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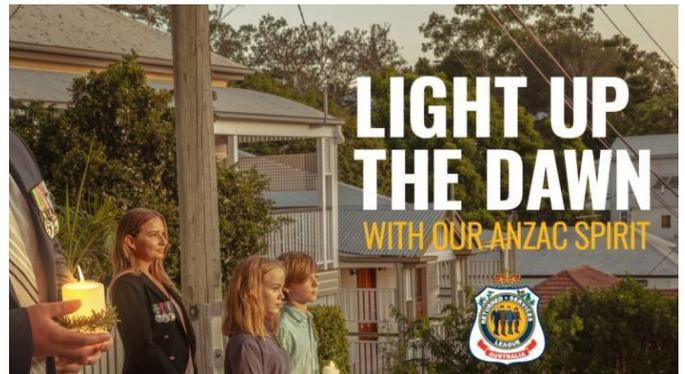
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LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION AT POULTON'S GARAGE!

It wasn't any ordinary Saturday in Riddell in early March when more than just the geese were stopping traffic on the Main Road.

Steven Curry and Jackson Tozer have been cast in a black comedy short that was filmed at Poulton's Garage. Described as a 'Weekend at Bernie's' meets 'Reservoir Dogs', this local production 'Hatchback' centres on Vince (Curry) as he attempts to clean up a dead body for the mob, but when he enlists the help of his dim-witted brother-in-law Ted (Tozer) things don't go to plan. Watch this space for release details.



Anzac Day is a time to remember the service and sacrifice of the Australian Defence Force. Every year, Australians and New Zealanders gather at dawn to remember those who served. Let's stand in our driveways as a community to remember.

SUNDAY 25TH APRIL 2021



AROUND RIDDELL

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

HISTORY OF RIDDELLS CREEK MECHANICS INSTITUTE

Continued from March edition of the Riddell Roundup...

The stoicism, commitment and hard work of Committee Members in their endeavour to develop the community is astounding.

In 1913 the library was extended, a billiard room, and a gymnasium for the Men's Club were added. The gymnasium was also to be used as a supper room. A sink was put into the back room. All members became guarantors of the cost of the extensions. Namely: Messrs Brown, Amess, Melvin, Sutherland, Mollison, Captain McWilliams and Mr Crow, whose lovely old house up Sandy Creek Road is still lived in.

It was decided the Young Men's room would be let out to help pay for the extensions. A large boiler and kettle were purchased. Crockery was free for hirers, but breakages to be paid for (6 pence per cup and saucer). Hall hirers were to pay in advance, applying to the Secretary.

Young Men members were required to pay three shillings for the use of books.

The Committee wrote to the Public Health Department drawing their attention to the drain behind the building. This,

as we know is still a concern.

On September 4th, 1914 a Patriotic concert was held free of charge. All Patriotic concerts were free of charge.

Amongst such efforts held in 1915 were: a concert in aid of the Belgians, and a lecture by Sgt. Reynolds on Gallipoli, of which half of the proceeds went to the Wounded Soldiers Fund. The Hall was in great demand by Patriotic Groups including rehearsals for concerts, with the piano free of charge. These concerts continued up to the end of 1918.

With so much free use, the building was lacking in funds and in need of repairs. A loan was taken with the Commercial Bank in 1919. Mr. Dixon was paid the last instalment of his 1913 'one hundred and twenty pound loan'. There was a change of Committee and positions. Mr. Murphy (Chair), Mr. Moore (Treasurer), Mr. Curl (Secretary). Members: Captain McWilliam, Messrs Cunnington, Dwyer, Marr and Crow. Unfortunately Mr. Curl resigned in May as he was leaving Riddell. There was a series of dances held by the Football Club, and a Concert for the Blind. A cheque book was now in use. Wizard lighting was installed in April 1920. A Bazaar was held on Saturday 8th May. It was very successful, raising one hundred and eighty one pounds. Again, plans were being made to remodel the hall.

By Val Sparshott



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Stay safe everyone!

COMMUNITY GROUP UPDATES

Volunteering, Safety, Community Building and Socialising

RIDDELLS CREEK CFA



FIRE RESTRICTIONS END 29TH MARCH 2021

You can now apply for a fire permit online in a single place using a desktop, laptop, tablet or smartphone at firepermits.vic.gov.au.

If you're planning to do some burning off after restrictions are lifted and you're not sure if you should proceed please contact the station. If the station is not occupied your call is diverted to the duty officer and it's preferable that we be disturbed by a few more phone calls, rather than being called out to an illegal burn or to one that gets away from you. If you do conduct a burn to assist with cleaning up your property there's a number of things you must do before & during your burn.

- Check and follow local regulations or laws set down by the CFA or your local council.
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- Notify ESTA on 1800 668 511.
- Check the weather forecast for the day of the burn and a few days afterwards and don't light your bonfire if strong winds are predicted.
- Check the fuel moisture conditions.
- Establish a fire break of no less than three metres cleared of all flammable material.
- Make sure there are enough people to monitor, contain and extinguish the burn safely and effectively.

BRIGADE ELECTIONS

Riddells Creek Fire Brigade held its Biennial elections on the 9th March to vote in their leadership team for the next 15 months. The brigade would like to congratulate the following members who were elected to fill these key roles in the management and running of the brigade effective from the 9th April 2021.

Captain: Michael Hemingway
1st Lieutenant: Jo Thompson
2nd Lieutenant: Michael Pullella
3rd Lieutenant: Michelle Tinworth
4th Lieutenant: Beth White
Secretary: Gill Metz
Treasurer: Ruary Bucknall
Comms & Assets: Rob Sanderson
Training Coordinator: Lisa Jones
Equipment Manager: Jai Faldon
Community Safety: Dawn Ciechowski
OH&S Officer: Dave Thompson
Comms Coordinator: Marilyn Lovitt
FEM Officer: Don Clark
C&SG Manager: Louise Hemingway

BRIGADE INFORMATION NIGHT

On Tuesday 20th April at 7pm, the Riddells Creek Fire Brigade is hosting an information night for prospective members at the fire station. This is an opportunity to meet existing members and discuss how you can be part of your local brigade. Further details will be posted on our Facebook page.

2021 RIDDELLS CREEK ANZAC DAY 'LIGHT UP THE DAWN'

Residents of Riddells Creek and surrounding districts are encouraged to participate in the 'light up the dawn'. The brigade encourages community members to stand in the home driveway, balcony or front gate at dawn to commemorate our servicemen and servicewomen while keeping a safe social distance. Tune into the national live service and listen out for the Last

Post. Please refer to our Facebook page closer to Anzac Day.

TURN OUTS

Since the last article we have had 11 calls bringing us to 24 for 2021 to date.

