



## THE LANCEFIELD PROVIDORE IS HERE!

The whole shop was abuzz with energy and excitement when The Lancefield Providore opened at 42 High Street Lancefield on the morning of Friday 10 November. Many Lancefield residents had bemoaned the fact that we have been bereft of a local fruit and vegetable supply for the last six months or more. But the tide has turned and once again Lancefield residents can buy their produce in the town instead of travelling to Kilmore or Kyneton, Gisborne or Woodend.

The owners of The Lancefield Providore, Gabby and Greg Cheatley, seem to have hit the mark on all counts. In particular, their juice bar has been a great hit – fresh juices have been in high demand since opening. And it is wonderful to see Lisa Choate re-engaging with her floristry skills and managing the flower section of the shop. Having fresh flowers available here is a welcome bonus.

Gabby and Greg, formerly of East Brighton, made their home in Lancefield in April 2014. Gabby has a background in the textile industry and has most recently worked as a book-keeper, while Greg comes from the corporate world. They chose Lancefield because of its proximity to Tullamarine Airport – Greg's job involved extensive travel so the location

suited them well. They have two children: their son Sam attends Lancefield Primary School and their daughter Ava is a student at Assumption College. The family have been happy in their chosen location, and when the opportunity to take on the lease of the former 'Fruit Shed' presented itself, they embraced it with great enthusiasm.

The Lancefield Providore is more than just fruit, vegetables and flowers. Their fruit and vegetables are purchased daily from the Melbourne fruit markets while specialist goods are locally sourced. Delicatessen items, packaged and fresh pastas and sauces, pizza and take-home meals, as well as other produce – such as eggs, teas and honey come from Kyneton, Woodend and other local areas. There is much to be found at the Providore! When asked if they will feature and promote local goods, the answer was an emphatic 'Yes'!

The very welcome presence of The Lancefield Providore will, I feel sure, be enjoyed by residents – and will no doubt attract many visitors from local areas as well.

Fay Woodhouse



## A BARBER SHOP WITH A DIFFERENCE

Ace Barber has opened in Lancefield, but what is different about a Barber Shop? This is not your run of the mill Barber; it is in a caravan for starters and is owned and operated by a Thai lady named Cat! It is operating in Dunsford Street during the week and at local markets on the weekends.

Ace Barber offer a full range of traditional services including fades, cut throat shaves, beard and moustache shaping. Cat was trained and operated her own business in Thailand for 15 years. She has worked in Melbourne off and on for the past 12 months.

“I could see that something was missing in Melbourne - my style! I like to offer gentleman a service which is convenient for them,” Cat said. Although Ace Barber is open 9 to 6pm “if you like our Facebook page and message me or call me I am happy to accommodate you when you get home from work.”

Ace Barber has a Business Facebook page where they advertise which market they will be at on the weekends. Be sure to like the Ace Barber Facebook page and look for their full colour advert in this edition with an exciting opening special!!



Cat from Ace Barber having fun for Halloween



### DEEP CREEK LANDCARE GROUP

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## YOUR PARTICIPATION MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE!

The Deep Creek Landcare Group would like to take the opportunity to wish our community a very happy Christmas and a safe new year.

I would firstly like to formally thank our committee for all their hard work and attendance at the meetings throughout the year. Your volunteer contribution is vital to the success of our group and is valued greatly. Sharing time and talent is a wonderful thing as we all know volunteers make the world go round. We would also like to thank those in the community who have attended our working bees and planting days. Your participation makes all the difference!

This year has been a busy one for our little committee with a lot of community engagement. Some of these activities include two planting sessions with the Lancefield Girl Guides at the Lancefield Park for their Enviroguide badge and supply of materials for the girls to create insect hotels. We participated in National Tree Day at the Lancefield skate park with both members and general public planting out 300 trees and grasses. We have conducted two bush food presentations at St Mary's primary school. We have conducted working bees in existing project areas installing trial 'roo proof fence squares to protect new planting. We have conducted roadside clean ups on Lancefield/Kilmore Rd. Robin Ford volunteered his time and knowledge to put together the Bush Tucker exhibit at the Lancefield Show and the Megafauna festival. We are very grateful to you Robin for doing such a wonderful job.

This exhibit gives us the materials to share this knowledge with different community groups. Junior

Landcare showbags were collated and given to the successful children who participated in the 1000 books before school program at Romsey Hub. We have undertaken two Wildflower walks in the Cobaws in November. We have assisted DELWP and MRSC with wildlife trapping and monitoring in the Cobaw ranges and held community spotlight tours. We have this year planted collectively over 2000 Tree project trees for projects and members. Two of our devoted committee members have undertaken training with Melbourne Water to learn drought and Water monitoring of the Deep Creek ....and much much more....

If any of these activities peak your interest and you would like to get involved we would warmly welcome new members. We find that many committees including our own rely greatly on just a few volunteers to do much of the work and we are seeking volunteers that may be interested in becoming active volunteers or committee members. With that said, we look forward to the coming year and all the Landcare activities, community engagement and fun to be had. Deep Creek Landcare Group meets on the second Monday of month at the Lancefield Mechanic's Hall @ 8pm, with the exception of public holidays. All are welcome. If you have any questions, ideas or would like to attend a meeting to see what goes on please feel free to contact President Hayley Goodman at [deepcreeklandcare@gmail.com](mailto:deepcreeklandcare@gmail.com)

Merry Christmas  
Hayley Goodman

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# TREAT TUSSOCK BEFORE SEEDING

Now is the right time to check your property for the noxious weed serrated tussock (*Nassella trichotoma*). The recent rains and warm winter in some parts of Victoria has been good for crops, but unfortunately, also good for the growth of serrated tussock. Controlling serrated tussock before the plant goes to seed is critical to prevent further spread, lost productivity and increased control requirements.

“Before flowering serrated tussock has a lime green appearance. When flowering the flowerheads have a distinctive purple colour developing as the seeds ripen in late spring and early summer. These features help serrated tussock stand out from the native tussock grasses,” Victorian Serrated Tussock Working Party Community Engagement Officer Ivan Carter said. The VSTWP has developed an online video and information sheet to help landowners identify the unwanted grass, at <http://www.serratedtussock.com/how-identify-serrated-tussock>

“Serrated tussock has a fine leaf and will roll smoothly between the index finger and thumb, while

native tussocks feel as though they have flat edges,” Mr Carter said. “The leaves also feel rough when you run your fingers downwards due to fine serrations,” he said. “A mature serrated tussock plant can produce thousands of seeds in a season, blowing up to 20 kilometres from the parent plant.”

Controlling mature serrated tussock plants before they flower and seed can be done with registered herbicide, manual removal or cultivation. “Having a healthy pasture and competitive ground cover is one of the most important aspects to weed management, serrated tussock is a prime example of a weed that does not like competition and well established pastures,” Mr Carter said. It’s believed serrated tussock now covers more than 140,000 hectares of land in Victoria. Large infestations require ongoing management and the integration of a number of control techniques.

For further information, please visit [www.serratedtussock.com](http://www.serratedtussock.com), or contact the VSTWP on [info@serratedtussock.com](mailto:info@serratedtussock.com)

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# HOPE LIVES IN RELAY FOR LIFE AND YOU!

SATURDAY 3RD AND SUNDAY 4TH OF MARCH 2018



Macedon Ranges residents are encouraged to stand together and help hope live by participating in the Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay For Life event. A fun and moving overnight experience, the Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay For Life supports the Cancer Council to fund research, deliver prevention campaigns and provide services to cancer patients and carers.

The popular annual event provides community members with the opportunity to recognise and celebrate local cancer survivors, patients and careers. While the moving candle ceremony and balloon release also offers participants the chance to honour and remember loved ones lost to cancer.

Now is the time to register for the 2018 Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay For Life with early bird registrations costing only \$20. The Cancer Council has reviewed its pricing for the Relay and as of January 15, 2018 there will be a price increase with registrations costing \$35 for adults and \$25 for youth participants.

Making it more affordable for residents to participate, the Cancer Council has also introduced family registrations

(\$80 for two adults and two children, and \$10 for each extra child). Further information regarding the new pricing structure can be found on the Lancefield (Macedon Ranges) Relay For Life Facebook page, or by contacting [lancefieldrfl@cancervic.org.au](mailto:lancefieldrfl@cancervic.org.au).

