



BRINGING NATIVE BEES, BUGS AND BUTTERFLIES BACK TO DGPS PROJECT.

Last Thursday, Sam Harrison from Landcare came **to school to start planning our 'Bringing Native Bees, Bugs and Butterflies' project.** This project will include the rejuvenating of the strip of land on the border of the school and the car park, planting a range of indigenous flowering plants that will attract a range of native bees, bugs and butterflies into the school.



Students will be involved in the entire process, from planning the design, sourcing the plants and planting to using the garden as part of our STEM Friday program, where we will use the garden as a platform for collecting, studying and documenting the bees, bugs and butterflies that use this new habitat.

This project will enhance biodiversity within our school grounds, make an important habitat corridor link to the nearby Deep Creek reserve and increase the number of native pollinators in and around our school.



Our project will not only increase the abundance and diversity of the native bees, butterflies and other insects that call this area home, but will also be an important showcase for gardening with indigenous plants, adding colour to the entrance to our school.

Importantly, selecting indigenous plants will mean that maintenance and watering will be minimal once the plants have been established.



Darraweit Guim War Memorial Hall
Sale of Gifts
Saturday 2nd May from 7:30pm





Darraweit Diary

Sale of Gifts

Saturday 2nd May
7:30pm at the hall

REGULARS

Bookclub

4th Sunday
7:30pm at the Tennis Club

CFA

Brigade Meeting

4th Monday 7:30pm.

Craft Group

4th Saturday
12:30pm —3pm at the hall

Hall Committee

Monday 6th April
7:30pm at the hall

Landcare Group Committee Meeting

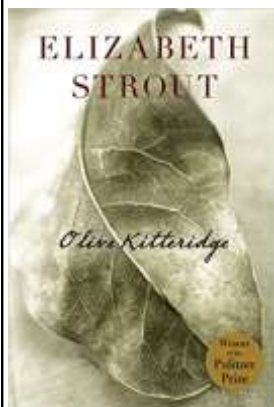
3rd Monday
7:30pm at the school

Red Cross Unit

4th Monday at 9:30am
at the hall

Bookclub

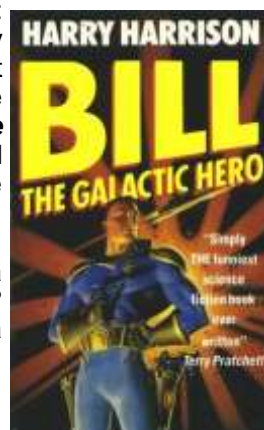
**Next meeting on Sunday 22nd March
7:30pm at the tennis club**



This month: At times stern, at other times patient. At times perceptive, at other times in sad denial, ***Olive Kitteridge***, a retired schoolteacher, deplores the changes in her little town of Crosby, Maine, and in the world at large. This collection of linked short stories by **Elizabeth Strout** won the 2009 Pulitzer prize. The blurb says you will never forget Olive.

Next month: It was the highest honor to defend the Empire against the dreaded Chingers, an enemy race of seven-foot-tall lizards, but Bill, a Technical Fertilizer Operator from a planet of farmers, wasn't interested in honor, he was only interested in two things: his chosen career, and the shapely curves of Inga-Maria Calyphigia. Then a recruiting robot shanghaied him into deep space aboard an Empire warship, and from there, things got even worse... ***Bill, the Galactic Hero***, by **Harry Harrison**. Terry Pratchett called it, "the funniest science fiction book ever written", but the comedy is black, black, black, like Bill's left arm...

Please come along, it will be brilliant! Maybe suggest a book that doesn't involve war, rape and mass murder? Come along to the tennis club and, if nothing else, have a cup of tea bring a snack and have a chat.



Celebrate Harmony Day in the Macedon Ranges

Come and join the celebrations for Harmony Day in March in the Macedon Ranges as part of National Harmony Week.

National Harmony Week is a celebration of inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians. On Saturday 21 March, from 2pm to 5.30pm, a colourful and lively performance of music and dance will be held at Woodend Children's Park, 12 Nicholson St, in Woodend

Musicians Joseph Samarani and Saba El-Chiekh, who are experts on the tabla—a wooden hand drum—will demonstrate their percussive talents. There will also be dance workshops in belly dancing, hip-hop, Afrofusion and break dancing.

Experience the power of word, song and dance to unite, as these talented performers get together to highlight the richness of our collective cultural heritage.

Tickets are free.

For bookings and further information, visit mrscvic.gov.au/arts-events or contact the box office on 1300 888 802, 8.30am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.



Craft Group

Saturday 21st March at 12:30pm.
At the hall.

Everyone welcome.