5 local jobs consisting of 2 Grass and Scrub and 3 Non structure fires

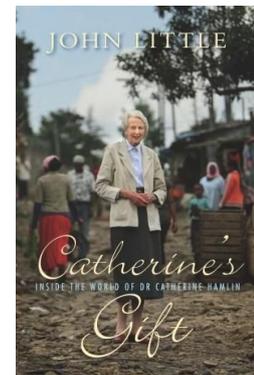
6 Support calls to Sunbury, Romsey and Gisborne

BRIGADE CONTACT DETAILS

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BOOK CLUB

This month's book was 'Catherine's Gift' by John Little



This book creates so much thought and empathy for the lives and experiences of mainly Ethiopian women who suffer the debilitating and horrendous medical condition, fistula damage, a hole in an area of the bladder, uterus or bowel. It is caused by difficult childbirth resulting in the death of the baby and, often, the non-delivery of the dead baby and lack of medical assistance.

Hospitals and clinics have been set up to help these women return to their families to live a normal life. Australians

Dr Catherine Hamlin and her husband Reg were the instigators of care, hospitals, surgery and treatments that have been encompassed by many doctors and surgeons around the world for these neglected and unwanted women. Women, mainly very young women, are turned away from their husbands and families. They travel for days to get to the clinics, mainly on foot or carried on litters.

The care they receive is given by amazing, compassionate staff and the tireless work of Catherine and the doctors who have been trained, albeit some of it is quite rudimentary.

There are two men in our group and it was interesting to discover how they would feel about reading such an intimate book on female conditions in mainly third world countries. However, everyone read and appreciated the book.

There was a drawback to the reading. It was boring. Written by a journalist, it could have been set out differently. Although focusing on six women it was disjointed and may have read better if each woman had her own section instead of moving back and forth. Facts and figures were interspersed with fund raising efforts, donations and the need for government approval and sanction.

CHARITY'S SECRET

Gosh another month has passed and we've hardly had any summer weather, have we?

Before we know it the majority of items in the shop will be winter wear, but that's okay. We have coats and scarves ready for that weather.

We still have a basket ready for food donations towards the Gisborne Food-bank if you are able to contribute an item or two.

Another reminder: we cannot sell, therefore accept, any electrical items, baby seats or pushers, cots, helmets.

This is a policy of the Anglican Diocese.

Thank you,
Chris coordinator 0417 566 486.



The village of Riddells Creek is throwing a party in Lions Park to celebrate autumn in their beautiful township, with a stage truck and live music, outdoor dining, and roving performers and artists.

Bring the family for this fun-filled park party and get into the autumn spirit. Just one of five autumn village parties happening throughout the region as part of the inaugural 2021 Macedon Ranges Autumn Festival.

Saturday, 24th April 2021 11:00am - 05:00pm

Riddells Creek Lions Park, Main Road, Riddells Creek



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What can you break, even if you never pick it up or touch it?

You see a boat filled with people, yet there isn't a single person on board. How is that possible?

What can't be put in a saucepan?

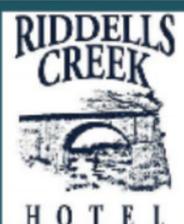
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LIONS CLUB NEWS

Our Lions Club team will be outside Foodworks each Saturday 9am to 1pm leading up to Easter. Thank you for your continued support to the Club with this year's fundraising vision: an

additional larger sun shelter entertaining area at the rear of the Lions Park.

If our three grant applications are successful our Lions Club will be so happy to provide this much needed space for our Community.

If you would like to consider being on the Committee for further projects, learn more about our local Lions Club or become a member, please contact our membership Chairman Ian Arnel 0411 437 167 / Secretary Steve Williams 5428 7320 / Narelle McGellin 0408 558 156.

Thank you for your support in our Easter raffle, with funds supporting local projects and families in need of assistance.



Pictured L-R: Maria Loriente and Olga Bartasek

LIONS CLUB OF RIDDELLS CREEK Proudly Supporting Our Community

- Helping those in need
- Encouraging community engagement
- Assisting those who have fallen on hard times
- Building community spirit in aspiring to achieve excellence
- Striving to improve health and wellbeing outcomes for our community
- Partnerships and funding with aligned community based programs
- Providing support for our community youth
- Building a stronger inclusive community
- Worldwide disaster relief

Recent Community Projects:

Lions Memorial Park over \$100,000 in improvements

Christmas in Riddells Creek (CiRC) auspice

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1ST RIDDELL SCOUTS

We have had a great start to 2021 and are very excited that our Joeys (5-8 year olds) will re-commence in Term 2!

In March we had a Cub camp on Labour Day weekend at Noonameena (Kyneton). This was attended by Cubs from not only 1st Riddells Creek but also 1st Romsey and 1st Woodend in preparation for Cuboree X that will see 3,300 Cubs from across Victoria attend a five day camp in the second week of the School holidays. The Cubs and leaders are so excited about the camp and will have the time of their lives. This camp is full of fun and adventure that exposes our children to wider experiences and builds greater resilience at such a young age.

Our Scouts have had a busy term also, with their latest action being a rafting day where they created and constructed their rafts with drums, timber poles and lashings to witness how seaworthy they could be... well, to their credit they gave it a go on a very wet day and if you have a look on our Facebook page you can see some of the action. Success of seaworthiness, we'll leave to your judgement! Fun, socialization and the learning of new skills – 100%.

The Scouts head off for another camp over Easter at Treetops with many other Groups from around the region to test their camping skills in an assessment camp, they may come home with a newfound respect for how they. Took after their belongings, room tidying skills and all of the great times that come with a camp like this.



The Venturers continue to choose their own adventure with their end of term activity being Go Karting, where they will

get some tips and tricks before being set loose for a race on the track. Over Easter they will have the opportunity to attend a three day hike at Blackwood where they will carry their packs, tents and all other supplies including food. They will set up camp for the night before packing up and hiking on again the next day.

We are also fortunate to have three new committee members officially join the committee in March; Amanda Macdonald, Mus Ayhan and Michelle Webb, along with a new Scout Leader in Marjan Flisar. The whole group thanks them for coming on board and we are really looking forward to welcoming another new leader in April.

You may have seen us out and about with our Wood Raffle at the Riddells Creek Farmers Market and outside the Riddells Creek Post Office. A big thanks to Will and the team at Riddells Creek Sand and Soil for their support and the community for their enthusiasm to get a ticket. The winner was a family from Sunbury who attended the market.



In March, we were able to remove over 150 car/truck batteries from people's properties along with 130 smaller batteries that have now been recycled in a safe and sustainable manner. We will run our battery drive again in May, so hang onto your batteries and the Scout Group will ensure they are disposed of easily and sustainably. The funds raised from these activities have provided the Group with a new camping hot water service for our youth to wash their dishes with - we hope they are as excited about this as we are!

If you have a child aged 5-18 who may be interested in knowing more please feel free to contact us via gl.1striddellscreek@scoutsvictoria.com.au or call 0483 849 830. Another great way to see what the group is up to is via our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/RiddellsCreekScouts> and gain further information via <https://scoutsvictoria.com.au/about-us/faqs/>

Andrew Smyth

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NEWS

from the
house

HAVE A PASSION? LET US KNOW

We are currently in the process of finalising our Term 2 program and are keen to hear from local program/course facilitators with a skill or passion to share with others in the community. Programs can be run as a one-off session, a series of sessions or for a term. We also want to talk to community members with event or activity ideas that they would like to get off the ground so we can work together to make it happen!