Sponsored by the Lancefield and Romsey Community Branches of Bendigo Bank and Romsey SUPA IGA, the 2018 Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay for Life will be held from Saturday, March 3 to Sunday, March 4 at Lancefield Park.

If you're interested in registering a team, joining a team or volunteering please email [lancefieldrfl@cancervic.org.au](mailto:lancefieldrfl@cancervic.org.au), call 1300 656 585 or visit the Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay For Life Facebook page or [fundraising.cancer.org.au/site](http://fundraising.cancer.org.au/site)

By getting involved with Relay For Life, you can create a community experience to support locals touched by cancer – and help Hope Live in the Macedon Ranges.

The Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay For Life Committee wish all a lovely festive season and look forward to seeing you at the Relay.

**Community Christmas Lunch**

Tuesday 12 December

RSVP by Tuesday 5 December on 5429 1214, Online at: [lancefield.org.au/lancefieldhouse](http://lancefield.org.au/lancefieldhouse) or drop into The Town House to have your name added to the list.

*End of year celebration!*

**Christmas Carols at the Park**

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## A HUGE THANKS

On Friday October The 27th, on a lovely spring morning our branch held its Annual General Meeting. We welcomed Helen Ryvitch, our Group President, who presided. Congratulations to the following office bearers who were elected for the next twelve months:

- President: Jean Buist
- Vice President and Secretary: Lyn Barclay
- Treasurer: Lorraine Pearce
- Craft Leader: Shirley Parks
- Catering: Tracy Kemp

A huge thanks must go to the outgoing committee members Meaghan Keoghan, Kate Christie and Emily Blades for their tireless and dedicated efforts over recent years.

On Saturday December the 16th at the Christmas Farmers Market, do come along to our CWA stall. There will be a variety of items of produce for sale as well as Christmas baking such as shortbread, mince tarts, chocolate truffles and many more.

We will also have complementary copies of our booklet celebrating the 80th birthday of the Lancefield CWA.

New members are always welcome. Our meetings are held on the 4th. Friday of each month at The Neighbourhood House starting at 10:30 am.



## JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON

Why is Christmas such a wonderful time of year? I think it's because everyone is expecting a miracle at Christmas. Consider all the popular movies. Each one has a miracle as its central plot. Whether it's a girl hoping her parents get back together, or a shop-owner hoping he can keep his business running. You might be reading this and wishing for your own miracle this Christmas. Maybe you're hoping your prodigal comes home. Maybe you're wishing for a job. Some are yearning for a special someone to sit next to them at the Christmas dinner table. God's answer to you is . . . Yes I can. These miracles are small to God. You see, the biggest miracle has already been done — the undesired gift of Jesus. This gift of Jesus can be yours, all you have to do is ask God. New life. New love. A home. A job. New opportunities. Second chances. Peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts, when the world all around us spins out-of-control.

Today and always, we at Encourage Church pray you experience God's love through the gift of His Son, Jesus. We wish you a very Merry Christmas!

Celebrate a Christmas Family Service with us on December 24th or join us at our regular 10:00am Sunday Service or one of our Midweek Groups Ph 5429 6327

## BANK OF THE FUTURE CONFIRMS OUR FUTURE

The Lancefield Community Bank® Branch is to undergo a major open plan refit under the 'Bank of the Future' concept as a clear confirmation of our long term commitment to the town. Bendigo Bank's open plan concept provides major benefits for customers and staff, moving away from barriers and providing greater face to face interaction in a more relaxed style. Lancefield & Romsey Community Banks chair David Plunkett said the bank was responding to the clear preferences of customers in undergoing the major refit.

The Lancefield branch is expected to be closed for up to 10 days in January to enable the works to be carried out. Mr Plunkett said customers had already been given a taste of the innovative 'Bank of the Future' concept through the Romsey branch, which opened in February 2015. Lancefield customers will be able to do their banking at the Romsey branch while the refit is carried out, and further measures will be put in place to minimise inconvenience to customers.

"Customers and staff can interact at desks in the main chamber, while there are more convenient offices and



private spaces where customers can have interviews with our manager, Michael O'Gorman, and senior staff. Our Community Bank® branches are the only bank in town for both Lancefield and Romsey, and we're committed to ensuring that we're planning for a long term future of delivering what our communities want. This major refit provides a 'bricks and mortar' demonstration of our long term commitment, and confirms that we're here to stay."

Mr Plunkett said the modern, welcoming branches were part of the commitment to 'bank proof' both towns. This has ensured that residents and local businesses always have a bank in their main shopping centre providing face to face service.

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**The Lancefield Mercury Committee would like to wish you a happy and safe Christmas and New Year and thank you for your support over the past twelve months. If you want to help ease the workload on our volunteers send the editor an email and I am sure we can find you something to do!**

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# NEARING THE END OF THE YEAR

We are nearing the end of the year, Term 4 is coming to a close and Christmas is on its way. We've had a very busy term at St Mary's with lots of fun activities and great learning opportunities.

## CARNIVAL & MOVIE NIGHT

Saturday 11th November saw the annual Drive In Movie night organised by the Parents & Friends. The bonus of this year was the Carnival which ran prior to the movie. What a brilliant night. Our Year 5/6's ran the carnival stalls with the help of parents and there was much to choose from. A big hit was the sponge throw which drew big crowds, colourful hair extensions, make your own lolly necklace, mini golf, make your own key ring, tattoos, rock decorating and so much more. There was a definite carnival atmosphere in the air. With the giant slide, delicious fairy floss, popcorn & lollies, it's fair to say the kids were on a high! Congratulations to all involved in the planning and running of this major event. It was a fabulous night, with much fun and laughter had by all!

## WALK TO SCHOOL MONTH

October was Walk to School Month, an initiative of VicHealth and in partnership with local councils. Walk to School encourages Victorian Primary School kids to walk, ride or scoot to and from school for one month during October. Thanks to a grant from the Macedon Ranges Shire Council, we were able to buy every student and teacher in the school a pedometer. This spurred the students on, to move as much as possible in October. Walk to School month has now concluded and what a mighty effort all students put in to being active throughout October and the beginning of November, well done! Our final walking school bus took place on Tuesday October 31st, with another impressive crowd of walkers to enjoy the stroll to school together. Our Walk to School Healthy Family Breakfast (Breakfast & prizes thanks to Macedon Ranges Shire Council) was well attended on Wednesday 1st November. It was wonderful to see so

many families join us for a healthy breakfast, some stretching classes (a big thank you to Megan Steers!) and of course the amazing parade of decorated bikes, shoes and scooters! So many wonderful creations, it was a tough job for the judges, but our winners were chosen -

- 1st - Tighe Thrum (bike) 2nd - Lachlan Goodes (scooter)
- 3rd - Katie Alford (shoes)

Congratulations to our winners and to all the students who put in such a great effort to decorate their bikes, shoes and scooters.

## LIFE ED VAN

All students from P-6 got to experience the Life Ed Van which stopped off at our school in Week One. Life Ed takes a comprehensive approach to drug and health education with their modules helping children to develop relationship skills, positive communication (both face to face and online), problem solving and decision making skills. Students are provided with the opportunity to develop strategies, and practice the skills required to avoid the harms associated with an unhealthy lifestyle. Students enjoyed the experience of a 'mobile classroom' and learnt many new skills which they can apply to everyday situations.

## ST MARY'S FEAST DAY ACTIVITIES

Wednesday the 18th October finally saw our postponed Feast Day Activities happen. What a great day it was! Students enjoyed a huge range of activities throughout the day, which included; Fitnessworx run Frisbee, Bootcamp, Circus & Dance & Body Beat. The instructors were fantastic and students had a great time while learning new skills.

After recess, students participated in Garden Craft Activities, in the hope that we can make our junior & senior yards more colourful. Activities included making bottle top mobiles, decorating CD's, painting plastic bottles which will be used for water walls, mandala rock painting, painting tin cans for hanging mobiles and decorating garden pots for



future planting. We also finally planted out our garden beds, which now look amazing filled with colourful, scented plants, and a combination of herbs and vegetables. It was fantastic to see the students so engaged in the activities and we have ended up with some beautiful art which we look forward to adorning our yards with! A BBQ lunch was enjoyed by all, followed by an afternoon stroll down to Lancefield Park to view the new tree sculptures which were done during the Lancefield Show. A great day was had by all, with many happy but exhausted students (& teachers) by the end of the day.

