

SECOND FESTIVAL A HUGE SUCCESS

The second Extinct-Lancefield Megafauna Festival was a hit. Nearly 1000 people, among them many visitors to the region, visited the site of the megafauna fossil excavation in Lancefield Recreation Reserve. The excavation, manned by more than 20 volunteers who camped out in the Laurie Green Pavilion for the week, unearthed fossilised remains of Diprotodon teeth, possibly the claw of Thylacoleo, and other scientific treasures, such as soil samples for pollen analysis.

News coverage was forthcoming on Channel 7News, SBS, as well as many local and Melbourne-based radio stations. The Age added a “Six Reasons to Visit Lancefield” and cited the Megafauna Festival among other local attractions.

The Local History Centre saw around 75 visitors come through its doors on the Saturday of the Farmers Market to view the Lancefield “Franken-roo” as well as displays relating to the history of Lancefield and Mt William Stone Axe Quarry. This display is available for viewing in the coming weeks.

The Festival Hub in the Centre Plantation opposite Lancefield Mechanics Institute provided a congenial venue for a range of activities. This included a Welcome to Country with Smoking Ceremony by Wurundjeri elder Annette Xiberras, a display by Museum Victoria, with experts on hand to explain fossils, and the hugely popular giant fossil puzzle created by Mike Jones kept children busy without end. Exquisite musical entertainment during the fine afternoon was provided by Daddy P and the Hot Saxes as well as by local primary schools.

As Macedon Ranges Major Cr Jennifer Anderson summed up the day, “town was buzzing, the diggers were happy, and Tim Flannery was both impressive and impressed”.

In his public talk at the Mechanics Institute, Tim Flannery threw his weight behind the idea that the local fossil deposit



is of sufficient importance to explore the creation of a regional museum or research training site in Lancefield. This question will be tackled by the Lancefield Neighbourhood House with Places for People funding in the coming months.

Festival chair Dr Adam Bostanci says this success raises the all-important question of “What next?” for the festival? He also expressed his gratitude to everyone who contributed to make the festival a success, above all the committee of volunteer organisers, volunteers who helped out on the day, but also many local businesses, Macedon Ranges Shire Council and the Lancefield Community Bank Branch® of the Bendigo Bank.

Media coverage can be accessed via the Facebook (see below). Anyone who would like to contribute to the discussion about plans for the future should contact the committee or watch out for further announcements either via Facebook or via Lancefield Neighbourhood House.

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LANCEFIELD TENNIS CLUB CHRISTMAS SNAPSHOT!

A big thank you to everyone who has supported our club this year! We have played some very wet tennis under sometimes impossible conditions but we've all enjoyed it.

I think what has really stood out this year has been the older junior players taking on responsibility for part of our Hotshots program. It's been so rewarding watching our teenagers represent our club and mentor our younger budding tennis champions of the future! Well done, you are the future of Lancefield Tennis Club!

Have a safe and fun Christmas everyone!
Best Wishes from Lancefield Tennis Club



THANKS TO VOTERS

I would like to sincerely thank East Ward voters for their strong support at the recent Macedon Ranges Shire Council election.

I was pleased to be elected to the "new look" council on my first attempt, and pledge that I will do my best over the next four years to be a constructive and effective councillor.

There are certainly challenges ahead, but I consider the nine councillors will be able to work well together, and

respect the residents and ratepayers of our shire.

Many Lancefield area people have been very positive about the outcome of the election; I thank all who encouraged me and helped my campaign in any way. I also congratulate Henry Bleeck and Natasha Gayfer on also being elected to represent the East Ward.

Bill West,
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Advent Reconciliation 14 Dec 7:00pm Romsey Church
(Confession)

Parish Mass of Anointing 16 Dec 2:00pm Lancefield Church

Follow the Star 21 Dec Romsey
Hosted by the Anglican Church – time and starting point to be confirmed and advertised by flyers around town.

Christmas Eve 24 Dec 6:00pm Lancefield Church
Carols 11:30 pm Romsey Church
Midnight Romsey Church

Christmas Day 25 Dec 9:00am Romsey Church

New Year's Day 1 Jan 8:00am Lancefield Church
10:00am Romsey Church

FROM THE EDITOR

Last edition for 2016, a busy year for the Mercury and Lancefield as well. The Mercury committee would like to thank everyone who supported us during the year, contributors and advertisers alike. I would like to thank Jan for making sure the printing was done on time every month, often working through the weekend. Enjoy your retirement! Thanks also to Simon and the posties who are the last link in the chain.

Special mention also to the volunteers who have left our committee in the past year. Meryl has been Secretary and chief proofreader since we incorporated in 2004 and was on the committee for nearly as long before this. Robert has sat beside her at the meetings for many years as well organising the folding, counting and delivering the boxes to the Post Office. They really are an important part of the Lancefield community. Thanks also to Marj Dobbs who has been doing our books since moving to Lancefield six years ago.

