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## BUY BACK BARRM BIRRM

For Riddell's residents, Barrm Birrm has been a place to get away from the world, but now it's time to let the world know about it.

Riddells Creek Landcare have been looking after this bushland called Barrm Birrm, place of many yam roots, since 2005. We have cleaned up the rubbish, pulled out the weeds, recorded the plants and urged the Shire to do more to protect this rare piece of bush.

We love this place because it is a beautiful piece of the wild close to human settlement. It's a place to feel the natural world. Despite the tracks and the car bodies in the gullies, it is still the way it has been for centuries, a tender collaboration between grasses, shrubs and trees.

We believe it is time for the State Government to buy back these private lots and make this place a public reserve. The subdivision was put in the town plan in the 1890s, by the Colonial administration in London. Imagine how many houses



Pictured above: Grass trees at Barrm Birrm

Riddell had then—the subdivision was wrong then, and it is a bad idea now. No-one has been allowed to build here for 50 years, and that isn't going to change. The site doesn't suit a hillside of septic tanks, and it's highly erodible.

Now, as the new residential developments of Riddell come

on stream, we are about to welcome 3000 more people here. They will need somewhere close to be out in nature—Barrm Birrm is that place.

But not so many people know about it. Let's get the word out.

If you walk there regularly, what does Barrm Birrm do for you? We want you to tell us, and we will pass the message on to other Riddell residents, the Shire and to politicians. Make it personal: a paragraph, or 60 seconds of video on what's important to you about Barrm Birrm.

Email your note or video to [ross.colliver@bigpond.com](mailto:ross.colliver@bigpond.com). Or speak directly to Ross Colliver 0411 226 519. And if you want to learn more about Barrm Birrm, check the Riddells Creek Landcare website for upcoming Spring walks.

## CELEBRATING BOOK WEEK

Riddells Creek came alive with all sorts of book characters during the annual CBCA (Children's Book Council of Australia) Book Week celebrations in August!

Jenny and Celia from the Riddells Creek Neighbourhood House joined in the fun, visiting the Montessori Preschool on Wednesday 24th to celebrate the classic book *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle.



# AROUND RIDDELL...

Pictures, Art, Opinions, History, Updates and Tales from Around Town

## LIONS CLUB NEWS

There are so many great ventures and local ideas to support, but more hands would make light work. If you believe you are in a position to assist on our committee, annual membership is \$110 per year—we would welcome some fresh new faces. Even if you are just good at turning sausages on the BBQ, why not try out at our Saturday 1 October Bunnings Sausage sizzle day?



If you are interested in becoming involved with Lions or taking part in upcoming projects please phone our membership Chairman Ian Arnel 0411 437 167 / Secretary Steve Williams 54287320 / Narelle McGellin 0408558156

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## MONTESSORI PRESCHOOL NEWS

Macedon Ranges Montessori Preschool have been busy with Science Week and Book Week.

Children have brought in experiments to present to their friends. We have had volcanoes, rainbows, sink and float, magnets, rockets and a tonne of learning fun!

During Book Week, we have seen book characters take over the preschool with children dressing up as their favourite characters. We have been making books, reading books, using our preschool take-home library, listening to audio stories, acting out stories and meeting an illustrator. We even had a special visit from Lisa at the Riddells Creek Neighbourhood House for our own special storytime.

We also had time to count to 1000! The photo above shows Ferne and Moby counting to 1000 by tens using the Golden Bead Chain, a Montessori Material that helps children fall in love with numbers.



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## IN MY GARDEN

We have had some very hard frosts here recently—the hardest in years! It's got down to below zero, which is pretty unusual. I have a large 20-year-old manzanita (*Arctostaphylos*), a Californian evergreen shrub that has been untouched by frosts until just a few weeks ago. Today when I checked, the leaves had all turned brown and crunchy and the flower buds had withered and fallen off. It looks awful! But I'm crossing my fingers and hoping that it might recover and start pushing out some new growth soon. Otherwise, if it has died then it will have to come out and I have an opportunity! The frosts also knocked the flowers on the aloes, which is a bit sad too. However, I see the flowers 4 years out of 5 so I think it's worth growing them. The flowers are such a fleeting part of the plant's presence anyway.

There is a hedge of *Viburnum tinus* between our house and next door. This hedge has grown beautifully over the last decade but over summer it was struck with a bad case of (I think) red spider mites, encouraged by summer's humidity. All the leaves turned silvery and started to fall off, so I applied lime sulphur but it didn't seem to help. I cut the hedge back hard recently and already it is responding with healthy new growth and no sign of the mites. Hopefully it has recovered!

I am enjoying picking daphne for the house every few days—the scent fills the room. I am also enjoying looking at my large mass of hardenbergia on the fence completely smothered in its purple pea flowers. Next to it is a large shrub of templetonia known as cockies tongues. I love this name as it is so evocative! Bring on spring!

By Melanie Kinsey



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# COMMUNITY GROUP UPDATES

Volunteering, Safety, Community Building and Socialising

## RIDDELLS CREEK CFA

### 9TH ANNUAL FIREFIGHTER STAIR CLIMB

On Saturday 10 September 2022, some Riddells Creek firefighters along with 600 Emergency Service Personnel are stepping up to fight depression, PTSD and suicide by climbing the 28 floors of Crown

Metropol Hotel wearing 25kgs of turnout gear and breathing apparatus.

This year, the Melbourne Firefighter Stair Climb aims to raise \$600,000 for Lifeline, Fortem and the 000 Foundation, to improve support services, fund research and raise awareness of mental health issues.

Let's all support our brigade and this worthy cause. Please refer to the QR

code on the flyer.

### APPLIANCES AROUND THE HOME

Heaters and dryers are two common appliances that are used during the winter months. You can protect you and your family by:

- keeping portable heaters well away from things that can burn, like clothing, bedding and curtains
- turn off portable heaters when room is not in use
- discarding any applications with frayed or damaged wiring
- cleaning the lint filter on your dryer after every use

Create or review your escape plan. Families who are well-prepared are more likely to escape their homes safely and without panic. Download and print a home fire escape plan template ([https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/ArticleDocuments/373/escape\\_plan\\_template.pdf.aspx?Embed=Y](https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/ArticleDocuments/373/escape_plan_template.pdf.aspx?Embed=Y)) to help create/review your plan.

