



LANCEFIELD SWAMP COMES BACK TO LIFE

The 4th annual Extinct Lancefield Megafauna Festival is taking place on Saturday 24 November coinciding with the Lancefield Farmers Market. There is a full day of activities planned to celebrate the unique megafauna fossil deposit in our town.

Get down and dirty at the 'Lancefield Swamp'. Take a walk along the megafauna trail and join archaeologist Cameron McKenzie and his colleagues as they sieve through material taken from previous digs. Cameron is happy to chat about his experiences at the Lancefield Swamp and also discuss future plans. The team will be on site from 9am to 2.30pm. It is a 20 minute stroll from High Street to the trail entry at the corner of Chauncey Street and Park Lane.

For our young palaeontologists we have mini megafauna clay sculpture workshops in the Megafauna Plantation High Street. They will be hosted by local artist, Dawn Robinson. Sessions are every 20 minutes from 9.30am to 2.30pm at a cost of \$5. Clay and tools provided. Bookings are encouraged. There will also be the mega sand jigsaw, the mega mural to hand paint and visitors including Museums Victoria. Children can also meet 'Frankenroo' with Dr. Sanja van Huet. Sanja will tell you all about this invaluable fossil.

There are a couple of talks to enjoy in the Annexe to the Lancefield Mechanics Hall.

Local horticulturalist, Greg Boldiston, will present a talk about fungi and its relationship with the ecosystem. Greg will explain how the fungi survives and thrives in the Macedon Ranges environment. There are only a couple of months a year you get to see the fungi, but that doesn't diminish its

importance to the flora system. This is a spectacular visual presentation starting at 10am (cost \$5, tickets available on the day from the information booth).

At 12 noon Dr. Sanja Van Huet will present an interactive chat specifically designed for younger people about the history of megafauna in Australia, focusing on the fossil bones that have been found in the Lancefield Swamp. Sanja will discuss how palaeontologists dig up the bones and what they discover. There will be an opportunity to ask Sanja questions about past digs. If you have any fossils, Sanja would love to see them and perhaps identify them for you. The session is recommended for 10-14 year olds and the cost is just \$5.

There are two bus tours on offer as part of the festival. Discover Wil-im-ee Moor-ring (Mt. William) — 'Home



of many axes'. Access to the quarry is strictly managed through the Wurundjeri. The site is considered one of the most important Aboriginal quarries in Australia; it is of international significance and listed on the National Register of Important Cultural Places. There will be three bus trips departing at 9am, 10am and 11am but bookings are essential.

The second bus tour on offer is to Camels Hump. Tour guide, Greg Boldiston, will take you to the car park of Camels Hump at Mt Macedon. From there, it's a steep 15 minute walk to the peak so good walking shoes and a reasonable level of fitness is required. Greg is a trained horticulturist and plant collector, with a passion for natural science and the natural world. He will share his knowledge of the flora, history and geology of the area and enjoy the views across the Cobaws, Hanging Rock and back towards Lancefield and Mt William. The cost is \$20 and again you will need to book to avoid missing out. You will be back in Lancefield in time for afternoon tea.

The doors of the Lancefield Mechanics Hall will open at 2.30pm, with the highlight of the day commencing at 3pm. The feature talk is titled 'Discovering the past: a revolution in archaeology and palaeontology'. The session starts at 3pm with guest speakers Dr. Billy Griffiths and Dr Patrick Greene OBE being followed by a question and answer session which include Dr Sanja and Cameron McKenzie. The cost, including afternoon tea, is \$15 (\$5 for children under 16).

For more information and bookings go to <http://www.facebook.com/pg/lancefield.mega fauna/events> or visit the Lancefield Neighbourhood House for details and bookings.

THE MERCURY QUIZ



1. In the nursery rhyme, how many blind mice are there?
2. This is the flag of which country.
3. Fill in the next number in this number pattern.
1, 3, 7, 15, 31, 63 _
4. What would you use to measure an angle?
5. Which is the correct spelling? Parallal, Parallel, or Perelell?
6. Which country is renowned for women wearing bowler hats as part of their national dress?
7. Can you unscramble the following letters to name the largest tropical rainforest on earth? ZNMAAO
8. Which is the capital of Bolivia? Sucre, La Paz or Santa Cruz de la Sierra?
9. What is a Bandy-Bandy? A type of clothing? A type of snake? Or a drink?
10. Name the 17th letter of the alphabet.

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NEW GENERAL MANAGER AT THE BANK

The Board of Lancefield & Romsey Community Financial Services Limited (L&RCFSL – the company that operates the Community Bank® branches of Bendigo Bank in Lancefield and Romsey) is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Ken Allender to the new role of General Manager. Ken has served as a volunteer Director for L&RCFSL since May 2016, resigning early September 2018 to take up his new role. Ken holds a Bachelor of Business (Accounting) and has previously held senior management positions in corporate/finance roles within Shell Australia and related companies. Being a local, Ken is an active member of the Romsey and Lancefield communities with a particular interest in the work of Deep Creek Landcare and the Lancefield Mercury.

AND SOME NEW FACES

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DOWN MEMORY LANE.... WITH **SYD GREEN**

The smiling face of Syd Green is well-known in Lancefield because he has lived here all his life. On a trip down memory lane, he had the following to tell me about his life and his family's life in Lancefield:

The Green family were not amongst Lancefield's earliest settlers. My great-grandfather, Robert Ashfield Green (1832-1901) and his wife Mary (née West) (1842-1911) arrived in Australia in 1856 and began producing the Australian arm of the Green family. My grandfather was Robert Henry Green (1868-1941) who went into partnership with his brother-in-law. Robert married Agnes Annie Gill in 1896 and his brother-in-law married a Miss A Green. Robert and Agnes moved to Victoria where they had five children. (Eunice, Lois, Robert Alexander, Lindsay and Mona). They took over the family farm at Strath Creek but in their first year they were burnt out; in the second year they had drought and were burnt out again in their third year. They moved to Lancefield in 1909 and Robert Henry leased 'Twin Hills' near Rochford. He purchased it in 1926 and died in 1942. Grandfather had paid interest only on the loan; his debts were only paid many years after the Strath Creek episode. He did not prosper on this land. His sons Robert and Lindsay were responsible for further land purchases from 1949 to the early 1950s, including at Mt William, Tylden and a property of 900 acres known as Foys.

My father was Robert Alexander (Bob) Green (1903-1986). He was six years old when the family came to live in Lancefield. By the time he was seven or eight he was kept home from school to help with the sheep shearing. His mother was sad about this because he was a smart boy. Dad was a stock agent from 1926 to the 1980s. He started with Pearson & Rowe who were taken over by Goldsbrough Mort who were then taken over by Elder Smith.

My late half-brother, Robert Green (1935-2018) was the son of Bob and Prudence (née Amey), Bob's first wife who died tragically six weeks after Robert's birth. He was brought up in Balwyn and lived with his grandmother before moving to Lancefield after 5th form to live with his father, step-mother and siblings. I am the first of two sons and one daughter of Bob and his second wife Jean (née Derrick) Green. My mother's family, the Derrick's, are related to the Seymour's; my mother's Grandmother Hiscock was Janet Dixon, a sister to Mrs Charlie Mustey.

As a boy I went to primary school in Lancefield then caught the bus to secondary school in

Kyneton, leaving when I was in Form Three (now Year 9). As a young bloke, I also spent some time carting logs and sawn timber to a sawmill owned by Gordon Walker. I wanted to be a motor mechanic and work with trucks, cars and engines, but I had to work on the family farm instead. While I was working on the farm I found other ways to work with engines and cars. I bought my first truck at the age of 16 and have been collecting them ever since.

In 1966 when I was 22 years old, I bought Alf Tulley's place in High Street as a depot and somewhere to conduct my business from – this was long before I thought about marriage.

In 1968 I met Anne Dolan. We were married in 1969 at the Anglican Church, Lancefield, and soon began a family. Georgina, our first-born, was followed by Robert, Sydney, Alexandra, William and Emma. Anne died in 2014.

For many years, as well as working on the farm, I was a scrap-metal dealer. In a newspaper article published in 2001, I was asked to estimate how many tractors, cars, trucks and machines I had on my property. Some of it was old machinery, some of it I had always used, some was collected out of interest and some of it was simply scrap metal. To this day I could not tell you how many vehicles I have on my property!

When I asked what his strongest memories of Lancefield were when he was a boy, a young adult and as a father with a growing family, Syd vividly remembered that town life was busy. In his school days, Lancefield boasted two banks, two general stores, three garages, five petrol retailers, one produce store, the Post Office, and Chisholm's drapery. There were three pubs in Lancefield while Syd was growing up. He also recalls that the Hemphill's ran the bus service. At that time the train still ran from Lancefield to Melbourne, and sometimes there were special trains on a Monday. He recalls sending sheep by rail to Newmarket until the train service ceased in 1956. For Syd, the golden era for Lancefield ended when the railway was closed.

Today, Syd can be seen around town, often in his overalls and hat, talking with friends. Like his late half-brother, Robert, he is involved in a substantial number of community projects, including the Recreation Reserve Committee. He has been involved with the Lancefield Fire Brigade for 58 years. Syd Green retains a strong family history of community work and total commitment to our small town.

