



PRIVATE HERBERT GOLDING (1880-1916) AND THE LANCEFIELD MEMORIAL



Herbert (Bert) Golding, the second of 10 children, was born in England in June 1880. He was only 2 ½ when he, his older brother William, and parents, Alfred and Kate, arrived in Australia. The family settled in Canterbury, Victoria where his father set up a boot factory. Although other members of the family went into the factory, Herbert became a journalist. He worked with a number of Victorian and South Australian newspapers.

Herbert married Annie Florence (Flo) James in 1905. Two sons, Herbert Victor and Donald James were born in 1905 and 1912 respectively. In 1913 Herbert became the proprietor of the *Lancefield Mercury*. The newspaper was published and printed at the office in High Street, Lancefield in a

Golding Family – Herbert is the only person in uniform. Annie Florence (Flo) Golding, Herbert's wife, is kneeling at his left shoulder. Herbert Victor (Vic) Golding their elder son is in the middle of the photo with his head outlined by the baby's dress. Donald (Don) James Golding their younger son is standing just behind Herbert's right shoulder in front of his grandmother.

building which is now the Costume Hire shop.

With the War in its early stages, and prior to the fateful Gallipoli campaign, Bert responded to the Australian Army's recruiting efforts. On 25 February 1915 the 34 years old

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enlisted in Lancefield, and took his oath before Enlistment Officer Councillor Robert Hemphill. Prior to departing from Australia, Bert sold the *Lancefield Mercury* back to Murray A. White, the man he had originally purchased it from in 1913. Herbert Golding marched away from his family to what became known as the Great War. Like so many others, he left with faith in his commitment to his country and the Empire; he believed it was the right and honourable thing to do. He had faith that God would protect him and return him home safely to his family. After his departure, Flo and the boys moved to Cheltenham to live with her family until he returned.

Bert joined the 23rd Battalion which was raised in March 1915. After training at Broadmeadows, on Saturday 8 May

the Battalion embarked on the troopship *Euripides* for further training in Egypt. In early September 1915 the 23rd Battalion transferred to Gallipoli. They held positions at Lone Pine, only a few yards from enemy lines, until December when they were among the last troops to leave the Peninsula on the night of 19-20 December 1915.

The 23rd Battalion arrived in France in March 1916. In July they were transferred to the Somme. The Battalion suffered horrendous casualties during the Battle of Pozieres and the Battle of Moquet Farm (23 July to 3 September). These Battles were part of the Battle of the Somme. Bert was seriously injured on 26 August 1916 with wounds to his right arm and thighs and a broken hip. He was admitted to the 49th Australian Casualty Clearing Station but died the next day, 27 August 1916. Private Herbert Golding was buried in the

British Military Cemetery at Contay, a few miles from where he was wounded.

The family treasures the letters he wrote from the Front. His letters reassure his family that he was well and in good spirits, and was strong in the Christian faith which had led him to enlist. The following is an extract from one of his letters to his wife from the Gallipoli trenches:



Dear Flo

I have been at the front about a week... I soon spent a night in the trenches; at our part we were 5 or 6 yards only from the Turks, and our chaps threw bombs by hand over into the Turks' trenches, they must have shaken the soul-cases off them. My job was to wait with a blanket to smother the bombs the enemy threw at us. An officer laughed when he asked what I was doing and I said 'Back—stop!'

It is a striking comment on the futility of war, and the supremacy of human nature, that we slept all our time off, in a traverse a few yards back, though it sounded as if all the fiends of Hell were pounding and tearing at the walls to get at us and tear our viscera out. It is no use being frightened, because Kingdom Come is just round the corner day and night...There is plenty of hard work here especially carrying kero tins of water up, but the air is fresher than Egypt so we

should get strong. We have Turk prisoners working, they are strong men. They fight fair. We will be all right till we have to make a big charge, then some will be lost, but I am sure we have the Turks licked, though it is hard to dislodge them...

We are all well. I do pray you will not be left lonely, but God has been with me and is still. I am glad we came to relieve the weary chaps who have held the fort here so long. Give my love to them all and tell them I am happy because I am doing my duty and just thanking God, for all you know, I have to thank Him for in bringing me so far. I want you to know I don't mind being here, nor dreaded the front.

Bless you and our dear little boys. Your loving husband,

Bert

Compiled by Jay Brooks, Herbert's great-niece, Romsey, March 2017

Private Herbert Golding's name was never added to the local memorial at Lancefield when it was constructed in the 1920s. The omission was probably due to the fact that his wife left the area after his enlistment. That omission has now been rectified. His name has now been added to the Lancefield Cenotaph. It has, in many ways, brought his spirit home to his family and the Lancefield community. The addition of his name to the Cenotaph allows his memory to live on through his extended family, many of whom were proudly present on Anzac Day. His grandson, Mr Douglas Golding, flew from interstate for the ceremony and spoke of his grandfather at the service.

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THE BRAKES ARE OFF ON THE LONG-AWAITED LANCEFIELD SKATE PARK.

After years of planning and dedicated fundraising and proposals from our hard-working local volunteer committee, the concrete is being poured and the facility will soon become a reality for young local skateboarders and BMX riders.

The works are being jointly funded by Council, Sport & Recreation Victoria, the Department of Environment, Land, Water & Planning and the local community, including a generous grant from our Lancefield Community Bank.

I wish to record my appreciation for the hard work of the committee to see its vision through to what will very

shortly be a conclusion, and to keep their eye on the task at hand even when there was uncertainty over funding sources.

A great deal of thought has gone into the design and layout of the facility, which will be one of a kind and include tricks for all ages and abilities.

It will complement the existing facilities within the Lancefield Recreation Reserve. Works are scheduled to be completed by June, 2017. I'm sure the young people of the town are eagerly waiting to try it out.

Cr Henry Bleeck



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Macedon Ranges Shire Council has drafted its first Climate Change Action Plan and is seeking community feedback from 18 April to 9 May.