## THE FRIENDSHIP TREE

We have the most beautiful big tree at the front of our school

which has become our Friendship Tree. The idea of The Friendship Tree is to have a safe place where all students are welcomed and know that friendship is available to them. This is a safe place where there is no judgement. If you are sitting under The Friendship Tree you are either open to welcoming and offering friendship to all those around you, or you are in need of, or perhaps seeking a friend at that particular time. The Friendship Tree is a place to share, listen, enjoy, reflect, have fun and be open to new people and new ideas. It is about being inclusive of all.

During Term 3 we ran a number of competitions relating to The Friendship Tree; P-2 Colouring In, 3-6 Design a Logo or Create a Poem. Our winners are:

P-2 Colouring - Cole Newnham, Ella-Rose Murphy, Jack Matthews, Sarah Turner, Olivia Pinnock, Charlotte Power, John Cleve, Ella McCarthy, Isabelle Lahtinen, Genevieve Hanlon, Coco Portelli, Posie Sutherland, Jack Logan, Lulu McTrusty & Holly Alderton.

- 3-6 Design a Logo - Elle Choate
- 3-6 Create a Poem - Amber Ryan

Well done to all the students who entered and congratulations to our winners. All winners will get to leave their handprint on our Friendship Tree Bench Seat, the Logo will be painted into the bench and the Poem mounted on the bench, so all these students will forever leave their mark on The Friendship Tree.

The Friendship Tree  
The Friendship Tree is like a helping hand,  
It's there for you from the beginning until the end.  
It is a safe blanket for you to stay,  
For a minute or two, or the whole day.

The tree is a place for you to smile  
Or have a friend for a little while.  
It is the the best place in the world  
To have a friend, boy or girl.


The Tree is a friend to have when you're lonely,  
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Holding out my hand for you to take  
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Now at least you'll never be sad,  
For the Friendship Tree will make you glad!  
By Amber Ryan

**THANK YOU! BY ELLE CHOATE**

To Mario and all the men at the Men's Shed, we extend a very big thank you! During the holidays these wonderful men upgraded the bench seat around our Friendship Tree.

The bench has been extended and a back put on for extra comfort. The students love it, and it's now an even better place to gather with friends, or extend the hand of friendship.

**MANY MORE**

As the Term comes to a close we look forward to many more activities -

Bush Tucker Talks by the Deep Creek Landcare Group, Orientation Days for our 2018 Preps, our special Helpers Afternoon Tea to say thank you to all our wonderful parent helpers and volunteers throughout the year, our Choir singing at the Lancefield Community Christmas Lunch and St Mary's being a part of the Community Christmas Carols.

We farewell our Year 6's with a final year / graduation mass on Wednesday 20th December before having a graduation dinner that night. Such a busy time of year.

We wish our Year 6's all the very best in the future as they transition into secondary school and we hope that everyone has a very Merry Christmas and a safe and relaxing holiday.

See you in 2018!

**WINNING IMAGES**

The region's best young artists have received prizes From Western Water for their posters celebrating National Water Week. This year's Water Week theme was "Water – the Heart of our Culture", aimed at encouraging people to understand how water shapes our lives through the natural world, recreation and community values. Around 500 primary school students across the region competed in the competition, with winners announced at an event in Gisborne last month. Winners from the Macedon Ranges, who received vouchers of up to \$100 and a jigsaw puzzle made from their artwork, included Lancefield Primary students Georgia, winner of the Grade 5-6 category, and Clair (on the left) who won a special award for artistic merit



**HOW FAST THE YEAR HAS GONE**

It's the Christmas issue!!! Can't believe how fast the year has gone.

It's a time for people to get together, holidays for some, family time for others but maybe not a great time of year for everyone. The Neighbourhood House is organising two events which are for every member of the community to join in.

The first is our Community Christmas Lunch held on Tuesday 12 December. If you would like to join us for a free, three course lunch cooked by the amazing Neighbourhood House committee please RSVP by Tuesday 5 December – you can do this by phoning us on 5429 1214, emailing lancefieldhouse@tpg.com.au or dropping into The Town House to add your name to the list. We would also like to hear from anyone who would like to help in the kitchen on the day with either food preparation or serving meals.

The second event we are organising, in conjunction with St. Mary's and Lancefield Primary Schools, is the Christmas Carols Evening at Lancefield Park on Friday 15 December. This event, now in its fifth year, is a really lovely community evening. Relax in our beautiful Park, listen or join into the singing and enjoy a reasonably priced meal from the Neighbourhood House BBQ or bring your own picnic.

There will be heaps of free entertainment for children, including Farmer Daryl's Animal Farm and a visit from Santa, the adults can just relax and enjoy the ambience. This year the Carols Evening is flowing into the Pop-Up Cinema. At 8pm people can move across to the cinema area and watch the movie Elf. The Pop-Up Cinema will also be showing movies on the Thursday, Saturday and Sunday nights. Free if you book online! Go to [www.lancefield.org.au](http://www.lancefield.org.au)

There are plenty of pre-Christmas events that people can join in and there is a Christmas Day Lunch being held in Kyneton, bookings can be made on 1300888802. If you would like to join the lunch and will need a lift to get there please phone the House.

This leads to a reminder that some of us may not even have a home on Christmas Day. Haven Home Safe provides support, through their Community Connections Program, for people over 20 years who are homeless or living in insecure accommodation. The program supports people who are socially and/or geographically isolated and not well linked into health, housing or community support services.

In particular the program supports people with complex needs such as an underlying condition, intellectual disability, serious mental illness, acquired brain injury, aged frailty or drug or alcohol dependence.

This may not apply to you but you may know of someone in the community who needs the support. You can contact the Assertive Outreach Team on 5444 9029 for further information.

**PLANNING FOR 2018**

We are also busy planning our activities for early next year, a brochure of our programs will be available mid-December – make sure you collect a copy if you don't receive one, they will be available at The Town House and at various other places around town. There will be a First Aid course held in March, a Governance information evening in February, which is a must-do for anyone involved in a community organisation and a Word Press course.

If you have any suggestions for classes, courses or activities you would like to see in Lancefield, or would like to run something yourself, please contact the House by December 10.

**TOWN CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS**

The Neighbourhood House has organised some decorations to light up High Street this year, something we hope to

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build on each year. If people are interested in Christmas decorations around the town please register your interest at the Neighbourhood House so we can help organise this for next year.

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The Neighbourhood House, Op Shop, Mens Shed and Townhouse will all be closed from 18 December and re-open Monday 15 January. The committee would like to wish everyone a fabulous Christmas and New Year period.

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performing the Vivaldi double violin concerto in A minor. Adult members Beata Urbaniak and Mae Smith will present Telemann's enchanting viola concerto in G Major. An appearance will also be made by members of the Resonance String Orchestra main ensemble.

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# ADVENT/CHRISTMAS 2017

## MASS TIMES

1st & 3rd Sunday of the month: 8:00am Lancefield and 10:00 am Romsey  
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## COMMUNION SERVICES

Tuesday – 9:00am Romsey Church  
 Saturday – 10:00am Romsey Church  
 Rosary– Saturdays 9:45am Romsey

## RECONCILIATION

By arrangement.

## BAPTISMS

2018 – Romsey Church – January 7th, March 4th, May 6th, July 1st, September 2nd & November 4th.

2018 – Lancefield Church – February 11th, April 8th, June 10th, August 12th, October 14th & December 9th.

For more information, please phone 5429 2130.

## SACRAMENTS

Parents with children not attending St. Mary's School who are scheduled to receive Sacraments in 2018 are invited to email their details to the secretary at lancefield@cam.org.au to register your child. Information will be sent out early in 2018 with the Sacramental schedule for the year.

Like us at <https://www.facebook.com/stmarysparishlancefieldromsey/> to keep up with parish activities and news.

