

TICKETS AND PROGRAMME
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EXTINCT- LANCEFIELD MEGAFAUNA FESTIVAL

Tickets are now available for a public talk by renowned environmental scientist Tim Flannery and for tours of the Mount William Green Stone Axe Quarry as part of this year's Extinct- Lancefield Megafauna Festival on the last Friday and Saturday in November.

The full festival programme is now available across the Shire and online. Family entertainment on Lancefield's Main Street centre plantation will include, among other attractions, a giant fossil puzzle for children, a feature performance by Professor Doug A. Bone and Festive Factory's roving "mega" butterflies. Musical grooves will be provided by Daddy P and the Hot Saxes as well as local primary schools.

The Extinct- festival has won the continuing support of the Perth Mint with a donation of five stunning Australian Megafauna silver coins. Valued at \$500, these are available to be won as lucky prizes at Tim Flannery's and two other public talks during the festival, one on the real Australian 'paleo-diet' and one on the bushfire history of Australia.

Another opportunity to explore to explore the history of our district will be by visiting a paleontological 'dig' in Lancefield Park where excavations have revealed giant



'wombats' (Diprotodon), over-sized kangaroos and many other species of megafauna roamed until around 50,000 years ago. Local residents will have a chance to meet and mingle with the scientists during a Community BBQ on the evening of Friday 25 November.

A group of volunteers have worked tirelessly to finalise the Extinct- programme, to put a spotlight on the rich history of Lancefield and surrounds. This has included raising funds through grants, and organising a crowdfunding in support of the 'Lancefield dig'. Further donations are sought towards the excavation and to support the festival this year and in year to come (details below). And one of the incentives for the crowdfunding is an opportunity to have a glass of wine or dinner with Tim Flannery.

The Extinct- Lancefield Megafauna Festival is a project of Lancefield Neighbourhood House, funded by Macedon Ranges Shire Council, with the Lancefield Community Bank® branch of Bendigo Bank as a major sponsor. Lancefield Community Bank® Company Director Mike Meehan said the festival, which is now in its second year, was helping to showcase Lancefield and its important place in the prehistory of Australia.

For festival news and a copy of the programme, contact Lancefield Neighbourhood House or visit the festival Facebook page.

· Festival programme: www.lancefield.org.au/megafauna-festival

· Tickets for Tim Flannery talk and Mt William tours: www.mrsc.vic.gov.au/environment-events

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· Facebook: www.facebook.com/lancefield.megafauna

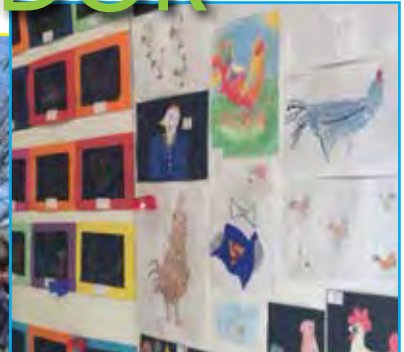
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INDIGENOUS CORRIDOR

OPENING



I would like to introduce myself. My name is Mrs Jo Emond and I am Acting Principal at Lancefield Primary School this term. I am very excited to have this opportunity to work with the wonderful staff, students, parents and the wider Lancefield community. I have come from Romsey PS as the Assistant Principal for the past 4 years and I have had extensive experience as an Acting Principal at Romsey and other schools in the Macedon Ranges. I'm really looking forward to getting to know everyone especially the students and their families and I welcome you to call in to say hello or for a chat.

We are now taking enrolments for 2017 and encourage families to call in to arrange a tour of our beautiful school and find out about all we have to offer. Our new prep students will be participating in several transition sessions throughout term 4 to ensure a smooth, successful and happy start to their school life.

Our students and teachers all enjoyed creating a class scarecrow for the Lancefield Show. Every scarecrow certainly had a distinct look and personality. Every student also entered the Chook Art competition, the display of work was very eye catching with many students being awarded prizes for their efforts.

LANCEFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL INDIGENOUS CORRIDOR OFFICIAL OPENING

Lancefield Primary School invites all members of the community to join us in celebrating the

Official Opening of the Indigenous Corridor on Thursday 1 December from 10.30 am.

The construction of the Corridor was possible through the DEPI Local Landscape Enhancement Grant, and supported



by The Parks Committee, Neighbourhood House and Deep Creek Landcare Group.

The aim of this project was to link the school grounds to the existing wetland area through the installation of boardwalks, gravel paths, seating areas, indigenous planting and the redirection of groundwater along swales.

This previously under utilized space provides increased habitats for wildlife, social gathering places, passive recreational areas and educational opportunities for our students and the whole Lancefield community to enjoy.



LANCEFIELD FIRE BRIGADE

PRE SEASON SKILLS

Burn off notification: 1800 668 511, Bushfire Information Line: 1800 240 667

You may have noticed the Brigade out and about. Each year in October we start our Pre Season skills maintenance. This means each operational member is required to undertake refresher training before being allowed to get on a fire truck and attend a fire or incident.

CLEARING TREES AND VEGETATION

The following has been taken from the CFA website which has some really good information for the public.

Know what you can and can't do without a permit

If you live in a rural or regional area it's likely you don't need a permit to clear trees, branches and scrub from around your home.

Reducing the vegetation around your home is one of the most important things you can do to keep your home safe in a bushfire.

Depending on where you live, the 10/30 rule and the

10/50 rule might apply.

The CFA website has a link to help you work out which rule applies in your municipality.

Clearing up around your house in preparation for the fire season has never been so easy. Get on with it!

