

Lancefield Mercury

TRAILING OFF TO NOWHERE

Lancefield has two off-road walking/cycling tracks, and both have been closed since the floods in October last year.

The track in the Recreation Reserve is under the control of a committee of management which answers to the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA, formerly DELWP – Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning).

“Much of the Walking track was damaged quite severely by the flooding last year and more than half the softfall on the playground was washed away. The sand arena in the horse precinct was damaged as well with a lot of sand being washed away. The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning assessed the damage just prior to Christmas and we are currently awaiting their response.” This was from the Park

Committee, as published in the February edition of the Lancefield Mercury.

Enquiries to the Department finally brought the following response:

Quotes attributable to DEECA spokesperson Ash Bolt Media Adviser | Digital and Customer Communications:

“We are working with all committees of management to ensure sites are made safe and to understand the cost and other impacts on reserve infrastructure.”

DEECA has identified more than 75 reserves managed by committees of management across the Loddon Mallee region that were affected by flood and storm events, including the Lancefield Recreation Reserve.

In a follow-up email he told me he had no idea how long it would take before repairs would be carried out.

Parkrun has not been able to take place on the

track since the storms, and before that there had been another long break while the trees had storm damage which took some time to be cleaned up.

Our second off road walking track is the so-called Federation Trail which is the track which runs beside the Lancefield-Romsey Road and provided an alternative, car-free path for cyclists and walkers. This also has been closed since the floods in October. This trail is maintained by the Macedon Ranges Shire Council and its website states that it is “closed until further notice”.

According to Shane Walden, Director Assets and Operations, Macedon Ranges Shire Council:

“Council is currently undertaking some temporary repairs on the trail; however the pathway will remain closed while we continue to source funding for the long-term repairs. The current Romsey-Lancefield Track works are temporary emergency repairs with the intent to reduce the potential for further damage. This temporary work was carried out under the current budget, however Council need additional funding for a permanent repair. We are exploring and advocating for potential grant opportunities – such as with the Victorian or Australian governments – and this process can take some time.”

Response from our three Councillors was limited to Bill West’s reply “No firm date available so far. I raised this issue a couple of weeks ago and it was revealed warning signs about the Federation Trail being closed for safety reasons had been illegally removed by person(s) unknown. Replacement/additional signage has been installed. Will inquire if engineering is any closer to reaching a timetable on work needed along the trail. Storm damage matters are stretching resources across the shire.”

In regards to other trails, the Council has a Macedon Ranges Ride Guide available on its website which shows all of the different trails around the shire, but none of these are off-road or for walkers (it does include the Federation Trail however – pity that it is closed indefinitely).

Andy Moore

REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM TAKES OFF



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On 15 August 2022 a meeting convened by CRISP – Community Refugee Integration and Settlement Pilot - took place in Kyneton. The purpose of this meeting was twofold. Firstly to provide information on a Refugee Resettlement Program Integration and Settlement Pilot in a rural area. This is a group of people who join together to assist a refugee family in the resettlement process. This program has run for about 40 years in Canada and has proved very successful.

As a result of this night two separate groups were formed in the Kyneton area, the Ranges Resettlement Group and KBC – Connect to support two refugee families to resettle into our area.

These two refugee families have been processed by the UNHCR and the Australian Government and will arrive with Permanent Residency Visas. They are ready to come and are just waiting on the phone call that will change their lives forever.

There will be two families coming to Kyneton: one will be looked after by our group - the Ranges Resettlement Group - and the other by the Kyneton group, KBC Connect.

The two groups, although operating independently to support each family, are trying where possible to share resources and information.

Both groups have members of their group who have volunteered to share their homes with the refugee family until such time as rental accommodation can be organised

OUR TASKS ARE MANY, AND INCLUDE:

- meeting and welcoming the new family at the airport when they arrive, providing temporary accommodation for the family until such time as more permanent housing can be found,
- providing culturally appropriate food,
- assisting them to find permanent housing,
- furnishing the house with all items and electrical appliances needed,
- assisting the family to access Centrelink, Medicare,
- driving lessons,
- schooling for their children,
- employment and English Language lessons as they might not speak any English upon arrival.

It does seem very daunting but, without any media, purely by word of mouth we have already received some offers of support from the local Macedon Ranges community

Obviously, the big-ticket item on this list is housing. Our

group the Ranges Resettlement Group is seeking assistance with housing from local Real Estate companies, but if there is anyone from the local community that could assist with a house, clean and in good repair, preferably in the Kyneton township with a minimum of two bedrooms, we would love to hear from you.

Each family will be eligible for the Government Rental Assistance payment, Job Seeker, Parenting payment, etc until such time as employment can be found. Rental for the property could therefore be negotiated.

On behalf of both groups involved in this project we would like to acknowledge the support of the Kyneton Social Foundry, not just for facilitating the initial information night but for providing ongoing support and much needed fundraising for both groups.

There will be an Art Auction fundraiser at the Social Foundry on Sunday March 19 at 3pm till 6pm.

If you would like to assist this family on their journey to a new life, the Ranges Resettlement Group has set up Tax Deductible donation site via CRSA you can find it at <https://shoutforgood.com/fundraisers/rangesresettlementgroup>

Or alternatively donations can be made directly to ANZ Bank Account: Ranges Resettlement Group BSB: 013706 Account: 330117455. If you have donated to this account and would like an invoice for Tax Deduction Purposes, please contact Roger Barr on 0423 020 669 and an Invoice will be mailed to you.

We look forward to providing further updates on the progress of these families as they settle into life in Australia.

For further information or if you feel you can assist this project please contact (phone or text): Roger Barr - Ranges Resettlement Group on 0423 020 669.

Allan Semmens - KBC – Connect on 0401 614 929.

ART AUCTION FUNDRAISER

Sunday March 19 at the Social Foundry Kyneton from 3pm till 6pm. Auction starts at 4pm with Auctioneer Ron Rutledge – via Canada, USA and Ireland.

Art works donated by local artists and raffle prizes by local businesses. Gold coin and cash donations welcomed. You can find our event on the Eventbrite website (search for resettlement art auction) if you would like to RSVP to give us an idea of numbers or just turn up on the day.

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TRY SOME ZUCCHINI FRITTERS

What lovely weather we are having: cool mornings and sunny, warm days. We have lots of home-grown veggies and fruits, in particular an abundance of zucchini.

Here is a recipe that is very popular in our household. Zucchini fritters.

Grate two medium zucchini, add a peeled and finely diced brown onion, a peeled and finely chopped clove of garlic, and salt and pepper to taste.

Whisk an egg and add 2 tablespoons of plain flour.

Mix grated zucchini and eggs together well then fry in a small amount of oil until golden brown.

Corn, capsicum, grated halloumi cheese can be added to change the flavours.

A little curry powder lifts the flavour too.

