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Vietnamese chef Namdo Quach came to Australia when he was two. His parents, refugees from Vietnam, took a great risk in 1979 when they took their three children on a two week-long perilous journey to Australia in a leaky boat. The family first settled in Geelong where Namdo grew up before moving to Coburg.

Like his parents, Namdo's current business venture began as a great risk and a leap of faith. After training as a chef and managing restaurants in Australia and in London, Namdo then ran a multitude of successful catered events before he transitioned into the corporate world. While the money was 'awesome', and the parties were 'even better', he said that the benefits of working in the corporate world quickly wore off. He no longer felt the same level of satisfaction in his work. After the

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birth of his first child and several failed attempts at acquiring a café coincided, he began to ask himself "Who am I?" and "What the hell am I doing with my life?". Eventually he decided to take on a new yet risky idea of combining two of his passions – Vietnamese street food and sharing food. He came up with the idea of serving street food from a truck! The Lil' Nomnoms food truck was created.

The past year, he is happy to say, has brought about both a tremendous amount of excitement and anxiety. His parents have been supportive, probably realizing that what they saw in their son was the same risky entrepreneurial spirit that put them in the leaky boat in 1979. Now with two children, he and his wife moved up to Woodend a couple of years ago. There they enjoy growing herbs and all Vietnamese vegetables. In addition to his food truck, Namdo donates his time to cook for the Lancefield and Romsey Feed-it-Forward Harvest Lunches. Based on the season and the food they know will be donated, he and a small army of volunteers prepare the menu on the Monday prior to the lunch. On Tuesday 30 April, Namdo cooked a wonderful green curry of donated vegetables served on white rice. This was followed by bread-and-butter pudding with ice-cream and cream. The bread is always donated by the Lancefield Bakery. With winter coming on, I believe we can soon look forward to treats such as Shepherd's Pie. The next monthly lunch will be held on Tuesday 25 June at Romsey.



As one of Australia's leading younger generation pianists, Hannah Shin, has garnered prizes and accolades around the world. Her recent major prize in the Zhuhai International Mozart Competition was one of the most significant prizes awarded internationally to an Australian pianist – and she is just age 17 years old!

Hannah Shin has made numerous orchestral appearances performing concertos ranging from Mozart and Beethoven to Tchaikovsky and Prokofiev. She has performed with renowned orchestras such as the Salzburg Chamber Soloists and the Thailand Philharmonic Orchestra, the Ningbo Symphony Orchestra and the Poland International Quartet. And in Melbourne Hannah has performed with various Melbourne orchestras, at venues including the Melbourne Recital Centre and Deakin Edge Auditorium.

She will perform Bach, Beethoven, Lizst, Schumann and Chopin at the Cope-Williams Arts Foundation, 221 Ochiltrees Road, Romsey on Sunday 2 June 2019 at 2.30 pm.

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The 'Spanish Flu' epidemic reached Victoria in early January 1919 when the first of the returned servicemen arrived home after years of service abroad. Victorian Government regulations attempted to limit the possibilities of transmission by controlling the congregation of crowds in public spaces and places of popular entertainment in Melbourne. At the end of January 1919, State Cabinet ordered that all cinemas, theatres, concert halls and other public halls be closed within a fifteen-mile radius of the GPO. Church-goers could attend divine service, as long as they wore 'a mask of an approved kind'.

In April 1919, the death of a young local boy was reported in the *Lancefield Mercury*. More patients were diagnosed with the disease and in the 6 June edition, the *Mercury* reported that an Influenza Hospital Committee had been established in May. When they met in early June, it was reported that Mrs Foy, one of the members of that Committee, was unable to attend due to ill health, although it is unclear if she was suffering with Spanish Flu.

The following week, when the Romsey Council met, the Lancefield Health Officer, Dr Nesbitt, reported on the cases of Influenza. He explained that an Emergency Influenza Hospital would be opening in the Commercial Hotel on the corner of Main Road and Dundas Streets.



patients with Spanish Flu was approximately £3 per week. The Emergency Hospital Committee forwarded accounts amounting to £58/9/incurred in the treatment of 20 patients. The three Lancefield Committee members said they felt sure all the patients would be willing to pay for their treatment at the Hospital. The Secretary read Sections 208 and 210 of the *Local Government Act* which empowered the Council to collect costs from patients. Councilors decided to ask the Lancefield Committee to establish how much they could collect from patients and would then immediately make its contribution. One lengthy circular from the Health Department (read at the June Council Meeting) offering advice to sufferers was then published in the *Lancefield Mercury*.

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From the day the Emergency Hospital (now the Guest House) opened, three local nurses, acting in a voluntary capacity, cared for all Influenza patients. At their June meeting, Councilor Foy moved that a letter of thanks be sent to each of the voluntary nurses – Mrs Murphy, Miss Doggett and Miss Walsh. The motion was carried.

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ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL LANCEFIELD RIDE 2 SCHOOL

We have successfully received a grant of \$5000 from Ride 2 School and the Bicycle Network. \$2000 towards Bike Education and \$3000 towards bike parking. We have continued to do our Hands Up count on a weekly basis to keep track of how students travel to school and we continue to encourage everyone to try and be more active by walking, riding or scooting to school at least once a week. This grant will allow us to run our Bike Education Program for Years 3 - 6 this year, which gives more students the chance to learn about bike safety and riding safely on our roads.

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN

The Woolworths Earn & Learn Program is on again and St Mary's is participating. Between May 1 and June 25, 2019 we hope to collect as many stickers as we can. We ask you, our Lancefield community, to tell your neighbours, friends and relatives to collect Earn & Learn vouchers if you shop at Woolworths over the next couple of months. Bring them into school and at the end of the program they can be exchanged for amazing school equipment. We thank you for your support!

MINI VINNIES - FEED IT FORWARD

On Tuesday the 30th of April, 6 Mini Vinnies went to the Romsey Hub and helped with Feed it Forward. We a had a lot of fun mingling with everyone. We asked people how they heard about Feed it Forward and there was a lot of different answers. It was great to chat and get to know people there. We helped out with stuff like serving the main meal and dessert, selling raffle tickets, we made people smile and feel welcome, took tea and coffee orders and met a lot of people. It was an amazing opportunity to be a part of Feed it Forward. At both Feed it Forward lunches that we have attended, we've participated in an activity to make it be more social. This time our activity was to talk to 10 new people and fill out a sheet of paper with each new person's





name. All the finished sheets went into the raffle along with all the raffle tickets that people had bought. At everyone's seat there was an easter egg and empty glass. The table set up was different to at Lancefield, but both were good. All the volunteers and chef were the same as Lancefield, they were all very welcoming and friendly. At the end when most people had left we helped pack-up everything. Both Feed it Forward lunches felt wonderful and welcoming and a great experience for us to have. We hope to see you at the next Feed it Forward lunch.

By Eve Keogh, Chelsea McCarthy & Ellen Nuttall

KIDSVIEW INCURSION

On Thursday 2nd May, our Year 5/6 students participated in a KidsView Incursion held at St Mary's. We were joined by students from Our Lady of the Rosary in Kyneton and Lancefield and Romsey Primary Schools. There were just under 90 students in attendance. KidsView is a Social Justice Incursion run by Bahay Tuluyan Philippines Australia. The purpose is to encourage students to understand the challenges faced by the world's poor and to use their power to create a just world for all, especially children.

