

Lancefield Mercury

LANCEFIELD AGRICULTURAL SHOW SUNDAY 20 OCTOBER



BE EXCITED!

I am having trouble containing my excitement as I write, so I am just going to blurt out some, only some of the reasons, you need to come to the Lancefield Agricultural Show. Get excited people, *everybody* is invited, it's that time again,

warmer days, more sunshine and the smell of showtime in the air. Yep, the livestock are starting to get restless, the dogs are honing their skills, the axemen are sharpening their axes and the makers and bakers creative spirits are being whipped into a frenzy.

Lancefield Agricultural Showtime has arrived here in the centre of Victoria, the only place to be on Sunday 20 October 2019. Everything a country show should be, it is an opportunity for generations of country people to showcase their lifestyle and livelihood, built on years of dedication, ingenuity and resourcefulness.

So, come along and show them your appreciation and support for all that they have contributed to this great land and our lives. This year don't just pop down for a couple of hours because once you get there you will wish you came earlier. So, arrive when the gates open at 9am and plan to



stay until the close of day at 4pm. Please note entry is only through the main Lancefield Park gate in Chauncey Street.

What the heck – come down Saturday and watch the Working Dog trials, that's right – a full day's entertainment from top quality working dogs and their handlers, and it's free. The Working Dogs are making their return due to popular demand following their outstanding success in 2018. This year the trials will be a 2-day event culminating in finals on Sunday as part of our show which will be streamed live worldwide. Just when you thought it could not get any better, they are also holding a The State of Origin Team Challenge, Victoria versus New South Wales. Yep you heard it here folks, State of Origin Team Challenge right here in Lancefield, who doesn't love a bit of friendly interstate rivalry. So, choose your team, wear your colours and front up and cheer them on and celebrate the wonderful skill of the working dogs and their handlers.

The crowd favourite woodchop also returns with at its centre an event which will make the crowd stop and flock to it. Yes, we have the tree felling. An event not to be missed, you will sit there amazed, with your heart in your mouth watching the talented axemen race to climb and fell their trees.

The Laurie Green Pavilion, of course will be full of homecrafts and cookery, things that you have always wanted to make or learn like knitting, crochet, photography, papercraft, floral art, preserves, essay writing and more. Many, many different sections and age divisions, so come along enter or admire and discover what else you might like to learn.

Food, food, food: It's everywhere, vendors selling it,



demonstrators making it and bakers entering it for judging. Our local Butcher is coming to demonstrate his wares and the local wineries are coming to tell us about their industry. And by the way, all you blokes out there, we know who you are, there is a special cookery section just for you. But please do not let that restrict you, you are welcome to enter all categories, your prize awaits.

DOGS

Dogs, dogs, dogs: Working Dogs, State or Origin Dog Team Event, Dogs high jump, Terrier races and of course everybody's extra family member the pooch, on a lead please.

Cattle, sheep, horses and chooks, yes chooks. Do you have that special little chook in your life or maybe one of the kids has a feathered backyard friend who they feel is the prettiest, smartest or most special chook you have ever seen? Well share your feathered friends with us, bring them along enter them into the poultry divisions. The horses and their riders will show us all of their skills from dressage to jumps. Come along and see what makes well-bred cattle and sheep. Also making a return this year is the Fleece competition. Farmer Daryl joins us again with his menagerie of farm animals for the young and old to cuddle and feed.

Rides, rides, rides: Free rides for the little tackers like the bouncing castle. Then, for the older kids and all of those kids at heart unlimited rides when you purchase your wristband for \$35.

Just when you thought it could not get any wilder, it does, get yourself and the kids down to Wild Action, the zoo that comes to you. Discover what animals they will bring to amaze and scare us. Do you like the soft and cuddly or do you prefer the cool, scaly and slippery ones?

Listen out for Mr Syd Green as he calls the Tractor Pull events, accompanied by Mr Barry Hunt who will inevitably sell you a raffle ticket or two. Awesome prizes make sure you buy a handful or two of tickets.

Well that is about it from me I have run out of steam, oh that reminds me did I mention that there will be a miniature steam train and *Showbags*, of course. So, come on everybody get on board, we guarantee there is a little or a lot of something for everyone.

WORLD CLASS WORKING DOG TRIAL AND STATE OF ORIGIN TEAM CHALLENGE

World Class Working Dog Trials plus the State of Origin Team Challenge 2019 are set to hit Lancefield Show. After their outstanding inaugural success last year we are pleased to bring you a 2-day event this year. The best of the best handlers and their dogs will roll into town and commence their trials on Saturday 19 October. Then on Show day 20 October they will unleash the finals for all of their divisions,



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including a special youth event. So, kids get down and see if you can find Karana Roy, Nudge and Tom. Wait for it. These finals will be streamed live worldwide, how's that for a small country show?



Woodchop reaches dizzying new heights. Everybody loves the woodchop and we bet you thought it could not get any better here in Lancefield, well you would be wrong. This year we are soooooo excited because we are adding to our show the Tree Felling event. We have been working hard to install the first three Tree Felling poles ready for this marathon event. You will be amazed by this heart stopping event, so make sure you and the family get down to the woodchop area and cheer them on. Keep an eye out for Victoria's Fastest tree climber, our own local, Blake Meyers.

WOODCHOP REACHES NEW HEIGHTS

The 2019 Lancefield Show Woodchop will be a cut above previous years, 3 metres above to be exact. This year for the first time in more than a decade, the Tree Felling event will return to the Lancefield Show.

The Woodchop is one of the major drawcards of the Lancefield Show for both spectators and competitors, with some of the World's best axemen returning to the growing event year after year. Romsey axeman Blake Meyer is no stranger to the Lancefield Show woodchop and was one of the driving forces behind the Tree Felling event's return.

As Victoria's Fastest tree climber, Blake has more than 12 Victorian Tree Felling Championship titles to his name and has been a finalist three years running in the World Title Tree Felling event at the Sydney Easter Show. Blake will be competing for the Australian Tree Felling Title at the Melbourne Show in late September, so will no doubt be in blistering form when he takes on fellow Tree Climbers including his father Brad, uncle Rod and brother Kyle at the Lancefield Show on Sunday 20th October.

Tree Felling is the marathon event of the woodchopping where competitors are required to use spring boards to reach the top of a tree pole, then cut a log all while balancing precariously three metres above the ground. It is an incredible spectacle, which show organisers have eagerly prepared for, installing three new tree pole stands at the Lancefield Park to ensure the return of the Tree event each year.

In addition to the Tree Felling event, The Lancefield Show Woodchop will host the Paul McIntosh Memorial Victorian Combination Championship, Women's Woodchopping events, and the ever-popular Modified Hot Saw racing. You will also see some popular competitors that you may recognise from the Stihl Timbersports Series on 7mate including newly crowned Australian Champion Brayden Meyer.

The Lancefield Show Woodchop is proudly brought to you by the Central Victorian Axemen's Association together with the Lancefield Show Society and our incredible event sponsors.

SEE CENTRE PAGES FOR YOUR SHOW PROGRAM

LANCEFIELD DREAMING

On Friday 23 and Saturday 24 August, the world premiere of the film *Lancefield Dreaming*, was shown at the Lancefield Mechanics Institute. To a packed hall, Ken Allender, General Manager of Lancefield Community Bank®, welcomed everyone in attendance to the evening. After acknowledging the indigenous owners of the land, he gave a brief history of the Bank's involvement with the film we were about to see. The film-makers had approached the Bank one year ago and the Bank had enthusiastically decided to co-fund the film. The two groups began to work together. After interviewing numerous well-known locals and writing the script and filming in various places, the film-makers were finally able to complete and present the film.

Ken Allender advised that the program for the evening would begin with a short talk by the film-makers, showing the film, and then supper and questions from the audience to the film-makers. Before introducing them, Ken spoke briefly about the strength of the Lancefield community, what a strong community spirit the township has, and the manner in which it has been captured on film. He also paid tribute to the efforts of the Romsey Lancefield & Districts Historical Society and their input into the town's history for the film.

