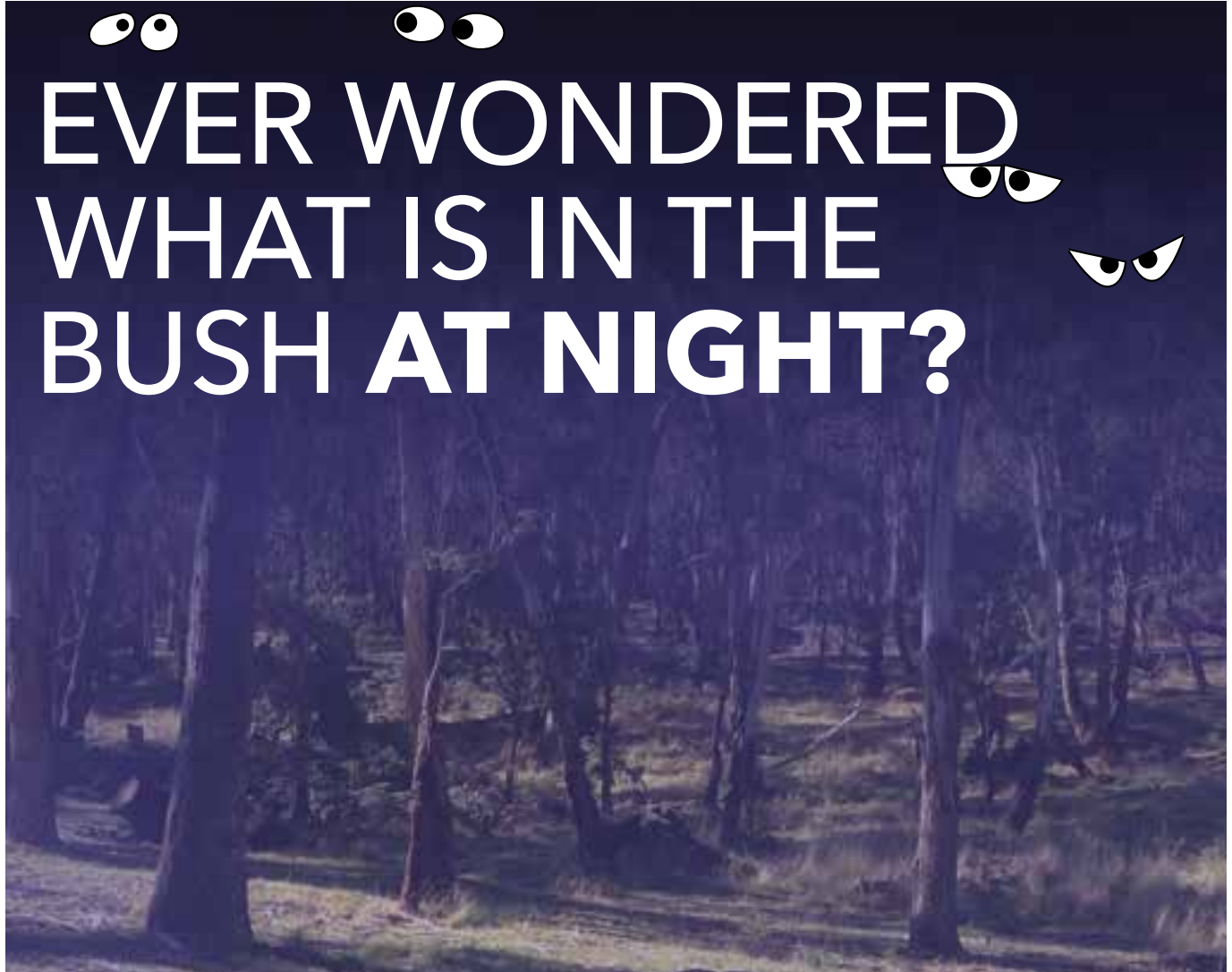




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Deep Creek Landcare Group has been working closely with MRSC by conducting spotlight surveys in the Cobaws to see what animals and birds call our Cobaw Ranges home and to understand the conservation significance of this site. Surveys provide current data of species present which allows various organisations to determine the conservation significance of the Cobaw ranges.

Barking owls, brush and ringtail possums, antechinus, brush tailed phascogales, wallaby and gliders to name a few which have been spotted on these cold wintery nights. When the weather improves we will conduct more spotlight tours for anyone interested in joining us.

We are also looking for expressions of interest in running some wildflower walks during late October early November. We have engaged a knowledgeable member of our Landcare Group, Robin Ford, who is willing to share his time exploring the Cobaws to identify some of the amazing native flora in the Cobaws. These walks will also be followed

by a bbq lunch and refreshments. If you would be interested in attending a wildflower walk in the Cobaws, please register your interest by emailing deepcreeklandcare@gmail.com with your name and contact details for this event and we will keep you updated.

