

Lancefield Mercury



THE MOUNT PLAYERS 'SCOOP THE POOLS' AT VDL AWARDS NIGHT

L. to R. Actor John Taranto, Director Leo Vandervalk, Producer Bernadette Tonna, Director Frank Harvey

The Mount Players are ecstatic after their production, *Twelve Angry Men* won the Best Production of 2019 at the annual Victorian Drama League Awards evening on 24 Nov.

Directors, Leo Vandervalk and Frank Harvey took out Best Director Award, Alison Dudon took out Best Set Design, Jarrod Catt took out best actor in a minor role with Scott Hasse also being nominated and Adam Gehling took out best

actor in lead role, with Darren Gregor and Craig Lenaine-Smith also receiving nominations.

This caps off what has been a brilliant year for the Mountview Theatre. Congratulations to the whole cast and crew!!

By Karen Hunt

LANCEFELD MERCURY UP WITH THE BEST!

The 14th Community Newspapers Association of Victoria (CNAV) Conference and newspaper awards night took place on Saturday 12 October. Over 50 representatives of local community newspapers attended the conference and dinner held at the York on Lilydale in Mount Evelyn.

President Jens-Kristian Toft Hansen (of Ferntree Gully News) spoke of the cycles, significant anniversaries, seasonal topics and issues that are involved in producing community newspapers. He described the CNAV as a 'community of

communities', an apt description for the community of over 80 Victorian community newspapers who form the Association.

The highpoint of the Conference came during the dinner when the 2019 annual awards were announced. I am very happy to report that the Lancefield Mercury was a finalist in the 'Best Layout and Design' category for our November 2018 edition which featured the front-page story 'Lancefield

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Swamp Comes Back to Life'. The judges wrote that the paper was 'A nicely designed small format community newspaper: Scale particularly with regards to the typography, has been used well to create a sense of variety in a predominantly black and white production. The publication itself communicates a fun, down to earth, community minded spirit.'

We were also runner-up in the 'Best Newspaper' category for our April 2019 edition. With its striking photograph of the cenotaph in Lancefield, the judges wrote that this edition had

an 'Arresting front cover, very good layout, good use of white space, consistent format and excellent mix of stories relevant to local community'. As this was the first year the Lancefield Mercury had entered the awards, the Editorial Committee are delighted with our result.

Our congratulations must go to Craig Longmuir for his fabulous efforts in layout and design over the past decade or more, and to the Editorial Committee for their continued dedication in producing such outstanding editions each month.

Fay Woodhouse



RELAY FOR LIFE 2020

We will be Relaying again in 2020, our eighteenth year. If you would like to join us at the Lancefield Park on Saturday 29 March and Sunday 1 March 2020 please visit our website

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FEED-IT-FORWARD'S FIRST ANNIVERSARY

On Tuesday 29 October, more than 80 residents of Romsey and Lancefield gathered at The Hub in Romsey to mark the first anniversary of the Feed-it-Forward initiative. The Library's meeting room was transformed into a restaurant and liberally festooned with balloons and floral decorations for the occasion.

Lancefield Neighbourhood House co-ordinator and instigator of the Feed-it-Forward Movement in our towns, Vivien Philpot, spoke to the audience and thanked the many sponsors for their support of the venture over the past year. Those present included: Romsey and Lancefield Bendigo Bank General Manager, Ken Allender, Reverend Linda

Young of the Uniting Church, Bill West, Councillor of the Macedon Ranges Shire Council, Romsey IGA, Lancefield IGA and St Mary's Primary School. Those present sang 'Happy Birthday' with gusto!

During the lunch – which featured roast pork, vegetables and salad, followed by orange cake or chocolate cake – the musician Kaz Mulvany entertained the audience playing the harp and harpsicord. Winners of the Door Prize, raffle and other prizes happily accepted their gifts. Feed-it-Forward's first anniversary celebration was a happy one, and all those present joined with the organisers in their congratulations for the achievements made over the past year.

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BUDBURST 2019

A WEEKEND OF FUN AND FLAVOUR

Despite biting winds that felt as if they were blowing up from the Antarctic, crowds of people – locals and many others from Melbourne and other regions – congregated in the Macedon Ranges to enjoy the 2019 Budburst weekend on 9 and 10 November.

With an abundance of choice, my companion and I decided to launch into our tasting weekend at the wineries in Lancefield closest to home. We began at Parkside Estate in Parks Road where I enjoyed the Sparkling Rosé and the the Sparkling Chardonnay as well as the various vintages of Pinot Noir. It seems to me that the Pinot Noir



of the region are fine examples of the variety and it became clear that this particular pocket of the Macedon Ranges wine region is excellent for cool climate Pinot Noirs. While some of the visitors enjoyed the ambience of the old stables and its fabulous cobbled flooring, this year a band was playing in the old shearing sheds. Others were enjoying the lawns and wandering around the beautiful estate. There was something for everyone at Parkside.

Our next stop was the nearby Curly Flat in Collivers Lane where we tasted their range of Chardonnay and Pinot Noir and enjoyed their 2016 vintage very much. On such a cold day we were glad to warm ourselves next to the the fire where we sipped and compared wines. It was a very convivial experience indeed.

We decided to travel a little further afield on the Sunday and made our way out to the Burke and Wills Track. On Ashworth Road our first stop was Double Oaks. With the stunning views across to Lancefield and the hills, who could not have enjoyed trying their flagship wines – Chardonnay, Rose, Merlot and Pinot Noir. Visitors enjoyed tucking into the American pulled pork or spareribs while listening to guitar music. Tables were full of people chatting and enjoying the atmosphere.

Further along Ashworth Road we turned into Whalan's Track to visit Lyons Will. Nestled into the hills, the outdoor courtyard was protected from the wind and a wonderful fire in the courtyard added to the atmosphere. In the tasting

shed I was delighted to taste their 2019 Riesling, 2017 Chardonnay, 2019 Rosé and their 2017 Pinot Noir. By the time we reached Lyons Will it was definitely lunchtime and we enjoyed their Lamb Sandwich made with locally sourced produce followed by a cheese platter. Rather than sitting outside by the fire, we opted to enjoy our lunch inside in the cellar and were delighted to enjoy the music of Saga City (Jonathan Vosloo, vocals & guitar, Tiaan Scholtz, Drums and Tamas Csekey, bass). Who could go wrong with this band? Growing up in the 1980s, of course we thoroughly enjoyed their cover versions of Dire Straits, Sultans of Swing, Neil Young's Heart of Gold and David Bowie's Space Oddity to name but a few. We were set for the afternoon! However, we decided to try one more winery, so back we went to the Burke & Wills Track.