Fay Woodhouse



ENVIRONMENT EVENTS: EXPLORE THE NATURAL WORLD

Discover local Indigenous history at Extinct - Lancefield Megafauna Festival

Take a tour of the historical site Mount William greenstone axe quarry as part of the Extinct-Lancefield Megafauna Festival.

The Mount William greenstone axe quarry, also known as Wil-im-ee Moor-ing and meaning 'axe place' in the Woiworung language, was an important source of raw material for the manufacture of greenstone ground-edge axes, which were traded over a wide area of south-east Australia.

The mini-bus tour departs from the front of the Lancefield Guest House, 71 Main Road. The event is presented in partnership with Extinct-Lancefield Megafauna Festival.

<http://www.mrsc.vic.gov.au/See-Do/Events/Events-Activities/Wurundjeri-cultural-tour-Wil-im-ee-Moor-ring-Mount-William>

WHAT DOES THE SPORT INVOLVE? **COME SEE FOR YOURSELF**

The Lancefield Small Bore Rifle Club members have welcomed a number of prospective members to club nights over the past few weeks. It gives people an opportunity to see what the sport involves and to experience shooting the rimfire rifles and air rifles under the direct supervision and instruction of a licensed club member.

Roger is the only club member to have travelled this month to the Wangaratta club event and came home with a number of medals.

Well done !

The Lancefield Postal event has drawn to a close with placegetters to be announced very soon. The Ladies Commonwealth Competition is underway at present and we wish our teams well in this event.

Our Annual General Meeting was held on Monday 15th October at the Club Rooms. The executive positions remain unchanged with Secretary Max the person to contact on 54292259 if you would like to know more about the club. The 2016-2017 Club Champions trophies were presented at the conclusion of the meeting. Congratulations to all winners !!



The Choir's musical program is very diverse with a mix of Welsh and other Celtic traditional and modern songs, show numbers, opera choruses and old and new songs from around the world. The Choir's award winning musical director, Faleiry Koczkar OAM, is Welsh born and Welsh speaking, and was honoured by the National Eisteddfod of Wales by being appointed its President of Wales and the World for 2012

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BETH CHILD

ACTOR AND DIRECTOR

Beth Child is no stranger to acting. You could say it was a family trade. Her grandmother, Ida Glynn, was a contralto who sang in Gilbert and Sullivan operettas. Her mother, Marjorie Child was also a professional actor, appearing with pro-am Pymble Players on the North Shore of Sydney. Marjorie was featured in Enid Bagnold's *Chalk Garden* that premiered on Broadway in 1955, Noel Coward's *Blythe Spirit*, Oscar Wilde's *Lady Windemere's Fan*, and was the lead role in *Mother Courage* by Brecht. With this background, it was hardly a surprise that Beth began ballet lessons at the age of five and continued her ballet studies up to Intermediate level, before moving into acting.

Beth Child was born in Sydney, attended SCEGGS school then Macquarie University, studying for a BA and Dip. Ed. However, she was less interested in her studies than theatre, and left university to attend the Marion Street Theatre at Killara for one year before progressing to ABC TV Drama, working on *Red Heap* in 1972. Taking part in the revival of *The Legend of King O'Malley* with Tony Sheldon at Richbrook Theatre, followed. In fact, this play, which followed the successful season of *Godspell*, flopped, and all the actors found themselves out of work after nine performances! Soon after this experience, it is no surprise to hear that Beth headed overseas to London where, rather than acting, she watched everything she could. The list of plays and actors she saw is legendary and included all the stars of the day – Laurence Olivier, Judi Dench and Maggie Smith. Who could forget watching Marlene Dietrich live in London, with Princess Margaret in the audience? After a two-year

stint in London, Beth returned to Sydney, and returned to her pursuit of a career in performing.

In the 1980s Beth acted in roles at the Film & Television School in Sydney and found work in films, TV ads and radio plays. In 1981 Division 10BA of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1936 allowed investors a 150% tax concession on their investment at risk. These concessions were whittled away throughout the 1980s, as the government became anxious about lost taxation revenue. By 1989, 10BA had become a flat 100% write-off. In the intervening years, an Australian film revival began. Peter Weir's *Gallipoli* as well as *The Man from Snowy River*, *We of the Never Never* and *Phar Lap* are just a few of the films made during the 10BA period. In this period Beth appeared in Michael Thornhill's film of Frank Moorhouse's *The Everlasting Secret Family* and was in Gillian Armstrong's *My Brilliant Career*. This was Judy Davis's first film. In the late 1980s Beth also appeared as 'Lola' in James Ricketson's *Candy Regentag*, shot opposite Abe Saffron's brothels in Kings Cross. In another film from this period she played nosy neighbour 'Mrs Grindel' in *Careful, He Might Hear You*.

When interviewed for this piece, Beth enthused when describing her best experience in acting. That was being part of Michael Gow's play *The Kid*, produced in 1988 for the bicentennial year. As she says, 'it was a fabulous, satisfying experience'. She also worked with Neil Armfield in Patrick White's *A Cheery Soul* and Roger Hodgman in *The Crucible* for Queensland Theatre Co. and Queensland Theatre Company.



Beth left Queensland in 1992 and came to Victoria where she taught in the Drama Faculty at Monash University as a guest artist in residence. However, in 1997 (around the time of Princess Diana's death) she made the decision to travel to the United States where she studied with Shakespeare & Co – this experience changed her life. It was, she says, 'the year that made me'! Beth stayed in America for two years and was Assistant Director during the summer seasons. She returned to America in 2005 after meeting the Director of the Drama Department at the University of South Carolina Upstate, and directed Kit Lazaroo's *True Tales of a Soul Lost at Sea*, and played 'Prospero' in *The Tempest*.

Once back in Australia she taught acting and directed at the National Theatre in Melbourne then returned to New South Wales, producing short films in Sydney while living in Woy Woy during her mother's illness.

On the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death, Beth directed readings, of pairs of Shakespeare plays in Brisbane libraries. She had edited nine plays down to one hour each – another incredibly stimulating and challenging project and directed *Julius Caesar* on the 'main stage', all for 4MBS Classic FM radio station in Brisbane.

In 2017 after Beth's mother died, Beth sold her family home and, after looking at various places to live in Victoria, she chose Lancefield. We are lucky to have Beth in our community as she begins the task of building a new home.

Fay Woodhouse

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WE ARE WHAT WE BELIEVE.

As a rule, decisions we make are based on what we believe to be true – thus there will always be consequences as a result of our beliefs. If we do not believe in the laws of gravity, will our beliefs stop us from the consequences of falling?

We should really consider what we believe. If our beliefs are based on a scientific theory like evolution (lack of supportable evidence means it is a theory, not a fact) we believe we are cosmic accidents with no high purpose - born simply to breed, suffer and die.

Sadly, this is the grim message being taught as fact to our children in schools. They quickly learn the irony that the ultimate point of evolution is that all existence is ultimately pointless. As a society we are now reaping the consequences - in high suicides rates, depression, lack of direction, lack of hope, break-down of family, rampant crime and a mass dependency on drugs. If, as a society, we believe and teach that our existence is ultimately pointless, do we think there will be no repercussions?

The Bible states, "The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God" (Psalm 14:1); even though God's handiwork is plainly seen in creation (Psalm 19:1). If we reject the biblical claim of God and Jesus Christ, what are the consequences if we are wrong? John 3:36 says, "He who believes in the Son (Jesus Christ) has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the

Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."

There are always repercussions to our beliefs. Even if we fence-sit or say we believe in nothing, all our decisions will be based accordingly, and we should consider the cost - both individually and collectively as a nation.

So what are the consequences of a belief in Christianity? It offers everlasting salvation, a code of integrity, a sense of purpose, a hope for the future and a meaning to all existence. (John 3:16)

Pastor Marilyn Hunter

WHATS ON

Worship service Sunday 10am, Fortnightly life groups, Youth events. Weekly children's program. 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.

LANCEFIELD/MACEDON RANGES RELAY FOR LIFE

ITS TIME TO MARCH AGAIN!

Local residents are being asked to participate in the annual Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay For Life on Saturday 2nd March and Sunday 3rd March, 2019 at the Lancefield Recreation Reserve and help make the event bigger and better than ever before.

Relay For Life is a unique opportunity to bring the Macedon Ranges community together to celebrate cancer survivors, remember loved ones lost and fight back against cancer.

A community fundraising challenge for Cancer Council, Relay for Life ensures that Cancer Council Victoria's cancer research, prevention programs and support services are available to the Macedon Ranges and every Victorian community.

In the past Relay For Life events in the Macedon Ranges Shire have raised over \$1,450,000 to help the 269 people diagnosed with cancer in the Macedon Ranges Shire every year.

Relay for Life is a fun and moving overnight experience, where team members take turns walking around a track to signify that cancer never rests. Throughout the Relay, participants are also treated to entertainment and activities, including games and

competitions for all ages. The tug-of-war rope challenge is definitely not one to be missed!

A celebration of hope, the Relay For Life provides community members the chance to join together and acknowledge local cancer survivors, patients and carers, while honouring those who are no longer with us.

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

Now is the time to register for the 2019 Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay For Life with early bird registrations costing only \$20 for youth, \$30 for an adult or \$70 for a family. Please note that early bird registrations expire soon.

