



LANCEFIELD FIRE BRIGADE **CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE MEMBERS WHO RECEIVED AWARDS!**

ANNUAL DINNER AND SERVICE AWARDS

By the time this article goes to print the Lancefield Fire Brigade (L) together with the Benloch Fire Brigade (B) will have held our Annual Dinner and Service Awards on Sunday 17th July 2016. Congratulations to all the members who received the following awards:

5 Year Service Award:	B Kendray (L) and A Irving (L)
10 Year service Award:	J Amos (L), N Reeves (L), J Davis (L), T Morgan (B) and J Morgan (B)
15 Year Service Award:	G Deer (B) and W Green (L)
20 Year Service Award:	H Bleeck (L) and G Reaburn (L)
30 Year Service Award:	SC Mustey (L)
35 Year Service Award:	L Jones (L)
55 Year Service Award:	SA Green (L).

WINTER FIRE SAFETY

The Brigade would also like to take this opportunity to talk about winter fire safety and the CFA and MFB Home Fire Safety Campaign, 'Safe Mistake Zone' which was launched on

Monday 30th May 2016. There are over 3,000 preventable house fires in Victoria each year. Most of these house fires are caused by someone making a mistake – a moment of carelessness, forgetfulness or neglect. The Safe Mistake Zone Campaign is an innovative and engaging initiative that encourages the community to think about the small mistakes that lead to house fires, and to make a safe mistake instead. You can visit the safe Mistake Zone Website to play a fun and interactive safe mistake game. You will also be able to find out how many house fires were in your local area last year. And download useful home fire safety resources.

Remember: Only working smoke alarms save lives
You are 60% less likely to survive a house fire without working smoke alarms.

When you sleep you can't smell smoke. By law, every home must have at least one working smoke alarm – but the safest option is to install an alarm in every room where someone sleeps. Learn more about smoke alarms including how to install, test, clean and replace them and their batteries on the CFA website: www.cfa.vic.gov.au

Jenny Davis
Community Safety Coordinator

WHERE TO START!

Where to start! Our little branch of CWA ladies has been so busy over the last few months and I can not believe that we are already well into the second half of the year.

Firstly our 80th birthday celebrations were held at the end of May with many of our past and present members attending a wonderful lunch at Paramoor Winery.

A stunning cake was made by member Erin Bucknell, whose grandmother Betty Bucknell has been one of our longest serving members of the Lancefield branch.

It is amazing to think that for 80 years the CWA have been helping the community of Lancefield and surrounds.

Thank you to all of those that have supported the CWA during that time and to all who sent cards and well wishes on our 80th celebrations.

SPRING SHOW IS BACK

Our other big reminder for this month is the Spring Show is back! To be held on Friday 9th and Saturday 10th of September the 2016 Spring Show is set to be our biggest and brightest show yet.

We are building new staging equipment to help display all of the wonderful arts and crafts that compliment the flowers every year. Food planning is well underway for our ever popular lunches and morning teas. And we have new sections appearing in the schedule for the first time.

Make sure you pick up a schedule at the Milk Bar, Post Office and local IGA. Alternatively, if you'd like to go paper free - please email lancefieldcwa@gmail.com and we'll



arrange a copy of the schedule to be emailed to you.

As with last year - the system will be fully computerised and so you will be able to enter via email and pay at the door on delivery of your entries.

If you have any queries about our wonderful little CWA branch please contact Meaghan Keogh on either 0439 381 977 or lancefieldcwa@gmail.com





LANCEFIELD POLICE

MISINFORMATION RE SKATE PARK

I have been most disappointed recently to see my name mentioned in two separate articles in relation to the Lancefield Skate Park. One in the Free Press and a second in the Midland Express.

On both occasions a local resident has suggested that the Lancefield Police have concerns regarding the Skate Park Project and have gone as far as to suggest the police were surprised at the small number of objections to this proposal.

I would like to state for the record that, as the Officer In Charge of Lancefield Police Station, that I fully support the Lancefield Skate Park Project. I was in fact involved in the development of the first Skate Park Group whilst on the Committee of the Lancefield Drop In Center many years ago.

For in excess of 10 years this project has had my full support and I have authored a number of letters in support of this project. It continues to have my full support.

