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## WHAT A WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR IN RIDDELLS CREEK

After what seemed like another tough year in Riddells Creek it's exciting to see the festive season kicking in! Riddells Creek is a special place to live all year round, but especially at Christmas.

Christmas began early this year with the CIRC Outdoor Movie Night on Friday 25th November. Many Riddell families showed up for a viewing of Elf at the Primary School and enjoyed a variety of food from the many food trucks in attendance.



Also, on the 25th November, the Neighbourhood House hosted their final Open Mic for 2022. The theme was Christmas of course and was preceded by a Christmas Party for younger children. Entertainment included lawn games, Christmas crafts and a pinata.



But wait there's more to come! Organised by CIRC, there will again be a Christmas Tree display at the Walter J Smith Reserve from the 3rd of December. On December 17th, Riddells Creek Anglican Church will host Carols by Candlelight at the Walter J Smith Reserve.



And of course, the traditional Santa run by our local CFA on Christmas Eve. Please check out the flyer on the back page for more details.

Dromkeen will be holding three events. On the 5th of December join Mark Wilson and Corrine Fenton for a free Christmas Storytime and Drawing session. On Saturday 10th don't miss the Christmas Puppet Show, and the beautiful Christmas Garden Concert "A Moments Peace" with Harpist Michael Johnson on the 11th of December.

What a Christmas it's going to be in Riddell!

Merry Christmas and a happy new year from the Riddell RoundUp Committee. The RoundUp's next edition will be available from 1st February 2023.



# AROUND RIDDELL...

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

## HOW BARRM BIRRM GOT ITS NAME

Dogs love Barrm Birrm - what dog doesn't like stepping out along a dirt road, surrounded by all those new scents. And what dog owner doesn't love seeing their dog enjoying the freedom to run?



Above: Wolly

However, if you've got a dog like my daughter's Border Collie, then they chase the roos. Chi-Chi has a rounding up instinct, but she stops after a good chase, but perhaps a hunting dog would keep chasing. That worries me, so I thought I'd raise the question for all you dog owners: 'on lead or off lead'?



Above: Dusty

I put this question to Lyn Hovey, and her answer came bundled in another story about how Barrm Birrm got its name. Here's what happened.

In 2005 when Riddells Creek Landcare was formed, the core objective was to save the flora of the area formerly known as the Shone-Scholtz Land or the Riddell Ranges Estate. The RCL committee decided that it needed a new identity based on its old attributes. We spoke to Wurundjeri people who suggested we go to VACL, the Victorian Aboriginal Corporation for Languages to find a local name for a place of many flowers.

I set off to VACL with my best friend in the front seat.

After a delightful conversation with Alex, a young linguist, I left with a long list of words and phrases in the Woiwurrung language and a rough idea of how to say them.

On the way home I tried them all out, loudly one after the other.

Banmil-dhal. (of the hill)

Dhanguth. (pronounced dungoot, eating food)

Pike or bika. (Lily)

Garong. (Wattle)

Terrat. (Geranium)

Willam. (place of)

Willam-dhal-terrat-birrm. (Place of many geraniums)

Birrm or pirt pirt. (meaning many of, or several inanimate things)

Barrm. (yam root)

Barrm Birrm Willam. (place of many yam roots)

When I got to BARRM BIRRM my front seat companion barked wildly, ecstatically. LET'S GO! LET'S GO!

Back at the committee meeting there was agreement all round.

Today Dusty the blue heeler has gone to chase rabbits in the clouds but Wolly the red heeler has a great appreciation of Barrm Birrm. First we go to a fenced space where he can chase rabbits and wear off a bit of free dog energy. Then we go to Barrm Birrm. He takes his human for a slow, sniffing, respectful walk at the end of a lead.

Ross Colliver, Riddells Creek Landcare

## A SPECIAL KIND OF ADVENT CALENDAR THIS YEAR



Every year, our family hangs an advent calendar in the hallway, made up of a string of little stockings that we place small trinkets and treats in—my daughter loves it!

This year however, we have decided to do something different. Instead of an advent calendar for the 24 days leading up to Christmas, we are donating an item of food for each day to the Gisborne Food Bank.

It has been great fun choosing a few items from the supermarket each week, choosing some special Christmas treats and selecting items that could go towards a Christmas meal. We think this will be our new family tradition, perhaps it could be yours too?



## GOING BANANAS

I am sure many families and businesses in the Macedon Ranges will be thankful for Graham and his team at GLAMA Fruits who have serviced home delivery of fruit and vegetables for the last 15 years.

Graham has announced that his service will not be continuing and that he will be retiring.

On behalf of the Riddells Creek community and the Primary School, we wish Graham and Sandra along with their team a Happy Christmas and wonderful new adventures.

## RIDDELLS CREEK WANTS TO THANK-YOU



Recently Deb Hulls, Leanne Vandermeer and Julie Smith stepped down from their long-term roles on the Riddell RoundUp Committee. Deb has demonstrated her excellent skills in leadership by running the group for three years. Leanne has been working in the design and layout for a whopping six years and has been fundamental in the set up of the in-design process that sits behind every issue of the RoundUp. Julie has been overseeing the finances of the publication for three years. On behalf of the Riddell community, we would like to thank you all for your efforts and commitment to this our amazing newsletter.

# COMMUNITY GROUP UPDATES

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Volunteering, Safety, Community Building and Socialising

## RIDDELLS CREEK CFA

### FIRE RESTRICTIONS

Warmer weather will be here soon enough which means fire restrictions may be in effect. The fire restriction dates for Macedon Ranges at the time of publishing this article were not announced so please refer to the CFA website or check the Macedon Shire Ranges website for updates.

### SANTA RUN

It is not Christmas until Santa drops into Riddells Creek. Please refer to the flyer on back page for details.

### TURN OUTS

Since penning the brigade's article for the November edition of the Roundup, the brigade has responded to 5 calls. One structure fire in Riddells Creek, four support calls to Monegeeta and Gisborne. These included an alarm, an incident, a non-structure and a grass and scrub fire. This brings us to 75 for the year.

### BRIGADE CONTACT DETAILS

Fire Station/Duty Officer - 5428 6000

Fax - 5428 6994

Facebook - Riddells Creek Fire Brigade

Instagram - riddells\_creek\_cfa

CFA Website - [www.cfa.vic.gov.au](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au)

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## POLICE NEWS

### CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR PERIOD ABSENCE FROM RESIDENCES

Hi everyone, hopefully you are all looking forward to some time off with family and friends as we approach the festive/New Year period. For those that are working, like me, during this period; I hope you find some time to have with

your friends and loved ones. I trust that this is a time to recover and re-charge your batteries from another challenging year. Whilst I encourage you in having an enjoyable time, it's also a timely reminder that Victoria Police will be out conducting extra alcohol/drug tests and enforcing safety on the roads.

Recently there has been a number of thefts from rural properties in and around the Macedon Ranges, it is a timely reminder to secure your property and help to protect your property.