LEARN HOW TO MAKE YOUR HOME SAFER

- Download the 10/30-10/50 flyer (PDF 493k) or call the Victorian Bushfire Information Line on 1800 240 667.

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Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay For Life is preparing to celebrate 15 years of fundraising for the Cancer Council Victoria in 2017.

The volunteer organising committee has set a fundraising goal of \$85,000. If achieved this will take the total amount raised since 2003 to over \$1.3 million.

So far 13 teams have signed up for the Relay on March 4 & 5, which will be officially launched on Sunday, November 20 in conjunction with a trivia afternoon.

Tables of up to 10 people will be challenged by MC Annie Phelan, and ticket proceeds will either go towards a team's fundraising total or added to the event's banking.

The event will be held at Macedon Railway Hotel from 2pm to 5pm. Tickets are \$30 and include afternoon tea, with drinks at bar prices.

The fun afternoon will be a chance to learn more about Relay For Life, and registrations will be taken.

Next year's 15th birthday event will have a party theme. The committee is aiming to create a festive atmosphere in addition to the ceremonies highlighting the event's inspiration and purpose.

Tickets can be booked via Kathy on 0419 644 688 or Nadine on 0439 399 838. They are also available online for \$32 at <https://www.trybooking.com/NHVN>



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ANZAC SPIRIT AWARD 2016

The Romsey-Lancefield RSL Anzac Spirit Award presentation night took place at the Romsey Community Centre on Friday 14 October.

It was well attended by a large number of people from the Romsey-Lancefield community, whose presence contributed enormously to the success of the evening.

The RSL president Mr Reinhard Goschiniak welcomed the community for their attendance and also welcomed Mr Rob Mitchell MHR, federal member for McEwen and MRSC mayor Councillor Graham Hackett, and thanked them for making themselves available for the presentation.

The Anzac Spirit Award is sponsored by the RSL sub-branch member, Mr Wayne Smith, a former RSL branch Secretary and ex-member of the 4th/19th Prince of Wales Light Horse. It was established by him to reward examples of exceptional commitment, unselfishness and enthusiasm by persons or organisations in the area, within the last 12 months.

Mr Goschiniak went on to say that whilst the award is a modest one, it is nonetheless important in its ability to contribute to the sense of community and it is something we should cherish and endeavour to maintain.

He said, 'Many of the young men who became Anzacs in 1915 were drawn from small towns and villages like ours. Reading their diaries tells us how strongly they were linked to home and their community and just how powerfully those links sustained them. In fact, that close-knit community spirit they took with them provided the foundation for what eventually became the Anzac spirit of mateship. We hope that our award tonight will do something to reflect and keep that spirit alive.'

The sub-branch secretary, Trish Vowles took pleasure in announcing the nominations for Anzac Spirit Award 2016. There were five nominations for the Award, as follows:

NOMINATIONS FOR ANZAC SPIRIT AWARD

Dr Jenny Stillman - sponsored by Dr Greg Powell;
Mrs Judy Cope-Williams - sponsored by Mr Rob Smithies;
Mrs Rita Vandervalk - sponsored by Mrs Margaret Mitchell;



RSL Secretary Mrs Trish Vowles, then the Award winner Mrs Rose McCarthy, RSL President Mr Reinhard Goschiniak, Award winner Mrs Rosalie McCarthy. Award sponsor Mrs Eileen French.

Mrs Rose McCarthy and Mrs Rosalie McCarthy sponsored jointly by Mrs Eileen French.

Mr Rob Mitchell spoke also about the importance of community commitment and said without it there would be no community. He then announced the names of the winners as: Mrs Rose McCarthy and Mrs Rosalie McCarthy.

He then congratulated the winners and presented them with the prize - a cheque for \$150 and a framed certificate of recognition. The names of the winners will be inscribed on the base of the commemorative bronze statue of a WW1 soldier held at the Hub. The other nominees received a certificate of appreciation and all nominees were given a bottle of Moët champagne donated to the RSL.

Mrs Rose McCarthy spoke a few words in appreciation and mentioned that her family has had a close affinity to the RSL. Her father, an Italian immigrant to Australia in 1926, served in WW2 as a member of the AIF and fought the Japanese. He was a member of the Sunbury RSL branch for 42 years and Rose sold poppies for 26 years.

The supper afterwards was catered for by Rose and Rosalie and much enjoyed by the gathering.



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This is one show you do not want to miss!

Director, Frank Harvey has had an absolute ball directing his wonderfully talented cast, backed by a very funny script and can assure this hilarious play will not disappoint. From go to wo it is a downward spiral of chaos, confusion, double entendre, characters in various stages of undress, cross dressing and then finally the truth!

It is seven years since The Mount Players staged the farce “Caught In The Act” also directed by Frank Harvey, who says that this show is even more whacky!

Tickets are already selling fast so do yourself a favour and book your ticket early.

Gala Night is November 18th and the season will run till December 10th at The Mount View Theatre, 56 Smith Street, Macedon.

Check the website for full details www.themountplayers.com or phone Cherry on 5420 7132.

ROMSEY-LANCEFIELD
RSL SUB-BRANCH

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Seven key community infrastructure projects at Lancefield Park will share in \$800,000 in vital funding – including enhancing the netball and tennis courts, main oval, cricket clubrooms, playground and bowls club along with the installation of a skate park, BMX track and a new tractor.

In late September, Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change Lily D’Ambrosio marked the start of work on a \$450,000 project to build new female friendly change rooms and public toilets at the Lancefield Football Netball and Tennis Clubs.

