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AN EXTRAORDINARY LADY

Three Cheers for Edna Barclay – an extraordinary lady who has achieved and given so much to her fellow Seniors and the community of Riddells Creek.

Thank you so much for your immeasurably valuable work and time in coordinating the Seniors over many years. You always bring a positive fun energy and passion to everything that you do. You have lifted and supported many people over the years because of your dedication and commitment.

You have been the backbone of the Riddell Seniors and everyone is so grateful for the time you have given to the community. You have made an unforgettable difference and leave behind a strong legacy of the impact of volunteering.

We look forward to welcoming you back to Riddell on your next visit.

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

Have you seen any of these cute little critters around? Maybe you've found one in the most unusual of places or been given one? To discover who is behind these crafty little fellas, go to page 19.



WHAT WAS IN THE NEWS BACK THEN?

The Riddell Roundup has been part of our community for many years and is celebrating its 30th birthday this year!

To find out more about how our local paper has shone a light on wider historical events, go to page 24.



Walk Safely to School Day & Launch of The Walking School Bus

It was an exciting day for the Riddells Creek Primary School pupils when we had 140 children walking to school and enjoying a beautiful breakfast served by the Shire of Macedon Ranges managers and staff.

We were all absolutely delighted with the response to the **Walking School Bus** and the breakfast. We must congratulate Hemi Wade from the Shire, who organised the whole event.

Following breakfast, Heather Gee, deputy mayor, officially launched the **Walking School Bus** program for the Shire of Macedon Ranges. Ian

AROUND RIDDELL...

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



LOOK WHO'S NEW IN TOWN

Deb and the team at Riddells Creek's new cafe, Goosey Gander, have taken off to a great start with the morning aroma of coffee returning. Come and enjoy a delicious lunch in the fabulous new and updated decor - there is an abundance of tasty options to choose from.

The Team will also be providing our local Primary School with lunch orders which is sure to be a treat for the kids and well-deserved break for the parents.



CHRISTMAS IS ON IT'S WAY

It's spring which means the festive period is just around the corner. The team behind 'Christmas in Riddells Creek' has been busy planning for another season which will be bigger and better than past years.

To make the amazing array of decorated trees more accessible and family friendly the committee has decided to place them around the Walter J Smith Reserve precinct. This will allow the community and visitors the opportunity to see all the trees more easily than ever before. Interested in sponsoring a tree this year?

There's still some available but time is running out. Local businesses and residents are encouraged to visit the Christmas in Riddells Creek's Facebook page for more information on how to secure a tree. The other way to get in contact is via email - christmasrc3431@gmail.com. Keep an eye out for more updates in the coming months - ho ho ho!





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Riddells Riddles

Answers page 5

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broken before
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*What can you
keep after giving
to someone?*

*What can't be put
in a saucepan?*

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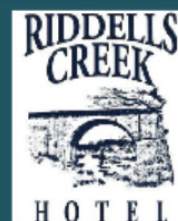
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COMMUNITY GROUP UPDATES

Volunteering, Safety, Community Building and Socialising

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REGISTER YOUR BURN-OFF

As part of your preparation for the upcoming fire season, if you're planning on doing any burning off there's a few things you must do:

Before burning off

- Check and follow local regulations or laws set down by CFA or your local council.
- Notify neighbors at least two hours before starting the burn.
- Check the weather forecast for the day of the burn and a few days afterwards.
- Check the fuel moisture conditions.
- Establish a fire break of no less than three meters cleared of all flammable material.
- Make sure there are enough people to monitor, contain and extinguish the burn safely.

1300 555 727 and ask for information to be relayed to ESTA via 1800 668 511.

If burn off information is lodged into the system it helps mitigate brigades being called out unnecessarily.

TURN OUTS

Since writing the September article the brigade has responded to 4 turn outs. One incident in Riddells and three support calls to Sunbury, Gisborne and Romsey.

Year to date, the brigade has been responded to a total of 81 incidents, 2 fewer incidents than last year.

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To ensure that the fire services are aware of your planned burn, please give the Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority (ESTA) prior notification. Manual forms are available to lodge burn off details but it's much easier to give them a call:

Phone 1800 668 511 and provide the required information OR

National Relay Service Users can ring

We have also lost our contact who collected our unwanted/unsold items which has given us another problem, do we throw those things away?

Can you suggest anything/anyone we can share those items with?

I am proud of our volunteers who have been doing a wonderful job throughout the difficult two years. Especially having to cope with the unpleasant task of asking customers to show proof of abode. Two of our own volunteers have been unable to work due to living in Sunbury.

You might think we should be thankful for all donations, and we are if they are clean and in good condition. Sadly this is not always the case. Please don't donate plastic toys which have been tipped out of a toy box without being complete.

Sorry for the whinge, but I am a Pom! Thank you.

Chris, Coordinator. 0417566486.

BOOK CLUB



This month the book clubbers read *While You Were Reading* by Ali Berg and Michelle Kalus. Imagine, it took two people to write this quirky romantic comedy!

Sadly no meeting this month to discuss the book, so crits were emailed and

CHARITY'S SECRET

October - not sure if it's the on again, off again lockdowns or old age, but life is galloping along.

We have a huge problem with space, or a lack thereof. We have been receiving donations at a rate which we find difficult to keep up with at present, due to closed periods.

there were mixed reactions, mostly positive.

Bea is lonely, she works in advertising and is bored, she adores books, so much so that she starts a speed dating book exchange. Then at last, there are two men in her life, Mr Right and Mr Wrong, but how will she know which is which? As one book clubber wrote 'this book is crazy but I couldn't put it down!'

Sometimes it is pleasant to read something light, nonsensical and humorous amid all that is happening around the world at present.

Readers, stay safe, well, happy and reading. There are so many books out there waiting to be read.

The book club meeting is held on the second Wednesday of each month at 2pm. Enquiries to 0402 091 034 or email lorna_jackson@bigpond.com.

