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PHOTO COMPETITION

Wow! What an amazing response we have had for our photo competition. Everyone is certainly out and about during the Coronavirus. Thank you to everyone who sent in their images. Here are some of our favourite submissions for the 'Our Beautiful Town' category!

Top: by Debbie Karwata
Bottom: by Gillian Cass



The Roundup has had a Change Of Font

We have received feedback that the text in the Riddell Roundup was a bit difficult to read. We have made the font heavier to improve readability. Let us know what you think - email riddellroundup@gmail.com



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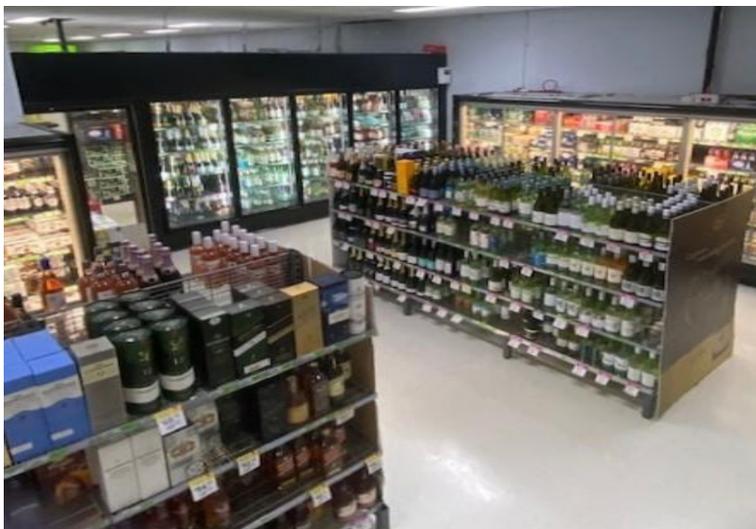
Some Exciting Things Have Been Happening at Riddells Creek FoodWorks Lately



We have been busy updating
and have installed:

- new delicatessen case
- new liquor cool room
and fridges

Our next project will be new
meat cases



Let us know if you'd like us to
stock any new products.

Tell us via our Facebook page
or let one of our friendly staff
know, we would love to hear
your ideas.

PHOTOGRAPY COMPETITION

This submission is by Heather McNaught and titled 'Grandma about to crunch autumn leaves' for the 'Our Beautiful Town' category



NEXT MONTH'S THEME IS 'WEATHER IN RIDDELLS CREEK'

With our beautiful crisp mornings and sometimes stormy weather, there are sure to be plenty of beautiful moments to capture!

RIDDELL ROUNDUP RECEIVES GRANT FROM THE BENDIGO BANK



Pictured L-R: Leanne Vandermeer, Narelle McGellin and Customer Relationship Manager, Edyta Wyatt

Your Riddell Roundup Committee is thrilled to have been awarded a Community Grant from the Gisborne District Community Bank Branch of the Bendigo Bank.

When the COVID-19 shut-down began, we made the decision to deliver 600 copies of the Roundup to households while continuing to make copies available for collection from local businesses. This extra service was funded by our wonderful advertisers, but we could only afford to do it for a short time. Now, thanks to this generous grant from Bendigo Bank, we can afford to print the extra copies and pay for delivery all the way through to September.

The grant will also let us buy computer equipment for our designers, and display stands so that you can find the Roundup more easily around town!

SHORT STORY COMPETITION



Wow, what a creative community we have! Thank you for your submissions. Here is one we really loved for you to enjoy...

Too silent. The children's squeals and laughter. Where are they?

COME BACK!!

By Maree Scale

COMMUNITY GROUP UPDATES

Volunteering, Safety, Community Building and Socialising

RIDDELLS CREEK CFA

HOME FIRE SAFETY

Did you know that over one third of all residential fires in Victoria occur in household kitchens with 42% of house fires starting in this area. On average there are over 3000 house fires in Victoria every year, with the top three causes of these over recent years consistently being:

- Cooking
- Heaters and fireplaces
- Electrical

HOME FIRE SAFETY - WE ARE ALL RESPONSIBLE

Most fatal fires start in the home, with unattended cooking the biggest cause of home fires. To minimise the risk to you and your family there are some really simple things that can be done to prevent house fires:

- never leave cooking unattended
- pay attention in the kitchen
- keep electrical appliances and equipment in good working order – replace if damaged
- always use a fire screen in front of an open fire
- keep clothing, curtains and toys at least one metre from heating
- install, maintain and operate heaters according to manufacturer's instructions
- cigarettes, candles, incense and oil burners are common causes of fire
- regularly check electric blankets for broken and worn wiring. Turn electric blankets on no more than 30 minutes before you go to bed and turn off before you get into bed. Clean the lint filter on your clothes dryer after each load. Let your clothes dryer complete its cool-down cycle before stopping. Never overload power boards, preferably using one with an overload switch.
- install more than one smoke alarm in your home to increase early warning of a fire

- keep passageways and exits uncluttered. Plan and practise how you would escape a fire in your home. Keep keys in deadlocks when you're home.

ADOPT A FIRE HYDRANT

Now is the time for those of you with hydrants near your property to 'adopt a hydrant' by ensuring that it is clear, visible and accessible at all times. This is essential work as in the event of a fire it's imperative that firefighters have quick and easy access to water from the nearest hydrant. Western Water did a fantastic job a few years ago making sure that all the town's hydrants were functioning and usable and it would be a shame if all this good work went to waste. If you have a hydrant near your property it would be great if you kept the following in mind:

- clearing soil, grass and shrubs from around the hydrant
- keeping vehicles clear of the hydrant
- reporting any visible faults, damage or missing marker posts to the Macedon Ranges council or Western water on 1300 650 422.

CAN A FIRE TRUCK FIT DOWN YOUR DRIVEWAY?

Did you know that the typical fire truck is 3.02 m wide and 7.7 m long? To ensure firefighters can access your property it's imperative that your driveway has sufficient clearances to allow room for the safe passage of appliances. Ideally, a 4.5 metres clearance is required horizontally and 4 metres vertically for access by a fire truck. For those in more rural areas, where practical, it's also important to ensure that fire trucks can access each part of a property with a minimum gate size of 3 metres. As a rule, driveways and access tracks should:

- be free of overhanging trees and shrubs to a height of four metres
- be capable of bearing a load limit of at least 15 tonnes
- ideally have a turning circle with a

minimum radius of ten metres or a T or Y turning area with each leg of the turning area at least eight metres long.

TURN OUTS

Since penning the brigade's article for the May edition of the Roundup the brigade has been pretty quiet, only being called upon to respond to 8 incidents. These have consisted of 4 structure fires, 2 alarms, 1 incident and 1 grass & scrub fire. For these incidents there were 6 support calls to Gisborne and 1 support call to Romsey with 1 incident in the Riddells Creek Brigade area.

For the 2020 calendar year to date the brigade has responded to a total of 55 incidents.

Brigade Contact Details:

Fire Station Phone: 5428 6000

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SENIOR CITIZENS

Hello Everyone,

Firstly let me apologise for not having a contribution for last months 'Round Up', but seeing that I am house-bound I didn't have anything to report, and I am sure you didn't want to hear about my corns and bunions, but I have a little bit to tell you today.

We had a lovely Anzac Day. Starting off at 6.00am out the front of the house with an Australian flag, a photo of my brother Ken (Tobruck Rat) and one of Keith in his RAAF uniform, with a beautiful candle to set it off, while the television in the front room relayed the service to Joy and I outside. It was magic. Many thanks to all the residents in Somerville Lane that put their candles out at their front gates. Well done!