“The Lancefield Park Renewal Project has brought the community together to have their say on what matters to them and how they want to use their park today and into the future.” Ms D’Ambrosio said.

The projects are supported by \$1.5 million in funding from the Victorian Government, with work expected to be finished by early 2017.

The announcement comes as the Inspector-General for Emergency Management (IGEM) released its final report

on implementing recommendations of its independent investigation into the Lancefield-Cobaw fire.

In the report, the IGEM found that the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) had completed 19 of the 22 recommendations and all of the 10 commitments.

The three final outstanding recommendations will be implemented as part of Safer Together, Victoria’s new approach to bushfire management.

The Victorian Government ordered the independent investigation in October last year. DELWP accepted all 22 recommendations in the investigation report and made an additional 10 commitments to improve its fuel management program.

Local Member for Macedon, Mary-Anne Thomas said, “I congratulate those who have led this project and thank them for their passion in making Lancefield Park a great place for the people of Lancefield and surrounding communities to enjoy.”

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WORKING BEE

At the last working bee the Landcare garden at Lancefield Park was re-mulched.

Next working bee Sunday 20th November

MEGAFAUNA

Landcare will have a stall at the Megafauna festival.

TUBE STOCK

Trees (tube stock) available contact. Secretary Ken Allender if interested.

MYNA BIRDS

Myna bird traps still available:

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Romsey: Cathy Phelps: cathy.phelps@bigpond.com

Myna bird numbers Lancefield : 27 September.

REBATES ARE AVAILABLE

Remember Rebates Are Available For Worm Farms And Compost Bins.

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For those who are business astute or wish to increase their technical skills, Lynda.com and The Computer School are a must to explore. Learn the basics or take it to a whole new level with thousands of video tutorials covering computing, business, photography, design, marketing and more.

Performing arts fans can spend hours learning musical instruments through ArtistWorks, watching music videos and performances through Alexander Street, streaming indie films and documentaries through Beamafilm and listening to performances by local secondary students through the Goldfields Connect digital album.

Thousands of magazines and newspapers await to be explored, including Choice magazine and many other popular titles. Current titles and back issues are available, plus Clue Detective Puzzle Agency to exercise the brain!

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WHAT'S GOING ON!

Have you explored the Lancefield web site yet? Photos and information can keep being added if you have any suggestions.

WANT TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON IN LANCEFIELD?

- Join the community database for updates
- www.lancefield.org.au/news

WANT TO HELP START A GYM IN TOWN?

- We need some ideas where it could go, come along to a brain storming discussion on Sunday 13 November at 10am. Make sure to ring if you are coming along to find out where we will be. 0409 386 875

Do you like knitting, crocheting or sewing and would like to make a difference in somebody's life?

- Come along to the craft group on Wednesday afternoons to make knitted knockers, twiddle muffs, days for girls kits or fiddle aprons. It's also fine to come along and work on your own projects.

STREET PARTIES

There is a community bbq trailer available for street parties.

Get to know your neighbours – if you already know them have some fun together. Connecting with your neighbours leads to happy, healthy and safer communities. Phone the House to book the BBQ. We can also help you to organise and fund your party.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Bookings are now being taken for the Community Christmas lunch which will be held on Tuesday 13 December. RSVP at The Town House or phone 5429 1214.

Also for Christmas, mark this date in your diary for the Christmas Carols evening on Friday 9 December. This is a lovely, inexpensive, night out. Enjoy the community bbq for dinner, free children's entertainment, visit from Santa and music to sit back and relax to.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

What can you do to make a difference? Gender inequity is the biggest contributing factor to family violence which has caused the death of 55 women in Australia this year (more than one a week).

During the first week of December we will be running sessions to explore what gender inequity is, how we might be contributing to it, what we personally might be able to change – all over morning tea. Phone the House to informed of details.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Interested in being part of a new initiative for an inclusive community voice in Lancefield? Founding session to be held on Saturday 12 November on the centre plantation 10am - 12pm. Call Vivien at the House for more information or if you are interested in being involved in setting this up.