Answers to Riddells Riddles

1. An egg
2. Your word
3. The lid

NBN FRUSTRATION IN RIDDELLS CREEK

Recently, I sent an email to the Hon Paul Fletcher MP, Minister for Communications, Urban Infrastructure, Cities and the Arts expressing concerns about NBN roll out in Riddells Creek. Here is an extract of what was sent to the Minister. If you are inclined to express your views to the Minister, email minister@communications.gov.au

To: minister@communications.gov.au

Dear Minister,

I am emailing you as a last resort in relation to the NBN rollout in our town Riddells Creek, Vic 3431. The telecommunication ombudsman's office has been unable to assist us due to NBN being a private company. Since the federal government committed to rolling out NBN and has stated on many occasions that the roll out is complete, I wish to correct this statement.

For 5 years, our town has been provided with several expected NBN rollout time frames with ever moving targets. Half our town is on the NBN infrastructure and the remainder of us are not. Just a few weeks ago, our expected NBN implementation was moved out another three months.

The unfortunate pandemic has created the need to rely on stable and reliable telecommunications network to conduct our work from home. I am concerned that the current situation with unworkably slow internet speed and constant drop outs is not sustainable to operate our business.

I ask you, as the federal communication minister, to resolve the never-ending implementation of NBN to remaining Riddells Creek households. Given we are only 50km north of Melbourne, I do expect a better service and communication engagement than what we have received to date.

I look forward to your response.

Kind regards

Sharon, concerned Riddells Creek Resident



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Join us for a free lunch Saturday 9th October 11am-1pm
RSVP 6th October 2021 (limited numbers).

Contact coordinator@riddellscreeknh.com.au or call 03 5428 7836 for more information.

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- sleep and rest
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- pelvic health
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Carly Findlay

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with Leisa Campbell presenting her Carer's project #SeeME

Sunday 17th October

4:00-5:30pm

Online via Zoom

Please RSVP by Monday 11th October COB

via email to: Secretary@riddellcreeknh.com.au

RSVPs are essential - a Zoom link will be sent prior to the meeting



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Tuesday 5th October 2021, 7-8pm

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about...



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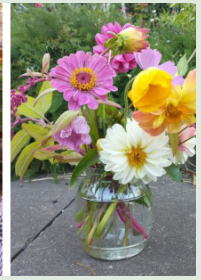
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2nd Prize - Brett Holburt

3rd Prize - Barbara

4th Prize - Tyson Brown

5th Prize - Jimmy White

6th Prize - K. Rawlinson

7th Prize - Bruce Flo Wallace.

With special thanks to: Poulton's Garage, Bunnings – Sunbury, Riddells Creek Hair & Beauty, Riddell Fudge Factory, Double Oak Winery Lancefield, Sutton Grange Winery Estate, Melbourne Cricket Club, IFLY Essendon Fields, BIG 4 Membership, Melbourne Cricket Ground, Pancake Parlour for their amazing support and donation towards our Raffle.

Why not check out these great venues for a regional and local drive for a lovely wine tasting and grazing options available both at Double Oak Estate and Sutton Grange Winery.

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.

#WeServe #LionsAustralia

MAKING IT ALL WORTHWILE

I met Pat at the Riddells Creek Farmers Market in April 2021. It was only the second market Kate and I had been to with the Riddell Fudge Factory and we were excited to be selling our fudge to raise money for The Code 9 Foundation.

I was stamping my feet in the cold when Pat, his family and their chocolate coloured Labrador visited our stand. Pat had noticed our sign for The Code 9 Foundation and as I started to talk to him about it, he quietly mentioned that he was a member.

As we chatted, Pat said he started getting to know The Code 9 Foundation in 2017. Pat was a member of Victoria Police and stationed at Kyneton when the police car he was in was rammed off the road by a stolen 4WD. Pat broke his neck and during his recovery from this trauma, PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder) started. He was a member of VicPol between 2011 and 2019.

Lucy was trained by Assistance Dogs Australia at their training centre in New South Wales and came into Pat's life in June 2020. Pat had to attend a ten day training course at the centre before bringing Lucy home. I asked if Lucy bonded with him quickly and Pat said it took a little while as she is a boisterous dog. It was fairly overwhelming at first but they managed to settle in with each other once they were home. Now Pat and Lucy go everywhere together.

Training assistance dogs like Lucy is very expensive and time consuming, costing \$40,000 and taking two years. The Code 9 Foundation provides support for first responders like Pat in many ways, as well as raising money to train assistance dogs for members.

I asked if it was okay to say hello to Lucy and yes, I can confirm she is very loving and boisterous! As I was shaking her paw, Pat said 'She has changed my life'. That makes what Kate and I are doing all worthwhile.

If you would like to support Kate and I with our fundraising efforts, please visit the Riddell Fudge Factory at the market, on Facebook or Instagram. If you would like to know more about The Code 9 Foundation, go to www.code9ptsd.org.au.

Leanne Vandermeer

I would like to thank Pat for allowing me to share his story.



Pictured: Pat and his assistance dog Lucy

HISTORY OF MECHANICS HALL

This is the final part of the history of the hall. I have had great pleasure in the writing, including extra research to enhance the information in the minutes. Indeed I feel privileged to have been asked to do so.

We are now in the 1970s and the main users of the hall were the Elderly Citizens, the RSL and the YMC, who were 38 weeks behind with hire payments. It was decided that a full length cupboard with a hinged seat be built along the rear wall of the hall. Also the purchase of a new sink in the kitchen. Mr. De Silva to be contacted regarding the required works, including a sink and two cupboards in the Elderly Citizens room. In 1971 Mrs. Dixon retired from the Committee.

In December a surcharge of \$5.00 was put on the Hall Hire to be refunded if Hall left clean and tidy, although a caretaker was employed to ensure that the Hall was clean after use with \$75.00 available for extra cleaning. A draughtsman was to draw up plans for repairs to the roof. Romsey Shire to be requested to call for tenders for roof repair. In 1972 a letter was sent to Council questioning why the Hall received only \$1.00 for \$1.00 grant and The Elderly Citizens received \$10.00. A letter to the YMC stating that they have 14 days to pay back their rent debt of \$100.00. The same letter to be sent to RDFL also, requesting \$50.00 to bring them up to date.