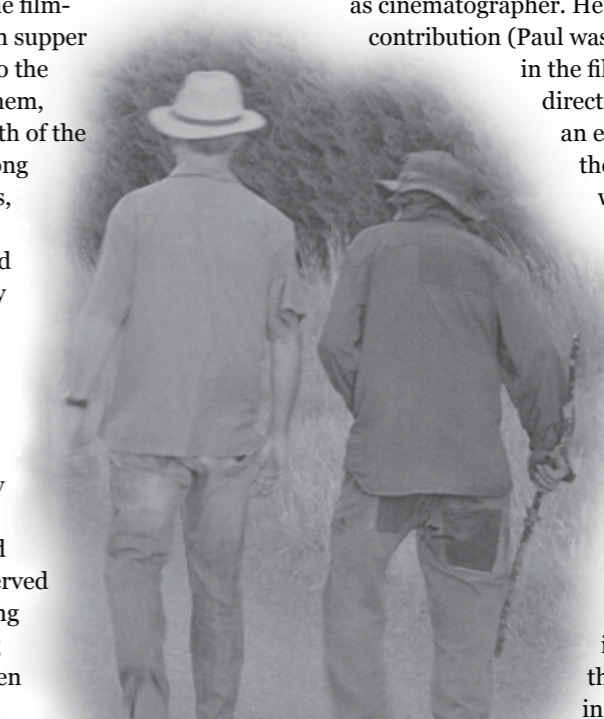
The audience was then introduced to the film-makers: Paul Carter, Mike Jones and Harry Jon Nanos. Paul Carter gave a synopsis of the way the history and culture of the town had been preserved locally. He explained that producing this film had been both interesting and difficult. It appears to have been less difficult once they approached

the Lancefield Community Bank®; the money they had been granted made a huge difference to their production. Paul testified that he had had a terrific time working with Mike and Harry producing the film, declaring that 'we have produced a film of culture for other generations'.

Harry Jon Nanos spoke about making the film and the group's love of Lancefield. He stated that the town was special because in Lancefield, 'we all get on and do what we do and accept you for what you are'. He too, acknowledged the Community Bank® for their assistance, commenting that as artists 'we don't like being told what to do' but the Community Bank® did not do this. They allowed the film-makers to simply express themselves in their work. Harry thanked his son Jonny Nanos for his contribution as cinematographer. He thanked Paul Carter for his contribution (Paul was co-producer and also features

in the film); and thanked Mike Jones the director. Harry described Mike Jones as an extremely talented man who brought the project to fruition. Harry also wanted to alert us to the fact that, due to the age of the Lancefield Mechanics Institute Hall (built in 1868), the acoustics were very poor, but he hoped we would understand and enjoy the film nevertheless.

After hearing about the part Paul and Harry had played in producing the film, the Director, Mike Jones spoke about his involvement. He and Harry and been working on the film for about six years before Paul became involved about three years ago. Mike then asked those who had taken part in the film to stand up which they did:



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he then thanked them for their participation. However, he had to acknowledge to them that some material, such as interviews, had been cut! He also mentioned that funds from the sale of the DVD will go back into the production. He then invited the audience to sit back and enjoy the film, *Lancefield Dreaming. It's a bloody Opera!* The film is an eclectic mix of quirky and comedic scenarios and individuals. The major contribution of the town's women to the voluntary workforce was lightly touched upon; the bond between men remained the major focus of the film.

After 45 minutes of being immersed in *Lancefield Dreaming*, the audience applauded enthusiastically as the credits rolled through. A very excited audience then moved through into the reception room to partake in a supper prepared by the Lancefield Cricket Club. This was an excellent fund-raising event for the Club who also sold drinks – soft drinks, wine, beer and spirits – to be enjoyed during the show.

While enjoying the supper, the producers were surrounded by members of the audience who asked questions and made comments on the film. They were joined in the supper room by many of the 'stars' of the show!

As the advertising for the film stated: 'Lancefield Dreaming embraces the significance of the town's history through the eyes of locals and celebrates what the future offers to newcomers.' These words neatly summarize the film. I feel sure all those present left the Mechanics Institute with a slightly different view of their town – a very positive view!

Fay Woodhouse



LANCEFIELD JUNIOR FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, 29th October, 2019 at 7.30pm at the Laurie Green Pavilion, Lancefield Park

All positions will be declared vacant.

2020 COACHING POSITIONS

Netball: U9, U11, U13, U15 & U17

Football: U9, U11, U13, U15 & U17

Please send applications to: billb@grangecc.com.au

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The summer season of the Kyneton Badminton Association will begin on Monday 7 October. Games are played on Monday nights at the Kyneton Toyota Sports and Aquatic Centre beginning at 7:30pm. New players of all ages and abilities are always welcome.

For more information contact Kevin Roberts, 5422 3057

RELAY-FOR-LIFE

SATURDAY 29 FEBRUARY AND SUNDAY 1 MARCH 2020

Planning is well underway for the 18th annual Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay For Life to be held at the Lancefield Recreation Reserve on Saturday 29 February and Sunday 1 March. The longest running Relay event in the Macedon Ranges Shire, the Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay-for-Life has raised more than \$1.5 million, helping the 269 people diagnosed with cancer in the shire every year.

With 16 teams already signed up to participate, local residents are being asked to pick up the baton and get involved. There are many ways to get involved in Relay-for-Life. Whether you want to start a new team, join an existing team, make a donation, or volunteer – there's something for everyone.

The Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay-for-Life volunteer committee has a saying that 'many hands make light work'. Committees require assistance in the lead up to the event and on the day, and our volunteers are key to bringing the Relay-for-Life to the Macedon Ranges community.

Any help you give will make a difference. With Relay-for-Life, there's no limit to the time you donate and the

one thing all of our volunteers agree on is that being part of the team is a lot of fun. A celebration of hope, the Relay-for-Life provides community members the chance to join together and acknowledge local cancer survivors, patients and carers, while honouring those who are no longer with us.

Everyone is welcome at Relay, no matter your age or ability. You can take part however you like by walking, jogging, running, wheeling or even dancing – it's your Relay-for-Life!

If you're thinking about starting a team or joining one then now is the time to register for the 2020 Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay-for-Life with early bird registrations costing only \$25 for a child, \$35 for an adult or \$75 for a family.

If you're interested, please email lancefieldrfl@cancervic.org.au, call 1300 656 585 or visit the Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay For Life Facebook page or http://fundraising.cancer.org.au/site/TR/RelayforLife/CCVIC?pg=entry&fr_id=5699

By getting involved with Relay For Life, you too can help fight back against cancer in the Macedon Ranges.

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FULL PROGRAM FOR TERM 4

Term Four is looking to be very busy for everyone at Lancefield Primary School. The construction of our new kitchen for our SAKG program and updated library and science area is on track to be completed by the end of October. Our cooking sessions will be amazing once we can move into this new space. We also look forward to sharing this space with our school community. This term we postponed our Frog Bog Celebrations which will be taking place next term, along with a whole school environment day. We are very lucky to have the ongoing support of Landcare helping us get our wetlands area back into a great state!

If you are on the search for a Street Library in Lancefield then please feel free to visit LPS as Red Door Books have kindly organised a street library to be located at the front of the school.

Other fabulous events coming up include Grandparents Day; Junior Camp Day and Year 2s overnight camp at Weekaway; October – Walk to school month; Artist in residence and whole school performance; 5/6 Camp to Melbourne and Prep 2020 transition sessions



CRICKET ACTION

We have kicked off preparations for the 2019/2020 season with a working bee, a spring clean and of course a couple of barbeques. Training is in full swing with the Senior Men and Women training together on Sunday mornings. Training times for the seniors will change when daylight savings starts, so please check with the club for details or follow our Facebook page.

NEW PLAYERS

All New Players Welcome: Seniors, Women and Juniors. The juniors were very happy with their new club hoodies and keen to get back into training. We were lucky to have perfect weather for their first training session. U11's and U13's train Wednesday nights 5-6pm.

