



The premier meeting with Lancefield's Junior netballers

MAKING PROGRESS – THE LESSONS FROM THE FIRE

The Victorian Government has received the Inspector-General for Emergency Management's interim progress report on implementing the independent investigation findings into the Lancefield-Cobaw fire. Premier Daniel Andrews joined Minister for Environment Lisa Neville and local member Mary-Anne Thomas to discuss the report and recovery progress at a meeting with Lancefield residents.

The interim report found the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning was on track to implement all recommendations and commitments on time. IGEN will provide a further update report in June this year and quarterly reports thereafter until all recommendations and commitments have been implemented.

"What happened at Lancefield was unacceptable – that's why we acted quickly to launch an independent investigation into Victoria's planned burning program and those changes

are now being implemented," the Premier said.

In December last year the Victorian Government announced a \$1.4 million package to fund priority projects in the Lancefield area to help the community recover as quickly as possible from the fire. The package included \$450,000 to upgrade the netball change rooms at Lancefield Park and \$150,000 to fund works at the Mechanics Institute. The Premier announced works on the netball courts will begin in May and be completed by October.

"Prior to the 2014 election I campaigned on the need to improve Lancefield's netball facilities and I'm thrilled that works are set to begin shortly." Ms Thomas said.

Another \$800,000 will be provided for further works at Lancefield Park and open community forums will be held in April to enable the community to have their say on how the money should be used.



Vern Egan, (seated) Reinhard Goschiniak, Eileen French and Trish Vowles

HELPING OUT A HERO

Vern Egan is a much admired Veteran of the Second World War and it was with much concern when the RSL became aware that he had been most unwell this past year, suffering respiratory problems, now greatly exacerbated by the recent hot weather. A decision was made by the Romsey-Lancefield RSL to use its funds to purchase Vern, a much needed portable reverse cycle air conditioner/ heater, for as long as he may require its use. We hope that this is of great benefit to his health in future.

Vern Egan is a well known local identity, who has lived in Romsey for 50 years. He came to live here in 1966, working his farm, raising cattle. He joined the RAAF in 1941 as a Senior Wireless operator and Air Gunner on the Beaufort

Bombers. He was promoted to the rank of Warrant Officer and was attached to 7th Squadron RAAF.

He commenced training at Somers, Victoria. Parkes, NSW. Port Pirie, South Australia and was a Navigator Instructor at Nhil, Victoria, prior to his transfer to New Guinea.

He flew 39 bombing and strafing missions over New Guinea and he had the privilege of flying on the last bombing mission of WW2, he also had the pleasure, seeing the bombing of the Headquarters of the Japanese General, Nikai near Kiarivai village in New Guinea.

He was discharged in 1946, aged 23.



IT'S A WALK IN THE PARK

The walking track at the Park has increased the Parks popularity for walking, jogging and cycling. There has also been an increase in the number of people who do not take responsibility for cleaning up their dog faeces. It is a requirement of the Park to have your dog on a lead therefore owners are aware when the dog stops to drop a turd. Carrying a few plastic bags allows owners to pick up their dogs mess easily, rather than leaving it onto the ground which is offensive and can be really unpleasantly troublesome to other users and visitors to the Park.

There has been discussion about providing doggie bags in the Park - at some venues people think that this means they leave the full bag on the side of the path, so is not necessarily a solution. The dispensers also require someone to monitor when they need refilling, the bags need to be

purchased and their disposal is an environmental problem. We are all capable of putting a few plastic bags from home in our pocket even those of us who don't use plastic bags seem to have a supply.

There are rubbish bins around the Park to drop the offensive parcel in. There are always some at the playground and there is nearly always some at the side of the Laurie Green and near the Cricket Club rooms – yes you may have to walk to a bin, but that's what you're in the Park for after all. In particular would dog owners show some respect for the cricket players who use the small oval on the west side of the Park. The area is used for practice nights, and weekly games – it is not a dog toilet area, so please start thinking of others, stop being lazy and start cleaning up after your dog.