The reason I support this project is that I recognise that not all young people want to be involved in an organised sport. As such we need to provide a variety outlets/opportunities for these young people to get out and enjoy themselves in a less organised setting. An example of where this has worked successfully in Lancefield is the old BMX track which has been used for years and years by hundreds of young people.

Is a Skatepark which will be situated in the same area really any different? From a policing perspective we have had very few problems at the BMX track over the years and I don't see that the Skatepark will be any different.

I would in fact argue that the Skatepark is more likely to have a positive effect from a policing perspective in

that kids that are active and happy are far less likely to be involved in the commission of offences. The old adage about "Idle hands creating mischief" rings true for me.

I also have a personal recollection that I would like to share. Many years ago the Macedon Ranges Shire had a set of portable steel skate ramps which they would move from town to town. When in Lancefield they were situated on the Netball Court. I recall taking my son up there with his newly acquired skateboard and being really impressed at the way the older more experienced skaters took him under their care and assisted him to get going. Showed him how to do a drop off the half pipe and showed great patience (he needed it). So not only was it an exciting and fun experience for him, but I could see that it was a way for older and younger people to mix and form bonds across an age gap.

Lastly I would like us all to remember that we were all young once. The reason I mention this is that at one meeting many years ago with regards to the positioning of the Skate Park a comment was made by a member of our community in opposition to the location that "People entering the park will be confronted by youth" Isn't that what parks are for?

I would be much happier to see our park full of people, young and old, having fun and enjoying the towns greatest asset rather than walking the streets disaffected because there is nothing to do.

Once again for clarity,

"The Lancefield Police Fully Support The Lancefield Skatepark Project."

Roger Barr
Officer In Charge Lancefield Police.



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The Service Will Be Followed By An Informal
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MACEDON RANGES SHIRE COUNCIL

**BUSINESS
EXCELLENCE
AWARDS**

Macedon Ranges Shire Council and the sponsors of the 2016 Bendigo Bank Macedon Ranges Business Excellence Awards would like to congratulate the 112 local businesses who have entered this year's awards. The awards have reached the first milestone and it's now up to the judges to decide who should go forward and become a 2016 finalist.

The judging panel is made up of 11 independent business professionals who do not work or live in the Macedon Ranges. The judges will review each submission and make a shortlist of businesses for the site visits, which will be undertaken from 1-5 August.

The finalists will be announced on Tuesday 9 August and we look forward to celebrating with all finalists at the Awards Gala Dinner at Kyneton Town Hall on Wednesday 14 September.

To find out more about the 2016 Bendigo Bank Macedon Ranges Business Excellence Awards visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/business-awards or contact 5422 0333.

**BIKE SAFE
MACEDON RANGES**

The shortest day is past. Summer is on the way. Well, not quite! In fact, apart from the odd day it is very much winter now. It's a tough time to be a cyclist and some members of the local cycling community, who don't cycle as a commute, have been retreating to the relative comfort of the shed for a session or two on the indoor trainer. I've never been a fan and prefer to stay out on our local roads when safe. Conditions that we have experienced recently are a timely reminder to think about your safety. As primarily a cyclist, I aim to be as visible as possible through contrasting clothing and lights day and night. I also think about the roads I ride on when the conditions are far from ideal.

As a car driver, I too think about how visible I am. Those lights aren't just to so you can see your way and with many windy days, could you stop in time if there is a fallen tree on the road around the corner, particularly in the wet?

We should all be cautious out on the roads but doubly so in the depths of winter.

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GETTING IT RIGHT IS IMPORTANT

LANCEFIELD RUBBISH

The Neighbourhood House has just undergone a waste audit with Kerbside Pride to discover how we can improve practices around reducing and sorting the rubbish we collect. The auditor from the Loddon Mallee Waste and Resource Recovery Group gathered information from the Neighbourhood House, Op Shop, Town House and Mens Shed. One bin with incorrect recycled waste, a 'contamination', causes the whole truck to end up in landfill rather than being recycled, so getting it right is important. We have not yet received the suggestions from our audit but know that some outcomes will be new bins with information on what is to go into them. We will also be receiving a new receptacle for collecting used batteries at The Town House and will have the ability to collect used light globes as well.

Kerbside Pride audits are available to all business and groups so if you are interested contact the House for details.