The draft Action Plan outlines how Council will reduce greenhouse emissions from its operation by 25 per cent by mid-2021.

In recent years, Council has invested in several works to reduce greenhouse emissions, including the installation of pool covers at its aquatic centres to reduce the need for heating water, the installation of solar panels at the Gisborne Administration Centre, and converting residential streetlights to energy

efficient LEDs. Details about further works are presented in the draft Action Plan, which together will reduce greenhouse emissions by 1,910 tonnes of carbon dioxide (CO2).

The draft Climate Change Action Plan also outlines how Council will support community efforts to address climate change, and promotes a shared Council-community vision—consistent with the Victorian Government's target for a zero net emissions Victoria by 2050.

To have your say, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay or drop-in to one of Council's service centres.

WINTER ARTS FESTIVAL

Stunning talent from Brazil, Italy, Austria... and Australia coming to Woodend

The program for the 13th annual Woodend Winter Arts Festival has launched and tickets are now on sale for the Festival, which occurs in venues throughout Woodend over the Queen's Birthday Long weekend, 9 – 12 June.

And there are many free events – including a school program for local children.

The Festival line-up includes something for everyone – the classical music fans of guitar, piano, ensembles and quartets, as well as featured speakers including Mem Fox (Possum Magic), local Michael McCoy (seen recently on ABC TV series 'Dream Gardens' – or possibly at the local supermarket!) writers' workshops, poetry, and political panels that promise to be animated and thought provoking (the legacy of Paul Keating, for example!).

And of course, a quality line up of art exhibitions featuring the Macedon Ranges Art Group, the Macedon Ranges Potters, the 'Out of the box' exhibition by local artists and an exhibition 'The Colenso series' featuring a stunning collaboration between commercial and fine art photographer (and local), Alina Golovachenko and Kathryn Russack, chef (and local) of Colenso.

Just a few key highlights of the music program include a silent film accompanied by a live musical accompaniment, the Australian Guitar Trio, the Australian String Quartet, and one of Australia's finest pianists (Tony Lee), and a very

special evening, Boccherini and Bocconcini, at the historic Jackson Hall, Braemar College, featuring food from Italy, Spain and France by Hal Riches and Kathryn Russack, and music by Accademia Arcadia.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

Vivaldi: Vespers (Ensemble Gombert and Accademia Arcadia) – This is an Australian Premiere performance featuring some of the lesser known, but no less stunning, works of 'the Red Priest' (because Vivaldi's red hair).

Il Diavolo (Accademia Arcadia, featuring Italian Baroque violinist extraordinaire Davide Monti) Concert and CD launch

Quinta essential (Caboclo) – Brazilian quartet presenting the influences that form what we now recognise as the music of Brazil – a combination of African rhythms and European melodic sensibility

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Bohemia near the sea (Trio Alba) – exclusive from Vienna and supported by the Austrian Government, this trio will perform Haydn, Suk and Smetana.

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The Friends Of The Cottage are looking forward to welcoming visitors again to the cottage on the last Sunday of each month throughout 2017.

The recent most welcome rains have made our garden maintenance/upgrade a much more pleasant task. We are trying to make the garden easier to care for and are grouping plants into designated areas. Over the years the original plantings have become a bit muddled, with self-sown seedlings taken over in some areas.



The front (South) now has Winter Iris, Granny's Bonnets (Columbines/Aquilegias) Forget-Me-Nots and Calla Lillies, so there should be something in bloom throughout the year. We'll add Nerines to this section – when we find gardeners who have some of these to spare! If you would like to thin yours out, we would love to have some.

The changing seasons are bringing cooler weather and it will soon be time to light the fires again. 'Barton' warms up very quickly with just the two fires. It is always a pleasant place to linger and have a cuppa and a chat about the history of the house and of Romsey.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOOKS

We have some of the local historical society books available for sale, (\$10 each) including:

'Discover Romsey' (information regarding sites around Romsey);

'An Introduction to the Aboriginal Stone Quarry of Mt William, Lancefield' an easy read by authors Carol Moore and Robyn Poletti;

'...he drew his last breath and expired: obituaries taken from papers of the former Romsey Shire 1870-1879. Vol 1', by Robyn Miller. Another example from this wonderful glimpse into the language and customs of the past reads: "...The deceased gentleman was a member of the Order of Rechabites and also M.U. Order of Oddfellows. The members of these two orders attended in considerable numbers, and leading the way, in full morning regalia, had a most imposing appearance and tended to greatly swell the dimensions of the procession.

The Rechabites, thirteen in number, led the way, walking, followed by the Oddfellows, thirty in number, on horseback, then came the hearse, followed by the relatives of the deceased, and a long string of vehicles and horsemen. In this order the melancholy cortege proceeded to the Melbourne Hill Cemetery..."

Looking forward to seeing you at 'Barton'!

Ruth (0411 812 805); jandrgreen@hotmail.com on behalf of the Cottage Friends
Barton (Seymour Cottage) is a division of Romsey-Lancefield Historic Society

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This Life which He alone can give is not only for this present earthly life but for Eternity when we pass from this life into Glory. His Risen Life attests death is not the end but that we pass from life into Life. His prayer to His Father in heaven included, " Now this is eternal life: that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, Whom You have sent." (John 17:3). How foolish and blind we are if we

do not put our lives into His loving, outstretched hands, those loving hands, nailed to the Cross for us that we might have Life and Light to the Full.

'Jesus lives! To Him the Throne Over all the world is given; May we go where He is gone, Rest and reign with Him in Heaven.

Alleluia Frances E.Cox

April, we celebrated the great events of the Christian Faith, the Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, now behind us but still very much with us in our daily living. Lenten Studies "Giving Up - Taking Up" were held during Lent.. Good Friday was marred by the football match on Good Friday, the first time in 175 years! Thank you to all who gave liberally our Harvest Thanksgiving for Anglicare's ministry and to Betty and Max for delivering them. A highlight was the pastoral visit of Bishop Philip Huggins. We farewelled two lovely members of our Church family, Sheila and Graham Barker who have moved to Leopold to be nearer family. We will miss them!