Joy went home at 7.00am. She came back at 9.00am with her kids and grandkids (my grandkids and great-grandkids), all keeping their distance. The kids thought it was hilarious that I had made my own birthday cake and even wrote 'Happy Birthday Edna' on it. Joy had made a beautiful apple cake, so we were well fed, and everyone had a lovely time. Thank you everybody for your cards and phone calls. We will see what next year brings.

Till next time, keep warm and keep safe. Edna 5428 6163

CHARITY'S SECRET

We are still in lockdown as I write, therefore this will be short and sweet.

Thank you for holding on to your pre-loved items until we get the okay to begin work again.

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FARMERS MARKET UPDATE

We had a fantastic turnout for the market in May – well over 1200 customers! Nearly all the stallholders had sold out by the close of the market. Thank you to everyone for adhering to the one-way system and practicing social distancing to help everyone enjoy the market safely.

Although several stalls are unable to attend at present, we have been able to invite a few new stalls recently, including:

- Miramah Hill Eggs – doubling our egg availability to help ensure enough for everyone
- Ross Tomatoes – delicious varieties of tomatoes
- Alberto's Delicacies - handmade gnocchi and sauces
- Oakwood Smallgoods – charcuterie from Castlemaine
- Allendale Nursery – a huge variety of herbs and seedlings
- Primal Alternative – grain free breads and pizza bases

If any of your favourite stalls are missing it is worth checking out if they are offering home delivery as many of them are, including McIvor Pork, Warialda Beef and Millet Road Bakery. More information on our Facebook page or their websites.

The market is run by a small dedicated group of volunteers and we are looking for additional help. If you would be interested in helping out or joining the committee, please contact us at: riddellscreekfm@gmail.com. Thanks so much to our new volunteers.

Our market is on every 3rd Saturday of the month, 9.00am-1.00pm at Riddells Creek Primary School and the next market is on Saturday, 20th June. Follow us on Facebook for more updates. Look forward to seeing you there!





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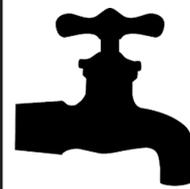
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With both Neighbourhood House Week and National Volunteer Week having been in May, it's the perfect opportunity to highlight the importance of the Riddells Creek Neighbourhood House and all the wonderful volunteers in Riddells Creek and the role they play within our community.

Every week over 200,000 people access Neighbourhood Houses in Victoria. People visit their local Neighbourhood Houses for a variety of reasons; it can range from being a student studying an accredited course, a pre-accredited and/or a hobby class or two. People come for all sorts of recreational and social activities as well. A Neighbourhood House is a referral centre, one that can help advocate on behalf of people who have little, if any, voice. We help address any gaps there may be within a community and we help connect everyone.

Being human, we tend to thrive on being socially connected and having family and friends around. This is good for both our mental and physical health; it contributes to our overall happiness and helps us live a life with purpose. Riddells Creek Neighbourhood House is an inclusive, safe space for all. Everyone is welcome, all ages, all abilities, and all cultures.

If someone is in need, they are very welcome to come to our House and we will assist in whatever way we can. Sometimes it may be just by using our facilities, making a coffee and having a chat. At other times it's about assisting people who are vulnerable to get the support they need, or it could be helping people find their pathways of success by way of guidance and direction.

Our aim is to work together with all residents, community groups, local businesses and government and help build a more inclusive, connected, vibrant and resilient Riddells Creek; a special place for us all to enjoy. Generally people seek out their local Neighbourhood House to find out what is

happening in the area. All of this is only possible because of our many wonderful volunteers, past, present and future.

This year, National Volunteer Week 2020 was the 18th to 24th May 2020 and the theme was "Changing Communities. Changing Lives". How appropriate for the theme this year! Little did anyone realise how much our community (and the whole world) would be changing because of COVID-19. And of course we can't forget how 2020 actually started with all the bushfires and then the floods. Without the many thousands of amazing, wonderful volunteers from many different services, there would have been a lot of people who would not receive the support and help they have needed and will continue to need for some time. Volunteering is what helps to build a strong, resilient, connected community.

I am hoping it won't be too long for it to be safe enough for some of the restrictions of COVID-19 to be relaxed. I am hoping I will get to meet most of you in person, however in the meantime please feel free to email me on manager@riddellscreeknh.com.au.

I want to hear what is important to you in regards to community; what's important for Riddells Creek and what activities you would like to see at your Neighbourhood House. We are also looking for volunteers to help with reception, the garden and future community events. If you're interested, please contact us.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our wonderful volunteers for their generous contribution to Riddells Creek and our Neighbourhood House. You guys are amazing. Thank you.

Kind regards,

Carolynne Venn - Community Development Manager
Riddells Creek Neighbourhood House

Due to the COVID-19, the Stage 3 lockdown, our staff and volunteers will be working remotely from home until it is safe for us to come back out again.

**RIDDELLS CREEK NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE
IS STILL HERE FOR YOU ALL.**

Please watch this space as we are currently planning how we can all come together virtually.

You can still contact us on info@riddellscreeknh.com.au or ring 5428 7836.

Stay home and Stay Safe.

PHOTO COMPETITION

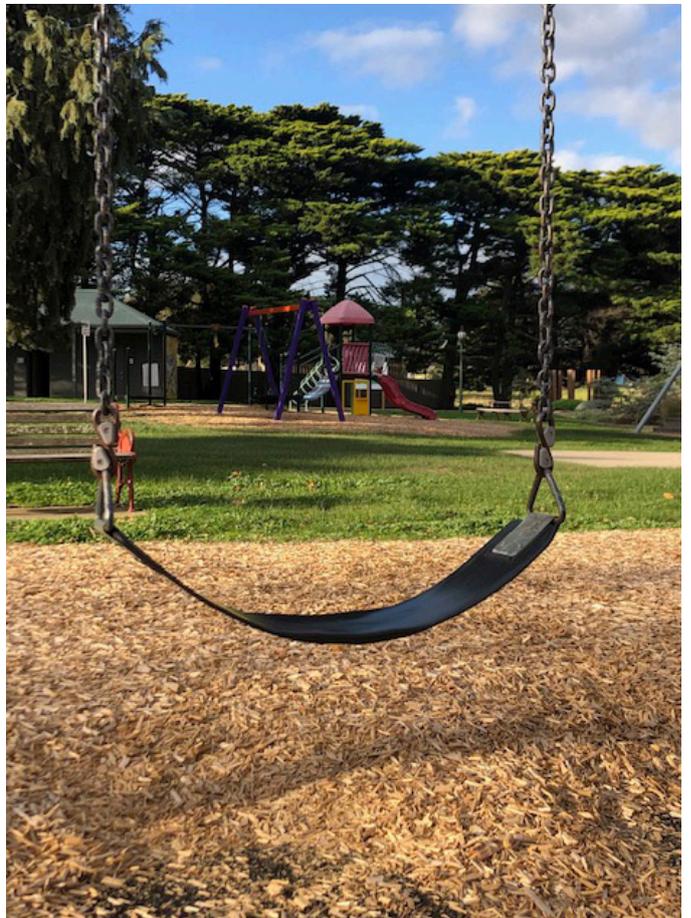
Here are our favourite images that capture the feeling of the theme 'Riddells Creek during Coronavirus' Thanks everyone!



Above: Photo by My name is Jeremiah Smart - 16 years old

Right: Photo by Maree Scale (64) titled 'Too silent'

Below: Nicolette Caggiati-Shortell (Mature Age - lol) Walking Daisy and Pippa with my daughter Georgia - 21 (I'm the one one with the hat) during Phase 3 isolation.