Merry Christmas to all and we will be back in February.

Cheers

Andy Moore

INTRODUCING THE NEW COUNCILORS



Introducing the new council.

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Gayfer, Cr Bill West, Cr Jennifer Anderson, Cr Henry Bleeck

The Mayor is Jennifer Anderson

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30TH ANNIVERSARY SOON

AGM

Our AGM was held on 14th November 2016 and we wish to congratulate the new position holders and thank all previous holders of the positions of President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Particularly our treasurer of the last 30 years Stephen Hendy who has decided it is time to move on.

President Hayley Goodman
Secretary Patricia Danko
Treasurer Ken Allender

30TH ANNIVERSARY

This is the 30th anniversary of Landcare and Deep Creek Landcare is one of the founding member groups.

At our annual Christmas break-up we will be honouring 6 members with life membership.

Pat Toomey, Robert Green, Stephen Hendy, John Blamey, George Lobb and David Blicblau.

PLANTINGS AND OPENINGS

On Monday 21st November a planting was held at Lancefield Park with the Guides.

On Thursday 1st December we attended the official opening of the native gardens at Lancefield Primary School.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting Monday 13th February 2017 at 8.00pm
President : Hayley Goodman : 0409 936 814
Secretary : Patricia Danko : p.danko1@bigpond.com
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TRAPS ARE STILL AVAILABLE

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Myna birds caught in Lancefield for October 15.
Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year

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business running.

You might be reading this and wishing for your own miracle this Christmas. Maybe you're hoping your prodigal comes home. Maybe you're wishing for a job. Some are yearning for a special someone to sit next to them at the Christmas dinner table.

God's answer to you is . . . Yes I can. You see, the biggest miracle has already been done —The undeserved gift of Jesus. Everything else is small to God.

God, help us to stay focused on You, this Christmastime and always. Thank You for loving the whole world enough to send the greatest gift, Your Son, so that we might truly have a very merry Christmas and we rejoice for each blessing that comes wrapped up in Jesus.

New life. New love. A home. A job. New opportunities. Second chances. Peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts, when the world all around us spins out-of-control.

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SERRATED TUSSOCK SET FOR PROLIFIC SEEDING SEASON

The Victorian Serrated Tussock Working Party (VSTWP) would like to remind landowners and managers across Victoria that the recent rains will result in significant Serrated Tussock (*Nassella trichotoma*) seeding during late spring and early summer this year. Some areas across Victoria have had record winter rainfalls, after a very dry summer, which is the perfect storm for the establishment and spread of the noxious weed Serrated Tussock.

Community Engagement Officer with the VSTWP Ivan Carter said "our extension officers have already observed Serrated Tussock plants with substantial numbers of seeds developing around the Gisborne, Melton, Sunbury and Ballan regions. A mature Serrated Tussock plant can produce thousands of seeds per season, which are wind-blown across the region up to 20 kilometres from the parent plant."

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 or manual removal/cultivation. With the season looking ideal for the further growth and spread of Serrated Tussock, the VSTWP would like to ask landowners and managers to act now to prevent further seeding and detrimental impacts of this noxious weed.



Serrated Tussock is highly invasive and quickly becomes established, dominating landscapes, reducing agricultural productivity and decreasing biodiversity in native grasslands. It is estimated that Serrated Tussock has infested over 130,000 hectares of land in Victoria alone, and once it takes hold, large infestations require ongoing management and can be expensive to treat.

The VSTWP has a range of information readily available

on how to identify Serrated Tussock, and how best to manage infestations and prevent new infestations from establishing. Our website is full of useful information including videos on identification, landowner case studies, the 'The Tussock Times' newsletter and the latest research into treatment options.

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Renata Morello and Oliver Rapson with children Charlie and Julian with Mary-Anne Thomas

In early November the Victorian Government announced \$17,500 in funding to support Lyons Will Estate to develop a new cellar door, creating an additional tourism attraction in the region, boosting direct wine sales and promoting the region's award winning wines.

The funding, sourced from the Government's \$1 million Wine Growth Fund, is provided on a co-contribution basis of \$1 to \$1 and will support the \$35,000 project to develop an indoor area for wine tasting and cellar door training for staff.

The project will tap into current visitation to the region by better promoting Macedon Ranges' unique style of cool climate wines and increasing wine tourism to the region. It will also enhance the visitor experience and boost local skills and employment.

Labor Member for Macedon Mary-Anne Thomas said,

"We're committed to investing in Victoria's world-class wine industry. Supporting Lyons Will Estate alongside Macedon's premier grape growers and winemakers will drive tourism to the area, increase direct wine sales and create jobs."

Victoria's wine industry comprises 800 wineries and 3000 vineyards, employing 12,000 people and generating \$1.5 billion each year. Other wineries in the Macedon Electorate to secure support in the first round included Kyneton Ridge Estate, Mount Towrong Vineyard and Guildford Vineyard and Cellar.