### TURN OUTS

Since penning the brigade's article for the August edition of the Roundup the brigade has responded to 7 support calls to Romsey, Gisborne and Sunbury. They were 4 structure fires, 1 alarm, 1 grass/scrub and 1 incident.

For the 2022 calendar year to date the brigade has responded to a total of 59 incidents.

### BRIGADE CONTACT DETAILS:

Fire Station/Duty Officer - 5428 6000  
Fax - 5428 6994  
Facebook - Riddells Creek Fire Brigade  
Instagram - riddells\_creek\_cfa  
CFA Website - [www.cfa.vic.gov.au](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au)  
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## BOOK CLUB

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## NEWS FROM THE HOUSE – IN HOUSE

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

Open Mic Night – Friday 23rd September 6.00pm-8.30pm at RCNH



### STORYTIME

Every Wednesday during school term at the White Goose Book Exchange, Riddells Creek Uniting Church, Sutherlands Rd. 10.30am \$2 donation. Preschool aged (non religious).

### R U OK DAY



Thursday 8th September is our national day of action, when we remind each other that every day is the day to ask 'Are you OK?' and start a meaningful conversation whenever we spot the signs that someone we care about might be struggling with life. You'll see the *R U Ok Banner* flying at the House as a reminder, and we'll be wearing the *R U Ok* colours!

### ONLINE WEEK

Stay tuned for our workshops on e-Safety for community groups and individuals during 17th-22nd October.

### HELLO AND WELCOME

A relaxed FREE afternoon tea to meet others in Riddell and to find out what's happening around town. Sunday 30th October 2.00pm-3.00pm at Goosey Gander, 78 Main Rd Riddells Creek.

### BRUSH AND BUBBLES

Try something NEW! Saturday 8th October 1.00pm-3.00pm



### MACRAME WORKSHOP

After our successful first macrame session we are now offering a second workshop to be held on Saturday 10th September. Cost \$30 including materials. Contact the House to book a place.



### NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK

Thanks to a grant through the Royal Society of Victoria and NHVic, the House was able to run three science workshops called Plastic is Not Fantastic. Nineteen students from Grade 4-6 learnt what plastic is made from, how it breaks down and its environmental impact. Students also made their own biodegradable toys and bouncing balls. Many thanks to our science volunteers Geoff McDermott and Anne Whitaker.



## THE CO-OP

The Co-op (Women's Practical Skills Group) tackled their first project - a DIY Key Holder, practising our sawing, screwing, drilling and sanding skills. Next Saturday's session to be advised shortly. For more information, please call the RCNH.



## OUR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORK

### *Priority projects for Riddells Creek*

The Reconnecting Riddell Survey results identified that the community needs to work better together to identify and prioritise town infrastructure projects in order to advocate for resources through Council, State and Federal Government. The following survey is to identify potential projects to create a central list for further community discussion and prioritisation

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfd5gvUR>

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### *Development News in Riddells Creek - Amess Rd*

Following the consultation sessions, Max Hardy Consulting prepared its report to provide a summary on community feedback and input. Echelon Planning reviewed the report and prepared a response report that responded to each matter raised and identified actions that will be undertaken to address concerns. Both reports are available at the House for viewing.

If you have any further queries or contributions, please send submissions to: [info@amessroadpsp.com](mailto:info@amessroadpsp.com) The project team will continue to provide the community with updates over the coming months via the Amess Road PSP website and monthly bulletin updates provided by Macedon Ranges Shire Council. When an amendment to the planning scheme is activated, there will be an extended community consultation period in February 2023.

### *The Daffodil Farm (or Riddell South)*

If you haven't already heard, Tract Planners and Designers are planning to run some consultation sessions on behalf of the developer Spacious Group, to seek local insights and ideas to create a vision for the 136 hectare piece of land directly to the South of the town centre. The website for Riddell South has now gone live and is accessible at [www.riddellssouth.com.au](http://www.riddellssouth.com.au). The website includes a short survey designed to obtain feedback from the local community. There will be a webinar on Tuesday 6 September and following this some in-person workshops on 6 October and 8 October.

The House has on display details of both proposed developments and information on each one's context within the Riddells Creek Structure Plan and C100 amendment. There are a few differences in the zoning/processes for each development. There is also information about the best ways to have your say, and how to join in with the residents group working on responding collaboratively to these proposals.

### *Community Partnership/Sponsorship*

The RCNH is proud and excited to be able to provide a \$250 sponsorship to the Riddells Creek Junior Mixed Basketball Association to start up an all-abilities basketball program for young adults with an intellectual disability in Term 4, 2022.

Contact: [info@riddellscreeknh.com.au](mailto:info@riddellscreeknh.com.au) or 54287836.  
Lisa Linton Community Development Manager [manager@riddellscreeknh.com.au](mailto:manager@riddellscreeknh.com.au)  
and Celia Spynkers Coordinator.  
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## Riddell Roundup Community Session

The Riddell Roundup Committee and the Riddells Creek Neighbourhood House invite you to attend our Riddell Roundup Community Session

When - Saturday 15th October, 1.00pm-3.30pm

Where - Riddells Creek Neighbourhood House (afternoon tea provided)

We want to hear your thoughts on the next phase of this great community asset and how you can be involved.

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### JOIN OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Macedon Ranges Community Enterprises Ltd is the local public company that owns and operates Community Bank Gisborne & District as a franchise of Bendigo & Adelaide Bank and returns local profits to the community.

Due to the retirement of two long-serving directors, we are seeking expressions of interest from energetic, committed residents of Riddells Creek, Gisborne, Macedon, Mount Macedon and Bullengarook to join our volunteer Board of Directors.

Directors support and drive the company's strategic direction, goals and objectives and have a real say in how the company's profits are directed for the benefit of our communities. Legal, finance and community development skills are particularly sought and applications are welcomed from adult residents of all backgrounds.

For further information or to express interest in being a director, please contact the Company Secretary, Alice McMahon, on [eo@mrceltd.com.au](mailto:eo@mrceltd.com.au)

## BENDIGO BANK NEWS



Happy September, everyone! We are excited to have a lot of opportunities for our community this month.