To assist police reduce crimes in and around Riddells Creek during the Christmas and New Year periods, please consider the following:

- Lock and secure your homes, sheds and garages
- Never leave keys or spare keys in the vehicles or machinery
- Always ensure that vehicles and machinery are locked (especially overnight)
- Park your vehicle and machinery in locked garages or sheds (if available)
- Close gates leading to driveways and paddocks (create a barrier)
- Do not leave machinery and vehicles on display
- Consider sensor lights (if possible)
- Be vigilant of your own, but also neighbour's properties
- If you see something/someone suspicious, please contact 000 immediately to report it
- Fill out an absence from residence form, which will notify Riddells Creek Police Station and surrounding police stations of your period of absence residence. The

form can be found on the Victoria Police Web Site – [www.police.vic.gov.au](http://www.police.vic.gov.au)

- Advise your neighbours of absence from residence periods
- Secure your firearms and secure the keys. Consider securing gun safe keys in a lock box which is secured to a wall or floor or alternative off site to where the firearms are stored
- Ensure CCTV is operable and can be accessed if required. If you do not have CCTV, consider installing

If all residents can assist Police and contribute to the overall vigilance and prevention of these type of offences, then the occurrences of thefts will be greatly reduced in our town.

Remember if it looks suspicious it more than likely is, report it and it will be followed up.

Until next time have a safe and happy Christmas and New Year period.

*Senior Constable Steve Johnson, Officer in Charge, Riddells Creek Police Station*

## NEWS FROM CHARITY'S SECRET

A whacky year gone too quickly—but the best part was when we were open for business, catching up with each other and our customers.

We have gained a couple of new volunteers, which is always pleasing.

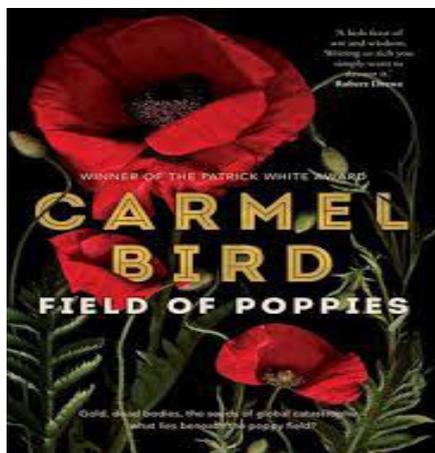
Our last trading day this year will be Saturday 17th December and that week we will hold our annual \$1 sale Thursday and Friday and 50c Saturday. We hope to clear the shop ready for a fresh start in the middle of January 2023.

Thank you for your super support throughout the year.

I also thank our wonderful volunteers, for their friendship and support.

Merry Christmas everyone. Stay safe for a happy new year

## BOOK CLUB



This month the group read Field of Poppies by Carmel Bird. Hmmm, what to write about this interesting book? It was enjoyed by everyone, bar two who didn't finish it.

The story is set in the first person, Marsali Swift, living in a fictional Victorian town called Muckleton in the old Goldfields, near towns such as Castlemaine and Maldon to name just two. Of course, we all took it to be Muckleford. It begins by describing Monet's Field of Poppies in great depth, almost as an art critic, and this created unrest for the readers. However, it quickly moves on and progresses into the spirit of the book – Alice goes missing. A quirky addition to the story is Marsali's husband who interjects with his opinions on whatever has just been read. The book is up-to-date, covering many of the problems facing our planet today.

A note of interest: Monet and Friends at The Lume is well worth visiting, especially if you didn't get to see the amazing Vincent Van Gogh exhibition. Definitely not one's usual art gallery.

## RIDDELLS CREEK AND DISTRICT SENIORS' CLUB

We would love to welcome anyone who

would appreciate a warm and friendly atmosphere with a very sumptuous, three course meal on Thursdays.

Venue: Riddells Creek Community Centre, 74 Main Street, Riddells Creek

### LUNCH

Thursdays, 11:45am for 12:00 serving 3 course meal for

\$15.00 per visitor

\$10.00 per member

Membership: \$10.00 per year

Prospective members 65 and over are required to notify My Aged Care that you are wishing to join, a bit of time may be needed for processing.

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Want to Celebrate your Birthday with the Riddells Creek Community?

The RoundUp would love to hear from you if you would like us to help celebrate your birthday by having your name and birthdate (not the year) listed in the publication. Each month we will list the birthdays relevant to that month. Please contact the Neighborhood House on 54287836 or email [riddellroundup@gmail.com](mailto:riddellroundup@gmail.com) with your details

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## LIONS CLUB NEWS

Season's Greetings and best wishes for the New Year.

Thank you for your continued support towards the Riddells Creek Lions Club. Our team will be outside Foodworks selling our Christmas Cakes and Hamper Raffle tickets that will be drawn on 23rd December at the Riddells Creek Hotel.



Thank you to our funding bodies; Government – Stronger Community Grant, Gisborne and District Community Bank, MRSC Community Funding Scheme with a new community shelter with all abilities BBQ scheduled soon once the area is dry to get into the Lions Park without any further disruptions to the open space area.

The Riddells Creek Neighbourhood House is a collection point for any recycled glasses—without cases preferred - supporting the Lions Recycle for Sight Australia.

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 turning sausages at a BBQ.

A monthly business meeting, a social dinner meeting and often a local theatre and dinner evening on offer.

### HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT JOINING LIONS?

Great opportunity to share in our fundraising drive at Bunnings on 27th December as we host the Bunnings

sausage sizzle, a few of our volunteer members are down so we are looking forward to those willing to lend a hand. Please reach out to Steven Williams on 54287320.

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.

Lions receive many requests locally, statewide and internationally – should you consider a donation to the below Lions Club account: Bendigo Bank Riddells Creek Lions Club account 633 000 / 145341319 – please leave your name as a reference and message Narelle direct on 0408558156.

## DARRAWEIT GUIM PRIMARY SCHOOL VISITS DROMKEEN HOMESTEAD

During recent flooding, Darraweit Guim Primary School in the Macedon Ranges was significantly affected, with the whole school being temporarily relocated to Wallan.



Dromkeen decided it would be great to give the school a treat by bringing them across for a day visit and giving the children an opportunity to meet a real author/illustrator. Our local Riddell's Creek Lions Club kindly donated the money to pay for the author and the Seymour Coaches generously provided the transport free of charge. Fantastic Australian author/illustrator Mark Wilson did a writing and illustration workshop with the kids and Bernadette introduced the children to some beautiful original picture book illustrations in the gallery. There were smiling faces everywhere...teachers and students included.

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**Merry Christmas**

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**KIDS PORT MAC**

- Advent
- Baking
- Barbecue
- Beach
- Boxing Day
- Carols
- Christmas Tree
- December
- Decorations
- Faith
- Family
- Gifts
- Gingerbread
- Giving
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- Joy
- Laughter
- Lights
- Noel
- Parade
- Reindeer
- Storytelling
- Summer
- Surfing Santa
- Tinsel
- Tradition

The unused letters reveal a hidden message!

Above: Taken from Kids MPort Mac website <https://kidsportmac.com.au/>

In the new year, if you have any artwork, quizzes or you wish to write an article for the RoundUp, please email us at [riddellroundup@gmail.com](mailto:riddellroundup@gmail.com). We would love to hear more from you!