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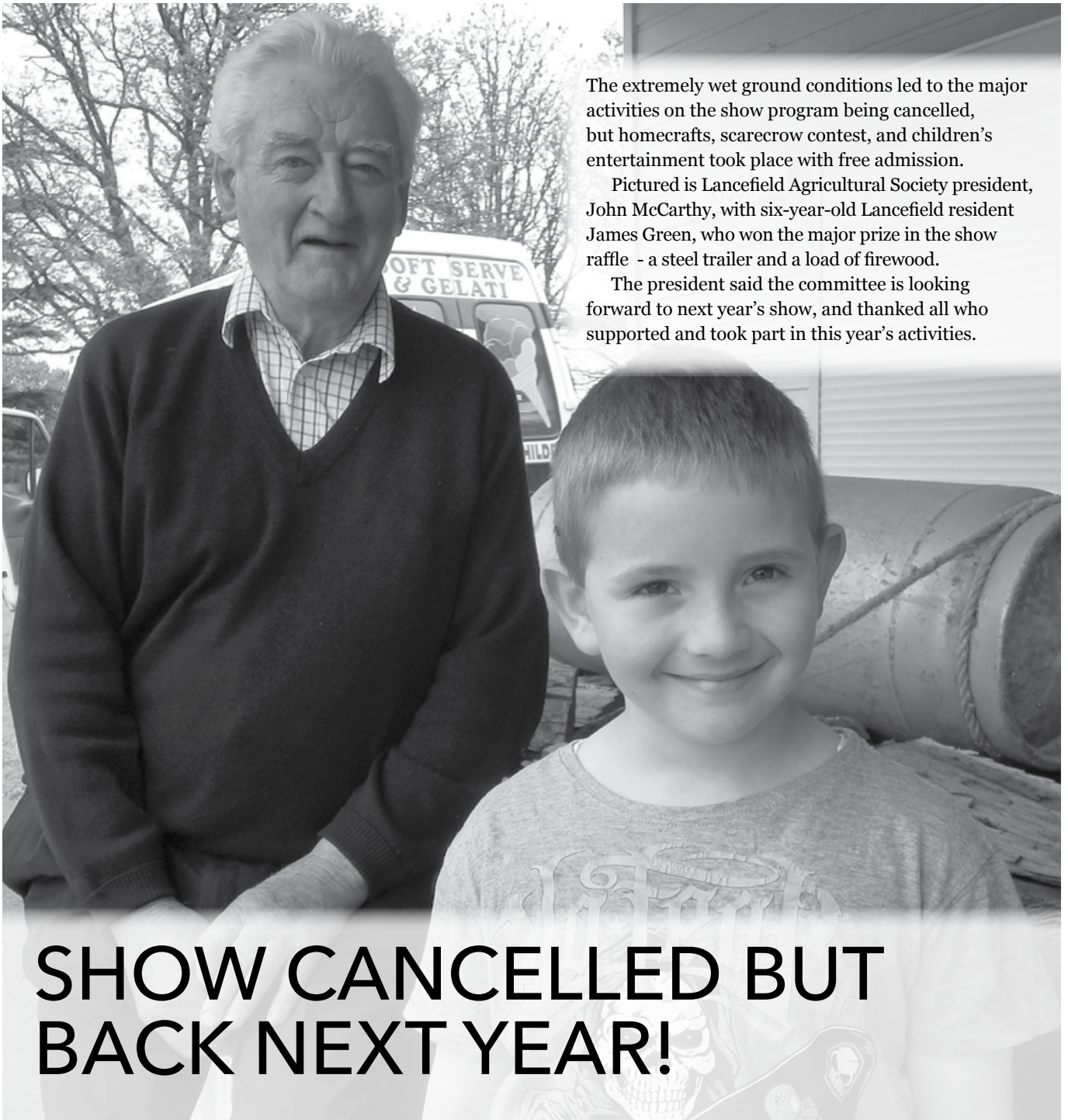
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The extremely wet ground conditions led to the major activities on the show program being cancelled, but homecrafts, scarecrow contest, and children's entertainment took place with free admission.

Pictured is Lancefield Agricultural Society president, John McCarthy, with six-year-old Lancefield resident James Green, who won the major prize in the show raffle - a steel trailer and a load of firewood.

The president said the committee is looking forward to next year's show, and thanked all who supported and took part in this year's activities.

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There are 20 venues with not just wine and food, but many have music in the vines! See the program as there is an event near you and there are buses! No need to drive.... good one! www.macedonrangeswineandfoodfest.com.au

Now back to that food! Every town has some great food treats for you, so I will take you on a brief tour of a couple of local towns. Please.....there are so many that I can't name them all, but urge you to look at www.visitmacedonranges.com to view more.

Gisborne starts with plenty of international foods, a number of Chinese, Asian and Italian restaurants, and there is a Thai, Indian and Lebanese option, a great pub with indoor children's playroom, and so many modern Australian food venues such as 3 Little Pigs and Canteena. There is a dumpling restaurant, The Flying Pigeon and so many take away options that means as the weather improves, a picnic in the park is a must!

Riddells Creek has the international flavour as well with Thai and Indian, Vic's @ Season's and the Riddell Pub.



Travelling to, or living in Romsey and Lancefield, you won't go wanting for great food places, from The Grange Cleveland to Verdure Bistro, Soltan Pepper, and those other international and take away options.

Food from local farmer's markets is a must! Fresh, fresh, fresh!

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I have never been an employee of Ford and I never will be. I am too old. I never owned a Ford vehicle, (although my father did). But I should congratulate the Ford Motor company for the way in which they closed their taxpayers-subsidised Australian manufacturing facilities. The world motorcar industry has changed over the years and the Australian market has always been small. The scarcity of car and trucks after WW II gave a sense of necessity for a manufacturing plants in Australia. But Ford can only sell what its consumers want. Its management has the responsibility to act for the good of the company. If a company goes broke nobody is better off. To the contrary all concerned are then worse off. It is sad to see the manufacturing infrastructure going to waste, but life changes. It is equally heart breaking to see low-skilled and faithful workers lose their jobs. But several researchers in different countries found that between 1999 and 2011 the drop in manufacturing jobs was a result of cheaper pay in other countries. Many workers who lose their jobs increase the number of unemployed and some are even unemployables. Advances in technology mean that less

workers produce more goods. One has only to look at our waterfront where one high skilled worker directs many 40 ton containers with only the twisting of his wrist. He must be highly skilled.

It is most important that parents impress onto their children that low skilled jobs will disappear in the future. These will be done by robots or machines. Traffic-flow is already cheaper and better regulated by traffic lights (machines), then by the "Go and Slow" sign held in human hands. Pilot training is done by simulators (machines). Yet education into whatever sort of trades or profession is essential to secure future jobs.