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The day was facilitated by Catherine Scerri, an Australian who has lived and worked with vulnerable children in the Philippines for the past 15 years. Catherine was both engaging and inspiring, challenging our students to think about poverty, social justice and using their power to create change. The students got to meet and hear from two young Filipino youths, Donata & Justin, who travelled to Australia to share their challenges of living in poverty and their journey to becoming leaders in their community.

Students participated in hands-on workshops, engaging discussions and thought provoking activities. Justin & Donata also gave a moving performance based on their lives. The day was a real eye opener for the students and hopefully made them realise just how lucky they are, for all that they have. Students will be looking at social justice as part of their R.E. unit this term and we hope that this incursion has spurred them on to spread the word and make change to help improve the lives of those less fortunate.

SHC JUNIOR CHEF 2019

Once again Sacred Heart College in Kyneton are running their Junior Chef competition for Year 4 students from their 6 feeder schools. St Mary's Year 4 students were invited to apply to be part of this competition. Last year we sent two teams of four students, however they have streamlined it this year and each school can only send one team of four.

Thank you to all the students who applied. I was very

impressed with all the applications so it was a tough decision. The decision was made in consultation with the classroom teachers and Mrs McDougall. Congratulations to the following students who will be representing St Mary's for Round One on Tuesday 4th June: Lyla Brown, Ayden Aboushi, Emily Stocker and Riley Alford.

ANTI BULLYING CAMPAIGN - STUDENT LED ACTION

Starting in Week 4 and continuing through Term 2, a group of students from Years 3 - 6 will be working together to design an anti bullying mural which will be displayed at the front of our school. The purpose is for students to lead the action in raising awareness and taking a stand against bullying. On Monday 13th May we had our first meeting with our student representatives and Clare, a teacher/artist who has been contracted to work with us to help produce the mural. It was a very productive hour in which we discussed what bullying is, how it makes us feel and what we can do to overcome it.

We talked about ideas for the mural in the form of words and symbols. We took a good look at the blank canvas which will become our mural and the area that surrounds it. Both Clare and myself were very impressed with the students ideas and enthusiasm. The students will now go back to their classrooms to share what we have discussed so far and to ask for further ideas and input. We will be meeting each Monday to work on this project. The students chosen to represent

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the voice of all students in our school are Lila Binney, John Cleve, Harry Shannon, Grace Miles, Patrick Diamond, Jack Eddy, Lauren Doria and Kammeryn Forbes.

Thanks to the generous sponsorship of Lancefield Community Bank® Branch of Bendigo Bank, we have the funds to make this project happen. We look forward to hearing the students ideas and putting their plans into action. Watch this space!

MOTHER'S DAY / SPECIAL PERSON BREAKFAST

What an amazing turn out we had for our Mother's Day / Special Person Breakfast held on Friday morning 10th May. Thank you to all our families who attended. A breakfast of croissants, pancakes, fruit & yoghurt was enjoyed by approximately 200 attendees! There was tea & plunger coffee for the adults and pop tops for the kids. It was a lovely and cheerful atmosphere with all mums / special persons getting a photo under our specially created flower mural. A huge thanks to the Mini Vinnies for designing our flower mural for photos, it was a big hit! I must say a big thank you to Shannon McElhinney who assisted me on Thursday afternoon and evening to set up the hall and to all the staff who assisted on the morning. It is all the hands that help that make such an event possible. I hope that all who attended enjoyed the breakfast as much as we enjoyed putting it on for you and that you all had a very happy Mother's Day!



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3/4 FOOTBALL CLINIC

On Monday 10th May our 3/4 's were lucky enough to have players from the Essendon Football Club come and run a footy clinic for them. Students were divided into 5 groups as they participated in different footy skills. There was lots of running, speckies, handballs and kicking.

At the end the students played some football free games altogether. Smiles were a plenty as footballs flew in all directions. Well done to all our 3/4 's for their excellent behaviour.

LUNCHTIME CLUBS

Now that the weather has turned cooler, we have introduced Lunchtime Clubs to give students an option to play indoors. Our clubs run Monday through Friday with something different being offered each day. Mondays are for 'Creating and Making', Tuesdays 'Coding', Wednesdays 'Games', Thursdays 'Books' and Fridays are for 'Student Led Clubs' announced each week.

This is a great opportunity for students to try something different and mix with students from all year levels. We invite those in our Community who would like to assist with clubs or who may have a suggestion for a lunchtime club to please contact us and we would love your input.

Jo Shannon (Community Liaison Leader)



COMBINED PROBUS CLUB OF ROMSEY AND LANCEFIELD INC. P.O. Box 280, Romsey. Vic. 3434

AN OPPORTUNITY!

Our club provides an opportunity for retirees or semi retired people to relax and enjoy the welcoming company of those at the same stage of life. Our monthly meeting (4th Thursday of the month) is a chance to catch-up with new and old friends, share a pleasant morning tea, and hear interesting speakers on a wide variety of topics. Meetings are held at St.Mary's Catholic Church Hall, Main Street, Romsey. The June meeting will be on Thursday 27th of June, 2019 at 10am.

After the meeting, people so inclined, have lunch at a nearby restaurant. There are many activities members can be part of (including Trips and Outings); some regular and others planned from time to time.

Join us for coffee at one of the venues in Romsev or Lancefield every second Friday; or join the ten-pin bowling group for a bit of fun on the alternate Friday. Or form a group with others of similar interests at a time that suits.

We are a friendly welcoming group from diverse backgrounds and with a variety of interests, and we'd love to meet you!

Visit our website: www.rlprobus.org.au

Contact: President: Tony 0408536290; Vice President: Allan 0408098428 or Secretary: Jeni 5429 5480

MERCURY QUIZ

The answers to the questions below are words that are also people's names. Have fun!

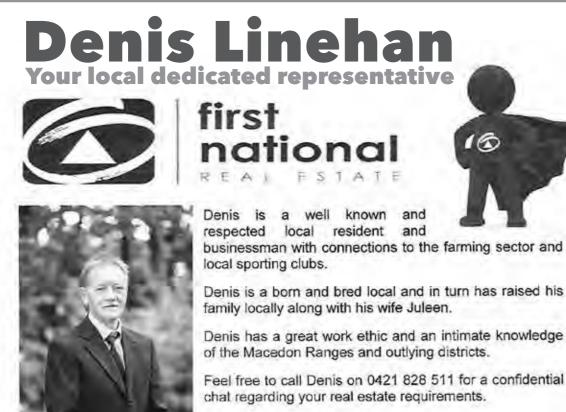
BOY'S NAMES

- 1 An unpaid monthly account
- 2 the winner
- 3 a spear
- 4 a vertical slope
- 5 to be honest

GIRL'S NAMES

- 1 where angels reside
- 2 a deep red colour
- 3 a strong wind
- 4 a leafy climbing plant
- 5 sunrise

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DEEP CREEK LANDCARE GROUP Covering Lancefield – Romsey and Monegeeta Districts WATER IS LIFE

The health of our streams and waterways are vital to a healthy community, productive agriculture and our unique native flora and fauna. Maintaining and enhancing waterway health is something that Deep Creek Landcare Group works very hard at - it is our namesake after all.

The health of our waterways is being affected by issues such as uncontrolled livestock access, nutrient runoff, inappropriate water extraction, vegetation loss, ground water depletion and pollution from increased urbanisation.



These are only but a few of the major threatening processes that affect our waterways. But it's not all bad news. There are things that can be done to re-establish a waterway to a healthy status and after all, this is the landscape of our natural environment so it's well worth protecting.

