Introducing our newest resident to Darraweit Guim
Con Crete

He is residing at Stockdale reserve, sitting upon the seat that commemorates the 25 year anniversary of Landcare in this region.

He sits and contemplates his existence in the world and his contribution to nature. He is a separate entity from the plants and animals but he tries to make the connection between them by extending his hand into the soil beside him, but mainly he sits, watches and observes the changes around him.

Con will try to get involved in the community affairs as much as possible, he may even invite his relatives to come and live in this town of Darraweit Guim.

Please make him welcome, share a meal with him, offer him some companionship and share a joke with him.

WELCOME CON

Sale of Gifts Thankyou
The following businesses deserve your support because of their support of our Sale of Gifts.

Please consider using them for your next purchase.

Beveridge Pub
Bunnings Mill Park
Café Vento
O’Deas Auto Romsey
Tint-a-car

Well done to all of you who came along and those who donated goods for auction. The event raised a wapping $4000 which will help

Guim Tales
May 2013

Friday Film and Hot Dog Night
Friday 21st June

7:00pm for tea
7:30pm for the film

Come along to the hall and join us for a gourmet Hot Dog tea followed by a film, yet to be confirmed, if you have something you’d like to see let us know.

BYO Popcorn and nibbles.

RSVP by 17.6.13—to allow us to have sufficient hot dogs to
Lorreine (56789 1367) or Viki (5789 1237)
New draft Local Law—Have your say

You are invited to have your say on the new Local Law (no.10) for the Macedon Ranges. The current law (no.8) expires on 30 September 2013.

Council makes and enforces local laws to ensure that we are considerate of others’ right to live peacefully and privately. Local laws cover activities that impact on the amenity of our community, such as animal keeping, activities of roads and streets and on Council land, street furniture, burning off, lighting fires and the consumption of alcohol in public places.

Our new Local Law should meet the needs of the community, correspond with existing state legislation, consider impacts on our rights and economic competition and anticipate changes that may occur over the next 10 years. To help shape the new Local Law:

Download the Draft Local Law No. 10 from mrsc.vic.gov.au under the ‘Have Your Say’ tab, or view a copy of the draft any of Council’s customer service centres.

Send in a written submission to Local Law Review PO Box 151, Kyneton VIC 3444 by the 30 June 2013

Attend a community consultation to provide feedback on the draft.

** Monday 20 May 2013**
- Romsey Hub: 10–11:30am
- Kyneton Town Hall, Richardson Room: 6–7:30pm

** Monday 3 June 2013**
- Gisborne Administration Centre, Council Chamber: 10–11:30am
- Jubilee Hall, Macedon: 6–7:30pm

For more information, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au or to register, contact Stephen on 5422 0352 or smahon@mrsc.vic.gov.au
Craig’s Grove
A Plantation of Reflection

If there was a place to sit quietly upon a seat, surrounded by trees and words of encouragement, what would you sit and contemplate?

- Would you seek guidance and answers to a personal problem?
- Maybe you would speak quietly to your God?
- Perhaps you want to remember a loved one?
- Even just sit and meditate quietly, to be re-energised?

Whatever the reason for visiting this place, it is for your own personal healing.

In memory of Craig Spedding we wish to create that special place in Darraweit Guim for everyone to use. It will be created surrounding the gums that are presently growing on the reserve between the hall and the fire station.

We will plant a grove of Black Sheoaks. For those who wish for it to be something special for them we will then place a rock with a word engraved in it (i.e love, family, forgiveness etc.).

Do you want to be involved? Be at the reserve 10am on Sunday 26th May to plant a tree and to name that tree, (if you wish), with your word of reflection which will be engraved into the stone that you can bring with you, or which we will supply if you wish.

Bring along, a small garden trowel if you have one, wheelbarrow, shovel, garden rake (for spreading mulch).

Following the planting you are welcome to stay and share lunch. Please bring along a plate of food to share.

Public comments invited on Draft Agribusiness Plan

Council invites the community to have its say on the DRAFT Macedon Ranges Agribusiness Plan during its public consultation period from Monday 15 April to Friday 10 May 2013.

The Draft Plan incorporates the feedback received from the local agribusiness community via the Macedon Ranges Agribusiness Survey and following consultation workshop. It also reflects Council’s commitment to supporting a sustainable agricultural future for the Macedon Ranges whilst acknowledging the contribution of agribusiness to the local economy and community.

The Draft Plan proposes fourteen strategic recommendations that are targeted at specific priority issues that come under four strategic themes: Facilitating Communication; Managing Transition; Providing Information and Facilitating Outcomes; and Supporting Growth Opportunities.

Recommendations include forming a Macedon Ranges Agribusiness Forum; facilitating regular industry workshops and networking opportunities; and building links between the established and new residents in agricultural areas.

Written submissions will be accepted from Monday 15 April 2013 until close of business Friday 10 May 2013.