At Granite Hills we felt the cold wind once again and sought shelter in their large winery building amongst the casks where we tasted their stunning Riesling, excellent Nardoo Rosé and exceptionally good Shiraz. While sipping our wines we also enjoyed the wonderful ragtime music of "Uptown" Brown! What a talented artist this one-man band is. He played the clarinet, drum, ukulele and more while walking around and entertaining an appreciative audience. It was a memorable visit and a wonderful finale to the weekend of winetasting.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Response to Letter to the Editor. November p8

To Don....

I read with interest your letter published in November 2019 edition of the Lancefield Mercury and feel that by bringing an opposing view to that which is presented by Encourage Church you have reflected the differing views of the broader community at large, on a subject that a lot of people think about.

I was recently in Oxford UK area and attended some of a series of lectures given by leading scientists in their respective fields.

I purposefully do not use the word 'experts' because as I understand it, scientific knowledge is often built on another's previous research, discovery and theory. So, in this sense, it is a continuum.

The interesting thing about these lectures was that all the scientists held to the theory of Creation and not the theory of Evolution.

In essence both Creation and Evolution are both considered theories as there is no eye witness but there

is an account in ancient Sacred Scriptures. Whilst some believe this account is poetic and not literal, others believe it is literal.

From what I have read, Darwin was not the first person to come up with the theory of Evolution, there were a few before him but he is the one credited with developing this theory. The first documented evidence of evolutionary thought is found amongst the ancient writings of Muslim scholars in the 8th century, who held it in context of Creation, not denying a Creator but identifying transmutation of species.

Even within evolutionary theory there are different streams of thought. Some adhere to cosmic and geological evolution but not biological evolution. This is the world we live in. One of Differing beliefs.

Julianne

RSL POPPY APPEAL 2019 - MANY THANKS TO THE COMMUNITY

On behalf of the Committee, members and affiliates of the Romsey-Lancefield RSL, I offer our thanks to the local community for its generous support for our annual Poppy Appeal and our Bar-B-Q, which was held outside the Romsey IGA on 9 November.

Ignoring the inclement weather over the selling days, the community supported our organisation with good humour and dollars. Some of us are still defrosting from the bitter winds that assailed us over the campaign days, especially those who were 'rostered on' outside the Romsey bakery.

A number of people snapped up the biros that were used by Abe Lincoln and George Washington and several

brought the actual biro Ned Kelly used to write the Jerilderie Letter. Despite the nonsense and jokes about the provenance of the alleged biros and the knitted \$10 poppies, 'made by a little old Frenchwoman', the veterans enjoyed meeting with the community and exchanging lots of banter and tall stories.

To the entire Romsey Primary school who attended our Remembrance Day service on 11 November, it was wonderful to have you in attendance. To all who community folks who supported our efforts, many thanks.

Tony O'Brien, President

BOOMERANG BAGS - WORKING TOWARDS A PLASTIC BAG FREE LANCEFIELD AGAIN

We have been making Boomerang Bags for three years, we started with just two of us on our machines then others joined our group. To date we have made and given away 2,500 bags and sold about 50 lined bags to local businesses and at the Farmers Market.

Look out for us at the Mega Fauna Festival and the Boomerang Bag box outside The Town House when it is open. We sew bags or silkscreen pockets every Wednesday from 10.00 am until 12midday/1pm.

We are a light-hearted group, nothing too serious goes down on a Wednesday morning and we laugh a lot

at ourselves and the world. New volunteers are always welcome. Helpers come and go depending on their commitments.

Thank you Andrea, Carol, Deb, Lina, Lisa, Lyn, Lynne, Maxine, Nichol, Rosemary, Sandra, Stella, Tracey and Victoria. And a big thankyou to the Op Shop ladies for saving and passing on fabric, sheets and anything they thought might be used to make bags.

Pat Danko

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Resonance String Orchestra is a not-for-profit community orchestra based in the Macedon Ranges. We would be really pleased if you would assist us by promoting our You're the Voice Macedon Ranges concert on Saturday 2 December in Kyneton. The concert is all about community connection and cohesiveness. Nine local and undiscovered vocal talents will perform with the our Resonance String Orchestra, and a backing band comprised of some of the region's finest musicians. International hits will be performed as contestants compete to win the attention of the event's esteemed judges, Opera Australia's Tiffany Speight and local music education specialist extraordinaire Joseph Bromley. The audience will also vote for their favourite performer on the night.

We bring this concert thanks to the generous support of the Commonwealth Home Support Program and

Macedon Ranges Shire Council. Our project aims to provide experiences for social and community connection for residents aged 55 and over in Macedon Ranges Shire. The engagement of older local residents with the mixed aged Resonance String Orchestra builds on our ongoing work to draw in adults into community music-making, and provide a forum for intergenerational connection. The project has involved performances with the singers and musicians at BUPA aged care Woodend, and Woodend Farmers Market. Aimed to provide a supportive environment where people over 55 can come together to hone their skills, vocal coach Tiffany Speight from Opera Australia has already provided constructive feedback to our singers in a masterclass setting.

The concert details are: 7pm Monday 2 December. Mary Maloney Theatre, Sacred Heart College, 94 High Street, Kyneton. Tickets: \$20 / \$15 / \$60 family via <https://www.trybooking.com/BGTBB>. Ticket enquiries: 0437 175 972



SUBLIME SOUNDS

Sublime stringed sounds filled the Mary Maloney theatre with the 'Russian Extravaganza' concert held on Saturday 19 October when the Sacred Heart school was host to the Resonance String Orchestra. Very special guests of the day were the highly acclaimed Flinders Quartet with a terrific performance of classic Russian pieces. Lucky audience members were treated to works from Shostakovich, Prokofiev, Mussorgsky, Borodin, Tchaikovsky and a Russian folk song.

The Flinders Quartet, formed in 2000, is a renowned Australian string quartet. They played with all levels of the Resonance Orchestras from seniors to juniors, guiding and complementing in each wonderful piece. During rehearsals they also shared secret tips and techniques while opening different ways to approach music and how to play it.

All pieces were performed with passion and great technical skill across all levels; the Flinders Quartet performance was sensational. Sole cellist Zoe Knighton's passionate style draws the eye, and seeing them perform in such an intimate venue is highly recommended. The way all members play with their passion and technical skill is

something to behold. With the beautiful music and skill they play, you don't need to know anything about classical music to be enthralled by them.

We heard great performances by all on the day which featured Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture to close the concert. It was fantastic so see and hear the junior members using home made drums in place of field cannons.

The Resonance String Orchestra, alongside its offshoots the Resonance Senior Stings and Apprenti Strings, are based in the Macedon Ranges. This is a non-for-profit, highly regarded regional, community and multi-tiered music initiative who rehearse weekly at the Woodend Neighbourhood House. They are open to players of violin, viola, violoncello and double bass. As well as the Annual Concert, the annual Senior Strings Recital, Resonance musicians also perform at local events, charity fundraisers and private functions. For more information, please visit their website <http://www.resonancestringorchestra.org.au/>

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Next month will be a busy one for us. We have our 50th Anniversary on Monday 2 December in our Club Rooms. A big thank you to Mary Anne Thomas, State member for Macedon, Rob Mitchell, Federal member for McEwan and Lancefield & Romsey Community Bank Branches for their support for this event.

