

## A WIN FOR CANCER RESEARCH



Around 400 people have raised more than \$80,000 for this year's Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay For Life, pushing the event's 15-year tally to \$1.3 million.

The first weekend in March saw 22 teams relaying for 19 hours amid a party atmosphere interspersed with the traditional ceremonies to remember, celebrate, support and give hope to those who have had, or are being treated for, cancer, and their carers.

Six teams raised more than \$5000 and are eligible for a Cancer Council Victoria research award, allowing them to direct where their funding goes.

Highest fundraiser: Macedon Ranges Shire Council

Spirit of Relay: Brendan and Florence Meyer

Best dressed team: Malfunxion

Best themed campsite: Malfunxion

Team passport challenge: Untitled Youth

The organising committee is grateful to sponsors including Bendigo Bank and the many volunteers who donated their time and talents to make this year's 15th anniversary a weekend filled with fun and meaning.

New Gisborne Primary School donated \$834 to the Bristol Night Owls as a result of a Purple Day organized by student Tyson Dale, while the result of a fundraiser held by Lancefield Primary was not available at the time of going to press.

Riddells Creek Hotel has so far donated \$136, and proceeds will be added from a raffle offering tickets to Daryl Braithwaite in concert. The Macedon Railway Hotel and the

Telegraph Hotel Gisborne also chipped in for Relay For Life, which is the major fundraiser for Cancer Council Victoria.

The committee congratulates businesses in Romsey, Lancefield and Riddells Creek that participated in Paint the Town Purple. Winners were: Romsey Launderette, Cottage Gifts on High in Lancefield and Charity's Secret Op Shop, Riddells Creek.



Other participants were: Lancefield Pharmacy; Mad Gallery; Lancefield Post Office; Opportunity Knocks; Lancefield Fruit Shed; Town House; Aspy; Laser Skin Boutique; Lancefield Healthy Lifestyle; Lancefield Bakery; Fleur Flowers and Gifts; Lancefield Spa; Lancefield Corner Store and Newsagents; Romsey IGA; Romsey Community Hub; Romsey Amcal Pharmacy; Romsey Post Office; 5 Kings Café; Parkwood Green Medical Centre; Farm Fresh on Main; Romsey Bendigo Bank; PNA Back to Business; Old Mates Café; Butchers @ Romsey; Sapphire Hairdressing; Romsey Charcoal Chicken; Romsey Chinese; James Kelleher Lawyers; Verdure; Essence of Chinese Medicine; Romsey Thrifty Link; Romsey Medical Centre; Romsey NAB; and Riddells Creek Pharmacy.

# LOCAL BOOK LAUNCH



Kylie McKay

During the very busy Farmers Market on February 25 Fay Woodhouse's new book 'The Enterprising Mr MacGregor' was launched at Red Door books. The book tells the story of an ambitious Scottish Highlander who came to Australia in the 1850's to try his luck in a new country, one where he could make his own luck. In 1869 Duncan Macgregor established his famous studs of pure Booth Shorthorns, Clydesdale horses and Border Leicester sheep at Riddells

Creek. He was a successful pastoralist in the Channel Country of western Queensland until the Federation Drought caused him major losses. He was drained the Kooweup Swap for vegetable growing. This biography of Duncan MacGregor is an exciting and readable account of the life of a remarkable Australian.

Photo Author Fay Woodhouse third from right with descendants of Duncan MacGregor at the book launch



THE MOUNT PLAYERS HAPPENINGS



Chris Fleming

Left to right:  
Ben Lawrance  
outgoing president,  
Andrew Hamilton,  
2017 president  
Andrew Meldrum

At The Mount Players AGM in February, Andrew Hamilton, our long serving stage manager, OH&S officer and general, all round good bloke was presented with a Life Membership Award.

Andrew was introduced to the company about 14 years ago. He started helping out at front of house, then moved on to set building and finally found his real talent was managing backstage. Anyone who has been involved in theatre understands the value of a good stage manager and Andrew has proved to be an incredible asset in this area. For several years he was doing all four shows each year and has now been involved with around 30 productions including Youth Theatre shows. Congratulations Andrew!