TAX HELP

Tax Help volunteers can help you with completing simple tax returns, setting up a My Gov account or learning how to use the My Tax program. Phone Vivien on 5429 1214 for appointments and information.

Community Projects

The Neighbourhood House wants to work with people to develop a number of amazing community projects. Projects that are about making Lancefield a great place to live. All these projects would welcome more people being involved, contributing ideas, or time and skills. Email or phone the House to be connected to any of these project. lancefieldhouse@tpg.com.au 5429 1214.

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Register now for the Lancefield Listing.
 There are many great things organised for us to get involved in – something for every interest. Too often we hear people saying they knew nothing about an event until after it has happened. By registering for the list you will receive an email or text message to keep you up to date with events in Lancefield. Register now at lancefield.org.au on the 'News' page or email or phone the House.
 lancefieldhouse@tpg.com.au 5429 1214.

LANCEFIELD ON-LINE

A web site dedicated to everything about Lancefield.
 Visit at Lancefield.org.au
 Official launch of the website will be held on Saturday 27 August. Keep an eye out for flyers for details or register to be on the Lancefield Listing so we can remind you.



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Over the holiday break two of our very talented students competed in sporting events. Kloe Soper represented our school in the Interschool Equestrian Competition over the holidays at Elmore Equestrian Centre. Kloe competed in a range of events and placed exceptionally well in all of them. Her team placed 4th overall. Xander Fearn spent part of his holidays competing in a Motor Cross event at Blue Rock in Gippsland. Xander placed 3rd in his competition.
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THIS WINTER PEOPLE HAVE BEEN NUTTING IT OUT.

Our local community is full of people with great ideas, interesting projects, and the very best intentions to invest themselves in a better future, for us all.

Make a Change Australia has been supporting us to make stuff happen for 6 months now, recently hosting Let's Nut It Out to include people from Romsey, Lancefield and Cobaw regions.

'Nutting it out' is taking focused time to work out what's needed, married with the support of local experts who can help us through the 'road blocks'.

People attended with all sorts of projects; a story telling project to address mental health issues, a literacy program for young people in justice systems, an arts register so that aged-care centres can find creative people, a community owned emergency plan and a plan to engage young people in history projects.

Local mentors attended to assist in the nutting out of project challenges. Mentor skills ranged from small business start-up, marketing, getting more people involved, funding, and working with volunteers

Expand Your impact - the next event on the schedule - is the last chance to get this free support, training and inspiration to move your projects forward. It offers free professional, community and personal development for people who want to make stuff happen for themselves, their communities, or at work.

This essential day for people who want to make things happen, is taking place on Saturday the 13th of August.

Here are some pearls of wisdom from each of the Let's Nut It Out mentors—for you to consider when you come

across a challenge on a project you are working.

Jill Rivers, Writer, Producer, Arts Advocate

Be sure of your own goal. What is it you want to achieve, and what is the problem you are trying to solve? When you are really clear on this, you can break down the project into smaller tasks that aren't so overwhelming.

Debra Lawry, Ray White Real Estate

Spend time thinking about what your project is; talk about your goals to others—it will help you work out how to achieve it. Adopt the motto, "Do what you say."

Andy Moore, Lancefield Mercury

Papers will be excited to publish your story. Tell people what has been happening or the 'why' of what you are trying to achieve—rather than just advertising a date for people to attend. Make sure you take care; presenting your project with photos and making it interesting for your audience.

Michael O'Gorman, Bendigo Bank

Great partnerships are essential for getting things to happen. Get involved in the community, talk to different people to find out about all the different projects happening and find synergy together.

Caroline Sara, Cobaw Community Health

Change needs to be sustainable. Sometimes, no matter how great your idea is—if your timing and execution

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is out, then the project won’t work. You need to look after yourself and know what is required of yourself to make ideas happen. It takes self-care to be an effective leader of change.

Everyone will gain valuable skills to assist them in their

work, projects and events; at Expand Your Impact. Taking place on Saturday the 13th of August from 9.00am to 5.30pm, places are limited and registrations are essential. For more information and venue details; visit makeachange.org.au/expand-your-impact



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Since its inception it has been an active group in the communities of Lancefield,, Romsey, Goldie and more recently Monegeeta. Originally the group's area encompassed Rochford, Newham, Cobaw and Darraweit Guim who later established their own groups.