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

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ONE ON ONE: A CONVERSATION WITH MARY-ANNE THOMAS

MLA FOR MACEDON

Mary-Anne Thomas was elected Labor MLA for Macedon in 2014. She gave her inaugural speech to Parliament in February 2015. She worked as Parliamentary Secretary for Health from December 2014 to November 2016, Parliamentary Secretary for Carers July to November 2016 and has been Cabinet Secretary since November 2016. Fay Woodhouse sat down with Mary-Anne Thomas and asked her about her life.

Where were you born and where did you grow up? Schools and university?

I grew up in Sandy Creek near Wodonga. My parents' families were from the area and I went to school at Tallangatta, then Wodonga High School, completing my HSC in 1980. From there I went to the Melbourne College of Advanced Education (now part of Melbourne University) and graduated B.Ed. in 1987. In 1997 I completed a Grad. Dip. IR at Victoria University and in 2006 completed a Master of Public Policy and Management at the University of Melbourne.

On the family side, I have two younger brothers, one now lives in Benalla and one lives in Wodonga.

Where do you live now? What is the best thing about where you live and why?

I live in Kyneton and the best thing about living there is the diversity and strength of the community. It is a country town, where you can still see cattle dogs riding in the tray of a ute but you can also buy French cheese! There is a great sense of history in the town too and I love that.

Do you have family in the area – husband, kids at a local school?

My partner Graham and I live in Kyneton, and I have a 24-year-old daughter who lives in Broome. Graham is a member of Victoria Police. By coincidence, his father was also a Police Officer, and he was stationed at Lancefield during the Ash Wednesday Fires. But Graham spent his

youth in the Mallee.

What was your first job and subsequent career?

Actually, my first job was working in my parents General Store at Tangambalanga (south-east of Wodonga in the Kiewa Valley). But my first real job was as a teacher at Laverton Secondary College from 1988-90. Following that I worked for an organisation supporting young women called Affirmative Action in Training. During the years of the Kennett Government I worked for the union movement representing workers in banking, education and hospitality industries (1992-99). I moved to Government where I served as Ministerial Adviser to the Honourable Lynne Kosky, MP from 1999-2001. From there I worked in the Department of Education (2001-07), and Department of Premier and Cabinet in policy and communication roles. I also held executive roles at NAB in Employee and Shareholder Communications 2011-12 and at Plan International during 2013-14.

What did you learn most from your work experience?

I have learnt that access to a quality education is critical in enabling people to take control of their lives. I am always encouraging people to continue to learn, at TAFE, at University or on-the job. A secure job is so important to prosperity and wellbeing, too many people now are insecure because of working in casual or contract work, and I want to see that change. I have a deep understanding of how government works and as an MP I use that knowledge every day to benefit my constituents. I take my privilege and responsibility very seriously and am committed to always being a voice for those who sometimes struggle to be heard.

Was standing for politics a natural transition from working in the Union Movement or the Public Service?

I loved working for the Bracks and Brumby Governments because so much was being achieved, but when Ted Baillieu was elected Premier I saw many projects grind to a halt. I



moved out of the Public Service before deciding that instead of complaining about the Government I should try and change it. It was a great honour to be elected in 2014 as part of the incoming Andrews Labor Government.

When did you decide to go into politics and why? Why Labor?

I believe in the Labor party values of fairness, equality and opportunity. The Labor party has always been there for working people and for those who are doing it tough. We believe in supporting job creation and investing in health and education. Fundamentally the Labor Party is about a fair go for all.

What are your interests outside of work – cooking, gardening, theatre, ballet, football, novels, do you go to the gym?

I used to have hobbies! And I love cooking and the theatre! But today I don't have much time. As you know, politics is a 24 hour a day job. However, when I can, I love to visit local galleries or head to Bendigo or the National Gallery. I also enjoy local theatre. I have a dog (Robbie) and I love to walk him by the river. But my passion is to represent the community. It is an honour to be the Member for Macedon and I am happy to give most of my time to my work!

What is the most rewarding work you have done, either now or before politics?

When I think back to it, teaching was incredibly rewarding work. Thankfully today, beginning teachers are better supported than when I started. I often think that if I'd had better supported I might still be teaching! But being an MP and being able to get things fixed for members of my community is very rewarding, as is participating in major social changes. Delivering Voluntary Assisted Dying in Victoria and working to end family violence is very important to me.

As a politician, do you find time to interact with people outside of your work or is it too difficult to do so? For example, do you get buttonholed in supermarkets, at the gym or pool?

I'm the Member for Macedon all the time, and I like it like that! I get questions in cafes, at the petrol station and at supermarket. I even got a few questions while I was doing sit-ups at the gym!

Where does your feeling for this area come from? What is good about the Macedon Ranges and its people?

I love the Macedon Ranges. The natural beauty of the region is outstanding while our towns are full of community minded people. From junior sport, through to CFA and SES, from the park committee to the cemetery trust, at the Neighbourhood house and in Landcare, the Macedon Ranges is home to thousands of volunteers. That makes for a very special community.

If you lived in Lancefield, what would you like to see happen here – for the government to make a priority?

As the local Member, I want to see continued investment in Lancefield Primary School. It is a terrific school with some great ideas for the future drawing on our unique environment. And I would really like to see Lancefield grow as a destination, focusing on the contribution of the Wurundjeri people. There is so much more to know and learn about Mt William which takes its name from Wil-im-ee Moor-ring, meaning 'axe place or tomahawk place' in the Woiwurrung language and well as the Megafauna site. I am also focussed on ongoing investment in local roads while I am pleased to be able to deliver more and better bus services to better connect Lancefield people to Romsey, Clarkefield and Sunbury as well as Gisborne and Kyneton.

After such a fulsome interview, I thanked Mary-Anne for her candid responses to personal question and her time.

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ONE ON ONE: A CONVERSATION WITH AMANDA MILLAR LIBERAL FOR MACEDON

Amanda Millar served in the Victorian Parliament as Member for Northern Victoria from August 2013 to November 2014. She is currently standing as the Liberal Candidate for Macedon in the November 2018 election. Fay Woodhouse spoke to her about her life. *Where were you born and where did you grow up? Schools and university?*

Fay, I was born in Sydney where my father was an academic. However, he applied for a position at RMIT and we moved to Melbourne when I was a toddler, so I actually grew up in Melbourne. I attended Sacré Cœur, the Catholic secondary college in Glen Iris, and then the University of Melbourne. In 1988 I graduated with a Bachelor of Commerce and in 1989 a Bachelor of Arts degree. My undergraduate majors were Economics and Commercial Law in my B.Comm. and English and German in my BA. As a student I worked at the Victorian Arts Centre. At University I was a member of the Melbourne University Liberal Club where my existing interest in politics (I had become a member of the Liberal Party when I was 16) was accelerated. *Where do you live now? What is the best thing about where you live and why?*

I live at Mt Macedon – and I have been living there for 22 years. My husband, Rohan, had grown up in Gisborne and gone to Braemar College. He always wanted to live up here and so we have loved our last 22 years here. What I love best about Mt Macedon is the beauty of the place and the people who live here.

Do you have family in the area – husband, children at a local school?

Yes, Rohan and I and our two children (aged 15 and 12) have lived here all our married life. The children go to Braemar College.

What was your first job – subsequent career?

As I mentioned, my university job was working at the

Arts Centre which was great fun. Then I gained a place at KPMG (the auditing and financial services company) on their graduate program. From there I moved to Jones Lang Wootton (later Jones Lang LaSalle) first as their Finance Manager then HR Manager, remaining there for 14 years (till 2003). After I had my first child I started working at the University of Melbourne. I was appointed Human Resources Manager in 2004 and I stayed there until 2009. I was the Principal Consultant at the Centre of Expertise (2010-11). I was elected MLC for Northern Victoria in August 2013 and remained the incumbent until the November 2014 election.

In the late 1990s I completed a Graduate Diploma in Human Resources and Industrial Relations (Grad. Dip. HR&IR) in the Faculty of Commerce at the University of Melbourne. In my current job, I represent employers and also sacked and other workers, some made redundant, at the Fair Work Commission.

What did you learn most from your work experience?

Early in my career I worked in HR and workplace relations and over the years I have built up highly developed negotiation skills. This means that I can negotiate outcomes in volatile situations. I have learned to bring people of all perspectives together to negotiate and create working solutions. I believe I can see the different perspectives of the people around the room and manage to negotiate outcomes that will bring people together.

What are your interests outside of work – cooking, gardening, theatre, ballet, football, novels, do you go to the gym?

Well, I love all the things you've listed! I love the theatre and ballet as well as football. I support the Macedon Cats locally and in the AFL, I barrack for Richmond! I go to the gym in Gisborne as well. As a family we go to the outdoor Woodend pool with friends from the area and make a day of it. But one of my favourite interests is the local CWA. Did



you know that the CWA Macedon is the oldest branch in the State? It was a CWA before the whole movement grew, and it's 92 years old – and it has a growing number of members. I also love trivia nights and host them around the area for various charities. I recently run a Trivia Night for the Anglican Church (Parish of Gisborne and Riddells Creek) where we raised \$4,500. I've also drafted my children into it as well – which they love. As a family we love to go camping – get the children away from their iPods for a while – we go to the High Country which is stunning. So, you see we all love the open air!

