

THE LANCEFIELD-KILMORE RAILWAY LINE 1892-1903:
THE UNTOLD STORY

In July 2018 the Romsey, Lancefield & District Historical Society Inc. plan to launch their latest book, *A Pictorial Guide to the Long Lost Lancefield and Kilmore Railway* (continued on page 8).



Broken Bridge was between Lancefield Station and Town Platform (behind Macedonia Hotel).



Embankment was crossing Deep Creek.

ATTENTION PASSENGERS, ALL WELCOME!

The stunning book, A Pictorial Guide to the Long Lost Lancefield Kilmore Railway will be arriving at 10.30 am on Saturday 28th July, 2018 at Red Door Books of Lancefield for purchasing and signing with authors Kylie McKay and Bob Tomkins. These VIP passengers will be departing at 1 pm so be on board!

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GREAT GLOBAL GREYHOUND WALK AT LANCEFIELD

A foggy morning cleared to a cool but sunny and beautiful day for the Great Global Greyhound Walk at Lancefield Park on Sunday 10th June. Over 20 greyhounds, other sighthounds and canine friends enjoyed a walk around the Park followed by morning tea. There was a shorter walk for senior hounds and humans. Thank you to everyone who came along.

Lucky walker and raffle prizes were keenly sought and enjoyed by the winning hounds. Funds raised

will be donated to Greyhound Safety Net. Forty walks were held in Australasia with a total of 1,135 hounds walking. The total for worldwide events was 207 walks and 6,387 hounds participating.

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Next year's walk will be held on Sunday 9th June. Hope to see you there. Kate Christie.



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THE STUDENTS HAVE ENJOYED A VERY BUSY SECOND TERM FILLED WITH MANY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES.

SHC JUNIOR CHEF 2018

Our Year 4's competed in the first SHC Junior Chef competition at Sacred Heart College Kyneton on Tuesday 22nd May. We had two teams compete on the day, our boys team of Evan, Daniel & Dermot (unfortunately Lukas was sick) and our girls team of Ellen, Heidi, Matisse & Emmy. What a great experience it was. Each team had a Yr 11 SHC student assist them as they worked together to produce a pancake stack with a berry sauce in the time allocated. Both our teams did a wonderful job and should be very proud of their amazing efforts. We were very excited to hear that our girls team made it to the Grand Final which was held at Sacred Heart on Wednesday 30th May. Matisse, Ellen, Emmy & Heidi had to make pasta from scratch with a Napoletana Sauce. Heidi & Emmy made the pasta while Ellen & Matisse made the sauce. It was a magnificent effort by the girls who worked really well together as a team. They were efficient with both their communication and skill while using their time effectively. Whilst they didn't win they had a wonderful experience and no doubt have gained new confidence and skills in the kitchen. We thank Sacred Heart for this great initiative and look forward to continuing our relationship with them in the future.

Mrs McDougall began the ceremony by welcoming all in attendance. Then our School Leaders Matilda and Leila explained the purpose of the ceremony and how the Gallipoli Oak Project came about. We were then joined by Mr John Horan a local member of the Romsey / Lancefield RSL who gave us more insight into the First World War and the importance of having the Gallipoli Oak for remembrance. Our other School Leaders, Charlie and Sofia laid the Gallipoli Oak plaque and students and grandparents participated by laying poppies and wreaths during the ceremony. It was a very moving ceremony which concluded with the first verse of Advance Australia Fair.

YEAR 1/2 DINOSAUR EXHIBITION

Both Year 1/2 classes researched and presented information on a dinosaur of their choice as part of their Inquiry Unit. Production of the final piece was left up to the imagination of the children and some fantastic examples of work were created. Students created everything from books of information to posters and puppet plays, cardboard constructions all the way to having a bone Detective who could help identify bones found around the classroom. We had a great response from parents and friends who came to see our displays. Some even attempted to reconstruct a T-Rex skeleton without any instructions and not knowing if all of the pieces were even there!!! It was a fantastic display of how hard both classes worked on these projects and having the school community able to share the experience with us was great!

FAMILY MONTH - BUILDING CONNECTIONS; GROWING TOGETHER

During May at St Mary's we celebrated Family Month. Each week during May we had an event that involved our wider school community. Activities included a Family Mass, Mother's Day Breakfast, Prep & Year 5/6 Buddy Family Lunch and our final event was Grandparents Day. Family month turned out to be a huge success with high attendances for every event. On Grandparents Day we had over 120 grandparents participate, some even travelling from interstate to be there. We would like to thank all our families for helping make Family Month such a success and we look forward to continuing to provide opportunities for them to be more involved in school life in the future.

EUCHARIST

Our Year 4 students along with students from other schools within the Lancefield/Romsey community celebrated their first Eucharist on Sunday 3rd June at St Mary's Church in Lancefield. Congratulations to them all!

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GALLIPOLI OAK CEREMONY

Our Grandparents Day concluded with the much anticipated Gallipoli Oak Ceremony taking place in the school hall. The Gallipoli Oak Project is supported by the National Trust of Victoria. Its aim is to propagate up to 2000 Gallipoli Oak trees, of which we have been lucky enough to receive one. These saplings have been given to Primary Schools in Victoria so that each can become part of William Winter Cooke's story. These trees are grown from acorns taken from the trees that Samuel Winter Cooke planted.



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We applied to get funding for a school Remembrance Garden. The votes are in and we are lucky enough to be finalists in the 2018 Leader Local Grants. We have been invited to attend the Leader Local Grants Awards Breakfast hosted by Nine News program ambassadors Peter Hitchener and Livinia Nixon. The public have now voted for their favourite ideas and this breakfast will bring together the top three finalists from each Leader masthead to announce the 26 winning grant recipients. Leader Community News brings small but important community projects to life with Leader Local Grants presented by the Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation. Winners will be announced at the breakfast on Thursday July 26, so we'll have to keep you posted!



MINI VINNIES WINTER APPEAL

In aid of homelessness, our Mini Vinnies are running a Winter Appeal to gather donations for those doing it tough on the streets. We are asking for donations of:

- Blankets
- Sleeping Bags
- Beanies
- Warm Socks

Do you have any of the above that you no longer use? Could these keep someone in need a little more comfortable throughout our cold winter? If you are able to donate, please drop items at the school office. All donations are appreciated.

ENVIRONMENT GROUP

Our Environment Group have done another session of water testing for Deep Creek at Sheehans Crossing. As part of the River Detectives program we have opted to do this testing once a month throughout the remainder of the year. Our testing shows that the water is very clear and of good quality. Next term we look forward to another excursion to the site to check on the water bugs and the general landscape.

Jo Shannon
Community Liaison Leader

CAN'T SEE THE **WOOD**
FOR THE **TREES?**

We're now in that time of the year when those of us with open fires or wood heaters have got – or should have – our winter supply of firewood. There's nothing more relaxing than sitting in front of the flames and being warmed by the burning wood – and I'm one of the locals who has the enjoyment of a fire. My winter supply of wood is in, and under cover, so I'm right for the colder months. For the rest of you who weren't so diligent, you'd better get moving.

There are three main options for those still needing to stock up on wood – buy some from a local supplier, cut your own if you've got a friend with some bush or paddocks, or get a permit from the Department of Environment, Land, Water & Planning to enable you to cut firewood from public land. Your fourth option is to sneak out without a permit and cut some, but I wouldn't recommend that.

While a lot of people immediately think of red gum, box and ironbark when they want firewood, I prefer our local mixed forest species – messmate, peppermint and candle bark.

You can certainly pay a hefty premium for red gum, and the availability of supply can be variable as access to the

red gum forests up on the Murray progressively tightens. A friend who cuts and sells a lot of messmate out of the Cobaw Ranges to the Melbourne market has no trouble moving it. His business peaked last winter when the red gum supplies ran out, and many of those customers liked what they saw of our Lancefield wood and now prefer it to red gum.

My winter supply of wood has been harvested from the Cobaws again this year. As well as the pleasure of the open fire at home, I enjoy the opportunity of getting out in the bush and cutting, splitting and hauling the wood myself.

The Cobaw Forest is my favourite area of the Macedon Ranges Shire, and I've said before that it's one of the hidden jewels in our municipality.

We obviously need to remember that we share the forests with our native wildlife, and ensure that we leave enough stumps, hollow logs and partly-rotted trunks dotted through the bush for the lizards, small marsupials, insects and birds.

