



Darraweit Guim War Memorial Hall Sale of Gifts—Thank you

Well done to all of you who came along for the evening and/or donated gifts for sale to support the management of our local hall.

This was the first community activity since the COVID restrictions have been relaxed and it was great to see so many familiar faces again.

The sale of jams, cakes, fresh produce etc. raised about \$2500 for the hall.

A great outcome.



Primary School News

Term 2 has begun with a BANG and the learning is back on! All students have come back to school ready to learn and see all their friends again.

We have a schoolwide focus on making our writing more interesting. Using lots of fantastic descriptors and amazing vocabulary.

This month's focus is our Junior Class. Our junior class has been focusing on shapes and have been taking part in many hands-on activities; building shapes, going on a shape spy hunt in the classroom and finding shapes in our environment.

With ANZAC day recently passed, students had the opportunity to decorate a pop-art poppy to display in their classrooms. Having classroom discussions on what ANZAC means and why this day is so important to us.

All teachers and students are looking forward to the next month of learning! Next month our Guim Tales focus will be on our middle class.





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 23rd of May from 7:30pm at the Tennis Club

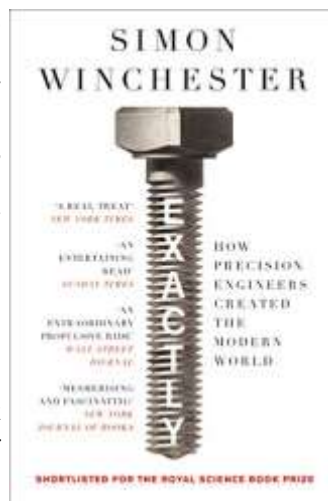


May: **Mary Reibey** by **Kathleen J Pullen**.

Her path from convict to first lady of trade in the colony and a spot on the \$20 bill. A remarkable woman's life story. A rich and authentic portrait of early colonial life, from the corridors of power to the crime-filled alleyways of the young settlement.

April: **Simon Winchester**, (a book club favourite), tells us in **Exactly**, that precision is the key to everything. It is an integral, unchallenged and essential component of our modern social, mercantile, scientific, mechanical and intellectual landscapes. And yet whilst we live lives peppered and larded with precision, we are not, when we come to think about it, entirely sure what precision is, or what it means. How and when did it begin to build the modern world?

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.



Disability Parking Permits are changing

Council has transitioned to the new state-wide Accessible Parking Permit (APP) Scheme and online system.

Residents and organisations who require a new permit, or need to renew or replace a permit, will need to apply via this new application process.

All existing Macedon Ranges Shire Council permits will remain valid until they expire, but old application forms will no longer be accepted.

The new APP Scheme will streamline the application process, making it easier, simpler and consistent across the state.

Three different parking permits are issued under the new APP Scheme:

An Australian Disability Parking (ADP) Permit - formerly the Category 1 Blue disabled permit

A Double Time (DT) Permit - formerly the Category 2 Green Permit

An ADP Organisation Permit – formerly Blue organisation permit

To apply for a permit or renew an existing permit, applicants should:

Start an application online at accessibleparking.vic.gov.au

The applicant will receive an application reference number via SMS

Applicant then takes reference number to their GP or occupational therapist

GP or occupational therapist will complete an online assessment and submit the application

Local council will review the application

If an application is successful, the applicant will receive their permit in the mail.

For more information on the changes to disability parking visit vicroads.vic.gov.au/app, Council's website at mrsc.vic.gov.au/accessible-parking or contact Council's customer service team on (03) 5422 0333.

Have your say about the management of Council's rural roadsides

From 26 April to 7 June, Council is seeking community feedback about a draft Roadside Conservation Management Plan, and Council's program of roadside slashing for fire mitigation.

The draft Roadside Conservation Management Plan sets out a series of actions aimed at protecting the conservation values of the shire's rural roadsides while managing fire risk and maintaining road safety.

Key actions include a new Environmental Works on Roadsides permit system, improved training, processes and information for Council staff, and a community education program to help residents understand the value and management of roadsides.

The draft plan identifies that Council's slashing program is an important part of roadside management, playing a critical role in fire mitigation across the shire. The program aims to minimise the risk of fires starting from motor vehicle collisions or cars stopping on the side of roads.

Your feedback is important. How to have your say - 26 April to 7 June

To have your say about the draft Roadside Conservation Management Plan, and the roads listed in Council's annual slashing program, you can:

- View copies of the draft Plan at Council's Customer Service Centres in Kyneton, Woodend, Gisborne and Romsey, or access the plan online at mrsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay
- Provide a written submission or fill in the online survey.
- Contact us at environment@mrsc.vic.gov.au

Fast facts: Draft Roadside Conservation Management Plan

- Council manages approximately 1,700km of roadsides for multiple outcomes – for protection and enhancement of biodiversity and habitat, to manage fire risks, and to ensure vehicle access and public safety.
- Native vegetation found on the roadsides is highly significant. It provides essential landscape connectivity and is often critical habitat for threatened flora and fauna.
- The draft Roadside Conservation Management Plan aims to protect these important ecological values within the road reserve whilst ensuring appropriate fire risk mitigation and maintenance of road safety.
- Roadside management is inevitably complex, however with careful consideration and planning, practices like woody weed control can help meet multiple goals such as fuel reduction and biodiversity protection.
- Key actions in the plan include, a new permit system for landholders and community groups to use in order to undertake work on roadsides, improved training, processes and information for Council staff, and a community education program to help residents understand the value and management of roadsides.

