metz, Fire Service Medal recipient in this year's Australia Day honours spoke about her commitment to community resilience and enthralled us with her story about how she has worked to build diversity into CFA structures over many years. The Neighbourhood House thanked volunteers from HMS Collective, CFA, the Uniting Church, Greening of Riddell, Lions, and the Farmers Market with a certificate and pen. There are many Riddell groups that are looking for more volunteers to spread their workload. If you are looking at giving back, making a contribution or wanting to get to know others, there are a myriad of opportunities to match your area of interest. CFA is currently recruiting for volunteers. Please call 5428 6171 for details. The Riddells Creek Neighbourhood House is happy to assist to link you into the perfect opportunity for you in our community. Email us at [manager@riddellscreeknh.com.au](mailto:manager@riddellscreeknh.com.au) or call 5428-7836.



Pictured above: National Volunteer Week local gathering

# AROUND RIDDELL...

Pictures, Art, Opinions, History, Updates and Tales from Around Town

## ELECTION DAY IN RIDDELLS CREEK

It is easy to take things, even things that are very special, for granted.

Like what happened at Riddells Creek Primary School on the 21st of May.



Like standing in a queue of calm people who are waiting for their turn to choose their nation's leaders, a queue in which parents are explaining to their children how the electoral process works, and what informs their own voting choices. Children are trying out their first tentative expressions of political values and preferences. Supporters of all of the parties and candidates line the path, respectful and civil to each other and to the people in line, handing out how-to-vote cards to those who indicate a willingness to take them. First-time voters study the leaflets carefully, nervous about getting it right and making their vote count for something. The autumn sunlight is gentle, and the air smells of 'democracy sausage'.



There has been a lot of commentary about our divided society, and there is no doubt that political conversations have become more and more polarised. But in this town, on that morning, we participated in the orderly conduct of a well-managed election. The AEC team were patient and helpful. The voters were serious and responsible. Our wishes were captured on paper and added to those of all Australians, and those collective wishes chose the next government. And after playing our part, no matter who we voted for, we went about our lives without fear or harassment, and accepted the outcome without violence or unrest.



In global terms, we are extraordinarily lucky that ANY of those sentences are true. The fact that ALL of those sentences were true in Riddells Creek on election day makes me feel really proud to be part of this great little community.

*Deb Hull*



## SCOUT GROUP

Hello Riddells Creek, what an amazing time of year it is as we head into winter with the crisp mornings after the recently clear nights.

The lead up to winter has not slowed our Scout group down at all with a range of activities in and out of the hall throughout May in our ever-growing group. If we look back five years Riddells Creek had a Scout Group that consisted of a Cub and Scout section with a total of 31 youth members. Today we have four active sections, Joeys, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers plus three Rovers totalling 70 youth members. It is a real pleasure to see all of these youth members of varying ages get the opportunity to

explore so many areas as they develop. Our youth members a from the age of five discover STEM activities, Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and of course the great outdoors in a range of adventurous and non-adventurous ways.

During May our Cubs had a First Aid night where they practiced a number of different real life situations to increase their understanding and ability of how to apply First Aid to another person. Sometimes I wonder if this is the greatest skill we can share with our Youth. Of course there was copious amounts of fake blood for the full experience and to ensure First Aid is fun for an 8-11 year old!

Our Joeys made pizzas at the hall for their “special friend night” where they celebrated mothers day as well as making a special gift. Our Scouts headed out to the Cobaw Forest at 7pm on a Monday night to embark on a rogaining event, in the dark. Rogaining is a global activity that sees participants search for markers based on coordinates and clues with only a map, compass, the clues and a desire for fun. This is a challenge of skill, speed and nerve. The event was operated by our Venturers who had laid out the course and coordinates to ensure the Scouts had a chance to find the reward in a pitch dark forest.



The Youth members loved it and did an incredible job in finding the rewards and most importantly not getting lost in a dark forest, which would have been difficult as we had one adult leader at the rear of each group to ensure the Scouts didn't go too far off course!

June will see the Scout Group continue on with our adventurous program with our Joeys getting out and about, the Cubs completing a massive outdoor activity with the Cubs from across the Macedon Ranges District, the Scouts will have an overnight camp where they must pack and camp with light weight constraints (if you cannot carry it on your back it doesn't come). They will also hike from Rowallan to the peak of Mt Charlie and across to Kerrie Hall using only a map and compass to navigate their way there, before returning back to Rowallan to camp in hiking tents and prepare their dinner with minimal equipment. Our Venturers will also take part in this camp as they will lead the patrol on

the day. Speaking of Venturers they are having a movie night in the Scout Hall for the Mums/Ladies to relax and enjoy, and this will also raise some funds to go towards some activities they have coming up like an overnight horse riding camp, city camp and much more.



Lastly we would like to thank everyone for their ongoing support towards Kate and Kasey as they continue to fundraise for their journey to the World Scout Jamboree next year in South Korea. No doubt many of you will have seen them both and their Cub helper Finn at the farmers market selling their home made K9 cookies. They have also been running a BBQ at Woodend Coles. These are two determined young people who are making things happen. If you have been able to support them thank you so much. If you or your business would like to consider sponsoring them please reach out to our Assistant Group Leader via [agl.1striddellscreek@gmail.com](mailto:agl.1striddellscreek@gmail.com) for details of how you can support them both.

We wish you all a great June, keep an eye out for the Scout Group and if you would like to know how you can get involved as a Youth member or Adult in a variety of ways please contact our Group Leader via [gl.1striddellscreek@scoutsvictoria.com.au](mailto:gl.1striddellscreek@scoutsvictoria.com.au)



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# COMMUNITY GROUP UPDATES

Volunteering, Safety, Community Building and Socialising

## RIDDELLS CREEK CFA



### CFA CELEBRATES VOLUNTEERS THIS NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

CFA is celebrating its 54,000 volunteers as part of National Volunteer Week. It is one of the world's largest volunteer emergency services with more than 1,200 brigades across Victoria.