Our Branch is looking forward to the 26 March when we will have a stall at the New Residents Event to be held at the Lancefield Mechanics Hall. Come along and say hello.

CWA is a volunteer organisation. We are a friendly bunch and would welcome you to our meetings. We meet on the fourth Friday of each month at the Lancefield Mechanics Institute at 10:15 am. Most people think that the CWA is old-fashioned and that all we do is knit and crochet. Yes, we do knit and crochet but always for a good cause. We cater for different events and donate to local organisations. Until next issue, happy harvesting and I will include another zucchini recipe next time.

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Items for publication should be sent to editor3435@gmail.com – enquiries Andy Moore 0430 448 120

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HALL HAPPENINGS

REGULAR GROUPS BACK IN ACTION

January and February have seen regular user groups resume activities for the year.

Monday morning has the Line Dancing group and on Tuesday morning Pilates, Tuesday afternoon the Lancefield Old Time Dance Group and Tuesday evening another Pilates class. The Patchwork Group meet on Thursdays.

If you are interested in participating in any of these groups, please contact our Booking Officer for further information.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MARCH

- 13 - Deep Creek Landcare Group evening monthly meeting
- 19 - A private wedding
- 24 - CWA Monthly meeting
- 24 - Lancefield Old Time Dance Group social evening

- 25 - Little Treasures monthly market on Lancefield Farmers Market Day
- 26 - Lancefield Neighbourhood House Residence Event
- 28 - Feed It Forward Community Luncheon

EVENTS COMING UP IN APRIL

- 1 - Grand Gala 150th year Celebrations for the Lancefield Football Club
- 9 - an evening of Ghost Investigation and Spiritual Workshop
- 23 - Romsey & Lancefield Districts Historical Society Inc. Guest Speaker John Gollings
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Baptisms are held at 2:30pm on the second and fourth Sunday of the month. Please contact the office for the next available date.

Bookings are now open for parish children to register for Sacraments. Reconciliation available to Year 3 and above; Eucharist available to Year 4 and above, and Confirmation available to Year 6 and above. Please contact the office if you would like to register your child.

Should a parishioner want to go to Reconciliation, please contact Fr. Martin directly at Woodend to make arrangements.

Please direct enquiries to the parish office by email at lancefield@cam.org.au or on 529 2130.

For funeral arrangements, please contact Fr. Martin by email at woodend@cam.org.au or on 5427 2690.

GET INTO BADMINTON

Badminton competitions are regularly held at the Macedon Community Centre and run by Macedon Ranges Badminton Club. Badminton is played indoors all-year-round and is fun, with no age limits or fitness level required. Macedon Ranges Badminton Club offers a wide range of standards and organised playing times. Get a racquet, get acquainted with badminton. For more information macedonrangesbadminton@gmail.com or call David on 0419 589 425.

FITNESS FOR TEENS

Council's Kyneton and Gisborne Fitness Centres offer a Teen Gym program to all secondary school teenagers, where young people can learn to use gym equipment correctly with personalised programs and instruction from qualified trainers. Exercise is not only important for physical fitness but is also beneficial to improving mental health

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Storytime for young children and tall tales and true stories for older children and adults were offered by the Romsey Library. The Ecotherapy Park features a great range of static and kinetic sculptures. Many of the creators and artists were present and enjoyed speaking to members of the audience. They included Rudi Jass (Kinetic Wind Sculpture), Charlie Aquilina (Cycles), Simone Thomson and Phil Stray (The Meeting Place), Brigit Heller (Portal), Richard Yates

(Story Telling Chair) and Anton Hassell (Water Clock and Harmonic Bell Tree).

Congratulations once again to the Committee of Raelene, Jo, Sue, Geoff and Jenny for the decade-long work and commitment to bring an idea for a community park to fruition.

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All applications need to be submitted through the Community Enterprise Foundation (communityenterprise.foundation.com.au – click 'Apply for

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Once again, Community Bank Lancefield and Romsey are major sponsors of the Riddell District Football Netball League (RDFNL). This year is set to be an exciting season for both Lancefield and Romsey with the Lancefield Football Netball Club's 150 Year anniversary and Romsey Football Netball Club fielding a team in the inaugural Senior Women's Football Competition.

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Back in the Game is a modified indoor sports program endorsed by the Council of the Ageing (COTA). The program aims to improve the physical wellbeing and a person's quality of life, and provide opportunities to connect socially. Both programs are suitable for people 50+ years of age.

Futsal at Romsey Recreation Centre

The Autumn Season of the Open Mixed Futsal Competition has kicked off at Romsey Recreation Centre, but there is still time to join the fun.

This fun, social program is open to any person aged 15+, and is held on Tuesday evenings at the Romsey Recreation Centre, with games from 7.30pm. There are currently spaces available for new teams, as well as individuals wanting to join an existing team.

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The Annual General meeting of the Romsey/Lancefield Probud Club for 2023 will be on Thursday 23 March, at 10 am in St. Mary's Catholic Church Hall, Main Street, Romsey. There are many activities members can enjoy; some being regular, and others planned from time to time. Join us for coffee at the Lancefield Corner Store at 10am every Friday for a chat and a bit of fun.

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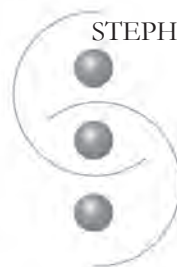
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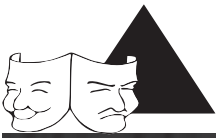
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At the AGM on 13 February lots of members gathered for a social time as well as being able to reflect on their successful year in 2022. After the hardships of the previous two years with COVID lockdowns, the theatre was able to pick up momentum and get back to doing what they do best - bringing a diverse range of shows to life at their Mountview Theatre.

With the line-up on offer for 2023 it is sure to be another successful year. The second production opens in May, more about that next month.

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FRANK 'SILVER' CAINE

A LOVEABLE CHARACTER WITH A FINE SENSE OF HUMOUR

Last month in the Mercury, I wrote about Lancefield footballer, Alexander 'Ike' Johnston. This month I'm writing about another local hero, his friend and colleague, Frank Caine. While local historians may claim that Ike Johnston was Lancefield's greatest footballer at club level, there is no doubt that his team-mate, Frank 'Silver' Caine, is, to date, Lancefield's most successful player at the elite V.F.L. level. Records of his time in Lancefield are limited prior to his recruitment to Carlton in 1905.

Born on 28 July 1881 in Murtoa, it is unclear when he settled in Lancefield. Frank, a tall and statuesque man of 6 ft. (183 cm) and weighing 13 stone (84kg) - he was known as 'Silver' due to his prematurely greying hair. He was described as 'a loveable character... and gifted with a fine sense of humour'.