There will be an information night at the theatre for

our 3rd production, The Full Monty on Monday 10th April at 7.00pm. We invite you to come along to find out about the characters' requirements and hear all about this wonderful musical comedy set in Buffalo, New York. Auditions will be held on Mon 1 May, Wed 3 May with call backs on Sat 6 May. For all enquiries or to book a time please call Leo on 0458 582 838.

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# COME AND MAKE HISTORY

The Romsey & Lancefield Districts Historical Society Inc. has been part of the community since the 1970's and is dedicated to preserving local history. We are always in need of help, so if you would like to join our small group you would be made most welcome.

The membership of the Society is \$25.00 pa, and \$35.00 a couple per year, which is due 1st July. Our research fee is \$20.00 for a 2 hour search.

The membership entitles you to receive 3 newsletters a year and invitations to our by-monthly meeting which usually entails a guest speaker and morning tea or lunch.

The next general meeting will be Tuesday 28th March at 1.30 in the Courthouse, with guest speaker Wendy McDonald, who will give advice on how to do your own Family research with a view to the Society conducting research sessions at a later date utilizing our resources



along with other services. Please contact the secretary, Shirley, 0402248540 for more information.

The Heritage listed 'Barton' Cottage in Palmer St. Romsey is open the 4th Sunday of each month where you will be made welcome by Ruth and her team of helper

## ROMSEY-LANCEFIELD RSL SUB-BRANCH

# ANZAC DAY SERVICE

## SPECIAL EVENT

TUESDAY 25 APRIL, 2017

At the Cenotaph, High Street Lancefield

The Commemorative Service will commence at 08:30 AM

Marchers are requested to assemble in front of the Bakery in High Street At 08:20 AM.

Following the service tea, coffee and refreshments will be provided for the community by the Lancefield Neighbourhood House Committee at the Mechanics Hall

All families, individuals and in particular our school children are welcome to attend the memorial of this important day in Australia's history.

A smaller wreath-laying service will be conducted at the Romsey Cenotaph at 07:30 am.

All are welcome to attend.

Anzac Day this year will include a blessing by Rev. Carroll for the addition of a name omitted from the cenotaph, 101 years ago. Herbert Golding was the proprietor, publisher and printer of the Lancefield Mercury between 1913 and 1919, selling out of the newspaper when he enlisted at Lancefield.

On enlistment his wife and children moved to Cheltenham to be near her family. Somehow and accidentally, his name was omitted from the cenotaph when it came time to add the names of veteran's at the end of the war.

Private Golding died of wounds at Pozieres on 28 August 1916. He was aged 36

The extended family were keen to have this omission corrected. They approached the RSL for assistance and with a lot of to-ing and fro-ing between RSL Melbourne (State Branch) and the MRSC, finally received approval to have his name added to the cenotaph hopefully, in time for this Anzac Day. Work on the lettering is under way now, with the MRSC contributing generously to the cost, along with an RSL contribution and a family donation.

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# BREAKFAST FOR THE KIDS

For the past year the Macedon Ranges Freemasons Lodge 97 in conjunction with the Lancefield Primary School has been providing breakfast, comprising egg and bacon sandwiches, apples bananas and oranges, once a month to all the students of the school. This program started last year after the then principal, Diana Ellis, was invited to the Lodge to discuss assistance the Lodge might be able to provide the school. An area of concern was that some children were attending school without having breakfast. So the Lodge thought that they could, for at least for one day per month, make a difference and provide a nourishing breakfast. The menu was decided after consultation with the Principal. But of course there is a cost to purchase the food and materials so regular fund-raising is conducted with support from the Bendigo Bank with monthly sausage sizzles outside the Lancefield and Romsey Branches. The Lodge members were touched deeply by the response of the students and committed to continuing this project. With the start of this school year, Breakfast for the Kids (and the occasional parent), the project is continuing full steam with the new Principal Joanne Emond's full support.