Our own brigade consists of more than 50 volunteer members that perform a variety of operational (firefighters) and non-operational roles (community educators, financial supporters and our catering support staff). Thank you to all our volunteers and we welcome new members. If you're interested in becoming a member, please contact the brigade.

### FIRE SAFETY IN THE HOME

Most house fires could be prevented by taking some simple precautions. Here are top five safety tips this winter:

- Book a licensed gas-fitter to check your gas heater.
- Check chimneys, flues and fire boxes for cracks, rust and debris.
- Check electric blankets for kinks in the wiring.

- Clean the lint filter in your dryer (and continue to do this after every use).
- Check appliances for visibly frayed or damaged wiring (including powerboards and extension leads).

### TURN OUTS

We have had 6 turn outs in the last month - 2 primary jobs, a grass and scrub and a non structure fire. 4 support calls to Gisborne and Clarkfield. Total jobs for the year are now 43.

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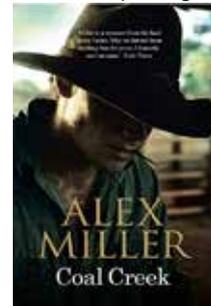
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## BOOK CLUB - THE BOOK

Club members read 'Coal Creek' by Alex Miller

Unfortunately, several members had a very busy month and didn't get a chance to read this interesting book by another well-known Australian author. Members who did read it were

pleased they did. It was written in the first person by Bobby Blue, a young man learning to read and write at the age of 20, so the language was a little off-putting at the start, but readers soon became used to the uneducated use of words and grammar and found themselves intrigued by the tale. Set in a fictional outback of Northern Queensland, the prose is wonderfully descriptive of the landscape and captures human emotions well. The storyline led to a surprising climax.



Verdict: Worth reading.

## CHARITY'S SECRET

A very busy month for us with lots of wonderful donors. To donors, thank you for giving us lovely clean wearable clothes, some with tags still attached.

To customers, if it was your size it was a bargain. I love it when we can help people with specific items and this month we have helped (and hope to continue to help) Matthew from the churches of St Mary's in Sunbury, St Paul's in Romsey and the Anglican Church in Lancefield to find some soup bowls and soup spoons for their free weekly lunches.

We hope to reintroduce prayer card requests, if you need help in the form of prayer, please speak to one of our volunteers.

Until next time...

Chris 0417 566 486

## BENDIGO BANK AUTUMN GRANTS

16 projects, including three in Riddells Creek, will soon be funded by Community Bank Gisborne and District, the locally owned and operated franchise branch of Bendigo Bank whose profits are reinvested in the community. Initiatives receiving support span health and wellbeing, education, arts and culture, sport and recreation and community infrastructure.

Approximately 75 people attended the branch's Autumn 2022 Community Investment Evening at the Gisborne Church of Christ on Monday May 16 and enjoyed hearing recipients speak about the projects the bank will be supporting at their club or group. Live music by Sage Roadknight, winner of the 2022 Youth Stage of the Macedon Ranges Music Festival (a grant recipient) wowed the audience.

The event was held on the first day of National Volunteers Week and all volunteers were thanked for their efforts and service to make Gisborne, Macedon and Riddells Creek even better places to live.

Chair Dominic Andreatchio said he volunteers for the community bank board because he sees how even a little funding can make such a big difference to so many in our community.

Riddells Creek Lions Club, Riddells Creek Kindergarten and Christmas in Riddells Creek all received funding (totalling nearly \$15,000) and local residents will benefit from many other grants as well.

Manager of Community Bank Gisborne and District Sarah Barton thanked the branch's customers for making the grants possible and her staff



for their knowledge and customer care, and invited more members of the community to support their successful local Bendigo Bank branch.



Above: Alisha Firth and Rachael O'Connor accept a grant for Riddells Creek Kindergarten

### GRANTS

\$35,000 – Macedon FNC, Macedon Junior FNC, Macedon Cricket Club – Electronic scoreboard for Tony Clarke Reserve

\$10,000 – Riddells Creek Lions Club – New shelter in Lions Park

\$10,000 – Macedon Primary School – Sustainability Garden

\$5,419 – Bullengarook Pony Club – Arena fencing

\$4,900 – Macedon-Woodend Scout Group – Tents

\$4,900 – Gisborne Masters Football Club – 2022 sponsorship

\$4,800 – PS My Family Matters – Mental health education series

\$4,780 – Macedon Ranges Bowling Club – Outdoor tables and benches

\$4,590 – Gisborne Rookies Junior FNC – Uniforms for U12, U14 and U16 Girls

\$4,500 – Macedon Ranges Music Festival – Stage and sound crew for 2023 festival

\$4,500 – Riddells Creek Kindergarten – Outdoor blinds for new pergola

\$4,280 – Christmas in Riddells Creek – Outdoor movie

\$4,000 – Gisborne Giants Football Club – Shelving for storage facility at Sankey Reserve

\$3,120 – Macedon Ranges Film Society – Projecting equipment

\$2,200 – Gisborne Football Netball Club – 2022 sponsorship and sign upgrade

\$2,000 – Swinburne Kindergarten – Sustainable Food & Healthy Eating Program

## SENIOR CITIZENS

Meet: Thursday @ Riddell Community Centre, 11.45am for 3 course meal

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# NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

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## NEWS FROM THE HOUSE

### COOL CHANGES AND RESILIENT RIDDELL

It's been so exciting to work with Council and passionate climate change advocates in Riddell to produce the final draft of the Cool Changes Climate Change Action Plan for Riddell. The plan is now available for community feedback closing on June 22.



The plan will be on display at the Neighbourhood House enabling community members to contribute around key themes.