The Deep Creek Landcare Group have been working closely with Melbourne Water to establish a new project area at Forbes Crossing on Forbes Road just off the Lancefield/ Romsey Road.

The area has had extensive weed control undertaken by Melbourne water, removing woody weeds and spraying the blackberry. We have in turn planted out over 450 trees and shrubs which have all been staked and guarded to protect them from our hungry native friends (the roos and wallabies) and pest animals such as rabbits.

In doing all this hard work we are hoping to improve an area along the Deep Creek that has been suffering from erosion, overgrazing and weed infestation. By planting out the trees we hope to prevent any further erosion and create a very important biolink between two existing



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project areas along the Deep Creek - Doggett's Bridge and Sheehan's Crossing. Biolinks are vital to protect biodiversity conservation and we have much to protect. For example the endangered Yarra Pigmy Perch (YPP), phascogales, antechinus and many more endangered and threatened species that have been recorded in our area in the Macedon Ranges Biodiversity Strategy.

Want to know more about Landcare in your local area? Please email deepcreeklandcare@gmail.com or drop into a meeting and share in a coffee and a chat. Our working bees are held on the third Sunday of every month. All are welcome to join in planting some trees and enjoying a cuppa and sponge cake from the Lancefield Bakery at any of our project sites throughout Lancefield and Romsey. Details of working bees can be emailed to you. Bring the kids too if you like, they love tree planting.

Our meetings are held on the second Monday of every month @ 8pm (with the exception of public holidays) at the Lancefield Mechanics Hall Annexe.

All are welcome.

TAKE YOUR E-WASTE TO A **BETTER PLACE**

Residents are being urged to dispose of their electronic waste (e-waste) safely and responsibly as a new state ban comes into force. From 1 July, e-waste will not be accepted in any bins or landfills across Victoria. Instead, it must be taken to dedicated drop-off points where it will be recycled safely. E-waste is any item with a plug, battery or cord that is no longer working or wanted and covers a whole range of items, from old phones, computers and household appliances to power tools and toys. Council accepts all e-waste free of charge at its transfer stations at Kyneton, Woodend and Romsey. Council's Director Assets and Operations, Phil Stone said e-waste was the fastest-growing category of waste worldwide.

"In Australia, e-waste is growing up to three times faster than general household waste," Mr Stone said. "Most e-waste contains hazardous materials and dangerous chemicals that, when dumped in landfill or stored inappropriately, can leach into groundwater and soil, or release into the air. This can cause long-term environmental damage and harm to human health, which can be avoided if you recycle your e-waste correctly and help avoid environmental contamination."

Recycling e-waste also allows useful resources and precious metals including gold and copper to be recovered from the discarded items and turned into new products. As well as taking items to transfer stations, residents can dispose of old mobile phones at Council customer service centres and libraries, where they will be recycled through the MobileMuster program. Batteries can also be dropped off at Council customer service centres for proper disposal.

For more information on disposal of e-waste, call Council on 5422 0333 or email mrsc.vic.gov.au. For more detailed information about e-waste, the e-waste landfill ban and recycling options, visit Sustainability Victoria's e-waste website, https://www.sustainability. vic.gov.au/campaigns/ewaste

LANCEFIELD COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION STATE CONFERENCE TIME

Last week two of our members attended the Victorian State Conference and Annual General Meeting which was held over two days in Williamstown. It was an excellent opportunity to network with members from other branches. As mentioned in our February article, Iceland is our International country of study for this year. Sandra Stevens, our International Officer shares her knowledge with us at our monthly branch meetings. Did you know that in 1907, the Icelandic Women's Rights Association, (the W.R.A.) was the first formal organisation of Icelandic women to focus its efforts on the struggle for political equality between men and women, as well as demanding equal access to education and the workplace? Women continue today in Iceland to be highly respected. More women than men attend university and women make up 48% of the parliament. Iceland elected the first woman president in the world in 1980. The W.R.A. continues to fight for women's rights and gender equality to this day. Most of the traditional Icelandic food revolves around fish, dairy, bread, potatoes and lamb. For a tiny country it has a marvellous food scene; eg organic lamb roasts and the famous Icelandic hot dog (pylsur) - mind you at a cost of \$10!

- Here is an Icelandic recipe for Roasted Shell Potatoes,
- which would team beautifully with a lamb roast. Serves 4-6 4-6 potatoes unpeeled
- 50-75 gr butter
- 45-60 ml double cream
- 1 bunch of spring onions
- 3 TS grated Jarlsberg cheese

Preheat oven to 200 degrees, prick potatoes all over with a fork and bake in the oven for one hour until tender. Cut each potato in half and scoop out the insides into a bowl, leaving a sturdy shell.Add butter to the cooked potato and mash well together.Add the cream and spring onions, season to taste. Replace the cooked potato mixture inside the potato shells and top with the grated cheese. Reheat the potato shells in the oven before serving.

President: Rosemary Jones lancefieldcwa@gmail.com



THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF CHRIST CHURCH, LANCEFIELD AND ST.PAUL'S, ROMSEY

LEADERSHIP

Most of us have voted to choose who will lead our nation over the next few years. They have a heavy responsibility. What influenced your choice: ability, charisma, knowing their electorate, the party platform? For Christians, the Bible gives us some guidelines as to the qualities needed in Leadership. When Moses burdened with the responsibility of leading and ordering 2000 people was advised by his father-in-law to appoint assistants, "Select capable men from all the people, men who fear God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain." (Exodus 18:21) JESUS before choosing His 12 Leaders (Apostles) spent the night on a mountainside in prayer. (Luke 6:12). When the leaders of the infant Church in Jerusalem realized they needed help, they appointed assistants (deacons) who had to be wise - "Brothers, choose out from among you men of wisdom

and who are known to be full of the Holy Spirit." (Acts 5:3) I wonder how many we voted for would pass these

tests? I think most of us look for integrity, ability, wisdom in decision making, and remembering too they are only human and need our support. St. Peter reminds of this in 1Peter 2:13ff, "Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every authority instituted among men."

All authority is in God's hands. Some of the last words of Jesus before returning to the glory of heaven were: "All authority in heaven and earth is given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations." (Matthew 28:18-19).

How were this small band of believers to do this? Only in the power of the Holy Spirit who would come to them on the Day of Pentecost (Whitsunday) to fill them with His power to make known the Gospel message. This happened ten days after the Ascension of Jesus to Heaven and which His Church will be celebrating this month on Sunday 9



June. The mission of the Spirit is to comfort - strengthen, fortify - to instruct and to change our sinful, fallen natures into the likeness of Christ.

Last month we were saddened and shocked by the sudden death of our much loved and respected member, Laurie Thomson. He and his late wife Jan served our Church and our Community all their lives. We will miss his humour, wisdom, faithfulness in all he committed himself to do.

"Well done, good and faithful servant enter into the joy of your Lord."