## ADVENT/CHRISTMAS 2017

\*Advent Reconciliation Wednesday 13th December - 7.00pm - Lancefield Church (Confession)

\*Parish Mass of Anointing Friday 15th December - 2.00pm - Romsey Church

\*Christmas Eve Sunday 24th December - 6.00 pm - Family Mass - Romsey Church

- 11:30 pm - Carols - Lancefield Church

- 12:00 am - Midnight Mass - Lancefield Church

\*Christmas Day Monday 25th December - 9.00 am - Lancefield Church



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# AS ALWAYS, THERE HAS BEEN MUCH HAPPENING

As always, there has been much happening at Lancefield Primary. The students have been *very* excited with the laying of the first eggs by our new chooks: Caramel, Mousse, Misty, Nigel and Midnight.

The Grade 5/6 students have been participating in the Garden to Table Program and have been enjoying cooking and sharing the food with their peers. Some of their recipes have included cauliflower pizza and sushi rolls. Term 4 is always a very busy time in schools as we begin to plan for a new school year. On Thursday 2nd November, our fabulous new Preps participated in their very first transition session and all had a wonderful time being at school. The new Preps will attend four transition sessions at the school, including meeting their grade 6 buddies and class teacher for next year.

## AMAZING COMMUNITY SUPPORT

At LPS we are fortunate to have the support from a wide group of community organisations who actively assist our

school and students in a number of ways. On the evening of Wednesday 18th October at the Romsey CFA station, the Lancefield and Romsey Community Bendigo Bank grants for 2018 were announced. LPS was successful in receiving three grants, one to support the ongoing implementation of our You Can Do It program, another to support our Garden to Table (G2T) program and one to support Parents and Friends and their fundraising efforts of 2018. I would like to thank Paige Ricci and Jacqui Green for their assistance in preparing the grant applications. We would like to acknowledge and thank the Bendigo Bank for their ongoing fabulous support of our school programs.

The Macedon Ranges Freemasons organisation also received a grant to continue providing LPS with their fabulous breakfasts in 2018. We are extremely grateful and pleased that this relationship will continue to support all of our students.

Last week we received a class set of fabulous aprons and a food processor for the G2T program thanks to the generosity



of Ray White Real Estate. The food processor is really going to make a difference to our cooking program and students have already made good use of the aprons.

We also have a close relationship with Lancefield/

Romsey Lions Club who provide us with regular donations that ensures our Fresh Fruit Friday continues each term. The Lions club are also providing us with resources to assist

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with student learning including some new shelving to house our maths equipment. On Friday 27th October the Prep and Grade 1 students travelled by bus to the Melbourne Zoo. The students used the "power of three" writing strategy to write about how they felt when they first arrived at the zoo and about their favourite animal. They also drew maps to show where they walked at the zoo. A big thank you to all our fabulous helpers and teachers who enabled the students to roam around the zoo in small groups. Below is a few examples of students work reflecting on their time at the zoo:

- "When I walked through the zoo gate, I felt ... excited, happy and nervous because it was my first time at the zoo. (Kasey)*
- calm, safe and happy because I was with my group and my friends. (Liam)*
- anxious because the zoo is big and you could get lost, shy for a little bit because I didn't know everyone who was at the zoo and excited because I was going to get to see some of the animals. (Tahnee)*
- excited, fantastic and happy because I have not been to the zoo for a long time and I wanted to learn about more animals. (Lilly)*
- happy, successful and a little bit worried because I haven't been to the zoo without my family before and I was at the zoo. (Kayde)*
- anxious, excited and happy because we were having lunch at the zoo. (Zoe)*
- excited, happy and calm because I've been to the zoo before and I my favourite animal I like to see is the penguins. (Harrison)*

- happy, excited and successful. I wanted to see the koalas and zebras. (Tyson)*
- excited, happy and a bit calm because I like seeing all the animals (Phoebe C)*
- Meerkats: brownish, stripy and black eyes, running, standing and looking (Niamh)*
- Lions: furry, brown and yellow mane, scratching, laying down and sleeping, (Lily)*
- Seals: light grey, short fins and black nose, swimming, diving and tricks! (Maya)*

### PREP TO GRADE 2 CAMPING DAY

The annual Prep to Grade 2 Camping Day was held at school on Friday 10th November. This is always an exciting day for the students, some of their activities included boat making, heel & toe dancing and bush walking. The Grade 2's also had a sleep over in the library, however some tents were erected and students got to enjoy the fun of sitting and playing in these.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of our wonderful volunteers and community groups that have helped our school this year we could not have achieved all that we have without your ongoing support. We will be hosting a morning tea on Friday 8th December to formally thank all of these volunteers. Christmas is approaching very quickly, we would also like to wish the Lancefield community a very merry Christmas and safe and happy New Year.

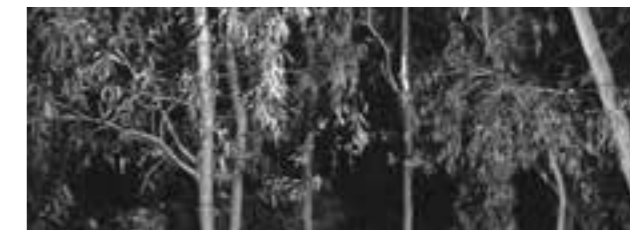
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### FROM YOUR COUNCILLOR HENRY BLEECK

## FIRE READY - ARE YOU READY?

The Council is in the process of carrying out roadside safety works as part of the ongoing follow-up to the October 2015 bushfires, helping us to be fire-safe for this summer. Are you also working to be fire-safe? It's not too late for residents and property owners to take the appropriate steps to update their bushfire plan and prepare for an emergency. Council's current work is designed to make our roads safer to travel along and remove dangerous trees and branches.

We're already part-way through the works to trim back the potentially hazardous vegetation in the bushfire-affected areas of Cobaw, Benloch and Lancefield. The roads we've earmarked for work are Burke & Wills Track; Youngs Rd; Frosts Rd; Kitchenhams Rd; Feeneys La; Long Ryans Rd; West Scott Rd; Showlers Rd; Ashworths Rd; Musk Gully Rd; Bridies La and Three Chain Rd. Council has received funding from the Department of Environment, Land, Water & Planning – the agency which took responsibility for the "controlled burn" fire – and I expect their commitment to long-term recovery to be ongoing. We're mindful of the environmental values of trees and the benefits of our roadsides to native wildlife, so all vegetation is assessed before the work is carried



out. Some trees can be pruned where dead branches are overhanging the road and pose a risk. Other trees will be assessed as dangerous and will need to be removed. The tree assessment process is being done by qualified arborists and will help reduce the risk in these areas.

This is a timely reminder for all of us to do our own property assessments – not so much in terms of hazardous trees, but ensuring that we have clear areas around our homes to help provide a buffer in the event of fire this summer. If you have a concern about a hazardous tree in your area phone: 5422 0333 (including emergency after-hours) and a Customer Service Officer will raise a service request to have your concern actioned.

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This new coffee club hosted by Woodend Lifestyle Carers Group, will be from 10.00 am - 11.30 am each Wednesday. Come along to relax and enjoy a coffee for an hour or so and find out how much you have in common with others in our community. For further information please call 5420 7132

**FROM THE SHIRE**

**HOW TO BEAT THE HEAT**

With summer here it's important to know and understand the effects of extreme heat—who is at risk and how you can reduce the effect on yourself and others. Heat can cause illnesses such as heat cramps and heat exhaustion which in many cases can be fatal. So when the heat hits, here are some useful tips to ensure you remain as comfortable, healthy and cool as possible.

**Drink water:** Even if you don't feel thirsty, drink water. Always take a bottle of water with you.

**Keep cool:** Seek out air-conditioned buildings, draw your blinds, use a fan, take cool showers and dress in light and loose clothing made from natural fabrics.

**Plan ahead:** Schedule activities in the coolest part of the day and avoid exercising in the heat. If you must go out, wear

a hat and sunscreen and take a bottle of water with you.

**Help others:** Look after those most at risk in the heat – your neighbour living alone, the elderly, the very young, people with a medical condition and don't forget your pets.

**Hot cars kill:** Never leave kids, adults or pets in hot cars. The temperature inside a parked car can double within minutes.

