

Lancefield Mercury



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SATURDAY 29 FEBRUARY AND SUNDAY 1 MARCH 2020

Community spirit: Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay for Life committee member Ken Wiltshire presents the 2019 Spirit of Relay Award to Ken Allender from the Lancefield/Romsey Community Bank team.

The Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay for Life will be back bigger and better in its 18th year and community members are being asked to pick up the baton in the fight against cancer. An overnight event, 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. Relay for Life isn't your traditional marathon event, there's something for everyone and you can take part however you like – whether it's by walking, jogging, running, wheeling or dancing – it's your Relay For Life! There's lot of fun and games to be had, but more importantly Relay for Life is a celebration of hope. Relay provides our community a chance to join together and acknowledge local cancer survivors, patients and carers, while honouring those who are no longer with us.

With 16 teams already signed up to participate, the committee would like to acknowledge the amazing support

from the Lancefield and Romsey Community Bank Branches of the Bendigo Bank who are providing \$2200 in sponsorship. This funding helps with the cost of marquees and prizes for the Bendigo Bank Sun Smart Race, the Bendigo Bank tug-of-war and early bird registration.

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 in registering a team, joining a team or volunteering 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.



Lancefield Cricket Club Women's team made history on Sunday 13th October playing their first game. They had a sensational win over Burnside 113 /68 in the NWMCA T20 competition. We wish them continued success throughout the season.

Senior Men play on Saturdays, Senior Women on Sundays, everyone is welcome to come along and cheer on the Tigers at home games.

Training continues for Juniors on Wednesday nights 5pm. All seniors train 5:30pm Wednesday nights. New players welcome. Please contact us if you would like more information lancefieldcc@gmail.com

Woolworths Blast starts 8th November, register at www.playericket.com. For training, playing information and social events, please follow our Facebook page to keep up to date with the latest information.



Established in 1959, the Lancefield Bowling Club is located in the Lancefield Park Recreational Reserve in Chauncey Street. We currently have 45 Members.

Noted as having one of the best greens in Victoria, our Club regularly hosts association, divisional and regional events. The Club fields three pennant teams (Saturday Division 1, Division 3 and Midweek Division 1) in the Central Highlands Bowls Division of the Ballarat Bowls Region. Although only a small club, we regularly competition finals in all divisions. Pennant practice is held on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 3.30 pm onwards.

Recently the Lancefield Bowling Club added an outdoor entertainment area and upgraded security courtesy of the DWELP compensation for the recent controlled burn which got out of hand and caused significant damage in the area.

Barefoot community bowls will commence on Friday 8 November from 5.30 to 9.00 pm and it is anticipated it will be held each Friday fortnight. Every member of the Lancefield Community is welcome to attend and enjoy the

hospitality of the Club. Sausage sizzles are provided for a gold coin donation and drinks are sold at very reasonable bar prices. Why not get a group of friends together and have some great fun?

Information about the Barefoot Bowls will be posted on the lancefield.org.au website under the Lancefield Park Calendar – so watch that space! We have two A Frame signs which are displayed in the days leading up to the Barefoot Bowls. One is placed near the Police Station on Main Road and the other at the front entrance to the Park in Chauncey Street.

The Lancefield Bowling Club is happy to provide local not-for-profit community groups (such as the Parkinsons Group) use of the Clubhouse facility for regular meetings.

To become a Bowling Member it costs \$80 (new members – first year) and \$150 thereafter, \$25 for Junior membership and \$20 Social Membership.

Contact the Treasurer: Chris Jolly 0435 934 368. He will be happy to answer any queries.

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ZONTA CLUB CELEBRATES 25 YEARS

The Zonta Club of Kyneton is celebrating its 25th anniversary in the same year as Zonta International is marking 100 years as an international service organisation. The club celebrated with a High Tea at Baringo Food and Wine in Gisborne, with over 50 guests including six of the founding members of the Kyneton Club and eight past presidents. Other guests, welcomed by President Eloise Forbes, included Mary-Anne Thomas, local member of Victorian state parliament, Macedon Ranges Mayor Janet Pearce and Councillors Anderson and Gayfer. Members of other Zonta clubs from around Victoria also joined the celebration.

The event allowed members to reflect on the club's achievements over the past 25 years, including the development of grants for young women in our local area, a safer environment in the local courthouse for women impacted by domestic violence, the initiation of a Zclub at the local high school and our involvement in the recently run Leadership program for young students, Making Herstory.