Frank was a 'journeyman' footballer and records document games he played, not just at Lancefield, but for Romsey and Darraweit Guim at a local level when the Lancefield Club was in temporary recess. His local non-football interests and achievements included winning prizes at the Kilmore show for his thoroughbred horse. The paper also records an incident where he and a mate were involved in a near drowning incident in the swollen Deep Creek; it appears their horse and cart were swept down the Creek for a short distance before they reached the safety of land.

Caine's football career in Melbourne commenced in 1905 with Rose of Northcote and includes seasons at North Melbourne (V.F.A.); two premierships and leading goal kicker at Carlton (V.F.L.), and Essendon where he achieved fame for his three V.F.L. premierships.

Caine's attachment to his local district and his love of football was evident from an Argus newspaper article in 1909 reporting the presence of 'city players' in the Romsey team naming Frank Caine and James Guthridge amongst the players. He represented Lancefield in the Gisborne District

Association against the Metropolitan Police Team including a game at the MCG where he appears in the team photo seated to the left of Ike Johnstone in front of the Melbourne Cricket Club members stand. Five of Lancefield's best players, including Caine, were invited to bolster the Gisborne Association's team despite its refusal to allow them to join the local competition. The Mercury reported on the 13 August 1909 game against the Police and concluded that: 'We do not, under the circumstances, intend to pick out players for special mention, but still we might say a word of commendation for the dashing play of Bob Fagan (Lancefield's Vice Captain) and the goal kicking of Frank Caine.'

He also appears in the 1910 Lancefield Premiership Team photo, but not in playing gear. However, he continued to play in games at Lancefield during his V.F.L. career, including one notable game against Romsey in June of 1911. His presence in the Lancefield team colours caused a protest by Romsey F.C. to the Romsey District Football Association (R.D.F.A.) over the issue of his clearance.

In his research of the history of the Darraweit Guim Football Club, author Connor Roberts reports a story of 'Silver' Caine playing in a premiership deciding game for Darraweit in August 1911. Roberts concludes that Caine, along with Jim 'Bull' Martin, a Fitzroy, Essendon, Victoria and Carlton footballer played without permits in this game, but only Martin's presence was appealed against. Bull was at the time on suspension from the V.F.L. Roberts found that both players had caught the train from Spencer Street to the Romsey railway station where they had been met by Darraweit club stalwart Rod 'Stumpy' McKenzie, who then drove them by horse and jinker to the game in Darraweit instead of travelling to Wallan East station because they did not want to raise suspicions that they weren't 'Darraweit locals'.



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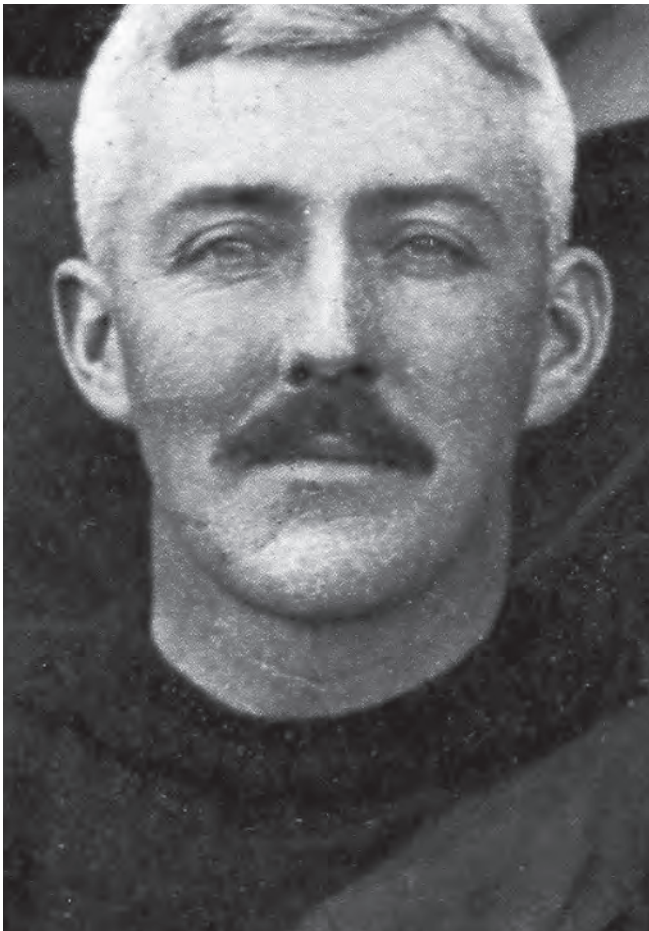
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injured midway through 1908'. He was a Leading Goal kicker in 1905 and 1907.

NORTH MELBOURNE - 1910 AND 1911

Frank was a leading Goal kicker 1910 and 1911. In 1910 he was V.F.A. Leading Goal Kicker with 75 goals and also in 1910 he was the V.F.A./V.F.L. Jim 'Frosty' Miller medallist winner.

ESSENDON - 1912, 1913, 1914

Caine played a total of 22 games, kicking 33 goals. He was a 1912 Premiership player wearing player No. 27. He is listed in Grand Final best players at Centre Half Forward.

Frank Caine died on 19 January 1930 at the early age of 48 – a shock to all those who knew him, although he had been in ill-health for a short time prior to his death. Because of his spectacular career as a footballer, his death was noted in two Melbourne newspapers, the Australasian and the Emerald Hill Record, on Saturday 25 January 1930. The article, under the name 'JW', was undoubtedly written by his former coach, Jack Worrall. It is summarised below:

Thousands of football followers who remember Carlton's supremacy 20 years ago, when the old blues reached the top of their career, will retain vivid recollections of Frank Caine, a silver-haired giant who played on the half-forward line. And all those devotees of the game will be shocked to hear that this wonderful footballer passed away at his residence, the Town Hall Hotel, Bank Street, South Melbourne, last Sunday, at the early age of 48 years. He had been ailing for some time from a complication of troubles, and during the last three weeks had been confined to his bed.

He had a wonderful football career, and had mighty power on his feet, as he could kick just as well barefoot as when well shod with regulation football boots. His first appearance in metropolitan company was with the Rose of Northcote, a junior team. He joined Carlton, and was a shining light on the attacking lines when the old blues won the premiership in three successive seasons – 1906, 1907 and 1908. After leaving Carlton he joined North Melbourne, from North Melbourne he transferred to Essendon, and was once again a leading light in Essendon's premiership – a rather unique record. He was a grand club man and a great footballer.