Applications for the second round of grants will be open to businesses or organisations directly involved in the Victorian Wine industry, including the growing, production and marketing of wine, and businesses that act as service providers to the wine industry.

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As the year comes to a close we send out a warm thankyou to our patrons who have supported our productions throughout the year and our 2 major sponsors Bendigo Bank and Baringo Food & Wine Co. - without you all we would not have had such a vibrant and successful theatre company. We look forward to sharing our 2017 season with you all at our wonderful Mountview Theatre.

Of course should you wish to become a member of our theatrical family we welcome you with open arms. Hey, a membership would make a great Christmas present to the thespian in the family or indeed for just \$10 extra per family member the whole family could join!. If that doesn't rock your boat how about a season pass? With 4 productions a



year and a day ticket to our One Act Play Festival in July it is fantastic value and ensures you won't miss anything! There you go...Christmas all sewn up!

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Both outdoor pools will be open from Saturday 3 December 2016 until Sunday 5 March 2017, with opening hours as follows:

School terms (3–20 December 2016 and 30 January–5 March 2017)

Under 26 degrees: *Closed*

26–29 degrees: 3.30pm–6pm

30 degrees and above: 1.30pm–6pm (possible extension of hours past 6pm dependent upon patronage and weather conditions).

School holidays (21 December 2016–29 January 2017)

Under 24 degrees: *Closed*

24–29 degrees: 1.30pm–6pm

30 degrees and above: 11am–6pm (possible extension of hours past 6pm dependent upon patronage and weather conditions).

As part of Council's commitment to provide a safe and family-friendly environment where children can enjoy the water, all of Council's aquatic facilities participate in the 'Watch Around Water' program.

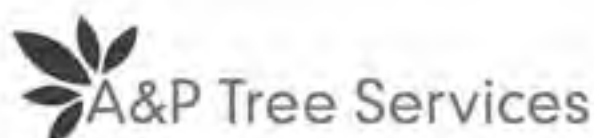
This means:

Children under five years of age must be supervised by an adult who is required to be within arm's reach of them at all times.

Children five to 10 years of age must be supervised by an adult at all times while in a body of water.

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Council will again offer free entry to its two outdoor pools as part of Australia Day celebrations on Thursday 26 January 2016.



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REGULAR EVENTS

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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.

Reconciliation is generally scheduled quite early in the year so if we have your details we can ensure you receive the information in time to participate.

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

MARC'S MESSAGE

In the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries, there was a spiritual writer – Meister Eckhart. He had some quite controversial ideas that led to him being excommunicated. He was only 're-instated' a few years back. One of his ideas was that what 'made' God was that 'he' was eternally giving birth – bringing 'himself' and everything else out of no-thing-ness into 'some-thing-ness', or 'be-ing.'

He further said that as each one of us is made in the 'image of God', that we too are therefore creatures whose lives consist of bringing something out of nothing; that we are in the business of creating ourselves, but even more that we are also giving birth to God.

This was part of one of his Christmas sermons, and as a guiding idea – whether one is a believer or a non-believer – it is interesting to think about. I do not come into the world complete, and may very well go out the other end incomplete, not really 'real.' And, in the process of 'giving birth to myself' I am actually engaging in the process of 'helping' God to 'be born'; of bringing the whole of reality to a fulfilment.

It does two things for me, it shows that my life has a meaning for myself and for the rest of the world; that when I do pass on, hopefully the world will have been at least a slightly better place for me having been here. Might be a nice thought to reflect on at this time of year.

Marc



THANK YOU SO MUCH!

The time is shortly coming when we are to leave Lancefield. We have thoroughly enjoyed our time here. To everyone who has been a client or employee of Gardening Variety over the years, I thank you. It was a very successful small business and you all helped to make it so – proving that anyone can "make a go of it" in this fantastic country!

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On Friday November 4th at the Lancefield Mechanics Hall, was held an introductory evening to, *Meat With The Butcher*. It was very well received by the invited guests. John simply explained the dynamics of the why and how of beef, and demonstrated the proof through tasting samples of two specific cuts of meat.

A two course dinner was a highlight of the night with some guests struggling to finish their 350g, grain fed Scotch Fillet, but finish they did. Curly Flat winery also enhanced the evening with a selection of appropriate wines. Comments such as; I've learnt more in this short time than I have in years; Very very informative and enjoyable; I've been barbequing my steaks all wrong; Very enlightening; It was a sensory learning experience in the best kind of way.

If you would like more information, or to book for the next event

Phone John 0402858657

PREPARING AND MAINTAINING YOUR PROPERTY FOR THE FIRE SEASON

As we approach another fire season, Council is reminding residents to make adequate preparations.