Key projects included "Rabbit Busters" in the early 1990's.

Weed identification and education workshops and publications to assist landholders and community members to get on board with pest and weed control, which included the "dung beetle release" projects to assist livestock farmers to control nutrient runoff into waterways.

In repairing land degradation and adopting better farming practices, the importance of the Deep Creek – which is a major tributary of the Maribyrnong catchment, helping restore biodiversity to areas whose

loss and fragmentation of habitat due to land clearing and overgrazing .

A partnership was formed between DCLG, Melbourne Water and Western Water aimed to preserve the endangered pigmy perch fish species in the Deep Creek and to survey isolated populations and target habitat protection and revegetation to protect the vulnerable species.

DCLG's main aim are to protect and enhance the integrity of remnant vegetation, protect and expand the intrinsic value of wildlife corridors, establish along the creek to protect water quality and to identify pest plant and animal species and develop control programs.

Tens of thousands of trees and shrubs have been planted in extensive revegetation projects on both public and private land. A significant portion of these plant species have been purchased thru Tree Project which is a non for profit organization.

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the Deep Creek and its tributaries .We gratefully form Port Phillip and Western Port CMA, Western Water, Melbourne water, Macedon Ranges Shire Council and Bendigo Community Bank.

Recent Projects include:
 Annual Lancefield Show.
 25 years of Landcare Anniversary Garden at Lancefield Park.
 Western Water /Salesian College and DCLG memorandum of understanding to revegetate 230ha at the Romsey waste water treatment plant which has a 2km frontage to Deep Creek- to date 40,000 trees have been planted.
 Continued support of Junior Landcare.
 Community Education Workshops.
 Threatened species of Dianella amoena project.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting Monday 8th August 2016
 Next Working Bee Sunday 18th September 2016
 Lancefield Show Sunday 16th October 2016.

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EVENT ORGANISER WORKSHOP

Are you running or thinking of running an event or festival in the Macedon Ranges?

Whether it's a school fete, fun run, wine festival, music event or cycling competition, if you're an event organiser in the Macedon Ranges you're invited to attend Council's free Event Planning workshop on Monday 15 August in Gisborne. The workshop is designed to support event organisers and equip them with the tools necessary to successfully plan and run events and festivals in the shire.

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

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

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Join Melbourne City Ballet on Friday 19 August at 7.30pm as they re-imagine Shakespeare's most popular work, Romeo and Juliet. Known for their unique choreography and artistry, the troupe bring the romance and tragedy of Verona to Kyneton for one night only. Featuring stunning costumes, an evocative score and a large cast of Melbourne City Ballet's finest artists, let yourself get swept away into the lives of these two-star crossed lovers for an evening.

Rock and roll pioneer Buddy Holly is being celebrated on Friday 26 August at 11.30am as Scot Robin, the star of the smash hit musical Buddy performs the hits of the late musician. From That'll be the Day, It's so Easy and Raining on my Heart to Rave On and more, this 20th

anniversary tour of Buddy's Back is set to remind us of the lasting impact Buddy Holly made on popular music and the world.

Don't forget to pop your head into the Kyneton Museum during August to catch the unique exhibition Trick or Treatment. Dispelling myths and medical quackery, the exhibition comprised of objects from both the Kyneton and University of Melbourne Medical Museum collections shines a spotlight on claims made by scammers in the medical profession during the Victoria era. From the assertion that an electric hairbrush can cure baldness and headaches to other equally outlandish claims, you can discover some extraordinary tales at Kyneton Museum! The exhibition runs until Sunday 16 October, and is open from Fridays to Sundays from 11am–4pm.

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

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FROM THE MAYOR

WE'VE BROKEN PREVIOUS RECORDS

On behalf on Council, I'd like to wish those Lancefield businesses nominated in the 2016 Bendigo Bank Macedon Ranges Business Excellence Awards the very best of luck. The awards recognise the hard work that goes into running a business, and acknowledges the outstanding service businesses make in the community. Having been an owner / operator of a local business before, I know how much time, effort and sheer faith is poured into a business venture, so it's great to see some local businesses gaining recognition.

This year we've broken previous records to receive more than 450 individual business nominations, which is just fantastic. The awards will be held at the Kyneton Town Hall on Wednesday 14th September.