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WEATHER REPORT

February and the first couple of weeks in March were extremely dry and hot. Fortunately a good steady fall of around 20 mm on Thursday 10/03 settled the dust and put a good amount of water in the tanks. Given the ground is still reasonably warm we may get some growth in both gardens and paddocks especially with the excellent follow up rainfall on March 18. Although feed in the paddocks has been scarce over recent months any stock reductions have been favoured by strong cattle prices

PS Toby is doing very well with hand feeding.
From KA



LANCEFIELD CRICKET CLUB

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Lancefield Cricket Club Clubrooms
13th April
7.30pm Start

ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE, 2016



The Romsey - Lancefield RSL Sub-Branch wishes to advise that the 2016 Anzac Day Commemorative Service will be conducted at the High street Cenotaph, Lancefield on Monday 25 April, commencing at 08:30am. A smaller wreath laying service will be held at the Romsey Cenotaph commencing at 07:30am.

Marchers are requested to assemble in front of the Bakery, in High street at 08:15am and march to the Cenotaph, for the service to commence at 8:30am.

The Lancefield Neighbourhood House committee will provide tea, coffee and refreshments to the community at the Mechanics Hall following the service. All families, individuals and in particular our school children, are welcome to attend this most important day in Australia's history.

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SKATE PARK ISSUE RAISED IN PARLIAMENT

The Lancefield Skate BMX Park was raised in parliament during the month by local state representative Ms Mary-Anne Thomas.

“Ms Thomas (Macedon) — The matter I wish to raise is for the attention of the Minister for Sport. The action I seek is that the minister join me in supporting the excellent application by the community of Lancefield for a skate park facility at Lancefield Park.

At a recent Saturday morning listening post in Lancefield, I was delighted to be lobbied by many young skaters and their parents who are keen to see the skate park go ahead after more than 20 years of organising, planning and campaigning. I am told that Andrea Crossman, who as a young woman fundraised for the skate park by washing cars, is now the mother of teenagers. Andrea was there at the beginning, as was



Leonie Farrugia, whose kids are now grown and have left town. Currently the skate park committee comprises Amy Bell, Vivien Philpotts, Nikki Reeves, Damien Choate and Bill West.

We all know the minister is passionate about all sports and, as he knows, team sports are not for everybody. I want to advocate tonight for skating, a sport requiring great agility and skill, a sport enjoyed by girls and boys and, importantly, a sport that young people can engage in on their own and at a time that suits them. Facilities that support and encourage activity are so important for our young people, especially in small communities like Lancefield where things for young people to do can sometimes be a challenge.

I look forward to the minister advising me as soon as he can about Lancefield’s skate park application. Again I urge him to support this fantastic project.”

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Trees and vegetation help to combat climate change by removing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. As our cities warm they also contribute to reducing the 'urban heat island effect'. Cooler, shaded spaces in our parks, in streetscapes and alongside homes can reduce heat stress particularly for those in our community who are most

vulnerable to high temperatures.

The aim is to plant 400,000 trees in the Werribee and Maribyrnong (include Deep Creek and its tributaries) catchments. Landholders are encouraged to join the program – the CMA will provide trees from a local nursery (and possibly some extras like guards if possible within budget) to the landholder. The landholder will be responsible for prepping the site, planting and maintaining the trees.

If you're interested obtain more information from Deep Creek Landcare - Secretary

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If you own land that fronts onto a river or creek, you

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This year marks 150 years since the establishment of the Lancefield Presbyterian Church, as it was originally, in the High Street, and we are planning to celebrate this event throughout the year until the actual 'birthday' late in November.

We began by dedicating the garden leading to the Kindergarten to Charlie Smith, a legend in our congregation, and the olive tree by the entrance to the church, to Colleen O'Connor, a wonderful member of the Kinder staff and a valued friend of the church. In June, we will re-enact the laying of the foundation stone and install a plaque commemorating the founders of the church, who were all pioneers of this district. We are also looking for help with two other projects.