## SCOUTS

Hello Riddells Creek and community.



Wow! December already!

Where has the year gone? Our young members have been doing so many amazing activities throughout the year, and the past few months were no exception. Our youngest section, the Joeys, attended what we call Kangaree at Lardner Park Warragul on the last weekend of the school holidays, joining around other 3,000 youth members aged 5-8 years for a two-night camp that was full of activities before returning to their tents for the night. It is remarkable to see what young people are capable of when they are in an environment to try things out - often beyond Mum or Dad's wildest imagination of what they think they're young person can do.



Above: kangaree veterans

Our Cubs were not to be outdone. They were out and about with a Snow Camp at Mt Buller to wind up Term 3. They also recently had a tonne of fun with a Geocaching day. Throughout all of their activities we have seen another two Cubs achieve a 50km hike since starting Scouting achieving 100km. That's not too shabby for youth who are not yet 12 years old.

The Scouts have also been busy. They have been out on Operation Night Owl, a region event where they navigated

their way through a course in the dark of night before returning to their tents around midnight at Rowallan Scout Camp. Another night recently saw them run with a youth member's plan to cook fudge over a candle in the hall.

Then, a horse-riding camp. That's what our Venturers did in October as they embarked on a trail ride followed by an overnight camp at Camp Warringal, Whittlesea. Again, this came from a Venturer's desire to arrange a camp. In the September term break, we saw two Venturers attend a weeklong adventure on Mt Bogong at the Scouts owned Rover Chalet. During the week the Venturers learnt to cross country ski, snowshoe and look after themselves and 20 others for a week. Yes. This meant cooking, cleaning and running the facility. We also had four Venturers attend an event called BARCOM. This involved one week, four rafts and one Murray River. You guessed it, they spend all day on rafts navigating a very full Murray River before coming ashore at the end of each day to set up camp before setting off again the next day. Our Venturers filled the roles of general crew member, Q Store master and Captain. On each journey the Adult Leaders vote for the youth member who demonstrated the highest level of leadership and on this expedition our Venturer who was the captain was awarded this prestigious award.

Have a great month and keep an eye on FaceBook page for some very exciting announcements in the future. We always have room for new members, youth or adult and if you would like to know more about the benefits of a King's Scout award for University entry, or simply the opportunity through these formative years, please reach out to Allison via [agl.1striddellscreek@gmail.com](mailto:agl.1striddellscreek@gmail.com) or call Andrew on 0483 849 830.

Andrew Smyth, Group Leader

## NEWS FROM THE MARKET



This month we said goodbye to Ilinka who has been offering her famous burek and other delicacies since, we think, the very first market, over fourteen years ago. Members of the committee presented her with some flowers from Sheloric Posies and wine from Mount Charlie Wines as a thank you and to wish her well in her retirement.



The market is on every 3rd Saturday of the month, 9am -1pm at Memorial Drive. The next market is on Saturday 21st January. There is no December market this year, so we wish all of our shoppers and stallholders a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and an enjoyable holiday period.



Keep an eye on our Instagram and Facebook pages for more information, and we look forward to seeing you there!

# NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

The heart and hub of the community



## NEWS FROM THE HOUSE

### CIRCLES OF CONNECTION

This year our AGM celebrated the theme of Circles of Connection. Quality social connections are what binds our community together and keep us strong during adversity. The House is more than a place that delivers courses and runs social groups. We create a space for people to incidentally bump into each other, have conversations, share stories and meet others across the generations. We have achieved our Strategic Plan goals for 2022 and exceeded our expectations in the area of creating new partnerships. If you would like a copy of an Annual Report that showcases our achievements and stunning stats please call in at the House. A warm welcome to our new Board consisting of Nic Rowan, Rachael Cogger, Wayne Pye, Mus Ayhan, Joe Lanteri and Jeff Shepherd.



### THE CO-OP

During November and December, the Co-Op met and worked on making planter/wood boxes. The group meets bi-monthly alternating between a Wednesday and Saturday morning. Please

give us a call if you would like to be added to the list.

### PERMACULTURE CLUB



The Permies have been at it again! Their wicking bed project (with the Co-Op) has been a success after a bit of trial and error. The first bed has now been planted out with strawberries. Call into the garden one day with the kids and get picking! This month they have also shared how to make sauerkraut, kombucha, and explored creative ways to deal with this wet weather for new seedlings.

### MEET AND GREET

It was a lovely to meet up informally with our State Government Lower House candidates earlier in the month. Sitting member, The Hon Mary-Anne Thomas joined candidates Marley McCrae McLeod (Greens), Dr Iris Bergmann (Animal Justice Party), and Huntly Barton

(Independent) to briefly explain their key campaign messages. Over refreshments, audience members were able to ask questions and chat with the candidates. The House thanks those who are willing to stand up and be part of the democratic process.



### #SEEME PROJECT

#SeeME has been working with local businesses and public spaces to create a photo exhibition with Shae to promote visibility and invite other families, carers and young people to discover safe and welcoming spaces in their local area. The photo that was chosen to demonstrate how the Neighbourhood House has welcomed Shae depicts a fun moment with Shae and Cath, one of our volunteers. The launch of the project will be held on Saturday 10th December 3pm at the Corner Coffee Shop in Gisborne. Please let us know if you would like to attend. The "House" auspiced the project and it was funded through the Gisborne and District Community Bank. (Bendigo Bank). An interactive map is available that indicates where nominated sites are across the region, creating a resource for connecting with and engaging more inclusively with our diverse community.



## GIANT ZUCCHINI GROWING COMPETITION

Our competition is off and running! If you haven't entered yet, now is the time! You don't want to leave it too much later to get those seeds in the ground! The competition is for young people under 16 who, once registered, will receive a Giant Zucchini Growing Pack. One entry per young person and its free! Judging will take place on Saturday 11th March 2023 during the Community Group Expo at the Neighbourhood House. Categories will include heaviest, longest, widest and best decorated.

## PARTY KITS FOR HIRE

Its party season! Are you looking to reduce or eliminate using plastic items for your next party? We can help you! We have two party hire kits containing crockery and cutlery for up to 18 people including serving items such as platters, tongs, and jugs. \$50 deposit and \$10 to hire. Call Celia for more information.

## OUR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORK



*Development in Riddell*

If you would like to be a part of the resident's group that is

keeping a watch on development proposal in town, please let us know and we'll pop you on the list. Feel free to drop into the House to see our display of how Planning and Development works and how you can have a proactive voice as part of the process.

We are currently upgrading our website. Our new website will be up and running as soon as possible. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to call us, drop by or email.

## CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

On behalf of the Board and staff we would like to thank our amazing volunteers for their work in 2022. Ann Tonkin, Heather McNaught, Cath Maplesden, Jenny McDermott, Vesna Elliot, Karen Armitage, Lola Rowe, Don McLeod, Terry Carey, Selina Mascoll, Margaret Pittaway, Bec Baber, Peter McGellin, Colin Maplesden, Trent Murphy, Olivia McGellin, Anne Whittaker, Geoff McDermott and Alex Cogger. We would like to acknowledge the significant contribution of Susie Laurie who resigned as one of our volunteers in 2022. Susie was an amazing contributor to our house garden.