It has been exciting to partner with the Riddells Creek Primary School around a shared theme of decreasing the use of soft plastics and increasing recycling in our community. Members of the Cool Changes group met with Grade Six students involved in the Kids Teaching Kids project to help support them in their work.

Watch out for details of Plastic Free July coming up in Riddells Creek!

### OPEN MIC NIGHT

Join us at the Riddells Creek Uniting Church in Sutherlands Rd where our next Open Mic will be held on Friday June 24. The venue is a warm, inviting, relaxed space for us to share our talents and encourage each other in a family friendly, casual and fun environment. Featured talents include Beau, Vince and Kat. 6.00pm-8.30pm. Gold coin donation. \$3 for a hot dog, or bring your own picnic tea. Tea and coffee available. Looking for comedians!

## WOMEN'S PRACTICAL SKILLS



A successful first meeting was held on May 10 when six women discussed getting together to learn new practical skills regularly. Another four women are keen to join in the fun.

"I'm really looking forward to the group getting together again and am excited about developing greater independence, getting to know women (especially of diverse ages) from my local area and becoming more connected to my community." (Participant)

The group hopes to begin meeting in June. Get in touch with us if you're interested in coming along.

## CPR REFRESHER

We are offering a CPR Refresher course on Wednesday June 8, 7.00pm-8.30pm. Get in touch if you need to update yours.



## BARISTA

Our second Barista class has graduated! Seven young people participated in three classes and nailed their skills in making lattes, cappuccinos, and hot chocolates.

They also practiced their service skills with other groups who were lucky enough to be meeting at the House at the time. Congratulations!

We are always looking for ways we can support our Riddell

young people in their education training and employment. If you have any ideas, please let us know particularly if you're a young person!

## COMING UP

Plastic Free July event

Launch of our new website

## MASSIVE THANK-YOU

A massive thank you to Colin Maplesden for helping pack up after Candidates Forum and Dawn Davis for donating coffee cups.

Remember if you are in iso and need some assistance, to please give us a call or email.

## CONTACT US

info@riddellscreenh.com.au or 54287836.

Lisa Linton Community Development Manager and Celia Spykens Coordinator.

## FEDERAL CANDIDATES FORUM

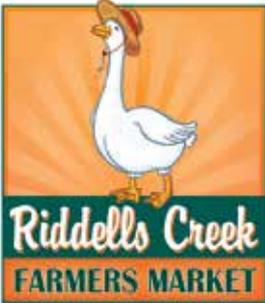
Seventy-three passionate McEwen constituents attended a community led Candidates Forum at the Riddells Creek Primary School in May moderated by the Riddells Creek Neighbourhood House. Sitting member Rob Mitchell MP (ALP), and candidates Richard Welsh (Lib), Neil Barker (Greens), John Herron (LDP) and Christopher Neil (Australian Federation Party) were all in attendance, with apologies noted from the United Australia and One Nation candidates.

After candidates presented their key campaign messages, they answered a range of pre-registered questions. Topics included cost of living, infrastructure, (roads, NBN, and sporting facilities) climate change, debt, refugees, welfare and integrity. Unanswered questions were later sent to candidates to supply answers to constituents.

Riddells Creek Neighbourhood House's strategic plan focuses on supporting the community to be capable and resilient. The forum enabled community to meet with candidates, express their concerns and gain greater understanding of candidates' perspectives on issues that matter to them.

# AROUND RIDDELL

Caring for our Community



## NEWS FROM THE MARKET

A beautiful crisp morning greeted those rising early to visit this month's Riddells Creek Farmers Market. And what a market it was! Stallholders were able to make the most of a great number of new visitors who were making a trip to the polling booth at the school hall, and took the opportunity to walk the market for the first time. With a great range of produce, food and wine on offer, we hope to see them become regulars.

The young ones were especially pleased to see the Petting Zoo - Animals 4 Ewe was set up at the Recreation Reserve end of the market, and a steady stream of kids took delight in the animals all morning.

The market also fell in National Volunteers week and we wanted to say a special thanks to those who make up our committee (see picture of Dee and Maya), and help with a number of other small tasks that ensure the market can run. We're always keen to welcome new volunteers so - if you're keen - next time you're at the market, chat to whoever is on the gate and find out how you can help. It's a great way to get to know lots of people in your community.



*Pictured above: Volunteers - Dee and Maya*



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# A GREAT NIGHT KICKING OFF 'NATIONAL VOLUNTEERS WEEK'



Riddell's Creek Lions Club attended a well-orchestrated Autumn 2022 Community Investment Evening where we received our generous donation of \$10,000 towards the additional shelter at the Lions Park.

The evening was enjoyed by many dedicated volunteers making a difference in their community, followed by a lovely supper provided by the Woodend Lifestyle Carers group and tunes by local Sage Roadknight, alt folk singer songwriter, making music on Wurundjeri land.



*Pictured above: Local Lions Club volunteers turning a snag or two.*



*Pictured above: John Hudson Treasurer, Narelle McGellin Fundraising Co-ordinator along with Volunteer director Jo-ann Irwin of the Gisborne & District board.*

There is so many great ventures and local ideas to support but more hands would make light work. If you believe you are in a position to assist on our Committee, annual membership is \$110 per year, we would welcome some fresh new faces. Even if you are just good at BBQ turning sausages !

If you are interested in becoming involved with Lions or take part in upcoming projects please phone our membership Chairman Ian Arnel 0411 437 167 / Secretary Steve Williams 54287320 / Narelle McGellin 0408558156.



*Pictured above: Local Lions Club volunteers fundraising*



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# SUSTAINABILITY + ENVIRONMENT

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## GIVING FREELY



*Pictured above: Students from Alice Miller School*

Students from Alice Miller School have started coming Fridays to give us a hand clearing out the gorse in the creekline inside Barrm Birrm. They get to spend time out in the open air and the joy of giving freely to someone or something that needs a hand.