Our next monthly bus trip will be on Wednesday 4 December. We are off to the Highlands Hotel in Craigieburn for a Christmas Luncheon. Join us for a buffet lunch with all the trimmings.

Depart: Lancefield – 11am; Romsey – 11.15am. This will be followed on Monday 9 December with our Christmas Lunch in the Club rooms prepared by our regular professional cooks. We would love to see you at one of these events or all three. For further information please contact Helen on 0409 064 303 or Rae on 0408 338 759.

We hope to see you soon.

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WE MAY NEED A BIGGER TROPHY CABINET!

The Ladies Commonwealth Pennant competition is now well under way and we wish our teams the best of luck. We hope to retain the trophy we won in 2018.

Congratulations are extended to our team of Tim, Rodger and Max who had success competing at the Melbourne International Shooting Club, early November. They won the City of Melbourne Teams Match Benchrest Handicap. Another trophy for the cabinet!

Club members have been pleased to welcome a number of people who, as a result of our promotion at this year's Lancefield Show, have come along to some club nights to learn more about the club and the sport and will hopefully become members. There is quite a process involved in attaining your shooter's licence and becoming a club member. If you would like details of this, plus club training and comp nights please phone Max on 54292259.

We are looking forward to an enjoyable conclusion to our club year celebrating with the annual barbecue and award presentation evening. Merry Christmas all!

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'THE AMERICAN' AT COPE-WILLIAMS FOUNDATION

On Sunday 20 October, an audience of more than 90 music lovers, gathered for the final Cope-Williams Foundation concert for 2019. The Sydney based Acacia Quartet, Lisa Stewart, violin, Myee Clohessy, violin, Stefan Duwe, viola and Anna Martin-Scrusse, cello is a combination of formidable artistic talent. They have all performed overseas in some of the most prestigious Symphony and Chamber Orchestras in the world, and have recorded with ABC Classic, Naxos and other music labels. The Quartet have a busy touring program in Australia each year; as well as this, Anna Martin-Scrusse and Stefan Duwe manage to combine performance with teaching. Judy Cope-Williams was very happy that they chose to perform in Romsey.

The program was named 'The American' after Antonin Dvorak's String Quartet 12, Op. 96 'The American'. The Allegro ma non troppo established the familiar themes; the Lento moved at a slower, melodic and more languid pace; the Molto vivace, which began with a train whistle (and we were told Dvorak was a train spotter – who knew?!) and

the Finale: Vivace ma non troppo was witty, active, rich and full of energy and movement. It appears opinions vary as to whether the themes in this quartet were derived from Negro spirituals and American Indian music, or whether they resemble both American and Bohemian folk tradition in their melodic and rhythmic structure. While I could not specifically identify either in the music, it was a wonderfully uplifting quartet with which to conclude the day's program.

In contrast, the performance opened with Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's String Quartet 15, K421. It is believed the Quartet was composed in 1783 while Mozart's wife Constanze was in labour with her first child Raimund. Constanze is believed to have stated that the rising string figures in the second movement (Andante) corresponded to her cries from the other room! An evocative image indeed. This beautiful quartet was greatly enjoyed by the audience.

The Acacia Quartet were rightly excited to present a quartet composed by the 25 year old Sydney composer, Alice Chance. A graduate of the Sydney Conservatorium of Music, in 2018 she was awarded First Class Honours in Composition. Australian ensembles, such as The Australian Brandenburg

Orchestra, The Song Company, Musica Viva for the Enigma String Quartet and the Acacia Quartet have commissioned or premiered her work. On Sunday 20 October the audience were delighted by the work commissioned by The Acacia Quartet, 'A Sundried Quartet'. Movement 1 - Exposure, evoked a beach setting. The cello and violin conjured a sense of the sun searing in the sky and the heat it generated. Movement 2 – Dribble Castle: through the plucking of the bows (which must have been great fun for the artists to play) personified the slow dribbling of sand through the hands. Movement 3 – Tomatoes was reminiscent of the 1940s big band sounds while evoking an atmosphere of lazy, hazy days. Finally, Movement 4 – Aloe Vera, described by Myee Clohessy as a 'song without words', was a soothing balm to the heat of the beach portrayed by the earlier movements. Members of the audience were enthralled with this piece, presented prior to the Interval, as many conversations in the courtyard were praising the work while enjoying savouries and a glass of wine.

The Acacia Quartet's concert was certainly a high point of the 2019 concert series. We look forward to news of the 2020 season.

Fay Woodhouse



PRODUCTION YEAR WINDS UP FOR 2019

Our final production, The Graduate, was a wonderful success with a near sell out season. Audiences across the board loved it and we have had tremendous feedback on the standard of our actors and the creative set. Thanks to Director, Robert Wallace for bringing this iconic play to life on our stage.

This year our Youth Theatre will be staging their productions across two weekends. On 6/7/8 December The Trap by Stephen Gregg will be performed by our 16 – 21 years group and on 13/14/15 December The Golden Medallion by Keith Passmore will be performed by our 10–15 years group. These shows are a fantastic opportunity to come a long as a family and enjoy the super talent our youth theatre boasts.

Our first production for 2020, Switzerland by Australian playwright, Joanna Murray-Smith has been cast and already in rehearsal. This two-handed metaphysical thriller set in the Swiss Alps at the secluded home of author, Patricia Highsmith, opens on 28 February. More to follow in the next edition and of course lots more information about the play on our website.

To book tickets or read up on everything our theatre offers go to www.themountplayers.com or call 5426 1892 for general enquiries or assistance.

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CHRISTMAS FOR A CAUSE

Local Romsey dentist and Australian children's entertainer, Bethany Fisher, is returning to Romsey to raise money for children's Autism charity "Keeley's Cause". Following a performance at the Romsey Mechanics Institute in July after winning "Best Kids Live Show", Bethany is back by popular demand with a Christmas show for the whole family.

Bethany is an ambassador for "Keeley's Cause", established by 13-year-old Keeley and her mum Sharon, to provide iPads for children diagnosed with Autism and Intellectual disabilities. Money raised from Bethany's "Christmas Spectacular" in Romsey will be used to provide iPads through "Keeley's Cause" to eligible children. To find out more, including about their #iamcaniwill campaign, or to see if your child is eligible to apply for an iPad, head to www.keeleyscause.org.au

A high energy, interactive, all singing and dancing Christmas show, Bethany's "Christmas Spectacular" will have both the young and young at heart up on their feet

singing and dancing along. Bethany will be joined by her talented dancers and there will be opportunities for kids from the audience to join them up on stage. Dress up in your favourite Christmas outfit with prizes to be won for best dressed, as well as more prizes to be won throughout the show. There will be Christmas favourites the whole family will love, including Hi-5's "Santa Claus is Coming" and many more. A show guaranteed to have your toes tapping, hands clapping and leave a smile on your face long after the show has finished.