Here are some simple tips you can follow to make sure you are fire ready:

- Slash grass and keep it under 75mm high
- Rake up and remove dry grass, leaves, twigs and loose bark
- Remove any rubbish or material that is likely to cause, maintain or promote a fire
- Store inflammable liquids well away from the house
- Store woodpiles away from the house
- Place metal flyscreens or window shutters over windows
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BAD NEWS IS OK

We understand it's possible our dogs are deceased. If someone knows this is the case please phone us, we will not be angry, we don't seek recriminations, and your call will be treated 100% confidentially.

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Thank you for all your help, Paul Kennedy
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SPEND YOUR SUMMER EVENINGS AT THE ROCK

Grab some snags, pack a picnic and spend your summer evenings at Hanging Rock.

Throughout December, January and February, Hanging Rock Reserve is staying open until 8pm on

Thursdays and Fridays, giving you a chance to do more of what you love—spending time in one of our region's most spectacular spots. Council's Chief Executive Officer Peter Johnston said he hoped the extended summer hours would encourage more visitors to the natural landmark.

"Whether you're a local to the region or visiting the Macedon Ranges from elsewhere, make time to stop by and spend some time at Hanging Rock," he said.

"There's plenty of walks, wildlife and history to discover, with the reserve really buzzing during the summer months.

"We've got the annual Hanging Rock races on 1 and

26 January, along with the annual Classic Car Display in February, and musician Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band making his welcome return on Saturday 11 February."

Hanging Rock Reserve is open every day (except Christmas Day) between 9am and 5pm.

Entry fees are \$4 per pedestrian, \$10 per car, \$20 per minibus and \$50 per coach.

Regular visitors can also purchase an annual pass for \$67 that can be used during normal operating hours, excluding major event days.

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If there is extremely high demand for water from customers and the CFA during a fire, water pressure may also drop. Residents should consult their local CFA about their options for an independent water supply and plan ahead.

Western Water is also doing all it can to prepare for summer, with backup generators ready and water storage tanks at high capacity to cope in case of fire. Residents can also help the community to be prepared for fire season by 'adopting' a fire hydrant. Keep any fire hydrants near your home free of debris and vegetation, and if you think a hydrant needs maintenance, call Western Water to report it.

You can also send Western Water a message on Facebook, or fill in a form on the website at WesternWater.com.au.

WATER WEEK A WINNER FOR LANCEFIELD

Lancefield Kindergarten has received a \$2,000 Water Week grant from Western Water for a new watering system. National Water Week, celebrated every October, encourages communities to take action to protect our vital water sources to meet the needs of future generations.

This year's Water Week theme was Water, Life Growth. Western Water handed out a total of \$10,000 in Water Week grants to Macedon Ranges schools and community groups. The kinder is planning to use the grant for a watering system, pump and sprinkler timer to connect to their rainwater tank.

ENVIRONMENT EVENTS: DISCOVER THE NATURAL WORLD

Whether you're declaring war on weeds or looking to get up close and personal with local wildlife, Macedon Ranges Shire Council has a range of free environment events on offer designed to get you out in nature. On Saturday 3 December rural land owners are invited to come along to Bald Hill Reserve, 281 Pipers Creek Road in Kyneton to find out more about how to manage invasive weeds.

The free workshop, to be held from 10.30am until 1pm, will share tips on how to identify and treat problem weeds, and also provide demonstrations on the best techniques to eradicate weeds from your property. The

workshop includes a free lunch, and is presented in partnership with Upper Campaspe Landcare Network.

Discover creatures of the night on Saturday 10 December at a free, family-friendly spotlight event at Bald Hill Reserve. Join Council environment officers and the Friends of Bald Hill Reserve from 9pm to 10.30pm to spotlight for night birds and native animals such as sugar gliders and ringtail possums. Participants should bring warm clothing, a torch and sturdy footwear.

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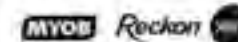
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events and functions. It has long been catering to wine tasting sessions within its property for its guests. Hence, when the discussion of a wine hub came up amongst the local producers, Cleveland Winery was an obvious choice of venue as it already had a respectable operational set up and a good flow of guests from Melbourne, inter-state as well as international guests. Media Information In addition, it also had a secret gem waiting to be revived – its Underground Cellar. The unique underground cellar carries historical significance as it was built in 1984 by Keith Brien (a well known local wine maker), who established Cleveland Winery's vineyard. Today, the Underground Cellar presents itself as a rustic, alluringly cool, spacious and welcoming tasting room and local produce store. It features Cleveland Estate wines and many other award winning/boutique wines from the Macedon Ranges region including Rowanston on the Track, Knights Granite Hills, Lyons Will, Heskett Estate, Midhill, Herbal Lore and with more to come. There is also an extension of the tasting room that promotes local produces such as Moto Coffee Beans, Emilia's The Saucy Australian to mention a few.



Cleveland Winery Underground Cellar and Wine hub is quickly moving toward becoming an iconic center to promote Macedon Ranges' amazing array of quality food and wine produce. With the high traffic of leisure and business tourist that come through Cleveland Winery for short breaks, events and conferences, our wine and produce

store will be a great platform to promote sales and branding for the smaller local producers in the region. According to Bill Balcam, Managing Director of Cleveland Winery, "Our partnership and close collaboration with local producers will help our region as a whole to boost tourism and bring about better economic contributions to the Macedon Ranges".