So, enjoy the winter – and get your wood in before it's too late.

Cr Henry Bleeck

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This book is the combined effort of two well-known local amateur historians, Kylie McKay and Bob Tomkins. Kylie is a familiar face around the town as a volunteer at the Historical Society. She enjoys restoring and digitising old photographs, photographing old or ruined buildings, as well as documenting and recording events of historical significance. Her skill as a photographer was the impetus for her becoming involved in this project. Bob is a railway buff who has travelled on some of the world's most famous trains including the 'Flying Scotsman'. Bob and Kylie have traced the history and physical footprint of the long lost Lancefield-Kilmore Railway line. They have dedicated their time and energy over two years to researching and preparing this book to share the information with locals and visitors alike.

Private railways began in Victoria in 1854 when the Sandridge (Port Melbourne) line first carried freight and passengers between the port and the city. Lines to St Kilda, South Yarra, Essendon, Lilydale, Bendigo and Echuca were all constructed between 1860 and the early 1880s. Melbourne's railway system was built to a radial pattern which in turn reflected the pattern of suburban development. Clusters of businesses and houses grew up around individual railway stations. The Victorian Railways' attempts to vary the radial pattern resulted in the Inner Circle and Outer Circle lines. The short-lived Inner Circle (Fitzroy-Carlton) and the Outer Circle line in Kew failed to attract passengers and they became known as 'white elephants'. The Lancefield-Kilmore line eventually suffered the same fate. However, after years of neglect, the Inner and Outer Circles were eventually acknowledged for their social and cultural significance and included on their local heritage overlays.

The Lancefield-Kilmore line was created though the

Victorian Government's Railway Construction Act (No. 821) 1884 which authorised the construction of 66 railway lines throughout Victoria. The 1884 Act quickly acquired the nickname 'the Octopus Act' due to Thomas Bent, Commissioner of Railways in the O'Loughlen government during 1881-83. Bent brought in the first 'Octopus' bill, promising lines to all electorates in order to gain political support. He achieved the duplication of the Brighton line in 1882, so essential to the pace of his own subdivisions. In 1890-92, while the first stage of the depression crippled land speculators, Bent was chairman of the Railways Standing Committee which was ostensibly engaged in pruning expenditure. It is apparent, however that he and other politicians intended, through public spending, to benefit privately themselves. While the line is now largely considered to have been a 'white elephant', the untold story of the ill-fated and short-lived Lancefield-Kilmore line is of great interest to local residents of Lancefield and Kilmore.

Many of the cross-country lines created by the 1884 Act were established to link one major route to another, and this intention is apparent in the Lancefield-Kilmore line. It was planned to join the northern and north-eastern main railways, providing a cross-country feeder service. At the time it was created, trains ran from the city to Lancefield Junction (now Clarkefield), and it made sense to extend the route to Lancefield township, then across to the hub of Kilmore, with its trains to Sydney. One of the arguments put forward in favour of creating this new line was that railways could operate summer and winter; bullock teams took weeks to deliver goods and produce, whereas trains took only days. Bullock teams suffered along the slow dusty tracks in the heat of summer and struggled in the boggy, muddy

ground all winter. Trains were relatively safe and reliable, and opportunities to deliver produce quickly from the rural north into Melbourne was certainly the greatest impetus for its construction. As the authors of this book write, 'every agricultural community wanted access to a railway' and that is what Lancefield and Kilmore got. Construction of the 18.5 mile Lancefield-Kilmore Line cost nearly £118,000. There were five stations on the line: Mt William, Goldie, Springfield, High Park and Forbes.

The first passengers boarded their train on 6 April 1892. Apart from the terminal stations of Lancefield and Kilmore, the four stations at Mt William, Goldie, Springfield and Forbes were ready for operation when the station opened. The fifth station, High Park, was added on 22 August 1892. Six gate-keepers cottages were built and the line had 15 standard light rails, spaced sleepers and minimal ballast. A regular service continued until 1 June 1897 when the line was closed due to lack of business. However, this was not the end of the line!

At the request of local residents, special trips at irregular intervals were run for the transport of local produce but the trains only stopped at Mt William and Goldie Stations. An article titled 'Short-Lived Cross Country Lines' in the July 1956 edition of the Victorian Railways Newsletter, features significant information about this irregular service. Only three years after its closure in 1897 the Lancefield-Kilmore Line re-opened for regular traffic on 6 February 1900, although only on one day per week. Special 'extra local' rates were charged for the carriage of goods in 1900. Once again, the line was deemed unprofitable to the Department of Railways and unsatisfactory to the district. Once again, on 15 July 1903, the line was closed to railway traffic and

the railway Commissioners recommended that the entire railway line be dismantled. This did not occur until after a Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways, dated 12 May 1909, also recommended that the line be dismantled. The Newsletter article also notes that Mr Charles Gavan Duffy, public servant and later solicitor, made many trips on the Lancefield-Kilmore line with his father, then the Member for Kilmore, Dalhousie and Lancefield.

Interesting details about the nature of each station are revealed within this informative Pictorial Guide. Statistics and descriptions of building design, the presence of gate-keepers, the fall of the land, gradients, crossings, curves, signals and other essential information is contained within the Guide. The book has been written for locals and train-buffs alike to explore this long-forgotten line. I know that on my last trip to Kilmore, I began to see the route from Lancefield to Kilmore through different eyes. Kylie and Bob have exhaustively researched every aspect of this former train line, creating a guide that is illustrated, easy to follow and instructive. While some of the hidden remnants of the railway – mounds, lines and other markers are still visible – many, of course, cannot be seen by the motorist driving along the Kilmore road! Indeed, the significance of the remnants provokes the question – are these remnants listed in the local Heritage overlay and if not why not?

I encourage all local residents to seek out and purchase a copy of A Pictorial Guide to the Long Lost Lancefield and Kilmore Railway and in doing so, support our local historical society.

Fay Woodhouse

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Come along and give us a try!



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- Wednesday 4th July – Watergardens Lunch Christmas in July.
- Wednesday 1st August – Bendigo Op Shops Lunch Schwepes Stadium.
- Wednesday 5th September – Telecommunication Centre Lunch Riversdale Hotel.
- Wednesday 3rd October – Melbourne Zoo BYO Lunch.
- Wednesday 7th November – The Iris Gully Lunch Rushworth Hotel Whroo open cut mine.
- Wednesday 3rd December – Xmas Lunch venue TBA.



LANCEFIELD COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

MACHU PICCHU

At our last meeting we learnt a lot more about Peru. Peru is the international country of study of the CWA for 2018. We thank Sandra Stevens our international officer for her excellent research. Below are some interesting facts about Machu Picchu – the lost city of the Incas.

A UNESCO Heritage site listed in 2007 and is one of the seven wonders of the world. It was built at the height of the Inca empire between the 15th and 16th centuries. It was abandoned 100 years after its construction about the time the Spanish began their conquest. The Spanish never reached the citadel – it is felt the area was deserted due to a smallpox outbreak. Machu Picchu was rediscovered in 1911 by Hiram Bingham. It is the main tourist attraction in Peru. The name means old mountain or old peak. It is the best example of engineering without the use of iron tools. Six hundred terraces prevent the city from sliding down the mountain. We hope to bring you further information about all things Peruvian next month.

LIGHT UP THE ROAD

Winter is here... the days are short. Many of us are now leaving and returning in the dark for our commute to work or school. Now is a good time to consider how visible you are on the road to other users. This applies whether you are driving a car, walking or riding a bike or horse. For cyclists in particular it is important that we make ourselves as visible as possible. This means always carrying lights and many of our local community now use flashing front and rear lights every time they ride a bike, day or night.

What you wear is important. Do you realise how difficult it can be to see a cyclist without lights and wearing dark clothing during the day? It's that time of year where many of our tree lined roads are in shadow at various times of the day. Are you really as visible as you think?

No matter how you use the road, you need to be responsible for making yourself visible to other road users. After all, no one wants to run over a cyclist or to be knocked off a bike - so let's light up on the road!

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NEW ACTIVITIES

It can be hard to entice a yoga teacher to travel to Lancefield on a cold winter's night to teach a small class and we have not been able to offer yoga for the past few months. We have however recently been approached by two local people to run restorative yoga and one of them, John Nish, will be running two restorative yoga classes a week at the House. John is a new resident of Lancefield and has a fascinating background of growing up amongst the Buddhist temples of Sri Lanka. He started his yoga journey in 2009 after a sporting injury led him to seek yoga as a form of rehabilitation. The classes are \$10 each and will be run on Saturday mornings and Thursday evenings.