Woolworths Blast commences Friday 8 November for 5-8year old boys and girls. All Woolworths Blast participants and junior boys and girls need to register at www.playcricket.com.au

BUDBURST FESTIVAL

9 & 10 NOVEMBER 2019

The Macedon Ranges Wine and Food Festival, affectionately known to locals as Budburst, will be on in the Macedon Ranges region over the weekend of 9 and 10 November. To celebrate the buds bursting, over 25 local vigneronns will throw open their doors and offer guests the opportunity to taste over 100 new and exclusive wines and to learn first-hand each wine and winemaker's story.

Over the Festival weekend, you'll discover small and diverse wineries and vineyards hidden away in the natural landscape, in settings with breathtaking views of Mount Macedon, through the Pastoria Valley to the Cobaws. The area around Lancefield is well represented, with popular local favourites Lyons Will Estate, Curly Flat, Parkside Estate, Lanes End Vineyard, Wilmee Wines, Double Oaks and Cleveland Winery all taking part in the weekend.

Food from local producers and entertainment will be available. If exploring Lancefield and beyond is what you are after, buses have been organised to help you discover the wineries and enjoy the festivities. Last year's popular hop-on-hop-off Hoppa Bus will be back! Bookings are essential to secure your seat.

Tickets are from \$21 for a weekend of tastings. For Festival information, to buy your pass and to book a bus visit www.budburst.com.

Macedon Ranges Wine and Food Festival www.facebook.com/macedonrangeswineandfood



There will be very few people who don't remember the iconic film, *The Graduate*, starring Dustin Hoffman and Anne Bancroft, released in 1967. It contained no flower children, no hippies, no dope, no rock music, no political manifestos and no danger. The play, like the movie, is a bitterly hilarious dark comedy, full of rapid-fire dialogue between fascinating and horrifying characters. This play explores family dysfunction, parental expectations, crumbling marriages, and the naive, yet disillusioned, dichotomy of youth, against the shiny backdrop of affluent Southern California in the 1960s.

Director, Robert Wallace has brought together a truly talented cast and will place them within a creative, contemporary setting.

Warning: The play contains nudity, explicit language and sexual references so is definitely an Adults Only night out. To book tickets go to www.themountplayers.com. See you at the theatre.

Karen Hunt

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The Mount Macedon & District Horticultural Society has again curated this popular Fair to bring you rare plants, specialist nurseries, bespoke handcrafted sculpture, garden furniture, gardening tools and books. Jamie Byron from the Garden Lovers' Fair Committee said that this year's Fair would be the biggest yet.

"We're proud that not only will we continue to host one of Victoria's finest garden fair's right here in the Macedon Ranges at beautiful Bolobek, renowned garden designer Paul Bangay will be on hand to share his love and knowledge of gardening," Mr Byron said.

This year's Fair will feature more than 45 new and returning quality stall holders including Antique Perennials, Post Office Farm Nursery, Obscure Bulbs, Secret Rose Garden, Whitehouse Nursery, Wired for Living, Gisborne Power Products, Heskett Estate and Mount Towrong wineries.

The Fair is held within the grounds of historic Bolobek in Macedon. Bolobek is listed on the Victorian Heritage Register as "being of aesthetic, architectural historic and horticultural importance to the State of Victoria".

"Bolobek is one of Victoria's finest gardens and the Garden Lovers' Fair provides a unique and rare opportunity to see behind the hedges of this working farm and garden at the foot of the Macedon Ranges," Mr Byron said. Attendees to the Fair are welcome to roam the garden at Bolobek between 10:00am and 4:00pm on both days. Guided tours by the owner and head gardener will also be conducted at 2:30pm on both days.

The Garden Lovers' Fair will be held on Saturday 5 & Sunday 6 October 2019 from 10:00am to 4:00pm. Tickets are now on sale via the website: www.gardenloversfair.com.au and are \$12 for adults, or \$20 for a weekend pass, children under 15 years are free.

WOODEND HANGING ROCK PÉTANQUE CLUB

The fourteenth 'Murray Maul' and the first 'Ken Helmore Spirit' Awards were conducted on the Wharf at Echuca in late August under sunny skies. The Ken Helmore Spirit Shield was won by Cathy Cohen, long time Club Member, for her sterling efforts as chief organizer / MC for the Event over last 14+ years. The Murray Maul Shield produced the first ever repeat winner Ken Field from Avoca. A great weekend of fun food, drink and pétanque was enjoyed by all. Thanks go to the Star Hotel and Riverloaf Bakery Echuca, now run by Ken and Cath Bullard, previous long-term Woodend residents and friends of Ken and Barb Helmore.

NEW PRESIDENT

Long-time Club Secretary, Chinka Steel, returns as Club President with ambitious plans to implement numerous initiatives associated with the recently adopted Club Strategic Plan.

COMMITTEE POSITIONS

Secretary David Shaw, Vice President Louise Potter, Treasurer Carol Richards and other members Jill Shaw and Cheryl Birch.

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WE'RE ON TRACK WITH OUR BUSHFIRE CONCERNS

Other communities around Victoria are reinforcing our concerns over the potential locking-up of the Cobaw Ranges and the hazards of closing off the bush tracks. The issue of overgrown vegetation and blocked bush tracks is generating interest State-wide, particularly with its potential impact on fire access and emergency services.

A petition of more than 1,500 signatures was tabled in State Parliament in August, calling for the Government to ensure fire access tracks on public land and in plantations were adequately maintained to improve access for emergency services.

It originated from the Gippsland community in the wake of the Yinnar South-Budgeree blaze in March, stating many bush tracks were "overgrown and as a result inaccessible to firefighters and first responders" and increased the fire risk to nearby communities.

Gippsland residents said their blaze grew in size because firefighters were unable to get in to hotspots early on, mainly due to the difficult terrain and overgrown vegetation on nearby tracks. The Lancefield community continues to face the same potential risk.

As a volunteer firefighter I spent two days in March on duty at the Gippsland fires, and so know first-hand the concerns of the local community about their access tracks. We all know how the lack of forest maintenance contributed to the October 2015 bushfire which ripped through the Cobaws and Benloch after the so-called controlled burn got out of control - and we "celebrate" the fourth anniversary of that disaster this month.

I know of at least one instance where the Department of

Environment, Land, Water & Planning had to get permission from a private landholder in the Cobaws to push a track through his property the day before their "controlled burn" broke out because their own track network was inadequate.

And it's not going to get any better with the recommendation from the Victorian Environmental Assessment Council to redesignate the Cobaw State Forest as a conservation park. Changing its status to a conservation park will restrict a number of recreational and other uses which our community has enjoyed for generations, and will not provide any extra protections for flora, fauna, fire safety and the environment.

I'm concerned over bans or restrictions which would apply to camping, horse riding, firewood collection, car rallies, prospecting and dog walking, and further recommendations from some people to even lock out four-wheel driving. The volume of fallen timber and lack of management contributed to the intensity of the 2015 bushfire, and firewood collection helps to reduce this fuel load.

Allowing people into the forest to collect firewood also ensures that they're keeping the tracks clear of fallen timber, improving access for other forest users and for our emergency services. If firewood collectors and other forest users aren't tidying up our tracks and keeping them open, how can we have any confidence that DELWP will do it? After all, they haven't exactly set the world on fire (excuse the pun) with their efforts in the past.

Cr Henry Bleeck

MACEDON RANGES SQUASH CLUB

The Macedon Ranges Squash Club's 2019-2020 Summer Squash Mixed Competitions will begin in mid-October. They will be held at the Romsey Recreation Centre on Tuesdays for a social evening from 7.00 pm. On Monday and Thursdays, competition or social games will be held from 7.00 pm at the Kyneton Sports & Aquatic Centre.

We're a friendly bunch who enjoy the social side as much

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Thanks to community members who have been separating glass from their recycling and assisting Council in finding a solution to the current recycling crisis. Council has identified a recycling company which will process the shire's recycling going forward as long as glass is removed and the other

recyclables are not contaminated. Shards and small pieces of glass can become embedded in paper and cardboard in recycling bins and contaminate the other recyclables.

'Public Place' glass recycling skip bins will be installed in locations around the shire in coming weeks to assist residents in removing glass from recycling bins. Residents can also drop off glass free of charge to Council's transfer stations in Kyneton, Woodend and Romsey for recycling. As a last resort, glass can be placed in general rubbish bins (red lid).