First, the Honour Rolls listing members of the Church who served in either the First or Second World Wars have been lost, and re-creating them is important historically. If anyone has knowledge of family members (or others) who served in either war, and thinks they might have attended the Presbyterian Church, please let us know.

Second, we need to obtain bricks to match those used

in building the church. These were originally produced in the Lancefield Kiln, and can sometimes be found around old house sites in the district. Obtaining about 1000 bricks (at a reasonable price) would enable us to complete some landscaping work that would complement the church itself.

And now, after 150 years, Lancefield is part of the 'Macedon Ranges Partnership' involving twelve churches from Gisborne to Sutton Grange, and Lancefield to Tylden. Two Ministers have been appointed and a third placement is being finalised. After three years without a Minister, we are now hoping to increase our level of activity in the community.

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This year our little Lancefield Branch has the very exciting task of hosting the Central Highlands Group Creative Arts Exhibition. Held only once a year, the exhibition is a display of handicraft, cookery and floral arrangements from CWA members within our Central Highlands Group. Made up of 12 branches, Central Highlands incorporates branches from Craigieburn through to Heathcote. This year the event is being held at the Lancefield Mechanics Hall on Saturday 16th (10am-4pm) and Sunday 17th April (10am-3pm) and although the exhibition entrants must be CWA members, the actual show is open to the public. As with our Spring Show, the good old Lancefield morning tea and lunches will be available for sale. So why not make a morning of it and come and experience some of Tracy's delicious scones and a cuppa.

Later on in April keep an eye out for our traditional ANZAC biscuit stall at the Lancefield farmers market. Last year we sold out by 11am - we are aiming to make more biscuits to sell this year but it is better to get in quick -



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May is the month of our 80th birthday this year! *huge!* More on that in the next edition of the Mercury.

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On the way, they were joined by a stranger who enquired the reason for their sad faces, much to their surprise, that he didn't know what had taken place there over the last few days.

The stranger then began to explain to them as written by the prophets over many years that it was in God's plan that Jesus should die in such a fashion and rise again for mankind's sin.

Nightfall had come and the stranger made as if to go on

his way, but they urged him, "Stay and sup with us"!

And He did! As He broke the bread, their eyes were opened and they realized it was The Lord, risen, alive.

Then He vanished from their sight, and they full of joy returned to Jerusalem, proclaiming to the other disciples, "We have seen the Lord"!

This was the great message the the apostles and the early Christians enthusiastically shared with all and sundry. *Christ Is Risen. - He Is Risen Indeed.. Alleluia ..* was their greeting.

He is wanting and waiting to come into our hearts and lives as He has promised in Revelation 3:20, "Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and sup with him and he with me."

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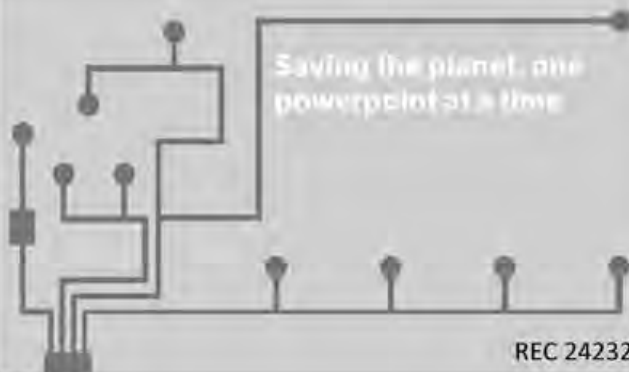
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March has passed very quickly with our observance of Lent, our Bible studies and special services of worship. Sadly, our Guild meeting this month concluded our Guild's operation in the Parish after nearly 100 years.

We thank God for His blessings and guidance over those years and all who have supported the work the Guild has achieved.