JUNE 2019 DIARY

Sat 1/6 9am Parish street stall - outside IGA Romsey. Cakes - from kitchen to you; Plants; Bric-a-Brac. Sun 9/6 - Holy Communion services: 9am Romsey, 10.30am Lancefield Whitsunday/Day of Pentecost - the coming of the Holy Spirit (Wear a touch of red or white) Sun16/6 - Holy Communion services: 9am Romsey, 10.30am Lancefield Trinity Sunday - Celebrating our Triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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(Doreen Morgan, Correspondent)



ST. MARY'S PARISH - LANCEFIELD & ROMSEY

27-29 Chauncey St, Lancefield & 85 Main Rd, Romsey, lancefield@cam.org.au Parish Priest: Fr. Martin Fleming, Supply Priest: Fr. Daryl Montecillo, Parish Secretary Mrs. Tammie Dalgleish, C/- Woodend Presbytery 5427 2690, Presbytery 5429 2130

MASS TIMES

1st & 3rd Sunday of the month: 8am Lancefield and 10am Romsey 2nd, 4th & 5th Sunday of the month: 8am Romsey and 10am Lancefield 1st Saturday of the month: 10am Romsey – Healing Mass Reconciliation available from 9:30am

COMMUNION SERVICES

Tuesday 9am Romsey Church Saturday 10am Romsey Church

ROSARY

Saturdays 9:45am Romsey

RECONCILIATION

By arrangement.

BAPTISMS

2019 – Romsey Church – August 4th, October 6th &

December 1st. 2019 – Lancefield Church – September 8th & November 10th. For more information, please phone 5429 2130.

SACRAMENTS

Registrations are now open for all Sacraments to be received in 2019. Please send your details to the secretary at lancefield@cam.org.au to register your child.

ST. MARY'S DROP-IN

First Thursday of each month, 10:30am to 4pm - St. Mary's Church Hall, Romsey. All welcome to come for a game of cards/chat and free lunch.

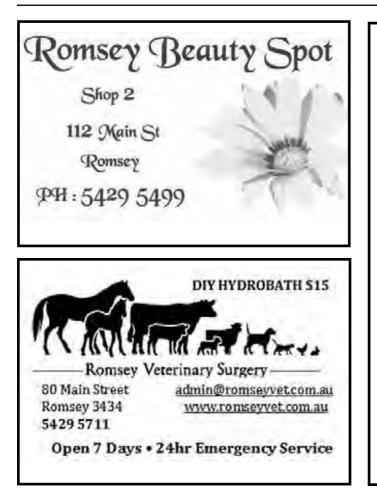
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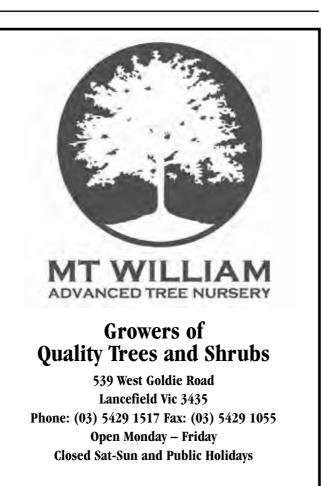
BOYS

1 Bill, 2 Victor, 3 Lance, 4 Cliff, 5 Frank.

GIRLS

1 Skye, 2 Ruby, 3 Gail, 4 Ivy, 5 Dawn.





IT'S ROUND UP TIME WE NEED ALL OF OUR BOOMERANG BAGS TO COME BACK.

Since February 2018 a dedicated team of volunteers have been creating the Lancefield Boomerang Bags for the use of towns people and businesses, thereby enabling us to create a plastic bag free town. All bags are upcycled from used fabric thus saving it from landfill. The aim of the bags is that we all use them to carry our purchases home and then continue to reuse them or return them to any business for the use of others. June is 'round up time'. We thought that it was time to ask for all Boomerang Bags not in circulation to be returned to base for a bit of loving and/or a makeover. So, if you have that bag



stuffed in a corner of the cupboard or car or hanging on the back of the door or as is in my case at the bottom of the laundry basket, set in free and return it. If you are emotionally attached to your bag please feel free to give it some loving, launder and repair it as you see fit. Otherwise please drop bags into the box at the Townhouse so that the Boomerang Team can spruce them up a little and get them back out there for us all to use.

For all enquiries and to volunteer phone Pat Danko on 0417 103 064 or phone the Lancefield Neighbourhood House on 54291214. See you there.

ROMSEY LANCEFIELD SENIOR CITIZENS

BENDIGO BANK MONTHLY BUS TRIPS

Come and join us on our monthly bus trips on the first Wednesday of the month. Our trips are to a variety of places and include morning tea and lunch and only cost \$45 (entry fees included). Our last visit was to the Rochester Silo Art, a very enjoyable day.

This month we will be visiting Crown Casino in Melbourne. We will have time to have a look around the shops and facilities at the Casino, plus enjoy some lunch. The trip is on Wednesday 5th of June. We will depart from the Lancefield Post Office at 9:15am and then pick up outside the front opf the Romsey Mechanics Institute at 9:30am. For further information please contact Helen on 0409 064 303 or Rae on 0408 338 759.

Hope to see you soon.

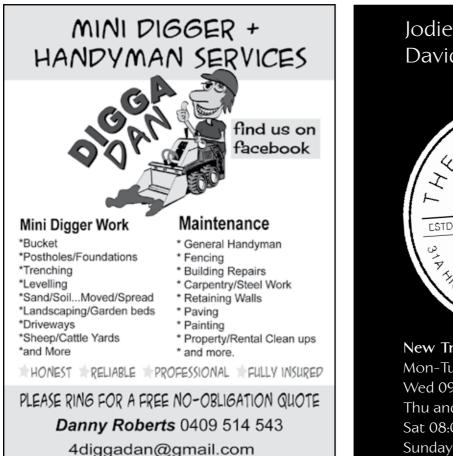
Remember we meet every Monday at the rear of the Romsey Mechanics Institute for lunch, some card games and a chat, for just \$5 – everyone is more than welcome. On the 2nd Monday of the month we have some professional cooks come in to prepare a 2 course meal, costing only \$10. We would love to see you.



A Patch of Lancefield would like to invite you to their Annual Biggest Morning Tea at the Lancfield Mechanics Hall on Thursday June 13 at 10 am.

Come along to enjoy a cuppa and homemade goodies and indulge in raffles or purchase craft items that have been lovingly made by the patchwork girls.

Gold coin donation and all proceeds go to the Cancer Council of Victoria to help all those impacted by cancer. Lesley Chisholm 0419 291 043



Jodie Philippe 0458811442 David Gionis 0458725736 54291 427



Mon-Tues by Appt Wed 09:30 - 5:30 pm Thu and Fri 09:30 – late by apt Sat 08:00 –1:00 Afternoon by Appt Sunday Closed

COMPOST AWARENESS WEEK

In Australia around 40% of our household waste is organic, made up of either food waste or garden clippings. There are some very good reasons not to send this to landfill and to compost it instead. When organic material is sent to landfills it is compacted by machinery constantly squashing it in to maximise the space and lifetime of the landfill cell. This compacting has the effect of removing oxygen from the cell and creating what's called an anaerobic environment.

When food and garden waste breakdown without oxygen, such as in a landfill, they create methane which can be up to 25 times worse than carbon dioxide as a global warming gas. So best we avoid this outcome and either compost our organic waste at home, or through a council service if one is provided. If using a council service, make sure you follow their guidelines for what type of organics are accepted and do not include materials that would contaminate compost.

Home composting not only reduces greenhouse gas

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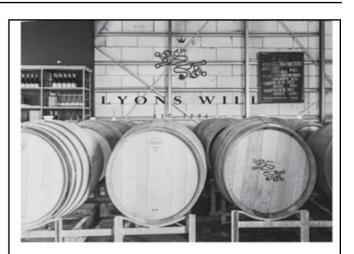
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emissions, but the further benefit of providing a valuable resource for our gardens. Compost does two very valuable things, it improves soil health and nutrient levels, and assists in maintaining moisture levels in the soil.