Beryl McMillan OAM, Chair of Zonta International Centennial Anniversary Committee, congratulated the club on 25 years of community service and support for Zonta International's educational programs and international service projects. Speakers commented on how far we had come in the advancement of women's rights and what we had been able to achieve, both at our local club and internationally. They also pointed out how much more must be done to continue to support and empower women worldwide, to achieve their potential and live without fear for themselves and their children.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

101ST ANNIVERSARY

On Monday November 11th a service to 'honour the fallen' will be held at the Romsey cenotaph and a small wreath-laying service will be held at the Lancefield cenotaph, both events to start at 10.45. Each year on this day, since 1919, Australia observes one minute of silence at 11.00 am in memory of our 60,000+ dead servicemen and women, the nation's 156,000 casualties, plus the millions who died in the most traumatic world war in history (to that date).

The Armistice came into effect on this day 101 years ago. The citation was 'on the eleventh hour, of the eleventh day of the eleventh month'. It was proclaimed that it was the war to end all wars; but within twenty years it started all over again.

The Armistice ended four long years of hard fighting that claimed about 40 million lives, destroyed the social order ante bellum and precipitated the fall of the Romanov dynasty, the Ottoman Empire, the Austro-Hungarian Empire and though not in the armistice document it brought about the final peace.

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To help protect our environment and recover more precious resources, the Victorian Government has banned all e-waste from going to landfill.

But what is e-waste: E-waste is any item with a plug, battery, or power cord that is no longer working or wanted. It covers a whole range of items from phones and refrigerators to fluorescent light tubes and hair dryers. Cutting cords off these items or removing batteries doesn't change what they are, as it's the electrical components inside these products that pose a risk to the environment and can no longer be landfilled or put in kerbside rubbish bins.

All e-waste can contain hazardous materials. These can range from heavy metals such as lead, mercury and cadmium to ozone-depleting chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) and flame retardants.

Even in small amounts, these dangerous chemicals can cause environmental contamination. But when you

multiply it by millions of e-waste items being left in landfills or stored inappropriately, the situation becomes much more serious.

These substances can leach into soil and groundwater, or release into the air, creating long term environmental issues. Many of these substances are particularly dangerous because they do not break down easily, meaning they stay in the environment for a very long time.

E-waste also contain a whole range of precious materials, including tin, nickel, zinc, aluminium, copper, silver and gold. Just in case you were wondering if you can extract those precious metals yourself... No, and it would be very dangerous to try. Many of the precious metals in e-waste need to be specially treated to separate and remove them safely.

Since many of these materials are non-renewable, once they're gone, they're gone. However, if e-waste is properly recycled, these materials and parts can be recycled and used again and again.

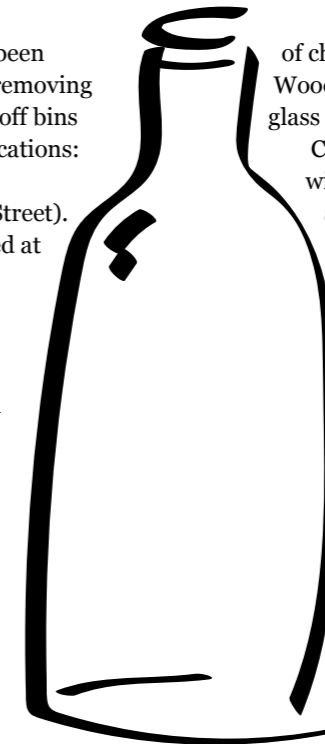
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DROP OFF YOUR GLASS IN NEW PUBLIC RECYCLING BINS

The first glass-only public place bins have been installed in the shire to assist residents in removing glass from recycling bins. Glass-only drop-off bins were installed this week at the following locations:

- Gisborne (Sankey Reserve)
- Lancefield (old court house, Chauncey Street).
- Malmsbury (corner Mollison Street and Ellesmere Place)
- Tylden (town hall).

By the end of this week bins will be installed at a number of factors were considered when deciding upon the type of bin in each town and locations. These included public safety, distance to the nearest transfer station, ease of access for the community, and access for collection trucks. The glass-only 10m³ skip bins and 240 litre bins will continue to be installed at other locations in the shire in coming weeks. The bins will provide a convenient and central place for residents to drop off glass after it is removed from household 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 has identified a recycling company which will process the shire's recycling going forward as long as glass is removed from recycling bins (yellow lid). Shards and small pieces of glass can become embedded in paper and cardboard in recycling bins and contaminate the other recyclables. Council has been working to find innovative solutions to the current recycling crisis, and removing glass from the recycling stream is an important first step. At its Ordinary Council Meeting on 23 October, Council will consider introducing a fourth glass-only bin service for the shire.

Council currently has a trial underway where 650 residents in Lancefield have been provided with a separate 'glass-only' bin, which is collected monthly.