APRIL 2016 .. DIARY

Sat.9th Apr.8.30am..A.M.S. (Anglican Men's Society) Men's Breakfast in Christ Church Hall Lancefield.

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The day came. The business man sat in his office at nine. By then, no one had come. At eleven, a man was seen walking up and down outside, occasionally looking up at the office door. Finally he seemed to take courage and open it. He put his head in and asked, "Is it true that you will pay any person's debt?" That's right," the rich man replied. "Are you in debt?" "I certainly am," the caller answered. "Do you have along the bills and statements to prove it?"

The visitor produced the documents and the business man wrote out a check covering all of them. Before twelve o'clock, two other men came and had their debts paid.

People outside could not believe it. But now there was no time left to have their bills paid.

The Lord is good to everyone. He showers compassion on all his creation. . . . He does not withhold the good from those who live with integrity. - Psalm 145:9 + Ps.84:11

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For more information, contact Trudy on 5422 0320, Kate on 5422 0345 or email grants@mrsc.vic.gov.au

BADMINTON

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SACRAMENTS

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MARC'S MESSAGE

As this publication goes to print, we Christians are in the
middle of Holy Week. During that time we focus on the
events of the last days of Jesus and try to work out where
we stand. This is a tragic story of power games and the
failure to stand up for those we love.

St. Mary's Parish has embraced the Loud Fence
Movement. Although, started off in Ballarat, it has
become an international response of support for victims
of child abuse. It consists simply in tying a ribbon of
any colour [or even an old tie] to the fence of a Catholic
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At the church at Romsey, you can tie it to the handrails
of the church, or in one of the many trees that are in the
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in the 'climbing tree' in front of the church. St Mary's
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WASPS A POTENTIAL PROBLEM

European Wasps have again established themselves as a problem in many local areas. These pests build nests in the ground and can inflict serious sting wounds if provoked. Remember to stay clear of nests when hiking through the bush. Nests on private property should be removed/destroyed by a qualified pest contractor.

European wasps prefer to nest around human habitation where they can scavenge food and sweet liquids. Large numbers of wasps can be attracted to picnics and barbecues and interfere with outdoor activities. School bins in the playground are often abuzz with European wasps searching for and feeding on food scraps and entering drink cans.

Wasps can sometime be beneficial in gardens by removing caterpillars and other such garden pests. However, they make pests of themselves by damaging ripening fruit, and to help reduce the numbers of European wasps in your backyard, the home gardener must continually clear all fruit that has fallen to the ground. European wasps can cause economic loss and problems fruit picking in commercial orchards.

The European winter temperatures are much colder than those experienced in Australia. Only European wasp queens survive the European winter, meaning that each year, the wasp nest begins with a single individual. In Australia, the temperatures are such that the worker European wasps can survive the winter. This means that

if a new queen remains in her old nest, the nest does not begin with a single individual, but with a new queen and several thousand workers. These nests are called 'overwintering' nests and by summer may have increased in size to house over 100,000 worker wasps. A European wasp nest commonly contains from several thousand to tens of thousands of individual wasps. If their nest is disturbed, European wasps are more aggressive than native wasps in protecting the nest.

The sting of the European wasp does not contain barbs like those found on the sting of a honey bee, therefore the wasp can sting a victim repeatedly. The wasp is also able to release an alarm pheromone (or chemical signal) that 'marks' animals which disturb their nest, attracting other wasps to the sting site.

The venom from the sting of a European wasp contains several toxins, which may cause a hypersensitive or allergic reactions in some people. Studies have shown that about 10% of people stung more than once become allergic to wasp venom.

The greatest health risk posed by European wasps is if stung in the mouth or back of the throat. The soft tissue in these areas will immediately swell and may cause breathing difficulties. For this reason, we recommend that you never drink directly from a can or bottle outdoors.

