



## Primary School News

Another lock-down start to term 3 for our school. After 3 days of returning to school we had another snap lockdown. All our students did an awesome job in transitioning to remote learning and persisting through this time. It was so awesome to get them all back to school on last Wednesday.



Over the holidays we did some work to our school garden and it looks absolutely amazing. We had the tank moved and a timed irrigation system put in. We also have a brand-new scarecrow friend that we still need to find a name for. The students cannot wait to get into some fun garden activities. We must thank **Coles (Kilmore)** for giving us a grant to have these works completed.

One last thing that happened in the past few weeks, our sports sheds mural is finished! It looks amazing! All the colours look beautiful together and really brighten up our school yard. If you look closely you will see the bluestone building and one of our resident chooks – Rosie!



### Enrolments

Our 'First Steps to Foundation' transition program is due to start this term. If you would like any further information about this program or enrolment details, please contact Carol (Principal) on 03 5789 1234.

## Never forget bin day with the new MSRC waste app

Macedon Ranges Shire Council has launched a new app that will replace the current Loddon Mallee Waste Info app.

Existing Loddon Mallee Waste Info App users will need to download the new MRSC Waste App. The Loddon Mallee Waste Info App will not be updated from 1 July. The new App will enable people to quickly find the most up-to-date information on what bins go out on what night and guides people on what should and should not go in each bin.



### Features include:

- Personalised bin collection calendar for residents, with optional reminders
- A-Z list of materials and images showing which bin to put materials in
- Further information, hints and tips to help with waste management
- Information about Council's waste and recycling services and facilities, including contact details, opening times and maps
- Push notifications to advise people of changes to collection dates, as well as events and programs.

The App is available for both Apple and Android users. Download the App by searching MRSC Waste App or visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/bin-days](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/bin-days).





## Darrawelt Diary

### REGULARS

#### Bookclub

4th Sunday

7:30pm at the Tennis Club

#### Craft Group

4th Saturday

12:30pm — 3pm at the hall

#### Hall Committee

3rd Monday 8pm in Jan, Mar,  
May, July, September,  
November

#### Landcare Group Committee Meeting

3rd Monday

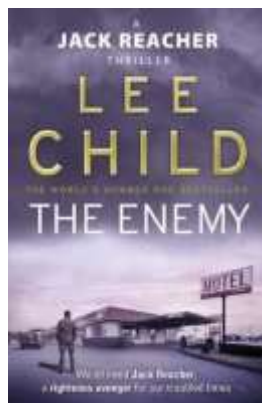
7:30pm at the school

#### Dru Yoga

Wednesday nights 7pm  
at the hall

## Bookclub

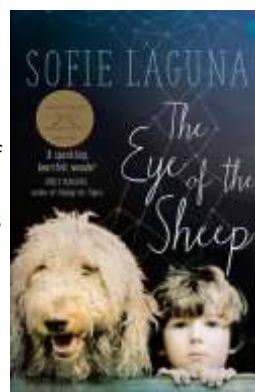
Sunday 22nd August, from 7:30pm at the Tennis Club



This month: **The Enemy** by **Lee Child**. We read the first in the series last year, but now the prequel, New Year's Day 1990. The Berlin Wall is coming down. The world is changing. And in a North Carolina "hot-sheets" motel, a two-star general is found dead. His briefcase is missing. Nobody knows what was in it. Within minutes Jack Reacher has his orders: Control the situation.

September: **Sofie Laguna** won a Miles Franklin for **The Eye of the Sheep**, and we enjoyed **The Choke**, so why not? The story of Jimmy's life journey tackles the intricacies of love and marriage, brotherhood, medical issues and the definition of family. He tries to understand himself, the world around him, and the challenges that run through everybody's lives. It is not actually about sheep.

Please come along, it will be brilliant! Maybe suggest a book you are burning to share? Come along to the tennis club and, if nothing else, have a cup of tea bring a snack and have a chat. (Hint: we don't drink much tea...) For more information drop us a line on [dgumbooks@gmail.com](mailto:dgumbooks@gmail.com).



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## Lost



On 20th July  
From Breen Court  
Ferrett, smokey fawn in colour  
Reward offered  
Contact Ron 0488 959 687



## Craft Group

**Saturday 28th August**

From 12:30pm

Everyone is welcome to join us at the Hall.

For more information call Viki on  
5789 1237.

## Happy Birthday In August to



Kimberley Bird 1st  
Jack North 16th  
Charlie Petersen 25th

## Pass with care



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THE LOCAL SCHOOL — BUILDING FOUNDATIONS FOR LIFE

We implement an inquiry-based teaching and learning program with a strong literacy and numeracy focus. Please contact us for further information.

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Enrolments are now open

# Boost for storm recovery efforts

Council has welcomed the announcement of \$55.5 million recovery funding from government to address urgent requests to help Victorian communities impacted by storm damage in June, including those in the Macedon Ranges Shire.

Operations Crews responded to emergency callouts, and supported the SES in the initial response. Since the event, Council officers have responded to hundreds of calls for on-site clean-up, other support or insurance and financial advice.