For more details, call (03) 5422 0333, email mrsc@mrsc.vic.gov.au or visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/glass

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

We've recently witnessed the awarding of the world's greatest prizes for human thinking and endeavour. The Nobel Prizes recognize the finest intellectual achievements in the fields of Physics, Medicine, Chemistry, Literature, Peace and Economic Science. These awards are made for exceptional, original contributions by rational and intelligent human beings - they are not given in the fields of Black Magic or Wishful Thinking.

Pastor Marilyn (*Lancefield Mercury*, 9 October 2019), in her defence of Intelligent Design, dismisses outright the concept of biological evolution by using the old 'outdated and unproven theories' line. In fact, there is abundant evidence that Darwin's concept of evolutionary progression is alive and well and to believe otherwise is pure folly. To conjure up simplistic, mystical explanations demeans not only the intelligence and hard work of generations of scientific men and women but ultimately the beauty and reality of life on Earth.

The sheer wonder and power of evolutionary change, resulting from minute changes in the genetic makeup of all living things (mostly DNA) over many eons, is beautifully described in many books, especially in those of eminent biologist Professor Richard Dawkins - *The Magic of Reality* and *The Greatest Show on Earth* to name two. Dawkins doesn't just promote and explain Darwin's 'theory' but illuminates the process with

abundant evidence. It's well worth looking at some of this literature before heading down the Intelligent Design road.

The good Pastor dismisses the idea that complex organic molecules such as DNA could be formed by some natural or accidental process. In fact, there is ample scientific evidence that, given the right physical conditions, complex molecules can form from simpler precursors. Over many millions of years, some molecules (the nucleic acids) developed the ability to self-replicate - a process perfectly explained by the study of chemical and physical processes, not black magic. It is in this process of replication that the tiny copying errors occur, forming the basis of the evolutionary process. Yes, it's complex science and involves among other things the translation of information embedded in the nucleic acid to expression in the cell. But this is the sort of hard slog involving countless hours of observation, experiment, collection and analysis of data that has rewarded eminent thinkers with Nobel Prizes since 1895. No need to invoke Intelligent Designers.

But if there is an Intelligent Designer, it begs the question: who designed the designer?

Don Dennett
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Meetings are held at St.Mary's Catholic Church Hall, Main Street, Romsey. The November meeting will be on Thursday 28th November, 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 being regular, and others planned from time to time.

Join us for coffee at one of the venues in Romsey or Lancefield every second Friday, 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!

Contact: President: Tony 0408536290; Vice President: Allan 0408098428 or Secretary: Jeni 5429 5480 www.rlprobus.org.au

LANCEFIELD SMALL BORE RIFLE CLUB

LOOKING FORWARD
TO ANOTHER
SUCCESSFUL YEAR

The members of the Lancefield Small Bore Rifle Club met in October for the Annual General Meeting. Reports were given by the Club President and Captain and elections saw all office bearer position holders remain unchanged. Thank you all for the past year's contributions and we look forward to another successful year for the small but competitively active club.

Club trophies were presented for competitions held during the 2018 financial year. Trophy winners included David for the 20m Rimfire Bench Rest, Kate for 20M Rimfire Bench Rest Handicap, John 20m Rimfire Prone and Tim awarded the 20m Rimfire Prone Handicap.

The Ladies Commonwealth Pennant competition is about to commence and we wish all competitors the best of luck. We hope to retain the trophy we won in 2018.

The Lancefield Show will have been and gone by the time this report is read. Club members will have had a stand at the Show again this year and welcome enquiry from those interested in learning more about the sport. Details of club training and comp nights can be obtained from Max 54292259.

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Lancefield Senior Football Netball Club meet the coach and AGM is on Tuesday 12th November. You can meet the coach from 6pm-7.30pm and then stay for the Annual General Meeting at 7.30pm. This will be followed by a meeting of the newly elected committee.

All positions will be vacant.

The LFNC wishes to amend their current financial year reporting as per their incorporated status. Currently the financial year is November 1st - 31st October and the club wishes to change it to the 1st July - 30th June financial year.

Contact Clark Todd (President) 0418104594

BURKE & WILLS TRACK

Burke and Wills are famous for their overland travels of Australia. On the Northern fringe of Lancefield is the "Burke and Wills Track", which indicated their early start. However this track shows another significant event. Some distance from Lancefield is a shrine on the side of the track, remembering a historic flight. It shows the powered controlled flight of an Australian designed and built aeroplane, made by John Duigan on July 16, 1910, on his property "Spring Plains" near Mia Mia. It shows what enterprising people did around Lancefield in those early years.