Freemasonry started in the District in 1883, with the Lodge at Romsey. In the early 1900s the Lodge moved to



Lancefield and met in the Macedonia Hotel (hence the Masonic Square and Compasses that can still be seen on the building façade). It met at the Macedonia Hotel for a number of years before returning to Romsey. Several years ago the Lodge, in conjunction with the Lions Club, started the annual "Romsey Swap Meet" that attracts

several thousand visitors each year to admire vintage and unique vehicles, have a drink and snack, and browse the many stalls for car bits and pieces. The Macedon Ranges Freemasons meet on the first Thursday of each month except January, and are located at 73 main St. Romsey. We can also be found on Facebook at Macedon Ranges Freemason Lodge 97 or at [www.freemasonsvic.net.au](http://www.freemasonsvic.net.au). You can also phone us and speak with either Barry or George. Barry is on 0437 542372 George is on 0429 575802

TO THE EDITOR OF THE MERCURY

## RE: STATE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED SAFETY UPGRADES FOR THE LANCEFIELD RD

Dear editor

I note in the recent March edition of the Lancefield Mercury a photo was published of our local elected member Mary-Anne Thomas, meeting with the State Roads Minister Luke Donnellan and John Bullen from VicRoads. According to the accompanying story they were discussing improving road safety on the Lancefield Rd.

This is a noble endeavour, which should be congratulated but it is also ironic and somewhat self serving given that this very same state government is in fact proposing to allow a new suburb to be built around the Lancefield Rd just north of Goonawarra Sunbury. This situation suggests the state government is busy talking the road safety talk on the Lancefield Rd, but not actually walking the road safety walk.

The eventual addition of anywhere between 20,000 to 100,000 new residents living adjacent to and relying on the Lancefield Rd transport corridor will raise traffic

volumes dramatically near Sunbury on this vital Macedon Ranges transport link. And will bring into constant conflict all the regional high speed traffic passing through this new development with the local slow moving new suburb traffic. The very idea is almost the perfect model to produce regular and serious road transport accidents.

The State Government if they commit to these proposed housing developments at Sunbury and if they are really committed to road safety on regional highways must fund at the commencement of these developments the necessary upgrades including separation of these two conflicting traffic flows and planning the imminent of the duplication of the Lancefield Rd from the south side of Clarkefield to the start of the Tullamarine freeway.

To otherwise allow the new suburb to be built before improving the safety and capacity of the Lancefield Road near Sunbury is only playing lip service to road safety.

Yours Sincerely,  
David Kemp

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In a push to be the town with the best and safest drivers we urge people to pass on this information to any young people they know who have just got or who are about to get their Drivers Licence.

Everyone who has done this course has really enjoyed it, even the people who were reluctant beforehand.

Phone the House on 5429 1214 for information.

### LOCAL HEROES

This months heroes are Metricon Homes for donating the fencing around the construction site at the Park for the new toilet block and Bendigo Bank for their grants program. The Bank grants allow many community groups to undertake projects in the town. Many great ideas would not be followed through if there wasn't the possibility of realising the vision by receiving the annual funding from the bank.

### LANCEFIELD RADIO

## BROADCASTERS REQUIRED.

Highlands FM are planning to install a radio studio and transmitter at the Neighbourhood House. This exciting venture means that our local Macedon Ranges radio, currently running out of the Woodend studio, can be listened to in Lancefield and Romsey. It also means that anyone in the community can run their own radio program from the new studio.

Whilst the studio will not be live, except in the case of an emergency, it will be available for people to tape a regular slot on a topic of their interest, which is then sent to Woodend to become part of their broadcasting program.

How soon this happens partially depends on how many people are interested in becoming a radio broadcaster – training on using the studio will be provided and age and topic are not limited. If you like the idea of running your own radio show, or being part of one, please get in touch with the Neighbourhood House so we can send a list through to the organisers. You can phone 5429 1214 or send an email to lancefieldhouse@tpg.com.au.

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## THIS MONTH'S ACTIVITIES

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Come along to our free community wildlife survey event and assist us in gathering important information about the native fauna of the region.

Be part of the next free event at the Cobaw State Forest:

### BIRD COUNT

Sunday 9 April, 8.30am-10.30am

Expert ornithologist Tanya Loos leads a morning walk through the forest to record bird species. Bring your binoculars and wear comfortable walking shoes.