Council will meet in late October to consider long-term options for recycling, including the possible introduction of an additional 'glass-only' bin for the whole shire.

For more information, see mrsc.vic.gov.au/glass

KYNETON CROQUET CLUB

The Kyneton Croquet Club is welcoming new members for their forthcoming season. From Monday 7 October, we will play on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday afternoons at our grounds on the corner of Ebden and Donnithorne Streets, Kyneton. We invite you to find out how the famous Marx Brothers loved to relax! Exercise gently in the fresh air while you devise cunning moves and enjoy lots of laughter. All equipment and coaching will be provided during your first free 5 sessions. High heels are not welcomed but running shoes are. All enquiries to: Leigh Baker on 03-5422 7094.

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AFTER THE WAR

LANCEFIELD SPORTING CLUBS RE-FORM IN 1919

The First World War brought Australian's love of sport into a completely new light. Should the men and women at home continue to enjoy sporting activities while men were dying at the front? Was sport, in all forms, delaying the enlistment of those who were so desperately needed at the front? Attendance at the VFL grand final in 1914 was almost half of what it had been in 1913 – there were rows of empty seats around the grounds of the MCG. The continuation of clubs playing football, cricket, athletics, tennis, boating and other sports was debated across Victoria. Five VFL clubs withdrew from the 1916 VFL competition. Other sports followed suit, ceasing operations until hostilities ceased in 1918.

It would then, have been a great joy to read in the Lancefield Mercury on 3 October 1919 that some of the local sports clubs were re-forming, and that sporting activities would begin once more.

In September 1919 the Lancefield Racing Club committee met. Messrs S Johnston (chair), M Maher, W McIntosh, Costello, P Minogue, J Trindles, Linehar, Edwards, J

Connors and R Guthridge (secretary) met on 29 September. The Secretary reported that he understood that Mr Thomas Ewing was managing renovation works to the course which he hoped would be completed by the end of October. Thistles and other weeds, growing in patches around the race course, had grown and had to be cut down. Oddly, while plans for the course to be let for grazing sheep until 31 December were discussed, it appeared the Club intended to commence activities.

In the same week, the Lancefield Athletics Club, whose committee was made up of most of the same members as the Racing Club, met for their Annual Meeting, the first since November 1914. Present at this meeting were Messrs Maher (chair), Johnston, Connors, McIntosh, Trindles, Minogue, E Kelleher, M White, W Wiebye and Guthridge (secretary). The Club reported that it had funds of £12/17/9 and that during the War (in lieu of active competition and training) it had donated to patriotic funds. Their meeting was to decide whether to revive the sports club because its activities which

had lapsed in 1914. As the sports meetings had always been very successful, the Chairman proposed they hold sports meetings once again. The motion was passed unanimously, and Mr McIntosh moved that a sports meeting be held in November 1919. The Executive Committee would draw up a program and application would be made to the Park Committee for use of the park. In the meantime, the running track had to be 'put in order' (it must have been in a state of disrepair). Office bearers for the Club took place, Club patrons were listed, and the roles of Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor and Executive Committee were voted upon. After a hiatus of five years, the Athletics Club were enthusiastically preparing for the renewal of their Club.

The Lancefield Cricket Club was also re-formed in late September 1919. The first meeting of the Club, chaired by Mr J Derrick, voted on the motion of Messrs White and Goller that the club be officially re-formed. A proposal from the Gisborne Cricket Club sought their participation in a District Cricket Association. Derrick encouraged this because 'Cricket had always been a success in former years, and there was no reason why Lancefield should not have a good club this year and compete on equal terms with surrounding clubs'. Cricket, he said, was 'the best game for young men to take up, and a number of young players were coming on'. He felt sure the re-formed Club would be well-supported.

A District Cricket Association was formed at the meeting held on 29 September in Gisborne. Messrs Perry and Colwell represented Lancefield and Messrs White and Parks represented Romsey. The association, named the 'Gisborne District Cricket Association' comprised the Gisborne,

Lancefield, Romsey, Riddell, Woodend and Macedon Clubs. It seems that competition for awarding trophies for the District Association was keen. It was announced that Mr Beattie of Gisborne promised a trophy, valued at £5/5/- for the winning club and Mr Wilson, also of Gisborne, promised a trophy to the value of £1/1/- for the batting average. Rules were established, and the newly formed local district cricket association was up and running.

In contrast, the Lancefield Coursing Club appears to have pursued its sport throughout the War and was thriving in October 1919. A meeting of the Club was held on 30 September 1919 and a substantial number of members attended. The President, Mr Maher, 'occupied the chair'. The Secretary of the Coursing Club was a very busy man. Mr R Guthridge, a member and secretary of the Racing and Athletics Clubs, was clearly a popular man. Mr Costello, treasurer, moved that the statement be received and adopted, and in doing so paid tribute to the 'splendid work of the secretary'. The motion was seconded by Mr Edwards and carried. Mr Maher also spoke very highly of the secretary and expressed his opinion that, with Guthrie at the helm, 'coursing would continue to flourish at Lancefield'. However, it would get much better 'if they would get the use of one more paddock'. Members spoke of promises of donations totalling £70 towards the 100-Guinea stake for next season.

The Lancefield Coursing Club, as well as the Racing, Athletics and Cricket Clubs all had a great deal to look forward to in 1919 and 1920.

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The investment will more than double funding for maintenance at Victoria's government schools over the next two financial years, with more than \$300 million to be invested in 2019/20 and \$290 million in 2020/21.

It will enable these schools to do essential works such as painting, replacing carpet and windows, landscaping, tree inspections and maintenance of infrastructure like septic systems and water services. Mary-Anne also said that this increased investment will enable principals to get on with the job of leading Victoria's schools, by providing more funds to maintain the state's 36,000 school buildings. It was anticipated that the funds would support schools to cater to the anticipated 115,000 additional students over the next five years.

Schools in some of the state's highest-risk bushfire areas will also have access to more funds to ensure they are 'bushfire ready', thanks to \$44.2 million over five years for fire preparedness activities like vegetation removal.

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QUIZ #16

1. What is it that is illegal to do in Japanese restaurants? a. Slurping, b. Passing wind or c. Tipping waiters?
2. Orthoepy is the study of what...? a. Word pronunciation? b. Bone structure? or c. Centipedes?
3. What does the German word lager mean? a. Grain, b. Storage, or c. Beverage?
4. Which letter is between Q and E on a keyboard?
5. What is celebrated on August 1st each year?
6. The Movie Desperately Seeking Susan starred which singing star?
7. What year did The English Patient win Best Picture at The Academy Awards? a. 1989, b. 1994, or c. 1997?
8. Who publishes the Windows computer operating system?
9. How many paintings in a triptych?
10. Who won the Gold Logie in 2019?

Answers on page 26



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The War Memorial's director, Dr Brendan Nelson, said that 'As part of a program of activities in 2018 to mark the centenary of the Armistice that ended the First World War, the Memorial commissioned an installation of 62,000 unique hand-crafted poppies in its grounds. Each poppy represented an Australian life lost in the conflict.'

At the program's conclusion, the poppies were made available for the public to purchase through the Memorial gift shop and online, as well as at Poppy's Café, as a memento of the Centenary of Armistice commemorations and as a lasting tribute to the fallen soldiers of the First World War. The handmade poppies were lovingly created by volunteers across the world as part of the 5,000 Poppies Project.

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RESPONSIBILITIES

We all have responsibilities to a greater or lesser degree. Responsibilities keep us motivated. I believe that is why some of the elderly deteriorate when they go into 'care'. We have responsibilities as citizens of this world, for our Church, families, friends, neighbours and fellow-citizens. Satan, our enemy, wields much power and influence in the Kingdom of the world.

Christians live in two Kingdoms, the Kingdom of the World and the Kingdom Of God where God reigns Supreme. But the end has not yet come, so the battle between good and evil still rages. Satan was defeated by Jesus on the Cross but he still fights a losing battle to take many souls with him into the outer darkness.