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Our next trip in November promises to be just as enjoyable. We will be travelling Kyabram to visit a Camel Farm, the only camel farm open to the public in Victoria. We will have a tour of the farm and hear about and taste the products made on the farm. This will be followed by a 2 course lunch at the Kyabram RSL before coming home via the Silos in Rochester. This full day will be held on Wednesday 6th of November. Depart: Romsey - 8.45am; Lancefield - 9am

FUTURE TRIPS WILL BE:

- 4th December Christmas Breakup - at the Highlands Hotel.

- In December we will be celebrating our 50th Anniversary, 50 wonderful years full of great memories and wonderful friends. We will be holding a luncheon event on Monday 2nd of December in our rooms at the rear of the Romsey Mechanics Institute at our usual time.

A big thank you to Mary Anne Thomas, State member for Macedon, and Rob Mitchell, Federal Member for McEwan, for their support of this event.

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. Everyone is more than welcome. On the 2nd Monday of the month we have some professional cooks come in to prepare a two-course meal, costing only \$10. We would love to see you.

For further information please contact Helen on 0409 064 303 or Rae on 0408 338 759. Hope to see you soon.

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Did you purchase some CWA merchandise at the Lancefield Show last month?

Once again, our CWA cookbooks and linen tea towels were very popular. We will have more of these items at our Christmas Stall at the December Lancefield Farmers' Market, along with our homemade edible Christmas treats. Branch meetings are held on the fourth Friday of each month in the Mechanics Institute annexe.

New members are always very welcome.
For enquires contact our president Rosemarie Jones lancefieldcwa@gmail.com

A FAVOURITE RECIPE

Here is a favourite recipe from our country of study which is Iceland.

- Small Potato Fritters
- 700 grams potatoes
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp black pepper
- Butter for frying
- Peel and coarsely grate the potatoes and mix them with eggs, salt and pepper.
- Add dollops of the potato batter to a hot frying pan with butter.
- Press down on them to flatten them, and fry on medium until they are crisp and golden. Let them drain for a bit on some paper towel.



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The story of Benjamin Braddock, just graduated, who finds himself adrift, uncertain about his future and increasingly alienated from his family. Fighting panic and boredom, he is deeply conflicted but ultimately willing when Mrs. Robinson, the unhappily married, alcoholic and dangerously charismatic wife of his father's business partner, tempts him into an affair. A hilarious, dark comedy with rapid-fire dialogue between fascinating and horrifying characters. Recommended for 18+ with adult themes.

In December, The Mount Players Youth Theatre will wind our production year up with two fabulous productions that will provide wonderful family entertainment and showcase our future stars!

We will have on December 6 & 7 "Trap", a chilling thriller and then on December 13,14 & 15 "The Gold Medallion" a swashbuckling pirate adventure.



For full details about what's on at the Mountview Theatre and to book tickets go to our website www.themountplayers.com or phone 5426 1892 if you require assistance.

See you at the theatre!

By Karen Hunt

TIME TO TURN ON THE TAP WITH FLUORIDE

Country communities around Victoria are closing the loop and coming on board with fluoridated water, and it's time that Lancefield got on the list. Heathcote is well advanced in the process of applying for fluoridation, and Camperdown, Lismore, Derrinallum and Cohuna have had their applications approved in recent months. Lancefield does not have the health-giving benefit of fluoride in our water and our health and wellbeing suffers. By contrast, Kyneton is fluoridated through Coliban Water and Romsey and Woodend are partly fluoridated. Currently, 90% of Victorians drink water with either naturally occurring or added fluoride. Lancefield needs to be part of this movement now. Let's get Western Water and the Government to the table. I previously raised this issue last year and it's time to again push for fluoridation, which has been proven to have significant benefits to dental health. Let's not miss out when these other communities are taking the initiative and getting on board. Heathcote funded a study by Latrobe University students to inform its decision to push for fluoridation. The study found that by age 65, the average person in Heathcote had just 10 of their original adult teeth - with

the loss due to decay. The State average is 22.

Benefits are even more significant for children. A Royal Children's Hospital survey last year found one in three Australian children do not brush their teeth twice a day and one in 10 have had at least one tooth pulled out as a result of decay before they turn eight. Fluoride would be a major benefit to keeping healthy teeth. Victoria's first fluoride was added to the drinking water for Bacchus Marsh in 1962, with Melbourne beginning fluoridation in 1977.

While some people criticise fluoridation and raise health concerns, these have been debunked by Australian and international evidence which is supported by health experts including the World Health Organization, the World Dental Federation, Dental Health Services Victoria and the Australian Dental Association. Melbourne and some regional centres have had fluoridated water for more than 40 years, and other local communities are progressively coming on board. Let's get Lancefield on to that list now.