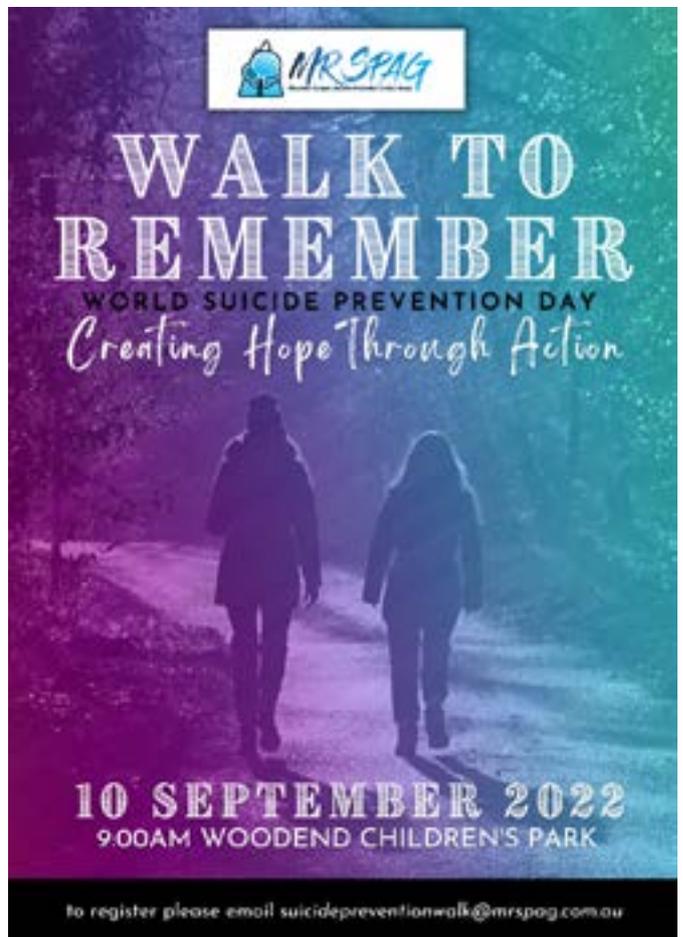
### BANK GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Our spring community investment round is open September 1-30. To apply for a grant or sponsorship for your community group or project, download an application form from our website (search 'Gisborne Bendigo Bank').

The 2023 Loddon Murray Community Leadership Program is also open now and we will again be offering a scholarship to a local adult accepted into the program. The part-time, intensive community leadership program is a long-running program of Bendigo-based LEAD Loddon Murray. Express interest in scholarships in the program application form at [www.leadlm.org.au](http://www.leadlm.org.au) to be considered for ours.

Finally, we'll be opening our tertiary scholarships soon and we encourage local students planning to start university or another tertiary course in 2023 to apply.

For more information on any of these programs, email





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## WONDERFUL WORLD OF BEES

### KEEPING THEM COSY

As the weather turns cold, it is important to prepare your hive for the winter. This is called 'packing the hive down' which involves several things. If your hive is young and has a small number of bees, reducing the size of the physical hive by removing a box or 'super', gives them a smaller space and help them stay warm. Removing draughts is also important.

Another major problem for hives over winter is moisture and condensation which encourages fungal growth. I sloped my hives forward so that moisture will run out the entrance from the hive floor.

I came up with an idea that has been successful in eliminating moisture from the hive so far this winter. Using three large polystyrene boxes, I cut an opening at the front so the bees can still fly in and out when the weather is fine. I

slipped them over the whole hive and strapped them down, creating an insulative barrier between the cold outside and the warmth inside the hives. It doesn't look pretty, but it is working a treat.



## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

### CHICKEN AND CHEESE GNOCCHI BAKE

#### Ingredients

- 2 x 500g packets of potato gnocchi
- 1 tbs olive oil
- 1 leek, ends trimmed, halved lengthways and thinly sliced
- 1 x roast chicken, meat shredded
- 300g green beans, topped and cut into 1cm pieces
- 300g baby spinach leaves
- 300g mushrooms, sliced and chopped
- 60g butter
- ½ cup plain flour
- 3 cups milk
- ½ cup shredded parmesan
- 1 cup grated cheddar

#### Method

Preheat oven to 180 degrees Celsius. Cook gnocchi following packet directions or until tender. Drain.

Meanwhile, heat oil in a frying pan over medium-high heat. Cook leek till soft. Add chicken, beans, mushroom and spinach. Cook stirring for 1-2 minutes or until spinach just wilts.

Melt butter in a saucepan over medium heat until foaming. Add flour and cook stirring for 30 seconds or until mixture bubbles. Remove from heat and gradually stir in milk. Cook over medium heat, stirring, for 5 minutes or until the mixture boils and thickens. Stir in parmesan.

Mix sauce, gnocchi and chicken mixture together and spoon into a large ovenproof dish. Sprinkle with cheddar and bake for 40-45 minutes or until top is golden. Serves 8.



## News from the market

It was great to see that a cold and wet wintery morning was not enough to put off our hardy stallholders and shoppers. We were also pleased to see that our investments in improving the surface of Memorial Drive ensured that it wasn't too muddy for everyone. Our volunteers did enjoy seeing all the little kids jumping in the puddles, even if their parents weren't so keen!

There was a long queue of people to welcome back market favourites Les Notres, after their extended overseas adventures.

The new tree planting has caused us some issues with space so we may need to change some stall locations in order to fit everyone in.

We are sadly saying goodbye to our lovely market manager, Rachel, who is moving on to new opportunities, and we are in the middle of recruiting a new manager.

The market is on every 3rd Saturday of the month, 9am -1pm at Memorial Drive. The next market is on Saturday 17th September.

Keep an eye on our Instagram and Facebook pages for more information, and we look forward to seeing you there!