Happy Birthday In March to

Lauren Potts 1st
Maxwell Dickson 2nd
Jasper Wright 9th
Natalie Sorraghan 21st
Mathilde Wright 25th

New dog on leash requirements begin

Did you know that new requirements for dog owners and dog walkers in the Macedon Ranges Shire came in to effect this year?



All dogs in public places must now be on a leash, except in designated off leash areas. Dogs also must be under effective control at all times and dogs cannot be left unattended.

Designated off leash areas for Darraweit Guim are:

- Recreation Reserve, Francis Lane, Darraweit Guim

Some environmentally sensitive areas are now prohibited for dogs. The prohibited areas in Darraweit Guim are:

- Deep Creek, Darraweit Guim (prohibited within the waterway and within 5m from the embankment).

Signs will be installed at relevant sites to help dog owners identify where they can exercise dogs off leash and where dogs are prohibited.

In the absence of signage, dog owners should consider the area on leash.

Darraweit Guim and other town-specific brochures, with detailed maps are available at Council service centres, local veterinarians and pet supply stores.

For more details on dog on and off leash areas, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/dogs or call (03) 5422 0333.

Workshops offer grazing advice for farmers

Macedon Ranges Shire Council's Healthy Landscapes for Healthy Livestock project invites rural landholders to three informative events during March.

On Monday 16 March, from 10am to noon, there will be a moveable/strip fencing demonstration focusing on the practical use of the fencing and showing how moveable electric fencing—called strip fencing or temporary fencing—can be used.

The fences can be used effectively for a range of livestock, including pigs, sheep, cattle and horses. For better grazing results, stock need ready access to water.

The delivery of stock water to where it is most needed and then using the water efficiently and effectively is the focus of the workshop – Managing your Stock Water – at Tylden Hall on Monday 23 March, from 9.30am to 2.30pm. The final presentation for March will be with expert grazer Colin Seis on Monday 30 March, from 7.30pm to 9pm, at the Newham Mechanics Institute.

Colin's presentation will be on, 'Managing pastures in a changing climate' and how he has been able to adapt his own farm in a changing climate.

He will also speak about how plant diversity, grazing and soil health are all interlinked and how he has been able to re-establish native grasses into his sheep grazing business.

To register and for more information, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/environment-events

Council makes changes to meetings

Council will bring forward the start time of its meetings this year, and will introduce a new submitters committee. The start time of Council meetings will move forward from 7pm to 6pm in 2020.

The next Ordinary meeting of Council will be on 25 March at 6pm. Unless otherwise specified, Council meetings will be at the Gisborne Administration Centre. For dates and times of all Council meetings, see mrsc.vic.gov.au/meetings

Council also decided in November last year to establish a new Submitters Committee beginning in 2020.

The committee will provide people with the chance to speak further on submissions relating to planning applications, as well as submissions made in accordance with Section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

These meetings are scheduled to be held at 6pm every second Wednesday of the month when required e.g. when there are agenda items.

For further information about the committee, or to find out how to make a submission, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/submitters-committee

Ordinary Council Meetings, Special Council Meetings and Submitters Committee meetings are all livestreamed. To view livestreamed meetings or archived meetings, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/livestream



Fire Danger Period

Kids are back in school, we survived the traditional Australian Open heatwave and some unprecedented fire activity is now under control after an extended campaign. It is drizzling outside as I type this and the grass is greening up, but the Fire Danger Period continues!

Dangerous fire weather is still possible, and the fully cured grasslands will still burn enthusiastically in the right conditions. The new green growth may just produce more smoke if the conditions turn. Take the time to review the Can I Can't I flyer on your fridge, and remember these restrictions apply until the end of the declared period, on the 1st of May, unless gazetted otherwise. Please continue to observe the fire restrictions until then, and continue to comply with Shire rules afterwards!

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Centenary Missed



Type Darraweit Guim into trove.nla.gov.au, the online repository of the National Library, and a series of pictures from 1913/14 turn up of the construction and testing of the bridge near the Primary School. It's history can also be viewed on a bridge-fan website at aholgate.com/girdertexts/gdrtext3.html

The bridge is an intact example of the larger reinforced concrete bridges designed and built in country districts by John Monash and the Reinforced Concrete & Monier Pipe Construction Co. just before World War 1.

The bridge demonstrates the principal characteristics of the economical designs developed by Monash, but it is unusual in the use of splayed outer pier columns connected by curtain walls. It is one of the earliest of Monash's girder designs that has reinforcing in the whole span.

Strangely, the bridge was never formally opened, but this picture shows the formal testing that marked the milestone of completion before its use by the public. Go steam power!