VOLUNTEER CALL OUT

Don't have a lot of time to spare but want to lend us a hand for a few hours? Give us a call and have a chat about the perfect opportunity for you. Here are some ideas;

- Covid Clean up after Makers Market - once off or once a month
- Marshall for our recycling - overseeing collection and sending of recycled goods
- General maintenance items for the House

House programs & activities

TERM 2 - 2021

MAKERS MARKET

Every third Saturday of the month at the performing arts centre at Riddells Creek Primary School from 9am - 1pm. The market is designed for local Artisans to display and sell their products to local communities in the area. The market is held on the same day as the popular farmers market.

NEXT MARKET - 17th April

MENS SHED

TUESDAYS 10.00am - 3.00pm
THURSDAYS 7.00pm - 10.00pm



MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
Practice Tai Chi 9.15am - 9.45am	Walking Group (FREE- meet at the front of foodworks) 9.00am - 10.00am		Walking Group (FREE - meet at the front of The House) 9.15am - 10.30am	Practice Tai Chi 9.15am - 9.45am
Justice of the Peace Service (by appointment) 10.00am - 12.00pm	Yoga TBC	Tai Chi for Health* Advanced class 4.30pm - 5.30pm	Cuppa & Chat 4th Thursday of the month 11.30am - 12.30pm	
Water & Acrylic Painting Social Group 1.00pm - 4.00pm	Scribes & Scribblers 2nd Tue of the month 10.00am - 12.00pm	Tai Chi for Health* Beginners Class 6.00pm - 7.00pm		
	Tuesday Yarners 1.00pm - 4.00pm			Woolly Friends Craft Group 1.00pm - 4.00pm
Philosophy & Ethics Group 3.00pm - 4.30pm	Country Womens Association 2nd Tue of the month 7.30pm - 9.30pm			

NOTES: *All programs and activities are subject to COVID-19 related restrictions in place at any time.

*Tai Chi for Health
Beginners / Advanced
Classes
\$10 per class
\$80 for the term

*Yoga
Starting 10 Feb
\$20 per class
\$100 for the term

YOUTH NIGHT

We want to hear from young people who are looking for something to do on a Friday or Saturday night

So we're having a Pizza Night - and its on US!!!!



We want to hear all your hacks for what makes for a great night out for secondary school aged, young people in Riddell's on a Friday or Saturday.

Thursday 22nd April
6.30pm - 8.00pm
Riddells Creek Neighbourhood House
Bring your mates

A Facebook event will be created. If you're interested let us know within the event otherwise send us a private message.

COMMUNITY AND COMMUNITY GROUP TRAINING AT RCNH

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SITXFSA001 - FOOD HYGIENE

Tuesday 4th OR 5th May 2021

6.00pm - 9.00pm

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SITXFSA002 - FOOD SAFETY SUPERVISOR

(for those with Food Hygiene qualification only)

Saturday May 22nd 2021

10.00am - 1.00pm

Cost: \$70

Call RCNH to enrol



PROGRAMS AND COURSES

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

We are currently taking Expressions of Interest for the following programs and courses for Term 2;

Yoga (Tuesday mornings)

Tai Chi - Wednesdays 4.30-5.30 (Advanced) and 6.00pm - 7.00pm (Beginners)

Tatting/Lace Making - one 3 hr session

Lampshades - one 3hr session

Introduction to Community Services (ACFE)

Introduction to Permaculture (ACFE)

Sewing (Thursday mornings 6 sessions)

Natural products for your home (session based)

We will notify all participants prior to the beginning of Term 2 (19th April, 2021) confirmation of classes and enrolment details.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

ORGANIC VEGGIES

Our friendly community garden is brimming with autumn goodies including kale, lettuce, late tomatoes, herbs and carrots.

Pop in and help yourself!

Come and have a chat with the garden group on Monday and Friday mornings, bring your surplus fruit and veggies and take home what you don't have.



LEARN TO dance

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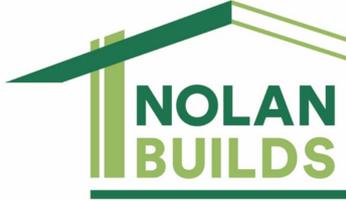
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WANNA DANCE WITH SOMEBODY

The crowd is bouncing up and down, arms waving, singing along. The band can't quite believe they're playing live in front of a crowd, and we can't believe it either. It's delicious being up and out after so many months of COVID, a feeling of exhilaration, like when you've been really sick and then one day, you feel well. We're being normal. We're dancing!



I'm in the main street of Maldon, set out with tables and chairs, for the annual Maldon street dinner. Around 600 people have worked their way through the picnic boxes and run the bar dry, and now 'The Best 80s Band' is cutting loose. I didn't know I knew these songs, but my body does. We're deep into Whitney Houston: 'Want to dance with somebody, wanna feel the heat with somebody, ooo ooooo, wanna dance with somebody, with somebody who loves me.'

So here's the thing—the town organises this themselves. They organise the tables and chairs, and the liquor licence, the picnic boxes, and the COVID-safe check in. They talk to the local constabulary, but they don't ask the Shire. They just take over the street, and about a third of the town's population show up.

Nice work Maldon! Riddell has the Farmers Market, and the Lions playground, but I did wonder whether we're too cautious and suburban for this kind of stunt.

Earlier that same Saturday, I was standing in the Main Drain, Murnong Creek, the concrete culvert between the Mechanics Institute and the playground. A few of us were on a Saturday walk around the town thinking about traffic and the centre of Riddell, and we finished up here.

It was quiet down there in the creek, and you can't see cars driving past, in fact, it's the only place in the centre of Riddell where you can't see cars. And it suddenly struck me: how amazing would this be as a place to hang out?

What if the back end of the Mechanics Institute opened onto the creek, and you could sit in the northern sun? How much work would it take to put a few levels into the slope, with paths back into the pedestrian network? Planting that suited the creek. A place to dance on a summer night.



Moonee Ponds creek is being redesigned for flood control and biodiversity and recreational space. Bendigo Creek is opening to the city, not being kept shut away from it.

We could do our own version of reclaiming a creek here in Riddell.