In August 1972 a new Committee was elected. Members were Crs. Poulton, Mashiter, Knewstub, Messrs Hogan, Skilicorn, Baker and Wheeler. Miss Amess sent an apology. In March 1973 an application was made to Romsey Council for permission to hold a raffle for fundraising for the hall renovations and

park maintenance. In 1973 the lease with the YMC was to be terminated unless their outstanding rent was paid. The RDFL still owed \$50.00 rent. Mr. Turner was to be paid \$80.00 as caretaker. In February 1976 the Primary School used the hall free of charge for temporary accommodation.

In April 1976 \$75.00 was received from the R.D.F.L. and \$75.00 from Romsey Shire for the Elderly Citizens hall hire. In July 1976 the Youth Club paid up their outstanding rent. In August the school was charged \$5.00 (hourly, weekly?) to be paid at the end of the year.

Immunisations were also conducted at the Hall. Riddells Creek Community Care was interested in painting the hall. Unfortunately a great deal of damage was done to the Hall in September and the local constable was called in. Ash trays were to be made from halved 4 gallon drums and nailed to the floor! The Lions Club were to hire the Hall and also offered to paint the hall. Riddells Creek Sunday School donated \$50.00 to the project.

In 1977 a grant of \$1,840.00 was received from the Council for hall heating. Also Riddells Creek Playgroup was using the Hall. In 1978 Council put up a wire fence between the toilets for security. Some members stayed on this committee into the 1980s, as new members were elected every three years and as members retired. In my observation during my writing, the main focus of all the committees was the preservation of the building, sometimes under difficult circumstances including wilful damage, lack of funds and support and hirers not paying the charges and not cleaning the building after use. Nevertheless, they kept persevering to preserve the building.

My gratitude and admiration goes to all past committees. Without these volunteers, we would not have a beautiful historical building in the middle of Riddells Creek.



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A NOT SO SIMPLE SPRING

Spring is the simple season. It says 'Grow'. It says: breakout, bud and flower, push to the light that lengthens each day, go to the warmth. Don't mind the reversals to cold weather, keep going. Grow! That frisky feeling, that's Spring – make the most of it!

Our times are not so simple. We are locked in, so don't go out, don't stretch your fingers toward others. And with the warm weather starting so soon in the year, beware of summer, advancing in increments, bearing we do not know what fate. In this particular rotation around the sun, we have learned that what we thought was normal is set about with assumptions we had not noticed until they were upended.

Still, it's Spring, and I am amazed. The *Acacia dealbata* is already on the wane, but here beside it is a fine-leaved acacia whose name I don't know about to burst into flower, golden yellow licking up the plant like a new fire in dry kindling. In the Blackwoods, the big buds of flower are out, a restrained yellow you could say except that the whole of the plant is bursting, every branch, from top to bottom, an excitation of flowers. The Blackwood is an unobtrusive tree of modest stature, but it sure knows how to flower.

This morning, I went looking for the Ovens Valley wattle I had seen yesterday in Barrm Birrm. Along one of the lateral tracks I head, then up, through a band of Prickly Moses, and there they are, wending their way from the damp country above the cemetery, spreading steadily along the slope. Cascades of pale yellow, but my deep apologies, living plant, you are not from here. I must bid you adieu with the short sharp pruning saw that sits on my hip.



A few months ago, our Landcare group looked at our term deposit and decided there were better things it could be doing than earning almost no interest. We engaged

contractors to poison the exotic wattles in Barrm Birrm, and in a sweep from the northern end, they made it almost to the cemetery. I'm out mopping up the stragglers. After that, we will hold that line, year by year, each not so simple Spring walking gently through the bush, eyes alert for the flare of yellow that shows the young seedlings, ready to discourage them ... with a firm tug that bares the roots.

Ross Colliver, Riddells Creek Landcare, ross.colliver@bigpond.com

PLANTING TREES THIS SPRING?

Remember to plan before you plant

Greater Western Water is reminding the Riddells Creek community to be careful where they plant trees this spring.

While trees provide welcome shade and habitat for wildlife, underground can be a different story with tree roots causing a lot of damage to pipes. Thirsty tree roots seeking moisture tend to gravitate towards underground pipes and can eventually penetrate them causing blockages and even spills. In fact, tree roots are a leading cause of sewer blockages across the region.



The best way to prevent issues from tree roots is to choose trees with non-invasive root systems and to plant away from the underground infrastructure. Using root barriers can also help minimise damage. A good rule of thumb is that tree roots extend about 1.5 times the distance of its branches.

Customers can also contact Greater Western Water or go online to Dial Before You Dig to find out where pipes are located on their property.

So if you're planting trees this spring, a little planning first can help prevent costly issues down the track.

IN MY GARDEN

Spring rolls on and the last half dozen of the 100 red tulips I planted over a decade ago are about to bloom. I think the other 90 failed because they were baked to death over summer. Other bulbs to do well here are all the daffodils, grape hyacinths, pineapple lilies, ixias, arums, scilla and gladiolus. Actually, the spring flowering *Gladiolus cardinalis* 'Amanda Mahy' is budding up nicely and will soon be a blaze of tangerine! It's a great undemanding bulb that has multiplied nicely and is a welcome burst of colour when it blooms.

Elsewhere in the garden the wattles are finishing and the odd blob of lilac on the ground proves to be one of the *carpobrotus* flowers; it is doing a great job as a weed suppressing ground cover. The berberis is coming into its purplish bronze leaves and soon the smoke bush will be bursting into leaf too. My succulent collection is waking up too with many of them flowering now. I have cute little hanging blooms on my echeverias in red, orange and yellow, most of the sedums are yellow and my aeoniums are all yellow except for one which is white. Most succulent enthusiasts will tell you to cut off the flowers because they attract aphids but it's up to you. I like to let mine bloom!

In the vegetable garden (if I had one) I would be taking the opportunity to dig compost and manure into the beds in readiness for the summer seedling planting blitz in late October. It's always a conundrum to know how long to leave the winter crops before you need to plant the summer crops! And that white variegated Hebe 'Abbey Rose' that stressed a brilliant hot pink? As soon as I moved the pot up against the house the plant began to lose its colour. So the small amount of shelter and warmth radiating off the house helped it to become less stressed. It is almost completely back to being green and white again!

Melanie Kinsey

Above: *Berberis*



RECIPE OF THE MONTH

My favourite soup this winter is zucchini soup, it is so quick and easy to prepare and tastes delicious.