Sourdough bread making, Breathwork workshops and soap making are also on offer at the House over the next few months. For more information, or to make a booking, phone us on 54291214, drop into the House at 78 High Street or The Townhouse at 34 High Street or visit the web site – www.lancefield.org.au/lancefieldhouse.

FEED IT FORWARD

Our Feed it Forward, (Lancefield and Romsey), project is a generosity food movement which is going to be set up in

stages. The aims of the project are;

- Encouraging generosity through food
- Reducing food wastage
- Encouraging 'sense of community'
- Promoting community health, wellbeing and skills
- Supporting people in need of assistance

Our first shared meal is planned for Wednesday 26 September, this is an opportunity to find out more about the project and share a delicious meal. Prior to the meal we would like to connect with anyone who is interested in being a 'generosity gardener' which means planting extra in your garden from a list of produce we will need in the future for our community 'cook ups'. Excess harvest will also be collected for the 'cook ups' and used for distribution as fresh food or pre-cooked meals. For more information about the project contact the House – an outline of the project can be found on the website.

COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

Our transport trial has been very successful and we are continuing the project – matching drivers to people

who need a lift to a medical or other appointment. The group is in the process of applying for funding to develop this initiative and to hopefully find funds to offer more reimbursement of costs to drivers.

We would love some more volunteer drivers – maybe you have a regular trip where you can include a passenger or you like driving and being able to help people. Fuel costs and any other related expenses incurred are covered. To register as a driver contact the Lancefield or Romsey Neighbourhood House.

FAMILIES IN LANCEFIELD

Deanne from Cobaw has been meeting with families for several months and collecting information from a survey she is conducting.

New programs for children and parents will start shortly based on the information Deanne has been collecting. To be kept up-to-date with this leave your details on the list which you can do via phoning the House on 5429 1214, emailing lancefieldhouse@tpg.com.au or on the website www.lancefieldhouse@tpg.com.au

This can also be done for a new arts and culture group which is being organised - register your interest so we can let you know how this is proceeding.

LONG SERVICE LEAVE

I have been working as the Coordinator of the Lancefield Neighbourhood House for 17 years and am making the most of the opportunity to use my long service leave for a three month holiday. Deb Bailey, with the support of other committee members, will be covering my role while I'm away.

After being in this job for so many years there are a lot of details that I don't even realise I need to pass on. If there are any frustrating oversights please be supportive of Deb as she settles into the position.

I'm looking forward to my holiday but also to being back in this fabulous community in time for our first Feed it Forward meal and the Lancefield Show.

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TOOBORAC ROAD PROPOSAL

Mitchell Shire Council are considering approval of a development 7km north of Lancefield.

The plan is causing great concern amongst the local residents who have many reasons to oppose the development. We understand the local CFA have also expressed concern to Council about the inappropriate congregation of large numbers of people in an area of known bushfire risk.

The plan proposes housing 1,000 people on a 54 hectare forested site in a farming zone, with a Bushfire, Environmental, and Salinity Management Overlays despite the lack of water supply or sewage on the property. In addition to bushfire safety and environmental concerns, the proposal would result in a quadrupling of peak traffic volume on a road that is already struggling to accommodate existing traffic.

The proposed development is said to be based on the existing Belgrave Heights Convention Centre located in the outer suburbs of Melbourne. However, unlike Nulla Vale, Belgrave Heights has water, sewage, is serviced by a developed transport network and is not in a high danger bushfire zone. If this proposal goes ahead the hills will be alive with the sounds of amplified broadcasts from 9am til 9pm followed by the post-event rumble of heavy garbage trucks clearing dumpsters of rubbish.

For more information, contact Chris Gadsden on 0417 340034 or email sunkenjam@spin.net.au

THE FOLLOWING SUMMARISES THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:

Planning Proposal for Camping Ground / Convention Centre at 585 Lancefield Tooborac Road

A 50% population increase – a proposal for 1,000 visitors represents a 50% increase on the population of Lancefield in a farming zone with no infrastructure.

Not a good planning outcome.

Fire Danger, Evacuation Risk - The property is in a high fire danger zone with a bushfire overlay. The proposed development has an inadequate defendable area, and has only one point of access / egress. The stated peak usage times are in high fire danger periods and it is anticipated around 300 visitors vehicles will be on-site.

Not only will the evacuation risk for patrons be unacceptable, but the safety of surrounding residents will be totally compromised by the volume of traffic escaping on a single lane road that is our only escape route, and which has other roads (eg Hardings Road) feeding onto it. How can these risks to human life, visitors and residents alike, be acceptable?

Truck vs. Caravan – The proposal to share site access with a quarry will pit heavily laden articulated trucks on a mission with drivers towing caravans.

Not a good mix.

Quadruple Peak Hour – Peak hour will be increased four-fold, when the road is barely adequate now. Is this why we live in the country?

Twelve hours of amplified bliss – Amplification to cater for 1,000 people from 9am to 9pm. Ahhh, listen to the serenity! This is not in keeping with the rural character.

Cobaw quicksand to Cobaw sewer – Notoriously fragile topsoil on a renowned subterranean water system. How can this be suitable for returning the effluent of 1,000 people to the land?

When it's dry up here... it's dry. We rely on the springs to feed our dams for much of the year. It is a limited resource.

Potential environmental issues include felling of trees, effects on nature corridors and native wildlife during the development stage and during periods of use.

It will be made much worse by this proposal.

High density housing – In this area there is typically one house on a minimum of 40 hectares. The proposal for 35 cabins, 26 caravans, 45 camp-sites together with associated halls and toilet blocks that can potentially be used 365 days a year can only be described as high-density. How can this be appropriate or fair to existing residents?

Farming Zone – This is a Farming Zone. The proposed use is entirely contrary to the intended usage in this area.

A complete rejection of this proposal is the only acceptable response

AN ARTICLE FOR THE PARK FROM FRED

Catcher in the Wry

I'm glad to see the level of discussion and debate ignited by the ball catching episode with the football safety nets. (We are not allowed to torque about mark - confidential.)

Keep the eye on the ball not *man!* Focus on priorities, process, procedure not personality.

Our greatest community gifts are our common grounds and absolute commitment to transparency and clarity in matters of public interest. The magnificent generational upgrades to Park facilities have not been matched by similar upgrade to our over stretched admin and maintenance arms. The body politic would suggest common sense should prevail and that what normally happens is harmonious relationships comes to a simmer and that due consideration is made to remediate the situation and ensure sustainable future for park patrons, users and dedicated sponsors and supporters alike.

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I am here not talking about big business and international trade, where wealth often flows to other countries and which is influenced by politicians and governments. I like to write about small local businesses, run by Papas and Mamas. In many countries the country markets are also a social event. Most people like interaction with others, they like to have contact with friends. Although sometimes the price can be lower in a supermarket, customers like to know the producer or supplier. Supermarkets are impersonal. That is the reason why farmer's markets have become more popular lately.

In the olden days one could travel by train to Lancefield. Nowadays you can travel in an airconditioned bus, even with wheelchair access. History is interesting but to be successful in business, one has to be the best. Businesses grow because they look towards the future and leave the past behind.

In Lancefield most businesses are small, but small business creates the bulk of employment and what is more it keeps wealth in our area. Without wealth we can't pay for

our bread and butter. That is the reason why Lancefield's businesses are important.

Some people notice opportunities that others don't see. Think of the Bendigo Bank when it opened its office in Lancefield. Look at it now, or look at our local IGA, butcher, the successful op-shop, the art gallery and the book shop, see our fruit and vegetable shed in new hands. The petrol station has new pumps and its petrol is often cheaper than somewhere else. I can get a pizza on Sundays, I can go a bit further to Cleveland Winery or the Glen Erin winery. On the way home you can get a drink and more to eat at the renovated Lancefield Hotel. And now the public toilets are spick and span again. Lancefield is such a gorgeous place!

Of course a business is the responsibility of its owner, but the only security he or she has comes from satisfied customers. Government and the law should stay as much as possible out of business and only protect us against misdeeds. If you have to wait for Government-handouts, you will get old while waiting.

Thriving businesses make a town prosper and if you don't take a risk, you do nothing. Moreover if a town stands still, it goes backwards. That's why it is important to support our local businesses.