Fast Facts: Council's Roadside Slashing Program

- The roads we slash are targeted to high use roads, bus routes, main roads, and those roads that provide egress in the event of an emergency.
- We currently treat approximately 900km of roads under the fire prevention program which includes a range of other fire mitigation actions relating to township hazards and ensuring fire risk on private properties managed appropriately.
- Council's roadside slashing program is an important fire mitigation action under the Municipal Fire Management Plan.
- Roadsides that are slashed for fire prevention are done so in consultation with local CFA brigades and are primarily for the purpose of trying to prevent a fire from starting due to a motor vehicle collision or from the hot exhaust of a car pulling over on the side of the road.

Happy Birthday In May
to

Stephanie Craig 13th
Chloe Smith 30th

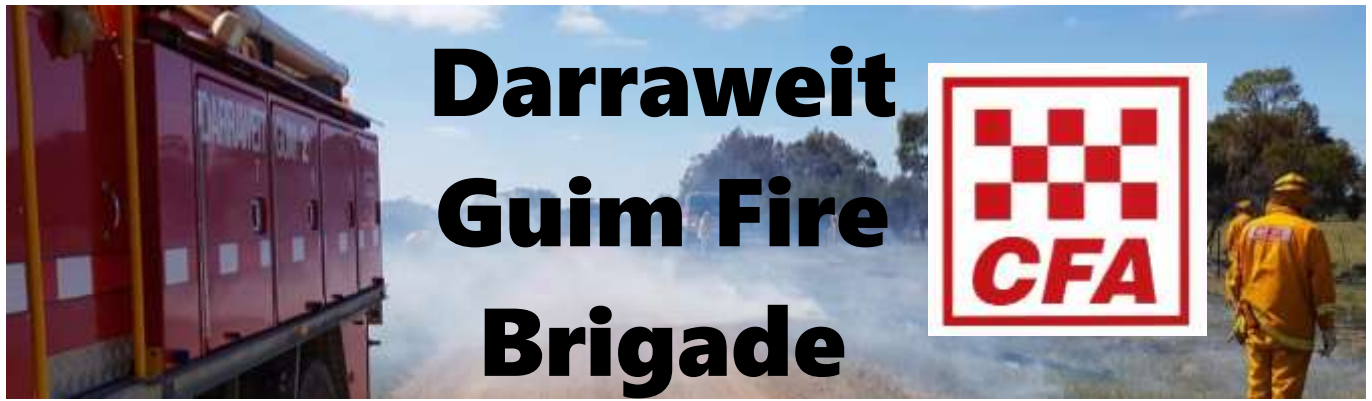


Craft Group

Saturday 23rd May
From 12:30pm

Everyone is welcome to join us at the Hall.

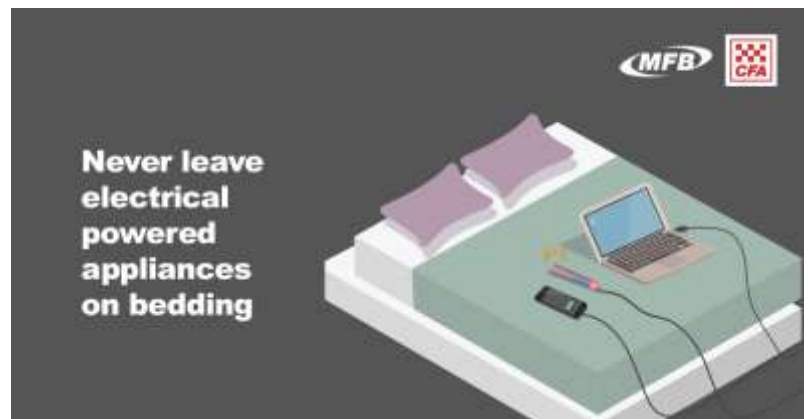
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Home Fire Safety, When You're Working From Home

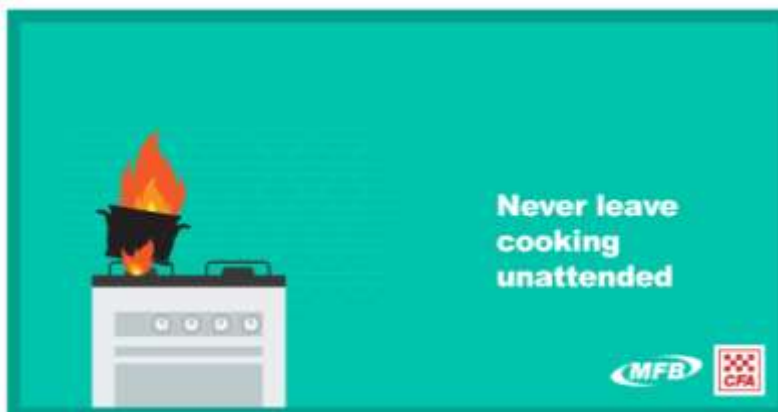
Working from home, the couch or the bed?
Consider the fire hazards that are in your home and take simple steps to keep it safe:

- ⚡ Don't overload electrical sockets. Keep it neat and it won't overheat!
- ⚡ Maintain good airflow around electronic devices.
- ⚡ Avoid charging electronic items on beds or surfaces that can burn.
- ⚡ Turn off all appliances at the power point when not in use.



Find out how to stay safe at www.cfa.vic.gov.au/homefire

Manage the Kitchen, When Working in the Bedroom



The most common place in the home where fires start is the kitchen. Many kitchen fires are caused by cooking that has been left unattended. Others are caused by electrical faults and flammable items like paper towels and curtains that are too close to sources of heat like the stove or toaster. If the cooking area is not kept clean a fire that starts on the stove can very quickly spread to built-up grease and fat around the stove and range hood, with the fire travelling up into the roof and to the rest of the house.

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