IN OTHER NEWS

Indian myna bird traps are available and any trappers no longer using cages please advise Pat Danko via the email listed above. Myna bird numbers for June were 87.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 14th August @ 8pm at the Lancefield Mechanics Hall Annexe. All are welcome.

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK SOUGHT ON FARMING ZONE

During August, Council will be seeking community feedback about land use issues on farming land across the shire. A community survey will be available on Council's website and a landowner survey will be mailed to all landowners within the farming zone. All feedback received will be used to inform the

development a draft farming zone strategy that will be released in 2018 for community feedback. To find out more, or to see if you are in the farming zone, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay. For more information, contact Gareth on 5421 9675 or email gately@mrsc.vic.gov.au



SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

TAX HELP

Support with basic tax returns is available at the Neighbourhood House from mid July to October. This is a free service. We can help you set up a My Gov account if required and help you complete your tax return on line. Phone the House on 5429 1214 to make an appointment.

TAI CHI

Macedon Ranges Tai Chi are now running classes at the Neighbourhood House on Wednesday This gentle style of Tai Chi specialises in help for arthritis sufferers and for falls injury prevention. Their purpose "...is to empower people to improve their health and wellness.

Classes run during school term dates on Wednesdays at 11.30 am for one hour, Cost is \$10 for casual rate or \$80

for 10 sessions. If you would like to do an early morning or evening classes contact Susie on 0421 017 161

SCRAPBOOKING & CARD MAKING

Charlotte Burns is offering Scrapbooking, Card Making and Stamping. Take some time off for yourself and join us for your choice of card making or scrapbooking. \$10 entry includes Morning Tea, 2 cards or 1 scrapbook page. First class *free!* No experience necessary. Contact Charlotte on 0438 855 925 for more details or to register.

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DELIVERY PERSON NEEDED

The Op Shop needs people with a ute, van or trailer who can occasionally help with collecting or delivering furniture. Phone the House if you would like to volunteer.

COMMUNITY NURSERY

We would like to start a community nursery as a fundraiser for the food pantry project. Please phone the House to find out more or come to our planning discussion on Wednesday 16 August at 10am.

To get started we will need a supply of potting mix, cuttings and some man power. If you can help with any of these things please let us know on 5429 1214.

SKATEPARK

The Neighbourhood House has been supporting the efforts to get a skatepark in Lancefield for 18 years. We are incredible happy that Lancefield now has a fantastic new facility.

\$40,000 of Op Shop funds have been donated towards the cost of the construction and the finishing touches of the skatepark. The rest of the skatepark was funded by money from the Shire (from the sale of the old Maternal Health Centre), a state government grant the Shire was successful in getting, DELWP fire recovery funding, a Bendigo Bank grant, funds donated by the Youth Space committee when it closed and fundraising done by young people several years ago.

FACEBOOK

The Lancefield Neighbourhood House facebook page is now linked to the Lancefield.org.au website and will have all the up to date information about what is happening in Lancefield.

This page is for posting events and activities that are happening in the area and by Liking the page you are helping support community initiatives.

LANCEFIELD COMMUNITY WEB SITE

The Lancefield web site has information about current local news, a calendar of events, contact details for all the

community organisations and a growing directory of local businesses.

The aim of the website is to have a central communication point for Lancefield. Please support this project and help make it a strong a useful resource by subscribing for updates, on the News page, and listing your news, events of activities on the Contact Us page www.lancefield.org.au

LANCEFIELD BOOMERANG BAGS

On the second Wednesday of the month from 10-12 we will be making boomerang bags. We will be up-cycling fabric to make reusable bags which will be available at the shops for people to use instead of plastic bags.

The process involves cutting, ironing and screen printing our logo and sewing. We are also after some people who can sew some bags at home.

OTHER ACTIVITIES IN JULY

To find out dates for the sewing classes, our August Movie night and the Grandparents support group – as well as our regular activities – phone the House on 5429 1214, visit the Neighbourhood House Facebook page, visit the Lancefield Community web site or check out the posters in The Town House window.

THE MOUNT PLAYERS GO "THE FULL MONTY"

Following a successful One Act Play Festival in early July the company is now only 2 weeks away from their gala opening of "The Full Monty". This fabulous musical comedy is based on the classic movie that we all know and love and tells its heart-warming and poignant story of a bunch of unemployed blokes who have no other choice than to become strippers for a night to make some quick cash.