# What could the vision and plan be for the Riddells South Community?

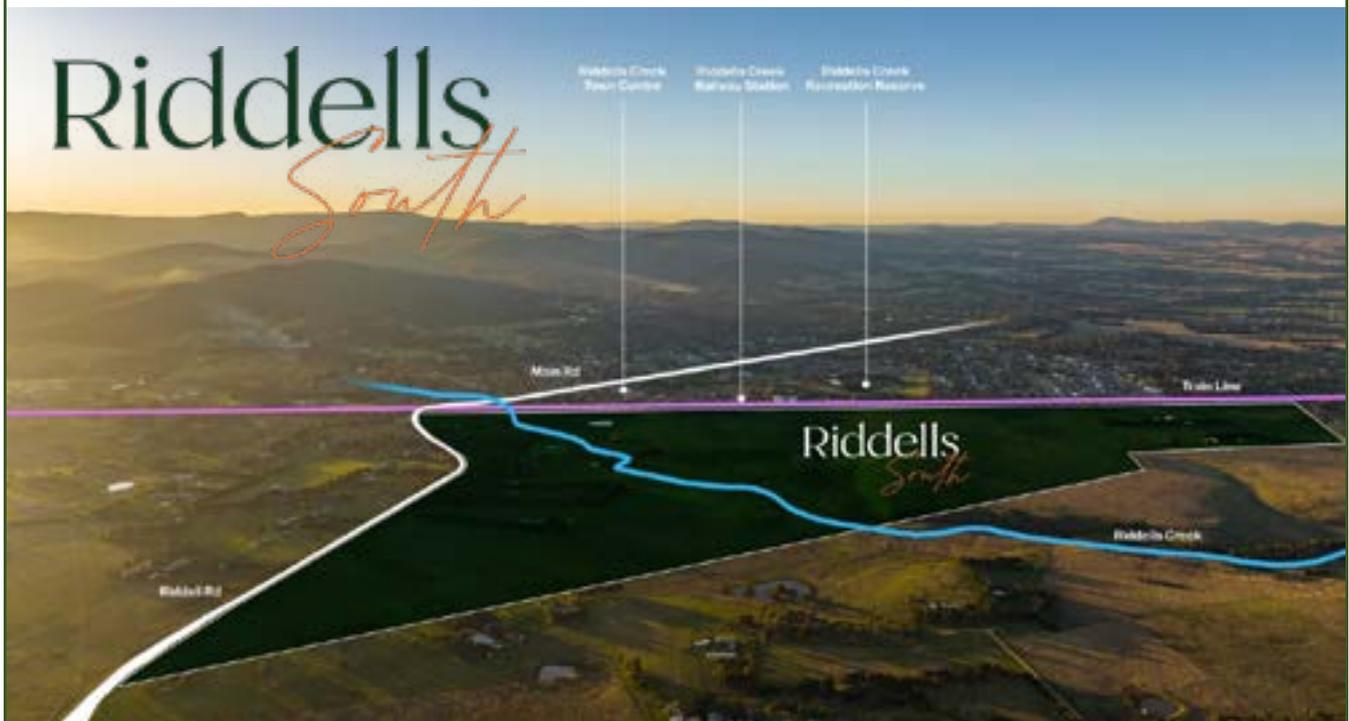
**Riddells South**, directly south of the existing Riddells Creek township and train station, is 136.5 hectares of land, located within the Township Boundary and awaiting confirmation of usage.

We are currently seeking the community's input to create a vision for this area. Have your say by visiting our website, or coming to our events:

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## EDIE FOR FAMILY CARERS

Woodend Lifestyle Carers Group is joining forces with Dementia Australia and Village Connect – Macedon Ranges Shire Council to bring a greater understanding and empathy regarding the impact of living with dementia at an event scheduled for Thursday, 22 September 2022, as part of Dementia Action Week.

EDIE (Educational Dementia Immersive Experience) is a virtual reality technology which was developed in 2013 by Alzheimer’s Australia Victoria (now Dementia Australia) in conjunction with Deakin University with the aim of helping the carers of people living with dementia to experience the world through their eyes.

The Woodend RSL has kindly agreed to open its doors from 10.00 am–12.30 pm and visitors will be able to talk to representatives from each of the participating organisations. Morning tea will be available and the event is free to anyone who has a family member or friend living with dementia who wishes to gain a greater understanding of what their loved one is experiencing.

Bookings are advisable so if you are interested in participating call 1300 526 576,

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Alternatively, please feel free to just drop in for a chat with our representatives.

## TIME TO LEND A HAND

For 20 years the Lancefield Macedon Ranges Relay For Life has been a highly successful community-based event, run to raise much needed funds to support the very important work done by Cancer Council Victoria.

In 2022, the event raised over \$73,000, and since its inception the event has raised close to \$1.5 million.

It is a one-day event, traditionally held at Lancefield Park on the first Saturday of March.

While the event has a good number of supporters who help to set up and run the event on the day, our Relay For Life



committee are looking for new members to help organise and run our 2023 event and onwards!

The committee would like to find someone to immediately take on the role of social media and public relations co-ordinator and other general committee members.

We would love to hear from anyone located across the Macedon Ranges; your knowledge will assist us to grow the event and widen participation in the event across the region.

The aim over the next year is to renew and reinvigorate the committee, as well as position the event for further success going forward into the future.

If you would like to help organise a Relay For Life event, we would love for you to join the Volunteer Committee and assist in planning the event from inception to completion.

You can apply here: <https://www.volunteer.com.au/volunteering/184518/committee-members-relay-for-life-lancefield>

For more information, please contact Andrew Villani on 1300 65 65 85 or Co-Chair Ken Wiltshire on 0430 733 062 or [cancercouncil.relayforlife@cancervic.org.au](mailto:cancercouncil.relayforlife@cancervic.org.au). You can also visit our website [www.relayforlife.org.au](http://www.relayforlife.org.au).

## ALCOHOL AND DRUG SUPPORT

Are you, or is someone you know, experiencing issues related to alcohol or drug use? Free help is on hand locally with Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health’s experienced counsellors. People can either refer themselves or go through their GP and appointments can be held in person or over the phone.

There is currently no waiting list, and the program can help individuals, couples or families impacted by their own or someone else’s alcohol or drug use. There is also a specialist youth counsellor who works with young people aged 12 and over.

“The support we provide is based on each person’s needs and goals,” says Adam Stefano, Manager Community Mental Health. “Our clinicians can help people reduce or stop their use of alcohol and drugs and we can refer people to other services such as withdrawal units, housing support, financial counselling, or emergency financial relief.”