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Similarly, we compliment God when we flee to Him with our worldly woes and our fears promptly vanish because we are confident in His safe presence. God is glorified when we are at peace - completely assured that nothing can harm us.

The Lord is my light and my salvation: whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life: of whom shall I be afraid? Psalm 27:1

On the other hand, we can conclude God is 'not' glorified when we don't trust Him and remain scared when He has assured us there is nothing to fear. (Isaiah 43:1, 2)

What things are presently worrying us: the uncertain future; hostile people; health issues? In this world there is unquestionably a lot one can worry about. God knows all our problems and is waiting for us to place them in His capable hands. He has the ability to turn bad things into good.

Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand. Isaiah 41:10
We either choose to keep our fears or hand them to God. Our



peace of mind will be determined by which option we select.

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of sound mind. 2 Timothy 1:7

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BRIGHT LIGHTS AT THE TENNIS CLUB!

We would like to announce our fabulous new partnership with Sonaray Australia. Sonaray are the exciting sponsors of our new innovative tennis court lighting system which will be in progress by the time this goes to press. Sonaray specialize in low energy use outdoor lighting systems and have just won several awards at the 2018 Good Design Awards in Sydney. We are looking forward to new and brighter lights during night competition and coaching. For more information, please check them out: <https://www.sonaray.com.au/>

Lancefield Tennis Club would also like to thank Beau Ferguson for his help measuring light poles etc. in preparation for quotes for new lighting.

Finally, this month we would also like to thank the Lancefield CWA for their generous cheque for junior players. This cheque helped pay for junior awards at the end of last tennis season.

Stay tuned for the Sonaray Light It Up season opener!

LANCEFIELD GOLF REPORT

EXTREME WEATHER COSTLY

Over the past number of months quite a bit has happened on course. Extreme weather conditions saw many trees felled not only on the course but in the whole district. Congratulations to the ground staff and other members who jumped in at a moment's notice and helped move all the felled trees and rubbish. Russell Barclay personally cleared well over 100 trailer loads and we managed to get the Council on board to assist with mulching all the stockpiles some of which had been sitting there for nearly 2 years. The Council have since audited all the trees on the course and work has commenced in removing several for safety reasons.

Our small regular band of volunteers were happy to welcome two more to their group these past months which is making the work of keeping the course in tip top shape a little bit easier. Not so long ago our sole professional greenkeeper David Brown had an uphill battle trying to keep things ship shape for the 18 holes and surrounds especially in the growing months where mowing happens every day. Now with this extra help the course has gone from strength to strength. The condition and presentation

of the course we believe has led to the Club signing 16 new memberships since September.

The automatic sprinkler units have now been raised above ground onto poles and the Club is presently running a 'Golden Brick' fundraiser with all monies raised going towards the next project of 'watering of the fairways'. The monies raised so far will see the first 2 fairways commenced in early Spring.

The Pennant Season is well underway with the Mens and Ladies teams all faring well to date and hopefully will see some teams reach the finals.

Our next social event is 'Christmas Eve' on the 30th June with our incomparable - Jodie Kefford providing excellent entertainment for all. Thank you to all our members who have quickly jumped on board to make this a sell-out night.

With Winter just around the corner the Club will experience a mass exodus of its members as they head north in their caravans whilst the hardiest of us stay home to battle it out on the course through wind and rain.

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QUARTER OF A CENTURY CELEBRATION

Glen Erin at Lancefield has reached an exciting milestone – celebrating 25 years of delivering exceptional service and hospitality to the Macedon Ranges area.

From humble beginnings as a cellar door in a tin shed, to a small restaurant, followed by an accommodation wing, then a modern 4.5 star conference facility and wedding venue, Glen Erin has grown with the Macedon Ranges community as well as employing many in the local community.

Glen Erin has taken great pride in being part of the special occasions of its guests. One local family has celebrated their children's 18th and 21st birthday parties, their wedding day, grand-children's christenings and 40th and 50th birthday functions over the past 25 years. This proud tradition of offering exceptional service and hospitality will continue into the future.

To celebrate a Quarter Century in operation Glen Erin will be offering a 25% special off your food bill in the restaurant on Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th July. Come join Glen Erin with your family and friends to celebrate.

Glen Erin is also taking the opportunity to relaunch

the restaurant and lounge bar, which will be known as Restaurant @ Glen Erin, from 1st July.

The restaurant and lounge bar offer a great range of dining experiences, from a simple bar menu, to a light tapas menu and an a la carte dining experience catering to all palates. There are also a range of dining settings from sitting in front of the open fire in cellar door, to reclining in the sofas in our lounge bar or the option of dining inside in front of the fires during winter months or on the terrace during warmer months.

Restaurant @ Glen Erin and Lounge Bar are open on Fridays for dinner (from 6pm), Saturday for lunch (from midday) and dinner (from 6pm) and Sunday and public holidays for lunch (from midday)

The tapas menu is available Friday, Saturday and Sunday while the bar menu is available Saturday & Sunday (from 12 to 5pm). The Glen Erin Cellar Door is open Saturday & Sunday from 10am to 5pm.

The Restaurant @ Glen Erin offers a relaxed and peaceful country ambience, nestled among an inviting vineyard setting.



Glen Erin at Lancefield - Quarter Century Celebrations & Re-Launch

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Our restaurant and lounge bar offer a great range of dining experiences, from a simple bar menu, to a light tapas menu and finally to our a la carte dining experience catering to all palates.

- A la carte & tapas menu are available Friday, Saturday & Sunday
- Bar menu is available Saturday & Sunday (from 12.00 to 5.00pm)
- Cellar Door is open Saturday & Sunday (from 10.00am to 5.00pm)



To celebrate a Quarter Century in operation Glen Erin will be offering **25% off your food bill in the restaurant on Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th July.** Enjoy with family and friends.

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MEN'S SHED

Some years ago the Lancefield Neighbourhood House identified the need for the men of the district to share time, friendship and experience in a friendly and welcoming space. The result, after much community debate, including widespread support and some opposition, was the establishment of the Lancefield Neighbourhood House Men's Shed.

It has now been in operation for a good number of years and draws its membership from men in the districts of Lancefield and Romsey

The prime focus of our group is to provide a friendly and supportive place for men to meet, to participate in projects and to make links with our local community. Membership is open to all men in our area. It is a non-profit making organisation. Cost of membership is \$20, of which \$5 is towards affiliation with the Neighbourhood House. The balance is used to maintain the needs of 'the Shed' such as tool purchase, maintenance etc.

With winter well and truly here, the Shed is making sure its members keep warm and continue to enjoy delicious and warming Wednesday lunches, as well as good conversation and friendly faces!

Why not consider joining us from 10 am each week?

We continue to be busy with local community requests. Our past activities have been the 'Kids in Sheds' projects with Lancefield, St Mary's and Romsey Primary Schools, jumps and seats for the equestrian groups, megafauna dinosaur construction, bird houses, a 'Women in the Workshop' activity where interested women learned to use small equipment and tools to complete a small project or repair, and numerous other projects.

Until Romsey Men's Shed is established, we would welcome any interested men who would like to gain a feel for how our shed operates and offer our support in any way to assist the formation of the Romsey Shed.

'The Shed' is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10am to 4pm. Working days are Tuesday and Thursday; lunch and friendship day is Wednesday.

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COUNCIL ADOPTS 2018/19 BUDGET

An unexpected cash windfall of \$465,000 in federal government grants was allocated to a range of community plans and projects when Macedon Ranges Shire Council met to adopt its 2018/19 budget.

The 2018/19 Budget Report was adopted with minor amendments, including allocation of the extra \$365,000 in general federal grants and \$100,000 federal roads grants provided to Council after the initial draft budget was released. Council decided to use the additional funds for a range of initiatives including: • \$200,000 for a new roof and other improvement works to the historic Kyneton Museum • \$130,000 for additional road works in Edgecombe Street, Kyneton • \$20,000 for community advocacy and engagement regarding the Macedon Ranges Sports Precinct project in New Gisborne • A reduction in fees for visitors to Kyneton Museum. Council also removed the \$15,000 allocation in the draft budget to fund a review of Local Law No. 10 regarding motorised recreational vehicles. Council will now allocate the \$15,000 to the existing Council funding program Places for People.

The budget provides more than \$80 million towards delivering services and projects to local communities within the imposed 2.25 per cent rate cap.