On locally declared Heat Health Alert days, our libraries in Gisborne, Kyneton, Romsey and Woodend will be running our Beat the Heat program.

Head there for a comfortable air-conditioned space that offers free water, toys for the kids and of course, books, magazines and newspapers to read, as well as free WiFi and internet access.



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**"DRAW"**

'Draw' - is one of those little English words that has so many different meanings - to sketch an outline; to draw the blinds and blot out the hot sun; to draw out information; these are just a few. Another meaning, is to draw someone else to us - and they to us, hopefully. Jesus spoke these solemn words, in John 6:44: "No-one can come to Me unless the Father Who sent Me *draws* him." We do not come to Christ strictly on our own initiative; it is the Father Who draws us. Theologically, this is called prevenient grace, God's grace at work in us to draw us to Himself. It takes two to tango so we must be sensitive to His overtures and let ourselves to be *drawn* to Him.

Jesus also said in John 12:32, "But I, when I be lifted from the earth, will *draw* all men to myself." This was in reference to the Cross and the sacrifice of Himself for Us in order that our fallen, sinful selves might be made clean, forgiven, and restored to fellowship with the Father when we *draw* near to Jesus and receive Him as our Saviour and Lord.

Christmas is a good time to think about drawing near to God the Father, as He drew near to us as the Babe in the manger at Bethlehem, then, becoming the Lord of all and the King of Glory.

How will you spend Christmas? As the pagans did, "wassailing" a time of fun and feasting?

Or enjoying simple fun and feasting and worshipping with fellow believers before the Throne of the One Who came and died to save us all!

From St. Andrew's Day, November 30th, the Church begins her New Year and the Season Of Advent, meaning 'to come' starts. We begin to prepare for Christmas, remembering Christ's *first coming*, but more importantly, we need to be remembering and preparing for His *second coming*, "when He returns in the clouds of heaven and Great Glory", - then comes *the judgment*.

"O may we keep and ponder in our mind, God's wondrous

love in saving lost mankind;

Trace we the Babe, Who has retrieved our loss, From His poor cradle to the bitter Cross;

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

**DECEMBER**

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Church Christmas Services - For Christmas 2017 - Rev Jeannie Woollard officiating.

Christmas Eve - 11.30pm - Christ Church Lancefield

Christmas Day - 9am. St. Paul's Romsey

**JANUARY 2018**

Rev. Jeannie Woollard will be continuing her ministry with us well into the New Year but will be on holidays during January. We will be welcoming back our former interim-vicar, Rev. Bill Carroll to be with us again to take the January services in Rev. Jeannie's absence.

Rev. Jeannie and the Members of the Anglican Parish of Lancefield and Romsey pray that all in our Community will enjoy a very blest Christmas and New Year.

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## COMMUNITY GRANT MAKES GOOD "SENSE"

A major contribution from our Community Bank will enable the Therapeutic Sensory Space at the Greater Romsey All Abilities Park to go full-steam ahead. Lancefield and Romsey Community Banks chair David Plunkett today announced the \$80,000 grant will be put towards key features including the proposed Rocky Gorge, Sensory Garden Water Feature and Kinetic Wind Sculpture. The grant was part of \$182,805 in grants and sponsorships for local groups and events – all money generated by the proceeds and returns from banking business with our two local branches. The latest allocation means more than \$1.3 million has been given to clubs, community groups and a range of other organisations around the district over the past 17 years.

"This distribution provides further proof that local residents and businesses who bank with us are helping make their own direct contribution to worthwhile projects and groups in the community," Mr Plunkett said. "By supporting their Bank, they are also proudly supporting the groups receiving these grants and sponsorships. We will soon be the only Bank in town for both Lancefield and Romsey, and we reaffirm our long-term commitment to always be here for the community. These grants and sponsorships demonstrate why we are here and how the loans, savings, investments and other business from all of us collectively put more money back into our community."

Other key grants and sponsorships included as part of the community investment distribution include \$10,000 to the

Lancefield Equestrian Group to improve the surface of the inside of the trotting track at Lancefield Park, so it can be used for equestrian and other events.

A \$12,000 grant to Lancefield's St Mary's Primary School will go towards a new shade sail to protect children enjoying the new playground equipment and allow the area near the corner of Raglan and Chauncey Streets to be used for outdoor lessons and exercise activities. And \$10,000 will enable Lancefield Neighbourhood House to renovate the Lancefield Playgroup and Out of School Hours Care building.

Our 50 grants and sponsorships have been allocated across a range of organisations, including sporting and other groups, schools and emergency services agencies. Mr Plunkett said the funding of local groups and community projects was the culmination of the effort of local residents when they worked together more than 20 years ago to bring the Community Bank concept to Lancefield and Romsey. Local groups benefited with significant funding thanks to the unique profit-sharing arrangements under the Bendigo Bank Community Bank concept – which was further reason for residents to continue supporting the "only bank in town".

### AWARD RECIPIENTS

The Field Trip 'Someday' – a weekend retreat for local senior citizens \$2,000; Macedon Ranges Masonic Lodge #97 Breakfast Program for Lancefield Primary School children \$2,000; Lancefield Mechanics Institute Moving the existing Boiling Water Unit and

installing a timer function \$800; Lancefield Cemetery Trust Memorial Niche Wall \$4,000; Lancefield & District Pony Club Excavation and improvements to an existing water jump \$2,000; Lancefield Light Harness Club Updating the sign at the main gate \$506; Lancefield Primary School Garden 2 Table Program – purchase of a roller door, outdoor tables and chairs, and new gardening equipment \$5,000; Lancefield Equestrian Group (LEG) For improving the riding surface of part of the area inside the trotting track at Lancefield Park, to enable it to be used for equestrian and other events \$10,000; St Mary's Primary School Shade sail for a new playground area \$12,000 ; Lancefield Neighbourhood House Renovation of the Playgroup and Out of School Hours Care building \$10,000 ; \$1,000 each to our local Emergency Services, including Benloch Fire Brigade, Lancefield Fire Brigade, Newham Fire Brigade, Nulla Vale CFA, and Romsey-Lancefield & District Ambulance Auxiliary; Lancefield Auskick; Lancefield Tennis Club; Lancefield Light Harness Club; Lancefield Junior Football Netball Club Lancefield Bowling Club – sponsorship of the Club's annual tournament; Lancefield Cricket Club; Lancefield Golf Club; Lancefield Football Netball Club

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Lancefield Football Netball Club, Lancefield Tennis Club and Lancefield Junior Football Netball Club – sponsorship of a fundraising luncheon for the multipurpose courts project at Lancefield Park; Macedon Ranges Vignerons Association – category sponsorship for the 2017 Macedon Ranges Wine Exhibition, including the judging and Gala Dinner; Lancefield Agricultural Society; Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay For Life; Ongoing sponsorship of Lancefield Primary School and St Mary's Primary School

## SUPPORT AFTER SUICIDE-CREATIVE ARTS THERAPY

We meet to provide peer support to people who have lost someone they love to suicide.

An open invitation is offered to attend the Peer Support Group meeting on Monday, 11th December, from 7-8:30pm in the Newham Hall (across the road from the CFA).

The December meeting will be a Creative Arts Therapy session offered by therapist Marita Jacobsson, which is a form of counselling using the arts to create and make meaning - it can be especially helpful when words are hard to find and express. The session will incorporate a creative process for attendees to honour loved ones.

Please RSVP to [macedonrangesspag@gmail.com](mailto:macedonrangesspag@gmail.com)  
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According to Professor Seba, the chief economist at Stanford University, the future of our cars is “the scrapyard”!!! Petrol or diesel cars will vanish in 8 years. While the Professor’s timing may be off by a few years, there is little doubt about the general direction of the motor car, as we know it. Many countries will ban these old cars. India is drawing up plans to phase out petrol and diesel cars by 2032, leapfrogging China’s move to push for electric vehicles by 2025. This shift is driven by technology, not climate change policies. “We are on the cusp of one of the fastest, deepest, most consequential disruption of transportation”, Professor Seba said. The tipping point will arrive over the next two to three years as electric car ranges will surpass 300 km and self driving EVs will appear. The Tesla model S electric car has only 18 moving parts, hundred times fewer than a combustion engine car and maintenance is near zero. That is why Tesla is offering infinite mile warranties.