Your sick mum who wants you to visit, your broken-hearted friend who just needs to talk it out, a bit of land that can't do entirely for itself - it's all the same. You give, you put yourself out there, and then something magic happens:

- you follow what you know and feel is important
- you connect a little bit more to a person or a place, and they connect to you
- your world gets bigger and deeper, more complicated, more resonant you feel more.

We want the world to be less complicated and less troubled, but on most environmental issues, it isn't going to be easy to make a difference. We're up against two or three centuries of a certain way of thinking, the exploitation of nature, and that will take a lot to shift.

Giving freely is a start, but it brings you up close to the detail of the way humans are hammering natural places. That can get hard to handle.

The flipside though, the flipside of giving freely, of volunteering, is that your spirit lifts and your heart beats calmer.

In the Barrm Birrm creekline, with the gorse cleared, the grasses coming back, the shrubs growing out unimpeded, well, you kind of have to take it on faith that the place appreciates it, but there is a life living itself out around you in

these natural places, and if you go very quiet inside, you can feel the breathing.

That's a gift, coming right back at ya!

The Alice Miller kids will be in every Friday afternoon for a while. If you want to help too, look up [What's on](#) at [riddellscreeklandcare.org.au](http://riddellscreeklandcare.org.au).

Or give me a call, Ross Colliver, Riddells Creek Landcare, 0411 226 519.

*Ross Colliver*

## COOL CHANGES: RIDDELLS CREEK



### CONGRATS, YOU HAVE A CLIMATE ACTION PLAN!

A big thank you and congratulations to all the hard-working volunteers that have successfully created a Riddells Creek Climate Action Plan.



Over the months of April/May, participants in the Cool Changes program worked collaboratively to create a shared vision for future climate action in Riddells Creek. It was a wonderfully inspiring set of workshops with community members holding rich discussions and forming real-life, tangible actions to address climate change.

This is just the beginning and if you'd like to read the plan and get involved, please scan the QR code below.



Macedon Range Shire Council would like to thank Riddells Creek Neighbourhood House for partnering on this program and providing a wonderful venue, as well as Helen Barrett of Farm Truck catering for supplying delicious dinners throughout

# BLAZE AID

## AFTER ELEVEN FORTY SEVEN!

Had the Black Saturday conflagration not started at Kilmore East and spread to the farm of Kevin and Rhonda Butler the story of BlazeAid may not be ours to hear. But it did, and the story continues thirteen years on!



*Pictured above: Kevin and Rhonda Butler*

At the Combined Probus Club of Whittlesea meeting on May 2 Melissa Jones, Operations Manager of BlazeAid Inc gave members an overview of the then, and now, of the corralling of volunteers to join together and start the rebuilding of communities devastated by natural disasters.

On the morning of February 7, 2009 north westerly winds in excess of 100 kilometres per hour scoured Victoria, bringing hot, dry air from Central Australia. The storm helped to create the almost perfect fire conditions, and when the winds brought down powerlines at 11.47am in Kilmore East, the resulting sparks ignited the fire.

‘Out of adversity comes opportunity’ is a quote attributed to Benjamin Franklin and now brought to life by BlazeAid. On that fateful day Kevin and Rhonda Butler were among those whose properties were burnt (arguably the first). Needing to quickly secure their 1,500 sheep, they sought assistance from family, friends and local volunteers to help re-fence their paddocks.

One hundred and seventy three people tragically lost their lives, 414 were injured, more than a million wild and domesticated animals were lost and 450,000 hectares of land were burned on Black Saturday. The formation of the unique volunteer army was the way that the Butlers decided to thank their helpers, and offer assistance to communities beyond Kilmore East.

The first assembly point was at the Butlers’ woolshed where locals and visitors heeding the pleas turned up ‘shovel ready’. Kevin had placed an advert in the Kilmore Free Press and twenty-five volunteers came to the first assembly. Rhonda fed everyone breakfast and dinner and provided a cut lunch, with the costs covered by their family. Rotary became

involved and took over the financing which was assisted by donations. Melissa explained that they shy away from Red Tape and have had minimal interaction with Government, relying on donations from the public and organisations keen to give back.

Some of the developments since 2009 were advised.

- 163 BlazeAid Camps established.
- 200 combat ready trailers set up and stored strategically.
- Value of contributions exceeds AU\$300 million.
- 16,500 kilometres of damaged fence removed.
- 16,000 kilometres of fences replaced.
- 35, 000 volunteers signed on (aged 4-94, average 60 years).
- Backpackers isolated in Australia due to COVID-19 given assistance.

Currently there are a total of twelve camps running throughout Australia, nine of which are in NSW and Queensland working on replenishment after the devastating



*Pictured above: BlazeAid Casino NSW*

floods. The Camp Co-ordinator makes the decision as to what happens at each farm.

A fact hard to believe was related: the crew on one relief boat working in the flood areas was almost hit by overhead power lines which are the main transmission lines along a highway.

Recent new functions of BlazeAid are the Post and Wire Drive where the public are encouraged to purchase fencing materials. It takes the equivalent of one person/week to clear a damaged fence at a cost of \$2,500 and then \$10,000 to replace it.

As well, since 2020 there is a tree planting program which has a double barrelled environmental effect. Tree replacement using recycled plastic support stakes is new. There is also an associated program assisting farmers to re-establish grass on paddocks denuded by fire or flood.

Melissa made a statement “Reputation is the greatest asset”. Those who listened to her presentation would totally agree.

*Michael B Halley*

## IN MY GARDEN

Winter is here and the garden has gone to sleep for a few months. So, it's time to do some heavy work in the garden. Now is the time for landscaping, moving things around and building things. Winter was the time I got my lych-gate built, my pebble mosaics created and garden edging installed. It's simply too hot at other times of the year or you are too busy pulling out weeds. Last weekend I spent some time clearing plants away from the future fence line between our old and new properties. Next, I will remove an old seat slab, reshape the garden bed lines and install new garden bed edging. Then I can get some plants in to fill the gaps.