HEALTH & WELLBEING

Caring for our Community

TIME FOR SELF CARE - BOTH PHYSICAL AND MENTAL

How are you all feeling in this challenging time of the pandemic? A mixture of emotions may have affected you during these last two months from anxiety and overwhelm to frustration and despair to possibly even a sense of relief and hope as our frantic modern society's pace has slowed. Concerns about the pandemic triggering a rise in suicides are being addressed with Dr Ruth Vine appointed as the



first Deputy Chief Health Officer for mental health. This is a signal from the government that mental health is as important as physical health during and after the pandemic.

Do reach out to your GP and other health professionals by phone or in a face to face consult. It is safe to do so as the risk of not attending to usual physical or mental health conditions starts to outweigh the risk of contracting coronavirus here in Australia. General practice clinics are safe to attend - probably safer than going to the shops as clinics do their best to make sure that patients who potentially may be infectious are seen at specific Respiratory Clinics or in a separate area or at a specific time.

As restrictions ease in stages it is not a sign that the pandemic is over - we need to remain patient and respectful of public health advice. This is the next stage of the pandemic - one where we need to learn to live with the virus while keeping community transmission levels low. It is a time now to balance risks and be aware of how our everyday choices and actions can affect the health of others and our greater community.

- Keep looking after your health and stay connected with your GP and health professionals.
- Stay home if unwell with respiratory symptoms - call your

GP for advice.

- Keep practising physical distancing and good hand hygiene.
- Stay active, catch some safe sun exposure, get adequate sleep and eat a healthy diet.
- And most importantly: don't ignore a medical emergency.

Along with all health professionals, I am feeling very grateful that we have so far avoided the health system overwhelm that affected Northern Italy and New York. Let us all keep in mind the things we can be grateful for as we rediscover spending time with friends and family and recommencing work and activities that were paused. Stay well everyone.

Dr. Jude Ellis

2019 ACTIVE LIVING CENSUS RESULTS

The results for the 2019 Active Living Census, conducted as part of the Victorian Government-funded Healthy Heart of Victoria initiative, have been finalised.

The Healthy Heart of Victoria initiative aims to improve health outcomes across the Loddon-Campaspe region.

As part of the census, a paper survey was mailed to all households in the region, and residents were also encouraged to complete the online survey. There were 3,691 Macedon Ranges residents who took part.

The key findings for Macedon Ranges Shire were:

- only 14 per cent of adults meet guidelines for vegetable consumption and 51 per cent meet guidelines for fruit consumption
- about six per cent of all households had gone without food in the past year
- almost two thirds (61 per cent) of adults are overweight, or obese
- almost two thirds (62 per cent) of adults meet guidelines for physical activity
- more than half (53 per cent) of all residents want to be more active
- walking is the most popular way to exercise (21 per cent), followed by swimming (nine per cent), bushwalking (seven per cent), indoor fitness/gym (seven per cent) and active play (six per cent).

The results and findings will inform Council's plans for programs and facilities. Community organisations can also use the information to inform and support community wellbeing and to attract more funding. To view the report online, visit: mrsc.vic.gov.au

COUNCIL MEALS ASSISTANCE SUPPORTS OLDER PEOPLE

Macedon Ranges Shire Council has been continuing to provide services and support to older people in the community during this challenging time.

The COVID-19 pandemic has presented many challenges, but staff have been working hard to ensure that delivered meals are available, including the implementation of contactless deliveries. Staff have been making regular welfare calls to all clients, many of whom are isolated from their families. Council would like to remind the community that our friendly staff are always willing to take your call and explain the options available to best support and meet your individual needs.

Acting Director Transition, Sarah Noel said, 'Our staff are a great community resource, and I encourage any person aged over 65 to call us on 5422 0333 if you are finding living at home difficult. Our staff are trained to direct your call and get you the assistance you need to remain living independently in your own home.' For more information and enquiries, call (03) 5422 0333.



RECOVERY OPERATIONS CENTRE SUPPORTS COMMUNITY

Macedon Ranges Shire Council has established a shire-wide Recovery Operations Centre (ROC) in response to the COVID-19 pandemic crisis. The ROC is a centralised service where you can ask for support, request information, offer assistance or put forward recovery ideas and suggestions that relate to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The ROC has been established as part of our ongoing #InThisTogether community and business support campaign.

The ROC is also supporting the distribution of a new Health and Wellbeing Information pack, which has been developed by the Macedon Ranges Health and Wellbeing Partnership.

The information pack includes information on local support services and food banks, healthy eating, active living, mental wellbeing, being connected and supporting young children and families during the pandemic. Please contact the centre if you would like an information pack to be posted to you.

You can contact the ROC Monday to Friday, from 8.30am to 5pm, either by calling (03) 5422 0237 or by emailing recovery@mrsc.vic.gov.au

COMMUNITY HEALTH FACILITY COMPLETED

A year since works first started, Cobaw Community Health's building is now completed. The purpose-built new facility will replace Cobaw's main office in the centre of Kyneton.

'The design creates a welcoming and flexible space which will ensure that everyone visiting Cobaw has access to the highest levels of comfort and professionalism,' says Margaret McDonald, Cobaw's CEO. The interesting mix of exterior cladding and intricate brick-work was designed to reference the local history, architecture, flora and landscape of the Macedon Ranges.

The building is clearly visible as you come off the freeway at Kyneton, and the entrance to Cobaw faces the Kyneton Health site, accessed via parking that has been added to the existing car park. All of Cobaw's services will be available in the new building. In addition, there will be a number of co-located and visiting services, including the Centre for Non-Violence and Centrelink, that will grow over the coming months with the increased space. In addition, multi-purpose rooms and a kitchen will allow community groups access to



spaces for meetings that have state-of-the-art audio-visual equipment.

'We are pleased to be joining existing services on the precinct, and particularly value the ongoing collaboration with Kyneton Health,' added Ms McDonald.

Despite the doors currently being closed to all of its sites, including at Romsey and Woodend, Cobaw continues to deliver all of its programs and services via telehealth and in person where necessary. The contact details for enquiries and referrals – call 5421 166 or email admin@cobaw.org.au.



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HELP SAVE OUR SUGAR GLIDERS

Greening of Riddell volunteers are building nest boxes for sugar gliders after two have been found dead in Wybejong Park. The nest boxes are to supplement the small number of tree cavities and to support the persistence of the sugar glider population. The nest boxes will be installed near eucalypts and wattles which are food trees. Studies have shown that sugar gliders have a typical home range size of 5.4 hectares so they may occupy the length of the creek path of Wybejong Park and the surrounding neighbourhood. Our efforts to create habitat restoration makes space for wildlife to flourish, including bees, insects, birds, possums, kangaroos, the odd wallaby and the occasional visit from a koala.

We hope to install numerous boxes so if you have time and basic carpentry skills please consider helping out with this project. This is a good isolating-at-home activity. For a detailed plan with dimensions contact us at greeningriddell@gmail.com

The biggest threat to the survival of sugar gliders is domestic cats in the Park. Our remotely operated wildlife camera has taken night time photos of cats and foxes.



The Shire has recently enacted a cat curfew. The Macedon Ranges Shire Council website lists what is expected from cat owners, particularly those who live near wildlife habitat.

Council recognises that it is easier to train kittens for confinement, however all cats can be trained to come home at night, usually by adjusting their feed times.

WAYS TO CONFINE YOUR CAT

Cats can be confined to your property in one or more of the following ways:

- indoors
- cat run or specially designed enclosure
- enclosing part of a property, e.g. a verandah
- cat proof fencing
- in a shed (well ventilated/ insulated).