One area in which we have great responsibility is the government of our Nation and the right leaders we elect. Members have put themselves forward for these high positions and need our support - critical and supportive. There are subversive forces at work in our society today who work to destroy our Christian heritage and our laws based on Bible teachings. Christians must be aware of these forces and counteract them by intelligent, thoughtful reading and discussion and above all, taking St. Paul's advice: 'I urge you then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession, thanksgiving be made for everyone - for kings, and all those in authority, that we might live peaceful and quiet lives in all

godliness and holiness."(1 Timothy 2:1-2). And remember, Paul lived in the reign of the Roman Emperor Nero, at whose hands, he met his death. Our God is Love, and love must govern all our actions - in thought, word and deed.

Our church was brightened by all the coloured, beautifully knitted items donated for Anglicare which will be gratefully received. Here, in Melbourne, whatever the season we need "woolies." Some members travelled to Holy Trinity, Flora Hill (Bendigo) for the Bush Church Aid Spring Luncheon to hear the Rev. Kristan Slack from Katherine, tell of his ministry in The Top End. Congratulations and Happy Birthday to Jean Hassall who celebrates her 90th Birthday on the 21st October. The Lord richly bless and keep you!

OCTOBER DIARY

Church Services: Holy Communion, 9am St.Paul's .Romsey, 10..30Am, Christ Church Lancefield

Sunday 6 October 2019, 2pm. Maria Forde – delightful Irish Singer is Performing at Christ Church Lancefield. Proceeds for the on-going restoration of Christ Church. (Entrance fee \$25 incl. Afternoon tea.) Tickets: Phone VAL - 0438 349 244. Betty Dansey - 0427 209 698 or go to: TRYBOOKING.com/BEGOY

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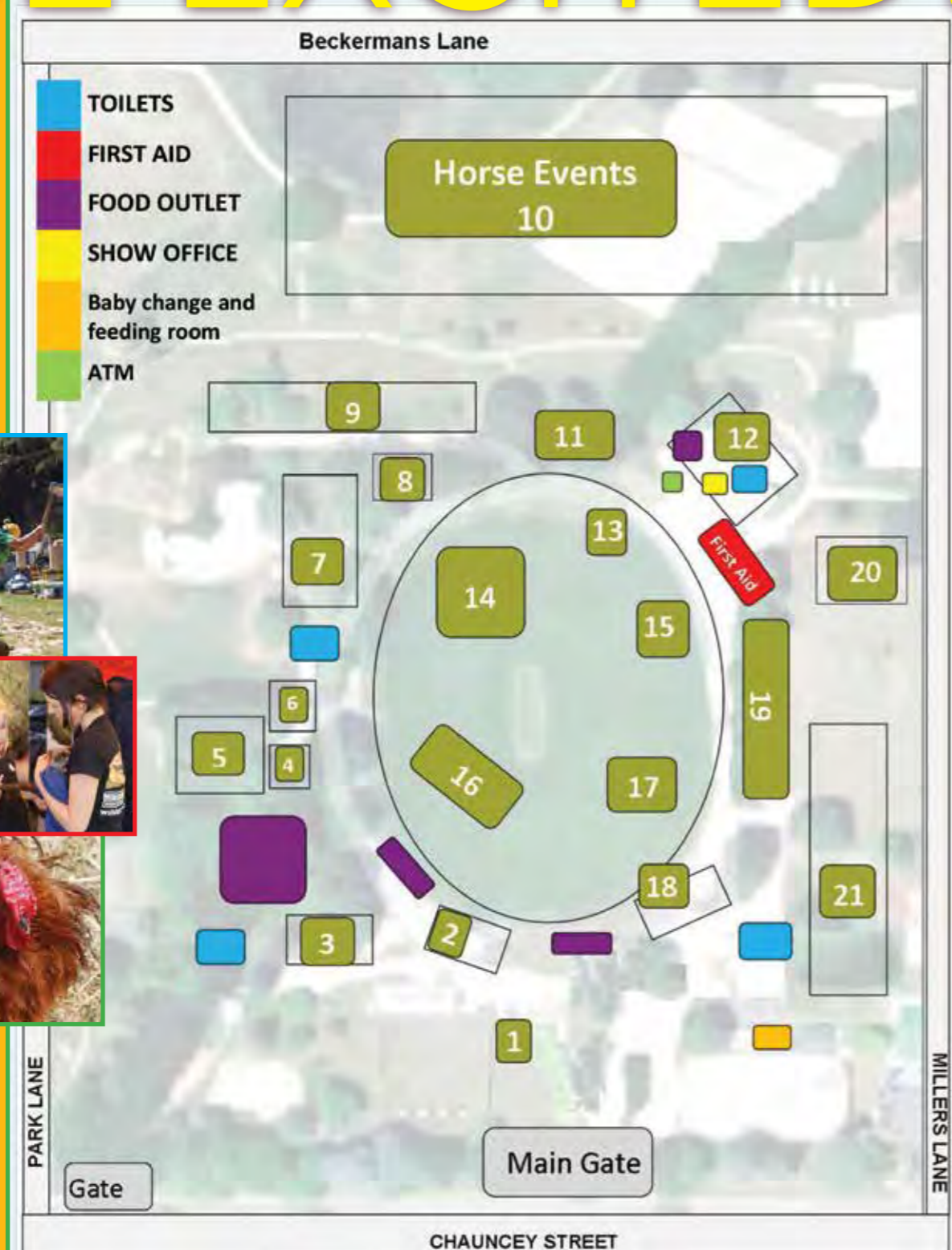
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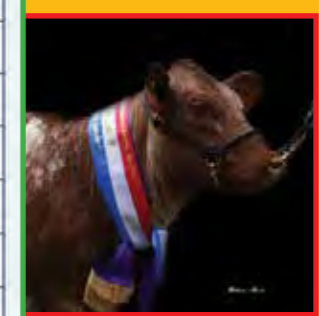
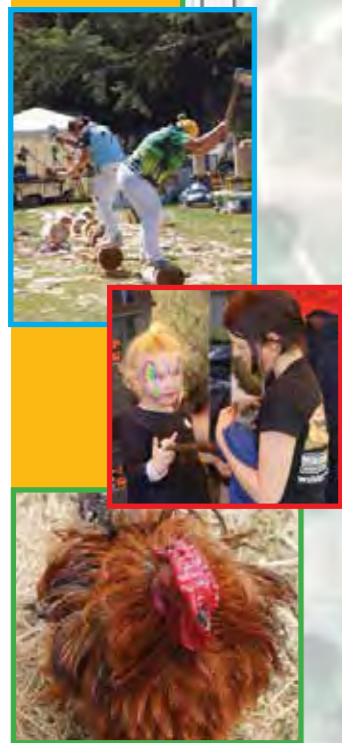

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Wild Action Zoo	4 sessions throughout the day	15
Cricket Club Bar	11am—4pm	2
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Shearing Demonstration	12 noon	13
Off the Track Horse Events	12.30pm	10
Terrier Races	1.30pm	19
Happiest Dog at Show	2.30pm	19
Dog High Jump	3pm	19
Raffle Drawn	3.45pm	16
Close of Show	4pm	



PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS WIN AWARDS FOR THEIR ESSAYS



In August 2019, Grade 5/6 students at the three local primary schools – St Mary’s Lancefield, Lancefield Primary School and Romsey Primary School – all participated in an essay competition instigated by the Romsey Lancefield & Districts Historical Society. Funding for the prize was made possible through the Historical Society’s new McKay-Tomkins Award. This award was instigated as a result of the profits from the Society’s latest publication, *A Pictorial Guide to the Long Lost Lancefield and Kilmore Railway*. The essay question asked students to write ‘Why I love Lancefield’ and ‘Why I love Romsey’. A total of 54 entries were received – 14 from Romsey Primary School, 18 from St Mary’s Lancefield and 22 from Lancefield Primary School.

The prizes were awarded in the last week of August. On Monday 26 August, at their weekly assembly (run effectively by two Grade 6 students, Katie Alford and Jack Eddy) Trevor Turnham, former principal of Romsey Primary School, presented prizes to all those who participated in the competition. Trevor spoke about the competition and about the many things the children wrote about Lancefield and why they loved living here.

The first prize of \$50 was awarded to Sophie De Carolis; second prize of \$25 was awarded to Olivia Goodes. A special mention was made of Cate Mahony who presented her

contribution as pages of a picture book.