To book please visit [mrcs.vic.gov.au/cobawfauna](http://mrcs.vic.gov.au/cobawfauna)

### ALSO FROM THE MRSC

A guide to Greening your home Saturday April 8 1000 – 1130 Woodend

Small and new rural landowner information session

Saturday April 22 – 0900 – 1300 Romsey  
Sustainable Garden Design Saturday May 13 1000 – 1130 Romsey

For bookings to any of the above [mrcs.vic.gov.au/environmental-events](http://mrcs.vic.gov.au/environmental-events) or 5421 9660

### NEW ROMSEY FIVE MILE CREEK RESTORATION GROUP

A new community group has formed in Romsey that aims to restore Five Mile Creek. The group meets regularly to improve and restore the ecological, cultural and visual impact of the creek.

Priorities for the group include

- Landcare support
- pest, plant and animal management
- river and health management
- generating community engagement.

To join, call Sharyn on 0403 429 161 or email [sharynede\\_associates@y7mail.com](mailto:sharynede_associates@y7mail.com)

### TREES FOR AUTUMN PLANTING

Trees for Autumn planting – please contact us as we may have some tree seedlings available soon

### NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting April 10 – Monthly Meeting Lancefield Mechanics Hall Annexe The Crescent Lancefield All Welcome

### NEXT WORKING BEE

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### DEEP CREEK LANDCARE CONTACT DETAILS

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## AUSTRALIANS WITH DUTCH ANCESTRY

I was recently invited to talk about "Migrants and Refugees" at a gathering of Australians of Dutch origin, held on the weekend of 17th - 19th February. This "Daussie Campout", is a yearly event that may be of interest, to people in our Macedon Shire who originated in The Netherlands.

What a surprise, 300 ex Dutchies and 70 children assembled at the Lakeside Park in Hall's Gap, for a social event involving Trivia, Car treasure hunt, games, Scavenge hunt, Bingo and Dutch delicacies. On Saturday night there was a free Dutch dinner of chips and croquettes. Many "Dutchies" were dressed up, in orange or red, white and blue. There was a book swap of dutch literature and of course coffee, the dutch way. Many sat around the various campfires exchanging yarns. This year was the third annual gathering of Australians of Dutch origin.

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# MINISTER VISITS CLARKEFIELD STATION



Minister for Public Transport Jacinta Allan hopped off the train at Clarkefield station to talk with Member for Macedon Mary-Anne Thomas about updating the lighting and parking facilities at the train station.

In November last year Ms Thomas asked Ms Allan to join her at the Clarkefield Railway Station to show the Minister for Public Transport the current state of the station entrance, the car park and the general amenity at the station. Ms Thomas asked her to consider what may be done to improve the travel experience for the local communities, particularly from Lancefield and Romsey.

The community need for an upgraded station has remained consistent, with residents raising it across social media, via correspondence and in person at the last listening post that Ms Thomas held in Lancefield and Romsey in February.

Following the visit Ms Thomas said, "It was clear to both of us that this well used station needs some attention, and I will continue to advocate for resources to do this."



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# TUSSOCK TRAVELLING IN FODDER ACROSS THE STATE

The Victorian Serrated Tussock Working Party (VSTWP) would like to advise landowners to ensure fodder and hay purchased this summer and autumn is free of noxious weeds and in particular, serrated tussock (*Nassella trichotoma*). The previous year has seen perfect conditions for this weed of national significance to seed prolifically, resulting in many paddocks being infested prior to bailing for fodder.

Whilst it can be difficult to inspect all fodder purchased for noxious weeds, VSTWP Executive Officer Martin Deering suggests that "landowners should attempt to purchase stockfeed from reputable outlets that can verify the absence of declared noxious weeds and from areas outside of the serrated tussock core infestations around the fringes of northern and western Melbourne. Landowners are often unaware of the grassy weed in their paddocks, especially during a good spring like the one we just had,

and may bale paddock unaware of the viable seeds in the fodder" noted Mr Deering.