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Mankind was created with free-will. And our loving God desires none to perish. However, due to the unchangeable law of free-will, God can only save those who freely accept His gift of Eternal Life. He has warned us many times in the Bible – Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you shall be saved. It is now a matter of choice. For those who choose to reject God’s offer of eternal LIFE, or choose to make no choice at all (after the age of accountability), God must ultimately respect their decision - and leave them to their own devices in a place set aside, where His provision FOR AN Abundant Life (which has long been taken for granted) will be eternally absent.

We don’t know our Future – only God knows what is ahead. Heed His warning and seek His Eternal provision for an Abundant Eternal Life. If you would like to learn more about the Christian faith, please don’t hesitate to call our Church Office on (03) 5429 6327 or perhaps come and



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Western Water's Water Café will be set up at events across the region this summer, including the Macedon Ranges Sustainability Festival. The Water Café provides a shady spot with comfortable chairs where you can enjoy a cool drink of tap water – all for free. Western Water is giving free Choose Tap water bottles to local cafes, and discounted sports water bottles to local sporting clubs. Local not-for-profit groups can also apply for an in-kind sponsorship of up to 100 free reusable water bottles for events. To find out more go to westernwater.com.au.



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MARC'S MESSAGE

I saw a post on Facebook that decried the fact that in the Old Testament there are four different accounts of how King Saul died. And, the outcome was that we stupid Christians are all deluded because there is so much historical inaccuracy in the Bible.

I must admit that, from the time I was a little kid, I never ever thought that what was in the Bible was meant to be 'history.' They are all stories and all written by different people at different times and from different perspectives. We only need to ask any group of people about 'what happened' and we will find that every single person has their own take.

I saw the discrepancies in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke about what was supposed to have happened with

the events of Jesus' birth. I have never ever taken them as historical documents. They have always been documents of faith.

I actually think that people, who see all these things and conclude that we believers are people of lesser intelligence, suffer from the same complaint.

It matters not to me, one whit, how King Saul died. King Saul died, somehow, and a totally unexpected intruder [David] took over and continued, despite all his weaknesses, to manage to lead a group of people to come to an ever increasing awareness of how we might be human beings of integrity.

It matters not to me, whatever, how or where Jesus was born. It matters absolutely to me that there came into being a human being who challenged us to confront the bulldust that we all use to lie to ourselves and the silly little games that we all play with each other to hide ourselves from each other.

And, as we are on the verge of WW3, perhaps it is time to take on the challenge of why we all think that abusing each other and trying to get the better of each other will ever make anything work.

Marc

FIELD TRIP

WHAT WILL LANCEFIELD LOOK LIKE TEN YEARS FROM NOW?

WHAT WILL OUR KIDS CONTRIBUTE TO THE TOWN?

How do we encourage our kids growing up in Lancefield today to be the dreamers, doers, contributors and community leaders of tomorrow?

The Passport Challenge kicks off this term, giving kids (aged 10-17) a passport divided into six key areas of capital: financial, manufactured, intellectual, social, human and natural.

All kids must choose an area and decide on a personal project, something can do individually or in pairs to contribute positively to the local or global community. It's about kids building or creating capital to have a positive

impact on the world around them!

Based on Jane Gleeson-White's book *Six Capitals*, the kids can choose to invest their time or resources, create something, produce something for community benefit, give something, connect people, or work to sustain their environment.

They present their project at the end of term to graduate from the 2016 Field Trip Program and it's happening now!

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“To be recognised at a national level by peers and the Foundation for Young Australians assessment panel, is a massive affirmation for the work we are doing - helping kids in the Macedon Ranges and everywhere find their passion, peers and path,” said Director Paul Kooperman.

Paul received the award on stage with his four year old twin boys: Woody and Lewis and spoke about the role of his kids, and all young people: to be disruptive.

“Make noise, get heard, get in people’s faces and change the world! Be disruptive.” Paul said.

Launched in Lancefield, The Field Trip now has almost 60 signed up members and 15 paid drivers (leaders). It is a model which is unique, not reliant on government subsidy and working. The plan is to find partners to take the idea national and global. You can learn more about the awards at www.unleashedfestival.com

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Author Biography:
Claire Saxby (writer)
Claire Saxby writes

fiction, non-fiction and poetry for children. She has nearly forty books in print with more in production. Her poetry appears in magazines, anthologies, on train walls and in museum resources. Claire has been writing for children for about 15 years. Before that, she was a podiatrist, and worked in community health. She has been inspired by her own children, memories of childhood and by the children around her. Claire lives in Melbourne with her husband, three very tall sons and a dog that often pretends to be a cat. Connah Brecon (illustrator) Connah Brecon is a British author-illustrator currently living in Melbourne, Australia, with his family. Although Connah is yet to

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Wild Australia- by Katherine McKinnon. RRP \$14.95

Featuring hand-drawn illustrations, this book travels the breadth and width of Australia, has 14 spreads filled with native animals and plants, as well as providing information on our vulnerable and endangered species. Locations include: Bondi Beach Simpson Desert Daintree Rainforest Antarctica Cradle Mountain Great Barrier

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TEEN FICTION



When Michael met Mina. By Randa Abdel-Fattah. RRP \$18.99

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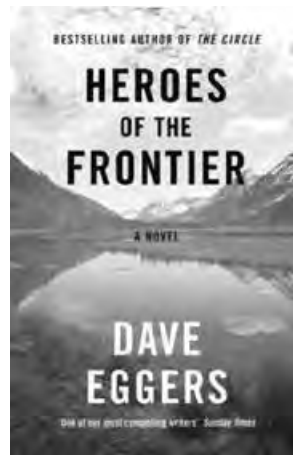
Music and Freedom- by Zoe Morrison. RRP \$32.99

Alice Murray learns to play the piano aged three on an orange orchard in rural Australia. Recognising her daughter's gift, her mother sends Alice to boarding school in the bleak north of England, and there Alice stays for the rest of her childhood. Then she's offered a scholarship to the Royal College of Music in London, and on a summer school in Oxford she meets

Edward, an economics professor who sweeps her off her feet. Alice soon finds that Edwards is damaged, and she's trapped. She clings to her playing and to her dream of becoming a concert pianist, until disaster strikes. Increasingly isolated as the years unravel, eventually Alice can't find it in herself to carry on. Then she hears the most beautiful music from the walls of her house. This novel's love story is that of a woman who must embrace life again if she is to survive. Inspiring and compelling, it explores the dark terrain of violence and the transformative powers of music and love.