If you've been out and about driving in the shire this winter, you may have noticed Council's new visual display mobile messaging board. The new solar-powered boards, which have been jointly funded by Council and the Transport Accident Commission, have been very handy during these cooler months when weather conditions can change quickly. They've allowed us to advise motorists of any changes to road conditions quickly, and increase the safety of all of us on the roads.

As you know, Council recently adopted its 2016/17 Budget, with some exciting works planned for the East Ward. To find out more about what's being spent and where, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/plan-and-budget

Congratulations to all the young bands, solo acts and duos who will take to the stage for the Shire's annual "Battle of the Bands" competition at Kyneton Town Hall at the end of August. Last year's winners, "Mosey" will be making a guest appearance.

There's a lot to be said for their courage at giving it a go, and I wish them the best of luck.

While we're celebrating our young people in our Shire who make a significant contribution, I'd like to also Congratulate all nominees and finalists for the 2016 Youth Awards. The Youth Awards have been run annually since 2006 with hundreds of winner over this time and are open to young people between 12-25 years who are doing amazing things. There are categories for the artistic, the sporty, those excelling academically and many others. The winners will be announced at the Kyneton Town Hall on Tuesday 30th August between 7 and 8:30pm

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What sorts of activities, projects and events do you think would benefit and support older people in your town? If you are aged 55 years or over, Macedon Ranges Shire Council wants to hear your ideas about what would make a difference for older people living in the shire. Whether you're a resident, community group or not-for-profit organisation, if you have a great idea to help develop an age-friendly community, get in touch.

Fill in a reply paid postcard, available from Council offices in Gisborne, Romsey, Woodend or Kyneton. Visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay. Email mrsc@mrsc.vic.gov.au or call us on 5422 0262.

Feedback is due by 5pm Sunday 21 August, 2016.

For more information, call Rebecca Millard on 5422 0262 or email rmillard@mrsc.vic.gov.au

This project has been made possible following a successful funding application to the Victorian Government's Age Friendly Communities program.

FALLING FROM GRACE

Falling From Grace by Hannie Rayson (the writer of *Hotel Sorrento* and *Life after George*). Opens 19th August - 10th September.

This is a play with a bright comic surface and mysterious depths. It is about four women; one in medicine, and three in the media. The three women are best friends in and out of the professional world, they are witty, passionate as they juggle careers, children and lovers. They are forty and their friendship is about to be tested - one with her ex husband and new lover, one with her impending first pregnancy, one with being stuck in the middle of her two friends' differences. The fourth woman a doctor, will battle for her research project with a male colleague and try to reconcile her marriage.

The show runs for 2 hours 10 minutes which includes a 20 minutes interval. They also have a licensed bar!! (Free tea / coffee at interval as well.)

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St. Mary's Drop-In: First Thursday of each month,
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Confirmation – Yr 6.

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MARC'S MESSAGE

In the midst of our glorious winter, I am often reminded
that our spiritual forebears in the Northern Hemisphere
celebrated the birth of Jesus in the middle of winter. It is
true that none of us have any idea what time of year Jesus
was born and it is true that the early Christians adopted/
borrowed/stole the celebration of the birth of the Sun God
and made it the ideal time to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Many of the Christmas carols have us singing of
winter imagery on what can be a humid summer night.
That leads to a disconnect; we end up singing 'about'
something not singing 'in' it. It leaves us antipodarians
at a disadvantage. So, do we change Christmas to July
25th, or do we compose carols that fit us? I am not sure,
perhaps we need to just keep singing 'on a cold winter's
night' on a hot summer's night until something out of the
blue seeps through and we bring our own flavour to the
feast.

After all, as I said, we have no idea when Jesus was
really born. And, the truth is he 'is' born every time I
accept the challenge to grow.

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MARY-ANNE THOMAS

COMMUNITY ENCOURAGED TO GET CFA FACTS

Member for Macedon, is following through on her vow to work closely with CFA brigades to ensure local volunteers have their voices heard and concerns listened to.

Having attended meetings with CFA volunteers in Gisborne, Woodend, Lancefield, Mount Macedon and Glenlyon, Ms Thomas is continuing to meet with other brigades across the electorate.