However there are also disadvantages for EVs to overcome. Electric cars are now too expensive and need subsidies, but

prices will drop to \$25 000 per EV. Electric cars are also heavy, their batteries are toxic and difficult to recycle. What will electricity cost, if everyone goes driving electric?

Global demand for oil, apart for use in aviation and the chemical industries, will drop by 30%. It is an existential threat to the car manufacturers, which are scrambling to design EVs. It will affect the North Sea oil bonanza. Russia, Saudi Arabia, Nigeria and Venezuela.

There are more cars manufactured than can be sold. Consequently car prices have fallen. I purchased a car 5 years ago for \$32000. The same car can now be bought for \$24000. Watching TV, one can see several brands advertised for \$17000 drive-away, with 5 or 7 years warranty. Why buy a 2 hand car? Trade-ins are not anymore preferred and 2nd hand cars are often unsaleable and may even cost money to be removed. So what is the future of your jalopy? The scrap yard.

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**LANCEFIELD SMALL BORE RIFLE CLUB**

# FIRST PLACE

November has been a successful month for the Club. The 2017 TRV Pennant 10 metre Air Rifle Supported competition concluded. Run over 10 weeks, Lancefield continued to hold its first place throughout the competition. The team won with 40 points with Albury and Camberwell coming equal second with 28 points. Congratulations to the team of Roger, Max, John and Tarsha who took the first four individual places. A terrific result!

The next competition we are entering is the Ladies Team, again a statewide event. All competitors have to shoot 2 cards each of 20m prone, 20m bench rest and 10m air rifle. Best of luck to Karen, Tarsha, Anita and Kate.

If you would like to know more about our activities please ring our Club Secretary Max on 54 292259. We are a small and friendly group of people of mixed ages and welcome those interested in the sport to come along one evening to see what it is all about. We take a short break over Christmas but are back for practice sessions early in the New Year.

**1ST ROMSEY SCOUT GROUP**

## GREAT VARIETY

The scouting movement is one of the largest youth organisations in Australia with over 20,000 participants who enjoy a variety of activities in the bush, the sea, the rivers, the mountains, the towns and cities. The 1st Romsey Scout group began in 1957 and services the areas of Romsey, Lancefield, Benloch, Springfield and surrounding areas

Our scout troop meet on a Monday night from 6-8pm and caters for 11 to 14 year olds. In the last few weeks our scouts were responsible for planning an overnight hike in the Cobaw state forest where the scouts mapped out their itinerary, planned what provisions they would require and equipment they needed to take. A very successful weekend was had by all.

Our cub pack meets on a Tuesday night from 5.30 to 7pm and caters for 7 to 10 year olds. The last few weeks have seen our cubs participating in a history tour of Romsey to earn their history badges. They have also been learning about how to maintain their bikes and cycling safely including a 2km bike ride in simulated road conditions.

Watch out for the Scouts handmade rope christmas tree decorated by the cubs as part of the Romsey community Christmas tree installation.

For further inquiries 1stromsey@gmail.com. Check out our fb page 1st Romsey/Lancefield scout group



**THE MOUNT PLAYERS HAPPENINGS**

## 2018 PRODUCTION SEASON LAUNCHED

On Friday 3rd November The Mount Players hosted a wonderful evening to launch their 2018 Production Season. Members and sponsors gathered at the Mountview Theatre to hear each Director's presentation on their production for next year. The evening was also an opportunity to show off the new floor covering, the re-upholstered auditorium seats and a fantastic pergola at the rear of the theatre (to which the Bendigo Bank, Gisborne granted significant funding). Most importantly it was a way of saying thank you to the sponsors and members by simply enjoying the unique facility that is The Mount View Theatre.

2017 has been a fantastic year for the company with four very successful productions boasting great diversity and variety for our patrons. Next year brings a line-up that will be sure to please. This includes a drama, "Offshore Island", a deeply personal encounter, "Love Letters", the hit musical "Les Miserables", and William Shakespeare's "The Taming of the Shrew". Check our

website for full details and audition dates.

We would like to thank our sponsors throughout the year, The Bendigo Bank in Gisborne, David & Leanne Cashmore at Office Choice in Gisborne and newcomer Sunbury Eye Surgeons. Also thank you to the Macedon Ranges Shire Council for their grant for our floor covering. Thanks to our members and patrons who make up our theatrical family, without you we would not have a company.

If you would like to become a member and be part of something special we invite you to go to our website and follow the prompts.....we would love to have you!

Check out our website [www.themountplayers.com](http://www.themountplayers.com) and for bookings [www.trybooking.com](http://www.trybooking.com)

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# BOOK REVIEWS

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## OLDER CHILDREN'S FICTION

Reviewed by Amber Ryan 12yo:

Extremely Inconvenient Adventures of Bronte Mettlestone  
By Jaclyn Moriarty RRP\$ 22.99



The Extremely Inconvenient Adventures of Bronte Mettlestone, otherwise known as one of the best books you'll ever read! This is an enchanting book about Whisperers, Water sprites and Spellbinders. You won't regret reading it, from the magical start to the glorious ending, I loved it all. I applaud author Jaclyn Moriarty for opening up my imagination to an amazing new world.

## YOUNGER CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOKS:

Don't Push the Button; A Christmas Adventure by Bill Cotter RRP \$12.99

Age range 0 - 3 - Larry the lovable monster from Don't Push the Button! is back for the holidays with another hilarious, interactive adventure! Larry isn't supposed to open his present until Christmas. But he *really*



wants to know what it is... Maybe you can help him figure out what's inside! Just shake the box, and take peek and a tug...But be careful! Uh oh...



Merry Everything by Tania McCartney RRP \$ 25.99

It's Christmas Eve and the world is buzzing with busy. With baubles to hang, shimmer to drape and scrumptious treats to prepare, enjoy this peek inside festive homes of animals all over the world,

and join them as they celebrate the togetherness that is Christmas.

Oliver Elephant by Lou Peacock RRP \$24.99



Poor Noah, Christmas shopping is *such* hard work, even when Oliver Elephant comes too. But when Oliver Elephant is lost, that's when the trouble really starts...

The Polar Express by Chris Van Allsburg RRP \$ 16.99 includes CD read by Liam Neeson

Late on Christmas Eve, a boy boards a mysterious train: The Polar Express bound for the North Pole. When he arrives, Santa



offers him any gift he desires. The boy modestly asks for a bell from a reindeer's harness, but this turns out to be a very special gift...

12 Days of Christmas by Adam Spencer RRP \$24.99



Adam Spencer's 12 Days of Christmas is a funny and distinctly Australian take on the classic Christmas carol.

Featuring beautiful illustrations, it's the perfect way to celebrate the festive season, while learning to count at the same time!

## CHRISTMAS COOKING



Women's Weekly Christmas Collection RRP \$45.00

If you've always wanted all the recipes for Christmas that you'll ever need, than this is the book for you! It's a massive collection of best-ever festive recipes to help you celebrate the Christmas season. There are recipes for traditional cakes and puddings, hams, turkeys, seafood, sides, desserts, celebratory drinks, gifts to make - and all the trappings that everyone expects over the holiday season.

New York Christmas by Lisa Nieschlag and Lars Wentrup RRP \$39.99



A getaway to the magical New York of the pre-Christmas period: who doesn't dream of strolling down a snowy 5th Avenue, ice-skating around the imposing Christmas tree outside the Rockefeller Center and to cap it off, enjoying a delicious slice of pumpkin pie in one of the inviting cafes? With around 50 recipes this cookbook allows you to share the dream of a White Christmas in your own kitchen. Interwoven throughout are three beautiful Christmas themed stories, so you can read yourself into the spirit of Christmas - Paul Auster's Auggie Wren's

Christmas Story, The Gift of the Magi by O. Henry and Virginia O'Hanlon's Is There a Santa Claus? Each of the three stories has, in its own way, become part of popular Christmas folklore in the United States.