What is the most rewarding work you have done – either in politics or before?

Actually, it's all my voluntary work – especially with the CWA – that I find most rewarding. I've belonged to a number of organisations all working in the community. I find that making connections with people is the most important thing for me – I really gain such a lot of reward and satisfaction from this kind of work because it is an ongoing giving experience.

When did you decide to go into politics and why? Why Liberal?

As I've mentioned, I joined the Liberal Party at the age of 16 – in fact on my 16th birthday (and I'm now 51) – so I've always been a Liberal. The Liberal Party – and I – believe in people's individual freedom.

So, I was a member of the Liberal Club at University, Young Liberals' and later I was President of the Melbourne Branch (the largest branch in Victoria) of the Party. Living in Mt Macedon I am interested in country people and the issues they face. When an opening became available I was

approached for the position (MLC Northern Victoria) and was duly elected. Local area issues are what engage me the most – for example the Hanging Rock campaign to save the area from over-development – that was a great achievement. Like-minded people raised local issues and we were able to bring about change.

As a person running for the seat of Macedon, do you get buttonholed in supermarkets, at the gym or pool?

Well, people approach me all the time, and truly, if I wasn't interested in people and what they had to say I wouldn't be standing for Parliament. You must be there for the people you want to represent – and that means talking to people in the gym, at the pool, in all those places! It's why I'm here.

Where does your feeling for this area come from? What is good about the Macedon Ranges and its people?

I think it's clear that I have a pretty strong passion for the Macedon Ranges area. This is based on two things:

1. The unique natural landscape and environment. Mt Macedon and the beauty of the Ranges never cease to amaze me. We have to protect this area.

2. The nature of the local community. It is much more difficult in suburban Melbourne to have that real sense of belonging that I have here. The action of community groups is truly inspiring – for instance, the KidzFlip group in Lancefield. This was started out of concern for youth at risk and is a caring, nurturing group within a very small community. This is what inspires my passion and makes me want to serve the local communities.

Finally, if you lived in Lancefield, what would you like to see happen here – for the government to make a priority?

Well, three things are uppermost in my mind:

1. First: the protection of this region from suburban-style and completely inappropriate over-development. We need to retain our natural environment and the beauty of the area without over-development which will kill the inner beauty of the Lancefield township.

2. My second major concern is funding for the Lancefield Primary School. This needs attention because it's a great school.

3. Finally, the Romsey/Lancefield area has long been crying out for a local high school. I would want the government to make this a priority.

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- Lancefield Jnr Football Club
- Lancefield Bowling Club
- Lancefield Football Netball Club
- Lancefield Cricket Club
- Lancefield Tennis Club
- Lancefield Men's Shed
- Lancefield Parkrun
- Lancefield Golf Club
- Lancefield Equestrian Group
- St Mary's Primary School (Hall)
- Lancefield Country Practice
- Lancefield Primary School (Multi purpose Room)
- Lancefield Medical Centre
- Lancefield Service Station
- Lancefield Mechanics
- Hall Karinya
- Laurie Green Pavilion

If you belong to one of these organisations or are hiring the venue please discuss with the committee the locations and how to access the defibs in case you are present during an emergency. Timing can be critical in these situations.

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KNOW YOUR RIGHTS AND PREVENT ELDER ABUSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

The rights of older people will be highlighted during November as Council supports two fascinating discussions aimed to empower seniors in the region.

The rights of older people and how they can assert them is the focus of this free forum, being held on Friday 16 November from 1pm-3pm at the Norma Richardson Hall, 15 Buckland Street, Woodend.

The forum, being held in partnership with Cobaw Community Health, will be followed by afternoon tea and an opportunity to meet with speakers.

WORKSHOP: YOUR VOICE-TRUST YOUR CHOICE

This free interactive workshop aims to provide community leaders, educators and volunteers with strategies and resources to help older people in choosing a power of attorney.

It will be presented by Nicolina Scarcella, Coordinator of the Advice and Education Service at the Office of the Public Advocate, and is being held on Thursday 22 November, from 10am-12pm at the Woodend Community Centre, corner of High and Forest streets, Woodend.

Light refreshments will be provided. Bookings are essential for both events. For more information or to book, contact 5422 0258 or sharper@mrsc.vic.gov.au

2018 ROMSEY/LANCEFIELD SUB-BRANCH

"ANZAC SPIRIT" AWARD

On Friday evening, October 12th, community members met at the Romsey Hub to be part of the 2018 RSL Anzac Spirit award. RSL sub-branch president Reinhardt Goschiniak opened the evening thanking all who had attended including local councillors Henry Bleek and Bill West and Snr Constable Roger Barr and noting apologies from MHR Rob Mitchell, MLA Mary-Anne Thomas, MRSC councillor Natasha Gayfer, Mayor Jennifer Anderson and CEO Margaret Stork.



Bill West, Henry Bleek, Reinhardt Goschiniak, Greg Powell, Peter Mitchell, Trish Vowles, (seated) John McClosker & Tony Obrien.

The Anzac Spirit Award first presented in 2011 "....

recognises the works of individuals and groups within our local community whose good, unselfish and enthusiastic works have aided, assisted or changed the lives of others for the better." This year there were five nominations;

Vanessa Meredith (Nominated by Eileen French) – for a wide range of community services.

Robert Green (Nominated by Wayne Smith)– for long term service to the Lancefield community

Peter Mitchell (Nominated by Dr Greg Powell)– for 50 yrs of service to the Romsey community

Jessica Liston (Nominated by Angela Tiede)– for work in using horses to improve individual communication skills, with adults and children and to tell the story of the very Australian horse breed, the Whaler.

Hope Evans & The Pinkateers (Nominated by Amanda

Stevens)– for ongoing fundraising for, and increased awareness of, breast cancer.

The 2018 winner was Peter Mitchell, Peter has been actively involved in the Romsey community for over 50 years. He served as a councillor in the 1970s and 80s, as a committee member of a wide variety of community groups, as a successful lawn bowler, as a many times club champion of the Romsey Golf Club and a successful contributing author of the History of Romsey – "Romsey, a veritable Garden of Eden."

Peter accepted the award from Councillors Bleek & West thanking the RSL for their ongoing work within the community and congratulating all who had been nominated. He spoke briefly of the value of, and rewards from, assisting others and of working constructively to improve the community as a whole.

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SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM TO BENEFIT LANCEFIELD AND ROMSEY YOUTH

Two students from the Lancefield and Romsey community will benefit from a new scholarship program which will supplement their study costs in their first year of higher education.

Lancefield and Romsey Community Bank Chair Suzie Ewart said the Lancefield and Romsey Community Bank Scholarship Program, which opens in December, was launched because the branches believed local students deserved every opportunity to achieve their dreams.

“An investment in education yields great long-term dividends and by helping young people gain access to tertiary education, the returns to the student, their families and the local community are significant.

“Applications will also be considered from students wishing to undertake study at TAFE. “The Community Bank Scholarship Program is a transformative undertaking that changes the lives of local students, strengthens communities for the long term and is a tangible example of the good that banking with us can achieve.

“Our young people are our future and we believe they

deserve the best support possible to help forge their careers and achieve their dreams.”

Successful Lancefield and Romsey Community Bank Scholarship applicants will initially receive funding for one year with the potential to renew the scholarship to assist in the second and third years of their study.

Applications are invited from eligible students, starting their studies in 2019, from 3 December 2018. Applications close on 29 January 2019 and will be assessed in early February 2019.

The Lancefield and Romsey Community Bank Scholarship is part of the Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Scholarship Program, which partners with Community Bank, Rural Bank and The University of Melbourne.

The program has now supported over 670 students, with \$7.2 million in funding since its inception in 2007.

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Congratulations to all students for raising a total of \$328 for our farmers. Gold coins from Footy Colours Day on Friday 14th September and a gold coin donation on the last day of Term 3 were combined to make the total. Well done!

ENVIRONMENT GROUP - TREE DAY

With a very big thanks to Hayley from the Deep Creek Landcare Group, on Monday 17th September we were able to celebrate Tree Day by planting almost 50 trees in the Senior yard.

The Deep Creek Landcare Group supplied all the trees and equipment required to do the planting and we were also able to finally use that mulch that we were given several months ago. Spread out along the Chauncey Street side of the Senior oval and the west end of the basketball courts our Environment Group did a brilliant job of showing all the students in our school how to plant a tree.

All students were able to participate in some part of the planting process and it was great to see so many keen green thumbs! A fantastic planting effort by all involved and congratulations on the excellent behaviour displayed. A big thank you also to Pauline Goodes and Mrs Milner for assisting us on the day!

PERFORMING ARTS LEARNING EXHIBITION

On Thursday 13th September, students from Prep - Year 6 participated in the Performing Arts Learning Exhibition. What an amazing evening of performance, music and learning!

The Performing Arts Learning Exhibition was a great way for the students to showcase their learning on the stage as well as in the classroom. We had a *huge* turn out for the



evening with parents and family members keen to have a look at all of the exhibitions in the Learning Street with our Year 3-6's beginning the night with their expo of classroom work. It was then into the hall to watch the whole school present their performances of vocals, percussion and dance to their families. Once again we had amazing performances by all grades.