Bethany Fisher's "Christmas Spectacular" will appear at the Romsey Mechanics Institute on Saturday 21st December at 11am. Tickets are \$12 and in addition to the show include a free poster for all kids and a chance to meet Bethany and her dancers in their post-show meet and greet.

For tickets and more information, head to www.bethanyfisher.com



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This is His perfect Christmas present to us - the sending of His beloved Son to be our Saviour and Lord. His two names as given to Joseph by the angel Gabriel highlight this - Jesus meaning - "Saviour" and "Emmanuel" - meaning "God with us." Jesus was born for us - that we might be born again. He became the child of Mary that we might become the children of God by adoption and grace. We are not alone, He, Emmanuel is with us.!

Jesus was born to die that we might live eternally. Such is the mystery of the Incarnation - God in the flesh.

There are three reactions to the invitation of Jesus - "Come to Me" - Reject: Neglect: Accept: - What is yours this Christmas?

"O may we keep and ponder in our mind Gods wondrous love in saving lost mankind; Trace we the Babe who has retrieved our loss from His poor manger to His bitter Cross;

Tread in His steps, assisted by His grace, Till man's first heavenly state again takes place." J. Byrom.

Doreen Morgan, Correspondent

Last month our AGM was held and now we prepare for another year of Worship; Fellowship; and Service. A car load of food and gifts has been delivered to Anglicare for some Christmas cheer to those in need. Thank you to all for your contributions and to Betty and team.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS STREET STALL -

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DECEMBER 2019 DIARY

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CHRISTMAS SERVICES -:

Christmas Eve 24th, 11.30pm, Holy Communion Christ Church Lancefield, Chauncey St.

Christmas Day...25th, 10am, Holy Communion St.Paul's Romsey, Main Street.

The Rev. Judi Pollard and the Members of our Parish of Romsey & Lancefield pray that all in our Community will enjoy a blest Christmas and New Year of 2020. Services as usual during January 2020.

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ARTS AND CULTURE PROGRAM SET TO DELIGHT

Macedon Ranges Shire Council will launch its 2020 Arts and Culture program at a gala event at Kyneton Town Hall, Mollison Street on Friday 6 December. The official launch will provide a glimpse of what is on offer next year in music, comedy, drama, exhibitions, workshops and family entertainment.

The launch festivities begin at 5.30pm with complimentary drinks and food from regional producers and entertainment from the 2020 performance line up, as well as generous ticket discounts and packages. Highlights include local comedians Jude Perl and Christian Bagin and jazz band, Sounds of Silent.

Copies of the 2020 season brochure will be available from Kyneton, Gisborne, Woodend and Romsey Council administration centres from Monday 9 December. To book, RSVP by 4 December. Call 1300 888 802, email ktickets@mrsc.vic.gov.au or register online at mrsc.vic.gov.au/arts-events

For more information, call 5422 0333 or visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/arts-events

FOR LGBTIQ+ ADULTS

Cobaw's new Country LGBTIQ+ Inclusion Program (CLIP), is encouraging LGBTIQ+ adults to get together for a cuppa and chat on a monthly basis. Meeting on the third Thursday of every month, Social@ will offer a regular opportunity for members of the LGBTIQ+ community across the Macedon Ranges to get together and make new connections.

"Living in a rural area, LGBTIQ+ people are at higher risk of social isolation," says Belinda Brain, CLIP Coordinator. "This can have an impact on a person's mental and physical health as they are often left with little knowledge of services and groups that are LGBTIQ+ inclusive".

Cobaw's CLIP program was started earlier this year following an increased acknowledgement of the need for adult LGBTIQ+ support in the region. Social@ is one of the first initiatives to be started up by the program and there are hopes that it will grow each month and more opportunities for people to connect will come out of the monthly gatherings.

The first Social@ took place on next Thursday 21 November, November at 11.00 am at The Social Foundry, 86 Mollison Street, Kyneton. For more information, call Belinda on 5421 1666.

A LAMENT TO LOGGING

I'm sure I'm not the only person who was saddened at the announcement that the Victorian Government has made a decision to ban logging in native forests. The timber industry was part of the lifeblood of many country towns for one and a half centuries, and Lancefield was no exception. Make no mistake, Lancefield was a timber town up until the late 1960s, and still had a timber presence into this century.

A number of the long-standing families in and around Lancefield had involvement in the timber industry and bush logging over the years, with mills on the outskirts of the town. I can recall as a youngster on many occasions being at the Walker sawmill on the corner of High St and McMasters Lane. Burrowing around in the vast sawdust heaps, and the crackers firing off on Guy Fawkes Night when the big piles of timber offcuts were set afire.

I've long nominated the Cobaw Ranges as my favorite part of the Macedon Ranges Shire, and the Cobaws were integral to the local timber industry. Spending a lot of my time in the Cobaws, and I have come across plenty of industrial archaeology which confirms the primary role of logging and the timber industry in the history of our town. I have had a detailed inspection of a sawpit, probably dating from the 1890s, when the big logs were broken down by crosscut saw – one man standing on top of the log pulling up, and the pit man down below being showered in sawdust as he did the downstroke.

Other remnants – probably from the late 1920s or early 1930s – show another bush mill. There were stumps in the ground which held the skids, which were lubricated with lard and along which the log halves were slid to the main sawbench. And there's the remnants of a fence paling mill from the early 1960s, where you could see the breaking-down saw and the tram tracks along which the logs were pulled on a trolley into the saw.

Sadly, most of the remains of these mills were obliterated in the 2015 "controlled burn" bushfire which tore through the Cobaws and up into Benloch. I also knew the locations of a number of big stumps which still bore the evidence of where

intrepid axemen drove in their springboards and climbed up to fell the big trees. Again, the controlled burn really did consign them to history. And there are still the remnants of the charcoal burners in the Cobaws, where timber cutters dropped the trees and created the charcoal which fuelled the cars and trucks in the 1940s, when all the petrol was diverted to the War effort.

We've discovered old horseshoes, evidence of the bush camps where the timber workers gathered and hauled out the logs behind teams of horses. With logging in native forests now being phased out, we won't be creating the next chapter in the history of Lancefield and the timber industry.

I have no issue with the ban on logging in the old-growth forests, but the Cobaws are all regrowth apart from a few forest giants along the main ridgeline. The wonderful hardwood timber from our native forests played an integral part in the development of Victoria, and the messmate from the Cobaws was said to be favoured as it had more spring than the planks from other regions.

The timber workers had a pivotal role in the establishment of our early economic fortunes. They provided timber for shoring up the shafts in the establishment of the deep lead mining industries; they were also equally important in providing the fencing for the pastoral industry, the sleepers and bridge building timbers for the construction of the railways, and the construction timbers for the housing industry.