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According to ecologist Andrew Hamer of the Australian Research Centre of Urban Ecology, amphibians are essential—the loss of a single species of frog can affect entire networks within nature. Andrew will discuss the endangered Growling Grass Frog on Saturday 16 April at Council's free talk on the ecological role of frogs. The event will be held from 2pm–4.30pm at the Gisborne Administration Centre, 40 Robertson Street Gisborne. It will examine the life history, habitat and threats to the Growling Grass Frog.

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Western Water is seeking members for its new face-to-face Community Engagement Reference Group. The group's role is to provide a direct link between Western Water's Board and its customers, local businesses and community organisations. Western Water already gives customers opportunities to provide feedback and learn about its strategies and projects, through an online panel, social media, speaking engagements and the H2O Café at community events.

The Community Engagement Reference Group will allow members to engage in more in-depth discussions with Western Water about issues that are important to customers. Members of the group will preferably be Western Water customers with established links to local community groups,

and the ability to work collaboratively with others.

You will need to consider and contribute on a range of topics, from customer service to strategic planning and capital works. Members of the group will be selected through a process including formal interviews. They will be expected to comply with Western Water's Code of Conduct.

A copy of the group's Terms of Reference, which include further details of the group's role and the selection criteria for membership, can be obtained at WesternWater.com.au or by calling 1300 650 422. Written expressions of interest in joining the group close on 27 April 2016. Please send your expression of interest to Western Water, PO Box 2371, Sunbury DC VIC 3429.

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GREEN THUMBS

In the coming months at the Neighbourhood House we are offering a series of workshops aimed at showing ways to easily grow more of our own food. You can also learn how to keep soil full of nutrients so that not only is it easier for the plants to grow but they are also providing you with more nutrition. Bookings can be taken now for Wicken Bed Making, Bio Char and compost workshops which are being run on weekends at the end of April.

We have this lovely aim to make Lancefield a healthy more sustainable town. The Farmers Market is one way of doing this through providing local fresh produce for us to purchase. Future plans are to have more activities around learning how to eat with what is available seasonally and the Farmers Market Harvest festival at the April market is a great way to start – see the information in the Mercury.

Another healthy lifestyle initiative is the 'Incredible Edible' barrels in front of the shops, which are looking amazing. A big thank you to Michael for watering them over the hot, dry summer and keeping them lush and green. Pick some parsley and sprinkle it over anything

you are eating for dinner – parsley is a great source of vitamins, especially vitamin C, this, and some of the other components of the plant can contribute to a healthy heart and help diminish rheumatoid arthritis. There is a curry plant outside the Aspy from which a few leaves will add some flavour to some mince or a bowl of steamed vegetables. Experiment with the other herbs – we will have signs with their names and descriptions in them soon and would love creative contributions to these.

The Neighbourhood House supports the gardens in both the Primary Schools and is working with Romsey Neighbourhood House to establish a garden at Karinya. If you would like to learn more about growing your own food please phone the House so we can maybe organise other workshops. Alternatively you can join some of our community garden projects. Experienced and novice volunteers welcome.

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The Men's Shed provide a social lunch on Wednesday, run the wonderful 'tools in schools' program and work tirelessly

on projects for the benefit of the community. All of the above mentioned things have one thing in common in that they are entirely run by the most amazing group of volunteers. All of these activities are run by people in Lancefield who dedicate their time and skills to making this a better place to live in.

WHAT DOES THE FUTURE LOOK LIKE?

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is a beautifully illustrated book for Primary aged children. It’s simple but thoughtful prose teaches children of the importance of remembering those that gave up so much in order for us to have the Australia we are fortunate to live in today.



We're All Australians Now by Banjo Patterson & Illustrated by Mark Wilson – RRP \$24.99

In 1915, Australia’s much-

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Meet the ANZACS by Claire Saxby – RRP \$16.99

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With the rise of the Berlin Wall, twelve-year-old Gerta finds her family suddenly divided. She, her mother, and her brother Fritz live on the eastern side, controlled by the Soviets. Her father and middle brother, who had gone west in search of work,



cannot return home. Gerta knows it is dangerous to watch the wall, to think forbidden thoughts of freedom, yet she can't help herself. She sees the East German soldiers with their guns trained on their own citizens; she, her family, her neighbors and friends are prisoners in their own city.