In some parts of Victoria, large collections of serrated tussock seed heads are a common sight during the warmer parts of the year. The serrated tussock plant produces seed heads that break off at the base and are well adapted to spreading by wind. With each plant having the potential to produce over 100,000 seeds, large infestations can easily produce masses of seed heads. These increase the seed bank, can germinate new infestations, and can become a fire risk. While wind spread seeds are often contained to within half a kilometre of the plant they came from, wind can sometimes carry the seeds up to 20 km away.

The VSTWP recommends that landowners have a designated feed-out area on their property, which allows

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the landowner to monitor this area regularly for the germination of noxious weeds and serrated tussock. Once identified plants can be treated as soon as possible, preventing further spread. Other precautions to help prevent serrated tussock spread can include vehicle and machinery hygiene, removing serrated tussock from around watercourses and avoiding the movement of soil off an infected property.

Long standing member and current chairperson of the VSTWP, John Burgess, stated that the VSTWP "advocates that best practice management is to control and treat

mature serrated tussock plants prior to flowering and seeding each season with a registered herbicide, manual removal or cultivation. The VSTWP has a range of information readily available on how to best identify serrated tussock, including online videos. The website is full of useful information including landowner case studies, 'The Tussock Times' newsletter and the latest research into treatment options" said Mr Burgess.

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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## ANZAC DAY FUNDRAISER

Autumn is an excellent time to remind all home cooks (and preservers) of our Spring Show. If you have, like many people, been busy preserving the bounty that summer provides, keep a few jars and bottles of your goodies aside for entering in the Spring Show.

The Lancefield branch of the CWA will be back in action this April at the Farmer's Market (22nd April) with our annual ANZAC day fundraiser. As in previous years, we will be selling our delicious homemade Memorial biscuits. These always sell out quickly, so get in early! Additionally this year we will also be selling rosemary lapel sprigs made by our members.

Our April meeting will be held in the annexe of the Mechanics Institute on Friday, 21st April at 10am (for 10.30 start). As always, new members of all ages are welcomed. Please contact our members on [lancefieldcwa@gmail.com](mailto:lancefieldcwa@gmail.com) or on our Facebook page. All welcome!

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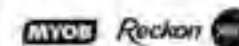
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2017 – Lancefield Church – June 11th, August 13th, October 8th & December 10th.

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## 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.

Eucharist program begins Saturday 29th of April – Registration cut-off is Friday 14th of April.

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

## PARISH NEWS

Change to Mass times – As of 11th of March, St. Mary's Parish will no longer be offering the 6:00pm Vigil Mass at Lancefield church. Sunday services will remain the same and Fr. Vinoth will continue to celebrate with us at both the Lancefield and Romsey churches.

Alternating locations and Mass times between the towns will continue as listed above. We thank Fr. Vinoth for his continued support of our parish.

## EASTER MASS TIMES

Holy Thursday 13th April 7:00pm Lancefield church

Good Friday 14th April 3:00pm Romsey church

Holy Saturday 15th April 7:00pm Lancefield church (Easter Vigil)

Easter Sunday 16th April 8:00am Lancefield church 10:00am Romsey church

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# WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE CLASSROOMS?

This month, the P/1 students have been learning how we can keep ourselves safe in different situations and people in our community who help to keep us safe. Thank you to the many experts who have enriched our programme: staff from the Gisborne Aquatic Centre (water safety), Jamie (police force), Nate (fire brigade), Troy (paramedic) and David, (airplane maintenance). We have started the "You Can Do It" programme and participated in the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence whole school activities.

The 2/3 classes have completed our "figure me out" posters telling a story all about us through mathematical equations. We are finding out all about water safety. We are learning all about how to stay safe with the 3 key rules of safety, "Never swim alone!", "Keep yourself safe!" "Reach or throw, don't go!" We are learning all about picking a "just right" book to read and using the three finger test to make sure we are reading a book appropriate for us. We are still practising this but we are becoming pretty good at it.