Loggers developed the track network through the Cobaws – a network which will be progressively closed off as our State Forest is reclassified as a conservation park. How will the firefighters get in to attack the seat of any blaze which takes hold in the Cobaws when the tracks are all shut and overgrown?

A part of our history is passing. Let's not forget how much it meant to Lancefield and generations from local families who made their livelihood from bush logging and the timber industry.

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1st Saturday of the month: 10:00am Romsey – Healing Mass Reconciliation available from 9:30am

COMMUNION SERVICES

Tuesday 9:00am Romsey Church
Saturday 10:00am Romsey Church

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Saturdays 9:45am Romsey

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2020 – Romsey Church – February 2nd, April 19th, June 21st, August 2nd, October 4th & December 6th.

2020 – Lancefield Church – January 12th, March 22nd, May 10th, July 12th, September 13th & November 8th.
For more information, please phone 5429 2130.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR MASSES 2019

Advent Reconciliation

Thursday 12th December – 7:30 p.m. Romsey Church
Thursday 19th December – 7:30 p.m. Woodend Church

Christmas Vigil Family Mass

Tuesday 24th December – Romsey Church. 6.00 p.m. – Nativity

Christmas Traditional Mass & Carols

Tuesday 24th December – Lancefield Church 9.30 p.m.
Carols 10:00 p.m. Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

Wednesday 25th December – Lancefield Church 9:00 a.m. Mass

New Years Day

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- ★ Bring the family, friends or work mates and enjoy the merry making!

Community Christmas lunch

Tuesday 17 December, noon @Lancefield Hall

Celebrate Christmas with our wonderful community. Everyone welcome! RSVP on 5429 1214

Christmas challenge & decorations reveal

Friday 6 December, shops open until 8pm

How much Christmas shopping can you do locally? Lions BBQ dinner and Santa visit.

Food Pantry initiative

Tuesday 3 December 11am and 7pm

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THE LANCEFIELD SHOW

PLENTY OF PROUD MOMENTS

The excitement mounted as the clock wound around to 9.00 am when the Lancefield Show opened on Sunday 20 October. It was a cool morning, but the large number of people erecting tents, organising food to sell and preparing the rides were too busy to notice. In the Laurie Greene Pavilion, the Handiworks were carefully laid out on the large tables, the Town House and the CWA set up their stalls, a large range of jewellery, hand-made sox, jackets, hats and other knitting were displayed. The caravan with its huge range of Show Bags were soon doing a brisk business, as were the many food stalls. When the Show was officially opened at 10.00 am a long line of mothers, fathers and children were patiently waiting for entry. The grounds were filling with enthusiastic families eager to see everything that was on offer.

This year the camel rides attracted great attention. One very large and two smaller camels each carried two people on their back. The sideways motion of the camel's walk is reminiscent of riding the waves and took some getting used to. But what an experience! Nearby the dog trials continued all day, attracting a large audience as the dogs were put through their paces. Winner of the Open Section of the Yard Dog Trial was Joe Spicer of Gogetta Kelpies, Glenthompson. Another popular attraction was the portable zoo where the commentator presented animals chosen to a captive his audience. Snakes, crocodiles and Tawny Frogmouth owls were only a few of the animals on show. The fast-paced presentation was a sight to see! A quieter, display 'farm' was also very appealing to children of all ages. The corrugated iron shed evoked a typical farm homestead. In the farmyard, chooks, ducks, goats, sheep and more were patted and stroked by youngsters while proud parents took photographs of them. Next door, the Face Painting stall was enjoying a brisk business and painted faces could be seen everywhere.

But what about the Tractor Pull and other activities? Winners were Barry Arlo of Tylden, Dennis Broquett of Wandong, John Robinson and Ross Thompson of Glenaroua. In the Poultry section the Champion Bird was won by Josh Bull. Champion Shorthorn went to Robyn Harris. The Glen Bros Trophy for Champion Sheep was awarded to Andrew Lakin and Lauren Russell with a Hampshire Downs Ewe. The Champion Merino Fleece was won by Ian Glen. Cows, sheep, goats and chooks were also on display and plenty of award ribbons could be seen.

In the Homecrafts, Best Exhibit in Show went to Julie Arnold-McGill for her Crochet Bedspread. In the junior section India Stebbins was awarded for her drawing of a Horse's Head.

Without doubt, the 2019 Lancefield Show was a winner! I only wonder why it can't go on for two days??

Fay Woodhouse





LANCEFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL CELEBRATE THEIR NEW KITCHEN GARDEN CENTRE

On Friday 15 November, the students and teachers of Lancefield Primary School (LPS), along with many parents and friends, gathered to formally open the Wil-e-mee Moori-ing Centre at LPS. In 2018 the school was awarded \$288,900 through the School Pride Project to create a new learning space. It has become the home of the new Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden (SAKG) Project. The school has run the SAKG Program for three years now, and on 15 November the new centre, designed for the purpose, was opened with great acclaim. The centre was designed by Peter Tonkin and Amy Tremewen of Y2 Architects. As School Principal, Jo Emond commented on the day, the Allmore construction crew and tradespeople carried out the construction in record time and 'were so professional and particular with all of their work' and seemed to 'understand how important this project was to the school'.

The Romsey Lancefield & Districts Historical Society have provided a selection of megafauna fossils and axe

heads from Mount William for display within the centre.

Mary Anne Thomas, Labor Member for Macedon and Cabinet Secretary who advocated on behalf of the school with the Minister of Education, was present at the ribbon-cutting ceremony, as was Stephanie Alexander, founder of the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Project. Stephanie was certainly the 'talk of the town' in Lancefield that day. Mary Anne Thomas was keen to highlight the fact that she had brought her own copy of the 1996 publication, *The Cook's Companion*, (the bible for the enthusiastic cook!) with her for the occasion. She was not alone in bringing her copy to be signed by Stephanie.

A beautiful morning tea was prepared by Jade Noel and the large audience enjoyed tasting the savoury scones, apple cakes, slices and other delights. What a happy event with which to end the school week!

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A census was commanded by Caesar Augustus for the little country. Each had to return to his ancestral home for the count. At nine months pregnant, Mary and her betrothed, Joseph made the long, arduous journey to Bethlehem. As they entered the little village, they longed for a place to lay their weary bodies. However, as they sought a room at an inn, there was none available – only a stable. The entry of Mary's son into the world did not occur in a mansion with servants in attendance but in a place prepared for cows and donkeys. Her son did not have a soft feathered bed to greet him but a feeding trough. The prophet Isaiah had proclaimed more than seven hundred years earlier:

To us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government will be upon his shoulder, and his name will be called 'Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.'