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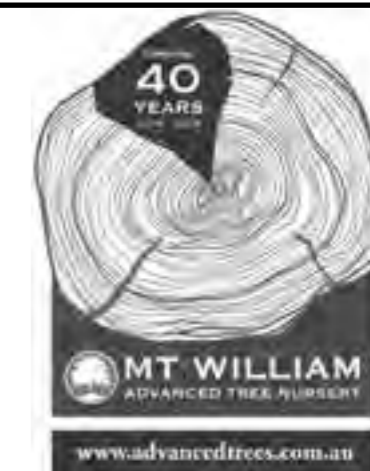
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Macedon Ranges Shire Council is inviting feedback on its Draft Macedon Ranges Visitor Economy Future Directions Paper 2017-2027 that will help guide tourism in the region over the next 10 years.

The draft plan, which has been informed by research and consultation with a range of local tourism industry providers, outlines a number of proposed strategies and actions that seek to support the local visitor economy and protect, while sharing, the beautiful place that is the Macedon Ranges.

It also identifies opportunities to enhance the range of services and support that Council provides for local businesses and the tourism industry.

Tourism in the Macedon Ranges contributes \$273 million direct and \$183 million indirect expenditure each year.

The draft plan will be available until 5pm on Monday 14 August 2017.

There are a number of ways you can have your say: Download a copy of the draft plan and complete our online survey at mrsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay

View a copy in-person at any of Council's customer service centres in Gisborne, Kyneton, Romsey and Woodend.

Send a written submission to PO Box 151, Kyneton VIC 3444 or email mrsc@mrsc.vic.gov.au

Drop-in sessions will also be held. For dates and locations, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay

For more information, contact our Economic Development & Tourism Department on 5421 9616 or email scaruana@mrsc.vic.gov.au

THE ROMSEY-LANCEFIELD RSL IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THE 2017

THE ANZAC SPIRIT AWARD



The RSL invites any Lancefield or Romsey district resident or organisation to nominate a local adult, child or community group who has carried out a voluntary deed with exceptional commitment, unselfishly with great enthusiasm to benefit any section of the local community within the last twelve months.

The Award is an annual event represented by a 20cm high bronze statue mounted on a wooden base and will have the 2017 winners name inscribed on the plaque attached to the base. This statue is on permanent display at the Romsey Community Centre.

The winner will receive a smaller statue and a cheque for \$150 donated by RSL member Wayne Smith.

Nomination forms can be obtained from the Romsey and Lancefield Neighbourhood House and the Romsey Post office or contact Trish Vowles on PH 54293456.

Nominations close on Friday 25th August 2017.

The Award presentation night will be held Wednesday 6th September 2017 commencing at 6pm.

All community members are welcome and there will be refreshments to follow.

STRONGER COMMUNITIES GRANTS PROGRAM - FOR GRANTS OF UP TO \$20,000

I am very proud to have been able to support so many excellent projects across our region in Rounds 1 and 2 of the Stronger Communities Grants Program, with investments in our community of over \$250,000. This program was established to allow Members of Parliament to work with their communities to recommend important local capital investment projects. Round 3 of the program is now open and I am asking community organisations to let me know about projects that are important to them. Up to a total of \$150,000 of funding will be available in the electorate of McEwen in the next financial year for small capital projects that improve participation and contribute to the vibrancy and viability of our communities. Individual grants of between \$2,500 and \$20,000 are available for capital projects but to be eligible the program requires matched contributions in cash or in kind on at least a dollar for dollar basis. The program is open to community based not-for-profit organisations that are not owned by a state or territory government. All applicants must operate as a legal entity with a current ABN. Unfortunately the Turnbull Government's guidelines specifically state that applications from schools, hospitals and technical colleges will not be accepted. Expressions of interest forms can be obtained by emailing me on Rob.Mitchell.MP@aph.gov.au or by calling my office on (03) 9333 0440.

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Or visit us on on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 10 am for a history chat (we have some of the local historical society books for sale).

DONATIONS

We were delighted to get a couple of interesting donations recently, from Julie Starec. We'll enjoy researching the dates of them – an early Vegemite jar and old sieve. Also an old (1930's?) wedding dress – though we are asking Julie to store the latter until we can care for it correctly.

LOOKING FOR SOME PLANTS TO REFRESH YOUR GARDEN?

We have some pots of the lovely blue winter iris, (Iris unguicularis 'Moses in a Basket', yellow autumn crocus (Sternbergia lutea), Nerines (pink and red), Belladonnas (pink), Flanders Poppy seeds (red) – and more. From \$2-\$5.

Looking forward to welcoming you at 'Barton'! Ruth (0411 812 805); jandrgreen@hotmail.com) on behalf of the Cottage Friends
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COMMUNION SERVICES

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9:00am Romsey Church
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Saturdays 9:45am Romsey

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BAPTISMS

2017 – Romsey Church – September 3rd & November 5th.

2017 – Lancefield Church – August 13th, October 8th & December 10th.

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.