Our thoughts and prayers for our ailing members that the

Lord will keep and comfort them and touch them with His healing hands. Our thoughts are with Glenice as she earns a well-earned holiday to the beautiful Daintree Forest area.

MAY 2017 DIARY

5th May Fri 6.15pm for 6.45pm Bush Church Aid Agm & Dinner At Brimbank Anglican Church \$35 RSVP Speaker Bishop R. Condie TAS. Enquiries Doreen Morgan

11th May Thurs 8pm A.M.S. Snooker Night at Mrs. M. Davis home 143 Barry St. Romsey

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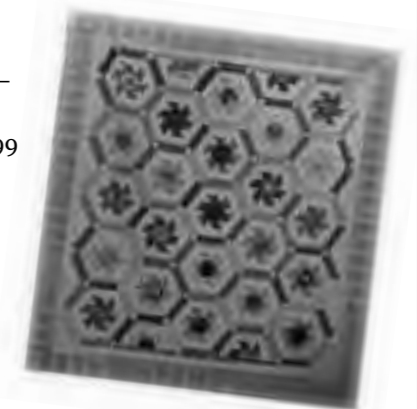
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COMMUNITY DISCUSSION

Community discussion on the forthcoming Voluntary End of Life Legislation

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Later this year the State Parliament will be debating and voting on Legislation about 'end of life' choices for terminally ill people in Victoria. The Legal and Social Issues Committee Inquiry has spent two years researching this important issue and produced a Final Report late last year. The Minister for Health, Jill Hennessy, appointed an Advisory Panel of experts to take the findings further with a view to put them before Parliament. They have also provided a Discussion Paper that will be available at the Lancefield community discussion evening.

For information contact: Jan Maplestone on 5429 1350

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PROTECT YOU PATCH

COBAW FAUNA SURVEY

Macedon Ranges Shire Council has been working with the Victorian Government and Deep Creek Landcare to undertake a fauna survey of the Cobaw State Forest. Activities planned included trapping, installation of remote cameras, spotlighting surveys and a bird surveys.

The spotlighting evening had 25 people attend. Ringtail Possums and Boobook Owls were sighted. On leaving the forest many also saw a Brush-tailed Phascogale crossing on the road.

From the cameras there have been lots of Antechinus and some photos of a Mountain Brush-tail Possum which is a first for the region. Another interesting species is the detection of Feather-tail Gliders at several sites. Feather-tail Gliders have been recorded once in the forest before in the 1970's. There is only a small handful of records of Feather-tail Gliders in the Macedon Ranges.

Unfortunately the bird count planned for early April was cancelled due to high winds.

More information will be advised as it come to hand.

LSO FROM THE MRSC

Protect your patch workshop - Are you looking for some assistance to help improve the biodiversity values of your rural property?

Tuesday 23 May 7pm-8.30pm Kyneton Mechanics Institute

MOVIES THAT MATTER

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

Come along to the screenings to see movies that are a mix of educating, motivating and inspiring stories about our planet, the threats it faces and the people working to implement sustainable solutions.

2nd Tuesday of each month Movie starts at 7.30pm Victoria Hotel High Street, Woodend A small donation is kindly appreciated.

BALD HILL GEOLOGY EVENT

Phil Dyson will give an informative presentation and lead a walk to explore the geological features of the reserve. Saturday 27 May, 9.30am-12.30pm Bald Hill Reserve 281 Pipers Creek Road, Kyneton. Sustainable Garden Design, Saturday May 13 1000 - 1130 Romsey For bookings - mrsc.vic.gov.au/environmental-events or 5421 9660

NEW RABBIT VIRUS RELEASED

Rabbits cause significant damage to agriculture and the environment. To combat the threat of rabbits within Australia, a Korean strain of Rabbit Haemorrhagic Disease Virus, known as RHDV1 K5 was released in early March. Local results are evident in some areas.

NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting May 8 - Monthly Meeting Lancefield Mechanics Hall Annexe The Crescent Lancefield All Welcome. Next Working Bee Monday May 22 130 pm @ Sheehan's Crossing

Contact: President Hayley Goodman 0409 936 814 Secretary Pat Danko 0417 103 364 p.danko1@bigpond.com

Ken Allender, Treasurer, Deep Creek Landcare, 0404 88 65 80

PROTECT YOUR BUSH BLOCK FOREVER

Are you passionate about preserving native vegetation on your block?

Come along to a free information session for landowners interested in finding out about the financial incentives and support available for protecting native plants and wildlife on their property.

The event will be held on Tuesday 23 May from 7pm-8.30pm at Kyneton Mechanics Institute, 81 Mollison Street, Kyneton.

Participants will find out more about conservation covenants and environmental stewardship programs to assist with works such as exclusion fencing and weed control to protect conservation areas within bush blocks.

The evening will include a discussion with representatives from: Trust for Nature, Land for Wildlife and The Victorian Government's Native Vegetation Offsets Department


To book your place, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/environment-events or call 5421 9660.

The event is supported by Macedon Ranges Shire Council and the North Central Catchment Management Authority through funding from the Australian Government.

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THE FIELD TRIP

MP FOR A DAY

Just off the back an incredible term creating our own YouFood YouTube channel showing kids coaching other kids to cook and eat healthy food, this term at The Field Trip one kid gets the incredible opportunity to be MP For A Day, filling the big shoes of our local MP, Mary-Anne Thomas. But wait there's more! For those kids not so much into politics, every week, a different local professional from a different career sector will visit The Field Trip and give us all a taste of what that career might be like: a Yoga Teacher (Melissa Sweeney), Storyteller (Kate Lawrence), Councillor (Janet Pearce), Engineer, Actor, Circus Ringmaster (Vern Hardie), Vet, Dancer and Doctor (Paul Carter). Every week someone new will visit us and give us insight into their career. These local professionals are freely giving their time to support and give our local kids insight into where their passions and interests might lead them.

