

YOUNG WRITERS AWARDS

The presentations to the shortlisted young writers were held at Red Door Books on Saturday September 22. The Mercury competition attracted over 70 entries from local young writers and gave our four judges plenty to think about. The quality of the submissions were high and the range of topics covered showed that healthy imaginations are alive and well in Lancefield. Local author Michael Meehan made an very entertaining speech which was well received by the young writers and their parents.

The winning stories in each category will be published in the Mercury starting from this edition with "The Soil Beneath our Feet" written by Charlie Knott (pictured receiving her \$100 Red Door Book voucher). Thanks go to Red Door Books for their support and to our judges Julianne Graham, Glo Moscatini, John Webb and Fay Woodhouse for their time and energy.

For the full list of the winners and shortlisted writers go to page 20



YARD DOGS OUT IN FORCE

One of the new drawcard attractions at the 2018 Lancefield Agricultural Show will be yard dog competitions.

At least one hundred competitors from Victoria and interstate are expected to bring their dogs to the show. All-Australian judge Ricky Jones is coming from Broken Hill to officiate.

Lancefield Agricultural Society president Robert Green said the help of long-time Broadford working and yard dog exponent Neville Williams in organising the event is appreciated.

The president also expressed delight with a generous \$5000 show sponsorship just announced by the Lancefield and Romsey Community Banks (Bendigo Bank).

The Banks' new general manager Ken Allender said the Lancefield Show is certainly worthy of strong support -- he was at the Lancefield Farmers' Market on Saturday helping to promote the show.

Mr Green said help from any quarter is welcomed, as will be any volunteers who can assist on show day (Sunday, October 21).

Neville Williams anticipates a Victoria versus New South

Wales competition will most likely take place at the 2019 Lancefield Show.

Border collies and kelpies used in yard dog competitions can bring very high prices, and they are also of tremendous benefit to many farmers in their day-to-day farming pursuits.

Yard dogs and their owners will be kept very busy at the show, with activities from 6.30am right through to 6.30pm, according to Mr Williams.

A competition for local district farmers should add to the interest. The winner will end up with bragging rights for the next 12 months!

The October 21 show day program is extensive, with attractions for all age groups -- new rides with all-day ride tickets available are expected to be popular.

Right-- Getting ready: promoting the Lancefield Show yard dog competitions at the town's farmers' market are (from left) Tarsha Walters who will be helping with the dog events as well as organising cattle competitions, show president Robert Green, and the Lancefield and Romsey Community Banks' general manager Ken Allender. Picture Bill West.



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EULOGY

ROBERT GREEN



On behalf of the Lancefield Mercury committee I would like to offer our condolences to Meryl and her family. Robert joined Meryl at the committee table and served for many years as well as writing articles on farming, the flourishing Green garden and providing the rainfall figures for Lancefield. Andy Moore.

WENDY

As Dad's eldest child I was the first to learn how to open gates, help move mobs of sheep, drive the truck and start the tractor. These are some of my favourite memories of time spent with my lovely Dad.

The cycles of farming saw Dad dipping sheep in the heat of summer mornings, driving around paddocks to check on ewes and new born lambs in the depths of winter, shearing sheep late in spring, and cutting and baling hay around Christmas. Shearing and carting hay always seemed to have the added pressure of weather with sheep to be put in the shearing shed or hay stacked in the hayshed. Often this was done while watching black clouds gather on the horizon as an impending change was on its way.

Dust, mud, heat or cold – these didn't halt or slow Dad for long, if at all, in his life as a farmer.

DIANNE

We all use the same words and phrases to describe Dad.

He was a good man, a truly gentle man, kind and polite - almost to a fault! Even in hospital he didn't want to be a bother to anyone.

But I would never have called Dad a romantic until I read the letter he sent to Mum on their wedding day. It is a beautiful note that tells of his love for her and his hopes and dreams for their life together.

We never doubted his deep love for us, his family, but it was usually done quietly. (Dad's preferred way of doing most things - except at the farm, particularly in the shearing shed where we heard him use some very colorful language!) He supported us without question even when he didn't understand or agree with our choices. How many times did I hear him say "there's no doubt about you kiddo" accompanied by a bemused shake of his head?

I will miss his quiet solid presence in my life.

EULOGY

Robert was a prem baby born in 1935 in Melbourne.

His father was Robert (Bob) Alexander Green and his mother was Prudence (nee Amey), Bob's first wife who died tragically 6 weeks after Robert's birth.

Robert was brought up in Balwyn, living for 15 years with his Grandmother - Nana Florence Amey and her sister and brother, visiting Lancefield at times for holidays.

He was educated at Balwyn State School, later attending

Canterbury High. About the only thing he ever mentioned was his dislike of Latin!

After failing Form 5 and becoming a handful for his Nana (hard to believe!), he came to Lancefield to live with his father and Jean (Bob's second wife), and their children - Syd, Judy and Geoff. On obtaining his Leaving certificate (the end of Form 5 or Year 11) at Kyneton High he then began to work on the family farm "Twin Hills". Once shearing began he went to live at the farm with Lin and Merle Green and their family - Alison, Lois, Glenice and Lindsay. There he was given the task, among others, of milking the house cow - a job he never enjoyed. This ensured there was never a house cow at Park St, the home he later shared with Meryl and their children!

Robert was never mad keen on horses either and was really pleased when a grey Fergie tractor was purchased for the farm. Even his father, not known for faint praise, acknowledged that Robert could plough a straight line! In later years Robert lovingly restored a similar old grey Fergie.

In 1963 Robert married city girl, Meryl (nee Blair). Meryl likes to tell the story of how one evening they drove to McMahons in Sunbury (now Goonawarra) with a load of cattle. Robert asked Meryl to count the cattle as they came down the loading ramp. Pleased to have been asked to help, Meryl said "Yes". Robert then suggested it would be easier if she counted the legs then divided by four! Meryl did try!!

Robert was delighted with the arrival of his and Meryl's children, first Wendy in 1965 and then Dianne in 1968. He proudly watched and helped as the two girls took their steps

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along the pathway of life. He surprised his family at times with the things he would do, one being the day he took the girls to the cinema in Melbourne where he sat through a loud screening of Grease!

Between them, Meryl and the girls broadened Robert's musical education in other ways also. There were trips to the theatre in Melbourne and Ballarat where many a Gilbert & Sullivan opera was enjoyed, visits to performances by the Australian Ballet and other visiting ballet companies, not to mention the ABBA concerts performed by the girls! He also came to appreciate the beauty of Welsh music, particularly the sound of the male choirs.

One of the saddest times for Robert and Meryl came in 1970 when their tiny son Andrew David was born with a hole in his heart. He died at the Royal Childrens hospital when he was just a week old but always remained an important part of their family.

Robert's family grew again with the addition of Wendy & Mark's children, Clare and Alex. The two grandchildren were a great source of pleasure for Robert and in his own quiet way he was extremely proud of them and was always interested in what they were doing.

Robert was always community minded, as was his father before him, and over the years was involved with an impressive number of groups including Senior Young Farmers, Small Bore Rifle club, Sheep Dog Trials, Lancefield Rural Fire Brigade, Lancefield Primary School council, Anglican Church Vestry, Lancefield Bowling Club, Lancefield

Cemetery Trust, Deep Creek Landcare, Lancefield Mercury, Lancefield Men's Shed, Lancefield/Romsey and District Historical Society and no doubt a few more that we have forgotten. Robert was a foundation member and office bearer for many of these groups – no wonder he was never home!

His time as a Fire Brigade member was very important to him and he was the proud recipient of Life membership medals of the CFA and the Lancefield Rural Fire Brigade, and also the Australian National Service medal. His last medal was for 65 years of service with the brigade. Robert never begrudged time spent on brigade duty – even on late night call outs, during dark and often cold nights. It took Robert almost as long to put his boots on as it took him to actually get to the station!