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Miss Me-time has just the treat for any ladies wanting to enjoy the warmer weather by treating them to as many as 3 hot drink vouchers. Free hot drink vouchers are now being offered to any women who goes to any of Miss Me-time's free sessions. Women can get up to 3 hot drinks vouchers by simply rocking up to Miss Me-time sessions, which are a mystery, free and for women only.

Miss Me-time is a concept developed by the not-for-profit organisation Sports Focus, as part of VicHealth's Regional Sport Program. Miss Me-time had their first session in mid-May and has since had nearly 100 participants. Natalie Lake, Project Coordinator at Sports Focus explained the program as a fun way for women to take some 'me-time'. "Our sessions are a chance for all women to giggle, jiggle and wiggle while being active".

All sessions are a mystery to tie in with the fun theme and to help overcome some of the perceptions women may have of sport. Jacquie Dunstan, a regular Miss Me-time participant, has attended nine sessions with a vision to continue attending Miss Me-time. "Initially I was a bit reluctant to attend as I wanted to know what I was in for before I dragged my children along. However I saw it advertised multiple times and thought that was a sign to give it a try, and I'm so glad I did".

Ms Dunstan said that she was unsure what the sessions would hold and was worried she wouldn't be able to keep up with others. "I have been pleasantly surprised at how supportive and enjoyable the sessions are and how you can go at your own pace".

Sessions are also child friendly to help support mothers or people caring for children to join in. "We understand the difficulties mothers can face when trying to be active for themselves, that's why they can bring their kids". While describing the sessions Ms Lake said "There's no commitment, women can stay for as long or as little as they'd like, and the best part is there is no RSVP, women can just rock up". From now until their last session in mid-December all women that attended any Miss Me-time session will receive a hot drink voucher. Women can get a second and third voucher when they; bring a friend along with them to a session and when they attend 3 sessions during November and December. The next two sessions in the Macedon Ranges are 'Aces all round!' on Friday 4 November at 10.15am with participants to meet at Lancefield Park, Chauncey Street, Lancefield, and 'Make a racket' on Tuesday 8 November at 7pm meeting at the Kyneton Toyota Sports & Aquatic Centre, 4 Victoria Street, Kyneton. Although Miss Me-time couldn't explain what the

sessions are, they have hinted that it is not bowls, dancing or basketball. Sessions go for 45-60 minutes fruit and water provided at each session.

For further information you can visit facebook.com/MissMetime or contact Natalie Lake at Sports Focus on 5442 3101 or email nataliel@sportsfocus.com.au.

Jacquie Dunstan, far right, enjoying a Miss Me-time session with other regular participants.



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Trace we the Babe who has retrieved our loss, from His poor manger to His bitter Cross:

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

November 2016 was taken up with A.G.M.'s, and the big highlight being our very successful concert "Singing In The Ranges with David Hobson". A big thank you all who organized and helped in so many ways, and especially Dr. Paul Carter who assisted in the staging of it on his property "Nardoo". All proceeds to the Christ Church Lancefield Appeal.

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The campaign encourages artists to be heard. Supporting the need for direct investment, in the arts – with focus on the people.

“Government owned infrastructure, for art and culture, is great - but not enough to make a sustained difference in the lives of the individuals, who dedicate themselves to creativity” says Karen Corr, Director Make A Change Australia

“We’ve been working tirelessly over the last 5 years in partnership with 4 local Councils, to set up Pop Up Art - an arts enterprise model, that supports Central Victorian artists to sell more work.” says Pop Up Art founder and International Producer Sharon Seyd.

“Our goal is to realise a Collective Arts Enterprise that will take the work of artists, out of the region, to a much broader market and eventually translate into art sales, globally. There are opportunities for online art sales nationally and internationally, tapping into a global market last year reaching \$63.8 billion.”

Pop Up Art organisers and partnering Councils, Bendigo, Macedon, Hepburn and Mount Alexander, recognise that a collective solution addresses the common challenge that individual artists have limited time and resources, to market themselves independently.

“Artists living and working outside of urban locales face unique challenges and barriers to selling their work and sustaining a viable art practice . POP UP ART is a bold and innovative project that seeks to elevate the profile of over 200 Central Victorian artists” says City of Greater Bendigo Arts Coordinator Maree Tonkin.

“The role that the creative sector plays in our economy is well documented, but not widely accepted. For communities to derive the economic and social benefits from a robust local creative economy, we need to be very strategic in how we target investment and support” says Robyn Till, Macedon Rangers Shire Council Arts Officer.

Pop Up Art, an initiative of Jumpleads NFP, is a not for profit model that requires external investment, to ensure

it can be community owned, without exclusion based on affordability of participation.