Congratulations to ALL of the students for their hard work and enthusiasm during Term 3 and throughout the year in all of their Performing Arts classes. A huge thank you must go out to Mrs Vecchio for all her work in preparing the students - she was one very proud teacher!



DIVISIONAL ATHLETICS

Congratulations to both Dan Tucker and Leila Marr who represented St Mary's at the Divisional Athletics in Bendigo at the end of Term 3. Leila came second in her final of the 100 metres and will continue on to the next round while Dan was third in the discus!!! Amazing achievement for both students.

ST MARY'S READING CHALLENGE

Our first ever school Reading Challenge ended in the last week of Term 3. Congratulations to all students who

participated in the Challenge. The students with the highest number of books read for their year level each won a \$20 Scholastic Book Club Voucher:

- Prep - Charlotte McCarthy
- Year 1 - Jack Matthews
- Year 2 - Angus Pinnock
- Year 3 - Ella McCarthy
- Year 4 - Cate Mahony
- Year 5 - Kammeryn Forbes
- Year 6 - Maisie Wilson

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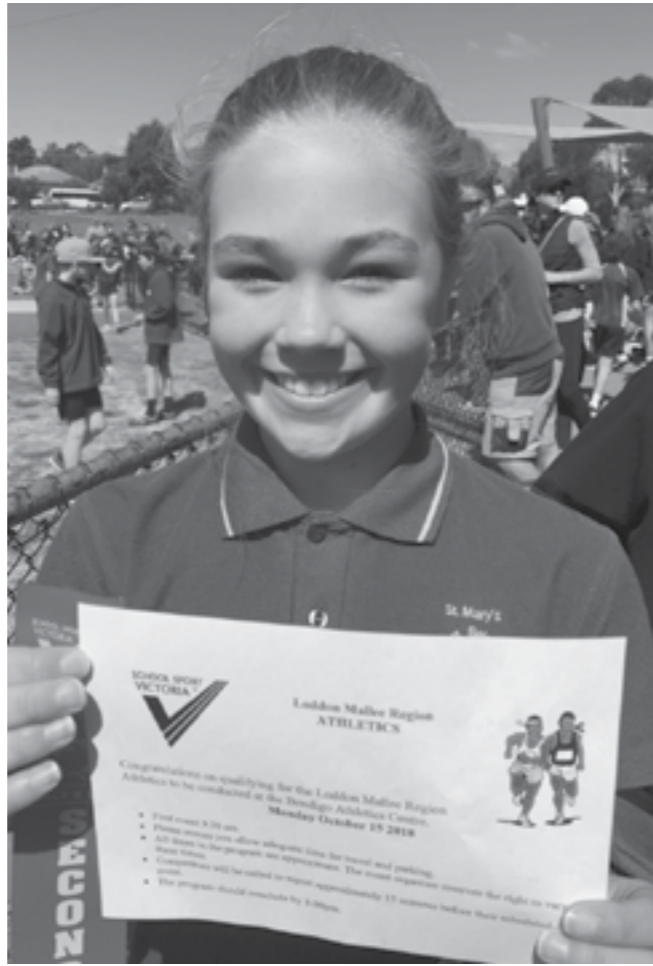
Everyone who participated in the Challenge went into a random draw for \$10 Scholastic Book Club Vouchers - congratulations to the following students: Kacey Warren, Millie Kilpatrick, Jett Taylor, Tom Reid, Harry Shannon, Tighe Thrum and Charli Laity. All students who participated received a Reading Challenge Certificate and we commend them on their wonderful reading efforts!

WALK TO SCHOOL MONTH

October was Walk to School Month and St Mary's once again participated in this wonderful initiative by VicHealth. Thanks to the Macedon Ranges Shire Council we have received \$700 to put towards more bike racks for the school and \$200 went towards a Healthy Family Breakfast put on during the month. Students participated in lunch time activities run by our Year 6 School & Sport Captains and we 'ran' a Walking School Bus once a week throughout the month. It is great to see so many keen, active participants.



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Long ago in the dreamtime there was an eagle called Bunjil. He had auburn long wings that shone in the sunlight. There was also a black crow called Waa who worked and helped Bunjil.



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First, Bunjil and Waa created trees, water and other things for the people to use.



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Then they created animals like kangaroos, koalas, other native animals of Australia and a species of animals called Megafauna, which are giant Australian animals.



Finally, Bunjil and Waa created the people who are called Australian aborigines.





This story is about how Bunjil and Waa created Australia and the things in Australia



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FICTION AWARD WINNER

A NIGHT IN THE HOLLOWES

It all started in a small town in the country on a farm far from the other houses. The wind blowing through the trees making the slightest sound of a whistle just like a bird on a summer morning. Camilla was running through the paddock with Romeo the wind blowing through their hair and singing in their ears. Camilla was a tall girl she was 14 and was an only child which meant she was home schooled and she didn't have many friends her only friends were her dog Romeo and the cattle and sheep on the farm. Romeo was a charming pup, he was a boxer and quite big for his age. He had a dusty brown coat and a ling curly tail that swayed side to side when he ran.

They were running, running away from the farm to the Hollows, the place where on one goes.

You see apparently it's cursed and haunted and if you dare to enter at night you will never return. But Camilla was brave and with Romeo by her side she was fearless... It was a quiet place in the Hollows - it was dark and muggy. It was like time was frozen and you were the only one moving. Everything just motionless and still, not a movement at all. They walked for hours and after some time they got tired so they stopped for some rest at an old oak tree. Romeo patted the grass and curled up next to Camilla who was sitting up against the tree resting her eyes. Then suddenly Camilla woke up with a shock.

"Oh no, It's Night Time!" she shrieked. She tapped Romeo to wake him and when she looked in front of her she was shocked at what she saw. There were people, lots of them. They had wings and a faded purple glow in their skin. They had vines and branches growing and wrapping around their limbs as if it was consuming them. Romeo cowed behind Camilla who was just as scared as he was. There was a whole tribe of them just glaring into Camilla's eyes. Then with very little movement the leader of them all stood forward so she was face to face with Camilla. She opened her mouth and spoke for the first time. Her voice

was so soft and gentle, like a whisper.

"A human?" she whispered, a curious look on her face. "Y-Y-Y-Yes, I'm a human," Camilla stuttered under her breath. The lady now had a happy look on her face. "Well I guess we better get you home shouldn't we?" she said in a calm soothing voice that made Camilla feel less scared.

"Yes, I guess so," Camilla said in a still voice. "We are the Moon People by the way," she called behind her as she made her way through the crowd of people. Camilla hesitated but followed her with Romeo still ducking between her legs. The Hollows was beautiful at night, the trees glowed in a fluorescent blue colour and the fireflies were buzzing around in a happy tune.

They trekked through the woods, stomping on rocks and hopping over logs. They walked for about two hours non stop. Camilla's legs were getting tired and her eyes were getting droopy. Romeo was right by Camilla the whole time, he was staying guard in case anything came to take Camilla away from him. Then suddenly they stopped and the lady turned around and looked at Camilla and Romeo. "we're here," she said to Camilla still talking in a calm voice. She pushed a bush out of the way and there it was right out over the hill. "Home." Camilla thanked her and waved goodbye. As Romeo walked past eh lady she petted his big head and off she walked back into the nothingness of the Hollows...

This story is the winner of the Lancefield Mercury Young Writers Grade 5/6 Story for 2018 written by Aysha Hunt (Lancefield Primary School). Aysha won a \$100 book voucher for her entry. Next month we will publish our final two winners, Katie Alford and Rylee Needle.

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GENERATIONAL FAMILY BUSINESS THRIVES

Founded in 1927 by Colin Allister Newnham, after 91 years Newearth Constructions remains a family company located in Romsey. When its founder, a young and enthusiastic Colin Newnham began the company, he was only 19. This meant he was able to tender for his first job with the then Country Roads Board (CRB), but when successful, he was not old enough to sign the contract he had won. During the Depression Newnham continued working for the CRB and during the Second World War, volunteered for the Civil Construction Corps on the construction of the airfields at Ballarat, Sale and Swan Hill. His sons Ken and Doug began to assist their father during the 1960s and began to expand the business. In 1967 the company was renamed CA Newnham & Sons.

Colin Newnham passed away in 1978 leaving a thriving family business and a legacy that continues today. During the 1970s and 1980s Newnham Earthmoving won several major sub-divisional contracts, including water storage reservoirs and sewerage treatment lagoons in the Romsey area. Reflecting the changing nature of the work, the company was renamed Newnham Earthmoving Pty Ltd in 1984. In 1993, Ken retired from the business and Doug's wife Carol became an active partner; their son Cameron joined the company in 1998. 'Newearth Constructions' was adopted as the new company name and in 1997 and 1998 they won the CASE Earth Award (Category 1). They also began the project delivery arm of their business.

Changes to the family business were implemented during

in the 2000s. In 2003, the company was recognised as a Nationally Prequalified Contractor with the Civil Contractors Federation; at the same time an Integrated Management System was implemented. The company was restructured in 2014: Cameron Newnham was appointed to the role of Construction Manager and Doug Newnham retired from operational control. He remains as Managing Director. Mick McCarthy has recently joined the company in the role of General Manager. Today the two companies' civil engineering and earthmoving services are available throughout Central Victoria.