Ross Colliver
Riddells Creek Landcare

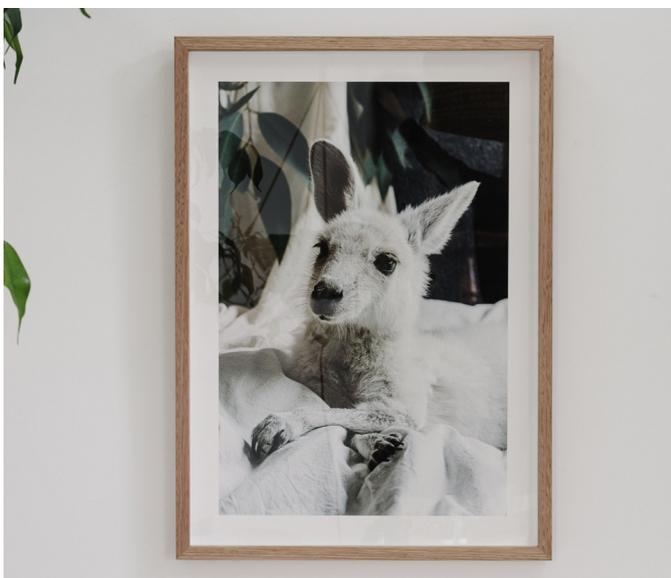
PRINTS FOR WILDLIFE

Prints for Wildlife is the project of purpose-driven local photographer Marnie Hawson. It was launched in the thick of the pandemic last April and raises funds for wildlife sanctuaries through the sale of fine art prints. A portrait is taken of one animal in care, and 100% of profits from each sale of that fine art print will go directly back to the sanctuary.

The funds will be used to care for the wildlife in their care, generally on things like food, teats and bottles, maintenance of the shelter, and fuel. Most of the carers are completely self-funded or rely on occasional donations.

Alongside each portrait is the story of the animal - mostly heartbreaking stories of how they came to be in care, and nearly always due to the intervention of humans in some way: Birdy Num Nums, the Major Mitchell's cockatoo, made the mistake of walking through a back door in Western Australia and then spent the next 10 years in a cage before travelling across the Nullabor to finally be taken into care in Victoria; Candy the Eastern Grey kangaroo was orphaned on a notorious stretch of road in Trentham; and ZacDan the flying fox was found icy cold and unresponsive on a cold and wet morning next to his dead mum, who had crashed into a parked car after trying to leave a very low bunch of flowers on a huge tree.

www.marniehawson.com.au/prints-for-wildlife



IN MY GARDEN

I know it's autumn when the autumn crocus *Colchicum* species appear. They may be tiny but their unique shade of mauve really catches your eye. I also know it's autumn when the berries on my variegated porcelain vine *Ampelopsis brevipedunculata* 'Elegans' begin to turn from emerald to turquoise, sapphire and amethyst. They are so exquisite, last for ages and the birds leave them well alone! Lastly the ox-tongue lily *Haemanthus coccineus* has poked its orange tongues through the soil opening up to intriguing shaving brush type flowers. The bulbs react to the first autumn rain with their flowers which will then be followed by their long wide leaves.

I was lucky to receive a gift of some well-loved old cacti in a range of pots last weekend. I spent a lovely afternoon repotting them into slightly bigger pots and hopefully they'll settle into their new abodes before winter. Following advice from *Gardening Australia*, I tackled my rhubarb growing in large self-watering pots and divided them up. I now have just one plant per pot to give them lots of room. I added a lot of cow manure to each pot - mixed in well with the potting mix, blood 'n' bone and pelletised chook poo. They should eventually rocket away - fingers crossed! Rhubarb pie for winter!

I have also been taking lots of cuttings - it's time to prune your geraniums so what better time than to take lots of cuttings! I have also taken cuttings from a rosemary bush with particularly blue flowers, some daisies, my lemon scented correa and the grey leaved old-fashioned dusty miller *Centaurea cinerea*. The grey leaves are a great foil against the shades of green and occasional burgundy in the shrub bed.

Melanie Kinsey



Porcelain Vine

STILL HAVE LOTS OF APPLES?

We are slowly making our way through our stash of apples, though they are getting a little old. If you want a quick and easy recipe that will make a healthy snack, try this:

APPLE CHIPS

Ingredients

Apples (as many as will fit in your oven sliced as described below). I have a large electric oven and was able to fit four trays inside, with one on the very bottom.

Cinnamon

Caster sugar

Method

- Preheat oven to 100 degrees celcius (preferably fanforced)
- Wash and dry apples.
- Slice apples into 2mm slices and place in a single layer on lined baking trays.
- Sprinkle with cinnamon to taste (I put a teaspoon of caster sugar into 4 tablespoons of cinnamon in a shaker)
- Bake for 3-4 hours until crisp.
- Allow to cool and store in an airtight container. They are meant to last a week - but ours are gone well before then!

Leanne V.



Riddells Creek Farmers Market

A stunning autumnal morning drew plenty of crowds to the March market to stock up on the wonderful produce on offer.

This month we ran a red dot survey to find out a little more about our shoppers. We had a great response - a big thanks to all that participated. It certainly sparked some interesting conversations and will contribute towards our future planning. Although the results are not fully collated as yet, it was fantastic to see how many attendees are locals from the 3431 postcode, but also how many people travel quite far, even from Melbourne, to come to the market.

Our market is on every 3rd Saturday of the month, 9am-1pm at Riddells Creek Primary School and the next market is on Saturday, 17th April. Keep an eye on our Instagram and Facebook pages for more information, and we look forward to seeing you there!



MEET THE VILLAGE PEOPLE

GEORDIE TAYLOR – OWNER OF RIDDELLS CREEK NURSERY SINCE OCTOBER 2019.

My wife and I bought a house in Mt Macedon about four years ago. I had been working in Melbourne in corporate hospitality and events for 15 years and ended up managing about 70 franchise coffee stores for Hudsons. But I grew up on a farm and some of my favourite times as a child were when the family worked together in our seven-acre garden. I started to resent it as a chore when I was a teenager and then moved away, but as soon as I had a family my first instinct was to move out of Melbourne and give the kids a chance to grow up with a garden, the way I did.

So we bought a house and garden in Mt Macedon. I was still commuting into Melbourne and I felt like my job was going to end up killing me. I wanted to buy my own business and I had a few criteria – it needed to be no more than 15 minutes from home, outdoors, and with solid financials.

When I came to look at Webbers I really liked Greg from the outset and felt an immediate connection. I was so fortunate because the previous owners had run a wonderful retail nursery business, and I could add to that my knowledge of horticultural production systems, retail and hospitality. It was like all of my past experiences were leading me here.



Over the next year or so, there will be more changes. We've recently had two new horticultural experts join the staff, and now we are turning our attention to adding more furniture and homewares. We've started a wholesale nursery business that sells directly to landscapers. We're adding a cafe which will offer local produce. I also want to start hosting large events on site. Something big will be happening at Easter, and there will be a Spring Festival with performances, and other events with expert speakers offering horticultural and gardening advice.

Ultimately, I want Riddells Creek Nursery to become a premium quality, premier garden centre that attracts visitors from all over, including the city.

The community of Riddells Creek has been entirely welcoming. We've tried to reciprocate by donating to local charities and sponsoring some local groups and events. I look forward to continuing to meet new people as they come into the nursery. We love being here and we'll be here for a long time.