But one day, while on her way to school, Gerta spots her father on a

viewing platform on the western side, pantomiming a peculiar dance. Then, when she receives a mysterious drawing, Gerta puts two and two together and concludes that her father wants Gerta and Fritz to tunnel beneath the wall, out of East Berlin. However, if they are caught, the consequences will be deadly. No one can be trusted. Will Gerta and her family find their way to freedom?

ADULT HISTORY:

Dunkirk; Fight to the Last Man by Hugh Sebag – Montefiore RRP \$26.99

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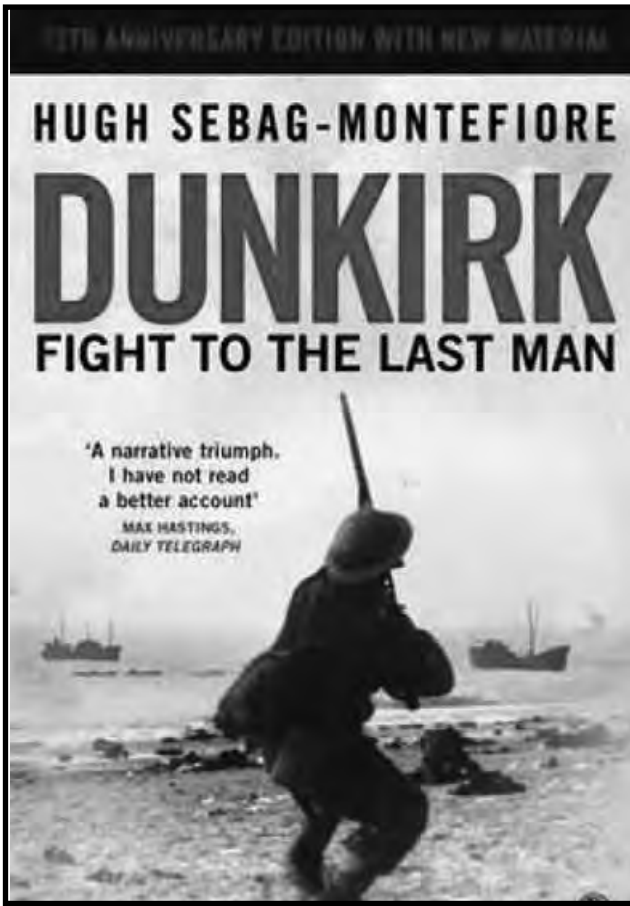
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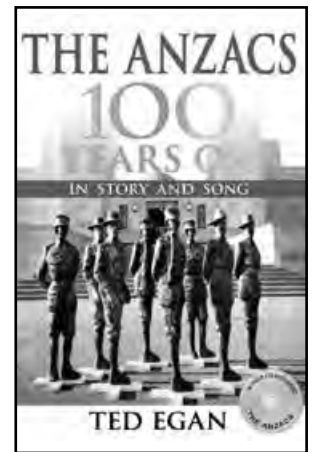
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the last man, these brave few battalions fought in whatever manner they could to buy precious time for the evacuation. Outnumbered and outgunned, they launched spectacular and heroic attacks time and again, despite ferocious fighting and the knowledge that for many only capture or death would end their struggle.