Since the Civil Apprenticeship was established by the Civil Contractors Federation in the early 1990s, Newnham Earthmoving have appointed at least one apprentice from the local area each year (see advertisement in this edition). Newnham Earthmoving apprentices have been nominated in 'Apprentice of the Year' on three occasions, with Ben Noel winning the Victorian Civil Apprentice of the year in 2014.

With more than 90 years in the industry, its generational nature has remained one of the company's great strengths. Newearth Constructions have lived through rapid changes in construction methods and technology and they have adapted and expanded while maintaining a high level of customer service. Cameron Newnham's young son is already keen to join the family firm, ensuring the continuation of this specialised generational local company.

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- rake up and remove dry grass, leaves, twigs and loose bark (also called fine fuels)
- remove any rubbish or material that is likely to cause, maintain or promote a fire
- store flammable liquids well away from the house
- store woodpiles away from the house
- place metal flyscreens or window shutters over windows
- keep gutters clean of fine fuels
- remove all noxious weeds from your property
- face your LPG cylinders vent-pipe away from the house and store securely in an upright position
- prepare your bushfire survival plan.

PROPERTY INSPECTIONS AND NOTICES

Council's Fire Management Officer has begun inspecting properties for fire risk within the shire and will issue fire prevention notices to those properties that pose a fire risk.

If you receive a notice, don't ignore it as heavy penalties can apply to owners who fail to comply.

Properties are expected to be maintained to the required standard throughout the fire danger period. If you are grazing stock, you must demonstrate that the number is sufficient to reduce the risk and if not, you may be required to do additional fuel reduction work.

For more information about preparing your property, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/fire-ready or call Council on 5422 0333.

You can also like us on [facebook.com/Macedon Ranges Emergency Alerts](https://www.facebook.com/Macedon Ranges Emergency Alerts)

ART SHOW

The 2018 Arts and Craft show is on Sunday 18th of November at the Romsey Mechanics Institute, Main Street Romsey. There will be original works by local artists on display and for sale. It is a joint fundraiser for the Neighbourhood House and the Mechanics Institute. Free entry and open between 9.30am and 3pm. Sponsored by the Lancefield and Romsey Community Bank.

BADMINTON

The Summer season of the Kyneton Badminton Association commenced on 8th October.

New players of all ages and abilities are welcome to join at any time. Competition is held on Monday nights from 7:00pm at the Kyneton Toyota Sports and Aquatic Centre. For more information contact Kevin Roberts on 5422 3057

BETTER BUS ROUTES FOR ROMSEY AND LANCEFIELD

Three bus routes will provide dedicated services for Lancefield to Sunbury, Lancefield to Gisborne and Romsey to Kyneton. Dividing the routes will allow passengers to get where they need to go sooner, without confusion. The changes will improve travel between Kyneton, Romsey, Lancefield, Riddells Creek, Gisborne and Sunbury. The new routes will have extra services added each week to provide a consistent weekly timetable, give more travel options and improve connections with trains where possible.

The new Lancefield to Sunbury route will run 12 return services each week day and three return trips on Saturdays, while both Romsey to Kyneton and Lancefield to Gisborne services will operate two return services per day, Monday to Saturday. A fact sheet outlining the changes is available on the PTV website. Timetables and journey planning information will be available one month before the changes begin. To plan your journey visit ptv.vic.gov.au



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THE CHANGING CONSERVATION STATUS OF PUBLIC LAND

With the release of the Victorian Environmental Assessment Council (VEAC) draft proposal, the committee has been busy chewing on the details of this proposal and we have made a formal submission. Many of the recommendations relate to changing conservation status of public land. One of our main concerns is that without any direction or commitment to increased funding and resourcing of the land management bodies, then these changes will be in name only, and the work that needs to be done on them cannot be delivered without the appropriate resources.

In our area it is recommended that the Cobaw state forest becomes a Conservation Park. This on the surface is a positive change. A concerning part of this draft proposal is that trail bikes would still be allowed in the park. The sandy soils of this park are particularly vulnerable to erosion and this process impacts vulnerable flora, fauna and water quality, not to mention the noise and other issues to other park users. We feel that the lower impact activities that will be restricted in this proposal, such as camping, dog walking and horseriding, should be allowed to keep the community involvement with the Cobaws and give an overall sense of ownership and care for the area. People need to use the area to value it.

What the draft proposal needs to outline is how they plan to better manage this site, including fire management. Fire management is a complex issue, both politically and environmentally, but as VEAC is independent of government it should be free to make recommendation to the best scientific standards currently available. The management of fire as both wildfire and fuel reduction burning is one of, if not the, most important management practices on the ecology of all public land which at times has been grossly mismanaged resulting in immense loss. Poor fire management has

occurred in the past and we need to undertake best practice while protecting life and property, this includes conserving natural values and biodiversity.

Deep Creek Landcare Group has also submitted a response to the Macedon Ranges Shire Council (MRSC). The biodiversity strategy draft paper is an important document we hope can aid with some strategic planning of biodiversity conservation projects in local areas such as the Cobaws, Mt William and Deep Creek frontage sites. Whilst we did have some concerns regarding issues such as creating offsets from council owned reserves and appropriate resourcing to deliver the strategy, we are overall optimistic that any potential issues can be remedied by the final draft.

A recent issue brought to our attention is the application for mineral exploration in the Lancefield/Romsey area. We have formally objected to this application on the grounds of supporting and protecting productive agriculture and preserving heritage and indigenous values over mineral extraction. Concerns also include impacts on water table and local waterways as well as noise, dust and heavy traffic associated with these activities. Lodge your objections for Macedon Resources (Perth based company) application reference ELO06849 online at <https://rram.force.com/ObjectionSubmission> or by post to The Minister for Resources, c/- Team Leader Licensing, Earth Resources Regulation, GPO Box 2392, Melbourne Victoria 3000.

To read any of our formal responses to any of the above issues, check out our website at www.deepcreeklandcare.org.au. In other news our Indian minor bird count is 106 for the month of September. Our next meeting is Monday November 13 @ 8pm which is also our AGM. Any and all are welcome to pop in and share in a coffee and a chat.

Hayley Goodman

BE A CITIZEN SCIENTIST DURING HANGING ROCK KOALA COUNT

They're considered adorable, furry and icons of the Australian bush, yet the humble koala faces significant threats. Come along to a discussion on Friday 7 December from 10am to 1pm at Hanging Rock Reserve to find out why koalas are so unique, and how you can help protect them on your property. Stick around following the talk and join Council's rangers for the annual koala count – a citizen science survey aimed at finding out more about the reserve's koala population.

For more information on the events, or to book, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/environment-events or call 5421



LOTS OF SINGING & DANCING

This past month three of our members attended a concert held by our sister branch in Harcourt. It was a lot of fun, very entertaining with lots of group singing and dancing. As always Harcourt provided their usual high standard of afternoon tea (lots of sweets). Did you buy some memorial biscuits from our stall at the Lancefield Show? They were a sellout- once again.

Our tea towels, CWA cookbook, and our Sandwiches and Slices cookbook were also very popular. Members are looking forward to our Christmas breakup following the November meeting. It will be a lunch at the Lancefield B&B.

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Check out our website for information about the Romsey & Lancefield Probud Club rprobud.org.au or ring. President: Gerard Hanrahan 5429 5630 Secretary: Jenifer Clampit 5429 5480

MONTHLY MEETING

Monthly meetings are at 10am, on the 4th Thursday of the month in St.Mary's Church Hall Main Street, Romsey. Our next meeting is on Thursday 22nd November and our guest speaker will be Nick Needham Romsey CFA

Our group enjoy fortnightly coffee mornings (next ones November 2nd, 16th, 30th) at Mad Gallery Café Lancefield 10am – now renamed Coffee on High- and the alternate week 10 Pin Bowling at AMF Bowling Watergardens. The November meeting is the last for this year.

Our Christmas Lunch will be held on Wednesday 20th December at Cleveland Winery

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Lancefield Long Table Lunch is on again -Sunday 17th February 2019 in the East End Plantation, High Street, Lancefield.

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WRITING WORKSHOP WITH MARIE ALAFACI

Council has teamed up with Writers Victoria for the writing workshop Starting on the Path to Publication on Saturday 17 November from 1.30pm to 4.30pm at Kyneton Mechanics Institute, 81 Mollison Street, Kyneton.

The workshop will cover topics such as how to establish a writing practice, re-writing, feedback and market opportunities, and is being led by author and writing teacher Marie Alafaci.

Ms Alafaci writes for children and adults across both fiction and non-fiction, and has had work featured on the Age bestseller list, as well as being short-listed for a number of awards.

The hands-on session is suitable for all writers, and is \$40 (Macedon Ranges residents and Writers Victoria members), \$35 concession and \$80 others.

For more information or to book, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/arts-workshops or call 1300 888 802.

OPPORTUNITY FOR LOCAL ARTISTS IN TOKAI, JAPAN

Council invites suitably experienced artist/s to submit Expressions of Interest (EOI) to create a reciprocal exchange of artwork or creative experience with Macedon Ranges Sister City Tokai, Japan. The creative art exchange will engage local artist/s and the Macedon Ranges community, highlight local talent and tell local stories to inspire, educate and entertain the people of Tokai.