MYWESTERNWATER – HELPING CUSTOMERS MANAGE THEIR ACCOUNT WITH EASE

Since its launch in 2019, more than 30% of Western Water's customers have signed up to use MyWesternWater to manage their accounts online.

Western Water's Chief Operating Officer, Graham Holt, said MyWesternWater is empowering customers to claim concessions, request payment extensions, view their daily water use or update their address quickly and efficiently.

"It's a great tool for our customers, and just one of the ways we're offering tailored financial assistance – not only does it offer a more convenient way to manage your account, it makes it easier to request assistance if you're finding it difficult to pay your water bill," he said.

Customers can access the site at www.my.westernwater.com.au

On 1st July, Western Water are joining with City West Water to form a new water corporation – Greater Western Water.

Customers are being invited to ask questions about the formation of Greater Western Water, and have their say about proposed prices and charters at www.engage.westernwater.com.au.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS WORTH \$20,000 SUPPORT LOCAL STUDENTS

Four local students keen to make their mark on the world each received a \$5,000 Community Bank Gisborne & District University Scholarship in March to help them start university study with success and less financial stress.

Nicole Brideson is passionate about justice and gender equality and started a Bachelor of Global Studies and Law double degree at Australian Catholic University. Having seen the impact teachers can have on young people during her schooling, Madison Galea embarked on a Bachelor of Science/Master of Education graduate package at Melbourne University with the goal of becoming an inspiring secondary school maths teacher. Shannon Kelly began a Bachelor of Environmental Science at RMIT and hopes to work in a field-based role where she can impart the most change. Isobelle Watson started a Bachelor of Criminology and Law double degree at Deakin in Burwood.

Director Corinne Shaddock said the scholarships are a key part of the company's investment in local youth. "The volunteer Board of Directors is charged with reinvesting profits of Community Bank Gisborne & District in local projects and sees supporting motivated, community-minded students as an investment in our community now and in the

future. We wish Nicole, Shannon, Madi and Isobelle the best for their university studies and hope our scholarship helps them get the most out of their tertiary experience," she said.

Community Bank Gisborne & District, a locally owned and operated branch of Bendigo Bank, has now provided 17 university scholarships. Manager Sarah Barton said branch customers should be very proud of how their banking supports the community and thanks them for banking locally.

Year 12 students and 2020 graduates taking a gap year who plan to start university next year are encouraged to apply for a 2022 university scholarship later this year. Liking the branch Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/GisborneDistrictCommunityBankBranch>) is an easy way to stay updated and not miss the opportunity.



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ARTS, CULTURE AND EVENTS

Celebrating Creativity Across the Ranges

WHAT'S ON AT KYNETON TOWN HALL

APRIL 2021: KTH KIDS PRESENTS CRAFT ECO ACTIVISM - CREATING A STATEMENT

Craft Eco-activism is about empowering kids with tools to creatively communicate and campaign their ideas in the community. They will make creations to wear and display with purpose and pride.

Participants will use collage, drawing and stencilling techniques to make colourful badges, t-shirts, bumper stickers, posters and placards. In the development process kids will learn how to artfully communicate environmental issues that are important to them such as recycling, clean waterways, deforestation, clean energy and sustainability. Outcomes will be displayed in the community, giving voice to the participants, nurturing self-confidence and resilience.

A perfect workshop for the young activist.

Tuesday 13th, Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th April, 10.30am-2pm

Kyneton Town Hall: 129 Mollison Street, Kyneton

Bookings: 1300 888 802 or online: [mrsc.vic.gov.au/arts-events](https://www.mrsc.vic.gov.au/arts-events)

2021 MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL COMEDY FESTIVAL ROADSHOW

Australia's favourite comedy convoy can't wait to tour the country once again!

Join the Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow as it rolls into towns around the country to home deliver an all killer, no filler line-up of Australian stars and talented newcomers.

It will be a night of stand-up, sketch, satire, silliness and song to satisfy all your comedy cravings!

Friday 30th April, 7.30pm

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DROMKEEN

There is a lot happening at Dromkeen over the next few months!

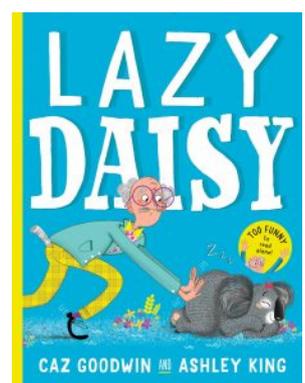
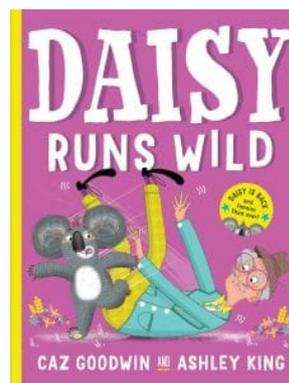
CAZ GOODWIN

On Saturday 1st of May at 2pm, children's author Caz Goodwin will be at Dromkeen for a special koala themed

storytime with:

- Readings of the hilarious Lazy Daisy books
- Some fun facts about australia's native koalas
- Koala jokes

There will be a guest appearance by Daisy the giant Koala. Come along and have a photo with Daisy. Everyone is welcome!



TWENTY YEARS OF DANCING IN THE GARDEN WITH COSMOS

This year, Harpist Michael Johnson celebrates twenty years of composing in the Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne.

In this concert, Michael is joined by friends Michael Conolan (cello) and Raymond Hoefer (oboe) to honour the sights, sounds and elements of the natural world of this beautiful garden as they have inspired so many musical works from



2001 (Dancing in the Garden) to the present day.

Michael's music is joyful, uplifting, calming and contemplative with influences from celtic, classical and world music traditions. Join Michael, Michael and Raymond for a musical journey not to be missed.

2pm Sunday 16th May 2021. For tickets go to www.trybooking.com/BQDXX

'GUMTREES IN THE LANDSCAPE' ART CLASS WITH THEL CARDWELL

Join award winning artist and art judge Thel Cardwell at Dromkeen for a 3 hour oil or pastel class, 'Gum Trees in a Landscape'. Beginners or more advanced are welcome. Attendees to bring their own art materials. Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased through TryBooking. Coffee and food is available in the Dromkeen Tearoom.

1pm-4pm Saturday 8th May

All enquiries: bernadette@dromkeen.com.au



The Riddell Roundup has a new Layout Editor

The Riddell Roundup committee would like to put out a big welcome to Sharon Greenwood who is joining our team! Sharon is a local resident who has offered to assist with layout editing of the Roundup using Adobe InDesign. We look forward to seeing Sharon stamp her style on future editions!

If you are interested in becoming a layout editor, please contact riddellroundup@gmail.com - we'd love to welcome you to our team!

THE BARINGO FILM CLUB

The Baringo film Club is back with three screenings per week.