The ANZACS 100 Years on by Ted Egan – RRP \$39.95

This publication is a unique and highly readable contribution to the commemoration of the centenary of the Anzacs in World War 1. Ted Egan presents an historical documentation of the Anzacs and the ordinary men, women and children of the two young nations of



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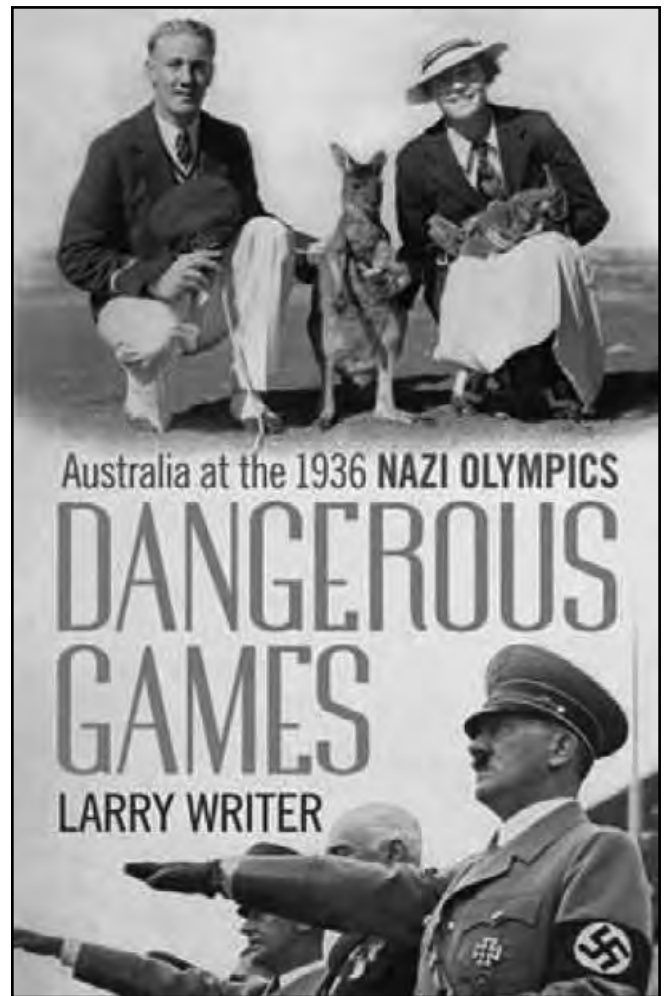
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Dangerous Games by Larry Writer

This is a tale of innocents abroad. Thirty-three athletes left Australia in May 1936 to compete in the Hitler Olympics in Berlin. Believing sporting competition was the best antidote to tyranny, they put their qualms on hold. Anything to be part of the greatest show on earth...

Dangerous Games drops us into a front row seat at the 100,000-capacity Olympic stadium to witness some of the finest sporting performances of all time - most famously the African American runner Jesse Owens, who eclipsed the best athletes the Nazis could pit against him in every event he entered. The Australians, with their antiquated training regimes and amateur ethos, valiantly confronted the intensely focused athletes of Germany, the United States and Japan.

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A copy of the group's Terms of Reference which include further details of the group's role and the selection criteria for membership can be obtained at WesternWater.com.au

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It's the responsibility of all road users to be vigilant at all times. When you are behind the wheel of any vehicle,

and that includes a bike, there is nothing more important at that time than operating that vehicle. As a car driver and a cyclist, I accept my shared responsibility. When I am riding my bike it is important that I make myself as visible as possible. When I am driving my car I can't just be on the lookout for something that is bigger and more dangerous than me. We all want to come home safely to our families at the end of the day.