For those who want to explore a career path further, we will try and give them an opportunity to pursue that with someone in their chosen field. Like the lucky kid who gets to be MP for a Day, it might be quite possible to give other kids

the chance to be a vet, doctor or storyteller for a day. Once we know what kids want to do, we will try and broker relationships to give them a full day experience in their chosen (potential) career path.

The Field Trip is run by young people for young people, empowering kids aged 9-24 to pursue their passions, peers and path. Launched in August 2015 in the Macedon Ranges, the Field Trip has gone from strength to strength and welcomes more kids who want more from their lives and want to positively contribute to and lead their communities.

It all started Sunday April 23rd - check the website for details: www.thefieldtrip.co

And what's next? In term 3, we're building a Farmlette!

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MASS TIMES

1st & 3rd Sunday of the month:
8:00am Lancefield and 10:00 am Romsey
2nd, 4th & 5th Sunday of the month:
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COMMUNION SERVICES

Tuesday & Thursday 9:00am Romsey Church
Saturday 10:00am Romsey Church

ROSARY

Saturdays 9:45am Romsey

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2017 - Romsey Church - July 2nd, September 3rd & November 5th.

2017 - Lancefield Church - June 11th, 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 2017 are requested to contact the secretary by phone: 5429 2130 or by email at lancefield@cam.org.au to register your child.

Confirmation program begins Wednesday 21st of June - Registration cut-off is Friday 2nd of June.

Keep up to date with parish activities - St. Mary's Parish Lancefield-Romsey

THE CHICKEN OR THE EGG IN CLARKEFIELD?

Infrastructure or Settlement? What comes first?

The locals know, because their fore-fathers were there first. Since then the area has developed with a pub, a railway station, a fire station, tennis courts, an oval, a sealed road and several houses.

Now there is another first. A proposal to develop Clarkefield into a Walkable Village including extensive green open space, with a new school, a retail and service precinct and well developed walking and bicycle paths. It is already popular in many European areas, where people leave their cars at home and walk or cycle to work and/or public transport. It relieves roads now clogged with slowed down motorcars.

Clarkefield is already serviced by 31 trains and is earmarked and funded for more car parking as part of The Victorian Government's Road and Rail Development Program.

This development would allow people easy access to Sunbury, Melbourne, Riddells Creek, Bendigo and beyond. It will be an asset for our beautiful Macedon Ranges. The egg comes first, but a chicken will grow out of it.

If one is in favour of such a proposal make your views known to our East Ward Representatives:

- Cr. Henry Bleek (hbleeck@mrsc.vic.gov.au)
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Most Neighbourhood Houses get some funding from the government to pay a coordinator. The reason the government provides money to pay a coordinator is to help the committee carry out the community development activities they plan. Lancefield has twelve people on the committee and a coordinator who works 20 hours a week. New committee members are welcome to join at the annual AGM in October, volunteers are welcome to join at any time.

AT LANCEFIELD;

“Our Vision for this organisation is to enable all members of the community to have the opportunity to realise their full potential.

We are here to provide opportunities for the community: to enable learning, connectedness and personal growth and hence contribute to the overall well being of the community.”

“Our Mission is to contribute to a happy, healthy and connected community.”

LNH has been running since 1989. In this time the House has run many educational and hobby courses and undertaken a huge variety of activities aimed at providing a wide range of opportunities for individuals and many things aimed at bringing people together – the cornerstone of a strong community.

Over the years LNH has initiated a number of community enterprises, (meaning a service run by the community), these include the Farmers Market, the Op Shop, the Mens Shed, the Lancefield website and The Town House, all run by volunteers. The committee of Management also organise and run a number of annual events – Christmas lunch, Christmas Carols, Anzac Day morning tea and Relay for Life team. The House is also a partner in a number of whole community activities such as the Megafauna Festival, and also works with various groups or organisations to get facilities in Lancefield, such as the Skate Park.

CONTRIBUTE TO THE FUTURE

Future plans for the Neighbourhood House are chosen by seeing where there is a need in the community or from

suggestions that people make. Everyone’s ideas are valuable but we need to hear them.

Let us know your wish list for Lancefield. Is there something you would like to see more of? Is there something you’d like to see less of? Do you have a great idea for the town? Is there a course or activity you would like to do? Is there something you would like to run at the House?

We are not saying the Neighbourhood House can achieve everything, but if it’s a good idea we’ll give it a good go and we appreciate your feedback on what we are already doing.

Contact us on the phone or email above. Drop your idea into the suggestion box in The Town House or use the lancefield.org.au website.

LANCEFIELD SINGERS GROUP

Third Sunday of the month, 2-4.30pm, Gold Coin Donation.

Join the Lancefield Singers Facebook group for updates and to access songs and information

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1778352572426222>

SPINNERS AND YARNERS CRAFT GROUP

Wednesdays 1-4pm

A great afternoon of fun, conversation, sharing ideas and getting some of your craft work done.

Bring along whatever you are working on or come and learn some new skills.

Learn to use a spinning wheel or bring your own and enjoy some good company while you spin.

We have been donated some sheep and alpaca fleeces which are available for any spinners.

Gold Coin Donation

CARDS AFTERNOON

Tuesday afternoon is for playing cards (Euchre) and enjoying a shared afternoon tea. 12.30– 3.30.

GRANDPARENTS PARENTS GROUP

We are thinking of starting a support group for people who are the sole or main carers of their grandchildren. Phone the House on 54291214 if you would like more information or to register your interest.