His birth and life were unique, and so was His death. To understand the total forgiveness of sins, we have to understand the value of the person Who sacrificed Himself on the cross for

us. He was the only man in history who willingly died to make the payment for *all* of your sins, so that you would never have to be punished by God. This carpenter from an obscure village in Galilee? This man with no earthly possessions? Who would believe it? Yet many have, and do. As the Bible states of Him:

...who though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form He humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

This is the story of Christmas: God the Son coming down to earth as a little baby and taking on Himself the sins of the world. So that you can experience life abundantly and eternally in heaven with Him. I hope you remember these things as we celebrate The Reason for the Season.

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Decorations reveal

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DECEMBER 1919

As clubs, societies, businesses and families prepared for the coming year, the town of Lancefield was an active place during December 1919.

The Lancefield Cycle Club held a Road Race on Saturday 13 December. At 3.00 pm, participants raced from Lancefield to Romsey and back – 10 miles commencing and ending at the Commercial Bank at 1 High Street. The Club advertised that on the evening before the race, a ‘Social’ would be held at the Baptist Church ‘in aid of the Clubs funds’. It publicised that the evening would see ‘good artists, and plenty of fun – so come along’. The cost for the evening was ‘Gentlemen 1/-, Ladies a basket’. The provision of a ‘basket’ by the ladies was not unexpected. The social convention of the time dictated that women attending social events were expected to provide a basket of food for themselves and guests. The location of the Baptist Church in Lancefield has not been found and I wonder if this congregation shared one of the other local churches for their services. The Baptist Church did not advertise its Service times in the Lancefield Mercury along with the Church of England, Roman Catholic, Presbyterian, Methodist or Church of Christ. Its location remains a mystery.

Continuing in a festive mood, a ‘Grand Diggers’ Concert’ was scheduled for Wednesday 17 December. This event was to be held in aid of the Lancefield Branch of the Returned Soldiers’ & Sailors’ League. The advertising made it quite clear that this was an event for returned Diggers only. It appears the RSSL were keen to cater for the town’s ex-soldiers. The price for front row seats was 1/6, back seats 1/-. A dance followed the concert and once again, the cost for Gentlemen was 1/6 and ladies were expected to bring a basket.

On the same day, 17 December, the Lancefield Racing Club, held its spring race meeting. The class of horses was considered to be ‘the best ever entered here’ and included some that had previously competed at Caulfield and Flemington. This race meeting was the first held in the ‘new and up-to-date course’. Business establishments closed at 1.00 pm on the day so that members of the Club could attend. However, the same members were asked to attend at the course on Tuesday afternoon to ‘clean up’ for the meeting. The races held were: the Novice Handicap, Handicap Pony Race (14 hands); Handicap Trial Stakes,

Spring Handicap, Handicap Pony Race (14.2 n.u.) and the Elving Handicap.

After Christmas, the Lancefield Athletic Club announced that it would hold its first meeting on Monday 29 December at the Mechanics’ Institute at 8.30 pm. Lancefield residents could indulge in social activities to fill the entire day and evening of New Year’s Day. The Hanging Rock Races, New Year’s Day, 1920 advertised the event as ‘The Best Picnic Race Meeting in the State’. The races included a Novice Handicap, Flying Handicap, the Hanging Rock Cup, the Trial Handicap and a Novelty Pony Race. And if the men and women of Lancefield wanted to enjoy even more festivities, a ‘New Year’s Night’ Dance was held on 1 January at the Mechanics’ Hall, Lancefield. The Dance was held in aid of the funds of the Lancefield Swimming Club. On this occasion, the entry fee for Gentlemen was 3/- and ‘Ladies a Basket’. Good music was, of course, promised.

It is clear from these activities that the Lancefield Mechanics’ Institute was a social hub for the township. The Honorary Secretary, John Derrick, advertised in the 26 December edition of the Lancefield Mercury that the Annual General Meeting of the Mechanics’ Institute and Free Library was scheduled for Saturday 10 January 1920 at 8.30 pm. The business for the meeting was to present the annual report and balance sheet for the past year, and the election of committee and officers for the ensuing year. Nominations had to be lodged by 7 January.

Residents of Lancefield were advised in plenty of time to make arrangements for the changed postal arrangements during the Christmas and New Year 1919-20. War and old-age pensions due on 1 January were paid on 30 and 31 December. On Boxing Day and New Year’s Day the Post Office was open from 9.00 am to 10.00 am for telegraph, telephone and postal business. On Boxing Day, Friday 26 December and Saturday 27 December letters were delivered at the counter of the Post Office ‘on arrival of the morning train’. Lancefield residents 100 years ago could not have imagined the current definition of mail which in 2019 is now largely electronic!

Fay Woodhouse



A SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR LANCEFIELD'S CWA

At the end of October, we held our AGM which was presided over by our Group President, Amanda Millar. Elections were held, and all of the current committee members were re-elected unopposed and will continue in office for the forthcoming twelve months.

We were congratulated on our fundraising efforts and how the money raised was distributed to local organisations within our community such as the Lancefield CFA, Nulla Vale CFA, Lancefield Kindergarten, Lancefield Junior Netball, Football Club and Junior Tennis Club as well as the Mechanics’ Institute and the Historical Society. The Lancefield CWA also provides annual scholarships to grade six students from both primary schools. Our members are dedicated and tireless workers. Thank you, ladies for a very successful year!

Our final branch meeting for the year was followed by a Christmas lunch at the Lancefield BnB. Delicious fare once again. On Saturday 21 December we will be conducting our

CWA stall at the Lancefield Farmers Market. There will be a variety of items of produce for sale as well as Christmas baking such as shortbread, mince tarts, chocolate truffles and many more treats. Do come along and say ‘Hello’.

Our first branch meeting for 2020 is a luncheon on Friday 24 January and will be held at the Lancefield Hotel at 12 noon. As always, we are about friendship and we welcome any newcomers to this casual lunch.

This year we have really enjoyed learning about Iceland and we finished our year with this very interesting fact. During World War 2, Denmark and Norway were both occupied by the German forces. On 10 May 1940, quite early in the war, four British warships sailed into Reykjavik and anchored in the Harbour, thus commencing the Allied Forces’ peaceful, and totally accepted occupation, of Iceland. The Icelandic population were most supportive of the Allied troops’ efforts. For further enquires contact our president, Rosemarie Jones, lancefieldcwa@gmail.com

LANCEFIELD AND ROMSEY RED CROSS

JOIN FORCES

The Lancefield Red Cross Branch has now joined with Romsey Branch to form the Romsey/Lancefield Red Cross Branch. We would like to thank the local community for their great support since 1914 and we hope your support will continue.

The meetings will alternate between Romsey and Lancefield on the second Tuesday of each month. The next meeting will be held at the Lancefield Anglican Church Hall, Chauncey Street Lancefield on 11 February 2020, at 1.30 pm. New members are most welcome.

Any enquiries: Jean Buist on 0413581003

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LANCEFIELD GOLF CLUB

WINNERS!