Church was a constant part of Robert's life. He was a quietly dedicated Christian. As well as spending years on the vestry and parish council he was pretty handy at working bees, rarely missed a service so he could always be relied upon for readings and collecting the offering. Just as importantly, for many years he was the only person able to ring the bell!

Robert's family would like to offer their sincere and special thanks to the members of the local Men's Shed and the Macedon Ranges Model Railway Club who showed such a caring attitude towards Robert as his physical health deteriorated.

Let us all remember Robert as a person of much strength and quiet dignity, a man who was always willing to help others and listen to their concerns and worries. A great family man who was a husband, Dad and Grandpa; a brother, uncle and friend.

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- Gardener
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All community members are invited to attend the Lancefield Neighbourhood House Annual General meeting on: Thur 18th October 2018 at 7pm
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All positions will be made vacant

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Enquires, membership payments or nomination forms please call 5429 1214 or email lancefieldhouse@tpg.com.au

FEED IT FORWARD

Do you grow some food for yourself or family? Could you plant a few extra seeds this spring?

Feed it Forward is a generosity food movement, sharing local fresh food and bringing people together. We are launching monthly community lunches for anyone in the Lancefield and Romsey district. We are asking local food gardeners to 'grow an extra row' and donate the produce to Feed It Forward. All produce will go to the community lunches and the local Food Bank. Could you grow a few extra food plants and share the produce with us?

These plants can be planted now and would be especially appreciated when they're ready: lettuces, rocket, silverbeet, rainbow chard, spinach, spring onions, onions, leeks, garlic, cabbage and parsnips. Plant potatoes, beetroot and carrots for later harvest. Herbs such as chives, mint, parsley, thyme and tarragon will help us make delicious lunches!

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produce to the stall at the Lancefield Farmers' Market, or to either Romsey and Lancefield Neighbourhood Houses in Harvest Week, which runs from the 4th Saturday of the month until the Tuesday following, every month. In October this is from October 27-30th.

The first lunch is on Wednesday October 31st. Come and join us – all are welcome! Harvest Lunch is at midday in the Mechanics Hall in Lancefield. There is a \$5 donation (for those that can afford it) for the three course meal. Not to be missed! To volunteer for Feed It Forward in any other capacity, please contact coordinators at Romsey or Lancefield Neighbourhood Houses.

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As a toddler I was allowed to let the 'chucks' out of the hen house into our garden, while my mother was busy in her kitchen. From the kitchen window she could see me, so I was safe. It was my haven. Our's was not an organised garden like our neighbour's. It was my playground with a 'chuck-house' at the back. I loved to study the hens as they enthusiastically scratched the ground. One day the rooster jumped on the back of a hen and pecked at her head. I screamed: "Mother... mother come quickly, the rooster is killing the hens". When my mother stood next to me she laughed: "That's how he makes love to the hens". "Isn't that a bit of a silly way to show his love for them?" I asked Mum. "Well boy, that's how birds do it". I was frightened of the rooster, with his screechy noise and his sharp spikes. And I was not even a bird.

Our garden was enclosed by a dense cypress hedge on one side and a wooden paling fence on the other two sides. I was not much interested in what happened outside our garden. I knew every stunted geranium and lifted rocks and wood to see centipedes and worms scurrying to safety. My life was between our garden and our kitchen. My mother often sang songs and clattered with saucepans and crockery in her kitchen. Sometimes there were also men's voices, of postmen or policemen in the kitchen. In those days such men still came in to flirt with shy maids or housewives.

The garden next door belonged to rough people. They

always argued, swore a lot and sometimes threw their unwelcome peelings over the fence, for the 'chucks'. In the corner of their garden stood a big, healthy oak tree. In spring my mother would say: "Look our tree is flowering, as the young leaves were unfolding." Mum often sat in in our garden, in the shade of this tree during the mid-day summer sun. I regarded it also a little bit as my mother's tree.

One day I heard a lot of noise from our neighbour's garden. I climbed on a milk crate to look over the fence and saw a man dressed in leather clothes, with gloves, earmuffs and goggles, carrying a chainsaw. The man climbed a ladder and cut the bottom branches of the tree. These fell slowly and creaking to the ground. Agitated, I ran to the kitchen and called out to my mother: "Mum.... come and have look, they are cutting branches off your tree!" As my mother peered over the palings, she asked the neighbour: "What are you doing with my tree?" "Your tree?" he replied angrily. "It is my tree... and it's roots are blocking my sewer.... what is more I have a permit, from the council to cut it down". The tree was soon no more and my mother cried.

As a five year old I learned that only what is in your garden is yours. What's in a neighbour's garden belongs to the neighbour.

The Memory-Lane of Murk Schoen.

VALE DEBORAH BAILEY

On Tuesday August 14th, the Lancefield community joined family and friends at the Lancefield Mechanics Institute hall to farewell Deb Lee Bailey, who passed away suddenly on August 1st 2018. Those present were privileged to hear of her life from loved husband Mark and children, Krystal and Brad, as well as other extended family members, to see photographs, and to hear some of her favourite music.

Deb was born on Australia Day 1967 in Carlton, the eldest of four children, to two loving parents. We heard of a childhood full of adventurous fun, childhood scrapes and early school life. After meeting and marrying the love of her life, Mark, the picture of a woman devoted to her husband, children and family emerged.

Deb supported her children in whatever they undertook, volunteering for many roles at Jacana football and cricket clubs and more recently

helping her daughter with charity events. Deb was also devoted to her grandson, giving him the special attention of a grandmother, and Seth spent many hours with his grandparents. She spoke of Seth often with such love and pride.

When Deb and Mark moved to Lancefield four years ago, she quickly became a very much loved and valued member of this community. Deb walked in to our Christmas lunch, jumped right in and was soon an irreplaceable member of



the team and from then on volunteered on many of the Lancefield Neighbourhood House projects. She also joined the management committees of the Neighbourhood House, the Lancefield Show and the Megafauna festival and participated in Relay for Life, helped with the Community Christmas lunch and the Carols in the Park evening and supported the Men's Shed. The Townhouse, the Op Shop, and the costume hire shop also all benefitted from her presence and giving spirit.

Deb was also known for her love of purple and could be seen about the town always wearing her favourite colour! We were told this also extended to her home and garden. Recently Deb assumed the role of acting co-ordinator of the Lancefield Neighbourhood House. She

did so with deep commitment and took on many extra duties while still maintaining her volunteer activities.

Lancefield has lost an amazing community member and friend. Deb always had a smile for everyone and an offer of help if needed. She has made many friends in such a short time, who will miss her greatly. The colour purple will always have special significance for those who knew her - no greater memorial for a much loved and admired woman!


Rest in peace Deb

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Karen Hunt

REVIEW:

LES MISÉRABLES MOUNT PLAYERS, MT MACEDON, AUGUST 2018

As the ensemble entered the stage to sing ‘Empty Chairs at Empty Tables’ on Friday 24 August, the poignancy of the moment cannot have been lost on the cast or the audience attending the Mount Players’ production of the musical based on Victor Hugo’s novel, *Les Misérables*. After four days of insurgency and unbridled warfare, the Liberal Party of Australia had deposed Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull and appointed Scott Morrison to the top job. Whether inside the theatre or outside, we have all been left to contemplate the words that resonated with so many on the night: ‘what was your sacrifice for?’

In theatrical terms, the sacrifice of the Mount Players over an 18-month period was considerable indeed, and congratulations must go to the Mount Players under the direction of Andrew Meldrum for staging Boubil and Schönberg’s *Les Misérables*. The musical required a huge cast and a considerable orchestra. The fact that they had two full casts of principal actors possibly indicates two things: first, they had such a great response to their call for cast that they chose or were able to provide a first and understudy cast; and second, that two casts were required to sustain the rigorous demands of the musical and the long season.