Fay Woodhouse

FRANK CAINE'S V.F.L. CAREER MILESTONES

The following statistics tell part of the story of Frank Caine's impressive career as a V.F.L. footballer playing a total of 50 games in the football seasons 1905 to 1912:

CARLTON - 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908 AND 1909

Caine made his debut as Player No. 188 in Round 7 1905 in the game Carlton vs St Kilda when he was just over one month away from 24 years of age. His final game was the Grand Final of 1909, Carlton vs South Melbourne. He was a Carlton Premiership Player in 1906 and 1907 and 'would certainly have completed the hat-trick had he not been

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THE YEAR OF THE BUTTERFLY



According to the Chinese Calendar, it is the Year of the Rabbit; I thought it was the Year of the Butterfly! As usual, we have a few rabbits on our block, but butterflies seem to be everywhere. Even when we go for a run along the local roads we are frequently engulfed in a cloud of butterflies. Many are the orange Common Brown males; the lighter coloured female is much less common.

Back in October last year I wrote an article on insects and their importance to the ecosystem; many are beautiful when viewed up close, but few have the aesthetic qualities of butterflies. I pointed out that insects "... aerate the soil, pollinate blossoms and control insect and plant pests.

Many insects are scavengers, feeding on dead animals and fallen trees, thereby recycling materials back into the soil. It is estimated that without insects for them to eat we would lose most reptiles and amphibians and about half of all bird species.

Several species of insects are on the brink of extinction which could have a cascading effect on upper levels of the food pyramid and upset ecological balance."

Butterflies and moths (Lepidoptera) have been part of ecosystems for a long time. The latest evidence shows that they evolved more than 200 to 250 million years ago in the Triassic period. That's almost when the dinosaurs appeared! "Butterflies and moths can be hard to tell apart, but butterflies have clubbed antennae, more slender bodies than the plumper moths, fly more in the day, fold their wings straight up when resting and are often more brightly coloured.

All moths and butterflies pupate from caterpillars and undergo metamorphosis. Both butterflies and moths are important pollinators, feeding primarily on nectar. Instead of a mouth, these insects have a long straw-like structure called a proboscis, perfect for sucking. Australia is home to 400 butterfly species and 11,000 moth species." (Your Guide to the Insects of the Macedon Ranges).

Declining butterfly populations have been noticed in many areas of the world, and this phenomenon is consistent with the rapid decrease of insect populations around the world. These changes have been linked to climate change and

habitat destruction. Recently, my sister-in-law and husband walked across England. They noticed a lot of buddleias, commonly known as the butterfly bush, but did not see any butterflies feeding on them. England has an insect problem and is actively re-wilding to address the situation before it is too late.

Many gardeners would have a love-hate relationship with butterflies after enduring a "brassica massacre" at the hands of the white butterfly, commonly known as a cabbage moth or cabbage white for obvious reasons.

In the past I have used derris dust to control the hungry caterpillars, but now I tend to avoid growing vegetables from the brassica family over summer or I cover the plants with fine netting as I am presently doing with my pak choi crop.

Attracting butterflies to the garden is easy. Favoured plants include: hardenbergia violacea (happy wanderer), goodenia species, buddleia, verbena, salvia, native grasses, daisies, herbs and "weedy" plants such as nettles. Notably, sweet bursaria flowers are well known for supporting a range of butterflies and moths and it is the only host plant for the larvae of the endangered Eltham Copper Butterfly.

The wingspan of the Eltham Copper is only 2.5 cm and when its wings are closed, they are very dull underneath, making it hard to see, however, it has bright copper colouring on the tops of its wings.

It was first discovered in Eltham in 1938 and was thought to be extinct by the 1950's but was rediscovered in 1987. Currently, they can be found around Greensborough/Eltham, Bendigo, Castlemaine and in three locations in the Wimmera. Because they have become environmentally isolated, the genetic diversity in their gene pool has been reduced, thereby increasing their vulnerability. No wonder the sweet bursaria is one of our groups' favourite plants!

Deep Creek Landcare Group has nesting boxes for bats, birds and phascogales for sale from \$25. We also have Myna bird traps to lend out. Annual Landcare membership is \$20 per family. You can follow us on Facebook, contact our President, Phil Severs (0476 324 000) or attend our monthly meetings in the Lancefield Mechanics Hall.

ENVIRONMENT EVENTS IN MARCH

Council have launched the autumn calendar of events. There are many exciting opportunities to get involved:

Nest box monitoring webinar Wednesday 1 March, 6:30-7:30pm, online.

Pollinator Farm Walk - Sedgwick: Promoting pollinators on your farm. Sunday 5 March, 10-11:30am, Sedgwick

Understanding and Managing Soil Biology on your Farm Workshop Wednesday 8 March, 10am-2:30pm, Tylden

Dung Beetles - Thursday 30 March, 10:30am-12:30pm, Romsey workshop

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Healthy Landscapes - Equiculture workshop Friday 10 March, 9:30am-3pm, Malmsbury

Fencing and troughs - Thursday 16 March, 10am-12pm, Kyneton

Thursday 23 March, 10am-12pm, Marong

Visit www.mrsc.vic.gov.au/environment-events to find out more about these events.

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MONTHLY BUS TRIPS

Welcome to our new Treasurer Jan. We thank her very much for helping us out on the Committee.

Our next bus trip will be held on Tuesday 7 March. We are heading to Daylesford to visit the Mills Market. There are plenty of different stalls for you to browse, hopefully with a bargain or two. The bus trips are open to everyone so grab a friend and come along. Give Helen or Jan a call for details. We pick-up from the Lancefield Post Office and the Romsey Mechanics Institute.

Remember, we meet every Monday at the rear of the Romsey Mechanics Institute for lunch, for just \$5 – everyone is more than welcome. Come along and join us for a chat or a game of cards.

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- Lancefield: Artist House. A 120m2 modular home built for \$250k (2018). Features uPVC windows

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- Kyneton: Hempcrete Cottage. The builder will be in attendance to explain construction methodology and the benefits of hempcrete.

Experience the homes, talk with their owners and pick up some tips to improve your own home.

Free admission, but booking required. For tickets and more information, see the MRSG website.

Get involved! We're looking for volunteers to welcome and direct visitors on the day. If you can help out for a couple of hours, please contact us by email (susthomes@mrsg.org.au).

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When I met John Gollings in his basement studio, he had several large screens open on his desk with access to hundreds of files full of images of his photographic work. He started by showing me one of his ongoing passion projects, the indigenous sacred sites in NW Kimberley.

John began his life in photography as the school photographer, then went on to Melbourne University to study architecture, but was quickly waylaid by photographing indigenous sites in Victoria and subsequently editorial fashion shots in Sydney. Then John's friendship with Rennie Ellis got him into advertising which kept him busy for some time until the financial crash, by which time his focus on architectural photography was established. He had worked for acclaimed architect Harry Seidler, recording his buildings according to the strict Seidler rule that the entire building should be seen in each image. This became one of John's Rules to Apply to Photographs. Here they are:

- The whole building to be seen in each shot.
- A strong vertical in the centre
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- Backlighting
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- No tricks in processing

...and of course, rules were made occasionally to be broken!

These rules can be applied to landscape as well as buildings, and they are apparent in John's images of the

sacred sites he has photographed.