David Brown, invaluable greenskeeper of our Club, has kept the course in excellent condition as we approach what may turn out to be a very difficult season. He is helped on a regular basis by several core volunteers. The state of the fairways and greens resulted in the Club being chosen to hold the Dalhousie District Golf Association finals. Results of notable events for men's and women's events have been posted in the print media by Diane Brennan and Peter McGill - both of whom have had the pleasure of including their own names!

New lady and men members have joined the Club, with Anne Robinson joining that other special "club" - the Hole-in-One club. This week Mark Cruise also joined that special "club" at the men's. Twilight Golf which has started for the 2019/2020 season. (That makes a double for the Cruise family as Kaylene has been a member for some time.)

Local businesses and identities from both Romsey and Lancefield financially supported the recent Par 3 event. As the saying goes "winners are grinners" as male and female golfers won \$100 for each nearest the pin on each hole. Nice indeed. Carole Mee won with 33 points, and Kevin McBride with 41 points and both enjoyed their winnings.

The annual Mt William Cup was played on 12th November. Teams from Marysville, Yea, Seymour, Broadford, Kilmore and Romsey participated. The weather was foul but the company was good. Wind played havoc on the course with the golf ball trembling not for fear of being whacked down the fairways but from the strength of the gusts on the greens. At least 1 buggy was seen to be taking off on its own, with a lame-footed lady running after it. Buzzing conversation around the lunch tables came to an end with the announcement of the winning team. Two years in a row after a 10-year drought and Lancefield did it again winning by an 11-point margin. Well done Diane Brennan, Florence Meyer and Di Rohde.

LANCEFIELD FOOTBALL
AND NETBALL CLUBKEEN TO
MAXIMISE
COMMUNITY
SUPPORT

Lancefield Football Netball Club has a new off-field leadership group, after a seamless transition at the club's recent annual meeting. Outgoing treasurer Gina Morgan was unanimously elected as president, with proven fundraiser Di Weatherley taking over as secretary. Chris Jolly is treasurer, and Michael Tindley vice-president. Clark Todd, president for the past two seasons, was unable to be present as he was recovering from injury, but he has pledged his full support for the club again in the 2020 season.

An attendance of nearly 40 enthusiasts, including players, life members and new senior football coach Tom Waters, heard a review of the past season, which was described as "very challenging on field". Positives were providing a family-orientated club where locals could enjoy their football and netball across different levels, and finishing the year in a sound financial position. All sponsors, players and supporters were thanked for their commitment. The major office-bearers were elected unopposed, and Morgan expressed optimism about the season ahead. A sizeable general committee was elected.

The importance of the new '500 Club' with stalwarts Jack Richmond, John Chisholm, Russell Pattinson and Tony McKay in charge, and the social and sponsorship sub-committees, were outlined. The Tigers are keen to maximise community support with an interesting season looming. The club is keen to pursue an upgraded lighting system for the main oval, with State Government funding being sought. Any new footballers and netballers will be warmly welcomed.

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RESULTS FROM HALLS GAP

Joan Gladman, Noel Gladman and Chinka Steel finished

fourth overall, missing the final when beaten by eventual winners.

RESULTS FROM SMYTHESDALE

Joan Noel and Chinka Steel made Principale Again finishing equal fifth. Social Winners were Jill Shaw, Ruth Giddings and Peter Barry.

RESULTS FROM ANNUAL ROOTES CAR CLUB CHALLENGE

Once again, Rootes Car Club was the honourable winner in freezing conditions.

STATE RANKINGS AS AT NOVEMBER

We hasten to add this is a computer driven system not a selection process but is based on attendance and performance:

Women: Shirley Marshall 18 Joan Gladman 29 Jenny Large 40 Louise Potter 43 Ruth Giddings 44 Jill Shaw 46 Marilyn Steel 49

Men: Noel Gladman 52, Peter Wells 58, Chinka Steel 59, Lawrence Grech 63, Clive Potter 77

SUMMER READING REVIEWS SUPPLIED BY RED DOOR BOOKS

SPORT



When all is said and done by Neale Daniher. RRP \$44.99

A wise man said, 'Life can only be understood backwards; but it must be lived forwards. I understand the wisdom of this - right now, I don't have much 'forwards' left. Neale Daniher sat down to pen a letter to the grandchildren he'll never get to know. And

then he kept on writing ... In 2013, the AFL legend was diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease - a cruel and incurable condition. He had a choice. He could spend his remaining time focused on himself, or he could seize the opportunity to make a better future for others. Neale is no stranger to challenge. He grew up on a farm in remote New South Wales, the third of eleven children. He battled injury during his football career with Essendon, then jumped on the coaching rollercoaster, leading Melbourne for a decade. As general manager of football operations, he was part of the West Coast Eagles' cultural rebuild. From the hard-won wisdom of life on the land and the love of his family, to the triumphs

and gutting lows of elite football, Neale has learnt to make the most of the cards he's been dealt - to always live with purpose and to appreciate what he has. True to form, Neale chose to stare down the disease he calls 'The Beast', and in 2014 he co-founded FightMND, an organisation that has since invested over \$40 million into research and care initiatives. In 2015, he became the public face of the foundation's biggest fundraising event, The Big Freeze. When All is Said & Done is a book of stories and wisdom from a man who has always held his beliefs to the Bunsen burner of life. Neale is unflinchingly honest, sharing a timely reminder that, even though life doesn't promise to be fair,

we all have the power to choose how to make our time on this earth matter.

Lifestyle – Ancient Wisdom for Modern Living by Jane Alexander RRP 27.99



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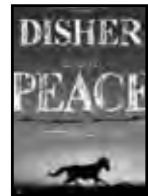


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MUM AND DAD



Peace by Garry Disher RRP \$32.99

Constable Paul Hirschhausen runs a one-cop station in the dry farming country south of the Flinders Ranges. He's still new in town but the community work-welfare

checks and working bees-is starting to pay off. Now Christmas is here and, apart from a grass fire, two boys stealing a ute and Brenda Flann entering the front bar of the pub without exiting her car, Hirsch's life has been peaceful. Until he's called to a strange, vicious incident in Kitchener Street. And Sydney police ask him to look in on a family living outside town on a forgotten back road. Suddenly, it doesn't look like a season of goodwill at all. 'Disher is the gold standard for rural noir.' Chris Hammer 'There is no peace for a good man when the mercury rises, tempers fray and violence simmers. This is a scorchingly good novel.' Michael Robotham 'Peace tells the story of a cop exiled to a wounded town in South Australia's dry country. In this brilliant novel Disher takes his readers on a harrowing journey.' Jock Serong 'I loved Peace. It is an an uplifting book, an utterly compelling mystery with rare heart and humanity. If you enjoyed Jane Harper's The Lost Man, this novel is for you.' Dervla McTiernan 'Peter Temple and Garry Disher will be identified as the crime writers who redefined Australian crime fiction in terms of its form,