PARISH NEWS

Year 6 children at St. Mary's School along with Year 6 children from all other local schools within the parish are now preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

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"MR. 30%"

Mr. Justin Smith, - "Mr.30%" - wrote in the Herald/Sun 30/6/2017, "For the first time "no religion" is the number one religion with 30 per cent of us saying we don't have an organised faith." . . . "So, if you're in the new 30 per cent majority, congratulate yourselves." (Mr.Smith is a 3AW Presenter) In the Census 50 per cent said they belonged to an organized faith so how can the new 30 per cent be the majority?

There has been a decline in Church affiliation over three generations, children have grown up with little knowledge of the Christian Faith and the results of which are being worked out in our society today. Victoria is being called the "lawless State" and the only State which does not have a Religious Education programme in its State Schools.

It raises an interesting question - Why do some of us have this faith in a Supreme Being, we call God, and others deny His existence or ignore His relevance in their lives.? John in his Gospel (12:39) quoting the Prophet Isaiah gives this explanation, "He (Satan) has blinded their eyes

and deadened their hearts, so they can neither see with their eyes, nor understand with their hearts, nor turn and I would heal them." When we turn to God and open our hearts to Him we find that He is already there, for He is the One, Who says, "Come to Me", - He Is already there waiting to welcome you to Himself!!

I believe that there is only a thin veil that separates us from our physical world to that unseen world of the spirit.

There is also the veil to break through, when we take those first hesitant steps, leading to Church, which may be a new experience and a rather daunting one, which I know from personal experience.

So then, we become part of the worshipping community where we learn and grow in the Faith as revealed in Jesus Christ.

*"Jesus, these eyes have never seen,
That radiant form of Thine;
The veil of sense hangs dark between,*

*Thy blessed face and mine.
When death these mortal eyes shall seal,
And still this throbbing heart,
The rending veil shall you reveal,
All glorious as Thou art."*
(Ray Palmer)

Last month some members of A.M.S. spent a happy hour enjoying the warm hospitality of Mrs Marj. Davis when they met for their Snooker Night.

We also farewelled our Locum Minister of seven years, Rev.Bill Carroll after the morning service. Mr. Graham Barker thanked him for his faithful service and made a presentation to him on our behalf.

It was also our pleasure to give a warm welcome to our Locum Minister for the next three months, Rev. Daniel Bol Nyeith who is from the South Sudan. We look forward to his ministry among us.

AUGUST 2017

There will be no A.M.S. Meeting this month.

Aug.11th.6.30pm.Anglican Men's Society, AMS, Annual

Dinner - St. Oswald's Day - the Patron Saint at All Saints Church Mitcham. \$30 . Enquiries . Tom Morgan - 5429-6060.

Art Show And Raffle in aid of the further restoration of historic Christ Church Lancefield

Sunday 24th September 3pm. At Christ Church Lancefield, Chauncey St. Lancefield.

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A special screening of the film: Our Power, will be shown in Woodend. Residents are invited to attend this special event which is being hosted by the Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group with support from Council.

The film will be followed by a panel discussion with the film makers and Latrobe Valley community leaders.

Saturday 12 August
Doors open 2.30pm
Film starts at 3pm
Entry by cash donation

AN EXTRA- ORDINARY FATHER'S DAY EVENT

Shake off the winter blues and plan a fabulous day out on Sunday 3 September at Duneira, Mt Macedon.

We start the day with a guided house tour and morning tea. Learn about the history of this hill station and the families that lived here during the past 140 years.

Local artist Mary Larnach-Jones has been visiting Corfu for the past 40 years, and will share with us in a most interesting discussion of Corfu through the eyes of an artist. Explore the sights and sounds, literature, art and famous people who have all explored and fallen in love with this magical island.

A very special Father's Day Afternoon Tea and concert will be held from 2.15 pm. Hear the beautiful sounds of soprano Karen Fitz-Gibbon who performs with Ensemble 642 in this performance of sexy, beautiful and passionate love songs of 17th century composer Strozzi.

The multi-talented Bryan Dawe will join us later in the day with a talk about his travels and love affair with Morocco and a special look at his exhibition of photographs of Tangier.

This special Father's Day line-up of events are now available for booking directly through www.duneira.com.au

Submitted by I. O'Duffy, Duneira

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Battery recycling bins have been installed in Council's customer service centres at Kyneton, Gisborne, Romsey and Woodend. The new bins were provided by the Loddon Mallee Waste and Resource Recovery Group.

Batteries are also able to be recycled at Council transfer stations.



Construction of female friendly and accessible change rooms and public toilets at Lancefield Football Netball and Tennis clubs is complete.