“CFA volunteers are the backbone of our regional communities and I will continue to strongly advocate for the incredible work they do in keeping our local communities safe,” Ms Thomas said. “However, I am concerned with the misinformation that is still rife in our community. To dispel some of the myths that are circulating, the Government has launched an easy to understand website at www.yourcfainfo.vic.gov.au”.

“The Government is clear that a settlement of the enterprise agreement negotiation is not intended to have any impact at all on our volunteer brigades and I encourage concerned members of the community to visit this site to get the facts and have their questions answered”.

“The role of volunteer firefighters in this state is sacrosanct and we are determined to do everything to support their vital role in protecting our community - that is why we have invested so strongly in our volunteer brigades”.

“Since 2014, the Andrews Government has invested \$ 33.5 million in new trucks for CFA volunteer brigades, \$11 million to build and upgrade CFA stations, and \$46.2 million to build and upgrade training facilities across Victoria”.

“Keeping our community and our firefighters safe is the number one priority before the next bushfire season, and I



will do everything I can to ensure the community remains informed, and volunteers concerns are listened to,” Ms Thomas said.



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LANCEFIELD PARK RENEWAL

FUNDING PROPOSAL- JULY 2016

Following the Lancefield-Cobaw Fire in October 2015, the Victorian Government announced \$1.5 million to fund priority projects in the Lancefield area to help the community recover as quickly as possible:

- ❑ Lancefield Mechanics Institute Hall- \$150,000 for the upgrade of toilet facilities
- ❑ Lancefield Park Tennis Netball- \$450,000 for the upgrade of change room facilities
- ❑ Lancefield Park Renewal- \$800,000 for upgrading facilities at Lancefield Park
- ❑ Benloch Community Meeting Facility- Up to \$100,000 to construct a community meeting facility at the Benloch CFA Station

The Lancefield Park Renewal Project will provide recommendations to DELWP for the allocation of \$800,000 in funding to Lancefield Park. User group and open community sessions were held in April 2016 to start the process and help understand community priorities for this funding. A project reference group and project control group comprising the user groups of Lancefield Park and the Lancefield Park Committee have been established to provide DELWP with an accurate picture of how the community wants this grant to be spent in Lancefield Park.

HOW WILL THE PROCESS WORK?

Following initial consultation sessions, Lancefield Park user groups and community members are now encouraged to submit proposals for consideration to the Project Control Group. Groups and community members can submit any number of proposals.

Proposals are due by Tuesday 2 August, 2016 to David Watson, Lancefield Recovery Case Manager, david.watson@delwp.vic.gov.au

HOW WILL PROPOSALS BE ASSESSED?

The following criteria have been developed for assessment:

1. Enable greater community participation in the park.
2. Promote increased community pride in the park.
3. Promote greater sharing of facilities amongst park users.
4. Support inclusive and accessible activities that meets the needs of the local community.
5. Provide equity to groups with smaller memberships.
6. Leverage investment or park user support.
7. Promote positive working relationships between park users.
8. Contribute to future park financial sustainability.
9. Improve safety for park users.

LANCEFIELD NETBALL TENNIS CHANGE ROOMS UPGRADE

HOW IS THE PROJECT PROGRESSING?

The Lancefield Park Tennis Netball Change Rooms Upgrade Project commenced in March and is progressing well:

- ❑ A Project Control Group has been formed to manage the project and includes representatives from the Football/Netball Club, Tennis Club, Parks Committee and the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP).
- ❑ The Lancefield Parks Committee is managing the project.
- ❑ A local architect Stephan Kosa (Stephan P Kosa & Associates Pty Ltd) is providing services pro-bono to provide design plans, develop the specification, and oversee the building contract process.
- ❑ Several local trades people and suppliers have offered free or discounted services and products to help make the most of the funding and ensure the facility meets local needs. This includes concreting, roof and general plumbing, electrical, building, and demolition services and supplies.

- ❑ If you have skills to assist the construction and are keen to get involved, please contact either Michelle Kindred 0419 882 437 or email michelle.kindred@bigpond.com or Roger Barr 54292 174 or email rogkaren@internode.on.net Local builders will be invited to tender for the project in July, following the approval of a planning permit.

WHEN WILL IT BE COMPLETE?

It is anticipated that works will commence in August and be complete by November 2016.

HOW CAN I FIND OUT MORE?