The Pincushion Hakea forgot to read its label and after 20 years has reached between 8m and 10m tall. It's a beautiful well-shaped large shrub or small tree in which crested pigeons have made their nest. Currently it's absolutely covered in its strange pin-cushion like flowers beloved by the bees and the honeyeaters. A few years ago, I planted a new one, a cultivar called 'Stockdale Sensation' which flowers a bit earlier, with even more and showier flowers.

Even though it's Winter, the last deciduous shrubs are changing colour, the Berberis, Weeping Apricot and Cotinus are glowing orange. Still looking great long after many other deciduous trees have shed their leaves. Down the road a Chinese Snowball, an Autumn Blaze Maple and the Scarlet Oaks are bright red. Soon they will all be leafless sticks against a grey old sky. However, unlike the northern hemisphere, it won't be too long until the bare branches burst into leaf again. Hunker down and work hard during Winter by all means, but plan for Spring!



Melanie Kinsey *Pictured above: Pincushion Hakea*

## THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF BEES



### MOVING HOUSE

It is time to move my hives from their shady position during summer to a sunnier location. I built a long table on wheels to place the hives on so I can relocate them at the end of each summer and winter.

For the last two weeks, I've been getting up with the birds to roll the hives a metre each day, inching closer towards their new winter location, where they will get plenty of morning sun. Why not just move them to their new location in one day you ask? Well, bees have an amazing GPS which is so precise that if the hives were

simply relocated short distances to a new location, they would become confused and disorientated. Bees take notice of landmarks in the immediate environment around the hive. Having painted each hive a different colour also helps them navigate to their correct home.

So, we are slowly making our way across the paddock, only a few more days to go...

*Mustafa Ayhan*

# HEALTH + WELLBEING

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## HELP STOP THE FLU IN 2022

Influenza is a highly contagious viral infection that can cause widespread illness and deaths every year.



This year, it's even more important to get the influenza vaccine as we are more vulnerable to influenza. This is due to lower recent exposure to the virus and lower uptake of influenza vaccines in 2021. With international borders reopened, it's likely we will see more influenza in 2022.

### Who should get an influenza vaccine?

Vaccination experts recommend influenza vaccination for all people aged 6 months and over. Under the National Immunisation Program, free influenza vaccines are

provided to the following groups who are at higher risk of complications from influenza:

- children aged 6 months to less than 5 years
- all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 6 months and over
- people aged 6 months and over with certain medical conditions that increase their chance of severe influenza and its complications
- pregnant women (at any stage during pregnancy)
- people aged 65 years and over.

### Is the influenza vaccine available locally?

Flu shots became available from mid-April around the Macedon Shire. It's never too late to protect yourself against the flu. Contact your local GP, community health clinic or local pharmacy to book your next vaccination.

*Information sourced from [health.gov.au/news](https://www.health.gov.au/news)*

## AVOID THE BIG CHILL: HOW TO PREVENT A FROZEN WATER METER THIS WINTER



As Victoria enters the chillier months, it's a good time to protect our water meters and pipes for winter.

Greater Western Water (GWW) has some simple tips to reduce the risk of your water meter freezing, so you can avoid short-term inconvenience and potential damage.

GWW's General Manager, Operations & Delivery Solutions Louise Meadows says, "On cold nights, cover your water meter to trap the air around it. A bucket, cardboard box, hessian bag or old tyre do the job well".

To avoid exposed pipes from freezing, you can protect them with insulation found at hardware stores.

In the event your pipes or meter freeze, it's best to allow them to thaw naturally. If you can't wait, pour lukewarm water over the frozen meter or pipe. Never use boiling water as this increases the chance of pipes splitting.

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## WHAT'S ON AT THE GISBORNE LIBRARY



The Bluey story walk that was set up during April throughout the Gisborne gardens was a great success. There were some teething problems unfortunately with a bit of vandalism which was very frustrating but, once it was fixed, lots of families thoroughly enjoyed it. We were lucky enough to have some beautiful Autumn weather for families to do the walk.



We also had some successful Easter school holiday programming, including some beautiful Easter pom-pom wreaths that the children made. The library was buzzing with people over the holidays, with Lego, a find and seek Peter Rabbit game and our outdoor area keeping the children entertained.

Keep an eye out on our Facebook and Instagram pages as well as our website for the next round of school holiday fun!

We have some great things coming up in June for adults, including a movie screening of 'Babakiueeria' on Friday 3rd June at 11.30am as part of National Reconciliation week. The new version of the movie 'Death on the Nile' based on the book by Agatha Christie for our latest book club movie on Wednesday 8th June at 1pm, an 'Introduction to Instagram' class on Tuesday 14th June at 11.30 and 'Such sweet sorrows' – a history of chocolate talk (with samples) on Tuesday 21st June at 5pm.

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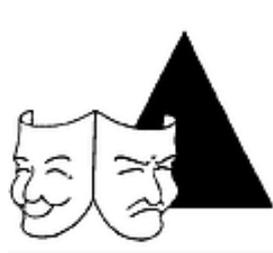
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## THE MOUNT PLAYERS

The Mount Players gearing up for One Act Play Festival and more.

Hard to believe we're in June already!

The theatre is now gearing up for its 17th Annual One Act Play Festival. On the weekend of 16-17 July, theatre companies from Melbourne and Regional Victoria get together for a weekend of one act plays. They will be adjudicated and awards will be presented at the conclusion on Sunday afternoon. Patrons are invited to come for a session (3 short plays) or nestle in for the weekend and enjoy all the performances. Food and bar facilities available. Tickets at the door. For session times go to [www.themountplayers.com](http://www.themountplayers.com) or call 54 261 892.