Both individual and group counselling is available, and services can be accessed Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm. To find out more, call 5421 1666 or email [admin@scchc.org.au](mailto:admin@scchc.org.au).

# RUOK? DAY™

## 9 September 2021

With R U OK? Day taking place on Thursday 8 September, locals are being encouraged to start a conversation that could change someone's life.

R U OK? Day is a nationwide campaign that was started in 2009 by Gavin Larkin following the death of his father to suicide. With the aim of preventing other families from experiencing the pain that he suffered, he chose to encourage people to ask the question 'Are you okay?' It is recognised that human connection is a powerful protective factor in preventing suicide and poor mental health and starting a conversation can potentially make a significant difference to someone who is not coping so well with life.

Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health, in partnership with Macedon Ranges Shire Council, invites community members, local businesses and community groups to get involved.

People are encouraged to sign up for a stencil kit which includes information and handouts on how individuals, businesses or community groups can share the R U OK? message and get people talking about how to prevent suicide and poor mental health. To get your stencil pack go to [surveymonkey.com/r/RUOKstencil](https://surveymonkey.com/r/RUOKstencil).

Selected cafes across the Macedon Ranges will be offering free coffees on R U OK? Day and they will have handouts explaining how to have these important conversations as well as information on local support services.

"Last year we worked with 20 cafes to provide 400 free coffees," says Matt Gleeson, Community Partnership and Engagement Officer at Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health. "This meant that people had the opportunity to be exposed to the R U OK? message and discuss mental health. This year we hope that the free webinar and the stencil campaign will take this important message even further across our communities and help to save lives."

If you have any queries about these events, contact Matt Gleeson at [healthpromotionsunbury@scchc.org.au](mailto:healthpromotionsunbury@scchc.org.au) or call 9744 4455.

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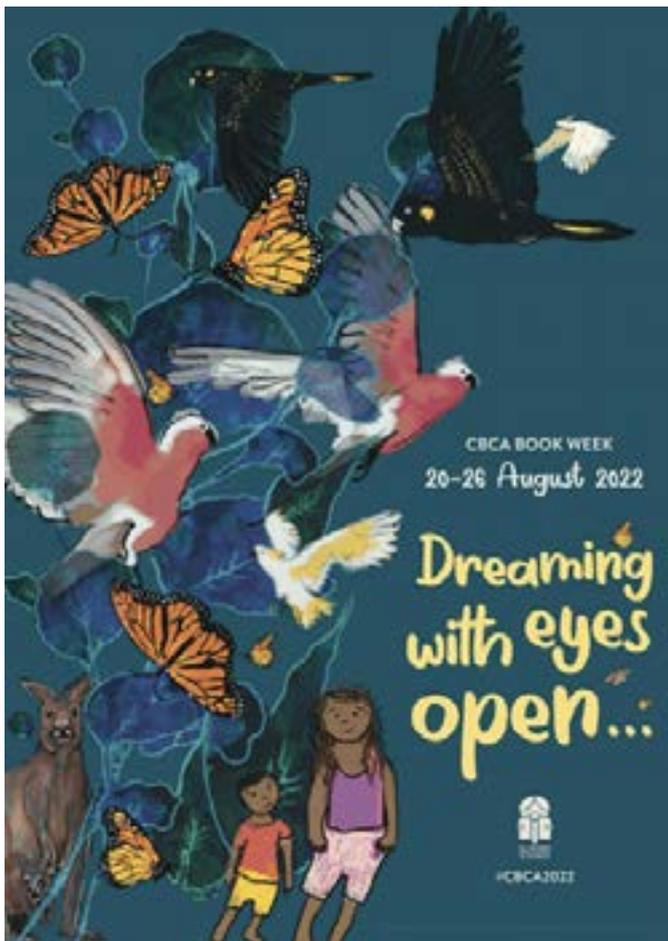
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## CBCA WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Book Week is always an exciting time of year for school kids around the country. It is a time to celebrate the incredible authors and illustrators that we have in this country and the best books published in 2021.

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### BOOK OF THE YEAR - OLDER READER

Tiger Daughter / by Rebecca Lim

### BOOK OF THE YEAR - YOUNGER READER

A Glasshouse of Stars / by Shirley Marr

### PICTURE BOOK OF THE YEAR

Jetty Jumping / by Andrea Rowe, illustrated by Hannah Sommerville

### EARLY CHILDHOOD BOOK OF THE YEAR

Iceberg / Illustrated by Jess Racklyeft, text by Claire Saxby

### EVE POWNALL AWARD

Still Alive, Notes from Australia's Immigration Detention System / by Safdar Ahmed

### CBCA AWARD FOR NEW ILLUSTRATOR

The Boy Who Tried to Shrink His Name / illustrated by Michelle Pereira, text by Sandhya Parappukaran

For more information about these books go to [cbca.org.au/winners-2022](https://cbca.org.au/winners-2022)

## MOUNT PLAYER HAPPENINGS



### THE MOUNT PLAYERS CELEBRATE THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY WITH THEIR OWN BOOK

This year The Mount Players proudly celebrate their 50th Anniversary and, after a couple of years of hard work by a dedicated group, will launch their own book in October.

From humble beginnings as a travelling theatre, to having their own home in the old Presbyterian Church in Macedon, which was sadly lost in the Ash Wednesday fires in 1983, to where they are now, the gorgeous Mountview Theatre! The Players have entertained for 50 years without a break (even after losing their original theatre), bringing an incredibly high standard of theatre to their stage. From intense dramas, hilarious farces, black comedies and memorable musicals, the group has gone from strength to strength.

The book will consist of 250 pages filled with photos, stories, shows and of course the history of how the theatre has become an iconic place that so many locals adore; a space that plays a huge role within the local community and beyond. This publication will ensure its history, characters, stories and shows are never forgotten.

If you would like to find out more about this beautiful book, or indeed pre-order a copy, we invite you to contact Karla at [karlanasanta@me.com](mailto:karlanasanta@me.com). See you at the theatre!

By Karen Hunt

Book Exchange

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## WHAT'S ON AT THE GISBORNE LIBRARY



The library has a jam-packed Spring Program with many new events and activities happening.