## GIFT IDEAS

Winner of the 2017 Man Booker Prize: Lincoln in the Bardo by George Saunders RRP \$29.99



The American Civil War rages while President Lincoln's beloved eleven-year-old son lies gravely ill. In a matter of days, Willie dies and is laid to rest in a Georgetown cemetery. Newspapers report that a grief-stricken Lincoln returns to the

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crypt several times alone to hold his boy's body. From this seed of historical truth, George Saunders spins an unforgettable story of familial love and loss that breaks free of realism, entering a thrilling, supernatural domain both hilarious and terrifying. Willie Lincoln finds himself trapped in a transitional realm - called, in Tibetan tradition, the bardo - and as ghosts mingle, squabble, gripe and commiserate, and stony tendrils creep towards the boy, a monumental struggle erupts over young Willie's soul. Unfolding over a single night, Lincoln in the Bardo is written with George Saunders' inimitable humour, pathos and grace. Here he invents an exhilarating new form, and is confirmed as one of

the most important and influential writers of his generation.

Mythos by Stephen Fry RRP \$32.99



The Greek myths are the greatest stories ever told, passed down through millennia and inspiring writers and artists as varied as Shakespeare, Michelangelo, James Joyce and Walt Disney. They are embedded deeply in the traditions, tales and cultural DNA of the West. In Stephen Fry's hands the stories of the titans and gods become a brilliantly entertaining account of ribaldry and revelry, warfare and worship, debauchery, love affairs and life lessons, slayings and suicides, triumphs and

tragedies. You'll fall in love with Zeus, marvel at the birth of Athena, wince at Cronus and Gaia's revenge on Ouranos, weep with King Midas and hunt with the beautiful and ferocious Artemis. Thoroughly spellbinding, informative and moving, Stephen Fry's Mythos perfectly captures these stories for the modern age - in all their rich and deeply human relevance.

The Inaugural Meeting of the Fairvale Ladies Book Club by Sophie Green RRP \$29.99



In 1978 the Northern Territory has begun to self-govern. Cyclone Tracy is a recent memory and

telephones not yet a fixture on the cattle stations dominating the rugged outback. Life is hard and people are isolated. But they find ways to connect. Sybil is the matriarch of Fairvale Station, run by her husband, Joe. Their eldest son, Lachlan, was Joe's designated successor but he has left the Territory - for good. It is up to their second son, Ben, to take his brother's place. But that doesn't stop Sybil grieving the absence of her child. With her oldest friend, Rita, now living in Alice Springs and working for the Royal Flying Doctor Service, and Ben's English wife, Kate, finding it difficult to adjust to life at Fairvale, Sybil comes up with a way to give them all companionship and purpose: they all love to read, and she forms a book club. Mother-of-three

Sallyanne is invited to join them. Sallyanne dreams of a life far removed from the dusty town of Katherine where she lives with her difficult husband, Mick. Completing the group is Della, who left Texas for Australia looking for adventure and work on the land. If you loved *The Guernsey Literary And Potato Peel Pie Society*, *The Little Coffee Shop Of Kabul* and *The Thorn Birds* you will devour this story of five different women united by one need: to overcome the vast distances of Australia's Top End with friendship, tears, laughter, books and love.

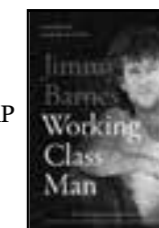
A Bold Life by Kerri-Anne Kennerley RRP \$44.99

A Bold Life is the tale of a Sandgate girl who chased her dream of being a cabaret star to New York,

only to find herself stranded in a violent marriage to a dangerous drug addict. It's the journey of a woman who built a remarkable 50 year career in one of the most male dominated industries of all, and instigated some of the most iconic moments in Australian TV history along the way. Yet away from the spotlight, Kerri-Anne has stared down a series of personal crises with grace and dignity, the latest in 2016 when a fall left her husband John a quadriplegic. Honest, fabulous, powerful and poignant, this is Kerri-Anne Kennerley's own extraordinary and inspiring story.



Working Class Man by Jimmy Barnes RRP \$49.99



It's a life too big and a story too extraordinary for just one book. Jimmy Barnes has lived many lives - from Glaswegian migrant kid to iconic front man, from solo superstar to proud father of his own musical clan. In this hugely anticipated sequel to his critically acclaimed bestseller, *Working Class Boy*, Jimmy picks up the story of his life as he leaves Adelaide in the back of an old truck with a then unknown band called Cold Chisel. A spellbinding and honest reflection on success, fame and addiction; this self-penned memoir reveals how Jimmy Barnes used

the fuel of childhood trauma to ignite and propel Australia's greatest rock'n'roll story. But beyond the combustible merry-go-round of fame, drugs and rehab, across the Cold Chisel, solo and soul years - this is a story about how it's never too late to try and put things right.

Kevin Sheedy: The Illustrated Biography RRP \$45.00



Kevin Sheedy is one of the Australian Football League's most enduring figures. A player and coach over five decades, Kevin has an unsurpassed record of involvement in over 1000 games and seven premierships. He began his career at Prahran Football Club in the Victorian

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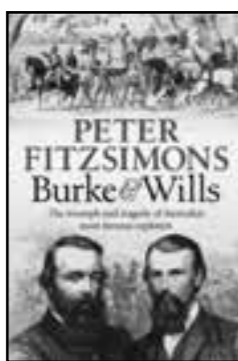


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Football Association in 1964. After playing in a premiership with that club, he transferred to Richmond in the Victorian Football League in 1967 and played 251 games before retiring in 1979. Kevin played in three winning grand final sides for the Tigers - 1969, 1973 and 1974. Kevin is a member of the AFL Hall of Fame a Life Member of AFL, Richmond, Essendon Clubs, and the first ever Life Member at Greater Western Sydney Football Club (GWS FC).

Burke & Wills by Peter Fitzsimons RRP \$49.99

In an ambitious quest to be the first Europeans to cross the harsh Australian continent, the Victorian Exploring Expedition sets off, farewelled by 15,000

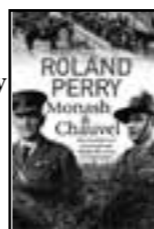


cheering well-wishers. Led by Robert O'Hara Burke, a brave man totally lacking in the bush skills necessary for his task; surveyor and meteorologist William Wills; and 17 others, the expedition took 20 tons of equipment carried on six wagons, 23 horses and 26 camels. Almost immediately plagued by disputes and sackings, the expeditioners battled the extremes of the Australian landscape and weather: its deserts, the boggy mangrove swamps of the

Gulf, the searing heat and flooding rains. Food ran short and, unable to live off the land, the men nevertheless mostly spurned the offers of help from the local Indigenous people. In desperation, leaving the rest of the party at the expedition's depot on Coopers Creek, Burke, Wills and John King made a dash for the Gulf in December 1860. Bad luck and bad management would see them miss by just hours a rendezvous back at Coopers Creek, leaving them stranded in the wilderness with practically no supplies. Only King survived to tell the tale. Yet, despite their tragic fates, the names of Burke and Wills have become synonymous with perseverance and bravery in the face of overwhelming odds. They live on in our nation's history - and their

story remains immediate and compelling.

Monash and Chauvel by Roland Perry RRP \$34.99



Monash and Chauvel is a gripping narrative history that follows the extraordinary campaigns of the two most outstanding battlefield commanders of the First World War across all the Allied armies: John Monash and Harry Chauvel. John Monash commanded the Australian forces on the Western Front at the most critical time of the war, 1918. Almost uniquely among Allied generals on the Western Front, he learned the lessons of past failures and devised the tactics that allowed his Australian

troops to break through the stalemate of trench warfare, masterminding crucial battles, including Peronne, and at the Hindenburg Line that broke the German Army in France. In the war against the Ottoman Empire in the Middle East, Harry Chauvel led the 34,000-strong Desert Mounted Column. Chauvel was an Empire man, who considered himself as British first, Australian second. His attitude changed in the course of the war, when he realised he would have to ignore the directives of his British superiors and take the initiative in planning battle tactics himself if he was to defeat the Turks. He did this at Romani in the Sinai in August 1916; at Beersheba on 31 October 1917; and in the final 1918 drive to

push the Turks right out of the Middle East after 400 years of brutal rule over the Arab tribes. By the end of the war Monash and Chauvel had brought a distinctly Australian sensibility to their areas of operation, involving flexibility, innovation and a deep respect for the troops they led, which was in turn reciprocated by their men. Their impact on the war was immense and, in this fascinating and compelling account, bestselling author Roland Perry does full justice to their extraordinary careers and the soldiers under their command.

