All the fun of the
Fair
Saturday 16th February
11am—4pm
at Darraweit Guim Primary School

Bring your favourite pet along to the Darraweit Guim Fair Pet Show.
Categories include; Fluffiest Pet, Smelliest Pet, Pet with the biggest ears, Pet that looks most like its owner, Best Dressed Pet, Smallest Pet, Pet with the waggiest tail, Ugliest Pet.

Lots of prizes and ribbons to be won so come along and join in the fun.
Show starts at 2pm.

*All small pets including cats must be in a secure enclosure and larger pets must be on a leash and accompanied by a human. *

Community Action Planning Group
There will be no Community Action Planning meeting in February, Our next meeting will be Tuesday 19th March.

Bookclub
Come along and join in the fun and chat at bookclub.
Tuesday 12th and Saturday 23rd February

The Guim Tales is proudly supported by Macedon Ranges Shire Council

Closing date for the next issue: 1.3.2013
To include articles contact:
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Where Are We Headed? Your Vision for Our Shire

Macedon Ranges Shire Council is developing its next Council Plan and is inviting people to share what they think needs to be changed, protected or created across various aspects of life in the Macedon Ranges.

The plan sets Council’s course for the future and outlines what we want to achieve over the next four years. Council wants to hear your comments and ideas about what we should focus on.

Council will be exploring five key themes with the community: Families and children, young people, working and living, older people and Council leadership.

To share your thoughts and ideas about the future of our shire, you can attend a community gathering in Kyneton, Woodend, Romsey or Gisborne in February. You can also complete an online survey or send in a written submission by 31 March 2013.

Community gatherings will be held on Tuesday 18 February at the Kyneton Mechanics Institute from 10am-12pm and the Woodend Community Centre from 6-8pm. Further sessions will be held on Thursday 21 February at the Romsey Community Hub from 10-12pm and the Gisborne Administration Centre from 6-8pm.

To complete the online survey, visit [www.mrsc.vic.gov.au](http://www.mrsc.vic.gov.au). You can also send a written submission to Peter Johnston, CEO Macedon Ranges Shire Council, PO Box 151, Kyneton VIC 3444 or [mrsc@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:mrsc@mrsc.vic.gov.au)
Council Launches Local Emergency Facebook Page

Macedon Ranges Shire Council has launched a Facebook page to support community preparedness, relief and recovery from emergencies and hazards in the region, such as bushfires, heatwaves or floods.

The page provides useful tips for residents and businesses in the region on how to prepare themselves, their family and their property for a possible emergency situation. It will also be used to provide community updates on local relief, support and recovery services should an emergency arise within the shire.

Council is encouraging Facebook users in the region to like the page and share it with their friends, and to use the page to ask questions and share knowledge or tips about emergency preparedness with their community.

The page does not provide the latest warnings or incident updates from the CFA, Victoria Police or SES. Residents should continue to refer to official sources from these agencies such as their websites or social media channels, listen to ABC radio and call the Victorian Bushfire Information Line on 1800 240 667.

To access the page, log into Facebook and search for ‘Macedon Ranges Emergency Alerts’, or visit www.facebook.com/MacedonRangesEmergencyAlerts.

From Bees to Beef, Grapes to Grains - Macedon Ranges Agribusiness Plan

If you are involved in agriculture, horticulture, viticulture, aquaculture, apiculture or value-add to locally grown produce in the Macedon Ranges, we want to hear from you!

Macedon Ranges Shire Council is currently developing an Agribusiness Plan to ensure a secure and sustainable agricultural future for the Macedon Ranges.

We have developed a survey to capture data on the economic contribution of both primary and value-added produce to our region and to gather information that will guide the development of the plan.

The Macedon Ranges Agribusiness Survey is now open and is available both online (www.mrsc.vic.gov.au) and in hardcopy at all Council offices. The survey will close on Sunday 10 February 2013.

By completing the survey, you will also have the opportunity to be entered into a draw for the following prizes:

A $300 voucher from either Landmark Dwyer Kyneton or Elders Kyneton
One dozen bottles of local wine

For more information, or if you would prefer to complete the survey by telephone or in person, please contact Gaynor Atkin on 5421 9615 or email ecodevsurvey@mrsc.vic.gov.au.
CFA NEWS

Not much to say this month

We have been busy. Please help us to not be!!!

Woodend Scottish Country Dancers welcome new members!

Woodend Scottish Country Dancers are offering a new Beginners’ class for people who wish to have fun and increase their mental and physical fitness in a friendly environment.

Scottish Country Dancing is one of the most elegant of the country dance styles. It is usually performed in “sets” of six or eight people. The music includes lively jigs and reels, energetic hornpipes and slow, stately strathspeys with the music performed on keyboards, or ensembles of strings and accordion and, occasionally, on bagpipes.

The group is now offering a new weekly Beginners’ class starting on Thursday 14th February at 12 noon. Once the beginners have learnt the basics, they will join in the main class which runs from 1 until 3 on Thursdays.”

For weekday classes, there is no need to wear a kilt and not even a need for special shoes at beginner level. The weekly class costs $5.00 for 2 hours of dancing and includes the cuppa afterwards. The first beginners’ class is free. Woodend Scottish Country Dancers’ group is one of several throughout country Victoria, including groups in Daylesford, Maryborough, Castlemaine and Ballarat.

Woodend Scottish Country Dancers have just changed venue and are enjoying the amenities of Newham Mechanics Institute, just 5 kilometres out of Woodend. For further information, or to join the group, contact Lis Thomas on 54 724 736 (evenings) or Elizabeth Peacock on 54 296 470.