

Women shine in W'bool Australia Day awards

Warrnambool Citizen of the Year, Vicki Jellie, has topped the list of Australia Day awards in a year dominated by women...

A softie at heart: Megan Nicolson

Megan Nicolson's work is winning hearts of all sizes across the south-west.

Spring picnic for Fletcher Jones gardens

The Fletcher Jones gardens spring picnic celebration is on this Sunday, September 14: find all the details here...

Our first quiet hero



[dropcap style="font-size: 60px; color: #9b9b9b;"] Most artists don't make much money. Only a handful can pursue their art full-time, regardless of their talent.

Despite this, many artists remain committed not only to their work, but to encouraging other artists so that, together, they can form a vibrant and resilient community that makes our world so much more interesting.

Megan Nicolson is such a person. The Warrnambool artist makes stunning lino cut prints and a range of quirky soft toys called 'softies' (more about those in later editions), and also donates a huge slice of her time and energy to building up the local arts community.

She has been a central figure in the collective, [The F Project](#), and this year organised two successful artists' markets that helped raise funds toward the establishment of the new [Artery](#) art space at 224 Timor St, Warrnambool.

Somewhere in there, Megan also parents four children – two still below school age – with her partner Lachlan. It is this combination of creativity and generosity of spirit that makes some artists so special and this is why Megan Nicolson has

been chosen as our first quiet hero.

Bluestone Magazine is donating a voucher for coffee and cake to each of our quiet heroes. This week it will be at Wyton Events and Catering, Warrnambool.

[box type="bio"] *Do you know somebody in South-West Victoria who is worthy of recognition as a quiet hero? If so, let us know via email – in 200 words or less, plus a photo – and we will consider them for our weekly column. Email us at editor@bluestonemagazine.com.au[/box]