Heroes of the Frontier. By Dave Eggers. RRP \$32.99

From the bestselling author of The Circle comes a brilliant new black comedy



about modern America A mother and her two young children rent a battered old RV (optimistically christened the 'Chateau') and embark upon a journey through the Alaskan wilderness. At first their trip feels like a vacation: they spot wild animals, build bonfires, enjoy the scenery. But as Josie drives her kids deeper into the forest, dodging wildfires and increasingly

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of thinking to issues like climate change, extreme poverty, animals, abortion, euthanasia, human genetic selection, sports doping, the sale of kidneys, the ethics of high-priced art, and ways of increasing happiness. Singer asks whether chimpanzees are people, smoking should be outlawed, or consensual sex between adult siblings should be decriminalized, and he reiterates his case against the idea that all human life is sacred, applying his arguments to some recent cases in the news. In addition, he explores, in an easily

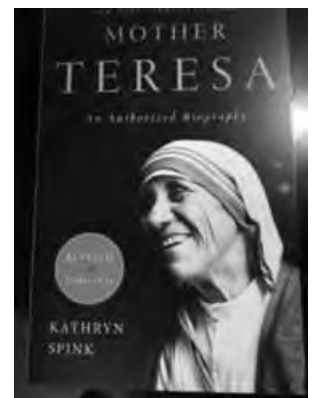
accessible form, some of the deepest philosophical questions, such as whether anything really matters and whether the pale blue dot that is our planet has any value. The collection also includes some more personal reflections, like Singer's thoughts on one of his favorite activities, surfing, and an unusual suggestion for starting a family conversation over a holiday feast. Provocative and original, these essays will challenge-and possibly change-your beliefs about a wide range of real-world ethical questions. Peter Singer is Ira W. DeCamp Professor of Bioethics, Princeton University, and Laureate Professor, School of Historical and Philosophical Studies, University of Melbourne. He is the author of more than twenty books, including *The Life You*

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and strength."

But do we? Do we just give Him our left over time when it comes to our worship Sunday by Sunday, the study of His Word or prayer - if that? Jesus has also promised "Give and it shall be given to you again, full measure, pressed down and running over". With every command, comes a promise.!

Christians, rejoice in the God we worship, our God, full of love, care and power Who has promised to supply all our needs in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

We lose what on ourselves we spend, We have as treasure without end

Whatever, Lord, to Thee we lend, Who givest all. Bp. C. Wordsworth

Last month, members of our former Guild met at Marj. Davis' home for a pleasant coffee and chat afternoon. Thank you, Marj. for your warm hospitality. Jean was unable to join us as I'll-health finds her in respite care in Kilmore.

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President of the Mechanics Institute, Stephen Mitchell, is clearly excited. "This is a huge get for a tiny local hall like us. We've been trying to entice Robert for a couple of years now and we're just elated that he's finally agreed!"

With the memoir to his friend and co-founder of The Go-Betweens, the late Grant McLennan finally out, Robert Forster is picking up his acoustic guitar and heading out to play a couple of special solo shows - one of them right here in the Macedon Ranges. "Grant & I" is an extraordinary portrait of an intense, creative and sometimes fraught friendship that represented a genuine meeting of artistic minds. Paul Kelly described it as "an odyssey of friendship, ambition and the struggle of art. Clear eyed and compelling".

The memoir was released on the back of Robert's stunning solo album "Songs To Play" that received world wide acclaim. Rolling Stone magazine gave it four stars, saying, "Tall Go-Between walks to his own beat with grace, wit and style."

Together with Grant McLennan, Robert formed The Go-Betweens in Brisbane in 1977, and enjoyed years of great critical acclaim. In May 2001 "Cattle and Cane", one



of the Go-Betweens' signature songs, was selected by the Australasian Performing Right Association (APRA) as one of the Top 30 Australian songs of all time. In 2010, Brisbane name a bridge after them.

"This is an opportunity to see a renowned Australian musician in a unique and intimate setting," he adds. "This isn't something an artist of Robert Forster's standing does all that often." The show adds to an increasingly impressive list of acts that the Newham Mechanics Institute has assembled in the last few years. Tickets are sure to be hot. Their last show sold out weeks in advance, so patrons are encouraged to book early.

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It can be difficult for road users out there to know how much space to give a cyclist so the bill will be in everyone's interests. It includes practical approaches such as allowing an overtaking car to straddle a solid white line if it is safe to do so whilst maintaining the minimum passing distance. That's an important inclusion for many of our smaller roads.