The House would like to wish our community in Riddell a lovely Christmas and New Year. Stay safe over the holidays and we look forward to welcoming you back to another exciting year in 2023. We will be closed for holiday from Tuesday 21st December and will reopen on Monday 16th January 2023.

Enrolment week starts on Monday 30th January to Friday 3rd February.

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## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

### CHOCOLATE HEARTS

These biscuits were made every Christmas by my auntie. It's a Swiss-German recipe

from her husband's family and is delicious. They are slightly chewy and not too sweet, with a glossy, semi-transparent icing. I now make them every year to give as gifts. They can be made early and frozen without icing. Just let them thaw completely before icing.

#### Ingredients

250g sugar

250g almond meal

60g grated chocolate

1 knifepoint of cinnamon

120g plain flour

3 egg whites

#### Icing

100g icing sugar

0.5-1 egg whites



#### Method

Beat egg whites until soft and fluffy. Combine remaining ingredients and mix well. Add egg whites and mix thoroughly. Refrigerate dough for 30 minutes then roll to 5mm thick and using a heart cookie cutter, cut out shapes. Place on a lined tray and bake at 150 degrees Celsius for 15-20 minutes.

Beat egg white and icing sugar together and brush over hearts with a pastry brush whilst still warm.

## IN MY GARDEN

And still the rain falls! I've never seen it this constantly wet! Not even in 2010 when the millennial drought broke. The grass in the drain out the front is nearly 700mm high because the mower would get bogged if it ventured into there! I have my fingers crossed that no fool tries to turn around in front of our place – we would have to call a tow truck!



Above: *Sedum 'Autumn Joy'* flowers in autumn

My lovely 20 year old Manzanita (*Arctostaphylos*) did not recover. I think it was a combination of wet feet and a savage frost that knocked it off (luckily I have about ten cuttings doing well!) As a gardener you have to treat every failure as an opportunity and so it was after we pulled out the Manzanita. I stood and stared at the large hole, then I shifted my gaze slightly to the left to the large clump of *Sedum 'Autumn Joy'*. Out came the spade and up came the clump. I divided it into five pieces, cut the new growth back by half and replanted the clumps in the hole. I experimented with cutting these herbaceous perennials back by half last year and I've discovered it means I will get smaller but denser heads of flowers. I have no problems with that at all. They are

resprouting already.

The annual shifting of the succulents from the back of the deck to the front of the deck has taken place. Trouble is I'm running out of room! So I made the decision to take some of the bigger plants around to the backyard and place them on a corner of the lawn where they can spend the summer in the open. They are sheltered from the westerly sun so should be ok. I hope you are all faring well in the garden in this wet spring/summer! May the snails and slugs find someone else's plants tastier!

Melanie Kinsey

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### NO WAIT, MAKE THAT FIVE

So, my bees are struggling. Unfortunately, all this rain as meant that many spring blooms have had their pollen washed away.



Most people know that bees use plant nectar to make honey. Nectar provides an important energy source (carbohydrate), but what do bees do with pollen? Plant pollen is the only protein source that honeybees eat. They do not eat other insects like wasps and hornet

do. Without protein no young bees could be raised and the colony would eventually die. Although all bees need pollen at some stage in their lives, not all bees gather it. Male bees do not collect pollen and have no pollen baskets (corbicula) with which to transport it from flowers to the hive.

Last month my strongest hive swarmed and, managing to catch the swarm, I was able to settle them into a new hive. Three weeks later, my second strongest hive swarmed as well, so I now have five.

When a hive swarms, half the hive leaves with the old queen to set up a new home. The remaining bees create a new queen and have plenty of room in the hive to grow. What this means is that the hive needs food, and plenty of it! I am making two litres of sugar solution for each hive every week and they are guzzling it up.

I am hoping that when the rain eases off, the next flush of flowers will provide the bees with enough nectar and pollen to support the hives.

P.S. Five hives is my limit, by the way...

by Michael Halley

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3. Be prepared. Water pressure and supply could be interrupted during a bushfire. GWW has backup and staff on call, but if you live in a high-risk area, consider keeping an alternative water supply. Contact CFA to find out more about bushfire preparation.

4. Check for leaks. Avoid steep water bills by checking for water leaks now. Read the numbers on your meter, then re-check after a period when you haven't used any water. If the numbers have changed, you may have a leak.

5. Adopt a hydrant. Help to clear grass and soil from fire hydrants or let us know if you spot one that needs attention – you'll be helping the CFA when they need to fight fires and keep property and people safe.

6. The three Ps. Remember only flush pee, poo and (toilet) paper down the loo and avoid a costly (and smelly) plumbing fix. You can look out for the new flushable symbol on products too. You'll be helping to keep our sewers operating at their best.



7. Shorten your shower. Save water by keeping your shower to four minutes.

8. Can you claim a concession? Shrink your bills with a concession – pensioners, healthcare card holders and Veterans' Affairs gold card holders are all eligible.



## RIDDELLS CREEK PLANNING GROUP



The Riddells Creek Community Planning Group is a group of concerned residents, including people from Save Riddells Creek, Getting Riddell Right, Riddells Creek Landcare, and Greening of Riddell. The group is working towards ensuring the community's voice is heard around key planning and development issues affecting the town. They have met with Senior Council Officers and the CEO to agree on some key strategies to improve consultation processes in the future. Council officers met with the group to provide information about how both the strategic planning and statutory planning system works.

The group is currently working on providing feedback and suggestions about the proposed Amess Rd Precinct Structure Plan to Councillors and Council staff. The group has concerns about the PSP in its current form especially regarding lot sizes, building envelopes, set-backs, services, infrastructure and connectivity. The PSP has not yet been adopted by Council and its important that concerns of Riddells Creek residents are taken into consideration in this decision.