Home composting need not be difficult. A few tips to help you along the way include aerate often. Avoid thick layers of any single item, especially lawn clippings as it tends to smother the compost. Brown Autumn leaves are a great addition to home compost.

There is an increasing number of commercial composting facilities in Victoria who are processing the material picked up by council organic collection services. This composted product is providing a great benefit to farmers. Many people on the land are beginning to see the advantages of using compost on farms. They are now able to gain access to bulk amounts of compost which can be applied to paddocks to improve water retention, soil quality and reduce the application of chemical fertilizers.

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PLASTIC ROADS

The article "Handy Hints to Better Recycling" in last month's *Mercury*, made interesting reading because recycling plastic is important. Plastic should not go into landfill. It is a polymer derived from the oil industry. Plastic is strong and has a long long life. In many cases it replaces steel. Think of the car and packaging industry.

In Europe, the French oil company *Total* assists industries that manufacture a ready made "PlasticRoad. The ready-made sections of 2.5 metres long and 3 metres wide are from 70% recycled plastic, the rest is polypropylene. These hollow sections slot

together and are laid on a base of sand. It is expected that it will last twice as long and cost less than conventional roads. The sections can incorporate water, electricity, gas and other services. They would also be suitable for carparks, bicycle-paths and railway-platforms. With sensors built in, they could even be used for monitoring traffic or self driving vehicles.

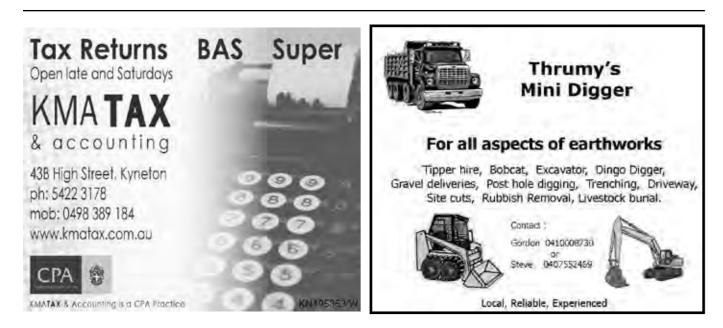
Australia is not far behind. A short stretch of road in outer Melbourne is made of one – it is in Rayfield Avenue



in Craigieburn, you can see a road surface made with "Plastiphalt". It is a compound made of recycled plastic bags, crushed glass and reclaimed asphalt. Such roads cost the same as conventional roads but will last much longer.

Where is our plastic problem now?

Murk Schoen.

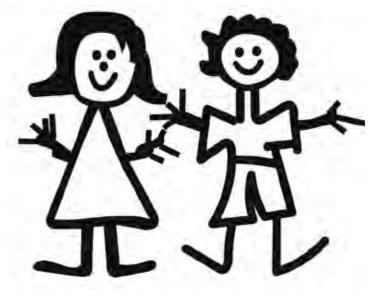


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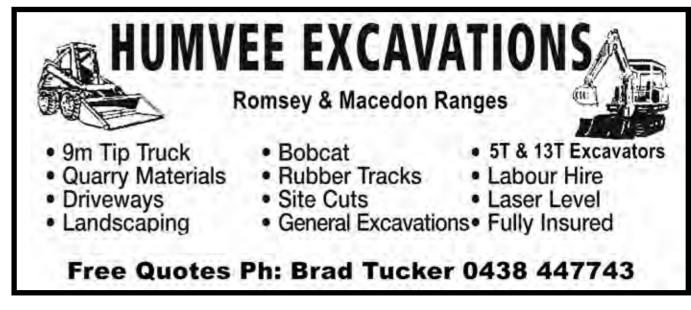
Lancefield Kinder is proud to have been operating for over forty years and we look forward to many more years caring for the littlest members of our local community.

Last year the Lancefield Kinder Committee (LKC) held a fortieth anniversary afternoon tea at the Kinder where past teachers, committee members, students and parents enjoyed a relaxing afternoon socialising and reminiscing

whilst enjoying the scrumptious delights of CWA cooking. We would like to thank the CWA ladies for their support on this important day. We would like to also take the opportunity to thank the Uniting Church committee for their ongoing support and friendship with LKC. It was the Uniting Church who built the Kinder for our community back in the 70's and we've worked together very nicely ever since.



In the last two years, LKC has funded in excess of thirty thousand dollars on building upgrades, replacement and upgrades of all kinder games, toys, books, furnishings and educational tools. We are currently applying for grants to upgrade the outside play area of the Kinder by replacing shade sails and a new cubby. Our most recent parent working bee saw over 100 daffodil bulbs planted around



the Kinder garden which is spectacular in autumn being deciduous. We have been a very busy bunch of volunteers! The Lancefield Kinder Committee has been very busy so far this year fundraising to support the Lancefield Kinder. We recently held our Mother's Day Hamper Raffle where generous businesses in our community donated items for our hamper where all proceeds go towards

funding a new music incursion at Kinder. Children really do learn through music and to introduce this incursion is very exciting for us.

We would like to take the opportunity to thank the following Lancefield businesses for their generosity and support: The Providore, Lancefield IGA, Bespoke Hair and Beauty, The Corner Store, Lancefield Chemist and Cottage Gifts on High. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this

fundraiser and we would like to warmly congratulate the winner who had his hamper delivered, in person, to enjoy. What a warm and wonderful community our littlest ones are growing up in.

The Lancefield Kinder Committee lancefieldkindercommittee@gmail.com



Guilty or not guilty? The answer to this is known by over a thousand people who were lucky enough to have seen Twelve Angry Men during May. The verdict was of course.... an incredibly successful season for this iconic play. Students and teachers from the Gisborne Secondary College were invited to attend the final dress rehearsal as part of their Year 9 English curriculum and found it a wonderfully rewarding way to learn about the script. Congratulations to cast and crew for staging such a classy, superbly acted play. We wish them luck with this year's Victorian Drama League Awards. 12 Angry Men is The Mount Players entry for 2019.

So, what's next at the Mountview Theatre? Our 16th

annual One Act Play Festival will run over the weekend of 12/13 & 14 July. An assortment of short plays from visiting theatres will be staged across the weekend, winding up on Sunday afternoon with awards presented by a guest adjudicator. Come for a session or make a weekend of it. Full details can be viewed on our website www.themountplayers. com tickets only available at the venue.

Our musical this year, Rock of Ages, is now in rehearsal and will open on August 9th. More about that next month. See you at the theatre.

By Karen Hunt



Apply Now

Community Investment Program 2019-20

Our annual Community Investment Program opens on Monday 17 June 2019. Application forms for grants and sponsorships will be emailed to community organisations on this date. All Lancefield and Romsey community groups and sporting clubs are eligible to apply. Applications close on Friday 26 July 2019. Contact Sally Peeler at marketing@lancefieldromseybank.com.au to discuss your organisation's application.