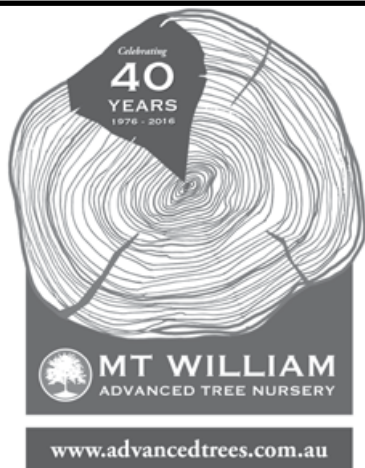
Hopefully, if the bill gets passed, it will encourage more people to safely get out on their bikes with their families. The more bikes out there, the more other road users will



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Morning tea will be served at 10.15 am, and the service will commence at our new time of 10.45, to be followed by lunch. All former members are invited to attend and to share the occasion with us. (The church will be open all weekend.)

In December, Lancefield and Romsey churches will combine for services during the holiday period. These services will begin at 10 am, and will alternate between the two churches. Details will be posted on the door of the church and on the website of the Macedon Ranges Uniting Church Partnership.

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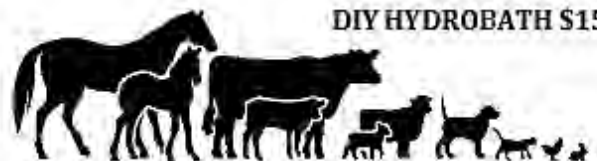
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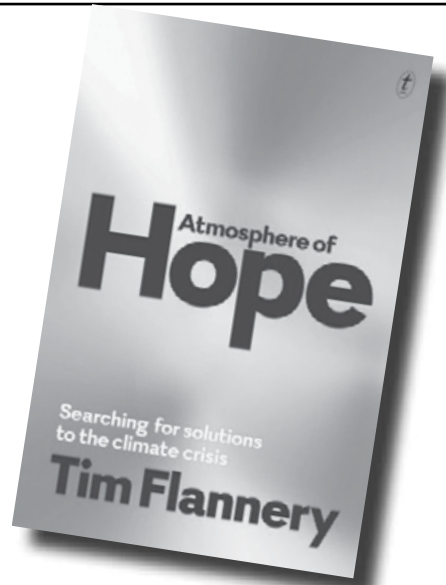
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Bev. Holmes and Michael Linehan became the Central Highlands titleholders during October, and were still in contention for the CHBD singles championship when this report was submitted.

Holmes, at her first appearance in Over 60s ranks, won the final 21-14 against Joyce Porter (Bacchus Marsh).

Linehan won a thrilling men's final 21-20 against Gisborne's John Bell.

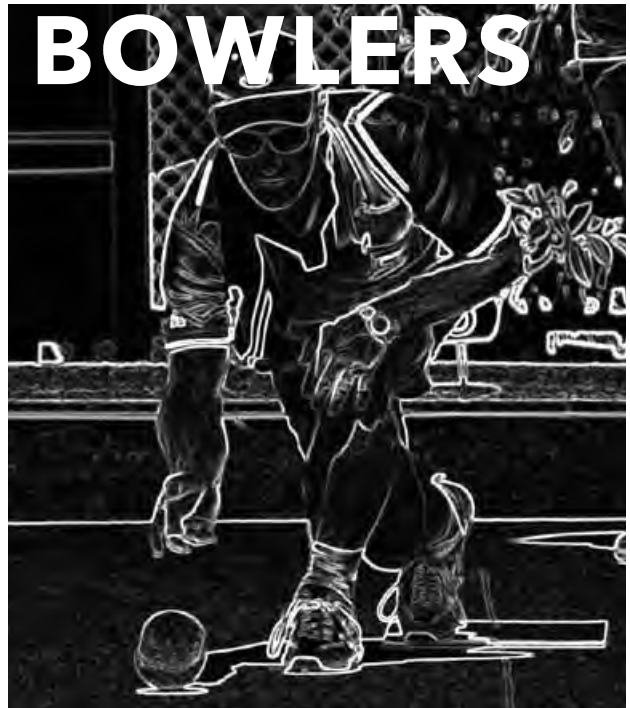
Lancefield club president Gary Dickenson said the success of Bev. and Michael was an omen for more success in individual and team events this season.

In the Central Highlands state singles event (all ages eligible), Lancefield's Jeff Holmes, and Peter and Michael Linehan have reached the semi-finals.

Bev Holmes advanced to the women's divisional semi-final.

Lancefield has made a good start to the season in pennant competition, with all teams aiming at making the finals.

The club's Doug Rainey Triples event was won by Greta James, Steve Climas and Peter Linehan (s).