The group have organised a petition that will be available to sign either in person or via e-petition. The petition will be available in specific locations across town over the coming weeks. Watch out for posters that will be displayed with information. You can access the e-petition at the following link [change.org/AmessRdRiddellsCreek](https://change.org/AmessRdRiddellsCreek)

# A small act makes a big impact.



# Riddells *South*

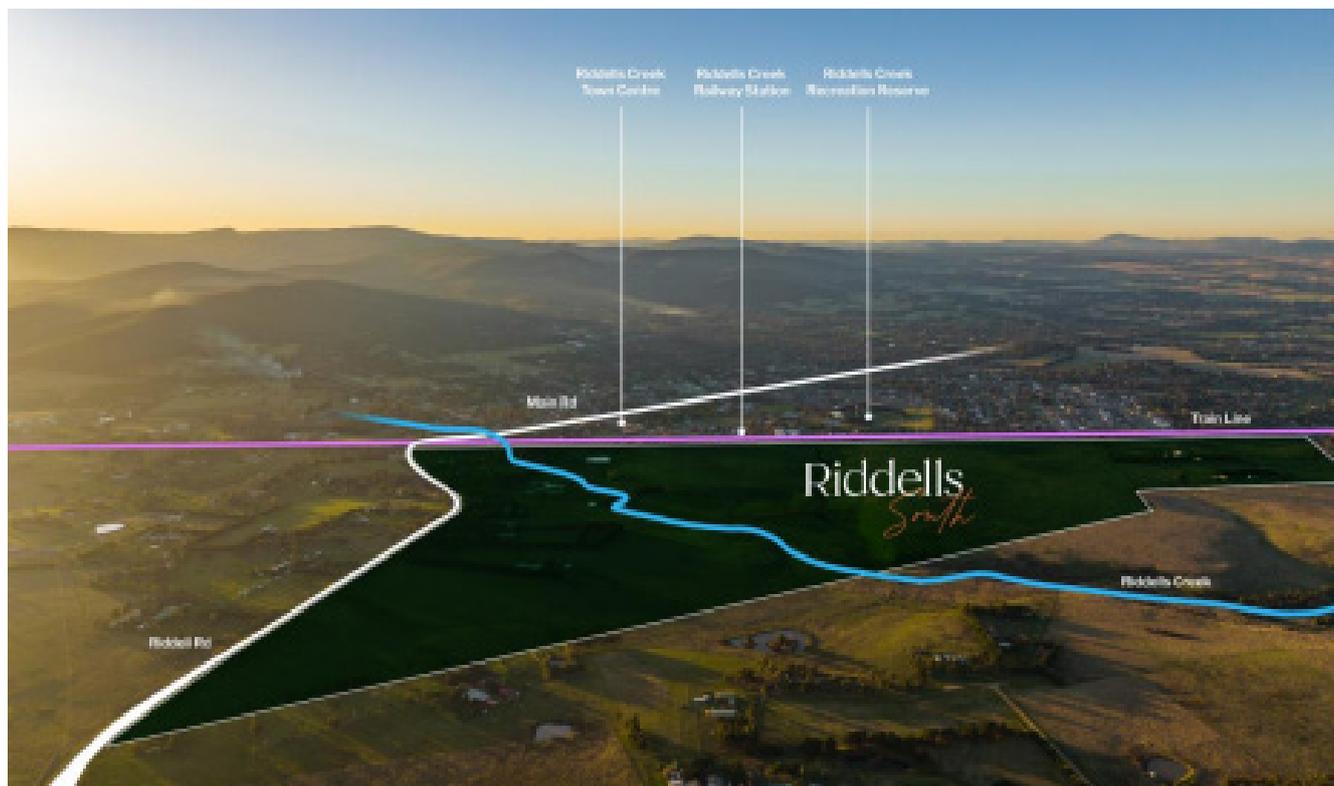
## Thank You

Riddells South, is part of Riddells Creek, and is located directly south of the existing township and train station. It comprises 136.5 hectares of land, located within the township boundary and awaiting confirmation of usage.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the community engagement activities undertaken throughout September and October 2022. This has provided valuable input on what the community considers appropriate development.

A summary of findings from the workshops held on 6th October 2022 and 8th October 2022, as well as feedback received via the online survey, has now been made publicly available on the Riddells South website.

Our next steps include reviewing the community findings, engaging with the Councillors and Council, providing ongoing updates to the local community, and further investigations into the future of this area.



To learn more, or to read the Community Engagement - Summary of Findings Report, please visit:

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## NEW HOME PROPOSED FOR RIDDELLS CREEK FIRE STATION



Feedback is being sought on a Country Fire Authority (CFA) proposal that would see the Riddells Creek fire station moving sites to continue to serve the community and its members.

The CFA proposes that the fire station on Main Street no longer meets the needs of the brigade, and an alternative site with more space has been identified within the Riddells Creek Recreation Reserve, next to the Scout Hall on Sutherlands Road.

The new station would be located on Crown land, where Council is the Committee of Management and would be subject to a lease agreement with the CFA.

The new station design would provide a building that aligns with current design standards and addresses shortcomings of the current facility, including:

- the ability to accommodate three fire trucks side by side with drive-through ability
- a dedicated change area, meeting room and administration office.

Mayor, Cr Annette Death, said that Council has been considering the proposal by the CFA to move to an alternative site in Riddells Creek.

“We’re working with the recreation reserve user groups, and we’d like to also hear from the public,” she said. “Please complete our short survey or come along to a drop-in session and share your views – we would like to hear from as many people as possible.”

Drop-in sessions will be held on:

- Tuesday 29 November, 4–6pm, Riddells Creek Neighbourhood House, 59 Main Road.
- Saturday 3 December, 10am–12pm, Riddells Creek Leisure Centre, enter off Sutherlands Road.

To have your say, view a map of the proposed site plan and other sites considered, visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay) or call 5422 0333. Submissions close 23 December.

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## THANK YOU TO RIDDELLS CREEK COMMUNITY GROUPS

Nat's Growth and Development Services would like to thank Riddells Creek Dance School, Cassie McTaggart, for starting an all-abilities dance program for a group of young adults. The group has been attending weekly lessons with Cassie for two terms now. They look forward to our weekly sessions and learning several further steps each week. Thank you, Cassie, for your awesome, fun classes.



Above: All abilities basketball clinic

Riddells Creek Basketball Association for starting an all-abilities basketball clinic allowing a fantastic group of young adults to participate in this sport. We are incredibly grateful to Deb Taylor and Aimee Turner for running an excellent, fun, skillful basketball clinic. Also, a big thank you to all that sponsored the group. The group that participated have looked forward to and loved every session. Watching their skills and confidence grow and develop each week has been fabulous.

Riddells Creek Tennis Club, Fiona Walker, for applying for an inclusive grant giving the group ten free lessons with coach Scott Vaughn. Scott has been fantastic in teaching the group tennis drills. Again, the group love and looks forward to their weekly lessons.

Thank you Riddells Creek for being a supportive and inclusive community, creating equal opportunities. We are excited to work with you in the future.

Nat's growth and development services provide group support, individual programs and activities, respite, and holidays for young adults with a disability.

Our service prides itself on advocating where necessary

for affordable, inclusive programs within the community to empower individuals to live their best life.

## HMS COLLECTIVE

### RIDDELLS CREEK NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE DOES IT AGAIN!

HMS Community wish to thank the Riddells Creek Neighbourhood House for putting on a delightful High Tea, held on Thursday 3rd November 2022. There is nothing like dressing up, being served tea and coffee whilst eating delicious delights and listening to live music. Such a lovely event and highly recommended to pop in your diary for next year. Thank you to the generosity of the attendees who kindly donated \$150 to the HMS Community.

HMS Community utilise these funds to support those less fortunate in the community to access medical support – all in the safety of one's own home. The above funds can be used in a variety of ways such as two in-home visits by a Community Paramedic or Community Nurse to provide a variety of services such as medical reviews, wound care, catheter care, mental health support, diabetes support and so on. It is important to the HMS team that people remain healthy and safe in their homes for as long as possible.