The 21-performance season ran from 3 to 26 August and the Mount Players website indicates the entire season was

sold out. I imagine it would have had to sell out to begin to pay for the rights to the musical itself. Staging a musical that was the hit of London and Broadway in the 1990s could not have been either a cheap or an easy task.

The cast on stage the evening I attended appeared to be a mix of first cast and understudies. In this instance, it highlighted a number of rising talents: James O’Donovan as Jean Valjean, Tim Francis as Enjolras, Kathryn Fraser as Eponine and Nicholaus Linton as Marius in particular. Ben Lawrance and Casey Withoos delighted the audience as Monsieur and Madame Thénardier. Angus Zaitzev and Georgina Slaymaker were excellent in the roles of Gavroche and young Cosette. The strength and talent of the large Ensemble, numbering 30 or more, was clear, especially during the performances of ‘At the End of the Day’, ‘One Day More’ and ‘The People’s Song’.

One disappointing aspect of the production, however, was the costuming which was somewhat hit-and-miss. Only the main characters were equipped in more or less appropriate costumes. In considering the overall production, the slightly jarring aspect of costuming and the orchestra’s random wrong notes, the 2018 production of *Les Misérables* is something the Mount Players can be proud of.

Fay Woodhouse



MACEDON RANGES RUNNING CLUB'S RUNNING CLUB'

Macedon Ranges Running Club’s Start Running Group is off to another great start with a good number of participants. All levels of running experience welcome. The Macedon Ranges Running Group runs concurrently

in Romsey/Lancefield, Riddells Creek, Gisborne, Macedon, Kyneton and Woodend. Anyone looking to join the club please check out our website for my information www.macedonrangesrunningclub.com

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VALE TO TWO STALWARTS

It is with a heavy heart that the Deep Creek Landcare Group farewell two prominent members of our group and give thanks and pay respect to their contributions. Robert Green was a well respected gentleman in our community and a founding member of our group and it has been a privilege to know him and be guided by his knowledge and experience. We are also farewelling Phil Hayes who was a committed member of our landcare group who lost his battle with cancer recently. To both families, we give our most heartfelt condolences.

Recent reports in local media regarding potential contaminated leachate from the old Lancefield tip site at the corner of Three Chain Road and Bayton Road have drawn the concerns of the Deep Creek Landcare Group and members of the community. After lengthy and robust discussions with the relevant council contacts it appears that some of the reports overstated the significance of the issue at this site. As it stands at this point it appears that council has been fined \$8000 by the EPA for failing to report a monitoring issue with the site. Whilst this is of some concern in itself we have been assured that no contaminated material has left the tip site at any stage, this means there has been no potential contamination of the Deep Creek or surrounding water tables which was the primary concern of the Landcare group. For any further concerns, please contact the operations

department at MRSC.

The Lancefield Agricultural Show is one of the most anticipated local events of the year and we are proud to be a part of it again this year. Our Landcare presentation this year is river health and the importance of protection and enhancement of our precious waterways – in particular the Deep Creek which is our landcare groups name sake. We have been working closely with St Mary’s rimary School with their river detectives program this year. Ken Allender and Pat Danko have also been volunteering with the MW healthy waterways water watch program monitoring water volume, quality and dna testing for endangered species such as the Yarra Pigmy perch which calls the Deep Creek home. As always we will have our showbags available with information on weeds, native vegetation and other land management issues and we will be giving away free native trees and shrubs if you come and see us at the Landcare marquee. We hope to see you there!

Want to know more about Landcare in your local area? Please email deepcreeklandcare@gmail.com or drop into a meeting and share in a coffee and a chat.

Our meetings are held on the second Monday of every month @ 8pm at the Lancefield Mechanics Hall Annexe. All are welcome.

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LANCEFIELD KINDERGARTEN

Lancefield Kindergarten was fortunate enough to have a fabulous hamper up for grabs this Father’s Day with their raffle draw. The winner was treated to a range of amazing gifts supplied by our generous local businesses. On behalf of the Kindergarten, The Lancefield Kindergarten committee would like to say a big thank you to the following local businesses for their generous donations and support of the children at Lancefield Kindergarten.

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COMMUNION SERVICES

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Saturday 10:00am Romsey Church

ROSARY

Saturdays 9:45am Romsey

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2018 – Lancefield Church – December 9th.
2019 – Romsey Church – February 3rd, April 7th, June 2nd, August 4th, October 6th & December 1st.
2019 – Lancefield Church – January 13th, March 10th, May 12th, July 14th, September 8th & November 10th.
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\$7.50 Entry per child (Adults free entry). Children entry fee includes: Face painting, pony rides, animal farm, jumping castle, Jaffa smash, treasure hunt, art activities, Western Water drink refill station, Mini Maestro Music and more.

Other activities on the day include: Cobb & Co Horse Carriage Rides, Tombola jars, lucky dip, cake & homemade stall, raffle, sausage sizzle, coffee van, pop corn, and lots more!

LANCEFIELD AGRICULTURAL SHOW

Lancefield Agricultural Show on Sunday October 21 between 9 and 4. Experience all the spectacle, excitement and fun of a country show including cattle competitions, horse events, art and craft competitions, dog high jump, tractor pull, woodchop, poultry, sheep, motorcycle

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LANCEFIELD COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

LONG-HELD TRADITIONS

Our branch meetings have some lovely, long-held traditions.

Firstly, upon arriving we share a flower from our home garden and vote on the most popular bloom of the month. Secondly, members who have had a birthday in the last month receive a small gift and card. Finally at the close of each meeting we share in a light lunch.

All our members are very keen gardeners and excellent cooks who are always willing to share their knowledge and tips with each other. Throughout the year we meet up with other branches which gives us an opportunity to socialise. In the past few months we have attended two fashion parades, a high tea and a movie screening.

Three members of our branch assisted with making up the CWA showbags in preparation for the Royal Melbourne Show. Remember to visit our stall at the Lancefield Agricultural Show. We will be selling our famous memorial biscuits and other tasty treats. In addition, we will have small handmade gifts some of which would be perfect as an end of year thank you for pupils for their teacher.

SCONE RECIPE

Here is our classic CWA scone recipe:

4 cups of self-raising flour
300 ml milk
Pinch salt
300 ml cream
1 teaspoon sugar

Add cream and milk to the dry ingredients and mix to a soft dough.

Place on a lightly floured board and pat out to about 2.5cm thick. Cut with a floured scone cutter. Bake at 200 C for about 12 to 15 minutes. Serve with butter or jam and cream.

Hint: A tablespoon of cornflour for each cup of SR flour lightens scones.

Did you go to the Royal Melbourne Show and purchase the scones at the CWA stall?

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The Victorian Government's new, dedicated country roads body, Regional Roads Victoria, has opened its doors. Across Central Victoria, Regional Roads Victoria will oversee more than \$54 million of improvement works on roads right across the region's 3,800-kilometre arterial network.

As the weather warms, crews will be out in force completing upgrade works on the roads that local communities and industries rely on every day. More than 376 kilometres of road will be repaired, rebuilt or resurfaced, improving the quality of the regional road network that services the regions' growing tourism and freight industries.

This season, a deteriorated 1.2 kilometre section of Kilmore-Lancefield Road near Lancemore Hill will be fixed thanks to a \$1.9 million upgrade to improve road surface on the busy connection to jobs and schools.

Other key connections will also be improved with surface improvement works on Main Street in Romsey with upgrades ahead for Barry and Main Street intersection and crossings in Lancefield, Riddells Creek and Romsey.

Victorians will now be able to find out what works are underway or planned across the state via the new website – regionalroads.vic.gov.au – or through the new, dedicated, Ballarat-based call centre 133 RRV (778).