For more information, please contact David Watson, Lancefield Recovery Case Manager, DELWP (0428 535 386, david.watson@delwp.vic.gov.au) or Vivien Philpotts, Lancefield Neighbourhood House Coordinator (0409 386 875, lancefieldhouse@tpg.com.au)

PROPOSAL TITLE: (your title here)

CONTACT NAME: (your name here)

GROUP NAME: (your group name here or leave blank if not part of a group)

CONTACT DETAILS: (email and phone)

PLEASE RESPOND TO EACH OF THE FOUR QUESTIONS
(MAX 200 WORDS FOR EACH QUESTION)

1	What do you want to achieve with this funding?
2	How much are you requesting?
3	How will you deliver this project?
4	What benefits will the project create?

NEXT STEPS:

If you require more information or would like to discuss your proposal, please contact David Watson on 0428 535 386
Proposals are due by Tuesday 9 August, 2016 to David Watson, Lancefield Recovery Case Manager,
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The Lancefield Park Renewal Project Control Group will then assess proposals, consult with groups where required,
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On The Farm, At The Market. By G. Brian Karas. Rrp- \$26.99

On the farm, workers pick vegetables, collect eggs, and make cheese. At the market the next day, the workers set up their stands and prepare for shoppers to arrive. Amy, the baker at the Busy Bee Cafe, has a very special meal in mind, and of course, all the farmers show up at the cafe to enjoy the results of their

hard work. The book has colourful illustrations that show aspects of farming and selling the products of hard labour. This book introduces children to both local and urban greenmarkets and paints a warm picture of a strong community.



Fizz And The Police Dog Tryouts. By Lesley Gibbes. Rrp- \$12.99

Fizz wants to be a police

dog. He's brave, clever and super-fast, but Fizz doesn't look like a police dog. His family are show dogs, and want him to follow their path, but Fizz longs for adventure, and he's determined to try out at the Sunnyvale City Police Station. He is the smallest, fluffiest dog there, and he meets fierce Amadeus, who definitely wants to be top dog. This book teaches children that they can do anything they put their mind to. It is entertaining and has illustrations throughout, to keep kids engaged.

The Other Side Of Summer. By Emily Gale. Rrp- \$16.99

Summer is trying to recover from a tragedy, but



it seems impossible when her family is falling apart around her. Having an extraordinary best friend like Mal helps a little, but Summer's secret source of happiness is a link to the past: one very special guitar. Now her dad's plan to save them is turning Summer's life upside down again. The next thing she knows, they've moved to the other side of the world. In Australia, Summer

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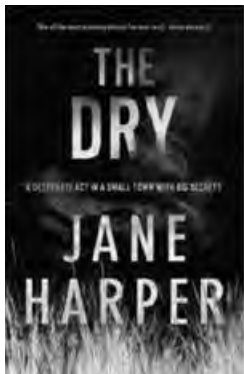
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The Dry. By Jane Harper. Rrp- \$32.99

Luke Hadler turns a gun on his wife and child, then himself. The farming community of Kiewarra

is facing life and death choices daily. If one of their own broke under the strain, well...When Federal Police investigator Aaron Falk returns to Kiewarra for the funerals, he is loath to confront the people who rejected him twenty years earlier. But when his investigative skills are called on, the facts of the Hadler case start to make him doubt this murder-suicide charge. And as Falk probes deeper into the killings, old wounds are reopened. For Falk and his childhood friend Luke shared a secret, A secret Falk thought long-buried. A secret which Luke's death starts to bring to the surface. Jane Harper has worked as a print journalist for thirteen years both in Australia and the UK. She lives in Melbourne and

writes for the Herald Sun, among other publications. Winner of the Victorian Premier's Literary Award for an Unpublished Manuscript, The Dry is her first novel with rights sold to over twenty territories.