This opportunity is open to all types of artists across all media.

KEY ACTIONS / DATES:

EOIs open: Monday 12 November 2018
Closing date: Sunday 30 November 2018
Project to be delivered by end of April 2019

For more information, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/art-exchange or call (03) 5422 0394

REMEMBRANCE DAY 100TH ANNIVERSARY

SUNDAY, 11TH NOVEMBER, 2018

11am on 11 November, 2018 is the moment that marks the 100th anniversary of the Armistice, which ended the First World War (1914-18).

Each year on this day, since 1919, Australia observes a minutes silence at 11.00am in memory of our 60,000+ dead servicemen and women and the nation's 156,000 casualties; plus the millions who died in the most

traumatic world war in history (to that date).

Services to honour the fallen will be held at 10:30 am at the Lancefield Cenotaph, High Street, Lancefield and at the Romsey Cenotaph, Main Street, Romsey (wreath laying service only).

All are invited to attend.
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BUSY BUSY BUSY!

TERM 4

Term 4 is set to be a busy time for the Lancefield Neighbourhood House. November sees our regular yoga, bike riding, sewing, decorative painting, craft and card making classes, along with a Sourdough Bread Making Workshop on Nov 10th, Floral Art on Nov 9th and Breathwork on the first Friday of the month.

Contact the House on 5429 1214, drop in the Townhouse or visit our website www.lancefield.org.au/lancefieldhouse for more information and bookings.

SMALL CHANGE

Lancefield Neighbourhood House is also lucky to be involved in the Small Change Project, a new initiative where groups from Lancefield, Romsey and surrounds are invited to apply for grants of up to \$2000 to support specific local initiatives demonstrating community impact. Applications for the first round of funding closes November 30th.

Contact the House on 5429 1214 or email LRsmallchange@gmail.com for an application form and more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

EXTINCT

Extinct – Lancefield Megafauna Festival on Sat 24th November. Keep an eye out for posters around town or visit <http://www.lancefield.org.au/megafauna-festival/> for more event information.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Christmas Carols in the Park on Friday 14th December 6pm.

This is a great family night out, with free children's entertainment, a visit from Santa, School Choirs and BBQ. Bring your picnic blanket, connect with friends and have a fun, local night out.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Community Christmas Lunch on Friday 18th December. With all community members invited to our annual Christmas lunch, this is sure to be a busy event as always!

We always need more helpers, with catering, setting up and packing down so let the House know if you can help out.

VOLUNTEERS

As always we are so grateful for our dedicated band of volunteers, on any given day we have numerous people working to make our community a better place.

We of course can also use more volunteers, whether for a one off event or a more regular contribution, contact the House on 5429 1214 or drop into the Townhouse and discuss how your interests and our needs can combine.

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Over the past months we have been looking at the work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of we humans - unbelievers and believers alike. To unbelievers, He makes us aware of our sinful state and our need of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ! Then to believers - He reveals to us God's requirement of Righteousness from us, as in the righteousness of Christ, then His Judgement and Defeat of sin and Satan by the Cross and Resurrection of Christ. Further, to instruct us in the hidden nature of God, hidden because, the unenlightened human mind is incapable of understanding Him.

Jesus said, "He, the Holy Spirit, will bring *Glory* to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you." (John 16v.14)

Just as Jesus, the Son, glorified the Father, so the Holy Spirit, glorifies the Son. It is His special calling to take of the nature of Christ - His love, His word, His compassion, His gifts - and make them a reality in the lives of believers. Then it is our turn, through the Presence and Power of the Holy Spirit, to glorify Jesus in OUR lives in order that we may shine gloriously for Him in this sad and darkened world bringing others into a personal knowledge of Him also.

"Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son, Glory be to God the Spirit, Ever Three and ever One, Glory, Glory, Glory, while eternal ages run."

Last month was quiet, although several members of the Anglican Men's Society spent a very pleasant afternoon of snooker, thanks to Marj Davis' hospitality. Our Bible studies continue each Tuesday. 10am at Christ Church Lancefield. Except on holidays. We were pleased to welcome a new member this month and extend a warm welcome to those who would like to delve into God's Word - the Bible.

We were pleased to learn that Kath Crabtree is now home and pray she will have a full recovery to health and strength. Likewise Shirley Perkins! Thinking of you, Shirley and Anne!

The raffle previously advertised has been postponed and any money paid in refunded.

NOVEMBER 2018.

Bible Studies continue looking into the lives and times of the 8th Century BC Prophets, Nahum, Habakkuk and Zephaniah. There will be no study on Tues. 6th Nov., Melbourne Cup holiday.

10am each Tuesday Christ Church Lancefield. A warm welcome to new members.

Sun. 18th Nov. 10am. Holy Communion. Christ Church Lancefield. Combined Service with Romsey. followed by Annual Parish Meeting . very important that WE are in attendance!

Sun. 25th Nov. 2pm. Lancefield Mechanics Institute Hall Victoria Welsh Choir Concert . for the ongoing restoration of Christ Church. Ticket \$45. Betty. 0427 209 698 Glenice . 5429-6418 www.lancefieldromseyanglican.org Or go to - www.trybooking.com *Afternoon Tea.*

CHURCH SERVICES.

Holy Communion. 9am . St. Paul's Romsey. 10.30am. Christ Church Lancefield

Minister Rev. Judi Pollard. 0402 268 001. Chauncey St. Lancefield
Correspondent. Doreen Morgan.

DON'T MISS EQUUS AT THE KYNETON MUSEUM

Bringing together photographs, original paintings, historical artefacts and more, Equus shines a light on the unique relationship between horse and human.

Showing at Kyneton Museum until January 2019, the exhibition presents a range of items that chart the evolution of equine fashion and man's reliance on the horse in agriculture and transport.

Objects on show include original blacksmith tools, decorative riding habits, historical side-saddles, wagons, riding boots from the late 1890s, and more.

Kyneton Museum is at 67 Piper Street, Kyneton and open Friday to Sunday, 11am to 4pm. Entry fees apply.

To book visit, mrsc.vic.gov.au/museum or call 1300 888 802.

THE MERCURY QUIZ ANSWERS FOR PAGE 2

1. Three.
2. Bolivia.
3. 127.
4. A protractor.
5. Parallel.
6. Bolivia.
7. Amazon.
8. Sucre is the capital. (La Paz is where the seat of government is located, Santa Cruz de la Sierra is the largest city.)
9. A type of snake.
10. Q.

PAWS FOR THOUGHT

Have your say designated dog on and off lead areas and a night-time cat curfew for the shire.

The idea for designated on and off lead areas for dogs and a cat curfew came from community feedback gathered during development of the 2017-2021 Domestic Animal Management Plan. Under the proposed changes, dogs will have to be on a lead in all public places unless they are in a designated off lead area where they must be under effective control.

Take a look at the proposed off lead and prohibited areas for the shire on our website at mrsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay from Thursday 1 November 2018 and tell us what you think.

Complete the online survey at mrsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay, join the discussion forum, fill out our online feedback form or make a written submission.

FREE MULCH

Council's transfer stations have mountains of mulch to move, and during November we are inviting shire residents to bring a shovel, container or trailer, and protective clothing to a transfer station to load up on mulch for free. The mulch is available while stocks last from our transfer stations in Kyneton, Romsey and Woodend, and is produced from garden organic materials. Proof of residency such as a driver licence, rates notice or utility bill is required.

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LET'S HELP EACH OTHER

The Brigade recently received an enquiry from a Lancefield resident on Burke & Wills Track. They were concerned about a water marker at the far end of their property. The resident thought this marker was for a hydrant but they were unable to locate it. Two Lancefield Brigade members paid the resident a visit and after a bit of a scout around, the missing Hydrant was located under a couple of inches of dirt. The residents offered to keep the surrounding area clean and tidy so the hydrant marker and hydrant are clearly visible to firefighters if they may require it this fire season.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Located on or near your nature strip is a fire hydrant and should a fire break out it is essential that firefighters can gain quick access to it. The CFA would like you to keep an eye on 'your' hydrant to ensure in an emergency tht the emergency services can gain easy access to it at all times and to report any problems with it. It is particularly important that groundball hydrants are kept clear and are easily visible and accessible. A blue reflective marker and a white post with a red top indentify the ir position. Please keep grass and soil clear around and on top of the hydrant, don't park over it and report faults including missing marker posts or reflective

markers to your local CFA.

There are various types of hydrants including the old style round Pillar Ball and the square pyramid ones as well as below ground hydrants which have metal or plastic covers over the buried hydrant.

BURN OFFS

At the time of submission, the Lancefield Brigade has attended multiple out of control burn offs in a period of the year when this would not normally be the case. The Brigade still encourages property owners to clean up their properties before the coming fire season but we do ask it be completed in a safe manner. This includes:

Never leave your burn unattended. Monitor weather conditions leading up to and during the burnoff. Have sufficient equipment and water to stop the fire from spreading. We also request that you register your burn-off on 1800 668 511 or email: burnoffs@esta.vic.gov.au.

When registering, please provide the following information about your burn-off: Location, Date and expected start/finish times, Estimated size, What you intend to burn.