LANCEFIELD MERCURY YOUNG WRITERS AWARD WINNERS 2018

GRADES 5/6

Illustrated

Equal First Katie Alford *The Mountain's Rough Night*

Charlie Knott *The Soil Beneath our Feet*

Shortlisted Sarah Huggins *The Chubby Chicken and Kev*

Kloe Soper *The Australian Brumby Challenge*

Story

First Aysha Hunt *A Night in the Hollows*

Shortlisted Zoe Bubb and Matilda Dynon *The Bridge*

Kieran Street *Modern Collide*

Acer Jay *I am Curious*

Ashley Cowburn *Rain*

GRADE 3/4

Illustrated

Winner Harriet Carter-Williams *Bunjil and Waa*

Shortlisted Stella *Three Baby Dragons*

Sean Martin Fagan *The Great Whale Rescue*

Story

Winner Rylee Needle *Great But Horrible Really Dangerous Game*

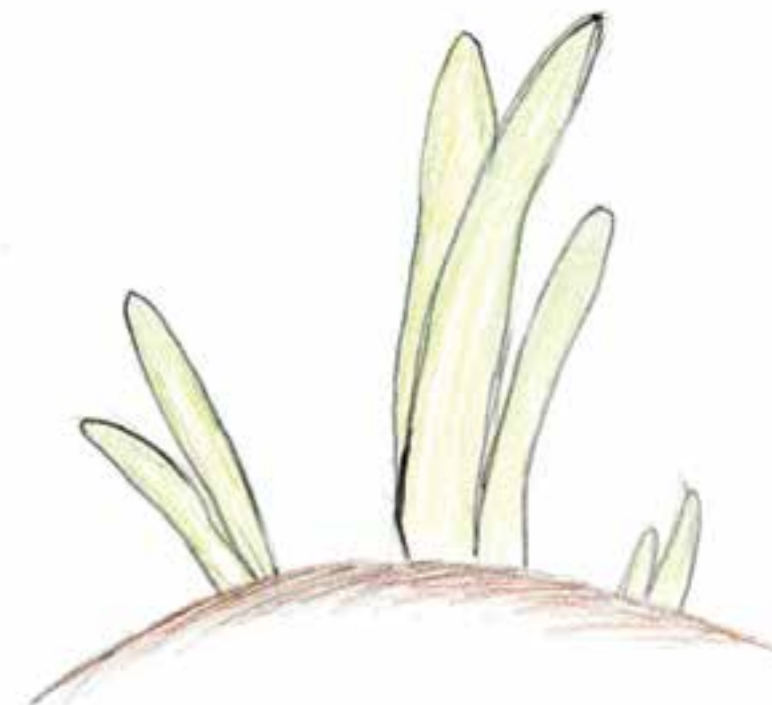
Shortlisted Henry Allan *Grix Valley*

Abbey McFadden *Spotlight*

Sarah Mustey *The Temple*

Matilda Goodwin *Lift Off!*

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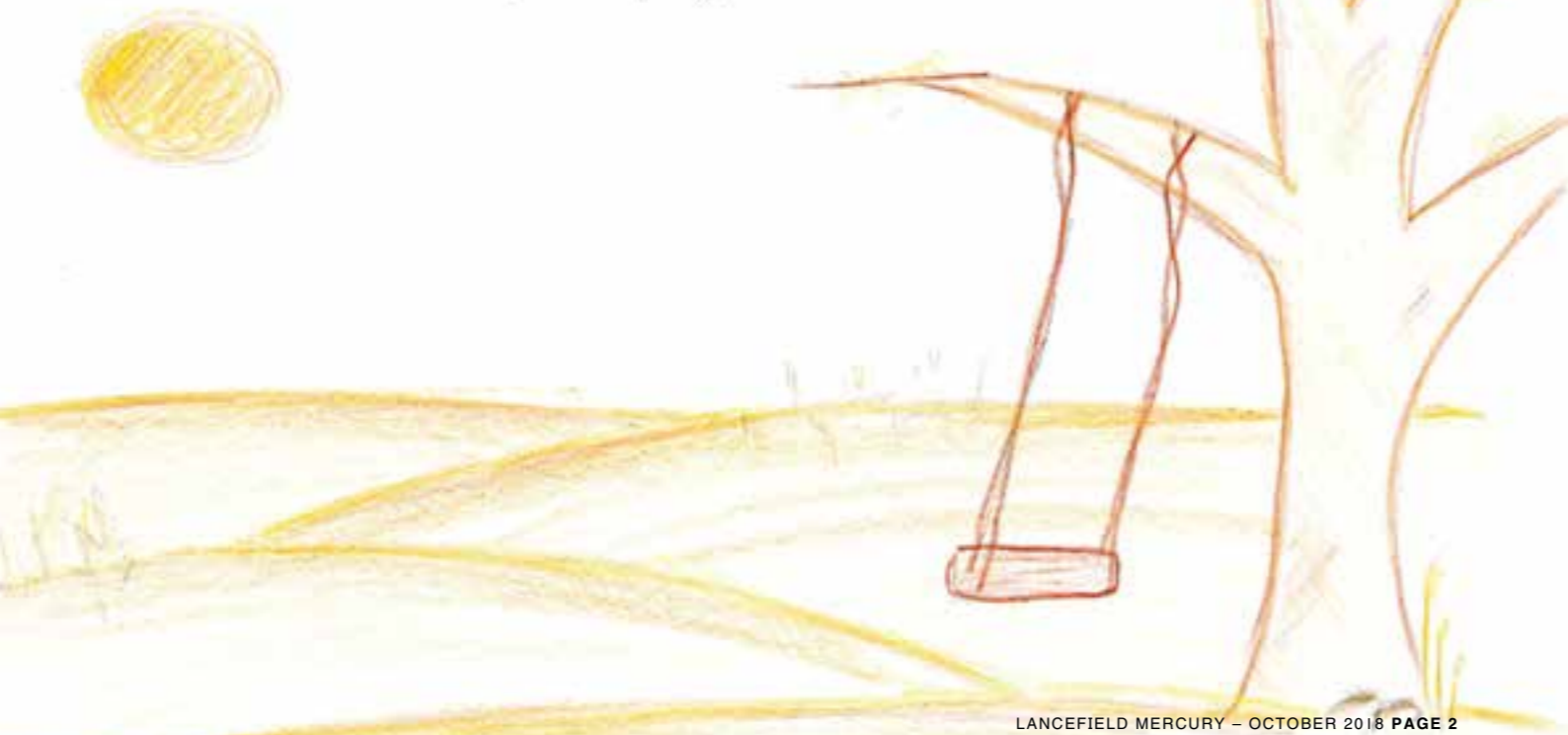
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Our adventures used to be fun. Climbing young trees and swimming in the dam. But all of a sudden the eucalyptus shadows became creepy and weak, and the dam fell empty and bleak.

For weeks and weeks there has been no sign of rain. Only bare, dusty land where I used to play.