The Victorian Government funded the \$450,000 facility, which is already being enjoyed by local players. A range of local traders generously committed in-kind support and discounts on materials. The project was managed by Lancefield Park Recreation Reserves Incorporated, designed pro-bono by local architect Stephan Kosa and constructed by local builder John Poletti. Prior to construction, female players had to get changed in public toilets or their cars.

The Lancefield community identified the project as a priority due to the increase in female participation in club sport, and it has been supported at every step by local member Mary-Anne Thomas MP.

The \$450,000 funding for the new change rooms was part of the \$1.5 million the Victorian Government has provided for community infrastructure renewal projects

in the Lancefield area. Other projects funded with the \$1.5 million include: new playground; resurfacing of two netball/tennis courts; resurfacing of main oval; upgrade of cricket club rooms; security fencing and outdoor area for bowls club; new skate park and bmx pump track; new tractor; upgrade to Benloch Fire Station meeting room and an upgrade to the toilets at the Mechanics Institute.




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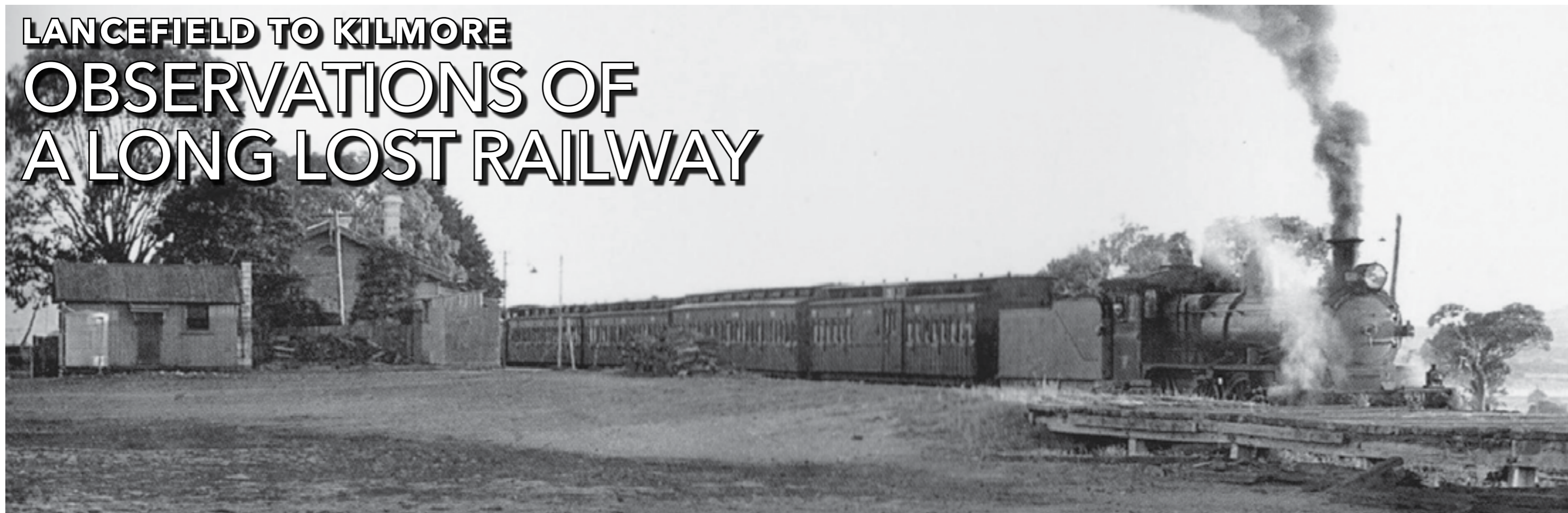
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LANCEFIELD TO KILMORE OBSERVATIONS OF A LONG LOST RAILWAY



Once again thanks to the dedicated volunteers at the Romsey Lancefield & Districts Historical Society, this long lost railway is being brought back to life in a new book written by two members of the society to be published mid-2018.

Kylie McKay and Bob Thomkins have spent the last two years photographing and researching the history of the long forgotten railway. Some may say 'white elephant' simply because it lasted roughly 10 years.

The main idea behind the line was to help the movement of animals and food from the country to the city. In reality, the powers-that-be should have realized that it was doomed to fail after the very first trip. The total patronage for this was 1 man and a cow, even charging for the transport of the cow,

it was not an auspicious beginning.

Below is a transcript of the original newspaper article.
A distinction – The first paying passenger on the new railway from this township to Kilmore was Mr. Robert Beasley. The only other living occupant of the carriages or trucks was a cow, which should have been left at one of the gatekeepers' cottages on the previous day, but had accidentally been overlooked.

LANCEFIELD MERCURY APRIL 8, 1892.

The book contains many photographs of what remains of the old line, with descriptions and GPS co-ordinates to help



enthusiasts and walkers to visualize how the line may have looked in its heyday.