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WESTERN WATER COMMITS TO COMBAT CLIMATE CHANGE

Western Water has pledged to become carbon-neutral by 2050 and to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 10% below baseline emissions (an average of 2012-2016 emissions) by 2025. Western Water's Corporate Plan 2020 identifies climate change and rapid growth as key factors which will influence their future operations. According to the report, the impacts of climate change are already being observed Western Water's Managing Director Jeff Rigby says that increased demand for its services from urban growth within its service region, alongside expected reductions in available supply, is one of the greatest challenges posed by climate change.

"In the face of climate change, it's clear we need to be more flexible in our approach and, as a climate-dependent service provider, we must show leadership," he said. "Above

all, we're committed to providing a quality service to our customers with minimal environmental impact from our operations".

Western Water intends to reduce its emissions using a range of sustainable practices, including the installation of large solar panel arrays, with construction underway on a 500kw system at Melton Recycled Water Plant. Currently, the plant uses biogas, another renewable energy source, to power around 30% of its energy supply. Western Water also plans to mitigate the effects of climate change using a series of waste reduction and resource recovery programs.

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Roger Barr and his mother Dawn enjoying a quiet moment at Roger's retirement function in Lancefield recently. Dawn has moved to Kilmore where she enjoys writing – and reading the *Lancefield Mercury*.

WELCOME BACK TO TERM 4!

I am very excited to let you know that our new SAKG/ library/science space is very close to completion. We will be having an official opening of the new space on Friday 15th November. We will keep you informed about this special event closer to the day however, we would love to see you all there! We are collaborating with the Melbourne Museum and the Y2 architectural firm to create some engaging and meaningful displays of megafauna and Mount William for our new space.

This week all students are participating in our Artist in Residence program with Bernard Mangakahia, culminating with a whole school performance on Thursday evening. It promises to be a great performance, practice sessions are really going well. Bernard is extremely engaging and knowledgeable.

Thank you to Graham Knell from the Men's Shed for creating a new flag pole for LPS. We are proud to now display the Australian flag, the Aboriginal flag and the Torres Strait Islanders Flag in our office area and we will use this structure for assemblies and other whole school events. Graham and the team from the men's Shed have been very busy also creating an insect home for the 5/6 classes, completing wood working sessions with the year 6s and are about to create a welcome seat around the Japanese maple at the top of the school to be used by students and parents.



BUDBURST FESTIVAL



The Macedon Ranges Wine and Food Budburst Festival will take place on 9th + 10th November with wine tasting, live music and food as over 25 local vignerons throw open their doors. Guests will have the opportunity to taste over 100 new and exclusive wines and experience the diversity of wine styles grown and vinified across this outstanding winemaking region.

As most of our wineries are small and family owned, the Festival offers you a personalised experience to learn firsthand from some of Victoria's best artisans of wine. Festival visitors can talk directly with the people who grew the grapes and made the wine.

A Festival Passport ticket gets you access across the weekend, to all venues, for only \$23. The area around Lancefield is well represented, with popular local favourites Double Oaks, Cleveland Winery, Curly Flat, Parkside Estate, Lanes End Vineyard, Lyons Will Estate and Wilimee Wines all taking part in the weekend. Or if exploring Lancefield and beyond is what you are after, catch a Budburst Tour Bus that departs from Woodend train station.

With 12 routes as well the Hoppa Bus service to choose from and tickets at \$75 for the day (including your festival pass), this is a great value day out. For Festival information, to buy your pass and to book a bus visit www.budburst.com. But get in quick, buses book out. www.facebook.com/macedonrangeswineandfood www.instagram.com/macedonrangeswineandfood



MACEDON RANGES WINE AND FOOD Budburst FESTIVAL



Lane's End Vineyard is excited to once again be a part of the Macedon Ranges Wine & Food Budburst Festival on November 9-10 from 10am-5pm. All our wines will be available for tasting including our 95 pt Halliday rated Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, L'autre Pinot Noir, 94 pt Isanda Chardonnay, Cottage Chardonnay & our very luscious Lane's End Vineyard Macedon Ranges Rose.

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LUNCH IN LANCEFIELD



On Tuesday 15 October, six members of the Romsey CWA took a tour of the Double Oaks Estate, Ashworths Road, Lancefield to savour the wine and taste the truffles. And what a day it was. Beginning at 10.30 with morning tea, the hostess, Kristy Chehab, made the party feel welcome with a cup of tea followed by a walk around the winery. Next followed a tasting of four of Double Oaks current wines – Chardonnay, Rose, Pinot Noir and Shiraz. Sitting at our table with four glasses in front of each of us and a tasting score card to write on (as a place-mat) made for interesting and convivial discussion. Was the Chardonnay ‘straw’ or ‘yellow’, was the viscosity ‘medium-low’ or ‘medium’? Was the smell ‘sour/ripe’ or ‘flower/herb’ and the taste ‘dry’, acidity ‘medium-low’ and the body ‘medium-light’? These questions and more were contemplated between sips of wine, tastes of truffles and friendly conversation. The truffles were such a surprise! We had truffles four ways – fine slices of truffle on a square of cheese; with honey; in a toastie (very yum) and on a quiche. All a delight to the palate and highlighted by our wine of choice, especially, I felt, the Chardonnay.