Greening of Riddell working bees, usually on the first Saturday of the month at 9:30am, have been cancelled due to the pandemic. It's great to see many more people exercising in Wybejong Park. Consider joining us for three hours a month as a volunteer when we resume our working bees.



PREPARE NOW FOR 1ST JULY START OF CAT CURFEW

Macedon Ranges Shire Council is urging cat owners to prepare for the upcoming shire-wide cat curfew, which comes in to effect on 1 July 2020. From this date, all cats within the shire must be confined to their property from sunset to sunrise, and will also be prohibited from the shire's most sensitive environmental areas.

The cat curfew is part of Council's Dog and Cat Control Order 2019, which also resulted in dog off-leash areas being introduced. As well as being a legal requirement, there are many benefits to confining your cat.

- Your cat will be healthier and live longer – it is less likely to be involved in an accident or be exposed to potentially fatal diseases.
- Your cat is less likely to get lost (saving a trip to the pound and associated fines).
- Your cat won't annoy your neighbours (e.g. spraying, yowling, fighting, or riling up dogs).
- There will be less hunting and wildlife predation, which helps the Macedon Ranges environment.

Cat owners should consider appropriate overnight housing for their cat or cats, including adapting, designing, building, and/or buying an appropriate cat enclosure.

The new cat requirements are a result of extensive public consultation that began with the development of the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2017-2021. For more information, phone (03) 5422 0333, or visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/cats

THE NEW NORMAL

I'm out walking more, as many of us have been, tracing the same routes through Barrm Birrm. Perhaps it's the repetition, but I'm starting to notice the slight changes that accumulate as the season shifts.

The Prickly Moses budded a while ago, and now a few here and there have begun to bloom. The hollows where the plant clusters will eventually be dusted bright yellow, but first, the buds of the future flower swell, crowded on their stems. This is a blooming that proceeds over days and weeks, floret by floret. Here in the dip, in the hillside where I walk most days, I pass an elaborate choreography. There's another grove further west along the hillside, and a patch back towards Royal Parade.

The disruption of business-as-usual has shifted the balance in our lives. The digital has expanded. We reel in products and entertainments. What we command appears in an instant, or next day by special delivery. What other movies has Raoul Peck directed? I can find the answer with a few keystrokes. I am master of the universe. It's all dazzling and wonderful, but exhausting. Will this genie ever let up?

Walking through the bush I adjust to a different tempo, where things are always changing, but very slowly. My mind tumbles along like a gang of exuberant cockatoos, while all around the plants grow into winter with meticulous presence. There is the crinkly edge of lichens at the base of a tree, greys and black and sage-green, fat with moisture. The new growth at the tips of the Sweet Bursaria brings a paler green above the old growth. The Chuffs move ahead of me through the trees, calling to each other. A new normal.

Ross Colliver, Riddells Creek Landcare



THIS MONTH IN MY GARDEN

Melanie Kinsey

Today the sun is shining brightly after the first frost of winter. I know it was only a mild frost because the tree dahlia is unaffected. It is loaded with buds which will open any day now! I can't wait to see the large lilac flowers against a bright blue sky! The hot pink flowers of *Salvia involucrata* are also unaffected by the frost. My manzanita (*Arctostaphylos pajaroensis* 'Paradise') is covered with its tiny lily-of-the-valley like blooms. This is such an important large shrub in my garden, flowering as it does during a time when there is not much around for the bees which absolutely love it.

My six polystyrene boxes filled with lettuce, coriander, garlic, parsley and silver beet are doing really well. I am sowing another box with lettuce seed for a continual supply throughout winter. It seems weird that lettuce – a cool climate crop – does so well during the season we least want it! Luckily, we love salads in our household. I have hung the last few bunches of green tomatoes from a hook on the verandah. They are slowly ripening.

I have been filling some gaps in the garden with plants I have propagated myself. It is very satisfying to tuck a small *Thryptomene saxicola* in amongst some bigger shrubs and envisage its tiny pink flowers one day brightening that space. I have also been planting *Eremophila calorhabdos*, an interesting emu bush that produces tall thin growths topped with bright pink flowers. In another bed I have planted a correa with the most delightful citrus scented foliage – not surprising I suppose when you learn that correas are in the Citrus family. The plant it came from has formed a 2m high dense shrub with small shiny green leaves and bright red flowers that the honeyeaters love.



1ST RIDDELLS CREEK SCOUT GROUP

Hello everyone, great news - Joeys, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers roll on, there is no holding this lot down!!

Over the past month our Group has gone from strength to strength with five new members coming along and loving their first experiences of Scouting. We have seen a wide variety of section nights and activities and the feedback from parents has been overwhelming. Some examples of the feedback from the parents:

“Johnny has loved seeing his mates from Scouting.”

“Simon really looks forward to having another activity outside of School and Family.”

“Mary has found it to be just like the real thing in regard to what she has achieved.”

Parents have also been amazed at how the program still retains the same values Scouting always has and helps them to keep their children ACTIVE.

A real highlight was ANZAC Day, where each section night focussed on a variety of activities to recognise our servicemen and women, then culminated in activities to commemorate ANZAC Day itself. This included ANZAC Biscuit cooking (of course), making lanterns, #StandTo at the end of our driveways, collectively making poppies for our Group wreaths which were laid at Memorial Drive, and then sharing photos and stories of how we all remembered the week after. It was a very inspiring experience to see how this all unveiled.

It has been exciting to watch each of our youth members adapt so quickly to the current way of Scouting. In addition to the section nights there have been several challenges made available for members and their families. We saw three Venturers complete the Hoadley Hide which included packing their equipment for a weekend hike, undertaking problem solving puzzles and hiking a 6 km route of their

choice around town. Not only did they achieve something, but it kept their minds and bodies active.

Cub Scouts made poppies using Origami techniques, Scouts made lanterns from old milk bottles and had an emergency services night with a real life medic, Venturers have designed their own Troop hoodies, Joeys made and ate Anzac biscuits, oh and we very appropriately had a night about the environmental Reduce, Re-use, Recycle theme where they made a Bird Feeder out of used household containers, sticks etc.

Our purpose remains as simple as ever, to provide an avenue for the community to enjoy, keep young minds active and give purpose to achieve something for a young person who may not be able to do all of the normal activities they would do.

In closing, Scouts Victoria recognises how difficult times are in some circumstances while remembering this is all about youth having an opportunity. If you are interested please contact our Group Leader Andrew Smyth to discuss further via gl.1striddellscreek@scoutsvictoria.com.au but also have a look at Scouts Victoria website, 1st Riddells Creek Facebook Page, Macedon Ranges District-Scouts Victoria Facebook page.

In 2020 Scouting is free, there is no better time to come and try, what’s stopping you

The truth about getting to Scouts every week

As they walk in the hall with a spark in their eye,
And Dad standing back calmly waving goodbye,
If it wasn't for Dad "I wouldn't be here",
That's the myth I continually hear...
Dads might think it, but O know the truth,
If it wasn't for Mums, there would be no youth.
My scarf is unrolled, and Dad can't find the Shirt
I'm 20 minutes late and the night's gone to dirt....
But "Mum to the rescue", she's on the ball,
For when she's around, there is no trouble at ALL!!



Join Scouts For Free

WESTERN WATER HELPING TO MONITOR CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

Western Water and Intelligent Water Networks are working together with other water authorities in an Australia-wide project to monitor coronavirus (COVID-19) in wastewater.