Amongst many other projects over the years, John has photographed Glenn Murcutt's Kakadu Visitors' Centre, much of the architecture of Denton Corker Marshall and Peter Corrigan, and the phosphate extraction process, as head photographer for the government of Nauru.

Meanwhile his parallel photographic life focussed on indigenous sites, both in Australia as well as PNG, India and Asia. He spent two years going to every sacred site in Indonesia to photograph all the sacred objects and buildings at places like Borobodur and Pramana. His work so impressed Hun Sen that the Australian government was given access to every Khmer temple in Cambodia and the vast collection of Khmer art hidden in a basement for the duration of the SE Asian war. John spent a week at Angkor Wat taking photographs of this extraordinary site; their taxi driver on that trip had been locked up by the Khmer Rouge, so John and his crew got unique insights as part of their time there.

We in Lancefield are lucky to be welcoming John to tell us about his passion for our indigenous sites, and to see some of his vast collection of sacred site photographs from his extensive travels in remote Australia, and Asia.

Sunday April 23 at 1.00pm in Mechanics Institute, The Crescent, Lancefield. The cost of \$30 includes refreshments. Book online at TryBooking.

Beth Child



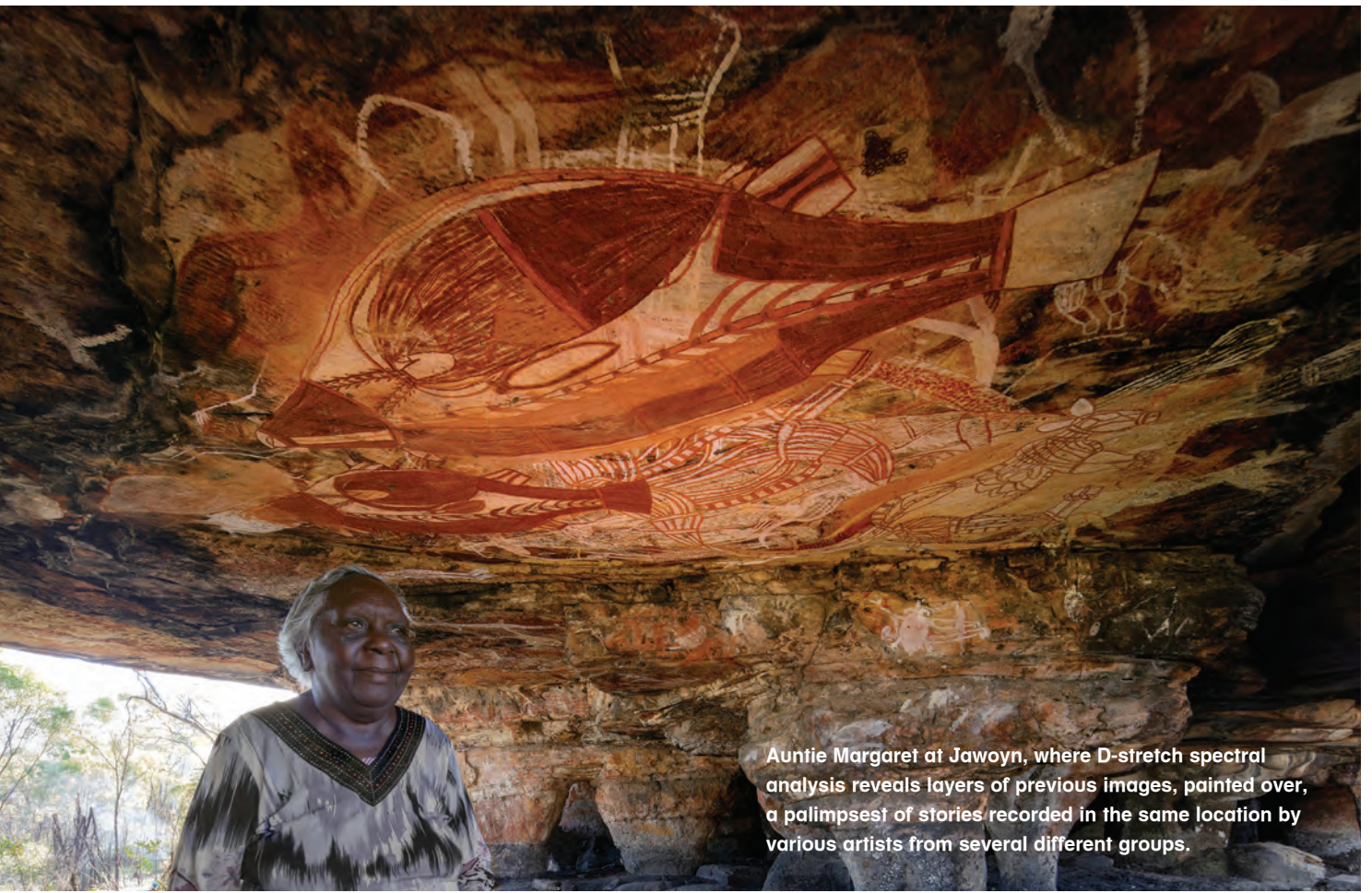
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A NEW SCHOOL YEAR HAS BEGUN

A new school year has begun, and we have eagerly welcomed back our students and their families to St Mary's. We have many new students, families and staff this year and we hope they feel the St Mary's embrace, and enjoy their time within our wonderful school community. Everybody has settled well into the new school year and the preps especially have been amazing. We hope that 2023 is an exciting year of wonderful learning opportunities for all, and we look forward to sharing them with you.

ST MARY'S SCHOOL LEADERS

At the end of each year our Year 5's get the chance to apply to be a school leader for the following year. This means they have to come up with a speech which they must read in front of staff and students as to why they would make a good school leader, and then votes are taken.

We congratulate the following students on their success, becoming school leaders for 2023. We wish them all the best for the year ahead.

2023 School Leaders: Molly Cusack, Cole Newnham, Illianna Way and Maggie Cleve.

2023 Sports Captains: Joeys (Green) - Ellie Keenan, Patrick Goodwin and Maggie Keogh

Goannas (Red) - Mali Mezzatesta

Wombats (Blue) - Nate Zoch and Jack Matthews.

Kookas (Yellow) - Max Eames and Naite Hunt.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT - MEG BRUNDELL

Meg Brundell in Year 6 was chosen for the Gisborne Region Representative Girls Cricket over summer with the Under 14 Girls Squad. She was the youngest (at only 11) and was very successful, she was even congratulated on her ability in the upper level by senior cricketers at Gisborne. The Gisborne



Squad competed at the Bendigo Country Week and won the grand final. We congratulate Meg on this huge achievement; a mighty effort, well done!