Unfortunately a lot of the line is now on private property, but with the use of the GPS co-ordinates, it will still allow you to view the line without annoying property owners.

The Lancefield Station was situated at what is now the B&B and Café on

Main Road.

According to one of the writers, the book will contain several geocache points along the old route of the railway line between Lancefield and Kilmore. So, if you have a few hours spare on the weekends or don't know what to do with the children when they are on school holidays, why not get involved in the geocache hunt and at the same time enjoy an historical look at 'the white elephant' of Lancefield and Kilmore.

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FIREARMS AMNESTY


Victoria Police is constantly working to improve public safety by driving down the number of dangerous weapons and unlicensed firearms in the community. As part of this effort Victoria Police is supporting a nation-wide firearm amnesty which will be in effect until 30 September 2017. During the amnesty Victorians will be able to anonymously surrender firearms, firearm related articles such as ammunition, weapons and imitation firearms to a Licensed Firearms Dealer without fear of prosecution. We are asking everyone to contribute to improving community safety by surrendering items that could pose a danger. Any person can hand in items to a Licenced Firearm Dealer for destruction. Those dealers who are appropriately licensed will also be able to surrender the items for registration or sale following the usual acquisition process. The last Victorian amnesty in 2012 saw about 2500 items handed in including swords, homemade weapons, hunting knives and imitation and antique firearms.

For more information google firearmamnesty

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The Romsey-Lancefield RSL will be conducting a commemoration ceremony at the Romsey cenotaph on Friday 18th August, 2017 at 10am

Veterans and all members of the community are welcome to attend. Medals should be worn

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Our stepfather, Satan, is the ruler of this world. He was served an arrest warrant and his sentence is pending. God wants to rescue us from our cruel stepfather. He has done the necessary legal work and sent a gracious Prince (Christ) with the offer to adopt us into His family. All we need do is accept this generous offer and sign the papers (believe in Christ). Then we are adopted into the greatest Royal Family of all time - and beyond.

What fools we would be to spit at Jesus Christ's offer by rejecting Him as Saviour. We must remember, if we keep Satan as our legal stepfather, we receive his inheritance. Satan has only an eternal jail sentence to share with his family, but God has the riches of the universe to share with His. (John 8:44)

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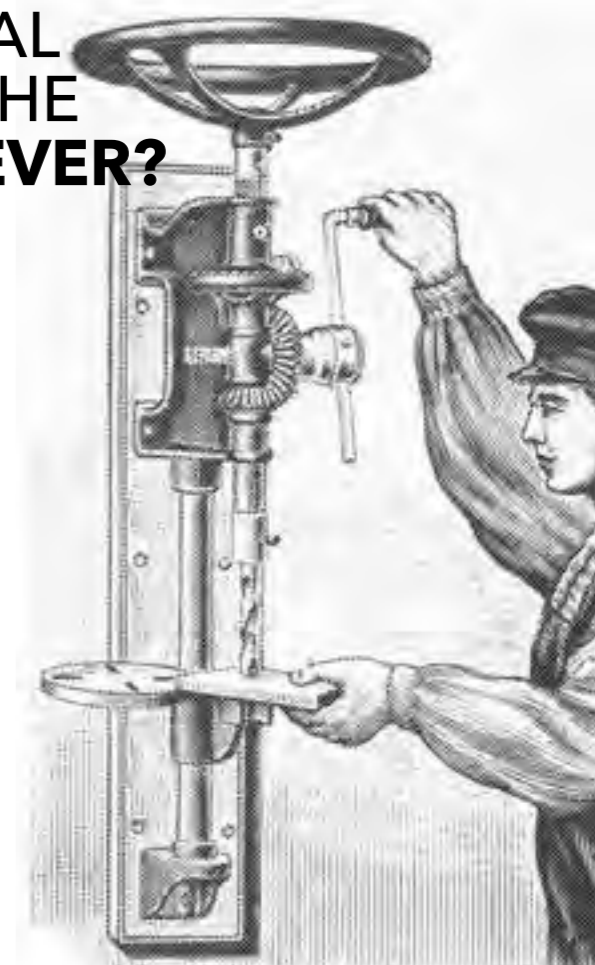
Find out on Thursday 10th August when ADFAS CV presents their August lecture titled 'Making the Modern World: The Industrial Revolution & the Decorative Arts'. The lecture will be at the Kyneton Town Hall, 129 Mollison St., Kyneton, 7.00 for 7.30pm start. Cost is \$30 cash payable on the night and this includes supper. Enquiries: Nicky Peters (03) 0400 958 449.

The lecture will focus on how the Industrial Revolution, by way of mass production, made it possible for the middle classes to access such objects previously enjoyed by the aristocracy. Ornamental objects such as furniture, book making, textiles, jewellery, and ceramics dominated resulting in completely new attitudes toward taste and interior design.