ZUCCHINI SOUP

1 onion, finely diced
1 clove of garlic, crushed
500g zucchini cut into pieces
2 potatoes, peeled and cut into pieces
500ml water
1 tsp vegetable stock
1 pinch ground black pepper
50g cream cheese
Salt and pepper to taste

Cook onion and garlic in a small amount of olive oil till soft. Add zucchini, potato, water, stock, salt and pepper and cook until tender. Add cream cheese and blend with a hand blender until smooth. Serve hot with crusty bread.



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE FARMERS MARKET

The September market was a great success, with a large turnout of stalls and local and regional shoppers, plus a considerable number of dogs, all greeted very warmly by our lovely team of volunteers on the gate.

It's a great time of year for fresh produce and there were many bags and shopping trolleys filled to the brim with a variety of fresh fruit and vegetables, meat, delicious treats and much more, with some shoppers having to make multiple trips to and from their cars to carry everything.

Our market is on every 3rd Saturday of the month, between 9am-1pm at Riddells Creek Primary School and the next market is on Saturday, 16th October. Keep an eye on our Instagram and Facebook pages for more information, and we look forward to seeing you there!



NEXT MARKET

**SATURDAY 16TH
OCTOBER 2021**



HEALTH + WELLBEING

Taking care of ourselves and each other

LANCEFIELD/ MACEDON RANGES RELAY FOR LIFE



Unfortunately, the Lancefield Macedon Ranges Relay For Life has had to be postponed once again due to the current COVID restrictions. Our October 9th Relay will be held next year.

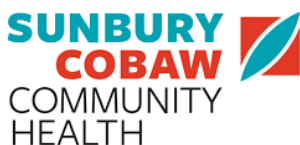
A big thank you to our teams and their supporters for their understanding and continued support during this time of uncertainty.

We plan to hold our Relay in March 2022 and are in the process of locking in a date. We will keep you informed once the date has been finalised.

Funding from events like Relay For Life helps to sustain support services such as Cancer Council's 13 11 20 information and support line, which directly helped 47 Macedon Ranges residents last year alone. It also includes Cancer Connect which links those affected by cancer to others who are going through a similar experience. Funds raised also support research into a range of cancers including many of the lesser-known cancers which are less well funded in terms of research.

To join the Lancefield Relay For Life event please phone 1300 656 585 or visit www.relayforlife.org.au

HOME CARE PACKAGES INFORMATION SESSIONS



For those preferring to receive help at home rather than go into an aged facility as they get older, the government's 'Home Care Package' scheme provides an allocation of funds to individuals to access services which will enable them to live safely and independently at home.

One of the federal government's responses to the Royal Commission into aged care back in May was to announce the allocation of 80,000 extra home care packages over the next two years.

Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health has been a Home Care Package provider in Sunbury for the last four years and

it is expanding its service to include residents of the Macedon Ranges.

"We work with Home Care Package recipients to tailor services that meet their needs and their goals," says Carly Visscher, Sunbury and Cobaw's Community Connections Manager. "With over 40 years' experience delivering a range of health and wellbeing services in the local community, we offer a trusted, personalised support where the individual has choice and control over their care."

The types of services that can be purchased include exercise groups, help with housework, gardening and maintenance, assistance with shopping or transport and healthcare supports such as podiatry and physiotherapy

The organisation is holding an information session on Tuesday 5th October on the types of services that can be purchased through the packages and about My Aged Care, the access point for government funded aged care services. For bookings or more information, call 9744 4455 or email hcp@scchc.org.au. The sessions are open to anyone seeking more information about Home Care Packages including family members or service providers.

RIDDELL COUNTRY PRACTICE HEALTH ADVICE

WHAT IS THIS RASH DOC?

It started a couple of days ago, like a burning, tingling area on one side of my body. Then it felt like an ant bite, but there was nothing to see till today. Now I have red spots, like pimples and blisters tracking in a line, they look like chicken pox.

Funny about that, because that's pretty much what it is, but it's called 'shingles' or 'Varicella Zoster' and it is in the family of herpes viruses.

It's more common as we get older, and is due to the 'old' chicken pox virus getting reactivated. The virus travels to the



skin's surface along a nerve root, which is why it can hurt so much. Unfortunately our immune system can let us down as we get older.

What is scary about shingles is that the nerve pain can persist long after the rash goes away (usually after 1-2 weeks). This is called post herpetic neuralgia and can be difficult to treat.

There is some good news, we can treat the rash. If treatment is started early, antiviral drugs like Acyclovir, can quicken the healing.

Prevention is possible too, with a vaccination available that is targeted to people who are over 60 years of age. This vaccine is called Zostavax and can reduce the risk of getting shingles by 70% by boosting our immunity.

Dr Ken Baddeley - Riddell Country Practice

Immunisation sessions in Riddells Creek

Tuesday, 19th October 2021	9:30am-10:30am
Tuesday, 16 November 2021	9:30 am-10.30am
Tuesday, 21 December 2021	9:30am-10.30am

Riddells Creek Community Centre
74-76 Main Road, Riddells Creek



LAYOUT EDITORS NEEDED

The Riddell Roundup team are looking for creative people willing to volunteer as layout editors for the Roundup.

- Are you interested in obtaining skills using Adobe InDesign software?
- Are you keen to gain some practical experience in producing a publication?
- Can you help with an edition of the Roundup every two or three months (i.e. four or five times a year)?

Contact riddellroundup@gmail.com if you are interested in joining our supportive and collaborative team. Training provided.

SUPPORTING LOCAL FAMILIES IN NEED THIS CHRISTMAS

Community organisations Kyneton Baptist, Sunbury Cobaw Community Health and MRSC once more partner to support local families in need at Christmas, serving the needs of families here in the Macedon Ranges at Christmas time for 12 years.

As a continued response to the challenges of COVID-19, we are again running our Gift Card program. By offering Gift Cards to local businesses right here in the Macedon Ranges we are supporting not only local families in need, but our local economy at the same time. This model empowers local businesses to support local families, and we are seeking your financial donations to make this possible.