Comments should be addressed to: Gaynor Atkin, Coordinator Economic Development Projects, PO Box 151, Kyneton VIC 3444 or by email to gatkin@mrsc.vic.gov.au.
Old blankets, towels and old pillow cases wanted

If you have any old blankets, towels (even with holes) and pillow cases (without holes) that you are not using or throwing in the bin or taking to the op shop Helen Callahan is collecting them for a shelter. If you have any please ring Helen 5789 1305 and she will pick them up from you.

Guim Tales needs you

The Tales needs a willing community member to take over it’s writing and production for the August and September 2013 issues. Can you help?

The volunteer only needs to do the typing, the copying and delivery is done by Helen, Judith and Lorraine.

If you can help please call Viki on 5789 1237.

Council’s 2013 Business Survey now online!!

Council’s Economic Development & Tourism Unit is about to launch its third bi-annual Macedon Ranges Business Survey and, for the first time ever, it will be available online!

Following the success of the 2009 and 2011 Business Surveys, the 2013 Macedon Ranges Business Survey will continue to capture the ways in which Council can better support businesses in the Shire, and provide Council with a better understanding of the opportunities and challenges being faced by local businesses.

The 2013 Business Survey will be launched in the first week of May and businesses are encouraged to log in via Council's website www.mrsc.vic.gov.au to access the survey.

Copies of the survey will also be sent to every registered business in the Macedon Ranges and be available at the Kyneton, Woodend, Romsey and Gisborne Council offices.

For more information on the 2013 Macedon Ranges Business Survey contact: Gaynor Atkin, Coordinator Economic Development Projects on 5421 9615 or email gatkin@mrsc.vic.gov.au.
Closure of St Joseph’s
Darraweit Guim

Easter Sunday, 31/3/2013, saw the final mass at Darraweit Guim and the closure of St Joseph’s Catholic Church.

It was a wet morning but the church was overflowing with many locals, ex parishioners and family friends attending for the last time; although Fr. Grant mentioned that there may be hope of the church re-opening some time in the future; so here is hoping his words come to fruition, sooner rather than later.

In recent times, mass at St Joseph’s was only celebrated on the 5th Sunday of the month and attended by a close knit community and Mass always finished with a scrumptious morning tea, thanks to Marie and Tom Hoban for their generosity over the years.

John Coustley recounted many memories such as the original church being destroyed in 1969 by the bushfire which ravaged Darraweit Guim and then the re-building of the new church. John mentioned Bernie Holgate who was the local builder and how he gathered together a team of local volunteers from the Stockdales, Cleves, Johnstones, Corrigans, Connors, Hobans, the Breens and Charlie Coustley who finally managed to erect the A Frame design of St Joseph’s Church as it stands today.

So, as eloquently, as John put it “Thank you, and we all should pray for a time when we are all back here again as a congregation”.


AGM & Brigade Elections

Meeting sorted. Election sorted. Your current officers will continue to serve until June the 30th so don’t rip the list off the fridge, where I’m sure it resides in magnificence next to your Can I Can’t I display. The new team:

- Captain: Rodney Bird
- 1st LT: Mark Spedding
- 2nd LT: Matthew Puddicombe
- 3rd LT: Neil Loft
- 4th LT & El Presidente: Glenn McKay
- Secretary & Treasurer: Dani Craig
- Coms Officer: Heather Bird

Congratulations to all, particularly to Glenn on his new role, and Matthew & Neil shuffling up the list. The name that left the list, Alby Fitzpatrick. Thanks to Alby for his magnificent and ongoing contribution to the Brigade.

Incorrect use of heat bags prompts warning

CFA is warning the community about the dangers of incorrect use of heat bags which could be fatal. Wheat bags are a lovely thing that brings great relief to a cricked neck, but please follow some guidelines to use them safely.

Contents of a wheat bag can be much the same as grass or crops that are heated daily during summer and in most cases cools down overnight. The constant change in temperature may cause the material to become flammable and ignite and for this reason, heat bags should not be used as a bed warmer or while you are in bed.

Please only purchase heat bags with instructions and ensure they are used according to the manufacturer’s instructions.

Please never leave the microwave unattended while heating the bags – the same principal as cooking with stove tops, grillers and ovens.

The kitchen is the room of the house which is the single largest cause of fires, here’s one way to avoid one. For others, hit the interweb:

www.homefiresafety.com.au

www.cfa.vic.gov.au
Creating safer communities
In emergency call 000

Primary School Enrolments

Enrolments are now being taken for 2014. Please visit the school website www.darraweitguimps.edu.vic.au or call the school on 5789 1234 for further information.

If you know of any family who may be interested please pass this message onto them.

Guim Tales now available on online

Guim Tales is now available on-line at the school website. To see our content just log in to www.darraweitguimps.edu.vic.au and follow the prompts.