The other vital point to support the above visits, is being socially active in your community. Pop down to the Neighbourhood House when you are out and about and check out the terrific programs they run. There's always something on for everyone.

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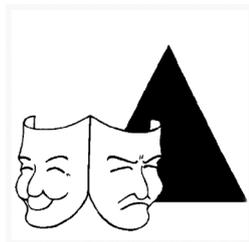
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## THE MOUNT PLAYERS

### THE MOUNT PLAYERS WINDS UP ITS 50TH YEAR!

After the disappointment of the previous two years The Mount Players kicked back with a vengeance in 2022 to produce four successful shows in this, our 50th anniversary year!



Above: TMP 50 History Group (Allan, Marg, Chris and Karlana)

The shows included Love Song, The Odd Couple, Reservoir Dogs and Madagascar displaying absolute diversity and therefore continuing to attract new audiences. The highlight has been the publication of our book 'Box Office to Back Stage – 50 Years of Community Theatre'. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of our history group this magnificent 332 page book is packed with stories, shows and photographs covering our 50 years from 1972 – 2021. The book can be purchased through our website [www.themountplayers.com](http://www.themountplayers.com).

A huge thanks to the Bendigo Community Bank Gisborne for their generous grant of \$3,000 which will be spent on a new computer and software for our technical team in the bio box.

The year will wind up the celebrations with its annual Christmas picnic in December and we then look forward to a busy season in 2023 where we have a jam-packed calendar already in place. Our first show for 2023 will be a very funny radio play The 39 Steps by Director John Rowlands who brought you Too Many Crooks in 2021. Opens 24th February so check out our website for full details.

The Mount Players sends out a huge thanks to everyone who comes to our shows and of course to our wonderful Sponsors – Bendigo Community Bank Gisborne, Office Barn Gisborne, Bradleys Curtains and Blinds Woodend, Jellis Craig Woodend and Hanging Rock Winery for your ongoing support. We wish you all a peaceful, happy Christmas season with friends and family. See you at the theatre in 2023!

By Karen Hunt

## WHAT'S ON AT THE GISBORNE LIBRARY



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Libraries

The Gisborne Library staff would like to thank the wonderful people that create the Riddell Roundup and keep our communities informed. We wish everyone a very happy and sunny summer holiday with plenty of time to read some perfect books.

Please share the information that the library has NO FINES, we simply would like any outstanding items back especially if they were borrowed early 2020!

'Where the Crawdads Sing' was a block buster book and now the library is showing the movie 14th December at 1.00pm. Bookings are space limited so get in early—either book online via the GLC website or call the friendly Gisborne Library staff.

There are a lot of major programs being run over the Summer Break. The popular Summer Reading

Club for children BIG SUMMER READ begins 1st December. Come into the library for further information. A new program for summer holidays this year is Children's Tuesday Movies at 11am. We will be showing movies on:

- 10th January—Minions Rise of Gru
- 17th January —Lightyear
- 24th January—Turning Red.

Damo Music for Kids performer looks like fun on Thursday 19th January from 11–12pm suitable for ages 3–7

### CHRISTMAS WEEK OPENING HOURS:

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Angelica has captured her love for the natural environment via image whilst Aga offers her beautiful blooms nurtured from seed for customers to enjoy.

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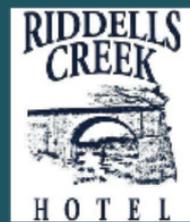
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# LEARNING LOCALLY

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## Education in Riddells Creek



### GRADE 1 AND 2 CAMP WEEKAWAY

Grade One and Twos had a fabulous time at Camp Weekaway last week. It was wet and muddy but that only added to the fun and adventure. Some highlights were the flying-fox, giant maze, and laser tag. It was great fun dining altogether for our meals and having a sleepover with our classmates.



### RESILIENT RIDDELLS CREEK



On the 26th of October 2022, a group of Grade 5 students were taken down to the Neighbourhood House for a fun art and literature lesson with a lovely lady called Lisa. She was filling in for another lady named Nelly who was sick that day. We played a fun game of Jenga, where we put all the labelled blocks with community needs at the bottom and pulled them all out until they fell down. It was a great teamwork activity! After that, we had an interesting session where we got to practise drawing a variety of symbols used to show needs of the local community. We were going to use our cards with a picture/symbol on one side and a solution to the topic on the other (eg. a picture of a lightning bolt and on the other side—a way to help the community if they lost ‘energy’ and ways of becoming resilient). After the lesson, we were offered a snack of some chips, and a pop top drink. It was sprinkling a little when we were walking back, so we came back quite quickly. We want to say a big thank you to the Neighbourhood House for having us and the community for being everyone’s friend. We would also like to say a massive thankyou to Mrs Stewart for taking all of the students.

*Sienna and Amelia*

### HALLOWEEN DISCO



The Halloween Disco on Friday 4th November was a great success. The students looked amazing in their dress-ups and danced the night away. The decorations in the hall created a spooky atmosphere and the students had fun playing the organised games and having their faces painted or being tattooed. From my position at the tattoo station, I got to chat to many of the students, absorb the happy and excited vibe and admire the fantastic costumes.

A huge thank you to Caroline, the P&F team and the Riddells Creek Neighbourhood House for the incredible amount of work they put in to organise, set up, run and

pack up this event for our students. Without volunteers and community support we cannot run these events for your children.



### TRIVIA NIGHT

On Friday 11th November I joined about seventy of our parents, staff and friends for the school Trivia Night. It was fantastic to see and chat with so many of our community, and a lovely chance to meet informally and begin rebuilding our community connections. The event was great fun and the friendly competition was evident, especially in the dance-off toward the end of the night!



Once again, thank you to our Parents and Friends for organising this event for our parent community, and for raising funds toward the rugby goals that our students have

asked for.

### ORIENTEERING YEAR 3 – YEAR 6

Last Thursday, RCPS Year 3–6 students headed off to Tony Clarke Reserve for a 'fun and try' Orienteering Day with other schools in our District. There were twenty-nine courses marked in the parkland and in the neighbouring pine forest, accommodating all levels of orienteering ability. It was a fun day had by both students and teachers. We thank Macedon Primary School for organising the day.



### INSTAGRAM AND FACEBOOK

For all our school happenings please follow @riddellscreekps

# MONTESSORI PRESCHOOL NEWS

## ANNUAL FAMILY FUN DAY



Together with Riddells Creek Neighbourhood house, the Macedon Ranges Montessori Preschool hosted their annual Family Fun Day on Saturday 22nd October. The morning started off raining, however that did not stop the local community from turning up and showing their support.



It was so good to see the children have fun interacting with the animal farm, pony rides, face painting, temporary

tattoos, lawn games, colouring in as well as zucchini growing competitions, wicker bed building, and helping to create beautiful artwork for the totem located at the Neighbourhood house.

The preschool families showed off their baking skills for all to enjoy at the cake stall, which was a sell-out. All funds raised will go to the preschool, which is a parent-led, not-for-profit kindergarten managed by a committee made up of parents and community members.