Families will receive Macedon Ranges Gift Shop Gift Cards, with a set amount for each child. Gift Cards can be redeemed at participating local business partners. We hope to have as many businesses on board as possible, offering as many products and services as possible.

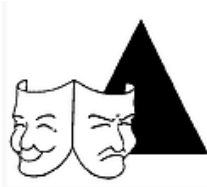
The amount of gift cards and assistance we can provide per child will depend solely on the amount of financial donations we are able to raise. For 2021 we have a target to raise \$15,000!

If you are a local Macedon Ranges business interested in partnering in our Gift Card system for your store, we'd love to speak further and partner with you. Donations can be made by direct deposit, cash, cheque and online. Find us on Facebook for more details, or contact Georgina Harvey, Macedon Ranges Gift Shop Coordinator on 0404 442 891.



ARTS, CULTURE AND EVENTS

Celebrating Creativity Across the Ranges



THE MOUNT PLAYERS

VALE RICHARD WHITELEY

Life Member Richard Whiteley, passed away on 22nd August. He was a member of the Mount Players' Committee for the first 12 years of its independent life from 1976 performing in the tiny, original theatre. When the theatre was lost in the 1983 Ash Wednesday fires, Richard was assigned to oversee all theatre planning and construction. From appointing architects to fundraising, Richard worked tirelessly to ensure that our beautiful Mountview Theatre was finally completed and opened in 1990. Indeed, Richard remains an integral part of our theatre's history. He will be greatly missed. Our condolences to the family.

The Mount Players Youth Theatre (MPYT) is a vibrant community theatre program designed for children and young adults, aged from 10 to 19 years old and is run entirely by volunteers. The MPYT has been an active adjunct to The Mount Players since 2005 and provides opportunities for young participants to learn a wide range of theatrical skills.

With many of the current, long-standing leadership group indicating their unavailability to be involved next year due to other commitments, The Mount Players is now seeking interest from enthusiastic, experienced volunteers for 2022. If you would like to know more, please go to www.themountplayers.com for full details and contact person.

It is hoped that the Youth Theatre will be able to stage their end of year production in December, however, due to continued uncertainty with Covid, Love Song has sadly been postponed till early 2022.

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

Continued from page 1

When I saw the an advert on the *Today* show asking viewers to nominate people who had performed wonderful random acts of kindness, I just had to nominate local resident Chloe Rose who has shared her crafty magic around the Macedon Ranges with her homemade creations.

Part of the nomination requirements was to get the nominator's approval, Chloe was overwhelmed and thanked me for considering her.

Unfortunately she was not a Channel 9 Winner but she is recognised as a local winner in our eyes.

I would like to nominate Chloe Rose, a local young lady with a heart of gold who only wants to share love and happiness. Chloe has had her own struggles, but she is so driven and passionate to help others. Completing school, Chloe has worked at our local Foodworks supermarket whilst undertaking a Certificate in Leisure and Lifestyle to work in aged care facilities. I understand that she has hit some roadblocks in this area, however she has persisted and secured a job in this area. I am sure that the residents and staff at the facility where she works appreciate how passionate and resilient Chloe is, determined to bring joy to people's lives. During difficult times, Chloe has created, designed and handmade these gorgeous items and hid them around parks, schools and random places in the Macedon Ranges to brighten up people's lives. This beautiful and sincere idea has brought so much excitement and joy to people, and shows great generosity and kindness indeed. Chloe has her own facebook page.

Narelle McGellin



MACEDON RANGES BIRD BLITZ 2021

We are calling on local citizen scientists with all levels of bird knowledge to help participate in the Macedon Ranges Bird Blitz. It's a great opportunity to get out in nature, improve your bird identification skills, and meet new people.

We have 96 bird monitoring sites to survey across the Macedon Ranges Shire.

On the Bird Blitz day, small groups of volunteers will each survey 3 to 4 sites. Each group will have at least one 'leader' who is confident with bird identification.

If you are confident with bird identification from both sight and sound, you may like to survey independently or lead in a small group – please let us know of your preference when booking.

Note that group numbers will depend on the COVID-19 restrictions at the time.

Meeting points and details of the monitoring sites will be provided prior to the Bird Blitz day. We will also host an online meeting with all participants in the week before the surveys to discuss sites and survey methodology.

An invitation to this meeting will be sent directly to participants.

Saturday, 23rd October 2021, 7:30am-2.30pm

Contact William Terry on 5421 9674 / Wterry@mrsc.vic.gov.au or register online at www.eventbrite.com.au/e/macedon-ranges-bird-blitz-survey-2021-tickets-166588367291

HANGING ROCK MARKET

Saturday, 30th October 2021, 9.00am-2.00pm

Set at the scenic Hanging Rock Reserve, this makers market is well worth a day trip. Pack up the family or a group of friends and arrive early to see the resident kangaroos watching the market come to life. Stroll around the stalls, meeting the makers behind the products as you go. Now you can enjoy more than a picnic at Hanging Rock, Craft Markets Australia will host two special craft and produce



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Wed 6th Oct / Sat 2nd Oct	West Side Story
Wed 13th Oct / Sat 16th Oct	An Education
Wed 20th Oct / Sat 23rd Oct	My week with Marilyn
Wed 27th Oct / Sat 30th Oct	The Guilty

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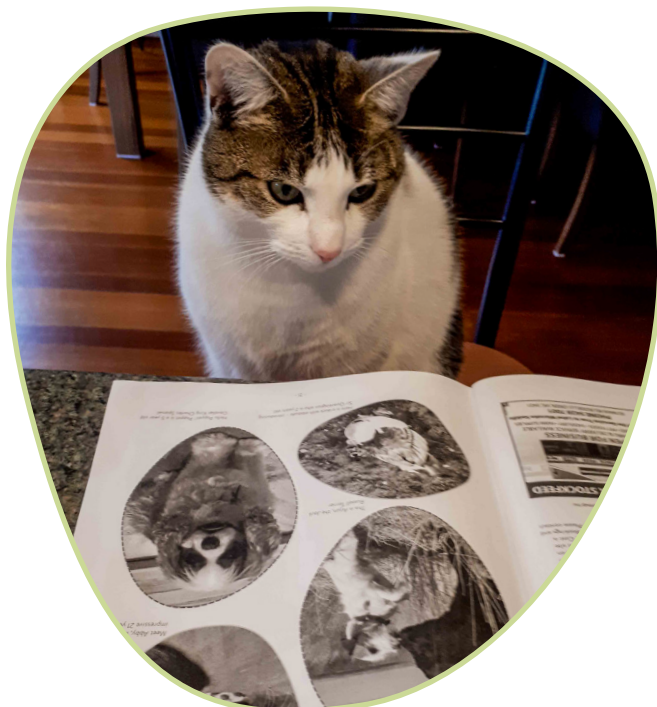
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BE KIND TO ANIMALS WEEK

Join us on 1-7 October to celebrate Be Kind to Animals Week!