The programme for April 2021 is as follows:

Screening times: 3pm Wednesday, 3pm and 7pm Saturday

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| 7-10 | The Three Identical Strangers
(Documentary/USA) |
| 14-17 | Sorry We Missed You
(Drama/UK) |
| 21-24 | The Farewell
(Comedy/Drama/USA) |
| 28-1/5 | The Truth
(Drama/French) |

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LEARNING LOCALLY

Education in Riddells Creek



RIDDELLS CREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers,

HOUSE AND TEAM STUDENT LEADERS

I would like to announce and acknowledge our House and Team Captains for 2021. Joining Tilly, Lucien, Tess and Nathan in our student leadership group are:

Blue House: Maggie J & Livvy W, Jacob G & Olivia D

Red House: Lachie H-T & Sophie L, Mille H & Eden B

Green House: Abbey McT & Rosie M, Lincoln M & Emmy D

Yellow House: Summer W & Bryce G, Mason P & Harry W

Green Team: Theo C & Indi S

Heart Monitors: Claire F, Jack McK & Jake C

Creativity Team: Susannah M & Ella I

Technology Team: Julian Z & Declan S

CROSS-COUNTRY

While our cross-country event didn't look like it normally would, we would like to congratulate all of our participants and, particularly, the winners of each age group. Congratulations to Green House for winning this year!!

EASTER RAFFLE

Thank you to our community for contributing prizes to our raffle and to Deb Taylor for organising it. We are looking forward to drawing the raffle on the last day of term.

RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY

Ride to school day was brilliant!! The Green Team, Miss Davis and Mrs Stewart organised a really great day that got the School Captains and me pondering for the future. The students enjoyed fruit, the music and our lunchtime activities!

HARMONY DAY

Through our Harmony Day celebrations and our Term 1 inquiry "Express Yourself" it was great to see all of our students and staff having the chance to show off their

personalities through their clothing. Thank you to the Heart Monitors, the Creativity Team and our staff for organising a great day! The sausage sizzle was a HUGE success – many thanks to Deb and her army of parent helpers!





FAREWELL MICHELLE TRELOAR

Michelle Treloar has been our Kitchen Garden Specialist for the past nine years, educating over 900 RCPS students on how to grow, harvest, prepare and share their food. She has been the pillar of the Kitchen Garden program and we are so grateful for the work she has done for our school community throughout this time. From our kitchen to yours, thank you Michelle!

SCHOOL CAPTAINS AND THE STUDENT SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our school captains have met with me and we are well on the way to getting our Student School Council up and running. Captains will be contributing to the school newsletter formally twice a term. We are also in discussions about the possibility of them presenting at School Council to lift our Student Voice and allow Council to talk with our Captains and hear their points of view. This is an exciting development in giving the School Captain role a higher profile and defined purpose.

Until next time,
Emma Brooksby
Principal



NEWS FROM OUR LOCAL MEMBER

Local News...

NEW CAR PARKING ON THE WAY FOR BENDIGO LINE PASSENGERS

The Andrews Labor Government is delivering much needed new and upgraded car parking at three stations on the Bendigo line to make it easier for more people to catch the train. The Gisborne Station car parking area will be upgraded and new car parking will be built at Kyneton and Riddells Creek stations. The projects will also deliver additional accessible car parks, bicycle parking and increased safety and security with CCTV and lighting covering the car parks.



Concept designs for the projects have been developed and local residents are now being asked to have their say on the plans by completing an online survey on the Engage Victoria Platform, which is open until 5pm on 31 March 2021.

The new and upgraded car parking is being delivered by VicTrack through the Labor Government's Car Parks for Commuters program, which is building and upgrading car parks at stations to make it easier to catch the train.

The Car Parks for Commuters program is helping to deliver the Government's commitment of 11,000 new and upgraded car parks at train stations across metropolitan and regional Victoria - on top of the almost 10,000 new and upgraded car parks delivered between 2014 and 2018.

Member for Macedon Mary-Anne Thomas said 'These car park improvements will help people living in the Macedon Ranges get to their local station and I encourage people to provide any feedback they have on the plans.' 'This is the second time we have increased car parking at Gisborne and Kyneton stations and these projects respond to the fact that over recent years more and more people have been catching the train on the Bendigo line.'

The 11,000 new and upgraded car parks will free up local

streets, make it easier to catch the train, improve safety, and generate jobs across the state. For more information visit carparks.vic.gov.au.

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NEWS FROM THE SHIRE

Local Council News...

FROM YOUR COUNCILLORS

Dear Resident,

We are apologetic for not being able to attend the local Police initiated Youth Summit at Romsey last month. Unfortunately, it clashed with the February Council meeting. We acknowledge the large numbers in attendance after relatively short advance notice, and applaud the positive input which resulted.

To all residents on the recycle (yellow) bin service: too much is going to landfill unnecessarily due to 'contamination'. It only takes the contents of one contaminated 'recycle' bin to have an entire truck load of recyclables go into landfill. For the sake of our environment, please take more care about what is placed in the yellow bin to ensure it all goes to a recycling facility, thus lowering our garbage costs.

Council is currently seeking feedback on an Economic Development Strategy and a Road Management Plan review. We encourage you to have your say. For those interested in stats, we have 1765km of roads and access tracks within the



Shire. Not all are public roads. The total comprises 1570km of roads (840km sealed, 730 km unsealed), 30km of roads within reserves, 67km of fire access tracks, 28km of tracks to private properties, 47km of fire access tracks maintained by others and 23km of road maintained by neighbouring Shires.

'Cool Changes' is Council's program for facilitating the development of local community climate change action plans. And it is coming soon to Romsey and Lancefield (March-June) as part of Council's 'Cool Changes' Program.

Till next time.

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MENTAL HEALTH ROYAL COMMISSION FINAL REPORT WELCOMED IN MACEDON



Victorians experiencing mental illness, including those in Macedon, will have access to better treatment, care and support closer to loved ones, under recommendations handed down by the final report from the Royal Commission into Victoria’s Mental health System. The Commission today delivered its final report - a blueprint for delivering a new mental health system for all Victorians, including those in Macedon - the state’s biggest social reform in a generation.

Welcoming the report, Member for Macedon, Mary-Anne Thomas said the Andrews Labor Government recognised the profound failures of the current system had sadly cost lives, committing to implement every one of the report’s recommendations. Ms Thomas said “Mental health impacts all of us here in Macedon. If it’s not our own direct experience, it’s people we know and love. This year we’ve lived through a global pandemic and all the stresses that have come with it. Now, more than ever, we need a new mental health system for all Victorians. “Australia’s first ever Royal Commission into Mental Health has provided the government and community with the plan to build a new mental health system, from the ground up, and with expertise from those with lived experience. A system that provides people with the care they need early on – before they reach the emergency department and before it’s too late. There are no quick fix solutions. While it will take time for the government to fully consider the report’s vital recommendations, work has already begun on implementing those laid out in the Royal Commission’s interim report. The 2020-21 Victorian State Budget includes \$868.6 million to focus on priority areas such as acute mental health beds, suicide prevention, Aboriginal social and emotional wellbeing, and support for the mental health workforce. But we know much more needs to be done to make a mental health

system every Victorian deserves – and that is what we will do. If you or someone you know is in crisis or needs support call Lifeline on 13 11 14 or Beyond Blue on 1300 224 636.