The Gene: An Intimate History. By Siddhartha Mukherjee. Rrp- \$35.00

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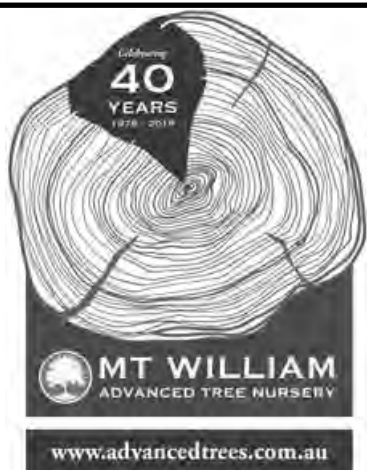
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We are not meant to be wet blankets! Remember that old Sunday School hymn we used to sing, "Jesus wants me for a sunbeam to shine for Him each day" it is still true. 'Joy' too is a companion word with 'cheer' and is often associated with suffering. The persecuted Christians in many parts of the world today are discovering this, Peter told the early Christians who too were suffering because they were Christ's - to rejoice, and Nehemiah, the prophet, told the returned

exiles,

"Do not grieve, the joy of the Lord is your strength." Neh.8:13.

"Through all the changing scenes of life, In trouble and in joy,

The praises of my God shall still my heart and tongue employ."

July 2016 has flashed by during which the AMS (Anglican Men's Society) met, plus others, to hear Laurie Thomson's account of his visit to his brother, Charlie's grave in the War Memorial Centre just out of Port Moresby. It was an emotional time for him and the two other family members accompanying him to stand before Charlie's grave in the beautifully maintained cemetery, the work of the Australian War Graves Commission.

The trip was meticulously arranged by a grandson, so Laurie received V.I.P. service throughout. The manager at the cemetery when he learnt why Laurie had come said, "Aussie soldier! Aussie soldiers saved our country". His father had been one of the Fuzzy Wuzzy Angels.

We were shocked to learn Meryl Green had suffered a stroke but are thankful to learn she is making a good

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recovery. We continue to pray for Jean Hassell, Shirley Perkins, Max Dansey and others. A big thank you to all who supported our Pie-etc Drive.

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Looking to play Squash? Macedon Ranges Squash Club provides a senior mixed competition on Tuesdays from 7pm. Call Bruce on 0402 595 368 or email sohmorgan@yahoo.com.au.

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	10.30-12.00 pm	St Mary's Catholic Church Youth Group
Sunday 7	09.00-2.00 pm	Gisborne Oaks Market
	09.00-2.00 pm	Gisborne Olde Time Market
Monday 8		Deep Creek Landcare Monthly Meeting
Saturday 13	08.30-1.00 pm	Kyneton Farmers Market
	09.30-5.30 pm	Expand Your Impact Venue TBA Details go to: info@makeachange.org.au
Monday 15	5.00-7.00 pm	Macedon Ranges 'Running a Festival' Workshop
Friday 19	11.30 am	Buddy Holly at Kyneton Town Hall
	7.30 pm	Romeo and Juliet, Ballet, Kyneton Town Hall
	7.30 pm	Opening Night Falling from Grace, Mountainview Theatre Mt Macedon, runs until 10 September
Saturday 20	08.30-1.00 pm	Riddells Creek Farmers Market
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TENNIS FUTURE LEADERS PROGRAM

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This program aims to link junior players from different clubs all around Victoria while building new skills to use in all aspects of life. Thank you Jade for representing us – we look forward to hearing some of your ideas over the next few months!

JADE'S REPORT

And about the camp, I guess I'd say that it's a lot about making friends and connecting with new people, learning to work well in a team as well as learning about different kinds of leadership and how it connects to aspects of everyday life. One quote in particular that was said very often was that "leadership is not a title, it's a behaviour".

On the first day we just had warm up games to get to know each other and we got put into teams which would then compete against each other later on in the camp in team building activities where you not only have to work physically but mentally as well. We got spoken to about leadership (I think it was the CEO of Tennis Victoria) on the first day too.

Then on the second day we did conferencing for our project and how we would go about initiating it as well as



a flying fox early in the morning and the team building activities then the night ended with a talent show. On the last day we got to do our electives and mine was tennis innovation and the future of tennis and we learnt about how to get new and lapsed players to tennis clubs and from what we had brainstormed our Lancefield club seems to already do most of these things already!

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his mother's camera. With the \$500 he bought himself his own camera and received mentorship from Field Trip leaders allowing him to pursue his dream in a meaningful way. This year, Share Your Dream is open to any young person in Woodend and surrounds. They must have a dream and be able to articulate what it is and how \$500 would help them pursue it. Deadline for submissions is September 30th, 2016. Please apply via The Field Trip website: www.thefieldtrip.co

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