### CROCHET AND CONVERSATION

Held on the first Monday of every month, 2-3pm in the friendly library space.

Are you new to crochet or would you like to learn? Are you working on a project and feel like company? Come along to our friendly Crochet and Conversation group to share your love of all things crochet. BYO supplies or your current project. Spring sessions are 5th Sept, 3rd Oct, and 7th Nov.

### TEA AND TECH

Get together with others over a friendly cuppa, bring along your phone, laptop or tablet and let us help you solve your tech problems! Share what you've learnt, get help, and try some fun and useful skills in a relaxed session. Tuesday 13th Sept 11.30-12.30

### AUTHOR VISITS

Author Kirsty Manning is a country girl with wanderlust: over the years her travels and studies have taken her through most of Europe, the United States and pockets of Asia. Her

interesting life is apparent in the richness of her historical novels. Kirsty's new book *The Paris Mystery* set in 1938 Paris is filled with glamour and mystery and will delight new fans and old. Kristy will be at Gisborne Library on Friday 16th Sept.

Troy M. Williams will be in Conversation chatting about the Realms of Shadowblood trilogy on Saturday 1st Oct at 11.00-12.00 at Gisborne library. The Shadowblood trilogy is a breathtaking fantasy in an astounding constructed world. If you love Sci-Fantasy book into this special session.

### VICTORIAN YOUTH FEST

September this year is the Victorian Youth Fest, a month-long celebration across Victoria highlighting the contributions and achievements of young people in their communities. Gisborne library staff know that young people love cake and to say thank you to the young people in our community we are offering a Take and Make Cake in a Mug activity. Come and collect a sustainably donated mug and mug cake mix kit. Ages 15-25 only and limited kits. Take a photo enjoying your cake for our 'socials'.

### MOVIE CLUB

The Gisborne Library Movie Club movie *The Drovers Wife* will be hosted on Wednesday 14th Sept 1.00pm.

### FOR THE KIDS

Hold your breath and keep your eyes open coming up later in Spring - Tiny Art Show - Teddy Bears Sleepover and Peter FitzSimons.

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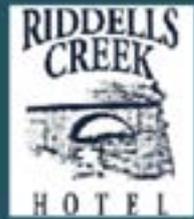
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# LEARNING LOCALLY

Education in Riddells Creek



## 100 DAYS OF SCHOOL

It was lovely to visit the Foundation classrooms for their 100 days of school celebration. The students were excited to share their thoughts on what 100 year old people might look like and do, and participated in a range of fun activities around the number 100.



## TUTOR LEARNING INITIATIVE PROGRAM

The group of grade 6 students currently involved in the Tutor Learning Initiative program was very fortunate to have the expertise of local resident Karl, helping them to test the water in the Riddells Creek. These students have been working alongside the Neighbourhood House, observing the impact of rubbish that makes its way into our beautiful waterways and around, reducing the amount of soft plastics in Riddells Creek. We are very grateful to Lisa from the Neighbourhood House who coordinated this event and after conducting several tests, we are pleased to report that we have a very healthy waterway in our town. Gathering the water samples from the creek was certainly a highlight, luckily everyone remained on firm ground!





## KITCHEN GARDEN

In the kitchen we made a delicious Chinese noodle soup using the pak choy we grew from seed! We also made some seasonal fruit muffins using apples and lemons.

## Riddells Creek Primary School

### Foundation (Prep) 2023

Enrolments are finalising for our 2023 Foundation (Prep) students. If you have not yet enrolled, please pop past the office and pick up an enrolment pack.



### School Tours

Thursday 11th August at 9:15am  
 Thursday 25th August at 9:15am  
 Monday 5th September at 9:15am

Contact the school on 5428 7277 to register for a tour.



### Transition Dates:

Friday 4th November  
 Friday 18th November  
 Wednesday 7th December  
 Tuesday 13th December

Details will be sent to confirmed enrolments in September.

## TAKING 2023 ENROLMENTS NOW!

Do you have or know of any preps starting at RCPS next year (2023)?

Have you/they filled out a 2023 enrolment form and handed it back to the office?

Enrolment forms can be picked up from the office or downloaded from our website [www.rcps.vic.edu.au](http://www.rcps.vic.edu.au)

## INSTAGRAM AND FACEBOOK

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In the garden we are preparing the beds for spring planting. Our bee garden is also coming along, and we look forward to seeing the flowers blooming in the next few months.

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# SPORTS

Celebrating our local sports clubs and teams

## RIDDELLS CREEK TENNIS CLUB

It's been a very cold and wet winter and unfortunately not much fun for playing tennis. Nevertheless, the hardy players at RCTC have been pushing on and playing when we can.

Congratulations to our Section 3 Open Thursday night team for bringing home the premiership flag for the MRTA 2022 Autumn season.

We have scheduled our club AGM meeting for Sunday 23rd October from 1.30pm at the courts. This will coincide with our annual club open day and we welcome members and non members to come along and meet our committee and coaches and have a social hit.



**Riddells Creek Tennis Club**

**Club Open Day/AGM**  
Come and join in the fun!  
In partnership with Macedon Ranges Tennis Coaching

**Date:** Sunday 23rd October  
**Time:** 1:30pm – 3:30pm  
**Venue:** – Riddells Creek Tennis Club – Recreation Reserve

The MRTA Wednesday Night Women's Winter season is coming into finals and we are about to kick off the next season starting in Term 4. If anyone is interested in playing in a competition team please get in touch via email or Facebook. These are fun and inclusive comps for all levels of players.

We will be running the 'Tennis 4 Teens' program again in Term 4, so if you know a young person aged between 12-17 y/o who would like to participate in a social fun hour and

hang out with other teens, then this could be for them – no tennis experience is needed. This will run on Tuesday nights at 6.00-7.00pm starting the first week of Term 1. The cost is \$5 per session. No need to register, just turn up at the courts.

Coaching lessons for juniors are running two nights a week – Wednesday and Friday. The women's adult coaching lesson is 6pm on Friday (1 hour). So please get in touch with our coach, Scott Vaughan from MRTC for enquiries or to book into a session (mrtc.scott@gmail.com).

To make a casual booking go to our website <https://play.tennis.com.au/riddellscreektennisclub>. Hope we see you at the courts soon!