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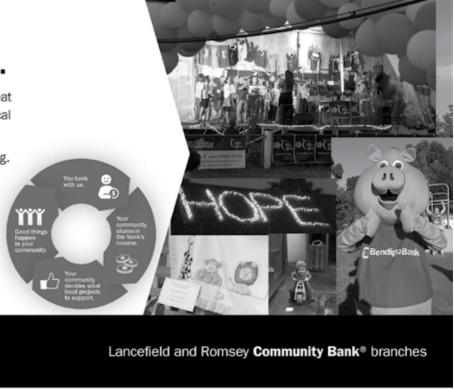
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PASTOR'S PARABLES Encourage Church, 7 Mitchell Court Romsey. Ph 5429 6327 HELL - THE ABSENCE OF GOD

The absence of water makes a desert. The absence of land makes an ocean. The absence of warmth makes the polar caps. The absence of light makes darkness. The absence of God's unconditional love & abundant provision makes Hell. Hell, for want of a better word, is simply a place where God and all of His goodness is absent. In life, God sustains us with oxygen, gravity, water, sunshine and all the universal laws of order - even when we make it guite clear that we want nothing to do with Him. However, there will come a day (death) when God must respect our decision to live apart from Him - His perfection demands it. On that day He may say to those who rejected salvation, 'It saddens Me that you have refused all My gracious offers of salvation and shown on all occasions that you want nothing to do with Me. I must respect your decision (free-will) and leave you in a place that has been set aside where My provision of healing, joy, love, kindness, goodness, mercy, forgiveness, patience and peace, shall be absent, where I will not sustain the environment or the universal laws of order, where My light will be nowhere to be seen and where you are beyond the reach of My comfort. It is a place where I shall respect your wish and remain absent from you for eternity.' (See 2 Thessalonians 1:9)

It is foolish to say we don't need God in our lives. Hell is the void created when God's providence is absent. It is a place of absolute darkness, chaos and everlasting discomfort. Let us not eternally regret being separated from God when Heaven is simply ours for the asking. The Bible clearly states: For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son (Jesus Christ), that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. (John 3:16). *Choose God For Your Life - Today*.

Pastor Marilyn Hunter

We are a Family Church and genuinely care about the people of our Community.

We offer Life Groups for Adults; Young Adults; Youth and Children. mainly music is held on Wednesday mornings for babies to pre-school aged children and we also run the Kidzone Before and After School Nationally Accredited Program. We are a progressive Church with a live band as part of our Worship team. If you have needs we would welcome you to join us on a Sunday morning and connect with someone who can help you or just drop in enjoy the music, friendship, and have a barista coffee on us.

Our aim is to Encourage one another to be all we can be, in Life and in God. If you would like to know more about faith in Jesus please contact Pastor Marilyn or our Church office 5429 6327



WHAT'S ON FOR YOUR BUSINESS IN JUNE

Local business owners and entrepreneurs looking to increase sales, and explore the possibilities promotion via Instagram are invited to one of the following workshops as part of Council's 2019 Business Program.

Engage real followers with Instagram (Digital Solutions Program)

Want to learn how to use Instagram to grow your business? Register for the Engage real followers with Instagram on Thursday 13 June from 9.30am– 12.30pm at the Gisborne Administration Centre, 40 Robertson Street, Gisborne. Small business owners will learn how to start an Instagram account, grow a following, establishing a brand in every post, etiquette and more. This workshop is part of the Australian Small Business Advisory Service (ASBAS) Digital Solutions Program. Participants who sign-up for the yearly program pay \$55 and have access to workshops, tailored mentoring, webinars and an online learning portal throughout the year that explore topics such as social media marketing, Facebook advertising, Instagram and more.

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INCREASE SALES IN YOUR BUSINESS

Come along to a mentoring session with Milton Collins, from local business The Business Action Coach and learn how to: sell to the four key personality types, get customers to sell themselves, overcome any objection, set up a sale from the first contact, ask a great question and ask for the sale time after time.

The workshop is being held on Tuesday 18 June from 6pm–8pm at The Victoria Hotel, Woodend. The cost is \$20. Places are limited, and bookings are essential.

For more information on our 2019 program, or to book your place, visit

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REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR **KINDERGARTEN** IN 2020

Are you considering whether to register your child at kinder in 2020? Give your child the best start to their learning journey at one of Council's eight kindergartens in the Macedon Ranges. Vacancies currently exist in our three and four-year-old kindergarten programs at Kyneton, Lancefield, Macedon, Riddells Creek, Romsey, Gisborne and Woodend. Kindergarten is the foundation of every child's formal learning journey. By experimenting and participating in group interactions, children make friends, build resilience and develop positive selfesteem. Kindergarten and pre-kinder enrolments for 2020 must be lodged by 30 June.

For more information about kindergarten programs, Early Start Kindergarten, fees and enrolments call Council's Early Years unit on 5422 0239 or visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/kindergarten

ACTIVE LIVING CENSUS

Go in the draw to win with the 2019 Active Living Census

Council is encouraging all households in the shire to take part in the Healthy Heart of Victoria 2019 Active Living Census. The census, which can be filled out online at srcentre.com.au/ALC has also been delivered to more than 117,000 homes in the Loddon Campaspe region. Information obtained in the census will be used by Council to plan recreational and health and wellbeing projects, and will also be shared with community clubs and organisations. Residents who complete the census before Sunday 16 June will go in the draw to win bikes, food and shopping vouchers from a prize pool valued at \$12,000.

For more information, visit srcentre.com.au/ALC or contact the Active Living Census Helpline on 1800 083 037.

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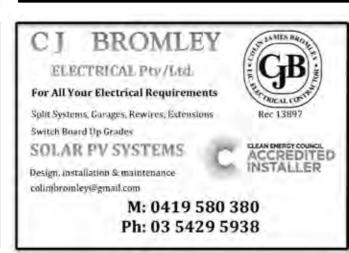
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SKILLING UP ON YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH

Help young people by skilling up on youth mental health Register your interest in attending our popular Youth Mental Health First Aid training course, being held on Saturday 15 June (9am–5pm), Tuesday 18 June (6pm–9.30pm) and Tuesday 25 June (6pm–9.30pm) in Gisborne. The course is made up of all three sessions.

The 14-hour program for parents, guardians and teachers in the Macedon Ranges covers topics such as anxiety, depression, psychosis, alcohol abuse and other drug issues and eating disorders. This fully-accredited course focuses on how to give initial help to young people who are in a mental health crisis situation, in the early stages of a mental illness, or experiencing the worsening of an existing mental health condition. The course is being held at the Gisborne Administration Centre, 40 Robertson Street in Gisborne.

Courses are held throughout the year in the shire, with places also available in our September course in Kyneton. To find out more information or book your place, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/ymhfa phone Loren Polzot on 5422 0275 or lpolzot@mrsc.vic.gov.au



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NOMINATIONS OPENING FOR YOUTH AWARDS

Do you know a young person between 12–25 years doing amazing things in our community? Council would like you tell us about the inspiring young people in your life by nominating them in our annual Youth Awards, which celebrate and recognise the incredible achievements of young people in the shire.

Nominations open Wednesday 11 June and can be for anyone aged 12–25 years who lives, works or attends school in the Macedon Ranges.

Young people can be nominated in one of the following categories: Arts, Academic, Business, Sport, Live4Life and Community. Submit a nomination online, mrsc.vic.gov. au/youth or pick up a nomination form from a Council service centre in Gisborne, Romsey, Woodend or Kyneton. Submissions close on Sunday 21 July 2019.

The winners will be announced at the 2019 Youth Awards presentation night on Tuesday 20 August in Kyneton Town Hall. The evening will be organised and run by the Macedon Ranges Youth Ambassador program leaders.

For more information, contact Lauren Day on 5422 0226 or email lday@mrsc.vic.gov.au

LOCAL EVENTS RECEIVE COMMUNITY BANK BOOST

The Community Bank® branches in Lancefield and Romsey were established to ensure there would always be banking services in our local towns. But Community Bank® branches don't only provide banking products and services, they return their profits back to the local community in which they operate. In the last 18 years, the Lancefield and Romsey branches have invested over \$1.5 million in our towns as well as returning dividends to the local shareholders.