Also on Monday 26 August at around the same time Trevor was presenting awards to the students of St Mary’s Primary School, Noreen Yorke, the President of the Historical Society and Vivien Philpotts, co-ordinator of the Lancefield Neighbourhood House, both visited Romsey Primary School to present prizes to the students in Romsey. Alice Carew was awarded first prize of \$50 and Emily Bonnici won second prize of \$25. A special mention was made of Alice Bromley and Charlotte Reichart for their memorable efforts.

At Lancefield Primary School on Friday 30 August, Bec Riley, also a member of the Romsey Lancefield & Districts Historical Society, presented prizes to the winners. Matilda Goodwin won first prize and Wei C won the second prize. Reeve Smith was commended for his essay.

The Historical Society’s Essay Prize challenged children to express their views on the place they live, and most focused on the benefits of living in a small town surrounded by beautiful landscapes and the possibility of adventure all around them.

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For over a decade the Society has been supporting an active group of talented artists who regularly exhibit in major exhibitions at both the Royal Botanic Gardens in Melbourne and Sydney. Other members have exhibited works in major international institutions such as the Hunt Institute, USA, and the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, London.

This is an opportunity to view and purchase original works and admire the diversity of approaches that the artists employ in this highly demanding art-form.

All works are exquisitely executed in fine detail using the highest quality materials and a variety of mediums including watercolour works on paper and vellum, as well as works in graphite, and pen & ink.

The Macedon Ranges has a long history of botanic artists including the 19th century Mt Macedon resident Ellis Rowan. This naturalist and illustrator's botanic art work is in numerous national galleries and institutions. In the 20th

century, Joan Law-Smith was the well-respected gardener, botanic artist, writer and patron who created the magnificent Macedon garden, Bolobek; and in the 1980s Jenny Phillips of Kyneton was the founder of the Melbourne School of Botanic Art, a highly regarded international botanic artist whose work can be found in galleries and institutions worldwide. And 21st century artist Anita Barley of Woodend is currently working and residing in Kew Gardens London, Botanic Illustrator at the Melbourne Botanic Gardens. She is a Fellow of the Linnean Society London and winner of numerous awards internationally. Within Australia her works are represented in multiple international galleries and institutions.

These artists are continuing this tradition while adopting a contemporary approach and style, and a wish to capture the bio-diversity of plants found in both the natural landscape and historic gardens.

The exhibition hours are 10 am to 4 pm. All works are original and for sale. Join this fabulous event and have the opportunity to view works from established and emerging artists.

For further information contact Maureen Thomas: 0448 773 347.

FOR JUST AND HUMANE TREATMENT

A local chapter of the Macedon Ranges Rural Australians for Refugees (MRRAR) was established in 2005. It is a member of the nationwide Rural Australians for Refugees. The Macedon chapter has a mailing list of about 200, and about 30 of those are active in the group, attending meetings as well as various activities and events. The group are dedicated to achieving the just and humane treatment of refugees and people seeking asylum. They also have links to the Central Victorian Refugee Support Network.

The group meets about every 6 weeks in one of the members' homes usually from 5-6pm. These meetings review recent developments in Immigration policy, media coverage, upcoming events related to refugee-support campaigns. They plan local events such as fundraising BBQs and collections for the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre Food Bank. Other activities include the screening of films related to

Asylum issues and the distribution and display of campaign literature, posters etc.

The Hosting group organises small groups of people who are seeking asylum for brief weekend visits to Woodend for overnight stays, shared meals and picnics.

The group liaises with The West Welcome Wagon which sources and provides material aid, furniture and household items etc. for refugees. The recent withdrawal of Centrelink's Status Resolution Support Service (which provided a payment of 89% of a NewStart allowance) has created a greater need in refugee advocacy agencies for funds and material aid. Given this lack of support, the MRRAR's fundraising and collection of furniture and household goods is even more important.

If you would care to come along to our next meeting, which will be held on 14 October 2019, please phone Margot Clark on 0409 284 824.

YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION SUMMIT

Registrations are open for the inaugural Australian Youth Suicide Prevention Summit, Australia's only national multi-stakeholder youth suicide prevention focused conference, taking place from 12 to 15 November at CQ Functions Melbourne, 113 Queen St, Melbourne. Phone 03-8601 2721.

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The second bushman, who considered himself quite scientific, replied: "Well, there are two theories. First, there is the 'Big-Prang Theory' where two mountains collided and all the rocks accidentally fell into place, forming what you see before you. The second theory, which most educated people accept, is known as the 'Ever-Popular-Solution' or 'Evolution' for short. This is where, given the right circumstances and enough time, rocks and minerals arrange themselves into complex mathematical shapes, complete with flashing lights and strange vehicles whizzing around them."

The first bushman scratched his head, saying: "I don't know, mate - it seems as if someone designed it."

"Don't be stupid," laughed the second. "You've gotta be pretty simple-minded to believe that."

It is just as unlikely for a city to accidentally form itself, as a DNA molecule (the most efficient information storage system in the known universe) is to form accidentally. Or, to use another example, frayed dinosaur scales transforming into symmetrical bird feathers is as likely as a frayed t-shirt

transforming into an Armani suit.

Many eminent scientists, who see the enormous problems in outdated and unproven theories, are re-examining the scientific facts and concluding that everything in creation has intelligent design. So if there is intelligent design to creation, wouldn't that indicate there is an Intelligent Designer? (See Hebrews 11:3)

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If you would like to know more about faith in Jesus please contact Pastor Marilyn or our Church office
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A GREAT SUCCESS

Well, our September Mystery Trip was a great success with 30 community members all having a wonderful time visiting the Kerrisdale Mountain Railway Museum near Seymour. We took a rail trip up the mountain to a spectacular view across the Tallarook Ranges followed by a lovely lunch at the Seymour Club.

Our next trip on Wednesday 2 October promises to be just as enjoyable. We will be travelling to the beautiful Cranbourne Botanic Gardens. The gardens have a wonderful display of native plants highlighting their wide diversity. Why not join us for this great day? The trip will include sightseeing and a beautiful two course lunch. We depart Lancefield at 8.45 am; Romsey at 9 am.

Future trips will be: 6 November Kyabram – to visit

a Camel Farm and home via Rochester Silos and on 4 December we will hold our Christmas Breakup at the Highlands Hotel. In December 2019 we will be celebrating our 50th Anniversary; 50 wonderful years full of great memories and wonderful friends. More details will be published in November.

Remember, we meet every Monday in the rooms at the rear of the Romsey Mechanics Institute for lunch, some card games and a chat, for just \$5.00. Everyone is more than welcome. On the second Monday of the month we have some professional cooks come in to prepare a two-course meal, costing only \$10.00. We would love to see you.

For further information please contact Helen on 0409 064 303 or Rae on 0408 338 759.

SWITCH TO EBILLING

Western Water introduced eBilling in 2015 and over 300 Lancefield customers have switched. Western Water says that the customer response 'exceeded expectations' with almost 20% of customers signed-up, an amount that wasn't expected till the end of 2020.

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the fact that it's convenient and 'green' is enough incentive for many. 'Considering the fact that more than 90,000 customers receive three bills a year, that's a significant amount of paper' Graham Holt, General Manager, Customer, Community Relations and Operations said. 'Imagine how much paper we can save if all our customers made the switch.' Find out more at www.westernwater.com.au/bills

A TOUCH OF THE IRISH IN LANCEFIELD

In the 3 October 1919 edition of the *Lancefield Mercury*, it was announced that the popular annual dance of the Lancefield Branch of the Hibernian Australian Catholic Benefit Society would be held at the Mechanics' Institute on Wednesday 8 October.

The Hibernian Australian Catholic Benefit Society (HACBS) was a church-based support network formed in Australia by an Irish immigrant, Mark Young, in 1868. Young ran the White Hart Hotel in Ballarat, became active in local affairs, and assisted other Irishmen in the foundation of the Ballarat Hibernian Benefit Society. This society amalgamated with the Australian Catholic Benefit Society in 1870 and Young was elected its first president.