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COMMUNITY RADIO MEETING

Thursday 27 April 6pm at Neighbourhood House
 A meeting to discuss the management and organising of the new Lancefield radio studio and for people interested in presenting a radio show to find out about opportunities and training. Come along to find out what it is all about .
 For more information phone or email the House

SOCIAL BIKE RIDING

Fridays 9.30am Meet at Lancefield Park entrance for an easy ride around town. Suitable for all abilities. We go for a social cuppa afterwards. Phone House about learning to ride course.

LEARN TO RIDE

Would you like to learn to ride a bike or regain your confidence? Let us know so we can organise the wonderful Lauren from Cobaw to come over and teach you.

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Could you sow some extra punnets of seedlings for our school and community gardens and barrels?
 Punnets can be left at the Neighbourhood House .

MOVIE AFTERNOON / EVENING

Join us for a free screening of *Bag it—is your life too plastic?*
 Thursday 11 May 1.30 pm or 7.30pm. RSVP by Monday 8 May 5429 1214. Popcorn provided

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MOTHER'S DAY 2017 - EXPRESSING OUR LOVE

When we are in love, it is natural to continually think about, talk about and long to be with the person we love. We want to do things to show our adoration. We delight in foregoing things for ourselves so we can buy gifts for them. Doing tasks on their behalf is a pleasure - not a chore. This is an expression of our love and a natural outcome of such devotion.

We should question our motives in marriage if our relationships become a chore. If we serve because we want something in return, our service will soon be a great burden.

We talk about sacrificing this and that for our spouses, but when we are truly in love, everything we do should be a natural result of devotion. Sacrificial love, sacrificial giving, sacrificial service all sound quite painful. Just ask Jesus he knows! But He willingly gave of His whole life for our benefit and is the greatest example of what 'Genuine' love is. And as we turn to Him, He makes it possible for us to genuinely love one another.

Mothers! Encourage Church's hope and prayer is that you be genuinely loved and appreciated this Mother's day and throughout the year ahead.

If you would like to know more about faith in Jesus please contact Pastor Marilyn or our Church office 5429 6327

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BOOK REVIEWS

CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOKS



Princess Cora and the Crocodile- by Laura Amy Schlitz. RRP \$19.99

Princess Cora is sick of boring lessons. She's sick of running in circles around the dungeon gym. She's sick, sick, sick of taking three baths a day. And her parents won't let her have a dog. But when

she writes to her fairy godmother for help, she doesn't expect that help to come in the form of a crocodile--a crocodile who does not behave properly. With perfectly paced dry comedy, children's book luminaries Laura Amy Schlitz and Brian Floca send Princess Cora on a delightful outdoor adventure -- climbing trees! getting dirty! having fun! -- while her alter ego wreaks utter havoc inside the castle, obliging one pair of royal helicopter parents to reconsider their ways.

The Curious Case of the Missing Mammoth- by Ellie Hattie. RRP \$24.99

Look out! There's a mammoth on the loose! Follow Oscar through



a magical museum of curious creatures to find the mammoth before the clock strikes one! Is he munching sandwiches with Diplodocus Dave in the Dinosaur room? Or joining an aerobics class with the Extinct and Endangered Species?

The Curious Case of the Missing Mammoth is a riotous adventure, packed with fascinating facts and lift-the-flap fun. With stunning illustrations from Karl James Mountford, this brilliantly interactive book brings museums to life!



The Story Orchestra- By Jessica Courtney-Tickle. RRP \$27.99

Discover what it would be like to travel through the four seasons in one day, following a little girl called Isabelle and her dog, Pickle, as they take on the adventure of a lifetime. As a sign of the changing seasons, Isabelle carries a little apple tree with her, and we see it bud, blossom and lose its leaves. Each spread features a musical note to press and a 10 second sound clip from the original score of Vivaldi's Four Seasons.

Illustrated by artist Jessica Courtney-Tickle, the book also features a biography of Vivaldi at the back along with a guide to the music. This is the first title in a series of sound books that bring classical music to life for young children.

CHILDREN'S FICTION 9-13



The Turnkey- By Allison Rushby. RRP \$16.99

As Turnkey, Flossie must ensure all the souls in the cemetery stay at rest. This is a difficult job at the best of times for a twelve- year-old ghost, but it is World War II and each night

enemy bombers hammer London. Even the dead are unsettled. When Flossie encounters the ghost of a German soldier carrying a mysterious object, she becomes suspicious. What is he up to? Before long, Flossie uncovers a sinister plot that could result in the destruction of not only her cemetery, but also her beloved country. Can Flossie stop him before it is too late?



The Secret Keepers- By Trenton Lee Stewart. RRP \$16.99

When Reuben discovers an old pocket watch, he soon realizes it has a secret power: fifteen minutes

of invisibility. At first he is thrilled with his new treasure. But as one secret leads to another, he finds himself on a dangerous adventure full of curious characters, treacherous traps and breathtaking escapes. Can Reuben outwit the sly villain called The Smoke and his devious defenders the Directions and save his city from a terrible fate? By the author of the internationally bestselling series 'The Mysterious Benedict Society.'

TEEN FICTION

The Giver- By Lois Lowry. RRP \$14.99

In a perfect world, Jonas begins to see the flaws... *The Giver* is the classic

award-winning novel that inspired the dystopian genre and a major motion picture adaptation for 2014 starring Jeff Bridges, Meryl Streep, Katie Holmes and Taylor Swift. It is the future. There is no war, no hunger, no pain. No one in the community wants for anything. Everything needed is provided. And at twelve years old, each member of the community has their profession carefully chosen for them by the Committee of Elders. Twelve-year old Jonas has never thought there was anything wrong with his world. But from the moment he is selected as the Receiver of Memory, Jonas discovers that their



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BOOK REVIEWS

community is not as perfect as it seems. It is only with the help of the Giver, that Jonas can find what has been lost. And it is only through his personal courage that Jonas finds the strength to do what is right.