RCTC - Committee

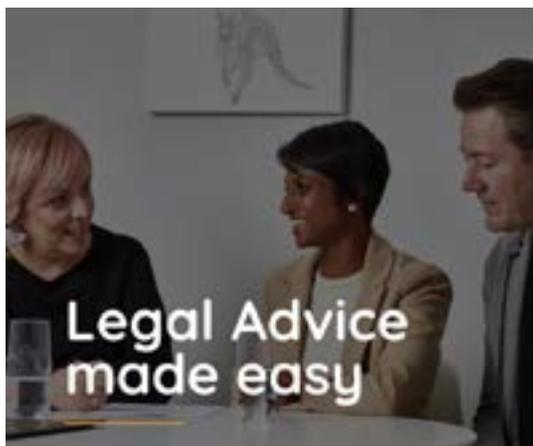
## RIDDELL RUNNERS

Hello again from the Riddell Runners. We have been battling the elements this winter—we have continued to run and, believe it or not, actually enjoyed it.

Members have embraced the elements to improve their running, fitness and exercise. They've also shared stories and, of course, jokes.

Currently our IRG (Intermediate Running Group) are training for the upcoming Melbourne Half Marathon, which is run on Sunday 2 October. One of our amazing leaders has produced a training program, which will give us the tools to achieve our goal of running the half marathon.

Although our IRG are in training, we still cater for runners who are returning from injury, have been away, are new to our club and who just want to run socially. We have shorter runs—up to 5km—and a walking group. Our walking group bring their dogs and walk a 5km loop through the streets of Riddells Creek. It's great to see them and their furry friends.



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Are you new to the area? Perhaps you haven't run for a long time - or ever? Never fear, this is a great way to see Riddells Creek, meet new people and enjoy our community spirit.

We are commencing a Start Running Group on Tuesday 6 September. Meeting at the Lion's Park at 6pm.

If this is something you would like to try, come on down and meet us there. You won't be disappointed. Ask for Loretto, Greg or Tony. We'll be more than happy to show you the ropes. We run Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6.00pm and Sundays at 8.00am.

We usually meet for a coffee, hot chocolate or a Chai Latte after our Sunday run. Just what we need.

Let me finish with a joke:

*I was in my garden this morning, when my neighbour looked over the fence and asked, "What are you doing?"*

*"I'm putting all my plants in alphabetical order"*

*She replied, "Really? I don't know how you find the time!"*

*"Oh, that's easy," I said. "It's right next to the sage."*



Pictured above: Conquering Shannons Road, past Pears Lane. Those hills are a real doozy.



Pictured above: Legends outside the Legendary Estate in Gyro Close and another run through on an overcast day. Thankfully, the rain came before our run.

## MACEDON RANGES OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB



Our August new members induction was cold and we had lots of new puppies join us. Did you know that there are thousands of interesting facts about dogs? Here are my favorites.

- In the dark they use their whiskers to pick up changes in the air currents—this helps them 'see' better.
- They don't see only in black and white; they can see blue, yellow, green and grey too.
- Noses are always wet to help absorb certain scents; they lick it to taste the scent.
- A dog's nose print is unique, like our fingerprints.
- Their urine is acidic enough to corrode metal.
- Dogs can sense drops in barometric pressure and shifts in static electricity fields, which is why they know when a storm is coming.
- There is a breed of dog, Norwegian Lundehund, that has six toes on each paw.
- Dalmatians are born pure white.
- People once believed that Great Danes helped repel evil spirits and ghosts.
- A group of three or more pugs is called a 'grumble'.
- Stealing a Pekingese in Imperial China was punishable by death.
- In Anchorage it's illegal to tie a dog to the roof of your car.
- Most dogs' paws smell like corn chips.
- They can estimate the size of another dog by it's growl.

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Take care, stay safe and remember, a dog is family.

Carol, Instructor/Treasurer MRODC

## RCJMB

Riddells Creek Junior Mixed Basketball Association is gearing up for some great tournaments around Victoria between now and November.



Every player registered for our weekly mixed local competition is eligible to try out for our representative Raptors teams.

We'll be sending girls and boys teams from under 10s up to under 19s to tournaments in Altona, Swan Hill, Morwell and Geelong over the next few months.

With our winter season heading towards its end and Grand

Final day, we are ready to welcome any new players for our summer season, which runs from term 4 through to term 1 next year.



Please email [rcjmbaregistrar@gmail.com](mailto:rcjmbaregistrar@gmail.com) or find us at [facebook.com/RCJMBA](https://www.facebook.com/RCJMBA) if you have a child who is interested

in playing in a friendly environment with an emphasis on having fun and learning new skills.

Just as importantly, we are in need of more volunteers to help ensure our kids get out on court every week. Being part of the RCJMBA committee—in a role big or small—is incredibly rewarding and loads of fun.

The club offers great opportunities for parents and coaches, including first aid training and coaching clinics. Even if you know nothing about basketball, if you can offer some time our wonderful Committee will be there to support you. Just email [rcjmbapresident@gmail.com](mailto:rcjmbapresident@gmail.com) or message us on Facebook for a chat if you are interested in finding out more.

## CALDER FLY FISHING ASSOCIATION

### CALDER FLY FISHING ASSOCIATION 10TH ANNIVERSARY FLY FISHING EXPO

We will be holding the event in Woodend at the Buffalo Sports Stadium, 1-29 Forest Street, from 10.00am to 4.00pm on Sunday 2 October 2022

We are holding the Expo to further promote the sport of fly fishing. We have attracted a great deal of interest and already secured the appearance of many well-known fly fishing people. Among them men and women world champions, specialist equipment suppliers, the Victorian Fisheries Authority, Wilderness Fly Fishing, and a not-for-profit group, Mending Casts, who promote fly fishing as a well-being therapy for people recovering from cancer.



*Pictured: CFFA Open Day 2016*

Are you intrigued by the technique of fishing with a near weightless fly using only the weight of the casting line and the flex of a matching fly rod? Interested in the knowledge required to “match the hatch” or maybe you’re a practising fly fisher who would like to learn some more from the experts?