The senior classes have also been excited to start the You Can Do It program learning about what it means to be successful. Students have been investigating how advertising tries to persuade them to buy particular products. They have been presenting work about honest advertising and how an ad would look if they were completely truthful in the ad. Friday "funtations" have been highly engaging with classes

participating in ses

Our new Garden to Table program is a fabulous addition to our school and is proving to be extremely engaging and positive for all students. Our parent and community helpers are growing each week. We would like to share some of this term's recipes from our kitchen for you to try!

At the March farmers market our cake stall will include some baking and produce from our garden to table program

## ZUCCHINI SPAGHETTI WITH GARLIC BREAD

Ingredients:

- Zucchini
- Garlic
- Onion
- Fresh tomatoes
- Basil
- Parmesan cheese
- Breadstick
- Butter
- Parsley
- garlic

Method:

Place tomatoes into a bowl and cover with boiling water, set aside. Loosen the skins.  
 Make garlic butter.  
 crush garlic, chop parsley, and add to softened butter .Slice the bread stick into  
 slices not quite right through. Butter and wrap into foil  
 Place in the oven, 160 degrees for approximately 15 minutes.

## SPAGHETTI:

With the washed zucchini use the spaghetti maker  
 Crush the garlic

Chop the onion

Peel the tomatoes and blend a little just to chop them. (You can do this by hand).  
 Put a little oil into your electric frypan and cook your onions till soft, add the garlic.  
 Add the tomatoes. Season, add cheese and serve with garlic bread  
 Add the zucchini, stir until it is cooked to your liking...

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The Green Team meet once a week and have decided that litter around the school and the sorting of rubbish will be their focus this year.

**VOLLEYBALLERS**

Our talented Volleyballers represented LPS at the recent



Volleyballers

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**BARTON (SEYMOUR) COTTAGE C. 1855**

**FROM THE COTTAGE... 'BARTON'**

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 dry spell is evident in the rather dusty garden, but, as always, there is something to be admired. The Lapigeria is again enchanting visitors with lots of lovely pink bells hanging from the vine; we are training it to go right around the veranda.. Some late roses are blooming and the golden tansy is intent on taking over the garden...We have planned some low maintenance plants for particular areas and are becoming ruthless in removing those garden 'thugs' which spread too rapidly. It is the time for the fruits of autumn - the last dark blue Damson Plums are lovely to see and the Euonymous berries are just beginning to show their vivid pink color.

'Barton' remains cool and pleasant even on the hottest days. The low verandahs protect against the sun and the dark Meranti wood panels help retain the cool atmosphere. Join us on the last Sunday of the month and soak up the ageless atmosphere yourself.

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;

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Expressions of interest, with a brief resume, should be addressed to the Company Secretary at PO Box 30, Lancefield, 3435 or emailed to [info@lancefieldromseybank.com.au](mailto:info@lancefieldromseybank.com.au) by 18 April 2017.

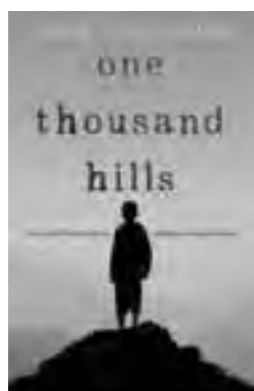
BOOK REVIEWS

YA NON-FICTION

One Thousand Hills by James Roy and Noel Zihabamwe RRP \$16.99  
\*Reviewed by Nielson Bookdata

Winner of the NSW Premiers History Awards 2016.

Agabande, Rwanda, April 1994. The children in the village are doing



childlike things, playing with toys they make themselves, going to school

and church on Sunday, and doing their chores. But there are whispers and looks, and messages of hate on the radio, and people are leaving. Pascal is a good boy, trying his best, but the world he knows is about to change forever.

ADULT NON FICTION

Last Words: The Hanging

of Ronald Ryan. By Barry Dickins RRP \$24.99  
\*Webby's pick of the bunch!

"Last words" is the human story behind the hanging of Ronald Ryan. Barry Dickins examines the last weeks of Ronald Ryan's life and transforms this infamous man whose story, till now, has only been speculated upon.



This book has stimulated much healthy debate at our front counter!

ADULT FICTION

A Darker Shade of Magic by V E Schwab RRP \$16.99  
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\*Emma's pick of the month - I love this series!