We would like to send a massive thank you to the lovely ladies at Mini Maestros and Gisborne Dance Academy for coming along and entertaining everyone, as well as local Illustrator Nelle May, the Riddells Creek Scouts, and the Riddells Creek Lions Club for helping out on the day.

If you didn't get a chance to come down and see our beautiful Kinder, the Macedon Ranges Montessori Preschool is still taking enrolments for 2023, and you can book a school tour by phoning 5428 6376 or sending an email to: [committeemrmp@outlook.com](mailto:committeemrmp@outlook.com)

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# NEWS

Happy December, everyone! We hope you all have a great end to 2022 and start to 2023.

We've been busy providing a range of community support and thank our customers for making it all possible – simply by choosing to bank with Bendigo Bank at our branch at 11 Nexus Way, Gisborne.



## BUSINESS AWARDS

We sponsored the Macedon Ranges Business Excellence Awards again this year and congratulated all of this year's finalists and winners. We sponsor these awards because we've heard how they can help local businesses grow by raising their profile and network, and hope everyone who participated this year saw some benefits.



Above: Branch manager Sarah Barton presents Samantha from Ramai Skin and Body Care Specialist as winner of the bank-sponsored Young & Professional category

## BENDIGO BANK TERTIARY SCHOLARSHIPS OPEN



Community Bank Gisborne and District scholarships for local youth starting post-secondary study in 2023 are open now.

The scholarships aim to assist motivated students from Gisborne, Riddells Creek and Macedon who

will be commencing a bachelor, diploma or apprenticeship course at an Australian university, college or TAFE in 2023 and are experiencing challenging circumstances.

The scholarship award value is \$5,000 per year for one to three years for the successful recipients.

Eligibility criteria include residence at the time of application in postcode 3431, 3437, 3438, 3440 or 3441 and

graduation from secondary school in 2022 or 2021.

Applications are online via [bendigobank.com.au/scholarships](https://bendigobank.com.au/scholarships) and close Friday 27th January 2023. An easy way to remember the deadline is to follow the branch Facebook page, [communitybankgisbornedistrict](https://www.facebook.com/communitybankgisbornedistrict).

For further information, email: [mrcepublicrelations@gmail.com](mailto:mrcepublicrelations@gmail.com).

Community Bank Gisborne and District offers scholarships as part of its investment in local youth and is proud to have supported 23 students starting tertiary studies so far.

If you know a local young person about to embark on tertiary study, please tell them about this exciting opportunity!

Application available here: <https://cia.communityenterprisefoundation.com.au/Program/Index/2?programId=4467>

## SPRING GRANTS

On 14 November we held our Spring 2022 Community Investment Evening and were pleased to award twentyfour grants and sponsorships worth more than \$180,000 in total. We are excited to be helping the following groups deliver projects in Riddells Creek:

- Riddells Creek Junior Mixed Basketball Association (New balls & air compressor)
- Riddell Cricket Club (Red level sponsor of 2022-23 season)
- Riddells Creek Tennis Club (Court resurfacing)
- Riddells Creek Pony Club (Refurbishment of 40 wooden yards to metal double rail).



# SPORTS

Celebrating our local sports clubs and teams

## MACEDON RANGES DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB



Last induction for the year saw thirteen new members. Our next induction will be Sunday 5th February. Please see website below on becoming a member.

Christmas is almost here and whilst many are aware of the problems chocolate causes other festive treats are also toxic. Nuts, mince pies and Christmas pudding. Best keep everything out of reach and remember a dog's nose is powerful and can sniff out food under the tree with ease.

We don't often use mistletoe or holly in Australia but often give poinsettia as gifts which are dangerous if eaten.

Candles can also be an issue as dog fur is flammable. A wagging tail can easily knock one over setting fire to wrapping paper, presents etc.

A dog is curious by nature and whether real or artificial, a Christmas tree can pose a health risk. Adorned with fairy lights, tinsel and edible treats, they are seen as a convenient peeing post or new chew toy. Christmas tree oil or sap can cause skin irritation and if eaten or chewed, pine needles are mildly toxic. Chewing on an artificial tree has its own dangers such as ingesting bits of wire. To keep your dog safe, place your tree in a corner, elevated, maybe contained and save your best decorations for the top.

Lastly, from our family at MRODC to your family. have a Merry Christmas. We'll see you in 2023.

Visit our website [macedonrangesdogclub.org.au](http://macedonrangesdogclub.org.au), our Facebook page or email to [info@macedonrangesdogclub.org.au](mailto:info@macedonrangesdogclub.org.au).

Remember a dog is for life not just Christmas.



by Carol - Instructor/Treasurer MRODC

## RCR NEWS



It's now the end of the year and somehow meant to be summer—hard to believe with the ongoing rain and only a 11-degree maximum as I write this!

Grateful basketball is an indoor sport.

The last round for 2022 is Saturday 17th December with a return after the Christmas/New Year break for Round 8 on Saturday 4th February 2023. Thanks to all volunteers, players and families for a great start to the Summer Season—the committee wishes you all a happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

### RIDDILLS CREEK BASKETBALL CLUB WEBSITE

The club is launching its own website [www.riddellscreekbasketballclub.com.au](http://www.riddellscreekbasketballclub.com.au)—ready for 2023. Check it out for some great club photos, registration info, club policies and procedures and links to our valued sponsors.

### MORE WINTER SEASON TEAM AWARDS NEWS

#### U16 Ln Coach Lily

Well, first of all I would like to congratulate the girls on a challenging yet great season! None of this would happen without our beautiful families getting the kids to training and games. Thank you to Ali for managing the team and going above and beyond the whole season. Coaches Award: Tilly Durling, Most Improved Player Award: Olivia Whiting, MVP: Frankie Wallace.



#### U16 Cw Coach Chris

We were very competitive throughout the year with a large spread of contribution from all team members. Overall, it was a really solid and consistent season and ultimately we were knocked out of the finals in the second round, which although disappointing, I consider it a really successful season, especially developmentally. Coaches Award: Ben Taylor, Most Determined Award: Angus Taylor, MVP: John Wallace.



in February 2023. We are growing our participation numbers in this competition but still have spots available to new players for anyone who is interested.

The club has kicked off our new Inclusion program and we have been working with Nat Hayes (a local NDIS provider) and MRTC to run weekly sessions for local NDIS youth. The initial grant funding was provided by Tennis Victoria and we hope this will become a permanent program at the club.

We are planning on running our first UTR Junior Community Series competition on Sunday February 19th –to register go to the TA Competitive Play website: <https://www.tennis.com.au/competitiveplay>.

Fiona Walker (Club President) was successfully voted in as the new Tennis Victoria board director at the Tennis Victoria AGM in October and looks forward to help improving grassroots tennis for all clubs in the Macedon Ranges and country Victoria.

Coaching lessons for juniors are running 2 nights a week— Wednesday and Friday. The women’s adult coaching lesson is 6pm on Friday (1 hour). So please get in touch with our coach, Scott Vaughan from MRTC for enquiries or to book into a session ([mrtc.scott@gmail.com](mailto:mrtc.scott@gmail.com)).