The Bone Sparrow- By Zana Fraillon. RRP \$19.99

Subhi is a refugee. Born in an Australian permanent detention centre after his mother fled the violence of a distant homeland, life behind the fences is all he has ever known. But as he grows, his imagination gets bigger too, until it is bursting at the limits of his world. The Night Sea brings him gifts, the faraway whales sing to him, and the birds tell their stories. The most vivid story of all, however, is the one that arrives one night in the form of Jimmie, a scruffy, impatient girl who appears from the other side of the wires, and brings a notebook written by the mother she lost. Unable to read it, she relies on Subhi to unravel her own family's love songs and tragedies. Subhi and Jimmie might both find a way to freedom,

as their tales unfold. But not until each of them has been braver than ever before.

ADULT FICTION

Carnavalesque- By Neil Jordan. RRP \$24.99

To Andy and his parents, it looks like any other carnival: creaking ghost train, rusty rollercoaster and circus performers. But of course it isn't. Drawn to the hall of mirrors, Andy enters and is hypnotised by the many selves staring back at him. Sometime



later, one of those selves walks out rejoins his parents - leaving Andy

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is no longer welcome in the places she once considered home. A glimmer of hope appears in the shape of the St Louis, a transatlantic liner that promises Jews safe passage to Cuba. The Rosenthals sell everything to fund visas and tickets. At first the liner feels like luxury, but as they travel the circumstances of war change, and it soon becomes their prison.

Seven decades later in New York, on her twelfth birthday Anna Rosen receives a package from Hannah, the great-aunt she never met but who raised her deceased father. Anna and her mother immediately travel to Cuba to meet this elderly relative, and for the first time Hannah tells them the untold story of her voyage on the St Louis.

ADULT NON-FICTION

Four Mums in a Boat- By Helen Butters, Niki Doeg, Frances Davies and Janette Benaddi. RRP \$32.99

Janette, Frances, Helen and Niki, though all from Yorkshire, were four very different women, all juggling full time jobs alongside being mothers

to each of their 2 children. They could never be described as athletes, but they were determined to be busy and the local Saturday morning rowing club was the perfect place to go to have a laugh and a gossip, get the blood pumping in the open air, and feel invigorated. Brought together by their love of rowing, they quickly became firm friends, and



it wasn't long before they cooked up a crazy idea over a few glasses of wine: they were going to cross 3,000 miles of treacherous ocean in the toughest row in the world, The Talisker Whisky Atlantic Challenge.

Two years of planning, preparation, fundraising, training and difficult conversations later, and they found themselves

standing on the edge of the San Sebastian harbour in the Canary Islands, petrified, exhilarated and ready to head up the race of their lives.

This is the story of how four friends together had the audacity to go on a wild, terrifying and beautiful adventure, not to escape life, but for life not to escape them.

Miss Muriel Matters- By Robert Wainwright. RRP \$32.99

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was dubbed 'that daring Australian girl', and the American media declared it to be the world's first aerial protest.

Just months earlier, Muriel had become the first woman to make a speech in the British House of Commons, after chaining herself to a brass grille to protest against the segregation of women in the Parliament. She went on to become one of the most famous suffragists of her day, her skill as an orator drawing crowds in their thousands.

So why is the remarkable Muriel Matters a relative unknown in both Britain and her

home country? In Miss Muriel Matters, bestselling writer Robert Wainwright discovers an extraordinary woman full of intelligence, passion and bravery who fought for women's rights in a world far from equal.



MIX IT UP AT KYNETON TOWN HALL IN MAY

Whether you want to laugh, cry, delve into Australian history or hum along to a familiar tune, Kyneton Town Hall is offering it all in May.

On Friday 12 May at 11.30am, the life and music of American composer, songwriter and singer Burt Bacharach is re-imagined in the tribute performance, Magic Moments.

Featuring over 22 of his most popular hits, such as I Say a Little Prayer, That's What Friends Are For, Close To You and many more, Magic Moments puts the music of this distinguished artist back in the spotlight.

If its laughs you're after, book a ticket to the 2017 Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow. On Saturday 13 May at 7.30pm, the freshest and funniest stars from Australia's largest comedy festival bring the show to Kyneton, with performances from Bob Franklin, Danielle Walker, DeAnne Smith (Canada/USA), Sean Choolburra and Sam Taunton.

Expect a hilarious evening of entertainment, with laughs guaranteed.

INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIAN HISTORY

On Tuesday 30 May at 7.30pm, Indigenous Australian history is exposed in the theatre piece, Coranderrk. The production, presented by ILBIJERRI Theatre Company, re-creates a chapter of Australian history which saw the people of the Coranderrk Aboriginal Reserve go head-to-head with the Aboriginal Protection Board to continue their explorations in self-determination on the country left to them.

A story of resistance and strength, this spirited drama revives the voices of those who fought, and aims to encourage an understanding of the past between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people.

Don't miss your opportunity to explore fashions from the time of Jane Austen, in the exhibition, Be Persuaded: A Jane Austen Experience, currently on show at Kyneton Museum.

The collection of rare fashion, accessories and ephemera from the 18th century through to the 1840s includes pieces such as an 18th century silk gown, boots, bonnets, parasols and more.

With items on show taken from the collection of Dressing Australia Museum of Costume, Be Persuaded is an opportunity to explore how fashion tells a story.

For more information on shows, or to book tickets, call 1300 888 802 or visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/buytickets

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The Great Global Greyhound Walk is an annual dog-walking event that brings together greyhounds, lurchers, other sighthounds and their owners to raise awareness of the breeds and show the public just what wonderful pets they make. Other dogs are welcome to join in the fun. Lancefield Park, June 11 2017, 10:30am - 2:30pm

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A REMINISCENCE BY AN OLD RESIDENT

LANCEFIELD MERCURY 1892

I have lived in this district during the last 36 years, and my experiences may not be uninteresting to your readers.

Thirty-eight years ago I arrived in the colony on board an emigrant ship, in company with 200 fellow passengers, who were, like myself, weary of the old world and intent upon trying their fortunes in the new land of Australia. My capital was very small, and I found that when all expenses incidental to landing had been defrayed only a few pounds remained in my pocket . . . enough to procure food for two or three weeks, but nothing more.