Lunch – the purpose of our visit – was a delightful selection of cheese, fruit, vegetables sticks, dips, chocolate

strawberries and other delights. We all enjoyed sitting outside on the patio, taking in the views towards Lancefield.

Finally, our group was invited into the bottling area where we saw how it was done. The wine is transferred from vats, through a line to a filling unit. The bottle is then capped and off it goes into a box for sale.

Double Oaks, formerly Ashworths Hill and later Morganfield Vineyard, was purchased by Kristy and Travis Chehab in 2016. The vineyard, now 3 ha of vines, was first planted in 1980 with pinot noir, shiraz, pinot meunier and cabernet sauvignon. Today they enjoy combined plantings of cabernet sauvignon, pinot noir and chardonnay and hope to plant some other varieties in the near future.

The winery will be open over the Budburst weekend when food, wine and music can be enjoyed.

The Romsey CWA have a great deal to offer the women of the region. They meet monthly; they also hold fund raising events, craft days and quarterly meetings with a speaker. They are interested in social and cultural issues and welcome new members.

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ANOTHER VERY SUCCESSFUL YEAR!

ANTI BULLYING CAMPAIGN

At the end of last term, our Prep - Year 2's completed their pledge CD's for our Anti-Bullying Mural - 'We extend our hand and united take a stand! Bullying. No way! Take a stand every day!'. With thanks to the Bendigo Bank for their sponsorship, later this term will see the completion of the mural and all students attaching their CD's to the mesh that will go up next to it. We are very lucky that this space has now been turfed so that we can begin to make it a great space for students to meet, play and relax. Thank you to our Juniors for the great work on their CD's, they look fantastic!



ST MARY'S ART SHOW SPECTACULAR

On Thursday September 12, we held our now bi annual Art Show. A huge thank you must go out to our art teacher extraordinaire Ms Jackson for all her hard work in setting up this amazing show. Congratulations to all of our students for their fabulous works of art. It was a truly inspirational display which was firstly viewed by our visiting Grandparents on Grandparents Day and then opened up for all to see on Thursday night. Another very successful year!

YEAR 3/4'S MARKET STALL

At the end of last term, our Year 3/4's held a market for our school community. The students had been working on their Inquiry Unit all term 'Market Stalls' with all their hard work culminating in the market stall. Students worked in groups to come up with a concept for a product that they could make, market and sell at their stall. The students made everything that was for sale at the market, with everything from drawings, to tie dye, indigenous keyrings, jewellery, stress balls, wood burning pictures, bath bombs, clapsticks, paintings, AFL posters and scrunchies. Such a varied array of items for sale which ran off the shelves! Congratulations to all our Year 3/4 's for their ideas, creativity, hard work and success in running a market stall. Well done!

WALK TO SCHOOL MONTH

Every October, thanks to Vichealth and our local councils, is Walk to School Month. This program encourages Victorian primary school kids to walk, ride or scoot to and from school. It's a great way to help kids learn healthy habits and achieve the recommended 60 minutes of physical activity every day. So from Monday October 7 through to Friday November 1, St Mary's will participate in Walk to School Month. We have a huge variety of activities on offer including our Walking School Bus, lunchtime activities, whole school exercise class, Day for Daniel walk around the park and a healthy breakfast to name but a few! Every time a student participates they go in the draw to win some great

prizes, which have been kindly donated by Macedon Ranges Shire Council. We had our first Walking School Bus last Friday and a fantastic attendance of just over 20 students. We look forward to a healthy and active month ahead, with lots of fun and laughter thrown in!

MEGA FAUNA WALL MURAL

Our Year 3/4 students have been working with artist Gemma Nightingale on an amazing Mega Fauna Mural on the brick wall in our Senior yard. This mural displays a number of animals from the MegaFauna era and looks absolutely amazing! It is not yet finished, but I have no doubt the final product will be outstanding. If you're driving down Chauncey St or Raglan St, take the time to have a look at this mural, you won't be disappointed.