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ROLES @ ST MARY'S

Students in Years 4-6 are able to apply for special roles within the school where they get the opportunity to work within the community and help others. These groups include the Mini Vinnies and the Environment Group. We also have two new roles within our school library as Library Assistants. These are exciting roles for our students and allow them to build confidence within themselves and explore the wider community through different activities and programs.

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position within these groups for 2023 and look forward to seeing how they grow and what they will achieve in the coming year.

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Environment Group - Charlotte Collins, Ben Goodwin, Ellie Smith, Romina Doria, Sarah Turner, Harper Tootell, Emmett Mahony, Meg O'Meara, Anna Newnham, Matilda Brown, Ella-Rose Murphy, Summer Bumpstead, Meg Brundell, Riley Alderton, Emma Donnellon and Nate Lees.

Library Assistant - Jess Awty and Charlotte McCarthy.

ST MARY'S PLAYGROUP

We invite all members of our local and wider community to join us at St Mary's Playgroup. It's free and it's for everyone with children aged up to 5 years. You'll find us in the school hall every Thursday during the school term from 8.30am - 10am. Why not join us for a wide range of play experiences and a chance to meet other families? We hope you can join us for this wonderful morning activity.

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The thing is, we can't change the past. However, we can change how we think about ourselves at the current point in time. It can be useful to take a moment to consider what we would say to a friend who was standing in our shoes. This is because we tend to be a lot kinder to others and forget to treat ourselves with the same love and compassion. Some people might find it more practical to write a list of the things we do like about ourselves. This might seem intimidating at first, however, there are lots of things we can consider, including our values, behaviours, personality, appearance, achievements, goals, the list goes on.

What other ways could you find to be kinder to yourself?

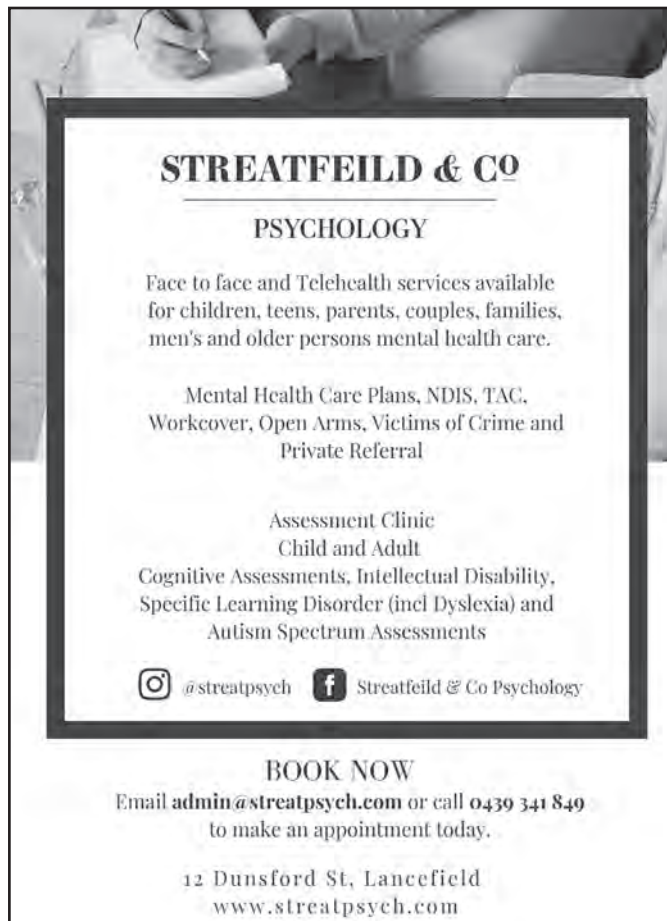
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RELOCATION OF KYNETON MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICE

Kyneton Maternal and Child Health service (Kyneton MCH) has relocated to Central Highlands Rural Health's (CHRH) Kyneton campus in the Ambulatory Care Centre building. The decision to relocate follows an extensive analysis of the land and current condition of buildings which, following the relocation of Kyneton Kindergarten to Edgecombe Street in February 2022, were found to need significant restoration or be completely demolished to be fit for purpose.

At the new Kyneton MCH hub, staff and clients will have access to a large waiting area, reception, large consulting room, a room for new parent groups and a courtyard.

Visit the Council website for more information.





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RESOURCE RECOVERY NEWS

'Let's get sorted' and make an impact with waste

Since the launch of the four-bin system in February 2020, Macedon Ranges has seen some of the highest diversion rates of waste from landfill in the state.

Evidently, residents in the shire have embraced the new system and are passionate about recycling and reducing their environmental footprint.

It was fantastic to see over 600 residents recently complete Council's survey titled 'Help us make recycling easier', with a majority happy with Council's four-bin system. However, some respondents did say they would like to sort waste correctly, but sometimes get confused with what goes where.

To help residents, Council has relaunched the 'Let's get sorted' waste education campaign alongside Sustainability

Victoria's 'Small acts, big impact' campaign.

Residents are being reminded that a few small acts can have a big impact when sorting waste, such as:

- remembering to put your recycling in the bin loose (not in plastic bags)
- putting your food-soiled paper packaging, like pizza boxes and paper towels, in your FOGO bin
- only putting glass bottles and jars in your glass bin (no ceramics, Pyrex, lightbulbs or other glass)
- not putting batteries and e-waste in your general waste, but dropping them off for free at the Lancefield Town House.

Council's 'Let's get sorted' guide is a great resource for helping residents sort your waste properly, go to the Council website to download a copy.

COMPOST DELIVERIES ARE BACK

Council has resumed its delivery service of Australian-standard FOGO compost, alongside mulch, to residents in the shire.

Delivery sizes and costs are:

- Three cubic metres: \$146.30
- Six cubic metres: \$182.60

To book delivery, call our customer service team on 5422 0333 or visit your nearest customer service centre.

SUPPORT FOR SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS

Throughout March there will be opportunities for small businesses in the shire to get advice, support and training. The Small Business Bus will be visiting Kyneton between 10am-4pm on Monday 20 March and Woodend on Thursday 23 March with mental health and wellbeing support provided by Partners in Wellbeing.

If you have concerns about your online security, register for a Cyber Security workshop on Thursday 16 March. The free workshop will be held at Gisborne Administration and Service Centre, 40 Robertson Street from 9:30-11:30am.

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Thanks also to the many people who came, bought and ate at this wonderful event. Your support was the icing on the cake, as they say.

Our next market, weather permitting, will be on 12 March, with even more wonderful items for sale, and on display.

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COLLABORATION FOR CLIMATE CHANGE

Council's Cool-ER Changes project will result in a shire-wide Climate Emergency Response Plan and will outline our key strategic approach to enacting our Declaration of Climate Emergency.