Our third production has been cast and is now in rehearsal. The Tarantino thriller, *Reservoir Dogs*, has been adapted for the stage with a full female cast. Creative Director, Craig Lenaine-Smith, will put his own special touch on this classic with live music on stage and special effects. Warning though – it's not for the faint hearted, as it contains violence, coarse language and sexual references throughout the show. Definitely for mature audiences who enjoy a contemporary performance. The show opens on Sunday, 21st August.

Our fourth production, *When the Rain Stops Falling*, is an Australian drama by Andrew Bovell. The story spans four generations of dysfunction in one family's lineage of secrets, abandonment and searching for answers. An epic work of drama. Auditions will be held on 23-24 July. For a script and full details on the play contact Director, Vicki Smith at [stagestruck58@me.com](mailto:stagestruck58@me.com).

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Karen Hunt

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## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Brrr, it is certainly getting cold out there. This means it is perfect weather for comfort food! Try this treat for a cold evening, it's delicious!

### THYME AND WALNUT BAKED BRIE

1 loaf of crusty sourdough sliced diagonally thinly (about 5mm)

½ cup walnut halves

200g whole round brie

12 thyme sprigs

1 tsp olive oil

2 tbsp honey

Preheat the oven to 200 degrees celsius. Arrange bread in a single layer on a baking tray and spray lightly with olive oil spray. Bake, turning occasionally for 5-6 minutes or until light golden and crisp. Cool.

Meanwhile, scatter walnuts over a baking tray and bake for 5 minutes until lightly toasted. Set aside to cool.

Line a baking tray with baking paper. Place the brie on the tray. Use a small sharp knife to cut 12 small slashes on the top of the brie and place a thyme sprig in each hole. Drizzle with olive oil and season with pepper. Bring edges of baking paper up to the center to enclose and twist to secure.

Bake for 10 minutes or until brie is soft when lightly pressed.

Place brie in its paper on a serving platter. Open the paper and sprinkle with walnuts and drizzle with honey. Serve immediately with toasts.



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### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It has been great to see how well the students have settled back into the classrooms this term. There are a lot of exciting things coming up for our students with many teachers finalising details for incursions and excursions, teams being selected for interschool sports competitions, our high-ability program students participating in a series of online workshops and Year 6 students starting the process of selecting their secondary school for 2023.

### LOCAL MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT VISIT

Mary-Anne Thomas visited our school on Friday 13th May to formally open Melaleuca and the new courtyard. She made time to tour the school and then join the Year 5/6 students in Melaleuca to answer student questions. Our students are

currently studying Civics and Citizenship, so were able to ask very thoughtful questions about the plans for Riddells Creek and Macedon Shire. They also gave Mary-Anne ideas about what they would like to see develop for youth in the Riddells Creek Community.



### OUT AND ABOUT - STUDENTS

I was fortunate to join our Year 5/6 campers for a day at Gundiwindi Lodge. The students participated in a wide range of activities including survival skills, the giant swing, damper making, the flying fox, archery, and low ropes challenges. It was lovely to see our students helping each other out and encouraging one another through the various activities and challenges. The adventurous spirit of our students shone through. It is a credit to RCPS parents, carers, students, and staff that the Gundiwindi camp owners and leaders praised our students for their independence and confidence, in addition to their positive attitude and polite manners.





about our interests and how we can work together to benefit Riddells Creek. We thought it was fun to work with different generations in our community, who had the same interests as us.

We brainstormed what we could do together as part of our “Kids teaching Kids” Earthwatch Australia project. Some of the major concerns that everyone had were around the amount of soft plastics in our community and the effect of this to our beautiful waterways in Riddells Creek. We are going to continue working together and find some ways to make our Riddells Creek environment even better.

Watch this space. Lily W and Maya V.

### DISTRICT FOOTBALL



Students from our Year 4–6 cohort participated in the district football competition on Monday 9th May. After a rigorous selection process, 24 students were selected to represent the school. On the day, they played three matches against other schools in the Macedon Shire. They won one game convincingly, and were very competitive in the other two games. Well done to the team for their wonderful effort, and to James, Luke, Annie and Deb for their work in training and coaching the team or providing supervision and support on the day.

### KITCHEN GARDEN

In the Kitchen MU1 and MU2 made some delicious greens and feta pies. We picked all the greens from our garden! We also made lemon curd that we have placed in jars to use later in the year.

In the garden we have been busy composting and clearing the garden ready for planting. We also potted some bulbs for later in the year.

### INSTAGRAM AND FACEBOOK

For all our school happenings please follow @riddellscreekps

### OUT AND ABOUT – STAFF

Several of our staff participated in a Mega Badminton Challenge in Altona. They were required to play badminton non-stop for 24 hours, taking it in turns to ensure everyone had a turn and no-one became too tired. Our team, the Hungry Geese, were the over-all winners of the badminton challenge, and raised over \$5000 for Multiple Sclerosis research.



### RIDDELLS CREEK NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE VISIT

On 10th May some grade 6 students who are passionate about the environment, went down to the Neighbourhood House to talk about the Riddells Creek environment with Lisa, Lynn, Heather, Ross and Justin, who are also interested in improving our local environment. Together we talked

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## Riddells Riddles

Answers page 29

*What has 13 hearts, but no other organs?*

*What has a bottom at the top?*

*I am an odd number. Take away a letter and I become even. What number am I?*



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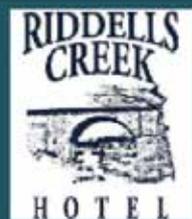
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# SPORTS

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## CALDER FLY FISHING ASSOCIATION

### MOORABOOL MONSTER BROWN TROUT

I decided to jump in the car and head to Moorabool Reservoir to put into practice some tips and techniques I had learned the week before on an 'Advanced Lake Fly Fishing' course hosted at Millbrook Lakes. Normally favouring the High Country rivers, my intention was to improve my lake fishing.

After a few casts to a calm little spot I noticed the odd bow wave ripping across from where the calm met the current. I cast my orange beaded McGoo fly, let it sink, and started a 'figure eight' hand retrieve of the line bringing the fly back to me with a few pauses.