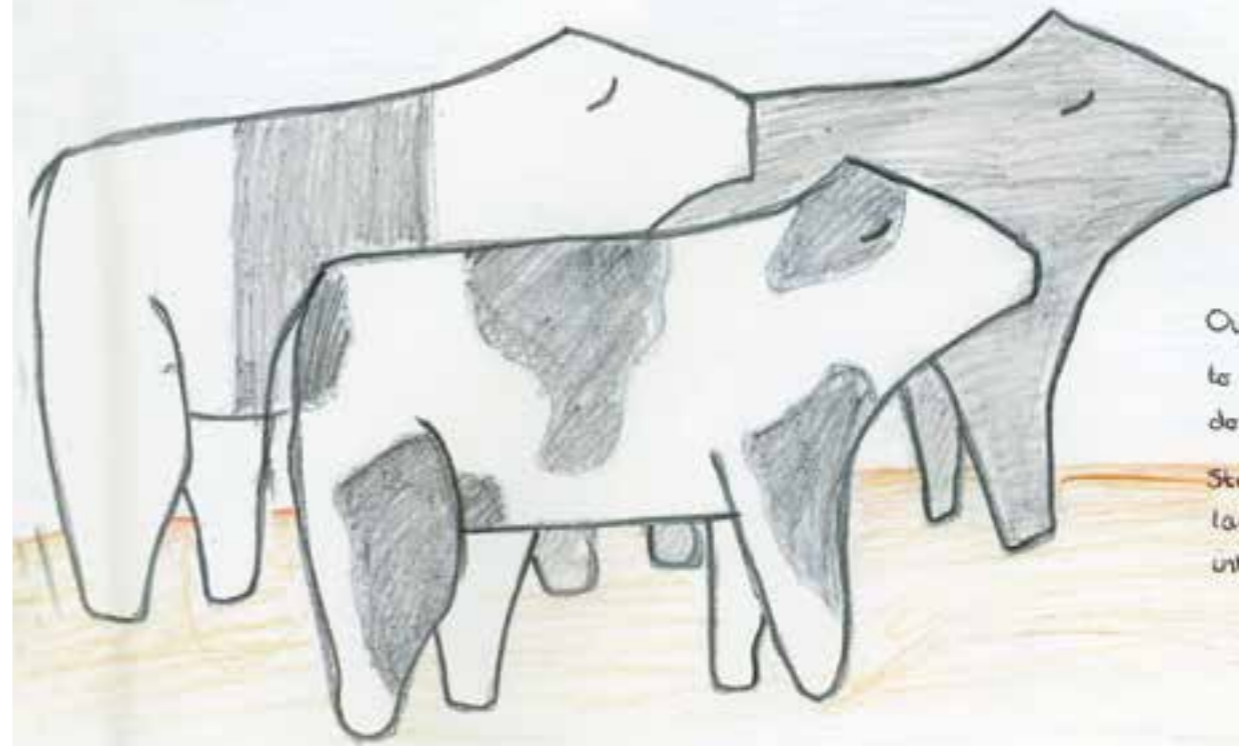


We go to church every Sunday. But our prayers must fade every passing day, since there is still no sign of rain.



It started last year and took over the Christmas holidays. Now it's taken our last few sheep and cattle.

It must be immortal, everlasting at least.



Our cows refuse to move and our horse do not run.

Stubbornness isn't all, lack of water comes into a count.

Every night we dream about the lush trickle of water.



The first drop of hope, maybe even rain...

LANCEFELD MERCURY – OCTOBER 2018 PAGE 8

CONCERNS OVER PROPOSED COBAW PARK

On first glance a recommendation for a Cobaw Conservation Park announced in a draft Victorian Environmental Assessment Council paper in August is a benefit to our community, but upon deeper reading I have some real concerns. The Central West Investigation draft proposals paper is open for public comment until October 31, and I urge people to have their say.

Currently designated as the Cobaw State Forest, the area is an important and welcome asset to Lancefield for leisure, recreation, environmental enjoyment and a range of other values.

I can't see how changing its status to a conservation park will improve things – it will in fact restrict a number of recreational and other uses which our community has enjoyed for generations, and will not provide any protections that don't already exist for flora, fauna and the environment.

Specifically, my concerns are over bans or restrictions which would apply to camping, horse riding, car rallies, prospecting, dog walking and firewood collection.

The Cobaws are a popular destination for four-wheel driving and trailbike riding and I'm pleased to see that these proposals don't alter the current requirements for this type of leisure.

Changing the status to a conservation park will not in my view lead to any better maintenance or upgrading of the forest by our public authorities.

We all know how this lack of maintenance contributed to the 2015 bushfire which ripped through the Cobaws and Benloch after the so-called controlled burn got out of control.

The schedule of burning had been meant to take place over three years, but the relevant department – DELWP – rolled them all into one big burn on the third year, and we all know the catastrophic result.

Part of VEAC's rationale for a Cobaw Conservation Park is to protect Ecological Vegetation Classes, specifically Herbrich Foothill Forest and Valley Grassy Forest. I suspect VEAC did its assessment of these EVCs based on a pre-fire desk audit, and not on post-fire reality or on-ground inspections.

The bush since the fire has been choked by a proliferation of bracken fern which severely restricts the emergence of

herbs and ground cover. And I personally know of a beautiful patch of Valley Grassy Forest on private land in the Cobaws which has been destroyed by the fire, never to return – replaced by a thick stand of wattle and the bracken, which has come back far thicker than before.

Horse riding and dog walking are popular pursuits in the Cobaws, and I'm opposed to any restrictions on such activities.

And generations of Lancefield families have been sustained by firewood gathered in the Cobaw Ranges, and I am strongly opposed to banning it. There are already restrictions on when and where the wood can be cut, and I'm satisfied that provides adequate protection for the other forest values.

The volume of fallen timber and lack of management contributed to the intensity of the 2015 bushfire, and firewood collection helps to reduce this fuel load.

Surely our local residents should be allowed to go into the forest and cut this wood for domestic use, particularly in the months or year before controlled burning is scheduled.

Given the intent of controlled burns is to clear up the forest floor, this wood is far better off warming our Lancefield people and stoking the cooking fires than just going up in smoke.

Allowing people into the forest to collect firewood also ensures that they're keeping the tracks clear of fallen timber, improving access for other forest users and for our emergency services.

The Cobaw State Forest has long been enjoyed by our community for a range of uses and pursuits. Let's not lock it up and restrict community use when we already have appropriate measures in place to ensure that it can continue to be an asset for generations to come.

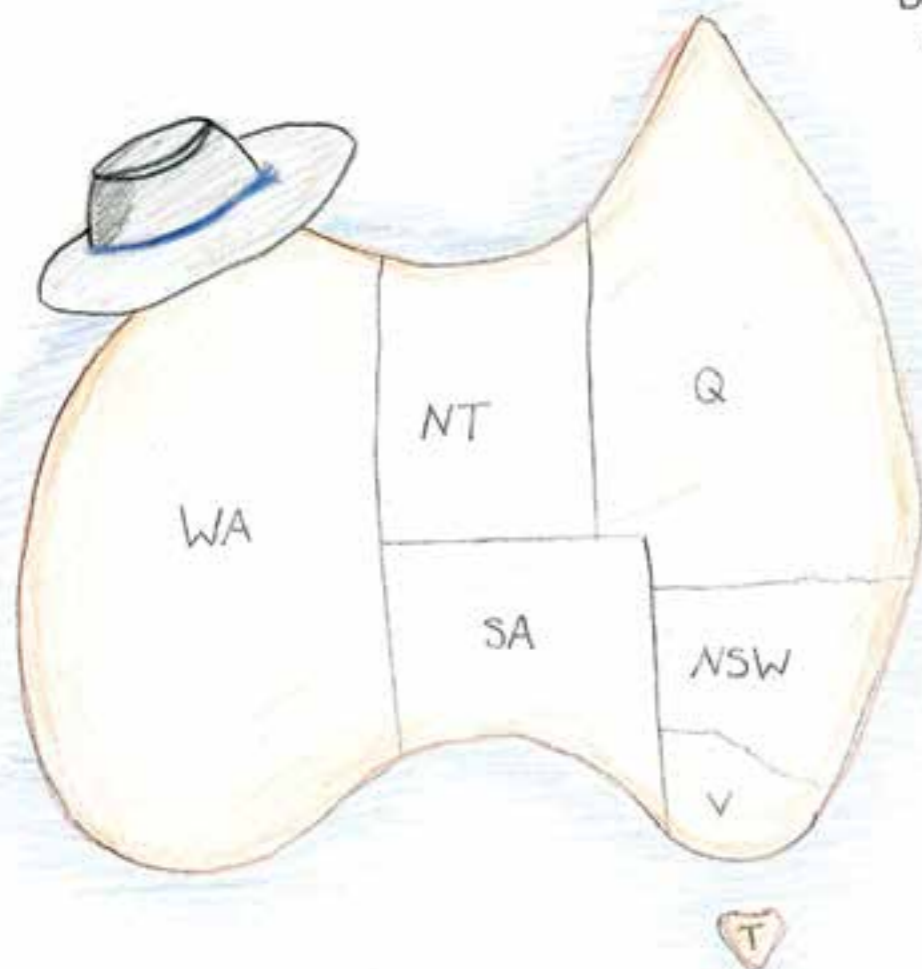
I urge people to send submissions to www.veac.vic.gov.au, or by post or email to veac@delwp.vic.gov.au to ensure that we can maintain the current balance of protection and enjoyment that the Cobaws provide to our community.