Presented by Edgar's Mission Farm Sanctuary in Lancefield, this week is designed to inspire and encourage people of all ages to be kind to our furry, feathered and finned friends. Because life is better with kindness!



Talk Series with Pam Ahern, Edgar's Mission Founder & Director:

Friday 1 October - Romsey Public Library at 10:30am

Friday 1 October - Virtual talk and sanctuary tour on Edgar's Mission Facebook Page at 2:00pm

Saturday 2 October - Woodend Public Library at 10:30am

Tuesday 5 October - Virtual talk and sanctuary tour on Edgar's Mission Facebook Page at 2:00pm

Wednesday 6 October - Gisborne Public Library at 4:00pm

For more information visit bekindtoanimalsweek.org.au/



Above: My name is Mia and I am a five month old black German Shepherd



Above: This is Tully, a 7 year old bitzer, but a gentle giant

LEARNING LOCALLY

Education in Riddells Creek



RIDDELLS CREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL

BOOK WEEK

We loved seeing everyone dress up as their favourite book character. Despite being in another lockdown, it was wonderful to see the creativity families had with their costumes.



HISTORY OF THE RIDDELL ROUNDUP

Your local paper

AUSTRALIA'S HISTORY THROUGH THE PAGES OF THE RIDDELL ROUNDUP

Historians and history students are familiar with the concept of a 'primary source'. This term is used to describe any form of historical evidence that was made at the time of the events you are studying. It can be anything - a photo, artwork, letter, engraving, official record, diary, newspaper, video, computer file, gravestone, or even an 'artefact' (an object from the era).

Historians examine primary sources to try to understand the people, events and social norms of the time and place they are studying.

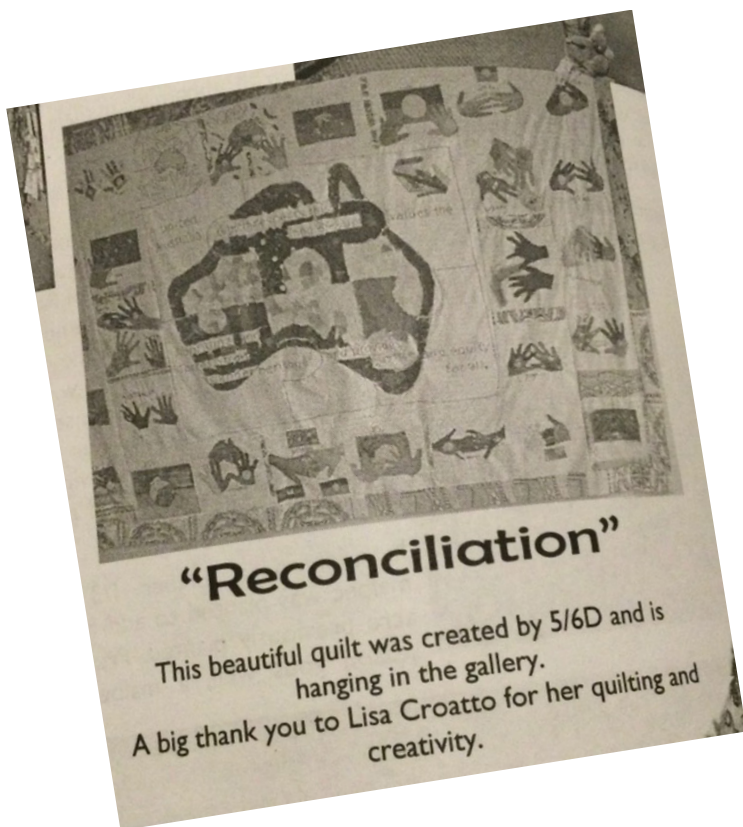
Over the last two years, the COVID-19 pandemic has been stitched through the pages of the Roundup.

- The early fears and panic buying, and security guards at the supermarket to check IDs.

- The community spirit, with toys in trees and lockdown strategies.
- The sad interruptions to local sport and community activities.
- The dining-inside/dining-outside/take-away shuffle for our pub, restaurants and cafes.
- The creativity and innovation which led to working-from-home, learning-from-home, scouting-from-home, community-grouping-from-home...
- The challenges for many small businesses, with suddenly either too much work or too little.
- The leadership, kindness, stoicism and courage of so many of the people who live and work in Riddells Creek.

Future historians could well use the Roundup to understand how the pandemic was experienced by a community.

Old copies of the Riddell Roundup are also rich primary sources which shine a light on how major historical events and social changes over the last 30 years were experienced within our little corner of the world. Here's just a sample.



In 2000, the Walks for Reconciliation in Sydney (250,000 people) and Melbourne (300,000) marked a turning point in Australia's understanding of its past. In 2001, that understanding was being reflected in the work of Riddells Creek school children.



Beginning in 1996-7 and ending in 2010, the Millennium drought was said to be the worst since Europeans arrived in Australia. In 2006, Melanie Kinsey was trying to help Riddells Creek gardens survive another summer.

Riddells Creek Primary School Fundraiser

Alternative House & Garden Tour Sunday, April 9th 2006, 10am – 4:30pm

In 2006, the RCPS Fundraising Committee plans to conduct an alternative house and garden tour. The concept is based around the knowledge that people in the community are interested in seeing houses built from 'alternative' materials such as straw bales and mudbricks; as well as gardens that are different (e.g. waterwise, organic, permaculture, indigenous)

The committee is looking for community support to help us locate owners that would be willing to include their property in the tour. To date we have 5 properties happy to participate in the day, but ideally we need 8 or more properties.