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## LADIES NIGHT OUT WAS A GREAT SUCCESS

On Friday 24 February, the 'Ladies Night Out' proved to be a great success and fund raiser for the Relay for Life. The evening event was held at St Mary's Hall, Lancefield and around 60 women attended. Patrons were treated to live music, two guest speakers and some Belly Dancing.

The evening began with Megan Mason playing Ennio Morricone's Gabriel's Oboe for solo flute. This music is well known to many and featured in the 1986 movie, The Mission. Megan, from Ballarat, is a friend of one of the Relay for Life teams and came along to support the event.

Our two guest speakers were Hannah Sutton from Essence of Chinese Medicine in Romsey and Emilie Chiller from Health on High who each spoke about their area of expertise. Hannah emphasised that Chinese Medicine provides holistic medical solutions for those who are looking to get to the root cause of their health problems and empowers them to take an active role in their health. And after hearing that the Essence of Chinese Medicine provides acupuncture, massage and herbal medicine treatments, Emilie from Health on High also spoke about health, diet, wellbeing and empowerment. To this end, we all got up and danced – this certainly worked to improve our equilibrium and staying power!

The final piece of entertainment was presented by Irene and Lorraine, two local Lancefield ladies who study Belly Dancing at Woodend. They had the audience spellbound with their flowing gowns and scarves as well as their lively movements across the floor. Once again, audience participation enhanced the presentation.

All the while, silent auctions were taking place. Every for auction was donated with the proceeds going towards the funds raised for the Relay for Life. Amongst the marvelous donations were two Crepe Myrtle trees from Mt William Nursery, a package from the Lancefield Day Spa, Gifts from Fleur Flowers, a massage from Body Tune, gifts from Paramour Farm, wine from Hanging Rock Winery plus many gift vouchers from other local business.

The evening was truly a success – the event raised \$2,500. This money went towards the total of \$5,800 raised by the Relay for Life. The Lancefield group has been awarded for its efforts which means it can nominate an area of research it would like to contribute to. What a great result for the efforts made by the organizing committee and the generous contributions of those who attended on the evening!

Fay Woodhouse



A PATCH OF LANCEFIELD

## PATCHWORK'S BACK



Our patchworking group has recently started meeting again for 2017.

We welcome new members of any skill level – whether you've never tried patchwork or quilting before or you whip up king size quilts in your spare time! We hold a range of workshops during the year to help you hone your skills, or you can work on your own projects in the company of a friendly group of ladies.

Contact Bronwyn on 54 29 2076 for more information.

Alternatively, come along to the Lancefield Mechanics Institute annexe any Thursday between 10am-12pm and meet the group for a cuppa before you take the plunge and join up.

### RAINBOW OF COLOURS

A Patch of Lancefield Proudly presents their 13th Exhibition. "Rainbow of Colours".  
Saturday 27th May 10am – 5pm, Sunday 24th May 10am – 4pm.

'Colour Wheel' raffle quilt.  
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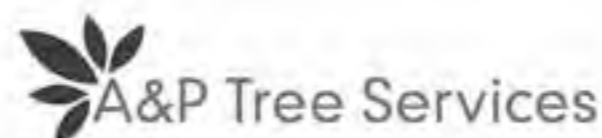


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# SEARCHING

Over the years men and women have searched for buried treasures - miners have dug long and hard to find the precious minerals underground, today mining companies do so with great machines. St. Paul prayed fervently that the Christians he had brought to a knowledge of Jesus as their Saviour and Lord would dig deep into the hidden treasures to be found in Him. He writes to the Christians in Ephesus that grace was given to him, "to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ." (Ephesians 3:8). Above all to know God's great love for them, and so his prayer is - "that they might have power to grasp how wide and long, how high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love which surpasses knowledge. (Eph.3:19). Jesus on one occasion instructed his disciples to "Launch out into the deep" for a rich haul of fish but He wants us to leave the shallows and launch out in to the deep of the richer spiritual experience of knowing Him. Too many in our Churches today are content to stay in the shallows instead of reaching out to experience the great love of God for

them and His many blessings. This season of Lent is good time to think on these things. John 3.16 reminds us of that great love, - "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son so that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life."