Western Water is contributing to the project by taking weekly samples from the Melton and Sunbury Recycled Water Plants. The samples are then sent to the ALS laboratory in Melbourne where they will be stored until the testing methodology is developed. Once the development phase is complete, the samples will be analysed at a DNA sequencing laboratory in Melbourne.

The treatment plants the samples are taken from supply a large cross-section of the Western Water service region, so samples will be crucial, along with others taken from across Victoria, in establishing a fuller picture of how the virus behaves.

Although worldwide and local research findings have shown that any detectable traces of COVID-19 found in sewage and recycled water networks are not infectious, the project provides key data for scientists to better understand the virus.

Complimenting wider research into COVID-19, the ColoSSoS Project (Collaboration on Sewage Surveillance of SARS COV2) is an initiative of Water Research Australia.

Western Water's Acting Chief Operating Officer Paul Clark said, "The community benefits of this project cannot be underestimated. This research will help track and monitor the virus across our service region and allow scientists to gather information on how it behaves in the wastewater network. It's important that we use all the tools at our disposal to determine how this virus works, and what we can do to protect the customers and communities we serve."

Intelligent Water Networks Program Director Dean Barnett said, "Collaboration is key in a project of this size and scope, and it's been really inspiring to see how well the water authorities have worked together to combine resources, compare notes and share results."

This research could provide evidence to health authorities about how effective measures to slow the spread of coronavirus have been, increasingly important as Victoria moves towards considering relaxing lockdown measures.

Western Water staff are taking additional precautionary measures as part of the organisation's coronavirus response, including wearing enhanced PPE, regularly cleansing and sanitising and practicing strict physical distancing measures.

Visit the website to find out more about Western Water's response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic at www.westernwater.com.au/COVID-19/ends

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NEW DATES SET FOR ELEVATE CAMP SEPT 27 TH - OCT 1ST

The Field Trip presents A four-day camp for kids ages 8-15 at a spectacular venue near the border of Macedon Ranges Shire and Mitchell Shire - 27th SEPT - 1st OCT.

There will be arts, music, writing, drama, story-telling, acting, dance, performance, craft-stuff, woodworking, cubby building, food-growing, Cultural Heritage, leadership training, sustainability education, health and wellbeing, meditation, fitness, hiking, sports, cooking and more!

Scholarships available for Macedon Ranges residents.

Express your interest here: <https://www.thefieldtrip.co/elevate>

EXERCISING DURING ISOLATION

There is plenty of research out there to support the fact that exercise produces feel-good hormones which helps with our mental health. And this is something we need now more than ever. We may be stuck at home, but that isn't an excuse to not move your body every day in some capacity.

A simple walk around the block, do an online class, or even Google a body weight workout to keep you motivated during this period of self-isolation. Why not jump on FaceTime and workout with a friend to stay accountable to someone?

Here is a simple yet effective body weight workout you can do in the comfort of your own home. Depending on your fitness levels choose your reps of 10, 12 or 15 per exercise. Then aim for three rounds and voila, your movement is done for the day. Squats, mountain climbers, push ups (knees or toes – you choose), crunches, star-jumps and lunge walk down your hallway. Remember to warm up first with a quick walk around the block or jogging on the spot for a couple of minutes, and stretch when you are finished.

Kylie is your local personal trainer, reiki master healer and holistic health coach, click here for her website (www.beyourradiantself.com) where you can find plenty of healthy recipes, mindset tips and so much more.

by Kylie Anderson



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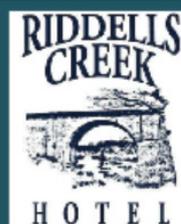
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Riddells Creek Hotel is now running as a “Take Away” service for meals & drinks during these unusual COVID-19 virus containment/isolation times.

Free drive-thru pick up or small delivery fee, depending on area for delivery. Simply call the hotel to order your meals.

We have two menus for you to choose your meals from, including a “Special 2 for 1 Menu deal” - \$30 for 2 meals, \$15 for 2 Desserts.

You can find our menus and all details on our Facebook Page.

Management and Staff would like to thank our wonderful Community for the support we have received during these “unique” times and we can’t wait to welcome you all back when we are able.

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ARTS, CULTURE AND EVENTS

Celebrating Creativity Across the Ranges

BOOKISH NEWS FROM DROMKEEN

You may believe picture storybooks are only for children, but browse through the work of acclaimed Australian author/illustrator Mark Wilson and you may be pleasantly surprised. Within the covers of his beautifully illustrated books are lessons we can all learn. Cleverly crafted stories raise awareness of the environmental issues faced by our planet and give voice to the plight of endangered animals that otherwise have no voice of their own.

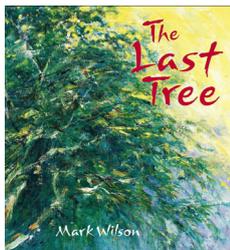
June 5th has been designated by The United Nations as 'World Environment Day' to highlight that the protection and health of the environment is a major issue that affects the wellbeing of all living things. It also calls us to enlightened awareness and to responsible conduct by individuals, governments and communities. June 8th is 'World Oceans Day' and is celebrated each year, to raise global awareness of the benefits humankind derives from the ocean and our individual and collective duty to use its resources sustainably.

Dromkeen would like to feature two of Mark Wilson's beautiful books that highlight our need to urgently care for the environment and all living things.

THE LAST TREE

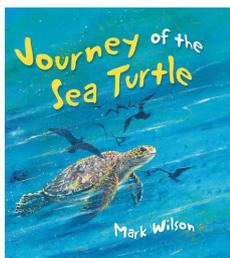
The Last Tree is a story about a beautiful old eucalyptus tree that grew tall and strong over many years. It was the centre of life in the forest and provided food and shelter for many forest dwellers.

But what happens when the tree is threatened as the surrounding forest slowly disappears? The story is set in the old growth forests of East Gippsland Victoria, where Mark grew up. (2007 Whitley Award for Children's Literature, 2008 Environmental Award for Children's Literature)



THE JOURNEY OF THE SEA TURTLE

The Australian sea turtle, the loggerhead, is a brave and beautiful creature. This book follows the journey of an Australian sea turtle hatching, from the beach of her birth and the predators there, to the dangers she faces at sea. The story also highlights the danger of plastics in our oceans. (2016 Whitley Award for Children's Literature)



*Both books are available online from the Dromkeen bookshop or by email from bernadette@dromkeen.com.au

KIDS TELL US ABOUT YOUR FAVOURITE BOOK TO WIN A PRIZE

Dromkeen and author Mark Wilson would like to invite young readers/writers/illustrators in the Macedon Ranges to either write a short paragraph or draw an illustration (or both) about their favourite book, to win a copy of one of Mark Wilson's new picture storybooks.

There will be three categories:

4-6 years old

7-9 years old

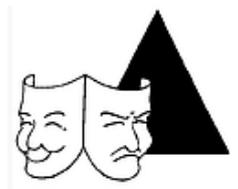
10-12 years old

All entries need to either be posted to Dromkeen (PO box 317, Riddells Creek 3431) or scanned and emailed to bernadette@dromkeen.com.au. Entries must contain the name and age of the entrant, a phone number and email address. One entry per person.

CLOSING DATE: SATURDAY 30TH MAY

MOUNTVIEW THEATRE FACELIFT

Well, here we are another month on already and dare I say??? Dstarting to see a glimmer of light at the end of the tunnel? It would be fantastic to announce when our doors will re-open but we must continue to be patient and keep our fingers crossed!