Guest Lecturer, Andrew Spira has been a curator at Victoria and Albert Museum specialising in 18th Century British Art.

JULY LECTURE UPDATE:

On July 13th, ADFAS members and guests were captivated by Gerald Deslandes' lecture on 'Landscape into Art' – an artistic movement that focuses on altering natural elements into the landscape. Gerald concentrated on the creations of three UK artists, who were early exponents of this movement. Visually, the lecture delighted the audience as numerous outstanding images of their work were shared.



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The Your Goodbye campaign has been developed to help people understand the importance of funeral rituals and discuss their end of life choices.

Local family funeral directors, T. J. Scott & Son, know only too well the impact on families long term when they don't give themselves the opportunity for farewell. Kelly says: "there are many rituals and values in funerals that have meant so much for so long and have helped in the grieving process. That doesn't mean however that your funeral has to be traditional – it's about providing the opportunity to come together and share – whatever that might look like to you."

T. J. Scott & Son recently attended a workshop with Dr Alan Willeit in Melbourne so they could all learn from his extensive research and experience about the importance of sharing your grief. The 'Your Story' Booklet allows people to record things like their earliest memories, pets, hobbies and the things people often forget to ask. It's your final gift to them by sharing your story.

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The workshop is designed to support event organisers and equip them with the tools necessary to successfully plan and run events and festivals in the shire.

There are two sessions to choose from, one from 5pm-6pm and the other from 6pm-7pm. Held at Council's Administration Centre at 40 Robertson Street in Gisborne, the evening offers information on everything you need to know about making your event successful, sustainable and compliant within the Macedon Ranges.

Workshop participants will be able to talk directly with Council officers on a range of topics relevant to event organisation including promotion, permits, liquor licences, risk and traffic management and more.

Come along and make new connections with local event organisers and Council representatives.

All attendees will receive a copy of the new Events



& Festivals Planning Guide, a tool designed to assist organisers to plan and manage events.

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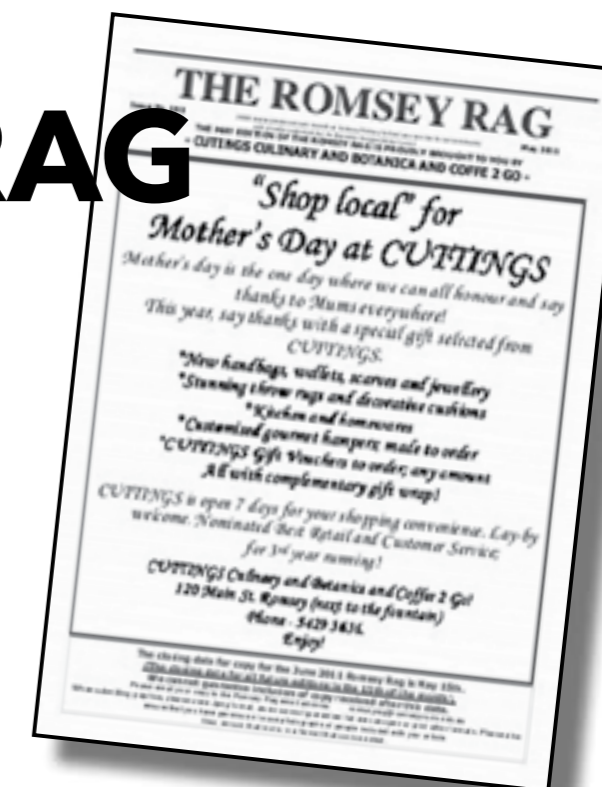
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- identify and evaluate the condition, natural and biodiversity values and cultural, social and economic values and the current uses of public land in the specified area,
- make recommendations for the balanced use and appropriate management arrangements to conserve and enhance the natural and cultural values.

Submissions close Monday 21 August.

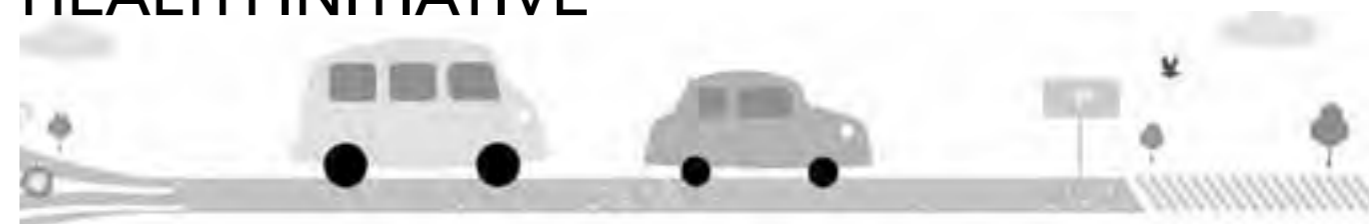
DOMESTIC ANIMAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

Council has endorsed its draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2017–2021 and is inviting residents to have their say.