The Hibernian Dance committee had engaged a band for the evening, and a large attendance was expected. The 10 October edition of the *Mercury* confirmed that a successful evening had been held despite cold and showery weather. It was a 'success in every respect, being far in advance of any similar function held during the year' the *Mercury* reported. Between 60 and 70 couples were present, including visitors from Kilmore, Romsey, High Camp, Emu Flat, Baynton, Rochford and other neighbouring districts. The hall was artistically decorated with flags, and the floor was in splendid

order for dancing. The reporter noted that the ladies wore some very pretty dresses, 'who no doubt felt that they were entitled to more elaborate frocks after a lengthy period of knitting and sewing for the soldiers'.

The music provided by Wallis and Young's Band, was 'all that could be desired, and the fact that their efforts were appreciated was amply shown by enthusiastic applause after almost every bracket'. Mr Wiebye was congratulated for his 'valuable assistance as master of ceremonies', an office 'in which he displays more than ordinary ability'. Supper was served, and attendees were treated to an abundance of cakes, sandwiches, fruit salads, trifles, etc, provided by the ladies. Mrs Mark Foy's table decorations were also complimented because they were 'particularly striking'. The honorary secretaries (Messrs G Perry and M Kelly) and the members of the branch, had good reason to 'feel pleased with the result of their annual fixture'.

What an opportunity for the Catholics of Lancefield and thereabouts to celebrate the continuing return of soldiers after the War. It was a chance to not only re-group as a community but to make romantic connections which may have been long lasting.

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A BUSY TERM AT SCHOOL

Another term over! It's been so busy that I know everyone will enjoy the two-week break!

ABORIGINAL FOR A DAY

On Friday 16 August we began our Book Week celebrations. The whole school got to experience Cultural Infusions 'Aboriginal for a Day'. Run by Big Al and his two sons, Pancakes & Azza we were treated to an amazing day of Indigenous Culture. We learnt about Aboriginal history; there are 324 tribes in Australia who each have their own language. We heard Dreamtime Stories; how the echidna got his spikes and a story about a crocodile and a boy and learning about respect for one another. We learnt Aboriginal art symbols; how to draw a waterhole, rivers, hills, a tribe, snake, goanna, emu, hut, fire, trees and people. Students were then able to draw their own pictures to tell a story. We learnt Aboriginal dance; the boys learnt the dance of the emu (Weitj) and the girls learnt the dance of the eagle (Bundjil).

Everyone in the school got their face painted – a brown stripe across the nose to symbolise the earth with white dots evenly spaced on top to symbolise the stars. We got to experience the vibrant sound of the didgeridoo and Azza dressed in traditional costume danced the dance of The Spirit Tree. The body paint he wore was unique only to his tribe, with each tribe having their own symbols. His dance, accompanied by the sound of the didgeridoo was just mesmerising. It was such a memorable day, filled with fun, laughter, enthusiasm, knowledge and culture. Thank you to all our students who displayed great respect throughout the day and asked some fantastic questions to find out more information. We hope that this is just the first step in our learning journey of Australian Indigenous culture.

3 / 4 'S SHARED LUNCH

This term as part of Religion students looked at 'Mary and Discipleship'. As part of this unit students participated in a Shared Lunch Experience. Students families were invited

to bring in a meal to share with others. The purpose was to experience sharing with the community and how this demonstrates discipleship. All year 3/4 's and their families that were able to attend, met in the school hall to share a delicious lunch together. The lunch began with the story of Jesus caring for a community of hungry followers (John 6:1-13). Some of the students then shared with us through scrolls that they had made in class, what specifically they will do for others – helping, giving, etc. Once these were completed and a prayer of thanks said, we joined together to share a delicious lunch.

BOOK WEEK 2019

Another successful Book Week in 2019. What a fabulous week of activities we had, beginning with Aboriginal for a Day and finishing with the Dress Up Parade and Book Activities. It just goes to show how important books are in our lives and the wonderful stories and information we can source from them.

1 / 2'S INDIGENOUS GARDEN

The Year 1 / 2s have now had 2 lessons with Sam Harrison our Junior Landcare Facilitator. They have looked at Indigenous Plants and Planting Design. The last week of term will see them begin planting the Indigenous garden on the north side of the classrooms. We look forward to seeing the transformation of this space and hearing all about their learning!

FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

Another huge turn out to our annual Father's Day Breakfast! It was wonderful to see all our dad's, grandad's, parents and other special people in our lives join us for breakfast last Friday morning. Everyone enjoyed delicious egg and bacon rolls and hash browns. Every family got their photo taken under the special Father's Day banner, a copy of which will be sent home to our families. A huge thank you to the



Mini Vinnies for making the Father's Day banner, it looked fantastic! As always these days take many hands to make them so successful. Thank you to our parent helpers leading up to and on the day – Shannon McElhinney, Pauline & Wayne Goodes and Simon Eddy. A massive thanks to our amazing staff who came in early to deliver such a wonderful breakfast to all. I hope everyone had a lovely morning and that your own family events for Father's Day were very relaxing and enjoyable.

MINI VINNIES – FEED IT FORWARD

On Tuesday 27 August, Mini Vinnies Heidi, Chelsea, Matisse, Eve and Ellen went to the August Feed it Forward lunch in Romsey. The following is their report from the day:

This time we asked those in attendance to answer some questions for us. Most of the people had been to Feed it Forward more than once with some up to 7 times. Most attended the lunches in both Lancefield and Romsey. The majority of the people liked Feed it Forward because of the lovely community, amazing food and the fact that it was only \$5 for a two-course meal, with a chance to win a prize! This month, the game we played was bingo. In bingo there's a sheet at your seat, with the aim being to answer each of the questions by walking around the room and finding out more about the other people that were there. All the finished

sheets went in a raffle. While we were eating dessert, they did raffles and we helped out. There were lots of different interesting prizes. For the main meal we had lasagne with salad and for dessert we had coffee tiramisu – delicious! We had an extraordinary time, helping serve food, cleaning up, eating food, playing games, handing out raffles with gifts and talking politely to everyone. We enjoyed Feed it Forward and we can't wait until the next one.

Written by Heidi, Chelsea, Matisse, Eve & Ellen

FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS / GRANDPARENTS DAY

Our day began with the Year 6's running 7 fun activities for the whole school to participate in. The activities included a Sack Race; 3 Legged Race; Gumboot Throw; Egg & Spoon Race; Tug of War; Ball in a Hoop and Fill the Bucket. The aim of these activities was to have some fun while potentially earning some house points for your team.

Our Grandparents / Special Friends began arriving from 10am on Tuesday 10 September. They made their way around the activities to locate their family members. They were greeted enthusiastically as they got to watch all the fun taking place. Overall it was another very successful day.

Jo Shannon (Community Liaison Leader)

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BOOK REVIEWS FROM RED DOOR BOOKS



Embroidered Botanicals- by Yumiko Higuchi. RRP \$34.99

Japanese artist Yumiko Higuchi is celebrated for her embroidery designs with a Scandinavian flair. The motifs and patterns she offers here are true to her trademark zakka style- simple and graphic yet softened with organic shapes and imagery drawn from nature. The result is embroidery that feels modern and nostalgic all at once. In Embroidered Botanicals, Higuchi offers 39 embroidery projects highlighting the distinctive quality of different threads. With motifs created specifically for different types of thread-wool,

cotton, pearl cotton, and metallic-makers will become better versed in the materials available to them. With beautiful photographs, clear step-by-step instructions, and detailed diagrams, this book will be an inspiring guide for those new to embroidery and a fresh and unique offering for those experienced with needle and thread.



Macramé- by Amy Mullins & Marnia Ryan-Raison. RRP \$32.99

This book features 24 simple macrame projects for the home and garden. There are two variations of 12 different projects--

one suitable for beginners and another for more intermediate/advanced crafters, so you can choose which version you want to tackle. The book is divided into chapters according to lifestyle: Eating and Drinking includes a hanging table and table runner; Outside Living includes bunting flags and an arch/backdrop; Stylish Lounging includes a rug, a lampshade and a wall hanging. You will also love the macrame knot library which lists the 10 key knots necessary for the projects.