In common with my fellow passengers, I had an idea that if I could only reach Victoria I would speedily acquire enough money by wrenching the hidden treasures from the goldfields to enable me to return to my friends in England with my pockets full of sovereigns. But this dream was rudely dispelled as soon as I set foot on shore, for I found that the principal goldfield was at Bendigo, 100 miles distant, and that the only way to get there was to walk and carry a swag on my back.

Being compelled to do something for a living, I took my blankets and a few articles of clothing, and set out upon the journey. I tramped along over what are known as Keilor Plains, and lay down to sleep the first night under a wattle tree near the southern slope of Mount Macedon. The night was fine and warm, the mighty forest was filled with strange

noises, which, though startling to me at the time, have since become familiar, and I lay there for some hours watching the stars twinkling through the umbrageous foliage above my head, and wondering whether any other human beings felt so lonely as myself. Before the sunrise next morning I resumed my journey, and, notwithstanding the unaccustomed labour of carrying a swag on my back, made good progress.

Sometimes a light vehicle or a horseman passed me, and after enquiring whether I was going in the right direction or not I trudged bravely forward. In three days I reached Bendigo, and joined in the general scramble for gold, but though I worked hard, and toiled from daylight till dark, fortune refused to smile upon me, and my slender monetary resources were rapidly exhausted.

Weary and dispirited, I abandoned the apparently hopeless search for the precious metal, and came to the conclusion that as I was not one of Fortune's Favourites, I had better get hold of something which would, at any rate, provide for me the bare necessities of life.

Having had some experience as a carpenter, I set about making inquiries where work was likely to be found, and had no difficulty in procuring it at a daily wage of 15 shillings. Though the gold fever had not completely left me, I worked steadily at my trade, and by dint of industry and care scraped together about £300.

Growing somewhat sick of Bendigo, which had promised me so much and given so little, I turned my face again towards Melbourne, with the intention of returning to England by the next sailing vessel. When I reached Kyneton I heard that there was some good land at the northern slope of Mount Macedon, which could be purchased from the Governement at £1 per acre.

As I had been born in a farming district in the old country, and knew good soil when I saw it, I resolved upon inspecting the locality mentioned, and without hesitation tramped from Kyneton to Rochford for the purpose of examining the available land. No sooner had I put the spade into the ground than I felt satisfied that a living could be made by cultivating even a small-holding, and as a land sale was to be held at Kilmore a few days afterwards, I chose a block that seemed to offer superior advantages and made up my mind to buy it if possible.

I attended the sale, and secured the coveted allotment at the (sic) upset price. In the purchase of the land I had expended most of my money, but I had enough remaining to buy a pair of horses, a plough, a pair of harrows, dray, seed wheat and oats, and to enable me to build a rough hut with shingles and pailings procured from some splitters near Heskett.

Without going into details, I may state that I married and settled down on the farm, and lived there from that date to this. I have brought up a large family, given most of my children a fairly good education, settled them all in life, and at the present time, after paying all such expenses, have a good

credit balance at my banker's. I can look the whole world in the face, "for I owe not any man", and though my life in Lancefield has not been uniformly prosperous, yet on the whole I have prospered more than I ever hoped to do.

I am not the only one now living in your district who can relate a similar experience. If I had remained in England, and know that to-day I should have been working for about 3 shillings a day, and had a wife and family living from hand to mouth, therefore I thank Heaven that I was tempted to leave my father and mother and try my luck in Australia, and though my wife sometimes urges me to sell out and return to my native country, I am determined to live and die in the fair land which has been, on the whole, so good to me.

During the last few years farming has not been so remunerative as it used to be or ought to be, but yet, speaking for myself I came to Lancefield 36 years ago a poor man, invested all the capital I possessed in the district, struggled for years to conquer adverse circumstances, and now I am in a position to retire from agriculture (sic) I choose to live in any part of the world in the enjoyment of Optium cum dignitate. This is what Lancefield has done for me, and, I doubt not, for scores of others, and though for the last two or three years things have not been so prosperous for us as might be desired, yet I ask my fellow farmers. Where could we find a better, more reliable, more productive district beneath the sun. The unanimous answer must be - There is none.

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LANCEFIELD GOLF REPORT

AN AMAZING COUPLE OF MONTHS

What an amazing couple of months we have had at the Club with the course looking a picture. Here is a brief recap as to what has happened.

LADIES:

March Monthly Medal winner was Di Rohde 93 (25) 68 from Kaylene Cruise 93 (24) 69.

The completion of the Dorothy Hayes Singles Knock out Championships was held and after a hard fought final match the winner was Di Brennan over Kaylene Cruise on the 21st hole.

We have also had success in Tournaments at other Clubs in the Dalhousie with Jenni Vennell winning "C" Grade at Alexandra, and Kaylene Cruise, again, a close runner up in "B" Grade. To top off their good golf the team of Kaylene Cruise, Jenni Vennell and Robyn Stevens won the Seymour Bowl. This Bowl has been running since 1972 and it is the first time Lancefield have got their name on the trophy.

Di Brennan has continued her good run by winning the Kilmore Bowl "B" Grade event and again the "B" Grade in the Bendigo Bank sponsored Lancefield Mt William Cup on the 30th March.

On the 31st the ladies excelled themselves again! 70 ladies from Lancefield and surrounding towns supported the Club and were treated to a free glass of champagne on arrival to

the "Ladies Day" organised by Kaylene Cruise and beautifully emceed by Robyn Stevens. This event featured a "Pack for Travel" presentation given by The Ark company showing how it is possible to have 34 different outfits fit into a carry on case. Amazing!! The presentation was followed by a sumptuous two course buffet luncheon, there is nothing like home cooking. We are sure in the coming weeks there will be a worn track to Carlton.