The launch event at Kyneton Town Hall on 2 March is just the beginning. Over the coming months, six workshops will explore and develop theme-based actions to mitigate, adapt and strengthen our response to climate change. Join us in for these solutions-focused, collaborative workshops and help address the climate emergency in our own backyard. Our first two workshops are:

Cool-ER Changes: Workshop 1 - Nurturing nature
Thursday 16 March, 6-8:30pm, Gisborne Community Centre

Healthy ecosystems mean healthy people. Bringing together indigenous knowledge with modern experience, we will explore solutions to ensure our land and waterways will flourish into the future.

Cool-ER Changes: Workshop 2 – Climate ready communities Thursday 30 March, 6-8.30pm, Kyneton Library

How do we grow a 'climate-ready community' in the Macedon Ranges? From sustainable houses, building and development, to connecting and enhancing our food systems. In this workshop we want to bring the farmers to the families they feed and explore all things sustainable, local, low-carbon living.

Visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/Cool-ER-Changes for information.

EDUCATION SESSIONS FOR DEMENTIA

Thursday 9 March, 10am-12pm at Woodend RSL, 32 Anslow Street.

Dementia Australia, in collaboration with Woodend Lifestyle Carers Group and Council, are running a free Educational Dementia Immersive Experience (EDIE) session for family carers and family members of people

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AUTUMN FESTIVAL EDGY VEG AWARDS



Sue and Thierry, owners of Paysanne café in Woodend and winners of the 2022 Edgy Veg Awards

Autumn is here, and that means the Autumn Festival is approaching. That means the return of The Edgy Veg Awards. This year Spices & Pestle Thai Restaurant in Riddells Creek have submitted an extravaganza of dishes that should be on everyone's list to try!

A Thai Green Curry, Dragon Tofu (entree), Tom Yum (Soup), Pad Thai, and Mango Sticky-rice. Gisborne, Macedon, Kyneton and Woodend are all well represented in this year's submissions for the awards too. There are cafes, pubs and restaurants in the competition, so you can eat out at any time of the day and try something new. The event will run during the Autumn Festival from

1 – 30 April, and café patrons will get to vote on every dish they try. Which venue will win the coveted title of most delicious plant-based dish in the Macedon Ranges? Cast your votes to show who you think should win.

Voting is easy, each participating café will display the competition QR code that you can scan to rate your dish online. You can find out more about the Edgy Veg Awards from the competition website - veg.mrsg.org.au/edgy-veg-awards or scan the QR code in this article.

The Awards are an initiative of Veg Action of MRSG, and funded by the Macedon Ranges Shire Council, as part of their Sustainable Living Festival series.



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Access to the service is prioritised to those on the National Disability Insurance Scheme, the Commonwealth Home Support Program or who have a Home Care Package. To discuss further call 5421 1666, email admin@scchc.org.au or drop in to 1 Caroline Chisholm Drive Kyneton.

PUPPY PRIDE

After the success of last year's inaugural Puppy Pride, Kyneton's Botanic Gardens will once again host an event to celebrate all things canine and bring together the LGBTIQ+ community, their friends and their families. The organisers at Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health are putting a call out for puppy superstars, those dogs that love to perform, do tricks or who have a unique feature that needs to be shared.

Puppy Pride is on Sunday 26 March from 12 midday. Like last year, the afternoon will start with a group dog walk at 11am from the Kyneton Mechanics Institute to the gardens where there will be various food and market stalls, activities, competitions and plenty of space to spread out your picnic rug.

The focus will be on gathering together as a community, enjoying the beauty of the surroundings and appreciating the many ways dogs improve our health and wellbeing.

"From reducing stress to improving our fitness, dogs can also increase our social interaction and of course provide companionship," says Belinda Brain from Sunbury and Cobaw Health. "All are welcome - we promise the day will be colourful, vibrant and definitely fun!"

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For any questions please contact Angel on 0403300331.

ENTER OUR ART COMPETITION AND HELP THE ENVIRONMENT

Council is inviting all school-aged and preschool-aged children to help raise awareness of the impact of single-use plastics on the environment, by entering a competition for a chance to have their artwork displayed in the art exhibit at the Hanging Rock Reserve Discovery Centre.

Participants are being asked to create their own unique artwork using upcycled, recycled or single-use plastic collected as litter, with examples including snack wrappers, coffee cups, straws, cotton buds, polystyrene and bread bag tags.

Winners will also take home a worm farm or compost bin made from recycled plastic.

The competition closes 6 April. For information, visit the Council website.

EVENTS FOR THE OVER 55s.

INFORMATION SESSION 1 SCAM AWARENESS

Thursday 16 March, 10:30-11:30am, Kyneton Town Hall - Newman Room, 129 Mollison Street

Scams target everyone and anyone can be a target of phone scams or false information online - but there are things you can do to protect yourself. Hear from nbn® Community Ambassador Janeen Stewart, who will share up-to-date information on scam trends and what you can do to protect yourself.

INFORMATION SESSION 2 DIGITAL DEVICES 101

Thursday 16 March, 12-1pm, Kyneton Town Hall - Newman Room, 129 Mollison Street

Devices such as smart phones and tablets are fast becoming a way to strengthen our connections with family and friends. Janeen Stewart, nbn® Community Ambassador, will share up-to date information on how to access Wi-Fi hotspots and answer your connectivity questions.

If you're over 55 and want to join us for these free sessions, email villageconnect@mrsc.vic.gov.au or call the Village Connect Team on 5422 0333.

KYNETON TOWN HALL EVENTS

Daniel Champagne 8pm, Saturday 11 March.

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WOODEND HANGING ROCK PÉTANQUE CLUB



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Then on the Saturday morning we all headed into the vines of the Coonawarra to play 6 games of competitive pétanque. New South Wales and Victorian teams played South Australian teams. A great competitive day was had by all. Some winners and some losers, but hey, that's the way it goes in pétanque. Next morning it was the Social Day. The top 16 teams were in the Principale and Complementaire and the rest of us in the

Sociale, for another competitive day. Our Woodend Hanging Rock teams all played well and had a fabulous weekend of competition, fun and enjoying all that the region had to offer.

Come and join in the fun and socializing as we travel around our state. Avoca, Nagambie, Ballarat and Apollo Bay are trips coming up, they are just a few of the destinations where we go to play our wonderful game.

The Woodend Hanging Rock Pétanque Club meet at 2pm each Monday at the old racecourse in Woodend and Thursday afternoons at 4 pm at our beautiful Hanging Rock.

Come and join us, we would love to include you in our club.

Louise Potter



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Yet we too are asked to follow Jesus. He still calls out to each one of us to follow Him. It is still an incredible journey

to go on, when we follow Him.

And yes, we are asked to leave our own ways. As Jesus said in Matthew 16:24-26 "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me. If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it. And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? Is anything worth more than your soul?"

Nope, nothing is worth more than your soul. And the benefit of giving up your own way – you find your real life.

If you want to know more, check out our services on YouTube (search for Encourage Church Romsey) or visit us at church on a Sunday morning.