However, having said that, there has been some exciting action taking place behind our closed doors! We are very happy to announce that our 30 year old bathrooms are currently being completely upgraded by the Macedon Ranges Shire Council. This down time has in fact provided a fantastic window of opportunity for them and we can't wait to show off our smart, new, contemporary bathrooms to patrons. A huge thanks to the shire for these upgrades for which we are very grateful.

Looking forward to seeing everyone back at the Mountview Theatre before too long.

By Karen Hunt

GISBORNE MINIATURE AND MODEL RAILWAYS

James Watt (1736 - 1819)

Last month we talked about Thomas Newcomen who used steam to power a pump to draw water out of flooded mine shafts. The mines used the Newcomen steam engines for 50 years, putting up with its inadequacies and then along came James Watt's brilliant, enquiring mind.

Although James Watt is sometimes called the inventor of the steam engine, he in fact just made the steam engine much more useful.

Watt was born on January 19, 1736, in Greenock, Scotland. His father ran a ship- and house-building business. James spent a lot of time in his father's workshops experimenting with making models and learning about ships' instruments.



When he was 19, James moved to London to learn how to make mathematical instruments, such as compasses and scales. Two years later he opened an instrument workshop at the University of Glasgow.

In 1764 James was asked to repair a Newcomen steam engine and he noticed that it wasted a great deal of energy

by repeatedly cooling and reheating the steam chamber. So he developed a way to improve the machine. He designed a separate condensing chamber for the steam engine that meant the machine used a lot less coal to heat the steam chamber. James patented his improved machine.

In 1774 James Watt moved to Birmingham and formed a partnership with Matthew Boulton who owned an engineering works there. Together he and Watt began to manufacture steam engines.

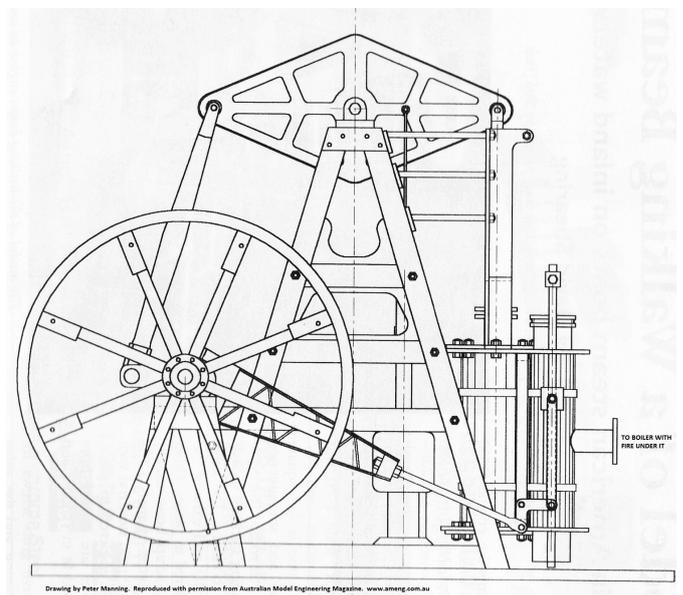
James continued inventing improvements to the steam engine. He developed a new engine that rotated a shaft, instead of the simple up-and-down motion of the Newcomen pump. The rotating motion was crucial because it enabled engines to drive wheels. These improvements allowed the steam engine to replace the water wheel and horses as the main sources of power for British industry. It was the beginning of factories.

Demands for his engine came quickly from paper mills, flour mills, cotton mills, iron mills, distilleries, canals and waterworks. From then on, the steam engine helped to power the Industrial Revolution, hence the name "Father of the Industrial Revolution" that is often given to James Watt.

Watt became very wealthy from his inventions. He died on August 25, 1819, near Birmingham.

Next month George Stephenson and the steam locomotive! Stay safe!

Arthur Boyd - President GVMS - 0419 897 721



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NEWS FROM THE SHIRE

Local Council News...

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATIONS OPEN FOR 2021

Online registrations for 2021 kindergartens in the Macedon Ranges Shire are now open.

Kindergarten supports and encourages children to explore, think, create, problem solve and develop independence within a play-based learning environment. Register online before 30th June 2020 to enter the draw for a chance to win two terms of free swimming lessons for your kinder child.

Register now at: mrsc.vic.gov.au/kinder-rego

COOL CHANGES PLAN RE-IMAGINED FOR WOODEND

Cool Changes is Macedon Ranges Shire Council's program to work with local communities across the shire to facilitate the development of local climate action plans.

It evolved from the successful pilot project, Sustainable Malmsbury, and has been informed by a shire-wide survey undertaken in September 2019.

Cool Changes for the wider Woodend district (postcode 3442) commenced with a community information forum on 2nd March 2020.

In the absence of face-to-face community workshops, the program for facilitating the development of a local climate action plan is taking a new form.

Based on the positive response from a survey conducted in early April, where 80 percent of respondents indicated support for, or commitment to, developing a community climate action plan, Council has investigated alternative consultation formats.

Using a mix of online platforms, Council will be working with consultants Hip V Hype to conduct Cool Changes Woodend for the area covered by postcode 3442, during the next few months.

The project commenced with a Project Foundations Workshop on 25th May and there are many ways for residents to be involved with the project over the next few months. Council is excited about undertaking this new form of community planning.

With additional support from Sustainability Victoria, as



part of the state-wide Zero Carbon Communities Transition Program, Cool Changes will demonstrate how communities across the state can plan for climate action into the future.

For more information, visit: mrsc.vic.gov.au/climate-change

COUNCIL SUPPORTS WORKING FOR VICTORIA INITIATIVE

Macedon Ranges Shire Council has agreed to welcome 92 new temporary staff, who will be with the organisation for up to six months, as part of the Victorian Government's Working for Victoria initiative.

The additional short-term staff will perform roles in areas such as community support, provision of food services and catering for vulnerable people, planting and environment works at Hanging Rock and beautification works in shire parks and gardens.

The \$500 million Working for Victoria program is part of the Victorian Government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and aims to match people who have lost their jobs due to the economic impacts of coronavirus with local councils.

The councils provide these people with meaningful roles that add value to the work that the permanent workforce perform every day. Macedon Ranges is one of more than 28 councils throughout Victoria participating in the new initiative.

For more information on Working for Victoria and to register, visit: vic.gov.au/workingforvictoria



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Education in Riddells Creek



RIDDELLS CREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL

BUILDING WORKS UPDATE

Our new building is really coming together. We have ordered the furniture and will be ready to open the space at the start of Term 3. The inside looks amazing and our Year 5/6 team are already getting excited about the teaching and learning possibilities.



HAPPY ESP DAY
Saturday 16th May 2020

Saturday 16th May was Happy ESP (Education Support Personnel) Day.

We would like to say a big THANK YOU to our wonderful Support Staff at RCPS for all the great work you all do for us, you are all very much appreciated.

ENTERING SCHOOL GROUNDS

Just a friendly reminder to our local community that Riddells Creek Primary School is open and operational, therefore school grounds are out of bounds to the general public on school days. If you need to enter the school grounds, please report to Administration. Thank you for your cooperation.

PLAYGROUND SHELTER

Our pergola over the playground is complete. We are excited that it will provide shelter from the sun and rain for many years to come. This is stage one of a three-part project for sheltering the playground. As more funds become available we can proceed with further works. The stage area has been delayed into Term 3 due to relocation and removal of the portables and landscaping works that will be undertaken.



Riddell Riddles

I'm tall when I'm young and I'm short when I'm old. What am I?

Where can you find cities, towns, shops, and streets but no people?

What has a bed but never sleeps, can run but never walks, and has a bank but no money?