The committee will be organising public liability insurance for the day and all ticket sales which will be on a per family or per car basis. The committee will also organise gate-sitters for the day.

If you have an alternative house or a garden of interest (or know someone that does) and would be willing to participate please contact me on the following numbers as soon as possible.

Thanks

Wayne Spackman, Strawbale Home Owner



Wayne's house in construction.

In 2006, Al Gore visited Australia (home to the world's first environmental political party) to promote his climate change documentary 'An Inconvenient Truth'. In Riddells Creek, sustainability and energy conservation were already on the agenda.

Quick humanitarian aid from the Rotary Club of Riddells Creek

Quick action by Rotarian Peter King and President Pat Esse, saw a public appeal launched on 31 May for urgent humanitarian aid for the Central Java earthquake victims. An on air interview on ABC 774 between John Faine, Rob Thornton (Java) and Peter King provided broad exposure to the appeal and resulted in the general public supporting it, along with our neighboring Rotary Clubs of Sunbury, Romsey/Lancefield, Broadmeadows, Strathmore and Craigieburn. A total of \$16,000 was raised and the majority quickly converted to the following goods which were provided and supported by Ray's Tent City Geelong:

- 200 Tarps (10 x 10 and 12 x 12);
- 40 Tents (12 x 14);
- 50 Tents (12 x 18);
- 50 Tents (12 x 20);
- 272 Blankets.

The 2006 Yogyakarta earthquake (magnitude 6.4) killed over 5,700 people and injured tens of thousands more. Five thousand kilometres away, the compassion of people in Riddells Creek was being converted into practical help.

Letters To The Editor

Gas Rollout

Dear Friends

This is a very exciting time for our community with the rollout of natural gas taking shape. The maps indicating the initial reticulation area have now been released for each town.

While your property may not be included in this initial rollout it is important to keep in mind that this is the beginning of the reticulation process, not the end, and the expansion of this network will continue for several years to come. Regardless of whether or not you are in this initial reticulation, it is critical that if you wish to be connected to gas you contact an energy retailer as soon as possible. There are three energy retailers who are licensed to do this initial connection; AGL, Origin and TRU energy. No one can be connected without making contact with one of these retailers.

Local MP Joanne Duncan builds anticipation for the arrival of natural gas in the region...only 37 years after the first homes in Victoria (in Carrum) were connected up.

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SPORTS

Celebrating our local sports clubs and teams

CALDER FLY FISHING ASSOCIATION

Our family of four, arriving for a weekend fishing, went straight to the Goulburn River with rods in hand. The competition was strong with everyone wanting to be the first to catch a stonker trout! (Large ex brood trout released into waterways for trout season opening by Victorian Fisheries to encourage family fishing.) The water was dirty with very little clarity from the heavy downpour a few days prior, but now the warm spring sun was out.

Cara was the winner of round one, reeling in an 8lb, 59cm rainbow trout on her third cast. With the bar now set, the rest of the family were on a mission to out-fish mum. Both kids successfully each reeled in a stonker, but it was Dad who took the crown of best fisher for the weekend.

Dad, who caught a lovely little brown trout, was determined to chase the big ones, fishing further upstream at the crack of dawn the next morning. Dean's early start and persistence paid off. Fishing a deeper run, as soon as the line pulled tight and fast, he knew he had a decent sized trout on the fly and it fought hard. Successfully landing a 14lb, 74cm rainbow trout, Dean was absolutely stoked having caught the biggest fish of the trip.

The trip was a great success with 'catch and release' fishing (but we kept a few for some delicious trout recipes!).

For more information on the Calder Fly Fishing Association visit www.calderflyfishing.com.au



Pictured: Vera, Dean and Archer and Rainbow Stonker trout

RCR NEWS

2021/2022 COMMITTEE

As COVID-19 variations of lockdown continue we held our AGM recently via Zoom – thanks to all who attended.

Sadly we say goodbye and thank you to one of RCR's founding members, Richard O'Connell.

Rich has been such a positive presence around the club and has mentored many of our past and present players. He has been integral in the club's growth and contributing in many committee roles over the years as well as being an enthusiastic coach. Thankfully we will still see him courtside as his son Max continues playing U19s. Rich also remains keen to support the club with assisting new coaches and future training clinics.



Richard O'Connell

The Committee, players and families thank you for your dedicated service as coach and in the many committee roles over the last 5 yrs. A true RCR Champion.



A very warm welcome to new committee members Marcus, Scott and Renee who are far from new to the club.

Volunteers in Team Coordinator and Fundraising/Grants roles are still needed – contact our secretary Michelle if interested.

PRESIDENT	-	Peter North
VICE PRESIDENT	-	Jo Poyser
SECRETARY	-	Michelle OConnell
TREASURER	-	Kate North
REGISTRAR	-	Brad Taylor
JNR DELEGATE	-	Renee Griffiths
SNR DELEGATE	-	Jenny Hagan

TEAM COORDINATOR	-	Vacant
UNIFORMS	-	Melanie Martin
EQUIPMENT	-	Melanie Martin
WELFARE OFFICER	-	Jude Ellis
TROPHIES	-	Jacinta Bootle
FUNDRAISING & GRANTS		Vacant
GENERAL	-	Alanna Bowden
GENERAL	-	Scott Butler
GENERAL	-	Marcus Bootle

Hopefully we will get back on the court at some stage in 2021 to conclude the Winter 2021 season. The recently released roadmap suggests restrictions gradually easing enough for return to indoor sports around late October/early November.

U12 PLAYERS WANTED

OUR U12 BOYS ARE LOOKING
FOR TEAM MATES

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U12 games are played in either Riddell, Gisborne or Sunbury anytime between 9.30am - 1.30pm. Each team has one training session per week (time and venue is dependent on coach and stadium availability). We have places available on both our boys and girls teams for next season.

If you would like more information please call 0401 191 221 or email rcrbasketball@gmail.com



TENNIS NEWS

Hi everyone,

Regional Victoria is again coming out of COVID-19 lockdown restrictions, and we are back on the courts. Unfortunately, it came too late for us to run our official opening event for our new Stage 2 courts and we have rescheduled this event to Saturday 12th November from 1.00-3.00pm. The event will also coincide with a club open day.