Budget initiatives include upgrades to Gisborne and Kyneton tennis clubs, the demolition of the old squash courts in Woodend, improvements to Lauriston Hall and township planning work for Romsey and Gisborne. Waste charges, which are separate from rates and exempt from the rates cap, cover Council collection of kerbside garbage, recycling and green waste.

Council's waste charge will be increased due to higher charges passed on by contractors due to the additional cost of providing the recycling service.

The Budget Report 2018/19, Strategic Resource Plan and Council Plan 2017-2027 (Year 2) form part of Council's overall planning, reporting and accountability framework.

The three documents will be able to be viewed online at mrsc.vic.gov.au/plan-and-budget or at a Council service centre (in Gisborne, Kyneton, Romsey or Woodend) in coming days.

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DREAM BIG

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"We're keen to support projects that either make community buildings easier to use or enhance social outcomes – so projects might focus on improving outcomes around gender, ability, sexuality, race, poverty or age. I'd urge anyone with an idea who is curious about whether we can help them, to come to the launch to find

out more. Our team will be able to offer immediate feedback on potential ideas, which is invaluable," she said.

PREVIOUS PROJECTS

Previous projects funded through the program include:

- fitness equipment along the Campaspe River Trail
- interpretative signage acknowledging Dja Dja Wurrung history and culture at Woodend Children's Park
- kitchen upgrade at Tylden Community Hall
- fitness zone at Riddells Creek park
- plaques for the Romsey historical sites
- master planning for Bald Hill Reserve
- development of the 'Discover Historic Kyneton' booklet and map to highlight historical places in Kyneton.

Eligible local community groups with ideas for place making projects are encouraged to develop their projects over the coming weeks, read through the guidelines and discuss their ideas with Council. Applications close Monday 23 July 2018. For more information, including forms, program guidelines, previous recipients and more, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/places-for-people.

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THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT TO CONVICT OF SIN

Jesus, not long before He was to suffer death upon the Cross, comforted His disciples when they were distressed because He told them He would be leaving them to return to His Father in heaven. He promised them that when He left, His Holy Spirit would come in His place to fill them and empower them to do His work in the world. One of the works of the Holy Spirit is to convict the world - us - of SIN. We are all born with the inherent disease of SIN and grow up not realising its consequences - eternal death. It is the work of the Holy Spirit to make us aware of our dire condition and to desire the cure.

What is the *sin* God condemns? It is the sin of *unbelief* (John 16:9). *We can't accept we are sinners and often trust in our good deeds to find acceptance with God. We live in a fool's paradise!*

God Himself has provided the cure in the Person of Jesus Christ. So, it is up to us to put our faith and trust in Him Who died on the Cross in our place that we might be

"cleansed, restored, forgiven."

To know Christ and to be found in Him surpasses all knowledge and understanding.

"To Christ Who won for sinners grace - By bitter grief and anguish sore,

Be praise from all the ransomed race - For ever and forever more." Isaac Watts.

SUCCESSFUL FUND-RAISERS

Two successful fund-raisers were held last month - the Pie Drive and Street Stall. Many thanks to the organisers and to all who supported them and made them so very worthwhile.

On a sad, yet joyful note, we learnt of the death of Mrs. Florence - (Flo to us) Carter. Joyful, because she is now free of all the earthly impairments which marred her life over the last eighteen months. Flo contributed much to the life of our Parish of St. Paul's Romsey and especially the

Guild of which she was President. Flo. lived a full and many faceted life. Flo was given to much hospitality in her much loved home of "Claverdon House" which she, and we, all enjoyed. The Men's Group enjoyed many a happy snooker night there. Flo dearly loved and cared for her late husband, Bob and her family, and was a passionate Monarchist and fondly remembered her home city of Oxford..... Flo's well attended funeral service was held at St. Paul's Anglican Church Gisborne. Vale, good and faithful servant!

JULY 2018 DIARY

Our Bible Studies continue in St. Paul's 2nd Letter to the Corinthians. *Never too late to join* at Christ Church Lancefield 10.30am each Tuesday (Holidays excepted). Because of the school holidays there will be a break of two weeks. Resumes July 17th - Unit 8. July 24th - Unit 9.

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NEW MINISTER

Our Locum Minister, Rev. Heather Vander Reest will finish her ministry with us on Sunday, 8th July. 2018. We will welcome the Rev. Judi Pollard on Sunday, 22nd July as our longer term minister.

Correspondent Doreen Morgan

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Our Birds: Nilimurrungu Wayin Malanyha- by Siena Stubbs. RRP \$17.99

A delightful gift book of birds from around Yirrkala, which is Siena's home in North-east Arnhem Land. Our Birds includes beautifully captured landscapes from a child's perspective.

When Siena was 12, she took up photography on her iPad, but was gifted a camera from her aunty. In a short period of time, Siena was an avid photographer and had published her own book

of birds, described in both English and Yolŋu. This book is the result of that inspiration.



Land of the Brolga People- by Percy Trezise. RRP \$14.99

The children of the Kadimakara have faced starvation and death, but there are more dangers ahead ... Jadiana, Lande and Jalmor rescued Wongabel from the Snake Men.

They have travelled safely through the Land of the Kangaroo People to deliver Wongabel safely home to her people.

The three Kadimakara children stay with the Brolga People, resting and playing games, before they take up their journey once more.

As they travel through the Land of the Barramundi People, Jadiana points out the great, red sandstone mountain called Narabullgan which was made by Goorialla the Rainbow Serpent as he travelled north in Dreamtime. Jadiana tells them the story of the mountain and the Goanna Brothers.

As they make camp for the night, a huge Wanambi

snake attacks, but Jadiana spears it just in time. As they go to sleep a large comet comes from the south and Jadiana says it is Goorialla, lighting the way to their home in the north.



Big Fella Rain- by Beryl Webber. RRP \$17.99

Big Fella Rain is a celebration of northern Australia as animals, birds, trees and a parched earth await the first rain. It is almost as if country stands

still as the sparse yet evocative text pays homage to the transition from dry season to wet season in a country that is like no other place in the world. Fern Martins illustrations seamlessly portray the dramatic skies, the thirsty animals and tiny creatures whose very existence rely on the monsoonal changes.

Her exquisite rendering of the big landscape against the subtle shifts in the environment have a timeless quality that will capture the hearts of all readers.

Included on the Children's Book Council of Australia 2018 Notables list. Age range 3 – 8.



Welcome to Country- by Marcia Langton. RRP \$39.99

Tourism Australia statistics show that many overseas tourists, as well as Australians, are keen to learn more about Australia's first peoples. And while the Indigenous tourism industry continues to grow, no comprehensive travel guide is currently

available. Marcia Langton: Welcome to Country is a curated guidebook to Indigenous Australia and the Torres Strait Islands. In its pages, respected Elder and author Professor Marcia Langton offers fascinating insights into Indigenous languages and customs, history, native title, art and dance, storytelling, and cultural awareness and etiquette for visitors. There is also a directory of Indigenous tourism experiences, organised by state or territory, covering galleries and festivals, national parks and museums, communities that are open to visitors, as well as tours

and performances. This book is essential for anyone travelling around Australia who wants to learn more about the culture that has thrived here for over 50,000 years. It also offers the chance to enjoy tourism opportunities that will show you a different side of this fascinating country - one that remains dynamic, and is filled with openness and diversity.



Growing Up Aboriginal in Australia- by Anita Heiss. RRP \$29.99

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BOOK REVIEWS

What is it like to grow up Aboriginal in Australia? This anthology, compiled by award-winning author Anita Heiss, showcases many diverse voices, experiences and stories in order to answer that question. Accounts from well-known authors and high-profile identities sit alongside those from newly discovered writers of all ages. All of the contributors speak from the heart - sometimes calling for empathy, oftentimes challenging stereotypes, always demanding respect. This groundbreaking collection will enlighten, inspire and educate about the lives of Aboriginal

people in Australia today. Contributors include- Tony Birch, Deborah Cheetham, Adam Goodes, Terri Janke, Patrick Johnson, Ambelin Kwaymullina, Jack Latimore, Celeste Liddle, Amy McQuire, Kerry Reed-Gilbert, Miranda Tapsell, Jared Thomas, Aileen Walsh, Alexis West, Tara June Winch, and many, many more.