After retrieving maybe 10-15 foot of line I felt what can only be described as a freight train run into my fly and take it rocketing in the opposite direction. I got my first glimpse of the 'golden nugget' attached to the end of my tippet. My instructors' voices flashed in my head, "don't death grip it, get him to the reel, rod up high touching your hat". I screamed out to my friend Herman who managed to run a good 100 metre sprint while hurdling through the bush and fallen timber to help me net the big guy.

After a lot of amazement, a few photos and even more laughs we got him back in the water on his way.

Words can't describe what it's like to land a probably once in a lifetime 9lb (4kg) fish that was both a reward and inspiration.



Pictured above: Mitch and his monster brown trout

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Mitch Siddle

## ROMSEY GOLF CLUB

The wetter, milder weather of autumn has seen steady growth across the whole of Romsey park and the golf course. All volunteers have been busy keeping the autumn growth under control and making the usual repairs and improvements. The Shire has a major drainage program to clear water from the tennis courts/Rec Centre, Cricket Nets and Oval No 1. Once completed this will see much more storm water directed out of the park rather than onto the golf course.

Men's and Women's Pennant: This year RGC entered two men's teams and one women's team.

The Men's Scratch team had a tough start to the season, losing the first two matches before winning well at home. With one round to go it will be extremely tough for them to make their final.

The Men's Handicap team had a good start winning the first two matches before going down badly in the third. With one round to play they still have a chance to make the final but will have to play well in the final round.

The Women's Handicap team won their first match before losing their captain to COVID-19 and losing their second match. Having won this division for the last three years the team still has an excellent chance to make the final.

### ALGIE MITCHELL SHIELD



Pictured above: RGC Capt Mal Mottram with Algie Mitchell Shield Winner Mick Nicholls Jnr

The final of this shield, Mick Nicholls Jnr Vs Scott Williams, was played later than usual to make room for the Centennial Weekend. On the surface it looked a very even match with Mick Jnr giving Scott one shot. However, from the first few holes Mick was able to take command and turned the corner five up. Despite some top golf from Scott he was not able to peg Mick back; Mick went on to win 6/5.

## 2022 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

The championships are played over three consecutive Wednesdays or Saturdays of May.

Unfortunately both men's and women's fields have been affected by COVID-19.

After two rounds the results are:

	Stroke	Nett
Women	Jenny Hartley - 194	K Jacobsons (39) - 230/68/152
Men	A Grade: Mal Mottram - 162	Mal Mottram (6) - 162/12/150
	B Grade: Andrew Laing - 178	Andrew Laing (17) - 178/34/148
	C Grade: John Freestone - 198	John Freestone (25) - 198/50/148

## RIDDELLS CREEK PONY CLUB

It's been a busy few weeks for Riddells Creek Pony Club (RCPC).

On May 7, three teams represented RCPC at the Central Zone Games, Flat Teams and Musical Ride Team Championships.

Tamsyn Harvey and Michelle Woodcroft competed as a Pairs Team and were coached by Jo-anne Heintz. They placed third, earning them a qualification to the State Games, Flat Teams and Musical Ride Championships.



Tana Males, Tamsyn Harvey, Michelle Woodcroft and Grace Bradshaw competed in the Musical Ride which consisted of a choreographed dressage test to music. The theme of our musical was 'a day at the races' and was expertly choreographed by Jo-Anne Heintz. Lauren Cocks and Stella Hemmingway produced an exciting music compilation that was highlighted by a personalised race call from Dan

Mielicki. Kari Males was our costume designer and Lauren Cocks our super coach. The team placed first and has now qualified for the State Games, Flat Teams and Musical Ride Championships to be held on June 26.

Our games team consisted of Tana Males, Grace Bradshaw, Chloe O'Rourke, Brodie Haliday Tough, Michelle Woodcroft and Josephine Salanitri. While the afternoon got off to a flying start, the games were postponed until June 4 after a rider was unfortunately injured.



On May 14 and 15 Horseland Pony Club Victoria Horse Trials Festival was held in Mansfield. The Horse Trials consisted of three phases - dressage, show jumping and cross country.

J'Amie Mallon and Michelle Woodcroft represented RCPC in the State section of the competition with J'Amie placing second in the Grade 1 and Michelle finishing seventh in the Grade 3.



RCPC and Central Zone were represented in the Interzone sections of Grade 4 by Kloe Soper, Chloe O'Rourke, Lauren Dunn, Lauren Cocks, Olivia Dewar and Grade 5 by Brodie Haliday Tough. Congratulations to all riders who achieved outstanding individual and teams results in some wet conditions at Mansfield.

Looking forward to an action packed June!

## RUNNING CLUB RIDDELL WARRIORS



As I explained in the last edition, we form part of the Macedon Ranges Running Club and our aim is to have

fun whilst exercising, from beginners to the advanced. We meet every Tuesday and Thursday evening, as well as Sunday mornings, at the Lions Park. So, if you are feeling enthusiastic and want to walk or run, come and join our small community group and enjoy the Riddells Creek scenery.



On Saturday 30 April, some of our members participated in Run the Rock, running 13.5km around Hanging Rock. A few of our runners were so thrilled in conquering the course – they couldn't wait to take over the podium to celebrate. People from all over the state come to the iconic rock to support this fantastic event. It was a hugely successful day, run by our sponsor, Sole Motive.

On Saturday 7 May, the MRRC held their 10km milestone day at Riddells Creek. Our club volunteered to ensure that all participants ran safely and enjoyed themselves. MRRC Vice President and Riddells Creek Branch Manager, Loretto, did an absolutely outstanding job coordinating this event, ensuring a successful and memorable time for runners from the Macedon Ranges.

Finally, some of our runners conquered the run to Pears Lane. This route consists of many hills and uneven ground, but as you can see by the photo, we were all extremely proud of our achievement.