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Rebus Puzzles

ABCDEFGHIJKLM
NOPQRSTUVWXYZ

FAREDCE

Answers on page 30

DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

The business of being local

CONCEPT DESIGN RELEASED FOR A SAFER GISBORNE INTERSECTION

The Andrews Labor Government is giving Macedon Ranges' communities their first look at a concept design for a new roundabout at the intersection of Melbourne and Kilmore Roads in Gisborne.

Member for Macedon Mary-Anne Thomas said the \$12.5 million upgrade will improve safety, traffic flow and visibility and address concerns from locals about the intersection.

Valuable insights gained during online and face-to-face community consultation influenced the concept for a new roundabout which will also deliver better street lighting and shared user paths at the increasingly busy intersection that serves as a key gateway to Gisborne for the region's rapidly growing communities.

This consultation coupled with road safety, heritage and

environmental assessments determined a roundabout as the best solution for the intersection as it will increase safety and visibility while improving traffic flow.

The roundabout will feature an existing mature oak tree in the centre, with detailed landscaping plans currently being explored to ensure the new intersection serves as a fitting town entrance for locals and visitors.

Regional Roads Victoria will now focus on finalising detailed designs with works to relocate water, gas and telecommunications expected to begin in the summer with construction scheduled in late 2021.

This is one of many road safety projects rolling out across the region with an intersection upgrade already underway at Barry Street and Main Road in Romsey, preliminary works at Station and Saunders Road in Gisborne and major safety improvements on Melbourne-Lancefield Road.

To view the concept design and keep up to date with road projects near you visit regionalroads.vic.gov.au

Melbourne Road and Kilmore Road intersection upgrade



MAKING THE MACEDON RANGES TRAILS PROJECT A REALITY

The Victorian Government will get shovels in the ground and thousands of people back to work, building the projects that matter to Victoria – and creating the jobs that matter to Victorians.

Today, the Government launched the first part of our Building Works package, which will provide \$2.7 billion towards shovel-ready projects – big and small – to get thousands of people back to work.

With travel and other restrictions having hit Victoria’s visitor economy hard, the Building Works package includes \$382 million in upgrades, maintenance and new experiences at tourism destinations across the state.

Member for Macedon, Mary-Anne Thomas, today announced that the Macedon Ranges Shire Council would receive \$8.75 million as part of Building Works to make the Macedon Ranges Trail Project a reality.

Designed to encourage cycling, walking and running for people of all abilities, the Macedon Ranges Trails Project will provide shared use trail links that connect some of the major towns across the Macedon Ranges.

Covering over 23 kilometres, the trails will link Woodend to Macedon, Macedon to New Gisborne and New Gisborne to Riddells Creek. Once complete, trail users can hook into local events and sample the best of food and produce along the way, and even consider an overnight stay within the Macedon Ranges towns.

The trail will enhance the vibrant and varied tourism offerings



in the Macedon Ranges and improve community health and social inclusion by providing a safe, shared and accessible trail for everyone to enjoy.

Macedon Ranges Shire Council will now begin working with public land managers to finalise design and commence work as soon as possible.

The Building Works package will create thousands of jobs while also pumping extra dollars back into our economy. Companies engaged to complete the work will be required to find new employees through Working for Victoria in the first instance.

Member for Macedon, Mary-Anne Thomas said “We need to be investing in projects now that will not only help our local economy recover from the coronavirus pandemic but will benefit our community into the future.”

“The Macedon Ranges Trail Project will create local jobs, support our local businesses and provide fantastic experience for locals and visitors to enjoy in our beautiful region.”

Office for Mary-Anne Thomas, Member for Macedon



SPORTS

Celebrating our local sports clubs and teams

RCJMBA NEWS

SUMMER 19-20 SEASON - THAT'S A WRAP!!

As you know, due to the current restrictions RCJMBA and Raptors summer season looked a little different than ... well ever!

That didn't stop our keen ballers though. We have seen so many amazing videos on Facebook of trick shots, drills and of course all the entries to our very first online skills competition. We put the call out for players to send in a video of themselves doing the "Jordie Drill" counting their successful throws. We received so many amazing entries, it was wonderful to see everyone keeping great form, but there could only be one winner; RCJMBA young superstar William Marlow took out first place and won a \$20 Mocha Leaf Cafe /Pizzeria gift voucher. Well done William.

AWARDS

We would like to take this opportunity to extend a huge congratulations to the recipients of 19-20 Summer Season awards.

MVP awards go to:

Billy Loftis u/11

Ben Taylor u/13

Saxon Royal u/16

Jake Poyser u/19

Runner up MVP:

Oliver Durling u/11

Jacob Graefe u/11

Jai Fisk u/13

Angus McSwiggan u/16

Ben Poyser u/16

Most improved:

Tom Mousley u/11

Ethan Frappa u/13

Angus Nuttall u/16

Clinic skills:

Sam Upsher u/11

Ruby Power u/13

Jack Amos u/16

Coordinator award:

Jake Rees u/11

Charlie O'Sullivan u/13

Abbey Picking u/16

Ben Glassey u/19

Best Team player

Nick Bootle u/19



Well done to all individual award recipients. Junior Development and Under 9s kids will receive their awards as soon as possible.

SINGLETS

Have you got a player singlet hanging up in your wardrobe or maybe even scrunched up at the bottom of your sports bag? We still have A LOT of singlets still needing to be returned; if you have yours at home could you please return to Kristie ASAP.

WINTER SEASON

We are still waiting for an official word from Basketball Victoria as to when basketball will be able to recommence and in what capacity.

Until then basketball family, we ask that you sit tight, stay safe and keep your eyes peeled for another online skills challenge.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our hard working committee members, coordinators, coaches, team leaders and our amazing sponsors for your continued support throughout the summer season and beyond.



RIDDELLS CREEK NETBALL ASSOCIATION

Hello again from us at netball. Not much has changed since our last report regarding playing games BUT we have been on the recruitment trail and with all of the teddy bears hanging out of windows, clutching letterboxes, swinging in the trees and climbing fences, we approached a few who we haven't seen in town before to see if they would be interested in playing our great game....always on the lookout for recruits!

To our surprise, a teddy living in a netball family in March Court indicated that she may be interested. Our Recruitment Officer was quick to approach the family and offer the world...well at least a club top and dress...and we look forward to seeing our recruit in an Under 9 team as soon as games resume. Our recruit with a new teammate is shown in the picture below.



News as to commencement of our season is still undecided at this stage. If new families to our town need any advice as to joining our great club (we field teams in 9 and Under, 11 and Under, 13 and Under and 15 and Under - boys welcome - and play on Saturdays at New Gisborne from 8.30am to 1.30pm, contact our President Flo Wallace on 0408 360 128.

RIDDELLS CREEK TENNIS CLUB NEWS

Hi everyone! I hope you are all well and staying safe under the COVID-19 pandemic situation. These have been stressful and trying times for us all. However, there is light at the end of the tunnel and as we slowly come out of lockdown and begin to ease restrictions, the great news is that tennis is now back on the agenda. Albeit in a limited capacity, we have been given the green light from Tennis Victoria and MRSC to re-open our courts for some limited activities.

So what does this mean? We have reopened our Book a Court system for members and non-members to come and have a social hit of tennis in groups of 10 or less. We are allowing two courts to be available at any one time. I encourage you to make use of this opportunity. Tennis is a great way that you can get outside, exercise and social distance all at the same time. Please make sure you are practicing good hand hygiene and social distancing whenever you are at the facility. Go to <https://play.tennis.com.au/riddellscreektenniscub> to book a session.