Jo Shannon (Community Liaison Leader)



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For more information, email friendskynetonbotanicgarden@gmail.com or see website www.khs1894.com

SHARE WITH CARE

I was lucky enough to spend some time in the USA recently. It was the end of the summer and on the wide flat streets of a seaside town, many people ride or walk everywhere. It was holiday time for most people and the mood was relaxed. As a result, all road users just learnt to get along safely and it worked!

Bike Safe Macedon Ranges has just launched our "Share with Care" campaign aimed at encouraging all road users to be careful when interacting with other vehicles and people on the road. It's simply about leaving plenty of room and time to pass safely. It's particularly relevant to new users of our county roads which presents different challenges to the urban environment. Who knows what is around that corner? All it takes is a little impatience or lack of concentration and someone's dad or mum, brother or sister, son or daughter could end up in hospital or worse. Nobody wants that kind of outcome. Look out for the mobile trailer and banners across the Ranges to remind people of this simple message.

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On the last day of November, (St Andrew's Day) the 30th, we are having our parish Christmas street stall at 9am outside the Romsey I.G.A. Come early for our homemade cakes, jams, pickles, sauces and a variety of goods. Don't forget to bring some cash for our raffle.

Doreen Morgan



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SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Computers operate via a series of coded instructions called programs. Although few of us ever meet the originators responsible for these programs, we don't delude ourselves thinking computers programmed themselves without an original programmer. How do birds know how to build a nest? How do bees know how to make honey? How do beavers know how to dam a river? How do spiders know how to design a web? How can certain fish and birds migrate thousands of kilometres then return each year with satellite accuracy? How do blind, miniscule, newly born kangaroos know how to wriggle their way from the birth canal all the way to the mother's pouch to suckle milk? There are so many inexplicable natural phenomena swept under the carpet with the word, 'instinct'. Do we delude ourselves thinking everything in nature has programmed itself? In fields such as engineering, academic minds continue to learn complex lessons from nature. Shouldn't we be asking where nature learnt these lessons, or will we casually say - given time they happen by themselves?

For anyone who believes in the "Big Bang" the

Challenge for you is to satisfactorily answer the questions found in Job Chapter 38 of the Bible. The Bible declares that in nature, everything is created by God. Therefore, He is the Original Programmer who wrote the coded instructions we call instinct. 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.

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creatures are waiting for them to slip, and no one is guaranteed safe passage. The only certainty is this: the road has a toll and it will be paid. Sara knows that if she steps onto the road, she might not come back. But Becca needs her. And Lucy is waiting.

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The Frozen Sea- by Piers Torday. RRP \$26.99

The second incredible instalment of a

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is, but who we all think we are...

Silver- by Chris Hammer. RRP \$32.99



For half a lifetime, journalist Martin Scarsden has run from his past. But now there is no escaping. He'd vowed never to return to his hometown, Port Silver, and its traumatic memories. But now his new partner, Mandy Blonde, has inherited an old house in the seaside town and Martin knows their chance of a new life together won't come again. Martin arrives to find his best friend from school days has been brutally murdered, and Mandy is the chief suspect. With the police curiously reluctant to pursue other suspects,

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Cilka's Journey- by Heather Morris. RRP \$32.99



In 1942 Cilka is just sixteen years old when she is taken to Auschwitz-Birkenau

Concentration Camp. The Commandant at Birkenau, Schwarzhuber, notices her long beautiful hair, and forces her separation from the other women prisoners. Cilka learns quickly that power, even unwillingly given, equals survival. After liberation, Cilka is charged as a collaborator for sleeping with the enemy and sent to a desolate, brutal prison camp in Siberia known as Vorkuta, inside the Arctic Circle. Innocent and imprisoned once again, Cilka faces challenges both new and horribly familiar. Based on what is known of Cilka's time in Auschwitz, and on the experience of women in Siberian prison camps, Cilka's Journey is the breathtaking sequel to *The Tattooist of Auschwitz*. A powerful testament to the triumph of the human will in adversity, Cilka's

Journey will make you weep, but it will also leave you with the remarkable story of one woman's fierce determination to survive, against all odds.

Sand Talk- by Tyson Yunkaporta. RRP \$32.99



This remarkable book is about everything from echidnas to evolution, cosmology to cooking, sex and science and spirits to Schrödinger's cat. Tyson Yunkaporta looks at global systems from an Indigenous perspective. He asks how contemporary life diverges from the pattern of creation. How does this affect us? How can we do things differently? Sand Talk provides a template for living. It's about how lines and symbols and shapes can help us make

sense of the world. It's about how we learn and how we remember. It's about talking to everybody and listening carefully. It's about finding different ways to look at things. Most of all it's about Indigenous thinking, and how it can save the world.