NOMINATIONS OPEN

We are inviting residents and visitors to nominate their favourites in the inaugural Telstra Macedon Ranges Community Choice Awards.

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It became such a hit that Mangels headed out again six years later and filmed 'World Safari 2', which cemented him as a pioneer of the adventure film genre, followed by TV icons like Steve Irwin and Bear Grylls.

The impact of Mangel's films on Australian audiences in the late 70s and early 80s was profound, with media reporting that "in one week during 1984, the top three

grossing films in Australian cinemas were Gremlins, Ghostbusters and World Safari 2."

World Safari 3 led to bankruptcy for Alby which reshaped his life perspective.

Mangels recovered from this low, going on to make 70 more documentaries in a series called Adventure Bound in the 1990s while also supporting environmental causes.

Do not miss this world first screening of the digitally remastered World Safari 1 and 2 across 2 fantastic evenings at The Lancefield Lodge!

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FARMERS MARKET TURNS 20

In 2001 a young women, Meggs Hannes, came to a Neighbourhood House AGM stood up and said she would like Lancefield to have a Farmers Market. We said 'great idea' and sent her off to organise one. With a budget of \$1 to photocopy some posters, the first Market was held in March 2003.

Now 20 years later we have a strong, established, monthly market which has, over the years, in many ways attributed to the social and financial fabric of the township and many individuals.

Lancefield and District Farmers Market was one of Victoria's early Farmers Markets. It was actually the first market to gain Accreditation, but unfortunately another market, which got approval after us, held their market first that month so we aren't listed as the first accredited market.

In the past 20 years the market has only had one month when it didn't run, which was during COVID, and half a market where very heavy rain sent everyone home. The market started with 24 stalls, we now average 50-60 stallholders. Nine of these the stalls have been coming since the first year of the market and four have been there since day one.

June Dawson, of Dawson's Honey has only missed three markets in the 20 years - one because of the COVID cancellation and the other two for family weddings. Our

wonderful Lancefield local Barry Hunt, of Hunt Brothers Potatoes, has also only missed a few markets over all these years.

June recalls that there was a great sense of excitement among stallholders at the first market, with everyone selling out early. June had to borrow a customer's phone to ring her husband to bring down more honey, and Barry made several trips back home for more bags of potatoes.

If you are a regular market goer you will notice that we have rearranged some of the stalls – we have had a bit of turmoil for the past few years due to COVID and with the logistics of the new traffic management plan – the market layout is on maps which you can find on the Facebook page, by phoning the Neighbourhood House or look for them around the market.

The Lancefield & District Farmers Market is an enterprise of the Lancefield Neighbourhood House which is supported by volunteers – we always welcome new people who would like to help and have a wide range of jobs across all of the Neighbourhood House activities.

We hope to see you on March 25th for the Markets 20th birthday. Chris Dawson, of Dawsons Honey, will be joining his wife June to be on hand to answer any questions about honey and beekeeping and we will, of course, have a great range of stalls for shopping, food, music and face painting.

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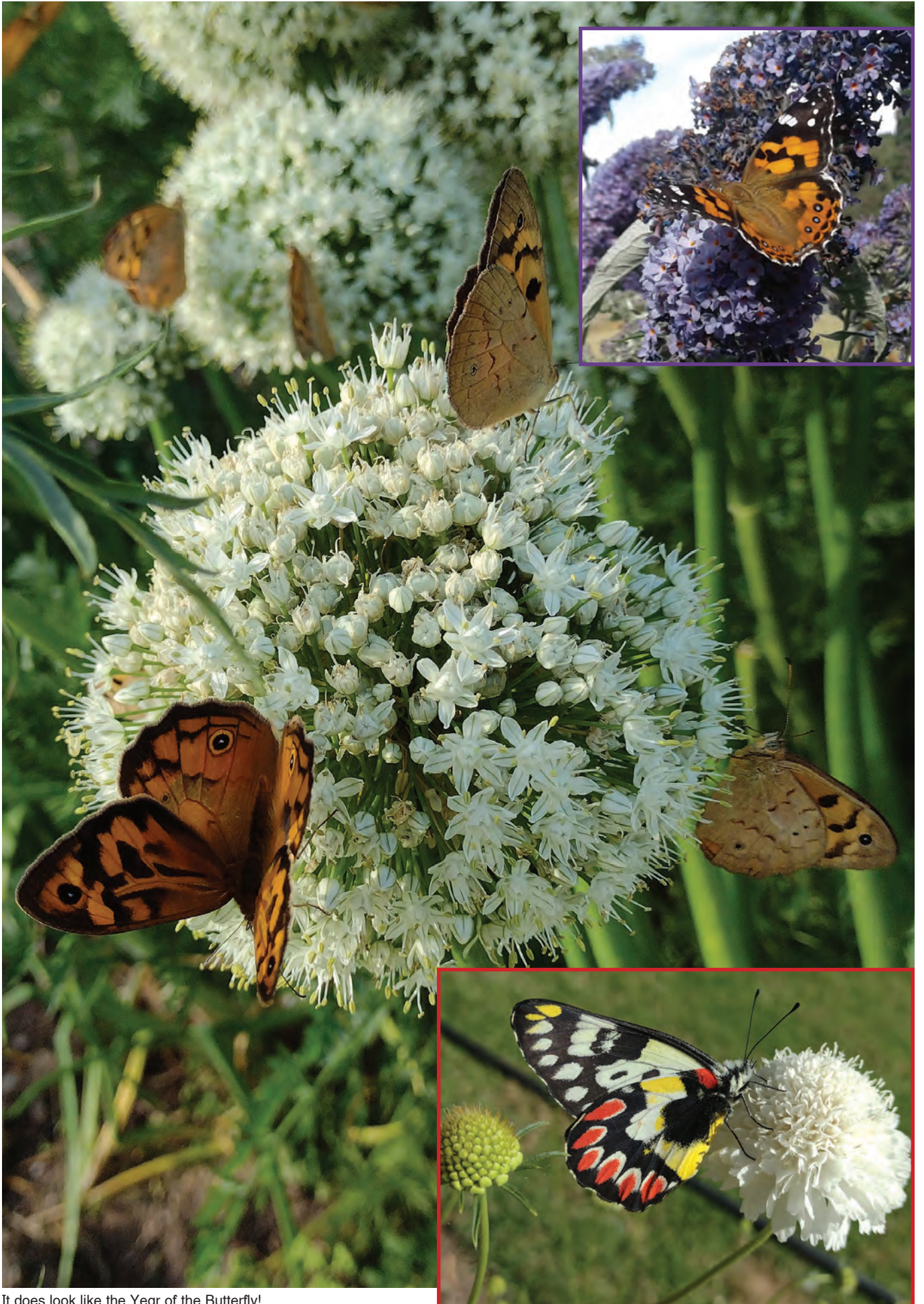
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