Our most recent funding program – the 2019 Event Sponsorship Program – is no exception. We will be investing \$20,000 to support 17 community groups with local events over the next six months, including:

- Junior Golf Clinic with Lancefield and St Mary's Primary Schools, hosted by Lancefield Golf Club
 Romsey Blue Light Discos
- Colour Run at Lancefield Park, organised by the Lancefield Junior Football Netball Club
- Romsey Primary School Comedy Night
- Community Walk at Woodend Children's Park, organised by the Macedon Ranges Suicide Prevention Action Group
- Romsey Golf Club's Inaugural Women's Open Tournament
- Open Day for the Lancefield Romsey Little Athletics Centre
- 2019 Landcare Photoprize, coordinated by the Nulla Vale Pyalong West Landcare Group
- Romsey Region Business & Tourism Association
 (RRBATA) 10th annual Business Breakfast
- 2019 Macedon Ranges Wine Exhibition
- Dog high jump event at the Lancefield Show
- Community Night Market at Romsey Primary School

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- Fire 'N Friends Bonfire Night at Kerrie Hall
- Open Day and Community BBQ for Benloch Fire

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- Extinct! Lancefield Megafauna Festival 2019
- 2019 Christmas in Romsey Festival, coordinated by RRBATA
- Romsey Bowling Club's Barefoot Bowls

Suzie Ewart is Chair of the Company that operates the Lancefield and Romsey Community Bank® branches and is keen to emphasise our significant contribution to the prosperity of Lancefield, Romsey and the surrounding areas. "In addition to our being the only physical bank branches providing banking products and services to our local community, these investment programs are an added benefit that sets our Community Bank® branches apart," she said. "This latest funding allocation illustrates that local residents and businesses who bank with us are helping make a direct contribution to funding worthwhile initiatives in the community."

Jenny Stillman, President of RRBATA, is thrilled with the ongoing support from the local Romsey Community Bank®. "This is the fourth year of the Christmas in Romsey Festival – an initiative to enhance community spirit, connectivity and engagement; and to foster business and community interaction," she said. "The Romsey Community Bank® has supported the Festival from the outset. RRBATA is very pleased the Bank has come on board again as a major sponsor whilst sharing RRBATA's vision of increased visitation to the town and the subsequent economic benefits for the Macedon Ranges eastern corridor."

The next Community Investment Program (grants and sponsorships) opens on 17 June 2019. If you're a member of a local community group or sporting club and are interested in applying for funding, contact Sally Peeler at marketing@lancefieldromseybank.com.au



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https://www.veducci.com.au Driving from Melbourne to Townsville in mid October, local Romsey resident Peter Brown's endeavours will Taise MONEY for the Cancer Council, whilst participating in an event that brings tourism and generates revenue to small isolated communities that are part of the rallies course, SUPPOrting many grassroots organisations along the way. 250 teams taking on the Australian outback in cars worth \$1000 or less hence 'the shitbox rally'. The Rally is a mammoth week-long charity event travelling through remote parts of Australia on some of the toughest roads. It is now biggest fundraiser for the Cancer Council and has gone on to raise over \$16 Million Arbonne by Julie Mau Massage by Steph from Body Tunes and Hand dyed Silk scarves and bespoke jewellery Saturday June 1st 2019 2:00 PM TO 5:00 PM Afternoon Tea Provided Venue: Romsey Hub Main St. Romsey FRSVP CONTACT: CHRYSANNE BROWN 0427 511 932 FOR PAYMENT INFORMATION GO TO: https://www.trybooking.com/BBYRT E-mail: chrysanne.brown@bigpond.com Supported by: Romsey Neighbourhood House

HALLOWED **GROUND: WOMEN DOCTORS IN WAR**

The experiences of women in war are brought to life in a new theatre work showing at Kyneton Town Hall in June. Hallowed Ground: Women Doctors in War paints a portrait of what life was like for women who served with the armed forces during conflicts including WWI, WWII and those recently serving with our military in the Middle East. Presented by Shift Theatre, the work is inspired by personal diaries, historical documents and face-to-face interviews. It also draws upon the real-life stories of Professor Susan Neuhaus, who served as a surgeon in Afghanistan and elsewhere with the Australian Army and chronicled her experiences in her book, Not for Glory: A Century of Service by Medical Women to the Australian Army and its Allies. Don't miss this moving tribute to the wise and remarkable women of war.

Hallowed Ground: Women Doctors in War is on being performing on Thursday 20 June at 7.30pm at Kyneton Town Hall. Tickets are \$42 adults, \$38 seniors, \$35 concession and \$10 student/child. To find out more or to book tickets, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/ buytickets or call 1300 888 802.

COUNCIL BRIEFS

Council will hold a Special Council Meeting on Wednesday 12 June in Gisborne to hear feedback on the 2019/20 draft budget. To view the 2019/20 draft budget, visit mrsc.vic.gov. au/plan-and-budget or drop in to a Council service centre in Gisborne, Kyneton, Romsey and Woodend. Council will adopt the Budget Report 2019/20, Council Plan 2017-2027 (Year 3) and Strategic Resource Plan 2019/20 at its Ordinary Council Meeting on Wednesday 26 June in Gisborne.

Don't forget to enter the business awards. Local businesses are encouraged to get their entries in to the 2019 Bendigo Bank Macedon Ranges Business Excellence Awards. Entries for the business awards close on Monday 24 June, with draft applications due for review and feedback by Monday 3 June. For more information about the awards please call 5421 9616 or email businessawards@mrsc.vic.gov. a11

Recognise the valuable contribution that seniors make by nominating them for a 2019 Victoria Senior of the Year Award. The awards acknowledge Victorians aged over 60 who volunteer to assist, support and encourage others in their communities. Nominations are also being accepted for community organisations or businesses that make Macedon Ranges more age-friendly by including older people and promoting positive attitudes towards ageing and older people. For more information on the awards or to pick up a nomination form, visit seniorsonline.vic.gov.au or call Stephanie on 5422 0258.



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BOOK REVIEWS

Heida- by Steinunn Sigurdardottir and Heida Asgeirdottir. RRP \$32.99

Heida is a solitary farmer with a flock of 500 sheep in a remorseless area bordering Iceland's highlands. It's known as the End of the World. One of her nearest neighbours is Iceland's most notorious volcano, Katla, which has periodically driven away the inhabitants of Ljotarstadir ever since people first started farming there in the twelfth century.

This portrait of Heida written with wit and humour by one of Iceland's most acclaimed novelists, Steinunn Sigurdardottir, tells a heroic tale of a charismatic young woman, who at 23 walked away from a career as a model in New York to take over the family farm when her father died.



The Great Soul of Siberiaby Sooyong Park. RRP \$19.99

There are five races of tiger on our planet and all but one live in tropical regions: the Siberian Tiger is the exception. Mysterious and elusive, and with only 350 remaining in the wild, the

Siberian tiger remains a complete enigma. One man has set out to change this. Sooyong Park has spent twenty years tracking and observing these elusive tigers. Each year he spends six months braving subzero temperatures, buried in grave-like underground bunkers, fearlessly immersing himself in the lives of Siberian tigers. As he watches the brutal, dayto-day struggle to survive the harsh landscape, threatened by poachers and the disappearance of the pristine habitat, Park becomes emotionally and spiritually attached to these beautiful and deadly predators. No one has ever been this close: as he comes face-to-face with one tiger, Bloody Mary, her fierce determination to protect her cubs nearly results in his own bloody

demise. Poignant, poetic and fiercely compassionate, The Great Soul of Siberia is the incredible story of Park's unique obsession with these compelling creatures on the very brink of extinction, and his dangerous quest to seek them out to observe and study them.