If you would like to come along and join in all this fun, please head to the Lions Park, Main Road, Riddells Creek.

All are welcome, regardless of ability.



## RIDDILLS CREEK BASKETBALL CLUB

The challenges of basketball and Covid- 19 continue with illness having an impact on player and referee numbers week to week. With flu now circulating it is worth considering whether you wish to get the flu vaccine to help prevent illness and missing more games.

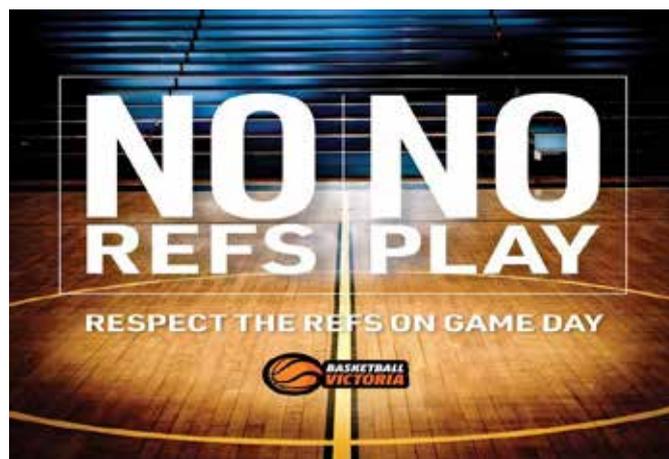
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### FIRST AID COURSE



Thank you to our awesome volunteers for participating in a CPR and first aid course held recently, funded by RCR. There have been several injuries on court this season which have been attended to appropriately and promptly - thanks to Melanie Martin supplying team bags well stocked with first aid kits. RCR are repeatedly relied on to assist other teams with use of ice packs etc – great sportsmanship shown by our team managers and coaches. Contact Mel if your kit needs restocking.



### SBA REFEREE PROGRAM

There is an upcoming SBA green shirt referee program – stay tuned via our facebook page for future info. Despite what needed to be said above - refereeing is still a great way to earn tax free money whilst keeping fit and enjoying the game we all love as well as contributing to youth development and your local community.



*Pictured above: Lily and Tilly: Coach and player/ Referee mentor and trainee referee*

## RIDDELLS CREEK NETBALL ASSOCIATION

The season marches on! Our teams are all still trying their hardest with the 15 and under and 13 and under teams competing for finals berths. Both 11 and under and the 9 and under teams (which don't play finals) are both doing really well, with the 9 and under team undefeated. Our committee worked so hard on our first duty day (our main fundraiser), running the BBQ and selling tickets for our firewood raffle (won by a local resident). A great day was had by all!



## MACEDON RANGES OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB

May started with another group of new members at induction.

Last month we looked at food not good for your doggies, this month some human foods they can eat.

Peanut Butter – full of protein/healthy fats, niacin, vitamin B and E. Get unsalted, making sure it does not contain sugar

substitutes like Xylitol which can be deadly.

Chicken – raw, cooked, boneless, skinless no spices/ marinades is great, but cooked bones should never be fed.

Cheese – if not lactose intolerant, cheese is great used as a treat or a training tool. Cottage cheese is high in protein, calcium and is easy to digest.

Carrots – high in fibre and vitamin A, chewing raw carrot is good for teeth

Yoghurt – full of protein, calcium and digestive cultures is great for digestive health. Use live active cultures but non-fat, lactose free, no sweetener/flavor.

Pumpkin and Sweet Potato – fresh/cooked, full of fiber and vitamin A, great for a sensitive stomach.

Eggs – fed raw, including shell, or cooked are full of biotin, protein, riboflavin, and selenium.

Green beans – great for weight loss, high in fibre/low in calories.

Salmon – omega 3 but must be cooked.

Apples – full of phytonutrients, vitamin A and C. Skin on but remove the seeds, they contain traces of cyanide.

Oatmeal – for those not sensitive to grain. Packed with vitamins and minerals, a great source of dietary fibre.

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Take care, stay safe. A dog is family.

*Carol, Instructor/Treasurer*

### Answers to Riddells Riddles

1. A deck of cards
2. Your legs
3. Seven

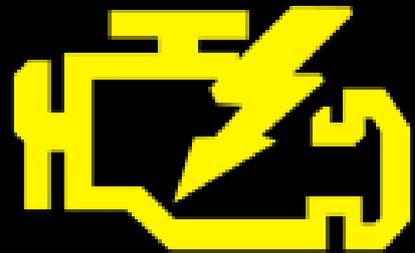


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WINTER SEASON

RCJMBA are very excited to have started the 2022 Winter Season.

This season runs for term 2 and 3, finishing with a week of Grand Finals. We are currently offering:

- Monday nights – Under 10s 4.15 to 5.10 and Under 19s 5.20 and 6.10 games.
- Wednesday nights – Under 8s 4.30 to 5.30 and Under 16's 5.40 and 6.30 games.
- Thursday night Under 14s 5.30 and 6.20 games.
- Friday night Under 12s 4.20, 5.10 and 6pm games.

We have a great Committee for this season which is made up of some experienced Committee members and some brand new members.

We would love to welcome everyone and thank them so much for offering their time for our players, families and Association. We also welcome any new players throughout

the season as long as numbers in that age group permit. Please email [rcjmbaregistrar@gmail.com](mailto:rcjmbaregistrar@gmail.com) or find us at [facebook.com/RCJMBA](https://www.facebook.com/RCJMBA)



As well as some great on court action we've been supporting our coaches with a coaches' course to help them have all the skills and knowledge they need to be able to pass this on to our players.

Last month we also held a 1st aid course for parents, coaches and committee members. A huge thank you to the Bendigo Bank, which funded this course through its Community Grants Program.

Congratulations to our teams that represented RCJMBA at the Whittlesea tournament. It was great to see our Raptors teams back in action.