The MRTA Wednesday Night Women's comp season starts in October to align with the summer comp dates. We have entered two teams in this competition but have room for more players. If you know someone who may be interested, please get in touch via email or Facebook.

We will be working with Riddells Creek Primary School and Macedon Ranges Tennis Coaching to commence the coaching lessons program as part of the 'Change Our Game' state government grant, wherein ten girls will be selected to participate in a ten-week coaching program during the school term. We will also be running the 'Tennis 4 Teens' program again. This will run on Tuesday nights at 6:00-7:00pm starting the first week of Term 4.

The club AGM will be Monday 11th October at 7.30pm at the clubhouse – all members are welcome to attend. Coaching lessons for juniors are running two nights a week – Wednesday and Friday. The adult coaching lesson is 6.15pm on Friday. Please get in touch with our coach, Scott Vaughan from MRTC for enquiries or to book a session (mrtc.scott@gmail.com).

To make a casual booking, go to our website: play.tennis.com.au/riddellscreektenniscub

Please make sure you register your attendance using the QR Code whenever you are at the facility and are adhering to all COVID-19 restrictions that are currently in place for tennis in regional Victoria.

Hope we see you at the courts soon!

RCTC - Committee

riddellscreektenniscub@gmail.com

ROMSEY GOLF CLUB

DRAINAGE WORKS AROUND THE PARK

Men's Captain, Mal Mottram, and RGC President, Anthony Lakey, met with Dean Frank and Steve Skinner from the Shire and councillors Bill West and Geoff Neil to inspect the overgrown drain and discuss options to renovate and modify it so that water is channelled away from the park. The meeting was followed up by a Shire engineering department review of the plans for drainage of Romsey Oval No 1.

Pictured: Entrance near Rec Centre repaired



Planning and funds will be directed to collecting the water and then moving it off Romsey Park.

RECREATION PLANNING

The MRSC is currently holding meetings with all the sporting clubs within the shire. RGC met with Anthony Cini and Dean Frank to discuss our plans and areas where things could be improved.

GOLF CLUB OF THE YEAR

RGC has been named the Dalhousie District club of the year for 2020. There will be a celebratory golf event at Romsey in February where all awards will be presented.

GRANT SUCCESS

We have successfully applied to the Community Funding Scheme for monies to assist us to publish our Centenary Book, as well as funds to allow us to hold our event to launch the book, and to announce the first RGC Hall of Fame and Legends nominees.

PARK ACCESS

Over the years we have had problems with individuals entering the park to set up tents or to drop material onto our burn-off pile. The club has put in new posts and rails at the Rec Centre entrance point and the shire has now installed a chain and padlock.

All golfers are reminded to use the QR code, and please pay your green fees.

For detailed reports on all results: www.romseygolfclub.net/results/2021/

RIDDELLS CREEK PONY CLUB

Once again COVID has ruined our September rally plans meaning the pink rally will be postponed until later in the year. The pink rally was put in place to raise money for breast cancer. Secondly we would like to thank our outgoing club captains, Georgie Constable, Kloe Soper and Lauren Cocks for the fantastic job they've done and to congratulate our new club captains, Grace Bradshaw (junior), Lili Taylor (intermediate) and Tana Males (senior) who were selected for these roles for this season.



Pictured: Tana Males

Competition!!

RIDDELLS CREEK PC

All money raised goes to helping a member beat **cancer**

Design a xc jump for our famous candlebark course !!

Entries VIA
event
secretary

Closing date: 30th October

Entry fee of \$10

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In an exciting announcement, we would like to congratulate the following for making finalists in the pony club Australia awards for 2021:

- Meaghan Sutherland (coach of the year)
- Lili Taylor (best achievement by a rider aged 13-18yrs)
- J'Aime Mallon (best achievement by a rider aged 18-25yrs)

Riddells Creek Pony Club (Pony club of the year). We wish all these finalists best of luck for the awards.

Lastly, don't forget that entries are now open for our fundraising competition to design a jump for our xc course to help raise money for a club member who is battling cancer.

Hope all have a lovely day!



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SCOUTING NEWS

Hello from all of the members of 1st Riddells Creek Scout Group.

Calling all Kinder kids getting ready to go to school in 2022, it's time to have a chat about Joey Scouts!

Have a look at the link to learn more about what a five year old can really do...we want you!

<https://youtu.be/hyQERYsgy3c>

<https://scoutsvictoria.com.au/age-sections-adults/joey-scouts/>

Our Scout Group has had a huge Term 3, in which we have not missed one week of scouting. We even held our annual celebration that we call ARAP (Annual Reports and Presentations) with all of the families together on Zoom to hear from the Youth members as they shared what they have enjoyed doing in the past 12 months. It was so rewarding to see the youth members deliver the whole event on Zoom to the families, along with Cr Jennifer Anderson, Cr Annette Death and Scouts Victoria representatives being in attendance.

To look up at the screen and see how proud families were of their youth member, and how excited the youth members were to know how proud their parents were of them, was an absolute highlight.

In addition to this we have seen joint nights across sections, with other Scout Groups from around the District joining with us. In the last week of August, we invested our five new Joeys, two new Cubs and saw three Cub Scouts complete their Grey Wolf awards (peak award) and move up to Scouts to continue their scouting journey. It was a huge night with great excitement, celebration and more fun with the night being finished with some interestingly decorated biscuits with a theme.



Pictured: Space cookies

We hope to be back in person again in Term 4, however if we cannot be there is no stopping 2021, scouting will roll on.

Through Term 3 we have had new members come along and try Scouting, each of them loved it so much they have now joined and were a part of the investiture above. The invitation to come and try Scouting remains open to the whole community, whether we are in person or not, Scouting never sleeps as we know that adventure never waits.

The 1st of August was World Scout Day. I was fortunate enough to be awarded a Special Service Award by Scouts Victoria. I never signed up for that, nor thought I would ever get an award. Now I have it I am absolutely chuffed, it just goes to show that Scouts provides two key things for adults, an opportunity to have fun, and to know you are appreciated.

Andrew Smyth



Pictured: Scouts raising money for Jamboree in 2022

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