Patchwork & Quilting. RRP \$35.00

Patchworking & Quilting: A Maker's Guide contains 15 beautiful step-by-step projects for crafters at

all levels. Each one takes its cue from a different historical tradition - from English wholecloth quilting to Indian kantha, from Japanese boro patchwork to the improvisatory strip-pieced quilts of North America. Projects include classic English paper-piecing blocks; a bed cover in the iconic log cabin pattern; a graphic quilted wall hanging inspired by Amish designs; a pincushion inspired by the exquisite cord quilting in an early 19th-century corset; a wraparound cushion cover that uses the techniques and designs of classic Korean wrapping cloths; and a small bag made with the vibrant applique technique from Panama known as mola. Designed by teachers

and practitioners at the leading edge of today's craft revival, the projects are both functional and fashionable, and include tips on how to take next steps towards developing your own designs.



The Art of Pressed Flowers and Leaves- by Jennie Ashmore.

RRP \$32.99

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oak leaves and seaweed), the various ways of pressing them, designing with pressed flowers and leaves, achieving symmetry, the use of colour, and combining pressed flowers with watercolour and gouache, painted background, and gold and silver paper. The highly experienced author gives a range of insider tips from using the ribs of leaves to create pattern and movement, pressing both sides of a leaf, and capturing the seasons in one piece of work. She also provides templates to help you get started. A plant directory at the back of the book allows you to see what various plants look like when pressed. A stunningly beautiful book that opens up a traditional art to a very contemporary expression for all crafters and nature lovers.



Crochet Horses & Ponies- by Megan Kreiner. RRP \$24.99

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The Everyday Blacksmith- by Nicholas Wicks. RRP \$35.00

With The Everyday Blacksmith, learn to make hooks, spoons, and tools of all sorts. This essential blacksmiths reference includes many projects contributed by leading



blacksmiths from around the world, each featuring plenty of opportunity for variation. For centuries, blacksmiths were the craftsmen and artists that worked society's most important material-iron. Blacksmiths were not only a fixture in their community, they helped shape that community through their particular method of making the hinges, hooks, brackets, and tools their neighbours used every day. Blacksmithing today is enjoying a resurgence. Our modern society has discovered that no amount

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The Ultimate Wood-Fired Oven Book- by Anna Carpenter. RRP \$75.00

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THE SUMMER SEASON IS COMING!

Time to prepare for summer season competition! Romsey Recreation Centre will be a hub of sport and activity as the summer season of sports competition heats up. A full program of fun, interactive and inclusive sports competitions will start from Monday 7 October. The basketball competition program will include a: senior men's competition (15 years and over); junior development program, and an under-13 mixed domestic junior competition.

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THE CHANCE TO THRIVE

ASSYRIAN REFUGEE SHEDS LIGHT ON HER ANCIENT CULTURE AND LIFE IN AUSTRALIA

Residents of Lancefield and Romsey, and visitors from Kyneton and Woodend had the privilege of hearing the inspiring young Assyrian refugee, Kinda Haroun, when she spoke at the Feed-it-Forward lunch held in Lancefield on Tuesday 28 July. Ms Haroun began by telling us something of the long and rich history of the Assyrian people.

In the twentieth century they suffered catastrophic massacres known as the Assyrian Genocide at the hands of the Ottomans and their Kurdish and Arab allies. Consequently, the Assyrian Australian community honours the great Australian General Sir Stanley Savige who acted with generosity and compassion in saving over 60,000 Assyrians from the atrocities committed in Persia 1918. The Assyrian people have been persecuted by various dictators over the last hundred years.

In October 2008, following a wave of murders and threats to their community, many, but not all, minority Christian and non-Christian groups (such as Armenians, Yezidis and Shiites) escaped from Mosul; those who were not so fortunate were sold in the markets of Mosul like animals. Some of the men were killed before they were captured. In 2014 Islamic terrorists and Kurdish militias attacked Assyrian towns and villages in northern Iraq. In February 2015 further barbarian scenarios were repeated in Hasaka, Syria. This attack destroyed over 30 Assyrian villages, killing dozens and kidnaping over 250 Assyrians including women and children and destroying Churches and Assyrian cultural institutions. Atrocities committed by ISIS terrorists forced many Assyrians to leave Iraq and seek refuge in countries such as Australia.

Kinda Haroun and her family fled Syria and their home town Tel Hermez to avoid kidnaping and persecution because it wasn't safe for the Christian minority. Her family fled to Lebanon, where they applied for a sponsored humanitarian visa. Kinda's uncle, Anwar and his family, had lived in Riddells Creek for 40 years before moving to Wallan, and they worked tirelessly to ensure the safety of their family still in Syria.

When they arrived in Wallan in 2016, her family reached out to Rob Mitchell MP, the Federal Member for McEwen, and explained their plight. Rob has been actively supporting

the family since 2016, helping them navigate Australia's immigration system and adjusting to life in Victoria. Following Kinda's arrival in 2016, she enrolled at RMIT University in Melbourne. She is currently in her fourth year studying Civil Engineering and has recently won the Boeing Scholarship.

The contribution Kinda makes to her new community is striking. She has worked with several community organisations, occupying different roles. These include her roles as Peer Educator at Women's Health in the North (delivering Financial Literacy workshops for Arabic and Assyrian speaking-newly arrived women), as Youth Advisor at the Brotherhood of St Laurence, Deputy President and Committee Secretary at the Assyrian Australian Social Development Club Inc., Marketing, Media and Communications Officer at Spectrum Migrant Resource Centre and as a Community Development Worker at Ashur Foundation For Relief and Development.

Kinda works to encourage women and young people to take a leading role in community development programs and to help members of the Assyrian community in understanding the Australian way of life. Her passionate objective is to create a healthy and fair environment where people in our society have equal access to services and opportunities; to empower disadvantaged members of society regardless of their background or differences, and to support them to develop their own pathways through providing community development. She also helps to organise cultural and academic events to break isolation and build networks and relationships among different community members.

It was inspiring to see and hear this articulate young woman speaking as a member of a small and threatened community who were permitted to rebuild their lives in Australia. It is clear that asylum seekers can thrive in a welcoming community. When people like Kinda and her family are offered the chance to settle here, the benefits for Australia in embracing these people cannot be underestimated.

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A FOND FAREWELL FOR GORDON

('GORDIE') COPE-WILLIAMS (1942-2019)

It was with great sadness that the many friends and colleagues of Gordon Cope-Williams learned of his sudden death on 8 August 2019. Gordon was a well-known wine producer in the Macedon Ranges wine district and in the Romsey and Lancefield communities.


Born in Wales in December 1942, his family moved to New Zealand when he and his younger brother were small children. He grew up in New Zealand but moved to Australia as an adult and later attended RMIT where he studied architecture and photography, two of his enduring passions. In 1974 he and his wife Judy moved to Romsey and began planting a vineyard. The Cope-Williams wines, especially the sparkling wines, are celebrated as fine examples of cold climate wines.

The Celebration of the life of William Gordon Cope-Williams was held on the Royal Tennis Court at Cope-Williams Winery on Thursday 15 August 2019 at 1.30pm. The musical tributes reflected the love of classical music both he and Judy enjoyed. One of the regular performers at the Cope-Williams Foundation concerts held regularly at the winery, was Cellist, Zoe Knight. She played the 'Prelude from Cello Suite No. 1' by Johan Sebastian Bach. Other music played during the Celebration of his life included 'Air from Orchestral Suite No. 3 by Johan Sebastian Bach, 'March of the Priests' by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, and 'Dido's Lament' by Henry Purcell.



After the service, the audience proceeded outside to see the three flags – the Australian, the Welsh and the Cope-Williams Coat of Arms – lowered to half-mast, and the Last Post played. Cope-Williams wines were enjoyed by all as we toasted the life of our late friend.

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Feed it Forward - One year birthday

Monthly Harvest Lunch

Tuesday 29 October @12pm, Romsey Hub

We are celebrating one year of hugely successful Feed it Forward lunches. Come along to celebrate community connections, healthy eating and our generosity food movement.

A big thank you to our wonderful community for coming along, contributing and supporting our lunches in so many ways. Together we do amazing things.

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