To a make a court booking go to our website <https://play.tennis.com.au/riddellscreektennisclub>.

I hope everyone gets to enjoy a great summer of tennis.

See you at the courts soon!

RCTC – Committee, [riddellscreektennisclub@gmail.com](mailto:riddellscreektennisclub@gmail.com)

## RIDDELLS CREEK TENNIS CLUB



Hi everyone. The wet weather continues to plague us even as we move into the summer season. Hopefully we can continue to play without many further disruptions.

The great news is that the club has managed to secure grant funding from MRSC, Gisborne and District Community Bank and the MRTA, so we are now able to start our court resurfacing project.



This will resurface 2 of our older tennis courts. We are hoping to have this work completed in January so we can come back after the Christmas break to new courts.

We are planning a club members day in February to celebrate, so keep an eye on our Facebook page for dates.

The MRTA Thursday night Autumn season has just concluded. Congratulations to our Section 5 team for being runners up in their section. Thursday night comp will return

## RCJMBA NEWS

Riddells Creek Junior Mixed Basketball Association is thrilled to announce that we’ve received a grant from the Bendigo Bank for almost \$1,000.



The money will be used to buy new basketballs and an air compressor, helping keep all our kids on court with the best quality equipment.

A huge thank you to the Bendigo Bank, which has supported the club over many years with grants for a range of equipment and first aid training.

Our association president Deb and grants officer Kylie attended an awards evening to receive the grant on behalf

of the RCJMBA and hear about all the incredible work other grant recipients are doing in the Macedon Ranges community.



Bendigo Bank grant

Our summer season started in October, with more than 200 players taking to the court from under 8s to under 19s.



Above: Under 8s players

We also launched our first All Abilities Basketball program, teaching basketball skills to people with disabilities. Three weeks into the program our participants are making huge progress with skills like passing, dribbling and shooting, and have begun playing games and learning rules.

Thanks to Deb and Aimee for running these sessions, Basketball Victoria for their support and to our wonderful sponsors who have helped get this program off the ground.

We are currently looking for age group coordinators to keep our weekly competition running, so please get in touch if you are able to spare some time each week.

Being an RCJMBA volunteer is incredibly rewarding and loads of fun. Just email [rcjmbapresident@gmail.com](mailto:rcjmbapresident@gmail.com) or message us at [facebook.com/RCJMBA](https://www.facebook.com/RCJMBA) for a chat if you are interested in finding out more.

## ROMSEY GOLF CLUB

### FIRE AT THE WORK SHED:

An investigator visited the shed and viewed the machinery and other damaged/destroyed items before submitting his report on the cause of the fire. In relation to the building, both the club and the Shire had the building covered by insurance so this will most likely slow things a little.

Fundraising Dinner at Soltan' Pepper – Sat Nov 26th : This has been a great success, The night included live music,

silent auctions and some party games, a great evening that saw the club raise much needed funds. We would like to especially thank the Romsey Cricket Club who were planning a fundraiser for the same night. Not only did they cancel their event but they then brought almost twenty seats for the dinner.



The rains continued: The second week of November saw reasonable sun and wind so it was all hands on deck to try to get on top of the grass. A big thank-you to Anthony Lakey, Sevi Wilkins, Mal Mottram, Bob McLennan, and Andrew Clement who put in many hours driving mowers or cleaning up the many branches that have come down over recent months. These works were vital as the recent heavy rains had made it virtually impossible to get back on the course before our tournaments held on Nov 17th , 19th and 20th .

Coring the Greens: At the time of writing, coring is scheduled for Nov 24th . While the weather is so unpredictable, we hope that the week saw sun and wind and the works were able to go ahead. RGC would like to wish everyone a very happy and safe Christmas and New Year!

## RIDDELL WARRIORS RUNNING GROUP

Hello again. Well the weather still played guessing games, but our runners continued to rock up and pound the pavement around Riddell.

Running up Sandy Creek Road and around Giro and Cutevan, to conquering Gap Road and Royal Parade and even trekking through the Rangeview Estate, our runners can be seen with a smile on their face.

Interval training up and down Bolithos Road or running around the footy ground, we embrace all that Riddells Creek has to offer.

This photo shows a terrific turnout with happy faces embracing the rare occasion of a sunny day.



During the month of November, our club concluded our Start Running program, with a 5km milestone run.



This run catered for returning members, members overcoming an injury and of course, new members to our club. The 5km milestone run was an exciting time for our SRG. You can see the excitement as they jumped for joy after accomplishing and reaping the benefits of the training.

Certificates were proudly received by our SRGers and our club celebrated with celebratory snacks and drink.

The Macedon Ranges Running Club, which we are part of, are holding an all town run to be held at Romsey.

Distances will be from 5km to 10km, with a walk/run to cater for those who want to enjoy just that walk/run.

Also, a 5km walking group, will also be popular.

December will see our Riddell Warriors continue to enjoy our beautiful town with runs through our streets and our runners enjoying, running, socialising and the camaraderie of each other. The story telling and jokes are something to behold.

If you still want to come down and join our amazing group, pop down to Lion's Park on Tuesday and Thursday at 6pm, or Sunday at 8am. You will be warmly welcomed and meet some awesome people.

The Riddell Warriors would like to take this opportunity to thank residents for looking out for our runners, giving us a wave and the kind honk of their horn as they drive past us. Your kindness makes us feel safe.

We wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas.

## CALDER FLY FISHING CLUB

### DAMIEN'S FIRST TROUT ON A FLY

After the recent success of the Calder Fly Fishing Expo and the influx of new members we decided the best way to welcome our newcomers was with a club trip. Moorabool reservoir located less than an hour from Gisborne is the perfect location for all, from newbies to experienced fly anglers, offering lots of open access and plenty of bays sheltered from the elements.

A contingent of eight Calder members braved the windy and often overcast conditions with fishing ranging from quiet to

red hot. Whilst the bigger fish had pushed out to the deeper sections of the lake it did result in a lot of smaller rainbow trout coming in close and this set the scene for one of our new members achieving an important milestone – 'first trout on fly'.



New member Damien showed the steely resolve of a veteran angler with trout rising all around him. After a couple of fly changes and some close calls a small rainbow trout was undone by some great casting and expert fly selection. It's a special moment catching your first trout on fly and you even get bonus points when you catch them on a dry fly.

It was a day that had everything, all members caught fish, three of them got bogged, we saw kangaroos, snakes and even a platypus. The only thing missing were the bigger trout, but there's always next time.

For more information on the Calder Fly Fishing Association visit [www.calderflyfishing.com.au](http://www.calderflyfishing.com.au)

*Simon Hal*

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- 3:40pm—Rangeview Park
- 3:50pm—Lions Park

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**DECEMBER**

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- 5th Christmas Storytime and Drawing at Dromkeen
- 8th Seniors Dance Entertainment group
- 10th Christmas Puppet Show at Dromkeen
- 11th A Moments Peace Harp Concert at Dromkeen
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- 17th Carols by Candlelight Walter J Smith Reserve
- 24th Santa Run