Cr Henry Bleeck

Dad tries to stay optimistic and not throw his akubra away.

People keep telling him it's useless and he should buy a property upstate.

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COUNCIL'S PLAN TO HELP PROTECT OUR PLANTS AND ANIMALS

To view the draft Macedon Ranges Biodiversity Strategy, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay or a Council customer service centre in Kyneton, Gisborne, Romsey and Woodend. Council is seeking input and feedback on the strategy, which identifies policy and planning initiatives, as well as priorities for protection, community engagement and processes for monitoring biodiversity.

Feedback can be sent to Macedon Ranges Shire Council, PO Box 151, Kyneton VIC 3444 or emailed to mrsc@mrsc.vic.gov.au by Sunday 21 October 2018.

THE MERCURY QUIZ ANSWERS FROM PAGE 41

1. Rice, 2. Crimson, 3. Origami, 4. 59, 5. A flea, 6. Melbourne Demons, 7. Emerald, 8. Sydney (1223mls. Melbourne 603mls). 9. 3, 10. Japan



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THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT - 4 - TO INSTRUCT

Jesus assured his disciples that when He left them His Spirit would come to them, so that His Living Presence would be with them everywhere and always. When His Holy Spirit came, He would work to make an unbelieving fallen humanity aware of their sinful state, to awaken - us - to the need of accepting Jesus Christ as our Saviour and Lord. By repentance, seeking God's forgiveness, and so we are reconciled to Him. Then, the Holy Spirit begins His work of transforming the believer's life into the likeness of Christ. We have all had teachers along life's way beginning with our parents, then school, trades and professions. No matter how good our teachers are if we do not heed their teaching and we neglect their instruction we will miss out on our calling. The Holy Spirit comes to teach us what it is to have a personal relationship with God, our Heavenly Father and Jesus, our Saviour and Lord. We may know all about a person without really KNOWING him or her. But we must want to know GOD, and JESUS, the One, Whom He has sent! Even so, He still comes! We must have the questing heart, the enquiring mind, the listening ear and the eager will to hear the Spirit speaking to us. He comes to each of us individually according to where we are at in our spiritual lives. And, day by day, along our life's way, He will guide, govern and fill us, revealing the deep truths of God and truths about ourselves.

The Holy Spirit is God's gracious power as the guiding and enlightening Presence with His people!
"And His that gentle voice we hear, Soft as the breath of even, That checks each fault and calms each fear, And speaks of Heaven"

Last month, some of us enjoyed a pleasant day in fellowship to the Creswick Woollen Mills Outlet Shop at Daylesford. It was profitable for Creswick and for the Christ Church Restoration Fund and satisfied customers. Thank you, to our careful drivers who brought us safely there and back.

We were saddened by the death last month of our esteemed life-long member of Christ Church, Robert Green.

He was a faithful stalwart of Christ Church and several community organizations, incl. a past President of the Lancefield/Romsey Historical Society and the Lancefield Mercury Editorial Committee. We extend our prayerful sympathy to Meryl and Family. We remember before the Lord our ailing members, especially Laurie Thomson's daughter, Kath as she recovers from her serious operation.

OCTOBER 2018 DIARY

Our Bible Studies continue each Tuesday morning at 10am at Christ Church Lancefield. We are learning of the life and times of the 8th Century BC Prophets, - Nahum, Habakkuk and Zephaniah. Come and join in fellowship with us around the Word of God and learn of Him and ourselves.

Bishop Philip Huggins, our Regional Bishop retires this month and the Rev. Kate Prowd will be consecrated Bishop in St. Paul's Cathedral on Saturday, 6th October 10.30am. to take his place. In appreciation of Bishop Huggins ministry, donations will be received which he has asked to be given to the abolition of slavery and the prostitution of women sold into slavery. Rife in many parts of the world today.

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AS THE FIRE SEASON APPROACHES

In the lead up to the 2018 / 2019 Fire Season, the Lancefield Fire Brigade would like to communicate to the community some of the information that is being distributed by the CFA & other agencies.

The Bureau of Meteorology and the CSIRO Seasonal Outlook indicates an above average fire/bushfire season. The state has already had unseasonal fire activity in Gippsland which has led to record early fire restrictions commencing on the 10th of September in some parts of Gippsland.

At this time, the commencement of the Fire Danger Period in the Macedon Ranges Shire has not been defined. Once the brigade is made aware of the date it will be communicated via the Brigades Facebook page.

Therefore, the Lancefield Fire Brigade would like to take this opportunity to urge everybody to start cleaning up their properties and reviewing their fire plans. You can find information about these activities on the CFA website - www.cfa.vic.gov.au. Additionally to this, if you have the opportunity to attend a Fire Ready Victoria meeting please do so. These meetings give the latest information on the upcoming fire season. The Lancefield Fire Brigade will also keep the community up to date with information from the Bureau of Meteorology & the CFA. The brigade will also be posting suggestions on cleaning up your property on the Brigades Facebook page, also feel free to call in at the station on a Sunday morning and have a chat.

In preparation for this coming fire season, from this month the Brigade will commence our pre-season skills maintenance. You will see us out and about practicing our skills on:

- Entrapment Procedures (burn over drill)
- Draughting – How to get water from a static source

such as a dam or Creek into the fire truck.

- Bush / Grass Fire Fighting Tactics

These sessions reinforce the training undertaken throughout the year and confirm that all members are prepared for the fire season ahead.

In other news, the Lancefield Fire Brigade in early September, joined family and friends in celebrating the life of Robert D Green who sadly passed away.

Robert or as he was affectionately known RD, was a 65 year veteran of the Lancefield Fire Brigade where he held numerous positions within the Brigade during his time. This included holding all 5 Lieutenant ranks and the position of Communications Officer.

RD's dedication to the Lancefield community and CFA was recognized many times over, resulting in being awarded:

- Service medals up to 65 years
- National Medal
- CFA Life Medal
- Lancefield Fire Brigade Life Membership Medal

RD's commitment to the Brigade was second to none including recently offering to sort through the brigades vast amount of historical documents to ensure they were preserved for future generations.

A great friend and mentor to many Brigade members, and an active member until his passing. RD will be missed by all.

Lancefield Fire Brigade members pass on our sincere condolences to RD's wife Meryl, the extended Green family and friends of RD.

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MINI VINNIES

On Tuesday 14th August, our Mini Vinnies travelled to St Ambrose Primary School in Woodend to meet with their Mini Vinnie students. We had a great morning together. The session began with a prayer, followed by some 'Get to Know You' games. The students then had the chance to ask and answer questions about what they had been doing throughout the year as a Mini Vinnie and what we could possibly work on together for the remainder of the year. It was a very worthwhile visit and a great chance to meet other like minded students who are committed to Social Justice. We look forward to meeting up with them again when we share a bus down to Melbourne for the Catholic Missions - Children's Mission Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral on 24th October.