WOMEN’S SHED FINDS A HOME

After nearly four years since forming, the Sunbury Women’s Shed has found a new home thanks to Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health. The group has been given access to the Sunbury Men’s Shed on Thursday afternoons and a number of the Men’s Shed participants have also offered to do some training with the women to assist in furthering their practical skills.

The group has collaborated over the years with various community groups including the Goonawarra Neighbourhood House where they installed a street library box.

“The key things we are able to gain through the skills we are learning at the workshop are the confidence and sense of empowerment to be able to fix things ourselves as well as the enjoyment of creating something, says Margaret Cassidy, President of the Sunbury Women’s Shed.

The Committee says they have received nothing but encouragement from the men at the Shed and are grateful to Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health for their support.

The Women’s Shed annual membership of \$36 includes use of the tools, training and most materials. The Shed is open to anyone over the age of 18, no experience is necessary. The group meet on Thursdays from 12.30 to 3pm and if you are interested in joining, contact Margaret on 0419 320 338 or email sunburywomensshed@gmail.com.



Pet of the Month

Pets, in particular dogs and cats, can reduce stress, anxiety, and depression, ease loneliness, as well as encourage us to exercise and play. Caring for an animal can help children grow up more secure and active, providing them with a special friend.

Many pet owners believe their animals help them to stay active and keep to a routine and this has been especially helpful over the past year for many who were living in isolation during lockdown.

Many members of our community have special furry, feathered or scaled pets that form an important part of their family. The Riddell Roundup would like to celebrate the important role they play in people's lives and give residents the opportunity to introduce them to the rest of the community! Send a photo of your special pet to riddellroundup@gmail.com

Here is this month's selection!



Mia, who is old and bossy!



Culli, a sheepdog with corgi legs



This is 'Nahla' (aka sharkface) and she is my fur-baby! - Ed.



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SPORTS

Celebrating our local sports clubs and teams

CALDER FLY FISHING

FORGET THE FORECAST!

There's a saying amongst the flyfishing fraternity to "Forget the forecast" meaning if you've got a window of opportunity you need to take it. After a long lock down in 2020, I'd planned a three-day wilderness experience in the Tasmanian Central Highlands with fishing guide and Award-winning tourism operator Daniel Hackett. The unpredictable weather in Tasmania changed our expedition from high altitude lakes to lowland rivers.

The first day we were greeted with blue skies and warm weather as Daniel launched the inflatable raft into Brumby's Creek. We spent the day drifting this big open waterway watching brown trout leap for damselflies; even tricking a few into taking my fly.

Next day we headed to a 'secret creek' in some remote and rugged terrain. Many sections were no wider than a car with thick overgrowth that meant using a bow & arrow cast (pulling fly hook and line back, bending the rod like a bow, taking care for a release with no finger flesh attached to the hook) or a simpler roll cast if possible. We lost count of the many brown trout that we caught and released.

The last day we fished the South Esk River, only minutes from Launceston airport, which is indicative of how accessible good fishing is in 'Tassie'. Overall, applying technical fishing techniques rewarded our hard work with nice size brown trout.



Pictured: Simon's 'Secret Creek' Brown Trout

For more details on Tasmanian fly fishing please visit www.riverfly.com.au and for more information on the Calder Fly Fishing Association visit www.calderflyfishing.com.au

Simon Hall

ROMSEY GOLF CLUB

A meeting plan for reviewing and adjusting the Romsey Sporting Precinct Master Plan was held on March 15th. All user groups sent representatives and there was wide ranging discussion on what the current and future needs of the area were. A steering committee was set up to work with the user groups and the Macedon Ranges Shire Council.

2021 SUMMER CUP (DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF DEAN JONES)

The final round of the 2021 Summer Cup was held over because of the mid-February lockdown and was finally played on Sat March 6th. First place was virtually sewn up (Davey Kenney – 28.5pts) but there were five players who could take out second and third. Conditions were almost perfect for golf and a number of players returned excellent scores. In the end it was 87/8/69 from the RGC Captain that secured second place (22 pts). Andrew Clement also played well returning 80/8/72 to take out third spot (17 pts).

TWILIGHT GOLF



Pictured: Mal Mottram, Davey Kenney, Andrew Clement & RGC Pres Anthony Lakey

Our very popular Twilight Golf usually finishes at the end of February but, this year, by popular demand, we have extended until the 26th of March. The final round of the 'Titan of Twilight' saw 1st (Keith Hocking – 40pts) & 2nd (Sherif Abdel-Sayed - 28 pts) well and truly secured. So, it was a fight out for 3rd. It came down to a five-way countback with Jim Patton winning on the 4th individual hole countback. This gave Jim 16pts just enough to grab 3rd spot, also on a countback.

Men's and women's pennants will begin in the final weeks of March. RGC has entered a men's handicap team in Division

Three. Our women will also enter a handicap team in Division Two South.

The 28th Romsey Challenge Bowl will be held at RGC on Thursday April 8th. This is a team stableford event and draws teams from all over Dalhousie and surrounding areas.

We would like to thank the local police for their efforts to sort out a few problems we have been having down at Romsey Park. All bookings at: <https://www.romseygolfclub.net> BOOK NOW button.

For detailed reports on all results: <http://www.romseygolfclub.net/results/2020/>

RCJMBA

The year is flying by quicker than we ever could have imagined.

March saw us all back on court and well and truly in the swing of things. March closed with the RCJMBA Grand Final day just in time to finish up before that cheeky bunny came and dropped off some Easter treats. I have a feeling I'll be eating Cadbury creme eggs for breakfast until at least June.

RCJMBA SPOTLIGHT

A shout out to our littlest fundraisers!

In February, Local legends Ruby, Ivy and Isla came up with the awesome idea to support our basketball association in the 'coolest' way possible. These tiny entrepreneurs set up an icy pole station at the Riddells Creek Lions Park and worked their magic, selling icy poles to our wonderful local kids and



their families, raising funds for RCJMBA. Great work girls.

BUNNINGS FUNDRAISER

Lots of hungry tummies were filled at the Sunbury Bunnings BBQ fundraiser. The day went off without a hitch thanks to the amazing volunteers. We extend our most heartfelt thanks to those who so generously donated time, produce and all those little extras that are so important on the day. Without the help of our little community and our amazing sponsors these events just wouldn't run as smoothly as they do.

The Winter season will be here before we know it. Please keep an eye on the [RCJMBA Facebook page](#) for when the Winter season registration link is live and ready.