Aboriginal Biocultural Knowledge in South-eastern Australia- by Fred Cahir, Ian Clark and Philip Clarke. RRP \$69.95

Indigenous Australians have long understood sustainable hunting and harvesting, seasonal changes in flora and fauna,

predator-prey relationships and imbalances, and seasonal fire management. Yet the extent of their knowledge and expertise has been largely unknown and under-appreciated by non-Aboriginal colonists, especially in the south-east of Australia where Aboriginal culture was severely fractured. Aboriginal Biocultural Knowledge in South-eastern Australia is the first book to examine historical records from early colonists who interacted with south-eastern Australian Aboriginal communities and documented their understanding of the environment, natural resources such as water

and plant and animal foods, medicine and other aspects of their material world. This book provides a compelling case for the importance of understanding Indigenous knowledge, to inform discussions around climate change, biodiversity, resource management, health and education. It will be a valuable reference for natural resource management agencies, academics in Indigenous studies and anyone interested in Aboriginal culture and knowledge.



THE MOUNT PLAYERS HAPPENINGS

RACING ALONG

Our theatrical year is racing along! Into July already and looking forward to our One Act Play Festival on 7/8 July. Come for a session or make a weekend of it. Tickets on sale at venue. Enjoy a variety of short plays presented by visiting theatre companies from far and wide. Food, refreshments and bar facilities available.

Auditions for The Taming of The Shrew, a Shakespeare comedy, will take place at our theatre on Friday 20 July @ 7.30pm & Saturday 21 July at 2 pm. Performances November 9 - December 1 (10 performances). For full details of characters, script and to book an audition contact Director, Drew Mason on 9382 6284 or drew.mason@optusnet.com.au

Go to our website themountplayers.com for synopsis and

characters required.

Our August musical, Les Miserables, is in full rehearsal with an incredible amount of work going into set building, orchestral work and costumes! This is going to be magnificent and patrons will not be disappointed with the level of talent gathered for this moving production. An unprecedented number of tickets have been sold with all 20 shows a sellout! An extra matinee has now gone on sale but you'll have to be quick. Go to our website to book. For general enquiries call 5426 1892.

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IT FELL OFF THE BACK OF A TRUCK

Lancefield Police are looking for owners for some quite expensive property that has been handed in.

The first item does appear to have fallen off the back of a tradies ute or similar. It is a trade quality drill in a case with assorted accessories. It was found on Beckermans Lane on 27 April.

If you know of anyone who lost a drill off their ute and possibly thought it was stolen, never to be seen again, get them to give me a call at Lancefield. If they can correctly identify the make and details of the item concerned, accessories etc it will be returned to them.

The second item is also quite expensive, it is an Apple Ipad that was found on 4 May outside the Weigard Building. Once again if you can identify this item as being yours by its description and the information contained on it, it will be returned.

FARM THEFTS

In the past it has been very difficult to secure farms given that open shedding is the norm and securing these areas can be a problem. Recently I had a local farmer come in with CCTV footage of a vehicle that attended his property while he was away. The clarity was excellent and the registration number of the vehicle and the occupants could be clearly seen. This vehicle checked out as being harmless but it emphasized the effectiveness of modern technology in detecting crime and apprehending offenders.

In days gone by technology was too cumbersome and difficult and the quality was poor. These days it is simple and much more effective and quite easy to set up a security system on your property. They are self maintaining and record to a hard drive that is wiped clean after a period and then commence recording again.

You can even check the feed from the cameras on your mobile phone. It may not be everyone's cup of tea but it is certainly worth considering.

NUMBER PLATE THEFTS

This is becoming a bit of a trend in recent times. We have not had many in our area but it certainly an issue at Railway Station car parks and public and private car parking areas. The plates are often used in the commission of offences or just to avoid paying tolls or registration.

We have a lot of commuters in Lancefield and therefore a lot of potential victims who park their vehicles in these areas.

The solution to this problem is fairly simple, you replace the existing screws in your number plates with anti theft screws. If you did not get yours fitted at the Lancefield Farmers Market in May, you can purchase them from auto accessory shops. They are quick and simple to fit and very effective.

ROADWORK SPEED LIMITS

I realise that travelling at 40 kph can be very frustrating. However the speed limits are there for a reason and will be enforced by the local police and the Highway Patrol. It is for the safety of the workers and for the safety of the public using these often very narrow detours from the normal paths of travel that the 40 kph limits are in place.

Be aware that travelling in excess of the speed limit can cost you a lot of money and/or suspension of your licence. More than 10 kph but less than 25 kph over the speed limit and you are looking at a \$317 fine and loss of 3 demerit points

As soon as you travel at more than 25 kph over the speed limit you are looking at a minimum of 1 month loss of licence, a \$436 fine and loss of 4 demerit points. That's for doing 66 kph in a 40 zone which is very easy to do if you are not concentrating.

These fines and suspensions increase for each 5 kph you are over the limit, and these fines will increase across all

speeds at the start of the new financial year.

Personally \$317 would buy me a very nice Shimano Fishing Rod and Reel combination, maybe even a matched pair. It's just not worth speeding!

DOGS RUNNING FREE

This is an old chestnut but has again reared its head in recent months. I will keep it short and simple. Your dog is your responsibility and part of that responsibility is to ensure it is contained within your property if it is not under your immediate control. If you are at work or away from your home address your dog needs to be chained or contained within your yard and not able to wander.

Too many times I have heard people say, my dog would not hurt a sheep, when I have knocked on their door to advise them that their dog has just been shot or shot at in the process of doing just that.

Quite often it is when two dogs get together that the carnage begins and they can be extremely damaging in a very short period of time. Sheep can be worth a lot of money and it is common for 5-10 sheep to be injured in one session by dogs attacking.

I heard Dr Hugh Wurth of the RSPCA explaining on ABC radio one day that once dogs get a taste for chasing and attacking stock they cannot be trained not to do so. Prevention is the only cure.

Lancefield is surrounded by farm land so this applies just as much to those of us living in the town as it does to those living in the country areas surrounding Lancefield.

Finally, if your dog is caught in the process of worrying stock on farm land it can be shot on sight. No questions asked. It is up to the farmer to protect his stock, not to protect your dog. Your dog is your responsibility.

Roger Barr
Officer In Charge Lancefield Police



CRIME DOWN IN MACEDON RANGES

New figures released by the independent Crime Statistics Agency show the six-year crime trend that started in 2011 has been turned around, with the Macedon Ranges having a decline in crime rates for the past 12 months. Member for Macedon, Mary-Anne Thomas, said the investment in 3,135 new police – the biggest police recruitment drive in Victoria's history – funded by the Victorian Government, was starting to have an impact on the ground – with crime in the Macedon Ranges down by 8.3 per cent. Despite these community safety gains family violence remains one of the most significant issues facing the Victorian community with demand for services and support continuing to increase. The Victorian Government is deploying family violence police specialists to communities across Victoria to help tackle family violence. The Macedon Ranges will receive 10 new Family Violence police to reduce the harm caused by family violence in the Macedon Ranges, as part of the 825 scheduled to graduate from the academy over the next 12 months. This year's Community Safety Statement builds on the record police investment with new laws, more specialist police, equipment and technology to crack down on serious and organised crime

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THE LANCEFIELD MERCURY YOUNG WRITERS AWARD 2018

The Lancefield Mercury Young Writers Award 2018 aims to encourage our primary school children to develop their love of books and writing as well as the art of illustrating. Children from Grades 3 to 6 will have the opportunity to develop their imagination on the page.

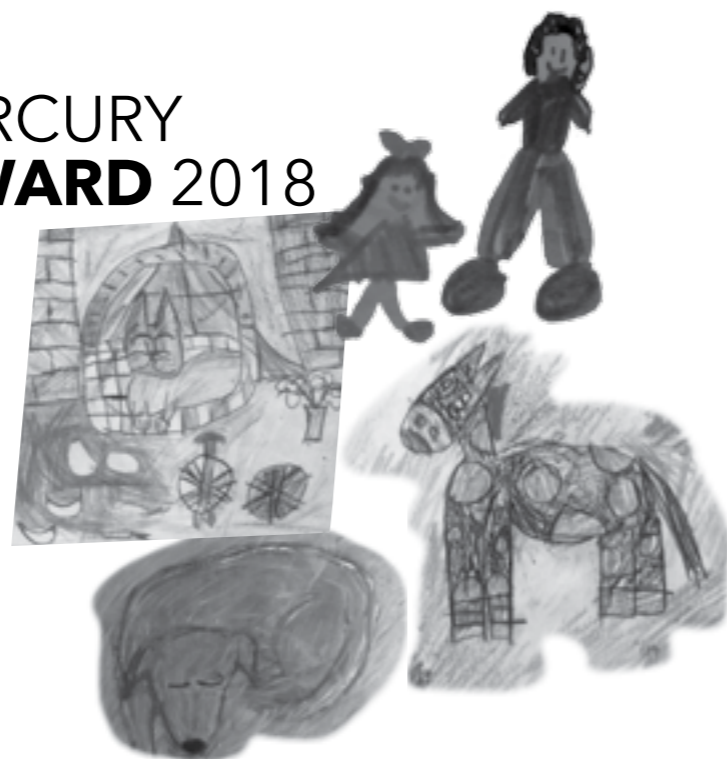
The Lancefield Mercury Young Writers Award will recognise the writing talents of local children by providing them with the opportunity to have their stories published in the Lancefield Mercury. Prizes will be in two divisions - grades 3-4 and grades 5-6 and each division will have two sections - short story and illustrated story.