“We want to ensure it’s accessible and affordable for professional artists and financially sustainable for the long term” continues Sharon.

“We are putting out the call, to all artists and art lovers: Get in touch and share why art matters and why initiatives like Pop Up Art are worth backing.”

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BOOK REVIEWS

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Book Reviews:
Blueberry
Pancakes
Forever- By
Angelica Banks.

RRP \$15.99

Description: Winter has fallen in the world of story, and at Brown Street, Tuesday's typewriter lies silent. Far away in the Peppermint Forest, Vivienne Small fears that she will never again feel the touch of the sun. But when the mysterious Loddon appears in Vivienne's treehouse, he brings with him terrible danger. Without warning, Tuesday is swept up into the world of story as she has never seen it before. In this forbidding and unfamiliar

place - and without her beloved dog Baxterr at her side - Tuesday becomes Loddon's captive. But who exactly is this strange boy? And will she find a way to defeat him? Blueberry Pancakes Forever will capture the hearts of everyone who is entranced by the power of story.



Girl in Pieces-
by Kathleen
Glasgow.
RRP \$19.99

Description: A deeply moving portrait of pain and survival. A Girl, Interrupted for a new generation. A New York Times bestseller. Charlotte Davis is in pieces. At eighteen she's already lost more than most people lose in a lifetime. But she's

learned how to forget it. The thick glass of a mason jar cuts deep and the pain washes out the sorrow until there is nothing but calm. You don't have to think about your father and the bridge. Your best friend who is gone forever. Or your mother who has nothing left to give you. Every new scar hardens Charlie's heart just a little more, yet it still hurts so much. It hurts enough to not care anymore, which is sometimes what has to happen to find your way back from the edge. Ages 15+.

Cadel Evans: The Art of Cycling. RRP \$49.99

Description: The autobiography of a cycling legend. On the afternoon



of Sunday, the first of February 2015, Cadel Evans crossed the finish line in the first-ever race of the event that would immortalise his name: the Cadel Evans Great Ocean Road Race. At that moment, an extraordinary cycling career, spanning 20 years and more than 750 professional races, came to a close. Now, looking back on his journey, Cadel Evans tells his story of the races and moments that mattered, taking you with him as he places in the top ten in six Tours de France and becomes Australia's first and only Tour de France champion; as he wins the Mountain

Bike World Cup twice and Australia's first and only UCI Road World Championship; as he claims the points jersey in the Giro d'Italia; and as he wins a succession of other great races, including the Tour of Austria (twice), Tour de Romandie (twice), Settimana Internazionale Coppi e Bartali, Tirreno-Adriatico, Fleche Wallonne, Criterium International and Giro del Trentino. Ranging from the dirt tracks of his early 1990s mountain-biking days to the Tour de France's famous podium in 2011 and beyond, The Art of Cycling is a tale of potential realised and ambition fulfilled. It's also the inspiring story of a young boy from the Australian bush, whose focus, talent and dedication conquered the elite world of international cycling

in an era when few Australians competed, let alone won. Famous in the sport for his meticulous preparation and as an athlete who prided himself on his ability to give his all, Evans writes with forensic detail about the triumphs, the frustrations, the training, the preparation, the psychology of the sport, his contemporaries, the legends, the controversies and, above all, his enduring love of cycling.



The Barefoot Investor - the only money guide you'll ever need. By local author Scott Pape. RRP \$29.95

Get some life-changing results when you follow the financial advice of local financial whiz Scott Pape.

Great holiday reading with an authentic feel-good ring...

I'm pretty sure you could probably bail Scott up with any questions on his early morning trip to the shops...



Goodwood
by Holly
Throsby
By Holly Throsby
RRP \$29.99
Reviewed by

Nielson Bookdata.

It wasn't just one person who went missing, it was two people. Two very different people. They were there, and then they were gone, as if through a crack in the sky. After that, in a small town like Goodwood, where we had what Nan called 'a high density of acquaintanceship', everything stopped. Or at least it felt that way. The

normal feeling of things stopped. Goodwood is a small town where everyone knows everything about everyone. It's a place where it's impossible to keep a secret. In 1992, when Jean Brown is seventeen, a terrible thing happens. Two terrible things. Rosie White, the coolest girl in town, vanishes overnight. One week later, Goodwood's most popular resident, Bart McDonald, sets off on a fishing trip and never comes home. People die in Goodwood, of course, but never like this. They don't just disappear. As the intensity of speculation about the fates of Rosie and Bart heightens, Jean, who is keeping secrets of her own, and the rest of Goodwood are left reeling. Rich in character and complexity, its humour both droll and tender, Goodwood



MEAT WITH THE BUTCHER

Meat With the butcher is a Delicious new venture that was launched on November 4th at the Mechanics Hall in Lancefield. It is a fresh and exciting alternative to just 'going out for dinner', instead you learn how to get the best from the meat you cook and eat. It's an experience for all of your senses, as master butcher John walks you through from preparation to partaking. The highlight is the incredible 2 course steak dinner, but it's not just any steak: it's a 350g grain fed Scotch Fillet! - paired with local wine from Curly Flat winery. It's a great idea for a group, there's laughter and learning and did we mention that amazing steak? The launch was a rousing success, some of the comments coming back were: I've learnt more in this short time than I have in years; Very very informative and enjoyable; I've been barbequing my steaks all wrong Very enlightening, it was a sensory learning experience in the best kind of way.