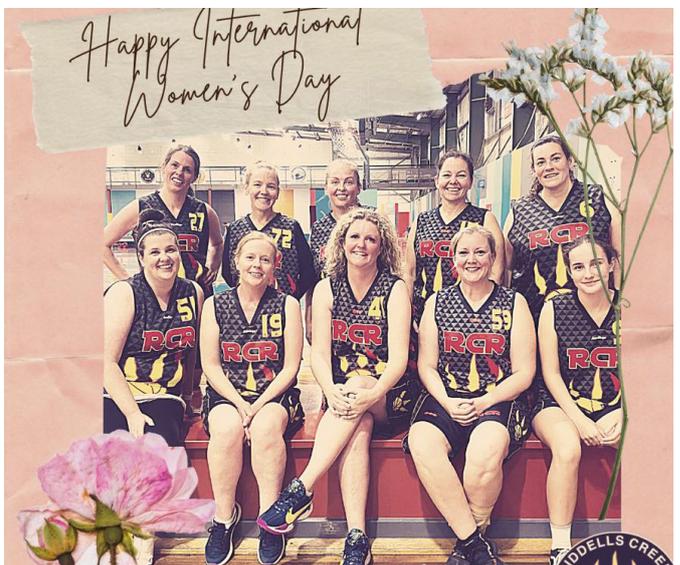
But for now, RCJMBA wishes all of our wonderful basketball family a very Happy Easter and a safe and happy holidays.

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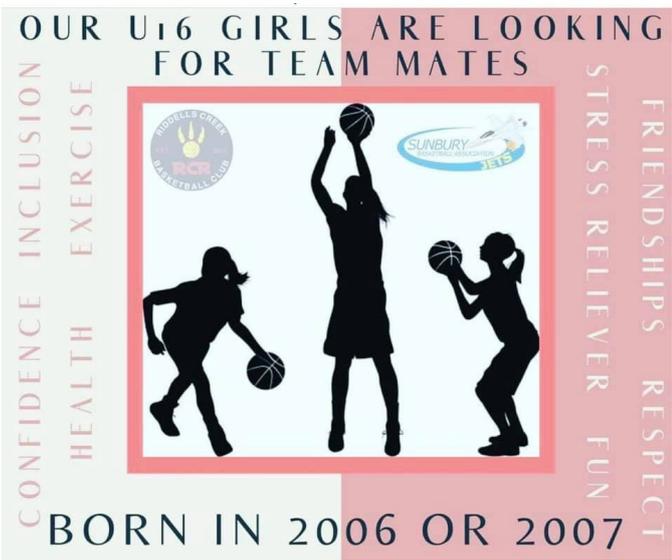


The COVID affected Combined Summer / Winter SBA season continues to run through to September. Second instalment registration payments of \$160 are due 30th April for those that elected this method. Please deposit directly into the RCR bank account.

International Women's Day was celebrated globally on the 8th March to bring attention to gender equality, reproductive rights and violence against women. Voices are now being heard clearer and louder than ever in Australia and worldwide with the message that 'Women's rights are human



rights'. Riddells Creek Basketball Club shouts out a huge cheer to our Women's and Girl's Basketball teams – so proud of your enthusiasm, integrity and strength.



Our U16 Girls team is looking for new players born in 2006 or 2007 for Saturday afternoon games in the SBA Competition. Contact the club for more info: rcrbasketball@gmail.com

FIRST AID COURSE

Thanks again to the support of our local Gisborne branch Bendigo Bank who are always giving back to the community, five of our coaches completed their CPR refresher as follow up to the First Aid Course funding last year.



Thanks to all volunteers undertaking Biosafety Officer duty at the stadiums so far this season- this helps keep our kids on the courts and meet Basketball Victoria COVID Safe requirements.

GET ACTIVE KIDS PROGRAM

The Victorian Government is providing vouchers of up to \$200 for 'eligible' families for sporting equipment, uniforms and memberships.

Unfortunately this program is not available to all families as originally expected. Children are eligible if aged 4-18, live in Victoria and are named on a current Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card and also named on a Medicare Card. New and second-hand equipment and uniforms can be claimed as part of the program.

Applications for vouchers in round one close on 11 April 2021. To apply or obtain more information visit getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers



RIDDELLS CREEK NETBALL ASSOCIATION

Our grading session for MRNA Competition went really well over the last two weeks. Our last game was Riddell vs Riddell on our famous 'Stuart Elder' court 2.

Great game everyone. Back in full swing on Saturday 17th April. 'GO RIDDELL RAVENS'



ALUMNUS SILVER ANNIVERSARY

Alumnus has Latin origins meaning foster son or pupil. Although the language was a subject taught at the Marist Brothers in Kyneton, the word was not in common use.

The description Alumnus became trendy through American influence, but the past pupils of the Kyneton School continue as the Old Boys Association.

The 25th annual excursion for the group to the Torrumbarry Weir Tourist Park brings members and selected friends together to share experiences and reminiscences.

In 2002 it was decided that a perpetual trophy should mark the stand-out participants. Originally the winner's name was inscribed on a hospital bed pan, but it was later changed to a plaque and named the Possum Trophy in memory of Brother Paul Bourke, a most respected teacher at the school.

The judges set about determining a worthy winner for the nineteenth occasion. The Evil Queen in the fairy-tale Snow White asked her mirror who is the fairest of them all? This is no fairy-tale but a mirror on the wall is significant.



Pictured: Brendan and his trophy with Torrumbarry Pier as background

In 1968 Brendan Sheppard was late to rise and still slightly lethargic in his darkened room. His feet hit the floor

and those nearby heard a loud exclamation “Who are you?” (Expletive deleted). The sleepy head had mistaken his own image on the wall mirror for an intruder. Interestingly, during the dedication the winner was oblivious to the accompanying spiel and had to be called to attention to accept the award.

He had been one of the last students taught by the Brothers but remained with the Indian Sisters from The Apostolic Order of Carmel who took over the teaching task. He and his classmates are the youngest Old Boys, but the elder statesman of the members is Jack Pattison, now in his ninety-third year, and still hale and hearty. Their age difference reflects the forty years that the Brothers taught at the school.

Brendan (AKA Pencil) holds the trophy until 2022 when the next winner will be decided. Considering that the Old Boys Association has not had new entrants for more than half a century it is commendable that many still support its charitable undertakings.

Time is the great leveller! During the weekend a minute's silence was held in memory of ten members or members' family who died since that last excursion. Gratefully none were victims of the COVID virus.

Written by Michael B Halley

Riddells Riddles

- 1, A promise
2. All the people on the boat are married
3. It's lid

An advertisement for Sheridan Blinds & Awnings. The text is set against a background of a window blind. The company name 'SHERIDAN' is in large, bold, black letters. Below it, 'BLINDS & AWNINGS' is in a smaller, bold, black font. Underneath, it says 'Your local window covering specialists' and lists services: 'BLINDS * CURTAINS * PLANTATION SHUTTERS * AWNINGS * E ZIPS'. The website 'sheridanblinds.com.au' is listed. At the bottom, it says 'Contact David or Lee for a professional obligation free measure and quote' and provides two phone numbers: '0419034941 | 0417526844'.



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