The winner of each category will receive a \$100 Red Door Book Shop voucher.

The shortlisted entries in each category will each receive a \$50 Red Door Book voucher and all entrants will receive a Certificate of Achievement. The winning story and runners up will be published in the Lancefield Mercury.

All children living in the 3435 postcode area who are attending Lancefield Primary School or St Mary's Primary School or attending or eligible to attend Grades 3 to 6.

A panel will judge the entries based on the award criteria. The Judging Panel will comprise three to four judges which can include teachers, parents and Lancefield Mercury representatives.



Submissions will be judged based on the use of language, originality, grammar, spelling, writing style and story plot and structure. Picture books will also be judged on the illustrations.

Entries close: Friday 10 August 2018

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More information from Lancefield Primary School, St Mary's Primary School, or email editor3435@gmail.com



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MONTHLY MEETINGS

Monthly meetings are at 10am, on the 4th Thursday of the month in St.Mary's Church Hall Main Street, Romsey

Our outing on July 18th will be lunch at the Beveridge Hotel.

In October we are heading off on a 5 day trip to Kangaroo Island.

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting is on Thursday, 26th July, 2018

Guest Speaker: Adrian Rothwell who will speak on Central Gold Field Railways.

Our group enjoy fortnightly coffee mornings and the alternate week 10 Pin Bowling at AMF Bowling Watergardens

JULY COFFEE MORNING

The dates for July Coffee morning - 13th & 27th, 10am at the Mad Gallery in Lancefield

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Greater Romsey All Abilities Park (GRAAP) Incorporated is now officially known as "Romsey Ecotherapy Park Incorporated" with the name change having been deemed appropriate at this time and less confusing when lobbying potential philanthropic and corporate benefactors.

A new logo and "look" is being developed which, along with the soon to be opened Active Nature Space at the park, heralds an exciting new era.

The Committee will continue to vigorously lobby State Government and Opposition for financial support for the other spaces within this regionally significant health and wellbeing park. The State Government sold the land to the Macedon Ranges Shire Council but has, thus far, not committed any funding to this project.

A significant financial commitment is needed to facilitate implementation of the Sensory Therapeutic Space and it is hoped that State Government can assist with this.

Meanwhile, stay tuned for Romsey Ecotherapy Park's submission under the Pick My Project program for the spectacular challenging (even for adults!) climbing forest element in the Park (see photo above, right).

WE NEED HELP

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LANCEFIELD SMALL BORE RIFLE CLUB

THERES PLENTY HAPPENING

There's plenty happening on the competition front as usual. The club team is still waiting on the outcome of the shoot off for first place in the Target Rifle Victoria Pennant for 20m Bench Rest. In the TRV supported Air Rifle competition, our team has won the comp every week so far and has a handy lead with a few weeks still to go.

In the individual State Postal 20m Air Bench results, our President David won C Grade, Veterans and is number one in the Top 10. He also came second in the 20m Bench rimfire. Our Team Captain John was sixth overall in the 20m Prone in this State comp as well. Congratulations David & John!

Attendances at our Monday and Wednesday night meets are increasing with the approach of the TRV 20m Prone Pennant. The club team of prone shooters are keen to get some practice in before it commences.

Our covered range ensures the autumn and winter weather won't affect our practice and competition evenings. If you would like to know more about our activities please ring our Club Secretary Max on 54 292259.

Kate Christie

REGISTER NOW FOR BATTLE OF THE BANDS

Know a musical teenager? Get them out of the garage and onto the stage in the Battle of the Bands competition, being held at Kyneton Town Hall on Saturday 25 August from 6pm. The annual FReeZA Push Start's Battle of the Bands competition offers musicians aged 12-25 years of age who live, work or study in the Macedon Ranges the chance to perform at a world-class venue in front of a large audience. Bands, duos and solo artists are encouraged to register, with all musical styles welcome. The winner of the heat receives a cash prize and the opportunity to perform at the regional finals later this year. Registrations close Wednesday 1 August. To register your interest, email mits@mrsc.vic.gov.au, call 5422 0242 or find out more on Facebook via [facebook.com/MacedonRangesYouth](https://www.facebook.com/MacedonRangesYouth)

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID?

Opportunity for men to skill up on youth mental health Macedon Ranges Shire Council is offering its award-winning Youth Mental Health First Aid training course specifically for men during July and August. This hands-on program is focused on how to give initial help to young people who are in a mental health crisis situation or in the early stages of a mental illness. The course will be held from 6pm-9.30pm on Tuesday 17, 24, 31 July and 7 August, at Holgate's Brewery in Woodend. The 14-hour course will cover topics such as anxiety, depression, psychosis, alcohol abuse and other drug issues and eating disorders. To find out more information or book your place, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/live4life, phone Loren Polzot on 5422 0275 or email lpolzot@mrsc.vic.gov.au



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A VERY SPECIAL ANZAC DAY FOR LPS

In the lead up to to Anzac Day, three members of the Fagan family, Bill, Graham and David, paid us a visit. They had travelled down from Ipswich in Queensland to attend the Lancefield/Romsey ANZAC service and to find out more about their family members who served in World War 1. Robert and James Fagan are two names on our school honour board.

Sean Fagan, in year 3 was able to meet these gentlemen and discovered that Robert and James Fagan are in fact his Great Great Great Uncles (triple great according to Sean). Bill, Graham and David attended the service on Wednesday and it was lovely to see them meet up with Sean's family. We greatly enjoyed meeting them and they had, by all accounts, a lovely time at LPS meeting everyone and sharing morning tea with the staff.

Thank you to several of our families and Rue D'Fleur florist in Romsey for donating lovely foliage, flowers and an oasis for our school wreath. The student councillors learned how to create a beautiful wreath for our school to present at the ANZAC service.

I would like to acknowledge the fabulous job our student leaders and choir did at the service. Thank you to Kloe, Jack, Sienna, Kieren and Scott for representing our school with pride. Many people commented on not only our leaders and choir but just how well our school was represented overall on the day. We are always proud to have members of our local Returned Soldiers League (RSL) attend our school ANZAC service and on Monday, we were honoured to welcome, John Reinhard, Tony and Trish.

STUMPY THE STORY DOG (BY CHARLOTTE)

"Wow! Stumpy has come to see our creative and caring kind school!" I said as the golden retriever came to see us.

This is Stumpy. He is a Story Dog. A Story Dog is a specialised trained dog that goes to schools every week and picks out some young kids that have difficulties reading. They usually read to Stumpy and his mum Cindy, but if the kids are feeling uncomfortable reading to Stumpy, Cindy reads to them. Stumpy really loves books read to him.

The reason why Stumpy came to visit is because last year I decided to ask the Student Council and Mrs Emond if we could raise some money for a new limb for Stumpy that cost over \$4500 Our school helped to raise enough money to help get Stumpy his limb. All the grades got to meet Stumpy. Stumpy's mum Cindy explained how grateful she is to our school. We all got to pat Stumpy and learn a bit about what a Story dog is. After that, Cindy took off Stumpy's limb and showed us what a prosthetic limb is and how it helps Stumpy. Our school and I really enjoyed Stumpy's amazing visit!!

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

On Friday 20th April, staff participated in a day of professional learning with Ann Angelopoulos, writing consultant. This was our second session with Ann who

is working with to us develop a consistent and engaging approach to the teaching of writing. Staff from Malmsbury and Gisborne Primary Schools joined us. This enabled staff to collaborate and discuss learning with teachers and education support staff from other schools in the Macedon Ranges who are also adopting this approach. Ann will be returning to LPS in September to work with teachers and students in classrooms. Malmsbury Primary School staff will be continuing to work with our teachers on a regular basis.