BOOK WEEK ACTIVITY DAY

What a fabulous day was had by all! Congratulations to all students and staff on their excellent costumes, such a great effort by everyone involved and so wonderful to see so many parents attend the Parade. The students participated in some wonderful activities from creating monsters, to treasure hunting, mosaic penguins, origami bookmarks and so much more. A big thank you to the teachers for planning such a variety of creative activities for the students to participate in. Students were also treated to a BBQ lunch and an icy pole, a very big thank you to our parent helpers on the day, your efforts were very much appreciated by the hungry hoards!

REMEMBRANCE GARDEN

Work has now begun on our school Remembrance Garden. Six Weeping Cherry Trees have now been planted. A very big thank you to the following people for their assistance - Steve Thrum for bringing in the machinery to dig the holes and Newhams for supplying the star pickets & parawebbing. For their assistance with planting - Natalie & GT Shannon, Danny Shannon, Sally Alford and Brett Reid. Obviously



there is still a long way to go as we look forward to creating a beautiful garden space to reflect and remember.

FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

Thank you to all our Dad's / Special Males who attended the Father's Day Breakfast on Wednesday morning the 5th September. A wonderful morning was had by all, with many bacon & egg rolls devoured and much conversation and laughs shared. It was lovely to see so many Dad's attend, we hope they enjoyed themselves and appreciated the effort that had gone into the Father's Day Hall of Fame! A big thank you must be extended to our wonderful members of staff who got up early to make sure a delicious breakfast was ready to be served, a brilliant effort!



ST MARY'S FEAST DAY

On Friday September 7, we celebrated St Mary's Feast Day. We were lucky enough to be blessed with good weather this year, so together as a school we began this special day with our whole school Mass, celebrated by Fr Martin. After recess the fun began! Hosted by Kaboom Kid Sports, students and staff participated in a Mini Olympics - 11 countries competing against each other, where gold medals were awarded for Effort, Team Spirit, Energy and most importantly Team Work. Our Year 6's (plus Katie Alford in Yr 5) were our team leaders and flag bearers on the day. It was up to them to motivate their teams and make sure there was maximum participation. The Olympic flame was run to its final resting place by our very enthusiastic staff members, Mrs Zarb, Miss Camilleri and Mrs Kilpatrick before the final lap was taken on by one of our parents, Leigh Miles! There was much cheering and anticipation for the fun and crazy activities ahead. Mr Johns was our Medal Man for the day, keeping tally of points awarded and also showing us his dance moves. Mrs Thrum even got in on the act with some very impressive dance moves in her high heels!! The music was pumping throughout the event and all students and staff had a fabulous time enjoying the wonderful activities such as Giant Dart Board, the Wacky Wheel, Olympic Javelin, Air Time, Ping Pong World and many others that the students had never seen before. Congratulations to our students in

team Canada as they won gold on the day! But I think it's fair to say that everyone involved won gold for the sheer enjoyment of it all! Our Team Leaders were amazing and are to be commended on their leadership skills on the day, they should all be very proud of themselves. A big thank you to the staff for being such great sports throughout the event, with special mention to Mrs Stevens for her amazing dancing! I know I have not laughed so much in a long time, it really was a fabulous event! Our day concluded with students participating in the Coles bag design, thankfully a very quiet activity as I think everyone was pretty exhausted after the Olympics!

Well done to everyone for their exemplary behaviour, teamwork and sportsmanship on the day, a great effort!

FOOTY COLOURS DAY

On Friday 14th September we celebrated Footy Colours Day. Our Mini Vinnies organised everyone to come to school dressed in their favourite footy team colours for a good cause. Our school turned Gold Coins into hay for our drought affected farmers through Buy a Bale. Well done to everyone for participating in the day and bringing along their gold coins. We made a human graph showing our team colours on the day and the most popular team was Essendon!

Jo Shannon (Community Liaison Leader)

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From 10 November 2018 to 31 March 2019, visitors can wander through a trail of discovery on the winery's expansive lawns, exploring 25 works of art which have been hand-crafted by leading local, national and international sculptors.

Exhibition curator Malcolm Thomson said, "Sculptors who have their pieces on display at the likes of The Met Museum in New York, The National Gallery of Australia, The National Gallery of Victoria and many other prominent spaces around the world and Australia have signed up to participate. Their sculptures are absolutely awe inspiring".

Many of the sculptures have either been or are being created in artist studios throughout Central Victoria while some will be hand-crafted onsite by three renowned artists-in-residence, giving visitors unprecedented access to the artists. A series of workshops will also be available.

The exhibition will be officially launched on Saturday, 10 November 2018 with a Long Lunch set amongst the sculptures, where guests will enjoy a 3 course meal matched with wine and entertainment.

With the backdrop of the vineyard, Hanging Rock and Mount Macedon providing an unparalleled setting this exhibition offers a winery experience like no other, all while enjoying award winning wine.

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Dates: 10 November 2018 – 31 March 2019
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INTERNATIONAL DAY OF OLDER PERSONS

On 1 October, the world celebrates the International Day of Older Persons, to stand up against ageism and arguably against elder abuse too.

The World Health Organisation's definition of 'older person' is someone 65 years or older, and the first of the Baby Boomer generation started turning 65 in 2011. So whilst the majority of Baby Boomers are now 'older persons', many would certainly not identify as being elderly.

In fact, Jacqui Brauman of TBA Law in Romsey (jacqui@tbalaw.com.au) considers many of the Baby Boomer generation to also be in the 'Sandwich Generation' - they are sandwiched between their adult children and the needs to their elderly parents. Just when they begin approaching retirement, and they thought they could have some more time to themselves, they feel like their obligations have never been greater.

Because those in the Sandwich Generation tend to be who everyone looks to, to rely on, if something should happen to them in terms of an accident or sudden illness, then the scenario could be disastrous for other family members. Jacqui Brauman encourages the Sandwich Generation to take care of their estate planning, and then talk to both their parents and their children about ensuring theirs is also done. Studies by Public Trustees around Australia have a consensus that at least half of all adults do not have a valid Will. For the Sandwich Generation, they are likely to be the ones left taking care of the estate for the generations on either side of them, if someone is injured or dies.

For their elderly parents, the Sandwich Generation needs to consider Centrelink benefits, aged care (either home help or residential care), failing mental capacity, and also making sure the appropriate people are appointed into roles of attorney and executor for their parents.

With new laws introduced in Victoria in 2015, there are

finally criminal penalties for attorneys who do not act in the best interest of the person who appointed them, but this does not capture every circumstance of elder abuse, unfortunately. Seniors Rights Victoria reveals that physical, social and psychological abuse against the elderly, including mistreatment and neglect, were the most commonly reported forms of abuse. For free, confidential information on a situation you believe may involve elder abuse, please contact Senior Rights Victoria on 1300 368 821.

For their adult children, the Sandwich Generation needs to make sure that their children understand their superannuation, binding nominations and the insurance components that they are entitled to on permanent disablement or death. Their superannuation is often their biggest asset at this age, and because it is not an estate asset, it does need special attention.

If their adult children have children of their own, then the Sandwich Generation need to speak to their children about who they are appointing as guardians. The Sandwich Generation may not want to be guardians for their grandchildren, for fear of not having the energy or health, or even just not wanting the responsibility. Or it could be the opposite, and the Sandwich Generation want to absolutely be the ones appointed as guardians for their grandchildren. None of this should be assumed, but should be spoken about and planned for.

Finally, for themselves, the Sandwich Generation need to ensure they plan properly to transition into retirement, plan for their own ageing, and make sure that their estate will be inherited by their children in the way that is best protected.