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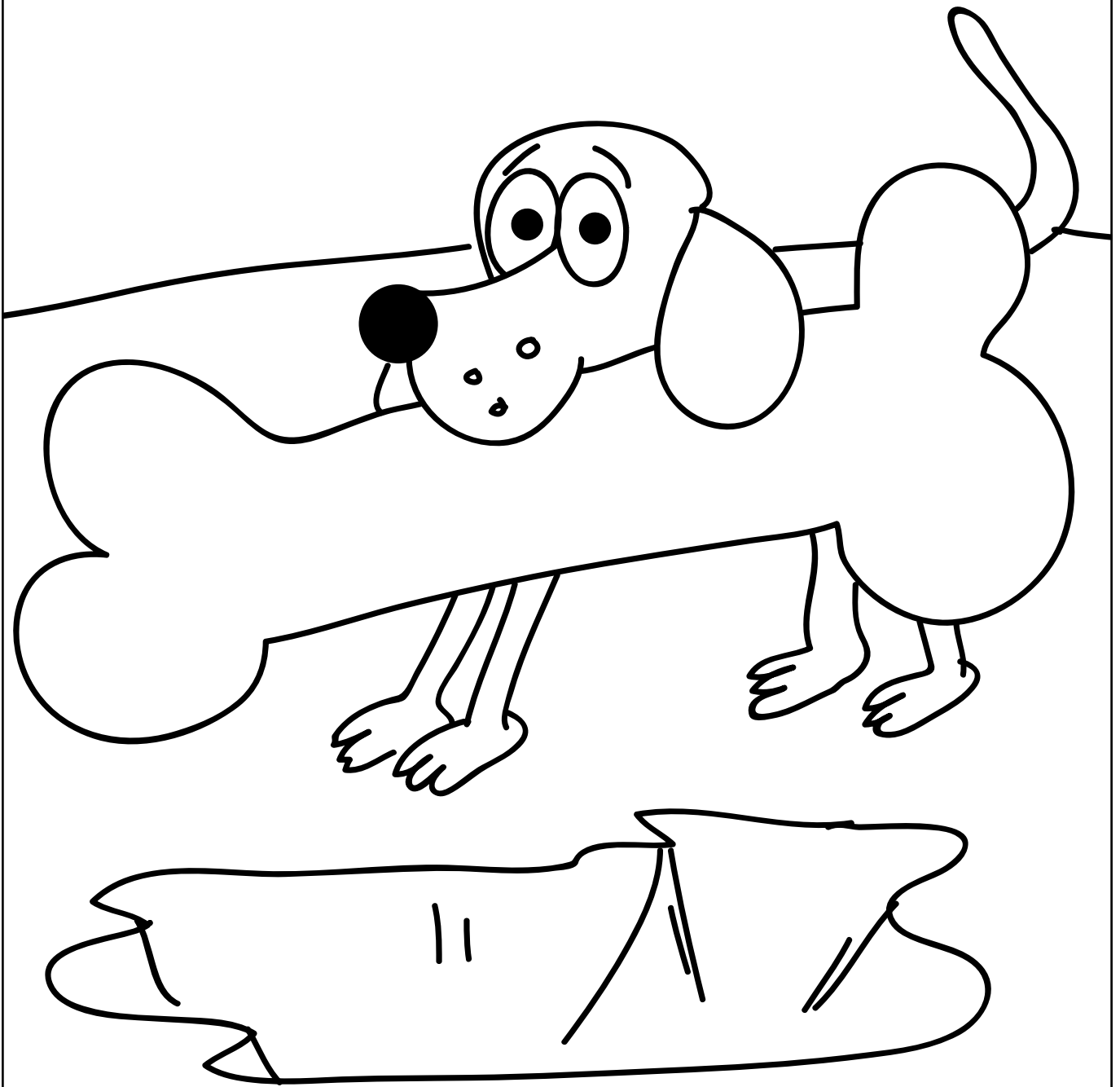
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Friday 4 Miss Me-time, Lancefield Park

Saturday 12 Community Council

Monday 14 Deep Creek Landcare AGM

Sunday 20 Trivia afternoon, Macedon Railway Hotel

Deep Creek Landcare working bee

Sunday 27 anniversary of the first service,
Lancefield Uniting Church

Saturday 12/Sunday 13
Macedon Ranges Wine and Food Festival

Blue Zone Art Show, Cope Williams Winery

Friday 18 Robert Forster singer, Newham Mechanics

barefoot bowls starts

Friday 25/Saturday 26/Sunday 27
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They will display paintings, drawings, mixed media, bronze sculpture and photography. All work will be for sale and some of the artists



will give demonstrations.

Apart from an excellent opportunity to purchase original local artwork, the weekends offer visitors a look at the new Cope Williams gallery for contemporary Asia-Pacific art that houses rare indigenous paintings, sculpture and installations.

The exhibition will run November 12-13 and 19-20 from 10am to 4pm. Entry by gold coin donation.

An open invitation is extended to meet the artists on Saturday, November 12 from 1pm to 4pm. Refreshments will be served and wine available for purchase. The afternoon coincides with the Macedon Ranges Food & Wine Festival so what better way to spend a Sunday in spring than appreciating our creative and bountiful community!

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Miss Me-time is a concept developed by not-for-profit organisation Sports Focus as part of the VicHealth Regional Sport Program. All sessions are a mystery to tie in with their fun theme and to help overcome some of the perceptions women may have of sport. Miss Me-time had their first session in Bendigo mid-May and has since had over 70 participants. "It's just so great to see a range of women coming along to our free sessions and just having fun" Natalie Lake said, Project Coordinator at Sports Focus.

The program is for women only and is a chance for all women to giggle, jiggle and wiggle together while being active. All sessions are free due to the support received from



local community sporting clubs. Seven sporting clubs in the Macedon Ranges regions have put their hand up to host a Miss Me-time session.

Ms Lake mentioned that women can bring along their kids due to all sessions being child friendly. "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 also no commitment and people can stay for as long or as little as they'd like and the best part is there is no RSVP, you can just rock up".

Jacquie Dunstan, a 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 be like and was worried that she wouldn't be able to keep up with others. "I have been pleasantly surprised at how supportive and enjoyable they have been and that you can participate in the activities at your own level".

'Aces all round' is the first session being held as part of the Miss Me-time Spring Summer Series. It's on Friday 4 November at 10.15am at Lancefield Park, Chauncey Street Lancefield. The following session is 'Make a racket' on Tuesday 8 November at 7pm and will be held at the Kyneton Toyota Sport & Aquatic Centre at 4 Victoria Street Kyneton.

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