The draft plan provides a framework for animal management services delivered by Council and considers a range of issues, including on-and-off-lead areas for dogs, cat curfews and animal welfare.

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LOCALS TURN OUT FOR WATER MEETING

In early July, Lancefield community members turned out for Western Water's future water information session at the Neighbourhood House.

The session covered Western Water's services in Lancefield over the past 20 years, as well as the future challenges and opportunities presented by climate change and population growth across the region.

Over June and July, Western Water held a total of 8 community information sessions across its service region to discuss local water and sewer services and to hear customer feedback on our planning for the future. In total, 130 people attended the sessions.

Western Water is in the final phases of consultation for its next five year plan and has a range of engagement activities under way to help with this including focus groups, discussion forums, online surveys, and the Water Matters consultation website (haveyoursay.westernwater.com.au).

Outcomes of the community information sessions will be available on our Water Matters consultation site in August.

To request a copy of the Lancefield handout from the information session, contact feedback@westernwater.com.au or phone 9218 5455.

MOVIES THAT MATTER

Movies that Matter is a monthly program of sustainability-themed movies presented by the Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group.

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WHAT'S ON – visit www.lancefield.org.au and have a look at events for the latest news of activities in Lancefield as well as electronic copies of the Lancefield Mercury.




SERVICE TIMES

Our Sunday Services begin at 10.45 am, after morning tea at 10.15 am.

Holy Communion - on the second Sunday of each month.

Open Church - the Church is open for private prayer and meditation every Wednesday between 11.00 am and 3.00 pm.

The Classical Music Group meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm. We extend a warm welcome to all to join us for excellent music and, on the third Tuesday, a delicious lunch of hot soup, sandwiches and other treats.

Church Secretary: Ian Kennedy 0412 820 397
 Ministers: Rev Wendy Elson 0400 042 076, Rev Peter Cannon 0418 570 013, Pastor Annette Buckley 0451 608 539

FIELD TRIP CAMBODIA



Are you aged between 13-16 (or will be in this age group by July 2018)? Are you available in the 2018 winter school holidays? Do you want to travel overseas? Welcome to Field Trip Cambodia.

The Field Trip is partnering with the Cambodian Kids Foundation - two not for profit organisations working towards a common good: to give local kids the chance to have an (affordable) experience of a lifetime, make a difference to the lives of Cambodian children and develop their community leadership skills.

Two weeks in Cambodia for local kids aged 13-16; sign up via the website: www.thefieldtrip.co

WE MUST SPEAK UP OR THE POOL IS OFF THE TABLE

Plans for a heated indoor pool in the East Ward will be shelved for at least 10 years if residents don't come out strongly in support of it.

Even though the pool has been long on the wish-list of the community, it has been deleted from the Council's Leisure Strategy 2017-2027.

Council is calling for public comment on the strategy, and I urge the community to speak out strongly about the pool and other shortcomings in the plan.

The strategy sets the Council's direction for the next decade and a pool won't even get a look-in until the next plan is prepared.

Romsey is the logical site for the facility, which would also serve the needs of Lancefield and Riddells

Creek residents.

I'm also concerned that there's no plan forward for our pony clubs, which play a major role in the lives of many of our young residents and are a significant source of family-friendly recreation and enjoyment.

There is also scant regard for team sports, which are sure to become more important as our communities continue to grow.

I'll be advocating strongly in the Council for a better deal for the East Ward, but that won't carry enough weight unless the community gets behind it as well to push for the facilities we need now – not to plan for in 10 years' time.

Cr Henry Bleeck

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JOINT AWARDS DAY



On Sunday 16 July Lancefield & Benloch Fire Brigades held their second annual joint awards day. Congratulations to the following brigade members on their achievements – where would our community be without them?

Special mention goes to the outstanding contribution from the Green family. Between Robert A Green, Robert D Green and Syd Green there is nearly 150 years experience with the local CFA. Robert and William add another 50 years to that total and there will be a fifth generation Green joining them in the future.



Lancefield Fire Brigade

10 Year

H Amos

A Irving

15 Years

H Riley

20 Years

W Green

25 Years

M Riley

30 Years

R Green

55 Years

B Hunt

National Medals

L Jones

S Mustey

Brigade Life Members

RA Green

RD Green

SA Green

Benloch Fire Brigade

10 Years

M Balthazar

15 Years

D Barrett

G Nehmy

20 Years

K Lyons

25 Years

B Arlow

G Deer

National Emergency Medals

R Brooks

C Burns

V Cafari

S Cowen

C Duke

L Griffiths

K Lyons

G Nehmy