Our coach, Scott Vaughan, has also recommenced tennis lessons, so please make sure you get in touch with him to reconfirm your bookings and get into a session.

As we move to 'Step 2' of easing restrictions we will assess at each stage what this means for our other programs (Open Court Sessions) and competition play. Keep following us on Facebook to keep up to date with any changes. We will be working closely with MTRA to see what this will look like over the coming months.

On an even better note, our three new courts are completed and ready to go and they look amazing! I will have more news on opening celebrations and opportunities to use these down the track as we come back to full operational mode.





And the final good news is that in order to help relieve the financial burden on our members over the coming months and year ahead, the committee have decided to halve our membership fees for the next financial year (July 2020 – June 2021). So there has never been a better time to think about picking up a racquet and becoming a member of the club. New members can sign up via our website: <https://play.tennis.com.au/riddellscreektennisclub>

Hope to see you at the courts!

Fiona Walker - RCTC - President

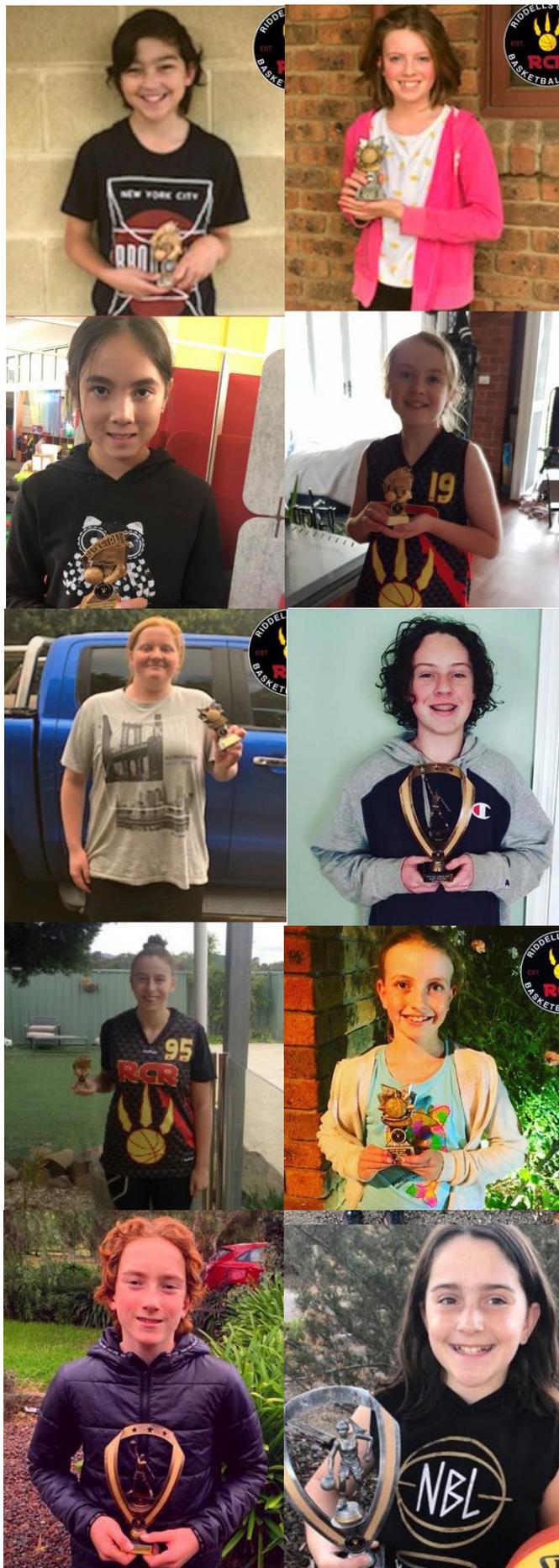
RCR NEWS

BASKETBALL VICTORIA COVID-19 UPDATE

As quickly as the restrictions commenced we now see changes every few weeks with the easing of restrictions due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. The update following may no longer be the current advice as a further review of domestic basketball competitions is planned for 31 May 2020. The Victorian Government now allows participation in outdoor activities or training in community sport groups of up to 10 people (plus coach/manager) while keeping 1.5m apart during the activity and with safe hygiene practices. This currently does not allow for indoor or competitive (team vs team) activities. Sports participation can start to be enjoyed outside of our home environment again. Basketball Victoria has emphasised that “our collective actions in the coming weeks will directly affect the health of our community and our sport’s ability to return to more regular indoor activity in the near future.” We encourage everyone to be active through basketball outside in a safe and respectful manner. Stay tuned to our RCR club facebook page and emails for the latest updates or visit the Basketball Victoria website - basketballvictoria.com.au/covid-19

RCR SUMMER 2019/2020 SEASON PRESENTATIONS

The club shared written and video messages to acknowledge the achievements of our players in the categories of MVP, Coaches Award and Most Improved player. These photos



show just a selection of our ever enthusiastic and talented players with their awards. Thanks to each and every one of you in all of our teams for the effort and time that you have all put in either as players, coaches, team managers or committee members.

We would like to thank the Gisborne & District Community Bank Branch of Bendigo Bank for their ongoing support for four years running. The funds have been used for providing a defensive mannequin and mini home projector to aid club training activities.

ROMSEY GOLF CLUB

The Premier announced a relaxation of the COVID-19 restriction on May 11th. This allowed golf to again be played but there are a number of conditions. We must keep the given name and phone number for all golfers as the government needs to know who has played so that they can contact relevant people in the event of a new outbreak of COVID-19.

- All golfers must contact the club and book a time.
- Carts may only be shared by people who are cohabiting.
- Flags must stay in the hole at all times.
- A section of a pool noodle has been placed around the bottom of the flag so that balls do not go all the way down and are easier to retrieve with less chance of touching the cup.
- No-one will be staying around after a round for a quiet drink and a chat.
- Player and Marker will agree to hole and final scores and then text results to the captain. This means only one person touches a card. All payments will be digital.
- No MRSC facilities are open; we will work off the 1st & 5th tees with ten clear minutes between groups.

2020 Club Championships would now have been completed but COVID-19 put paid to that. At the moment it looks like the women will play their championships in November, the men are still deciding. If there is another serious outbreak and another lockdown then we may not get to play these championships at all.

Pennant Golf is still on hold, we await the decision of Dalhousie Region.

Our course is within Romsey Park and both are looking their very best at the moment. Both dams are almost full and there is great cover on the fairways, surrounds and greens. Volunteers have done a magnificent job carrying out new works and maintenance to cross-overs and greens. Our thanks to all those who have given so much time to this wonderful public asset. If you get a chance, please come down and have a wander to see just how much work the club has done in Romsey Park over the past ten or so years.

HAVE YOUR SAY ON WASTE MANAGEMENT

Council's current Waste Management Strategy 2015-2020 is due for review and input is being sought from the community to help with developing the new strategy.

The final strategy will set direction for all council's future waste management activities and will address community priorities, issues and opportunities surrounding waste management.

Council is also taking into consideration current and emerging sector trends, resulting from changes in the waste management industry. These include the banning of recycling imports to China, closure of major Victorian recycling facilities and capacity issues within Australia's recycling and reprocessing industry.

Council has responded quickly to date by introducing a four-bin waste collection service to include food organics and garden organics (FOGO) and glass, and this has improved overall recyclability.

The waste management survey will help Council's waste management team identify the issues and opportunities that are important to you so they can be prioritised in the future waste management strategy.

The survey is open until Friday 26th June 2020. Participants will automatically go into the draw to win one of three compost bin or worm farm prizes.

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