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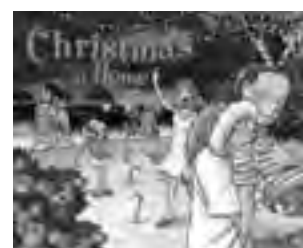
CHRISTMAS BOOKS



Christmas at Grandad's Farm- by Claire Saxby. RRP \$16.95

Description: The sun is shining, the barbecue is fired up and the family is all together - it must be Christmas time at Grandad's Farm!Join in all the fun of a typical hot Aussie summer with gorgeous illustrations by

Janine Dawson and fun rhyming text from popular author Claire Saxby. A fun alternative to the plethora of Southern Hemisphere Christmas offerings, this is set to become an Australian Christmas favourite.Sung by Rusty Berther (of Scared Weird Little Guys)



Christmas at Home by Claire Saxby RRP \$16.95 *local author and a Lancefield favorite!

This year, Christmas is being celebrated at home. The decorations are made, there are gifts galore, a feast is cooked,

table crackers are pulled and family and friends are ready for a traditional Christmas lunch under the trees. Join the family from Christmas at Grandad's Farm and Christmas at Grandma's Beach House as they take their turn to host Christmas lunch. This is Christmas Aussie-style!



Little Dog and the Christmas Wish- by Corinne Fenton and Robin Cowcher. RRP \$16.99

Description: Little dog and Jonathan are best friends. They do everything together. But on Christmas

Eve little dog finds himself lost and alone in a busy city. How will he find his way home? Can Christmas wishes come true? The gorgeous illustrations will capture the eyes of young children in this beautiful Christmas story.



All I Want for Christmas is Rain- by Cori Brooke. RRP \$24.99

Description: An Australian Christmas is threatened when drought takes hold. A little girl has only one wish - for rain. Will her wish come true? This rhyming picture book with detailed illustrations is great for

children at Christmas time, written in thanks to the farmers of Australia.



The Big Book of Christmas Mysteries. RRP \$39.99

Description: Here, for your yuletide reading

pleasure, are the collected crimes of Christmases Past and Present: sixty classic Christmas crime stories gathered together in the largest anthology of its kind ever assembled. And its an all-star line-up: Sherlock Holmes, Brother Cadfael, Miss Marple, Hercule Poirot, Ellery Queen, Rumpole of the Bailey, Inspector Morse, Inspector Ghote, A.J. Raffles, Nero Wolfe

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DECEMBER IS THE MONTH OF CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS AND THE PASSING OF ANOTHER YEAR.

December is the month of celebrating Christmas and the passing of another year.

The Neighbourhood House committee holds two major community events in December – our Christmas Carols in the Park and Community Christmas Lunch. We hope you can join us for one or both of these events and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

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LANCEFIELD GOLF REPORT

"SWING INTO SPRING"

Finally some worthwhile sun which sees the golf course in perfect condition. The benefit of the extra deep and wide coring done in late September is now starting to reap rewards with fresh growth on the greens. Considerable work has been done out on the course with special thanks to Peter McGill and new comer Russell Barclay who are devoting their time assisting our greenkeeper David Brown. David has the unenviable task of maintaining the 74 acres of grass in bowling green condition and with all the rain and now the sun David swears that just standing still he can see the grass grow.

Daylight Savings heralds a heap of activity. The Wednesday Twilight comp has kicked off so everyone is welcome from 5.00pm. Also, this year the Club has introduced a competition initiative called "Jackpots" which is a 9 hole competition on Sunday at 11 and which will be run over 10 rounds during these months. The cost is just \$15 and it includes a 2 course lunch. We are only 2 rounds into this concept which has taken off and who knows how much larger the "Big Table" will get before the final round in March when the "Super Jackpots" will be drawn. The Club wishes to thank Nick Harvey of Nike & Atlas for getting behind this Club

inspired project.

The Ladies Results are:
 Monthly Medal: Sept: Jenni Vennell; Oct: Di Brennan; Nov: Di Rohde
 The Ladies Medal of Medalists held in October was won by Carole Mee.

The Ladies Club Championships started first week in November and on the second week Di Rohde had a Hole in One on the 5th. Congratulations.

Di Rohde is presently the front runner – however there are 5 other ladies breathing down her neck.

On Friday 11 November, we sent a team to the Kilmore Tournament & Bowl and we are happy to report that our own Robyn Stevens won the 'C' Grade event. Well done Robyn.