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TOM MORGAN: NONAGENARIAN

On October 14, 2018 Tom Morgan enjoyed an afternoon celebrating his 90th birthday, along with his wife Doreen, three sons and his daughter and spouses, four of his eight grandchildren, extended family and friends.

Tom was born in Horsham on October 14, 1928. When his father was thrown out of work in the height of the depression, Tom and his parents, Tom (Sr.) and Catherine Morgan, moved to the Romsey area in 1931 where Tom Sr. took up hairdressing. Sister Cathie was born there a couple of years later. Tom attended the Romsey State School along with friends Keith Carroll and Laurie Thomson. In those days school went up to Grade 8 in primary, where he achieved the Merit Certificate level. At 14 years of age, Tom commuted to Sunshine Technical School by train, leaving at 7 a.m. and returning at 8 p.m., ready for tea!

When WW2 was well under way (Tom Sr. re-enlisted in 1942), the family moved to Lancefield to be near relatives. Tom's youngest sister was born at the Lancefield Bush Nursing Hospital. In early 1944, young Tom became an apprentice Armature Winder in the Victorian Railways, boarding in Camberwell. After 3 years of the trade course in conjunction with the 5 year apprenticeship, he completed two years of night school to achieve his leaving certificate. Tom knew that God was calling him to ordained ministry from the age of 14 years; he had no idea how that would be achieved but trusted that it would be so. At the age of 21, the Anglican Bush Church Aid Society (BCA) offered to pay Tom's fees through 3 years of Ridley Theological College in Parkville in turn for serving the Society for 5 years. He was duly ordained in June 1953.

Tom was married to Doreen Mortimer in December 1953 and had 4 children. Tom fulfilled his BCA commitment from 1955 to 1961 in the Otway Region of Victoria. Thereafter, he served the parishes of St Augustine's Moreland, Holy Trinity Doncaster and St Thomas' Essendon (Moonee Ponds) until 1994. Tom and Doreen then retired back to his loved childhood haunts of Romsey and Lancefield.

Tom has remained active locally with memberships with the local historical society, RSL (having served 16 years as a part time Army Chaplain with the Reserves) and previous service on the Romsey Mechanics Hall Committee. Currently Tom is a supporter of the Eco Therapy Park which is being formed on the grounds of the old Romsey PS. He has been singing with the Victoria Welsh Male Voice Choir for 31 years, and looks forward to their forthcoming concert. Tom has 3 sons and a daughter, 8 grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren in Western Australia.



Tom cutting his 90th birthday cake.
Left: Tom with his Romsey Primary School mates, Laurie Thomson and Keith Carroll.



TIME TO MAKE A SPLASH FOR THE EAST WARD

The time has come for us all to get behind a push to build a heated indoor swimming pool in the East Ward.

I argued last year for provision for an indoor pool when the Sport and Active Recreation Strategy was up for review. We now need to take it a big step further to turn the concept into reality.

The State Government has made funding for community sport and recreation facilities a priority across recent years, and I'm confident that we would get a sympathetic hearing for an application for a significant grant.

At present, residents have to travel to Kilmore, Kyneton, Gisborne or Sunbury to access an indoor pool.

A heated indoor pool in the East Ward – either Lancefield or Romsey – would provide significant benefits to the whole community.

Don't get me wrong – Lancefield has been well serviced for decades by the outdoor pool in the park, but when a community facility can only be used for a maximum of three months of the year, it's time to move on.

I can still remember from the early 1960s when the Cathole, a big waterhole on Deep Creek off Salisbury Lane, was the Lancefield community's only relief from the summer heat. You would have dozens of people down there on a hot day. I heard a story once that it was so named because it was the spot where people used to drown unwanted litters of kittens!

But putting history aside, let's look to the future. An indoor pool can be used year-round, and if we can roll a few other things into the project, such as a gymnasium, it would be a real asset to our community.

An indoor pool has cradle-to-grave health benefits as well as providing competitive and recreational swimming.

Our local schools would be able to utilise an indoor pool on a regular basis, and learn-to-swim programs are vital to ensuring our children are water-safe.

Heated pools are also popular for hydrotherapy classes for older residents with mobility issues, and for rehab for people recovering from injuries and from surgery such as hip and knee replacements.

SWIMMING LEADS TO AN ACTIVE LIFESTYLE.

A Royal Life Saving Society Australia report late last year found that the average visit to Australia's public pools leads to health benefits worth nearly \$27. It found 40% of Australians are rated as "inactive", but even one visit to a swimming pool each week would be enough to shift their classification to "low activity" – cutting their risk of lifestyle-related disease by 16% and saving more than \$4500 each year in the form of better health, reduced medical costs and improved work attendance.

Our East Ward communities need to get a slice of this action and the benefits of year-round access to a pool. Let's get behind the push and turn an indoor heated swimming pool complex in the East Ward into reality. Our population is growing steadily, and it's what we need now.

Cr Henry Bleeck
Your East Ward councillor



The commencement of Term 4 has seen some nice warm spring weather, which has been lovely for the students and teachers!

This term is going to be busy and interesting with many of the grades heading off to school camp. The Grade 5/6's have already travelled to Phillip Island and enjoyed the many activities on offer including: the iconic Penguin Parade, the Koala Conservation Centre, body boarding, beach walks and learning about octopuses and cuttle fish, sand sculpting, hut building and geocaching.

The Grade 3/4's are heading to Anglesea YMCA later in the month and will be participating in activities including the giant swing, vertical challenge, orienteering, initiatives, walks, crate climbing, geocaching, canoeing and team games.

The Junior school students will be enjoying an 'Environmental Camping Day' at school on Friday 9th November. The Camping Day will take place in the school grounds during normal school hours. The students will work in small groups with a focus on developing teamwork. They will be required to work together to pitch a tent and complete outdoor activities. After a short rest at home that afternoon, the Grade 2's will then return to school at 5.30pm for a BBQ dinner, followed by games and a movie. Students will spend the night in the Library and be collected on the Saturday morning after breakfast.

FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY'S AT LPS

At Lancefield Primary School we are fortunate to be able to offer Fresh Fruit Friday's to all of our students each week. This would not be possible without the ongoing support of the Lancefield Romsey Lions Club whom so generously sponsor our Fresh Fruit Friday Program. We are extremely grateful for their support.

FARMER SUPPORT DAY

On Friday 19th of October, the school had a dress up day to support our farmers. Students came dressed as farmers, bringing a gold coin donation to support the SchoolAid Drought Appeal. There were some fun farming games for all. If 10,000 schools raise \$100 dollars, SchoolAid Drought Appeal will be able to give one million dollars to our farmers.

WALK TO SCHOOL MONTH

Walk to School 2018 runs from the 8th October through to the 2nd November.

A calendar is being used to mark each time a students walks, rides or scoots to school during this time. This data *Continued next page*



JANUARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Are you aged 9-17 and want to give a short talk on a *big* idea? Announcing: KIDx - a school holiday program for kids unlike any other, in the summer school holidays - January 19-20 at Sunbury Community Health.

In the style of a TEDx event, kids aged 9-25 will deliver short talks on *big* topics interspersed with fun interactive

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will be shared with students to create an awareness about our daily activity levels. Students that are driven to school or bused, are also encouraged to participate by walking laps of the oval before school or at break times.

Did you know that The World Health Authority recommends that *everyone* should be walking a minimum 10000 steps each day, therefore we are encouraging parents and carers to walk, ride or scoot with their child to school when possible with their children.

PREP TRANSITION SESSIONS

Commencing in November we will welcome the new 2019 Prep students for a series of four Transition sessions - always an exciting time of the year!

LPS GARDENING GROUP - HELPERS NEEDED

Springtime is upon us and the LPS garden is starting to take off (and so are the weeds!!).

In the hope of getting our garden well established and trying to create a great garden full of wonderful produce to be used in the G2T Cooking program (and if we have any excess - sell at the Lancefield Markets) we are hoping to start an LPS Garden Group with adult volunteers who have current Working With Children Checks.

If anyone in our community is interested in being a part of the Gardening Group please speak Di in the school office, 5429 2307.



SPRINGTIME HIGH TEA

It was with much joy and enthusiasm that the Lancefield Primary School Parents and Friends Association held their inaugural Springtime High Tea fundraiser at Cleveland Winery. A most enjoyable afternoon was spent savouring culinary delights, laughing and catching up with new and old friends, and for the lucky ones taking home some remarkable prizes. All money raised goes towards maintaining our wonderful school with a percentage being sent to the Jean Hailes Foundation for their Women's Health Week initiative. Heartfelt thanks to the amazing LPS families and greater Lancefield community who so generously supported the event, namely Mt. William Advanced Tree Nursery, Lancefield Hotel, Mt. William Winery, Red Door Books, The Field Store, Lancefield Providore, Koboku Spa, Wilmees Wines, Romsey IGA, The Barefoot Investor and Macedonia Antique Centre. With prizes worth over \$1000, much anticipation was in the air during the drawing of the raffle for the eagerly contested major prizes from Fractured Flora, The Hotel Windsor, Melbourne and The Essential Ingredient, Prahran. We look forward to hosting the event again in 2019 and sincerely thank those that came along and made the afternoon so terrifically enjoyable.



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