*"It passes knowledge that dear love of Thine, My Jesus, Saviour; yet this soul of mine, Would of Thy love, in all its breadth and length, Its height and depth, its everlasting strength,*

*Know more and more."* Mary Shekelton.

## APRIL DIARY

Sun. 2nd Apr. Harvest Thanksgiving Service. Food for Melbourne's needy. Fresh produce welcomed. This is distributed by Anglicare, the social arm of the Anglican Church of Australia.

Sun. 9th Apr. Palm Sunday. distribution of palm crosses.

Thurs. 13th Apr. 7pm. Maundy Thursday. Holy

Communion Service. St. Paul's Romsey. (With traditional foot washing and giving of alms.) NB. A.M.S. members to attend this service in lieu of normal meeting.

Fri. 14th. Good Friday. 9am. Service. - (Remembering the death of Jesus on the Cross for we sinners) at Christ Church . Lancefield.

Sun. 16th. Apr. Easter Day.

9am. Holy Communion. St. Paul's. Romsey. 10.30pm. Christ Church . Lancefield

*"Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!*

*Who did once upon the Cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!"*

*fr. Lyra Davidica 1708.*

## SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES

Holy Communion. 9am. St. Paul's ROMSEY. . . . 10. 30am. Christ Church. LANCEFIELD

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Doreen Morgan. Correspondent

## FAMILY MATTERS

# NEW VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

With the imminent arrival of the NDIS into the Macedon Ranges in May this year, PS My Family Matters has appointed a new volunteer coordinator, Joanne Szkilnyk. 'We see 2017 as a key year for mental health and carers in our region' said Tamara Wilson, President of PSMFM, 'Joanne brings a wealth of experience through her volunteering with us. We are very aware that this year may bring new challenges for carers of those with psychosocial illness, and we want be there to help in whatever way we can.'

Joanne can be contacted on 0475 269 965.

'We are talking with all the local agencies about the impending changes to services this year' said Tamara. 'Our objective is to ensure that no local family who needs support slips through the net.'

PS My Family Matters will also be running its regular Coffee for Carers get together at the Kozy Café, Neal Street Gisborne at 10am on the 15th March and 19th April and at the Neighbourhood House in Romsey on the 1st April and the 3rd May . All are welcome.

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# ENVIRONMENT NEWS

From: Macedon Ranges Shire Council Environment Team <environment@mrsc.vic.gov.au>

Become a citizen scientist and join the Cobaw Wildlife Research Program

Council is conducting a series of wildlife surveys in the Cobaw State Forest and we need your help!

Come along to our free community wildlife survey events and assist us in gathering important information about the native fauna of the region.

Be part of one of the free events at the Cobaw State Forest:

## BIRD COUNT

Sunday 9 April, 8.30am-10.30am

Expert ornithologist Tanya Loos leads a morning walk through the forest to record bird species. Bring your binoculars and wear comfortable walking shoes.

## LOVE ANIMALS?

### Get involved in our fauna monitoring program

Help us gather data on fauna activity in our bushland reserves and volunteer with our fauna monitoring program.

Participants can get involved in leading surveys such as night spotlights, trapping, frog surveys, nestboxes and more.

This is a great opportunity for residents to learn more about fauna monitoring techniques or tertiary students looking to build some new skills.

### Have your say on responsible pet ownership

Council is working towards the development of a new Macedon Ranges Domestic Animal Management Plan that will support animal management and pet ownership in our community, and set out how we can become a more animal-friendly shire.

The plan will consider a range of issues, including:

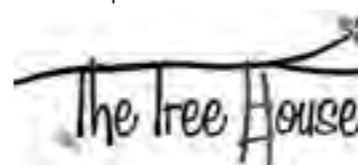
- cat curfews
- dog on and off lead areas
- minimising the number of dogs and cats being euthanised
- reducing the harmful effect of domestic pets on our native birds, mammals and reptiles
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# BADMINTON

Badminton is a great sport that can be played by the whole family and people of all ages.

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