This will be your chance to watch up close and try casting and fly tying, peruse or buy latest equipment, attend expert presentations, and maybe buy a lucky raffle ticket for a fly rod, fly tying vise or other prize.

In August our President Ben Le Vagueresse and Secretary

Chris Schrueder were lucky enough to spend three days fishing in remote rivers of Cape York in tropical Queensland taking advantage of a first prize won by Chris in the FlyLife Magazine Top Shot photo competition for 2022.



Pictured above: Ben (left) and Chris with Mangrove Jacks

Further information on the club and updates on our events is available on [www.calderflyfishing.com.au](http://www.calderflyfishing.com.au)

Louis Bokor

## ROMSEY GOLF CLUB

### NEW SOCIAL AND CHANGE ROOMS

Golf Australia has identified a number of works across the state that they believe are worthy of funding. They have approached both major parties and sought support for these works. New facilities for the rapidly growing Romsey Golf Club is one of these identified projects. The club has filled out an Expression of Interest in this program and submitted it to GolfAus. The submission: detailed plans for the proposed Netball and Golf rooms in the NE corner of the area around Oval No 1, that will fit in with the revised Romsey Sporting Precinct Master Plan. The Master Plan includes two new netball courts beside these social and change rooms. If our EOI is successful it will see this facility 'shovel ready' should other sources of funding become available. With the Netballers looking to run a summer as well as a winter competition and golf being a 12 months a year sport, this new facility will certainly be a great asset for the community

### TREE WORKS

The huge storm of July 2022 caused an enormous amount of damage across the shire and across Romsey Park. The golf club was able to clear away almost all of this but many trees were weakened with damaged trunks and branches. This damage was only evident after the wild winds of mid-late July. Over the weekend of August 6-8 a number of

dangerous damaged trees and branches were taken down and piled up to be taken as firewood by locals or to be burnt in coming months.

Course Condition Romsey has received a much increased rainfall so far this year. The soil is just about full and any very heavy dews or rainfall does not sink into the soil. Thankfully the recent drainage works have been very successful and almost all of this surface water drains away making the course damp but playable. We have had a number of Green Fees players up from the other side of Melbourne where almost all courses have been closed at some stage and they are amazed by the condition of the course. A credit to the drains and to the many volunteers who put in so much time to maintain and improve this community asset.

## RCR NEWS



2022 Season Finals are here – with Preliminary Finals being played on 3 Sep 2022 and Grand Finals on 10 Sep 2022. All the best to the RCR teams who have reached the finals and well done to you all. Thanks also to all RCR players, coaches, team managers and families for showing up each week representing RCR in this extended Winter season.

### SUMMER SEASON 2022/2023

We need to start preparing teams and coaches for next season which runs from Oct 2022 through to April 2023 Let us know by email if your child will or will not be returning next season. If you're interested in coaching or joining the committee let us know.

New age groups for next season:

U12 - 2012, 2013 & 2014 born  
 Note: U12 players wanted - both girls and boys teams

U14 - 2010 & 2011 born  
 U16 - 2008 & 2009 born  
 U19 - 2005, 2006 & 2007 born

Sadly we say goodbye and thank you to our 2004 born players who age out but do have the option to continue playing for RCR in the seniors competition.

Games are played on Saturdays in Riddell, Gisborne and Sunbury with all teams training once a week. RCR has been able to absorb some costs to keep fees lower for next season.

Register at Play HQ by 30th Sept 2022 <https://www.playhq.com/basketball-victoria/register/bc2a44>

### NOTICE OF AGM TUES 20TH SEPT 7.30PM VIA ZOOM

All positions will be declared open. Your kids need you to step up and help keep their club running. Most of the current committee do not have children playing basketball anymore and need to hand over their positions to other passionate and dedicated parents. New committee members will get continuous support from outgoing members for as long as needed and wanted.

If you would like to know more about joining our fabulous committee or coaching and team manager roles please contact the club at [rcrbasketball@gmail.com](mailto:rcrbasketball@gmail.com) or 0401 191 221.



### RCFNC

What an amazing year for the Riddells Creek Junior Football Netball Club. After a heavily interrupted season in 2021, the kids were ready to roar. Everyone got stuck into training, and gave everything they had on the court/oval. Boy, were they rewarded for all their hard work.



Our club is a small one, we have nine teams, with eight of those competing for points. An outstanding six teams made it all the way to the Grand Finals held in Romsey on August 14th. It was a fun-filled day, with most supporters staying all day to make sure each team had a cheer squad.

The result at the end of the day was five premiership teams.

Our Under 11 footballers kicked the day off. This was quickly followed with a victory for the Under 13 netballers. The under 13 footballers were quite comprehensive winners in their final. Our amazing Under 15 netballers fought hard to the final bell, going down by 1 point to a very strong Diggers Rest.

Our Under 17s finished the day in style. After years of hard work, the footballers won a thriller over Sunbury Kangaroos by 2 points. The netballers were all class, with a strong victory over a previously undefeated Gisborne.

A huge congratulations to Rhett Burnside, Tessa McNair, Connor O'Kelly, Hayley Brown and Connor Vosper on winning Best on Ground/Court.

Michelle Kalinski, President

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### RCNA NEWS

The Riddells Creek Ravens have just finished competing in the MRNA (Macedon Ranges Netball Association) competition for 2022. What an exciting couple of weeks it has been! The U13A team have been second on the ladder all year and played the New Gisborne Possums in the grand final on Saturday 27th August.



The Ravens played fast and well, but the Possums were the better team on the day, winning 29 to 17 goals. There were lots of Riddell supporters at the court to cheer them on and the girls fought hard throughout the game. A huge thank you to coach Breearne Lacey has been fantastic and really helped the girls develop their skills. Well done to both teams.

A huge congratulations to Tessa McNair for receiving the Best and Fairest Award for the game.



*Pictured above: Tessa McNair with her finals and Best and Fairest trophies.*

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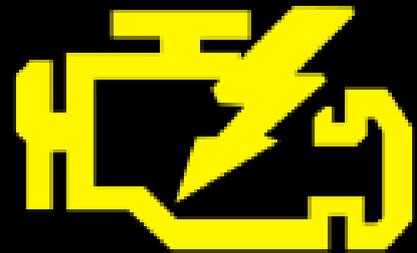
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