EDUCATION WEEK (21 - 25MAY)

Photography and Writing Exhibition

The theme for Education Week this year was 'Celebrating the Arts'. At Lancefield Primary we showcased our students artistic strengths through a Photography and Writing Exhibition. Each student captured a photo within the school ground and wrote a short piece to accompany their photo. Students were extremely creative and the Exhibition was amazing!

National Simultaneous Reading Time

Also during Education Week, Lancefield Primary participated in the National Simultaneous Reading Time, whereby schools around the country simultaneously (or as close as possible) read the nationally selected story; this year was Hickory Dickory Dash.

WALK TO SCHOOL SAFELY DAY & FREEMASONS BREAKFAST

On Friday 18th May students, teachers and family members met at the Hay & Grain Store at 8.30am to participate in the Walk to School Safely Day. This was a lot of fun and was followed up with a delicious egg and bacon breakfast prepared by Freemasons Masonic

SCHOOL TOURS & ENROLMENTS FOR 2019

Do you have a child starting Prep in 2019?

Lancefield Primary is hosting School Tours on the following dates:

Tuesday 17th July at 9.30am

Wednesday 25th July at 2.30pm

Thursday 9th August at 9.30am

Wednesday 12th September at 2.30pm.

This is a great opportunity to come along and visit the school with your child even if you have other siblings at the school. If these dates do not suit, we are more than happy to arrange another time that suits your family. Please contact the school office on 5429 2307 for more information or too RSVP for a tour.

To find out more about our fabulous school, take a look at our website: www.lancefieldps.vic.edu.au



Above Anzac day, Right Freemasons Breakfast and below Stumpy and Jo



THE MERCURY QUIZ



1. Which country does this flag belong to?
2. How do you say hello in French?
3. How many strings does a violin have?
4. How many hours are there in 7 days?
5. Which year did the Second World War start?
6. What is the capital of Northern Territory?
7. What was the name of the man who built an ark and took the animals in two by two?
8. How many days in the month of July?
9. What is the capital of France?
10. What does the Roman Numeral C represent?

Answer on page 29

THE LANCEFIELD MERCURY YOUNG WRITERS AWARD 2018

The Lancefield Mercury Young Writers Award 2018 aims to encourage our primary school children to develop their love of books and writing as well as the art of illustrating. Children from Grades 3 to 6 will have the opportunity to develop their imagination on the page.

The Lancefield Mercury Young Writers Award will recognise the writing talents of local children by providing them with the opportunity to have their stories published in the Lancefield Mercury. Prizes will be in two divisions - grades 3-4 and grades 5-6 and each division will have two sections - short story and illustrated story.

The winner of each category will receive a \$100 Red Door Book Shop voucher.

The shortlisted entries in each category will each receive a \$50 Red Door Book voucher and all entrants will receive a Certificate of Achievement. The winning story and runners up will be published in the Lancefield Mercury.

All children living in the 3435 postcode area who are



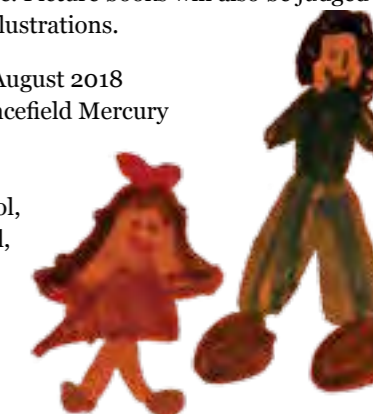
attending Lancefield Primary School or St Mary's Primary School or attending or eligible to attend Grades 3 to 6.

A panel will judge the entries based on the award criteria. The Judging Panel will comprise three to four judges which can include teachers, parents and Lancefield Mercury representatives.

Submissions will be judged based on the use of language, originality, grammar, spelling, writing style and story plot and structure. Picture books will also be judged on the illustrations.

Entries close: Friday 10 August 2018
Winners announced: Lancefield Mercury September 2018

More information from Lancefield Primary School, St Mary's Primary School, or email editor3435@gmail.com



DEEP CREEK LANDCARE GROUP
Covering Lancefield – Romsey and Monegeeta Districts

GORSE - SUPPORTING LANDHOLDERS FOR GORSE CONTROL



Gorse is a nationally declared weed in Victoria and gorse control is a Victorian wide program.

Gorse (*Ulex europaeus* L.) is a weed from Europe that has been identified as weed of national significance due to its invasive impact and potential for spread. It was introduced to Australia back in the 1800s when it was planted for hedges and as an ornamental plant.

Gorse's yellow bloom is often seen in our region in the warmer months and this flowering and the subsequent seeds enables the plant to rapidly spread. This weed is dense and is armed with spikes and the only animals that can make their home in them are rabbits and foxes whose numbers have been on the increase of late. There is an undeniable rabbit and fox control aspect of gorse control and destruction, which is well worth noting (2 birds, 1 stone!)

Early interception and eradication is the most cost effective means of weed control. The key to controlling the spread of gorse is to prevent flowering or at least reduce its ability to set seed. The seed bank of a gorse plant is viable for up to eighty years. So if you see it on your property or a neighbour's property spot spray it whilst the flowers are out and keep on top of it. If you let it go for a few years it will definitely get on top of you. A gorse infestation is the last thing you need.

For larger scale infestations, Tylden Landcare group have had success is utilising an EcoBlade that applies herbicide at the same time as slashing and found this to be a most effective manner of Gorse treatment for large scale infestations. Mulching and follow up spraying is another successful method.

Deep Creek Landcare Group work alongside the Macedon Ranges Shire Council in roadside treatment of Gorse in our area. We are looking for expressions of interest from landholders with significant Gorse infestation, with the assistance of the Victorian Gorse Taskforce (VGT), to join in a project with us to treat and control gorse. If you have spotted any roadside infestations of Gorse in our area, let us know so that we can map it and arrange treatment.

Deep Creek Landcare Group meetings are held on the second Monday of every month at the Lancefield Mechanics Hall Annexe at 8pm. All are welcome.

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Q. Is the switching process difficult?

A. No. Not at all. People often find the mere thought of swapping banks daunting. Let me assure you that it is not.

Q. How much work does it take?

A. For the customer, it takes very little work! All we need is for you to bring in your BSB and account numbers from your existing bank and that's it to get the process started.

Q. Is there any assistance I can get?

A. That's what our branch teams are here for – to provide all the assistance you need. But we do the bulk of the work for you.

Q. I have a lot of direct debits and credits set up with my current bank account. Can they be changed?

A. Yes. We contact your existing bank and ask them to provide us with a list of the debits and credits regularly hitting your account. We then organise their transition to your new account with the Lancefield or Romsey Community Bank® branch.

It's also a great time to 'clean up' your banking by going over these debits and credits, as you may want to change them.

Q. What are the benefits of banking locally?

A. Apart from having our Community Bank® branches located right here in Lancefield and Romsey, investment with your local Community Bank® branch ensures that we can continue to support this great community through our annual Community Investment Program.

Since opening our doors – 17 years ago in Lancefield and 12 years ago in Romsey – we have invested over \$1.3 million back into our local community. We can only do this with the people of Lancefield, Romsey and surrounds investing with us, and we need our community's ongoing involvement with our branches to keep this going.

Q. We live in a small town – is my banking information safe and secure?

A. Yes, it is. You are banking with Bendigo Bank, which is governed by strict banking regulations that ensure the privacy of our customers.

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Lancefield Mercury Young Writers Award 2018



Are you in Grade 3/4 or Grade 5/6?

Live in Lancefield?

Then write a Short Story or a Picture Book!

The winners of each of the four categories will receive a \$100 Red Door Book Shop voucher!

The shortlisted entries in each category will each receive a \$50 Red Door Book voucher and all entrants will receive a Certificate of Achievement.

The winning story and runners up will be published in the Lancefield Mercury. \$1000 in Red Door Bookshop vouchers as prizes!

Entries open: Monday 23 July 2018

Entries close: Friday 10 August 2018

More info from editor3435@gmail Andy Moore 0430448120

Open to all children living in the 3435 postcode area who are eligible to attend Grades 3/4 or Grades 5/6 or who are attending those grades of Lancefield Primary School or St Mary's Primary School



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