Local property owners can now register with Bushfire Recovery Victoria for funding of flood and storm clean-up operations on private properties across Victoria under jointly funded Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements. A link to register with BRV is available on Council's storm recovery webpage, [mrsc.vic.gov.au/storm-recovery](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/storm-recovery)

Council has engaged specialist arborists and clean-up contractors to help assess storm damage and lead the clean-up and tree clearing efforts on roadside, parklands and to provide urgent access to private properties. The clean-up is expected to take at least the next 6 months. Officers are identifying sensitive conservation areas whilst gradually reducing the fire hazard.

After activating its Recovery Operations Centre based at Gisborne, staff are still dealing with a high volume of enquiries covering a range of issues. Council also continues working with all emergency authorities and supporting our Neighbourhood Houses and other health organisations in their response efforts.

Macedon Ranges Shire Council CEO Bernie O'Sullivan said staff across all key areas of the Council are still assessing the level of impact in the region, natural environment and the extent of our community's needs.

"We are still assessing what support our community members need for their long-term recovery," Mr O'Sullivan said. "This includes any displaced residents and those in the farming sector whose livelihoods are impacted by reduced access to grazing land for their livestock after extensive damage to fencing."

## Accessing support

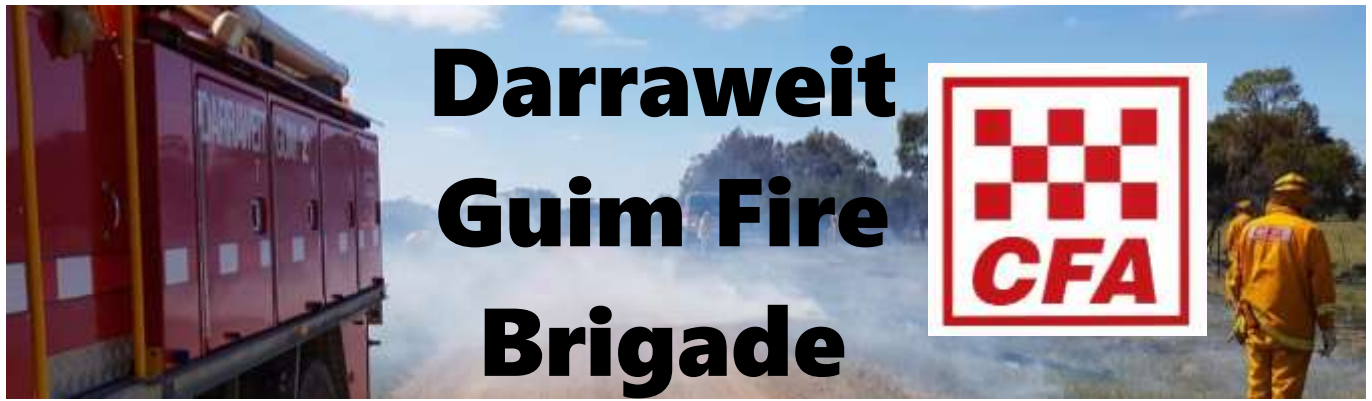
If you are a resident or landowner in Macedon Ranges Shire and have been directly affected by recent damage, please visit [Council's website](#) for information updates on the support available. This includes how to register for the \$55.5 million clean-up program delivered by Bushfire Recovery Victoria.

The website also provides general advice on tree removal, drainage, access, road closures and roadside wood collection, transfer stations and free tip vouchers for debris disposal.

If you've been affected by this emergency, our relief and recovery staff will be on hand to speak with and help you with your basic needs via the Recovery Operations Centre on [\(03\) 5422 0237](tel:0354220237) Monday to Friday 8:30am-5pm or email [recovery@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:recovery@mrsc.vic.gov.au)













## Do you use a wheat bag for heat?

An outer suburban CFA Brigade arrived at a home in response to 000 call last month. The home owner had discovered his kitchen inundated with smoke, and had nicely evacuated the family and made the call, still puzzled why the smoke alarm had not activated. A crew in breathing apparatus entered the house, and found a wheat bag burning in the microwave! They extinguished the fire, containing it to the microwave.



Investigation revealed the bag was more than a year old, and had been heated for longer than the manufacturer recommended. The house had smoke alarms in the bedrooms, but not anywhere near the kitchen. Lessons for all from this, and other similar fires:

-  Only buy wheat bags that come with clear heating instructions.
-  Follow the instructions, and don't overheat the bag.
-  Don't use wheat bags in confined spaces that can trap heat, such as under blankets.
-  After use, leave to cool somewhere safe, and don't reheat until completely cooled, which may take two hours.
-  If it ever starts to smell burned or charred, let it cool in the kitchen sink, then dispose of it.
-  Check the life of the bag according to the manufacturer's instructions. If there are no instructions, dispose of the bag.

## Didn't you mention Smoke Alarms?

Well spotted. The householder had a potentially serious fire, but the alarms had not been placed in the recommended locations. They should be in all bedrooms, hallways and living areas of your home. It is required by law for smoke alarms to be installed in all homes, units, flats and townhouses, and is a responsibility of the owner or landlord. Research suggests only 45% of properties attended by fire services had smoke alarms, and of those 31% were not working. Even after all that, if the alarms are not located correctly you may still have problems.

If you persist with alkaline batteries, replace them every year. When your smoke alarm is 10 years old it should be replaced, and new alarms with lithium batteries last the 10 year life of the alarm, but you still need to test them monthly. Modern alarms can be electronically linked so ALL sound when ONE detects smoke. Please go for this option for maximum effective warning.

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