MEN

March Monthly Medal Winner was Mick Stomilovic 72 (18) 64.

The 2016 rescheduled Men's Championships were held in February with the winners being: A Grade: Chris Lingard, B Grade: Gavin Winwood: C Grade: Graeme Brennan.

The Blomberg Trophy for best Nett player was Wayne Mee.

April Monthly Medal Winner was Barry Brennan 83 (13) 70 on c/b from Barry Flentjar 94 (24) 70.

The Pennant season begins in April-May (Mens) and May-June (Ladies) and we wish all players the best of luck. Last year the Ladies were pipped on the 18th hole by Woodend, and we are hoping that with their current form ultimate success will be theirs.

Twilight Final: Winner of the Romsey Mowers Trophy – Chris Lingard

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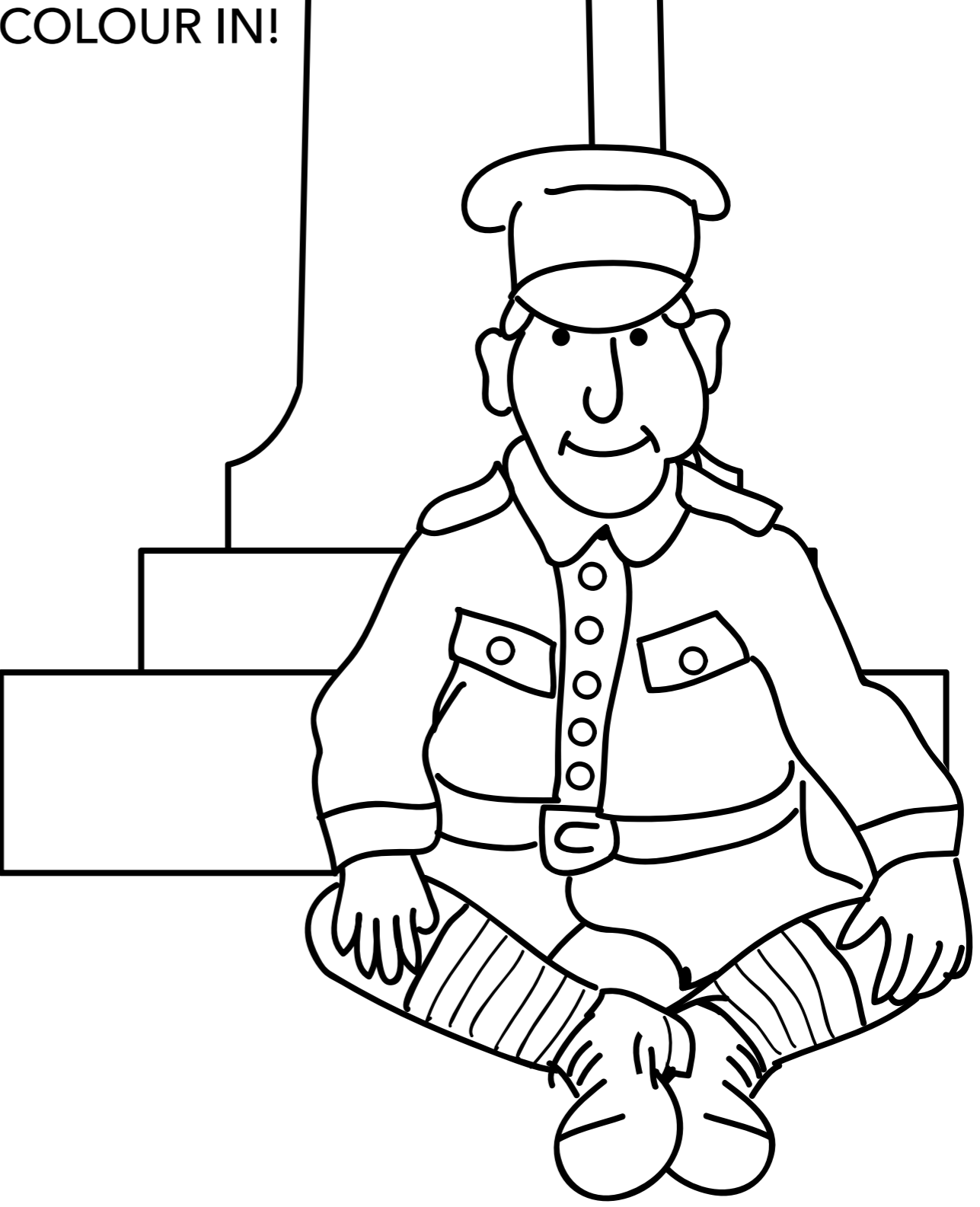
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Visit www.sportsfocus.com.au or phone 5442 3101 for more details or to nominate. Nominations close 30 June, 2017.

The recipient of the 2017 'Administrator of the Year' award will be announced at the 2017 Sports Focus Annual General Meeting in Bendigo later in the year.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS

THANKS FOR THE SUPPORT

The Lancefield Branch would like to thank all the local people who supported our door-knockers to collect for Red Cross Calling in March. We raised \$1000 - many thanks.

Over the past years we have collected many thousands of dollars, but this was the last year that we will door-knock. The Branch is a small and friendly one and we meet bi-monthly.

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ELECTIONS

The Brigade held its Biennial Meeting and Elections on Tuesday 4th of April 2017. The brigade would like to extend a thank you to the outgoing Brigade Management Team for their time and work over the past two years and welcome the incoming Brigade Management Team.

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Book a licensed gas fitter to check your gas heater. Check chimneys, flues and fire boxes for cracks, rust and debris. Check electric blankets for kinks in the wiring. Clean the lint filter in your dryer (and continue to do this after every use). Check appliances for visibly frayed or damaged wiring. Complete the Home Fire Safety Checklist to see if you've done everything you can to protect you and your family.

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Where we are disappointed is the message that this send. It segregates road users and offers no advice or help

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