content and style.' Sydney Morning Herald

TEENAGERS



Hivemind: The New Science of Tribalism in Our Divided World by Sarah Rose

Cavanagh RRP \$32.99

Cavanagh brings you along on her journey through an exquisite collection of scholarly knowledge and empirical insight to ground both your mind and your gut. From zombies to bees, moral panics to conspiracy theories, *Hivemind* mixes the dark with the light to help readers find a path through a very destabilizing present' - Danah Boyd, author of *It's Complicated: The Social Lives Of Networked Teens* 'This fascinating book guides us through the nuanced landscape of why we think and behave the way we do-online and off-and offers a much-needed vision for how we can find our way back from the edge' - Scott Barry Kaufman, Psychologist at Columbia University

and co-author of *Wired To Create Hivemind* provides a fascinating tour of research that reveals our social nature, for good and for bad. Cavanagh is a natural teacher whose enthusiasm for psychology shines through on every page. Whether you're looking to have healthier technology habits, develop better relationships with others, or address societal challenges, this book will give you food for thought and wisdom to take action' - Kelly McGonigal, author of *The Joy Of Movement* and *The Willpower Instinct* +++ *Hivemind*: A collective consciousness in which we share consensus thoughts, emotions, and opinions; a phenomenon whereby a group of people function as if with a single mind. Our views of the world are shaped by the stories told by our self-selected communities. Whether seeking out groups that share our tastes, our faith, our heritage, or other interests, since the dawn of time we have taken comfort in defining ourselves through our social groups. But what happens when we only socialize with our

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tribalism, dial back our moral panic about screens and mental health, and shore up our sense of community. With compelling storytelling and shocking research, *Hivemind* is a must-read for anyone hoping to make sense of the dissonance around us.

BOOMERS



The Art of Growing Up by John Marsden RRP \$34.99

When I hear parents say 'I want my children to enjoy their childhood; there'll be time when they're older to learn about those things', I hear the voices of those who are scared of the vastness of the universe.

These adults have a view of childhood as some kind of discrete interval, rather than just a few years from the continuum of life. How fortunate that the spirit, courage and curiosity of many young people remain largely undefeated by such adults. John Marsden has spent his adult life engaging with young minds - through both his award-winning, internationally bestselling young adult fiction and his work as one of Australia's most esteemed and experienced educators. As the founder and principal of two schools, John is at the coalface of education and a daily witness to the inevitable and yet still mysterious process of growing up. Now, in this astonishing, insightful and ambitious manifesto, John pulls together all

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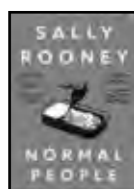
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ROMSEY VICTORIA'S MEN'S SHED MEETS ROMSEY MEN'S SHED UK

It was a stray email that introduced the Romsey Men's Shed in Victoria with Romsey Men's Shed in the UK. Earlier this year a donor in Victoria wanted to donate some tools and items from a deceased estate to the Romsey Men's Shed. After a quick Google search, an email was inadvertently sent to Romsey Men's Shed UK offering the donation. Hugh Griffiths is a member of the UK group and quickly realised that the email had been received by the wrong Romsey Men's Shed. He made the effort to find the Romsey Men's Shed in Victoria and redirect the email to the intended recipients who ultimately made contact with the donor, explained the mix-up and obtained some of the estate items for the shed.

Mr Griffiths kept in contact with their Australian counterparts and advised he would be visiting Australia in October and would it be possible to meet? The UK and Australian shed groups are members of the international Men's Shed movement with the mission to provide a safe and supportive environment to promote men's mental and physical well-being.



On 22 October 2019, Mr Griffiths, along with his wife Freda, travelled to Romsey Victoria to meet with members of the Romsey Men's Shed and present the group with a shirt from Romsey Men's Shed UK. He was greeted by Steve Goodman, President, along with fellow local committee members, Paul Green and Tony Allen. Mr Goodman discussed the journey of Romsey Men's Shed, along with the goals and efforts to establish a permanent shed at Romsey Park, next to the Scout Hall. Mr Griffiths was given a tour of the site and viewed the proposed plans for construction with the group. The members discussed the idea of setting up a reciprocal 'brother shed' arrangement between the two namesakes and will be pursuing this option. It is hoped that the sheds can share ideas and mutually productive ideas for growth and support of members, as well as their respective communities.

For further information, please contact: Patrick Holt, Secretary, Romsey Men's Shed. Email: Romseym@gmail.com. Mobile: 0407 209 899



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A little over one year ago on 4 November, our hearts skipped a beat when we received a call from a distressed member of the public whose life had suddenly become intertwined with that of a downed sheep. Spied at the back of a livestock carrier, the hapless animal lay, barely clinging to life, as she huddled next to the bodies of already dead sheep. Try as we may we could find no means to be at the designated point to collect the faeces encrusted animal and therein attempt to save her life. And so, if there were to be any chance to do this, it fell upon the kind heart to do all in their power to try. And despite the odds and their angst, that is exactly what they did. Naming the sweet ewe 'Try', she has become a testament to the fact that we never know just what we can achieve in this world until we try.

And it was thanks to our Five Dollar Friday community that Try was able to receive all of the veterinary treatment she needed to edge her way back onto the right side of living. Now, 365 days on, every single day of her life has been one truly worth living. If you would like to help more animals like Try have the best chance at life, please sign up and join our

Five Dollar Friday community of kindness. If you have already done so: hey, you're awesome, thank you! If you are not in a position to sign up at this point in time, that's fine also. You can still be awesomely kind for animals by liking and sharing our posts and making the kindest choices possible, because together we are more than going to try to make the world a kinder place, we are making it a better place!!



Pam Ahern, Edgar's Mission Founder and Director

The Lancefield Football Netball Club

The Lancefield Football Netball Club has a long and proud history that dates back to 1872. We will celebrate our 150 years very soon. Through resilience and community support we are here to stay and see us roll successfully into the next decade....bring on 2020!!!

INTRODUCING THE LFNC 500 CLUB

Country sporting clubs of all kinds rely heavily on the support of players, members and the broader community. This 'flyer' is helping to answer 'how can I help'?

We are starting the LFNC 500 Club. By contributing \$500 (can be done by direct debit in instalments if preferred) you will have a chance to win \$1,000 at every home and away rounds.

Other than the opportunity to double your money, you will also receive the following benefits valued at over \$200:

- Free entry to 8 home games
- Free jacket with LFNC 500 club logo
- 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.

As noted, direct debit facility is available.
For further details please contact:

- Jack Richmond – 0411 429 003
- Russell Pattinson – 0419 872 684
- John Chisholm – 0431 599 642
- Tony McKay – 0421 619 259

Looking forward to your valued support in 2020.
On behalf of the committee, members and supporters of the LFNC.

GO the Tigers!

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