The International Day of Older Persons is an ideal day for awareness, educating yourself about estate planning and aged care, and deciding to not put off the hard topics of discussion anymore.

HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF EDUCATION IN THE ROMSEY AREA

The Victorian Government has allocated \$3.2 million to enhance education in our local area. This includes \$500,000 to explore the possibility of expanding Romsey Primary into a Year 7 and 9 (P-9) school.

The Department of Education wants feedback from our community to understand if there is a need to expand Romsey Primary and are running community consultations from 8 October until 22 October.

There's two ways to have your say

Complete a survey at engage.vic.gov.au/romsey-school-project (between 8-22 October)

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LANCEFIELD SMALL BORE RIFLE CLUB


WON EVERY ROUND

The Lancefield Small Bore Rifle Club members who have been competing in the Target Rifle Victoria 10m supported Air Rifle competition, have successfully defended their 2017 title and also won every round of the competition. Congratulations to Anita, John, Max, Rodger and David!

The Commonwealth Ladies Competition commences in a few weeks and this year clubs enter teams of two shooters, one an experienced shooter and one a novice. If any ladies would like to try the sport and take part in the comp, please contact us. It's a great way to try different shooting disciplines and a commemorative pin will be awarded to all competitors.

The TRV 20m Prone Pennant rounds continue with only another couple of weeks left in this competition. Once this contest is completed the club will hold its Annual General Meeting. The meeting will be on Monday 15th October at 8pm at the Club Rooms. If you would like to come along to this meeting and find out more about the club, please contact our Secretary Max on 54 292259.

Are you are planning on going to the Lancefield Show on Sunday 21st October? Do come and visit our stand and display in the Laurie Green Pavillion. Hope to see you there.



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SPRING IS SPRUNG

As New Yorker Jeremy Shatan's mum used to say when the warm sun of Spring arrived "Spring is Sprung, the grass is ris I wonder where the boidies is...", well the Club has noticed that a number of its "daphnedils" and "johnquils" have bloomed with the warmer weather to boost the fields.

The Club held its' Annual General Meeting first week in September and it is pleasing to note that the Club will now be Piloted by Jodie Kefford with his 1st Officer being Nick Walsh ably assisted by a new Secretary in Brian Moscrop and with continued support from Alan Inman as the Club's Treasurer. Glenn Cook will continue in his role as the Men's Club Captain with Peter Robbins his VC.

The Club has again, under Alan's strong grip on finances and for the 4th year in a row, shown a small profit at EOFY with no outstanding creditors. Alan's Financial Reports presented at the AGM deserve special mention as I am sure any large Company would be in awe at the thoroughness Al brings to his role. Not only does he present a P&L Statement, but we have available charts monitoring progress, forecast analyses on all aspects of the Clubs activities and he is to be commended for guiding the Club through what at times appear to be 'walking on wire' situations throughout the year especially in the winter months. There is value in having an ABN and Al has attended very informative Tax Seminars for Small Business which has again resulted in a major benefit to the Club.

The Ladies this year have a new Captain in Sandra Stevens with Florence Meyer as VC assisting Sandra in her new role. Lyn Murchison continues on as President with Robyn Stevens her VP.

On the golfing side of things – Annual Captain's Trophy winner was Steve Draper and the September Medal Winner was Glenn Cook on a count-back from Barry Brennan.

The Lancefield Ladies continue to present at other Club tournaments with the most successful of these being Jenni

Vennell who has won 'C' Grade at both the Avenel and Broadford tournaments. The September Monthly Medal and Silver Spoon Round 3 Winner was Sheena Carter-Flentjar. The holiday and new house on the horizon has obviously helped Sheena relax into her golf.

The Club has recently held its' "September Stakes" Par 3 Tournament and would like to thank all the Sponsors who contributed to make this another successful day, and our generous friends at Curly Flat Winery.

Our next major events are the Bendigo Bank sponsored Ladies – Mt William Cup Tournament in November, and the 4P Ambrose Tournament in December with an exciting new major sponsorship announcement to be revealed at end October.

The Club which is situated 4 kms from Lancefield proper seems at times to miss out on reaching the general Lancefield community at large. This is a wonderful asset to Lancefield and we are sure some residents, especially newcomers, are not even aware that there is a magnificent professionally maintained 18 hole golf course in existence. In this instance we wish to thank the "Corner Store" for allowing us to place a notice box on its' wall so that we can bring news to the township of what is happening at the Golf Club.

I encourage all of the community to actually take the time to drive up to the course and have a look at what is presented for Lancefield. You don't need to join as a member, you can play socially via the green fees, or if you want to play more often the Club has gift packs of 10 tickets for \$100 which is 50% off the green fees. Golf is a wonderful past-time and it can take you from the age of 8 to 88.

Wishing all the best to the new Committee Members in the new golf season and for everyone -

Good Golfing,
Carole J Mee



WORLD EXPO DAY

A FABULOUS CELEBRATION OF LEARNING

On Wednesday 5th September, there was an excited buzz throughout the school as we celebrated Literacy and Numeracy week by holding our own LPS World Expo! This term classes have studied a country, its culture, food, geographical features, music etc. The countries of Mexico, Canada, Italy, France, Japan, Kenya, and Ireland were represented by classes. Even the office was Switzerland for the day and students enjoyed visiting to have their passport stamped and to buy Swiss chocolate!

Everyone participated in a United Nations Parade of the Nations, with each class performing a song or demonstration representing their country (including sumo wrestling from Japan in a Prep/1 class). Students spent time prior to the day, preparing handmade items to sell at their market stall and on the day, everyone enjoyed boarding their flight, taking their passport and LPS dollars to spend at each market stall.

Staff and students dressed in an amazing array of costumes and outfits to represent a wide range of countries.

Who knows how we can top this in 2019? We already have some ideas! It was a great day full of colour, learning, lots of talk amongst our students and just a fun day all around!



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 3. What is the Japanese art of paper folding called?
 4. 413 divided by 7 = ?
 5. Which insect cannot fly but can jump higher than 30 cms?
 6. Which AFL team colours are blue and red?
 7. Which precious stone is commonly green?
 8. Which has more rain- Melbourne or Sydney?
 9. How many horns does a triceratops have?
 10. Name the country that this flag belongs to.
- Answers on page 30

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Register at playcricket.com.au to receive a Junior Master Blaster pack which includes a t-shirt with your name on it, a bucket hat in your choice of Big Bash team colour, bat and ball, personalised bat sticker and progression tracker. Ages 5-7 and the cost is \$99. It is the official kids program of Cricket Australia. Details from Mark 0419 562 605

READY FOR AXE-TION

The Woodchop is back at this year's Lancefield Show with axemen and women gearing for a huge day of competition.

Last year was the first year that the Central Victorian Axemen's Association (CVAA) held a women's event and they are coming back this year.

Liz Dormontt and the team from Chess Property Consultants are excited to be sponsoring this unique event and creating opportunities for women in what is traditionally a male dominated sport. Look out for Stihl Timbersports Australian Championship competitor and local Adele Deverall, who, together with the CVAA committee has been a driving force behind women's events in the sport.

Adele has been working closely with Stihl Timbersports World Champion Brayden Meyer who will also be cutting to win at Lancefield this year. He will come up against Romsey local and cousin Blake Meyer in the Paul McIntosh Memorial Victorian Title Championship Event, along with Riddell's Creek local David McIntosh.

The Woodchop runs from 10.30am with events every 10 minutes. There's lots to see including Novice and Junior events, Hot Saws and Cross Cut Sawing, Open Handicap events and even a Veteran's event.



Liz Dormontt and 2017 Women's Woodchop winner Maddie Kirley

The Woodchop is one of the many highlights of the Lancefield Show which will be held on Sunday 21st October 2018 at Lancefield Park.

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