The Men's Results are: Monthly Medal: Sept: Richard



Philippe who also won the Medal of Medalist for the year. October Monthly Medal was won by Mark Bollinger, and November by Chris Lingard. The Men's Club Championships have been delayed and will now be played in February 2017.

UPCOMING EVENTS ARE:

Monday, November 21 – Ladies Tournament – sponsored by "Arbonne" with prizes to the value of \$2,000. Thanks must go to Julie Mau the Arbonne representative who continues to support this event.

Sunday December 11: Nick Walsh's "North Western Real Estate 4P Ambrose" event will be held and again the Club thanks Nick for supporting this day. So get your teams together and enter.

The Christmas Raffle is on and once again we are lucky to have as the 1st Prize a Whole Lamb. This raffle has been very favourably received by everyone over the past 3 years. There are 4 other prizes on offer and tickets will be available at the November and December markets and will be drawn on the 18th December. \$2 ea or 3 for \$5.00.

If you are looking for a Christmas Gift – then the Golf Club have "Big 10" Packs for \$100.00 which gives 10 rounds of golf making it half the price of normal green fees.

This month we welcome 2 new junior members in George & Ned Armstrong. A reminder to all families that the game of golf can be enjoyed from age 9 to 90 and played together and for as little as \$35.00 a yearly Junior membership they also receive 3 lessons to get them going.

Wishing everyone a Happy & Safe Christmas & New Year

THE FIELD TRIP OPENS IN RIDDELLS CREEK.

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Want to be a YouTuber? The Field Trip is looking for young film-makers and foodies (aged 10-17) to create their own YouTube channel: YouFood! Feb-April next year, each week Field Trip members will make something yum and film kids cooking and coaching other kids to be and eat healthy! Partnering with Dianella Health and the Kyneton Community and Learning Centre and working with nutritionist Kate Coleman and awesome guy and (celebrity) chef Tony Chiodo, it all starts Feb 2017 and registrations are now open, sign up via the website:

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nursery, the pub, all the retailers and realstate- all make up Main Street which is lovely and the people who stroll it and still say Gday to each other.
 The centre plantation- a meeting place
 Lancefield park's playground, the Avenue of trees there and the mega fauna site and sculptures.
 And don't forget the shared equestrian facilities host many events as well as the dog show at xmas!!
 The best op shop in the district
 The beautiful country side.
 Lovely friendly people, great pub with lovely meals, wonderful bakery plus a large choice of other food shops.
 The Cobaw forest
 The megafauna carvings at the footy ground, and the archaeological dig.
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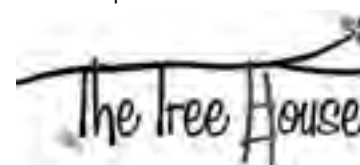
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| Saturday 03 | 09.00-3.00 pm | Garage Sale, Gardening Variety, Chapmans | | |
| | 09.00 am | Christ Church Anglican Street Stalls outside | | Saturday 17 09.00-1.00 pm Lancefield Farmers Market |
| | | Lancefield and Romsey IGAs – cakes & preserves | | Sunday 18 5.00 pm Christ Church Anglican, Healing Service, Lancefield |
| Thursday 08 | 8.00 pm | Christ Church Anglican, Carols & Supper, Lancefield Parish Hall | | Saturday 24 6.00 pm St Mary's Catholic, Lancefield, Christmas Eve Mass |
| Friday 09 | 09.00 am | Christ Church Anglican, Last day Op Shop Open | 11.30 pm | St Mary's Catholic, Romsey, Carols and Midnight Service |
| | 6.00 pm | Lancefield Neighbourhood House Christmas Carols | 11.30 pm | Christ Church Anglican, Romsey, Holy Communion |
| | | Lancefield Park – BBQ dinner or BYO Picnic | | Sunday 25 09.00 am Christ Church Anglican, Lancefield, Holy Communion |
| Saturday 10 | 7.00 pm | Christ Church Anglican, Christmas Carols and Picnic, Skate Park Romsey | | |



Sixty-six women have died in Australia this year from domestic violence incidents. Is there a way we can help stop this? Gender inequality is one of the main contributors to domestic violence. Macedon Ranges Neighbourhood Houses are running a "Clothes Line Project" on Thursday 8 December. Join us for morning tea at Lancefield Neighbourhood

House to learn more about gender equality and understand how you might be able to make a difference. Thursday 8 December 9.30am – 11.30am. There will be an afternoon session at Woodend on the same day. Please RSVP on 5429 1214 to help us with catering. Let's make a difference. Coordinators of the Macedon Ranges Neighbourhood Houses with Kate and Katie from Loddon Mallee Women's Health.

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The warning level is based on incident conditions and impact on the community, therefore the first warning issued could be an Emergency Warning.

There are three different levels of warnings:



ADVICE

An incident is occurring or has occurred in the area. Access information and monitor conditions.



WATCH AND ACT

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