Incredible Journeys- by David Barrie. RRP \$32.99

Weaving interviews with leading experts on animal behaviour with the groundbreaking discoveries of Nobel-Prize



winning neuroscientists, Barrie shines a light on the astounding skills of animals of every stripe. Dung beetles that steer by the light of the Milky Way. Ants and bees that navigate using patterns of light invisible to humans. Sea turtles, spiny lobsters and moths that find their way using the Earth's magnetic field. Salmon that return to their birthplace by following their noses. Baleen whales that swim thousands of miles while holding a rock-steady course and birds that can locate their nests on a tiny island after crisscrossing an entire ocean. There's a stunning diversity of

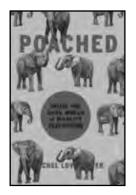
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Poached- by Rachel Love Nuwer. RRP \$35.00

Journalist Rachel Love Nuwer plunges the reader into the underground of global wildlife trafficking, a topic she has been investigating for nearly a decade. Our insatiable demand for animals - for jewellery, pets, medicine, meat, trophies, and fur - is driving a worldwide poaching epidemic, threatening the continued existence of countless species. Illegal wildlife



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trade now ranks among the largest contraband industries in the world, yet compared to drug, arms, or human trafficking, the wildlife crisis has received scant attention and support, leaving it up to passionate individuals fighting on the ground to try to ensure that elephants, tigers, rhinos, and more are still around for future generations. Poached takes readers to the front lines of the trade- to killing fields in Africa, traditionalmedicine black markets in China, and wild-meat restaurants in Vietnam. Through exhaustive first-hand reporting that took her to ten countries, Nuwer explores the forces currently driving demand for animals and

their parts; the toll that demand is extracting on species across the planet; and the conservationists, rangers, and activists who are working to stop the impending extinctions people who believe this is a battle that can be won, that our animals are not beyond salvation.



Sloths- by William Hartson. RRP \$29.99

In public estimation and scientific investigations, sloths have undergone an astonishing transformation

BOOK REVIEWS

in the course of the past few years. Thanks largely to YouTube clips posted by the sloth orphanage in Costa Rica, sloths have attracted a vast audience of admirers. Instead of seeing them as ridiculous anachronisms of which we know little, they have turned into creatures considered by many to be the most endearing on earth. Over much the same period, scientific investigations have also changed our view of sloths. No longer are they seen as total misfits in the modern world but, in the words of one specialist sloth investigator, they are 'masters of the alternative lifestyle'. While giving plenty of opportunity with its illustrations for the sloth-lovers among us

to enjoy their smiles and apparent vulnerability, this book will also cover the fascinating history of the sloths, from the prehistoric Ground Sloth to modern pygmy sloths in Panama, the current state of the science of sloths and will reveal the truth behind sloth behaviour.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS



Pax- by Sara Pennypacker. RRP \$14.99

The moving story of the extraordinary friendship between a boy and his fox

and their epic journey to be reunited. Beautifully illustrated by multi-award winner, Jon Klassen. Now available in Paperback! Pax was only a kit when his family was killed and he was rescued by `his boy', Peter. Now the country is at war and when his father enlists. Peter has no choice but to move in with his grandfather. Far worse than leaving home is the fact that he has to leave Pax behind. But before Peter spends even one night under his grandfather's roof he sneaks out into the night, determined to find his beloved friend. This is the story of Peter, Pax, and their journeys back to each other as war rampages throughout the country.

The Dog Who Saved the World- by Ross Welford. RRP \$14.99



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The stories just keep coming about the shortcomings of the new section of road between Lancefield and Monegeetta. I've been approached by people in the street about their issues with the road, and they all confirm my view that for all the time, interminable delays and digging that went on, we ended up with a road that was not noticeably better than the old one. I've been told about access issues with the school buses due to the new metal safety barriers, and kids not being able to shelter in their family cars in times of inclement weather. I'm also very concerned with reports from residents that the reflectors on the end assemblies of the centre median barriers don't show up in the fog especially in the early mornings when it is dark and motorists are travelling to work - increasing the risk that cars pulling out to overtake won't see them and will crash.

And the safety barriers and wire ropes act as funnels for kangaroos along the road – the roo's tend to hop along the roadway rather than jumping to safety out to the side. And that's at a time when we seem to have more native and exotic wildlife than ever before sharing our roads often with disastrous consequences. I use Three Chain Road daily and it's not unusual to see two or three new carcasses on the side of the road each day. Wombats and motorists also don't mix, and it's sad to see a regular toll of these lovable marsupials on the side of the road. And in a recent two-week stretch I twice saw dead Samba deer

on the side of Three Chain Rd just west of Bridies Lane something I'd never previously seen. While these are just my personal examples, they're backed up by the evidence.

I've spoken to several local panel beaters and car repairers and they report waiting lists of several weeks if not months to have repairs carried out, with the backlog due largely to cars hitting wildlife. One of the Lancefield Fire Brigade's vehicles is presently out of commission, with a two month turn around for repairs due to a kangaroo collision in early April when the vehicle was en route to support the Benloch fire. Even our local emergency services have to wait their turn.

What can we do about it? Unfortunately, there's not a great deal we can do to prevent our wildlife from venturing out onto our roads, particularly in those transition areas connecting farmland and the bush. We need to ensure that we're vigilant as we drive these areas, particularly in the hours around dusk and dawn. Travel at a speed where you give yourself the best chance of pulling up or taking evasive action without losing control. And above all, remember that your safety is more important that your car.

Wearing a financial hit with a damaged car is far preferable to swerving and losing control, endangering your safety and that of other motorists.

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Only moments after the last bar had been played, members of the audience were on their feet to congratulate Wilma and Friends for their magnificent performance. The Cope-Williams Foundation offered chamber music enthusiasts an exceptional program on Sunday 19 May. A perfect antidote to the previous day's events, the concert could only have enriched the hearts of the exceptionally large audience.

Wilma Smith (violin), Stefan Cassomenos (piano), Christopher Moore (viola) and Timo Veikko-Valve (cello) joined forces as Wilma and Friends. On this occasion they presented a program of Erno Dohnányi's Serenade in C Major, Antonín Dvorák's Piano Quartet No. 2 and Johannes Brahms' Piano Quartet No. 1 – to stunning effect.

Dohnanyi's Serenade in C Major, although unfamiliar to me, was enthusiastically received by the knowledgeable audience. Dvorak's Piano Quartet No. 2 proved to be a welcome surprise, especially the Scherzando of the third movement which I especially enjoyed – it was filled with humour and delight. I was thrilled to be close enough to the players to hear intakes of breath as they played, and to be conscious that the viola player broke some strings with his vigorous playing. The performance, full of fire, was played at a furious rate and great passion.

Finally, Brahms' Piano Quartet No.1 was without doubt the show-stopper! Brahms' piano was melodic and considered while the strings were powerful and passionate, building to a glorious crescendo. Overall the playing was sumptuous, rich and full of life. Wilma Smith (former concert master of the MSO) who has been gathering groups of musicians together since 2014 to play under the umbrella title of 'Wilma and Friends', combines different artists for concerts in different locations. The success of her combination of artists and composers has ensured her ongoing success. My advice is, if you see a concert for Wilma and Friends advertised, make every effort to go along! You will be rewarded.

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