ANZAC & Aviator- by Michael Molkenntin. RRP \$32.99



In the smouldering aftermath of the First World War a young Australian pilot and his crew prepare to attempt the inconceivable: a flight, halfway around the globe, from England to Australia. The 18,000 kilometre odyssey will take 28 days and test these men and their twin-engine

biplane to the limit. It is a trans-continental feat that will change the world and bring the air age to Australia. It will also prove to be the culminating act in the extraordinary and tragically brief life of its commander, Captain Sir Ross Smith. Raised on a remote sheep station in the dying days of Australia's colonial frontier, there was little in Ross Smith's childhood that suggested a future as one of the world's great pioneering aviators. He went to war in 1914, serving with the light horse at Gallipoli and in the Sinai before volunteering for the fledgling Australian Flying Corps. In 1919 he was a pilot on the first ever mission to survey an air route from Cairo to the East Indies, before gaining international fame as the winner of the government's GBP10,000

prize for leading the first aircrew to fly from England to Australia. His attempt to exceed this by circumnavigating the world by air in 1922 would end in disaster.

Gulpilil- by Derek Rielly. RRP \$29.99



It's been almost fifty years since a teenage David Gulpilil illuminated screens worldwide with his breakout role in *Walkabout*. It was one of the first times we'd seen an Aboriginal person cast in a significant role and only four years after Holt's referendum to alter the constitution and give Indigenous people citizenship and, subsequently, the right to vote. Gulpilil quickly

became the face of the Indigenous world to white Australian audiences. What has marked Gulpilil, despite his fame and popularity, is the feeling that he's been forever stuck between two worlds: a Yolngu man, a hunter, a tracker, who grew up in the bush in Arnhem Land outside any white influence; and a movie star flitting from movie sets to festivals. Able to exist in both worlds, but never truly home. From the author of the bestselling *Wednesdays with Bob*, Derek Rielly builds a narrative around his attempt to encapsulate the most beguiling and unconventional of Australian entertainers, observing Gulpilil's own attempt to find a place in the world. With interviews from notable icons and friends - such as Jack

Thompson, Paul Hogan, Phillip Noyce, Craig Ruddy, George Gittoes, Gary Sweet and Damon Gameau - this book unriddles a famous enigma at last.

The Little Library Year- by Kate Young. RRP \$39.99

Kate Young returns with a book about eating and reading through the seasons. The Little Library Year takes you through a full twelve months in award-winning food writer Kate Young's kitchen. Here are frugal January meals enjoyed alone with a classic comfort read, as well as summer feasts to be eaten outdoors with the perfect beach read to hand. Beautifully photographed throughout, The Little Library Year is full of delicious seasonal recipes, menus and reading recommendations.

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PÉTANQUE ORIGINS

Pétanque Origins 50,000+ years in Australia?

Many games in many countries have origins that are very similar to modern pétanque, lawn bowls or bocce but pétanque retains its basic simplicity - a solid boule (ball / round rock) is aimed 6-10 meters away at a smaller Jack (stone, preferably coloured) on gravel /sand /dirt)

Many varieties of indigenous games are similar. One, Weme, even plays over similar distances and scores to pétanque. Others similar games include Apwerte (Reference Yulunga Traditional Indigenous Games Sport Aus / AIS)

So maybe 50,000 to 120,000 years on this land simple games aiming to be closer to a smaller object ... ours remains simple – come and try it on a Monday or Thursday.

The indigenous history of Hanging Rock as a meeting place of three tribes surely had a sporting element to it. We play at Hanging Rock each Thursday. Geburrh Centre is the indigenous name for Mt Macedon, and the working group behind the Woodend Cultural Community Precinct where we are now playing pétanque on Monday evenings



(near the Pool) and are planning a big Community day in March 2020.

On Sunday 24th November come to the Rock between 10 am and 4 pm to see some of Victoria's best players in our Mixed Triples Event. On Friday evening 31st of January we are hosting our second Pizza n Pétanque evening in the Woodend Cultural Community Precinct.

You are welcome to come on Thursday to Hanging Rock (small fee for BBQ) and on Mondays to the Woodend Pool. Come in casual clothes your choice of drinks.

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- Present your 500 Club membership card and receive your first drink on the house at each home game
- One day set aside, during a home game (date to be confirmed) for exclusive 500 Club members – luncheon and drinks to be provided between 12 noon and 2 pm.

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For further details please contact:

- Jack Richmond – 0411 429 003
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- Wil-im-ee Moor-ring tours
- Music and entertainers
- Children's activities
- Visit the dig site
- QA expert panel
- Feature talk with scientists discussing ancient landscapes

visit lancefield.org/megafauna-festival



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- Annual community Christmas lunch - Tuesday 17 December, noon
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