Birdmania by Bernd Brunner RRP \$34.99



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that many people are crazy for birds. Packed with intriguing facts and exquisite and rare artwork, Birdmania showcases an eclectic and fascinating selection of bird devotees who would do anything for their feathered friends. In addition to well-known enthusiasts, such as Aristotle, Charles Darwin, and Helen Macdonald, Brunner introduces readers to Karl Russ, the pioneer of "bird rooms" and lover of the Australian budgerigar, who had difficulty renting lodgings when landlords realised who he was; George Lupton, a wealthy Yorkshire lawyer, who commissioned the theft of uniquely patterned eggs every year for twenty years from the same unfortunate female guillemot who never had a chance to raise a chick; Ambrose Pratt who leaves

us a beautiful example of a devoted relationship between a lyre bird and an Australian hermit; Mervyn Shorthouse, who posed as a wheelchair-bound invalid to steal an estimated ten thousand eggs from the Natural History Museum in Tring; and Tibbles the 19th century cat, who belonged to the lighthouse keeper on Stephens Island in New Zealand, and who collected many of Lord Walter Rothschild's bird samples. As this book illustrates, people who love birds, whether they are amateurs or professionals, are as captivating and varied as the birds that give flight to their dreams.

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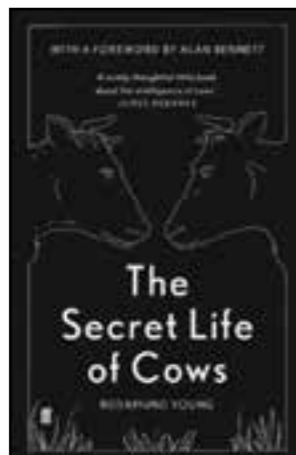


**BOOK REVIEWS**

hens, and pigs) all roam free. They make their own choices about rearing, grazing and housing.

Left to be themselves the cows exhibit personalities as diverse as our own. Fat Hat prefers men to women. Chippy Minton refuses to sleep with muddy legs and always reports to the barn for grooming before bed. Jake's vice is sniffing the carbon monoxide fumes from the Land Rover exhaust pipe. Gemima greets all humans with an angry shake of the head and is fiercely independent. In this affectionate, heart-warming chronicle, Rosamund Young shows that cows love, play games, bond and form life-long friendships.

They'll seek out willow when they are injured



and stinging nettles when pregnant. They babysit for one another; invent games; take umbrage' and grieve. The reason most of us don't know about this is because modern farming leaves no room for the natural behaviour celebrated here. This charming, gorgeously illustrated book shows the domestic cow in an entirely different light.

Turtles All The Way Down by John Green RRP \$27.99

The wait is over! John Green, the #1 bestselling author of The Fault in Our Stars, is back, with a book hailed by the Guardian as 'a new modern classic'. Sixteen-year-old Aza never intended to pursue the mystery of fugitive billionaire Russell Pickett, but there's a hundred thousand dollar reward at stake and her Best and Most Fearless Friend, Daisy, is eager to investigate. So together, they navigate the short distance and broad divides that separate them from Russell Pickett's son, Davis. Aza is trying. She is trying to be a good daughter, a good friend, a good student, and maybe even a good detective,



while also living within the ever-tightening spiral of her own thoughts. In his long-awaited return, John Green, the acclaimed, award-winning author of Looking for Alaska and The Fault in Our Stars, shares Aza's story with shattering, unflinching clarity in this brilliant novel of love, resilience, and the power of lifelong friendship.

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## YEAR OF CONTRASTS

It's been a year of contrasts when it comes to safety on the bike out on our roads.

A number of high profile deaths occurred during endurance events around the world after collisions with other vehicles. None hit home harder than the death of Mike Hall in March this year whilst riding from Cooma to near Canberra. Locally we had a very serious incident on Black Forest Drive when a car drove straight through the back of three visiting cyclists in broad daylight. One of the cyclist is still going through recovery and therapy. It was enough for some of our local riders to call for Black Forest Drive to be converted to a single lane highway, a move we at Bike Safe Macedon Ranges endorse and support.

We were also disappointed with the government decision to not introduce a trial of the minimum passing laws and bring Victoria into step with most other states and territories. We continue to lobby for a change in this area.

On a positive note, many local cyclists have reported general good behaviour from other road users when being passed on our local roads. We like to think that our message of "Sharing the Road" has had some affect.

May you all have a safe and happy festive holiday.

Jem Richards  
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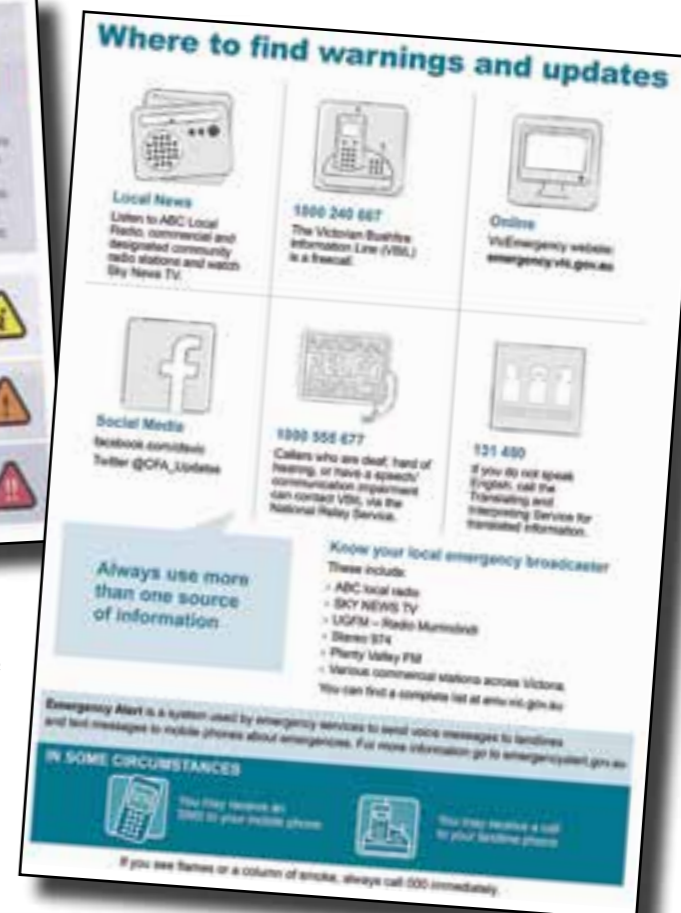
- Check your Fire Danger Rating every day
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**HOW YOU CAN STAY IN TOUCH:**

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- Follow CFA on Twitter ([www.twitter.com/cfa\\_updates](http://www.twitter.com/cfa_updates)).
- Join the CFA Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/cfavic](http://www.facebook.com/cfavic)).

- Listen to local news on ABC Local Radio, commercial and designated community radio stations and watch Sky News TV
- Access the CFA mobile website at [www.cfa.vic.gov.au/mobile](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/mobile) or if you have a smartphone, download the VicEmergency app for iPhone, Blackberry, Android and Windows.
- The VicEmergency Hotline (freecall) 1800 226 226, online [emergency.vic.gov.au](http://emergency.vic.gov.au)
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- Translating and Interpreting Service 131 450 for translated information
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- Wireless communications, internet and landlines may vary between service providers.
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emergency and may vary between service providers.

- You may receive an SMS or call on your landline in some circumstances
- Sirens sounding nearby are a trigger for you to seek information, as they may indicate fire activity in your area. When you hear a siren, further information may be available via ABC local radio, commercial and designated community radio stations, and SKY News TV.

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## FREE TO FEED LUNCH

Lancefield Tennis club ladies hosted a Free to Feed lunch on Sunday 5th November. “Free to Feed is a not-for-profit social enterprise. In awe of the enterprising spirit of refugees, people seeking asylum and new migrants – and appreciative of what they want to offer as new community members – we aim to champion their unique skills and individual stories.”

We had a great day learning to cook Syrian food, and then sitting down together to eat. For more information please go to <http://freetofeed.org.au>.



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