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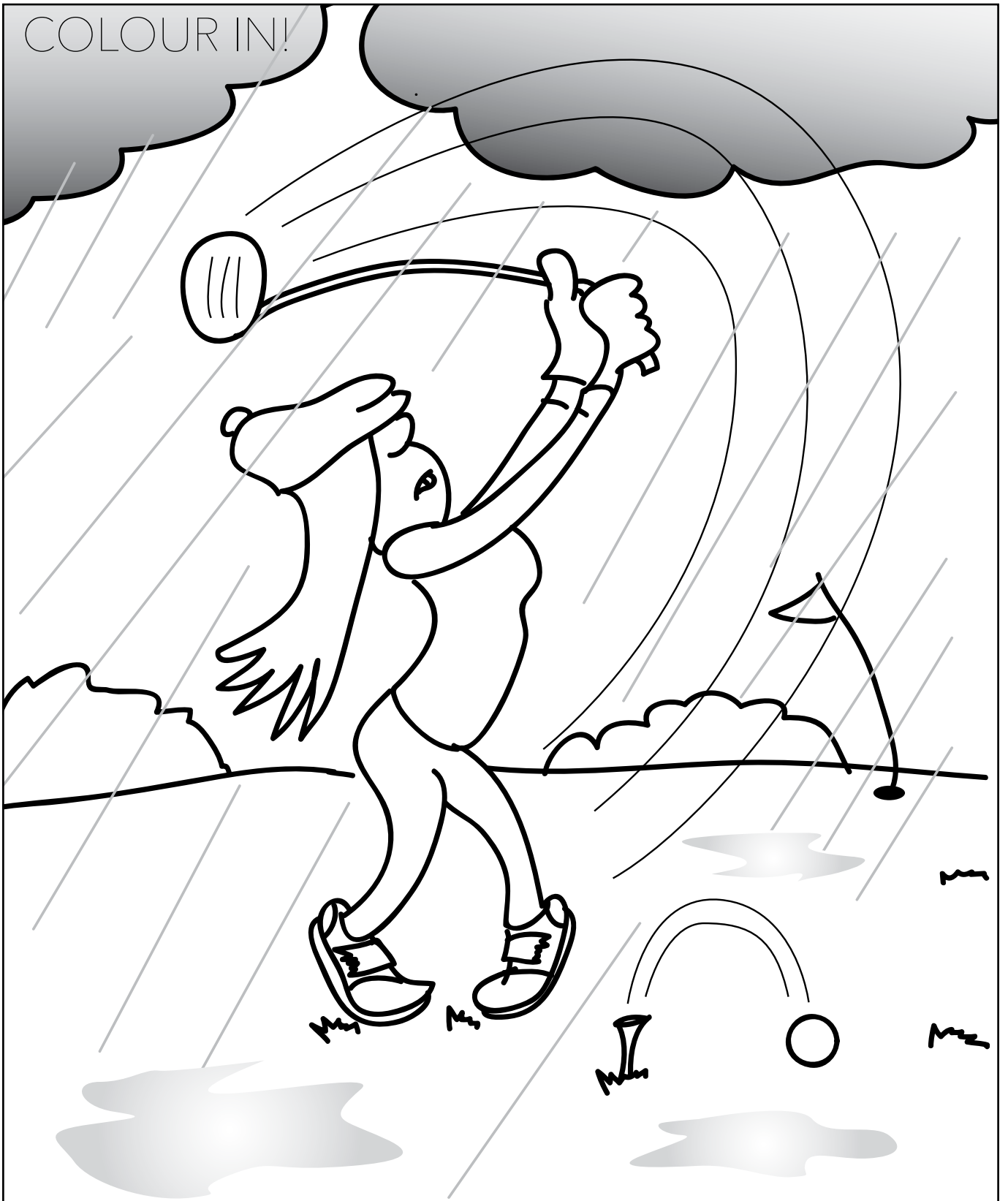
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I was recently invited to see what an Australian hero did for us. He was not a football player, nor a cricketer. He was a landscape and general painter. Although have been an Australian for many years, I am of Dutch origin and before I finished high school we visited the Dutch National Gallery three times to admire the paintings of Dutch Masters. Privileged as I was, I now travelled to the Australian National Gallery in Canberra to admire a large collection of Tom Roberts paintings.

Paintings made about our history, of migration, life on the land and in the bush. I thought these paintings were superior to those of Rembrand, Frans Hals, Van Meegeren of Holland. Of course I am not an art critic, but it struck me also how few children were seeing this exhibition. At the time I wondered how many Lancefield or local children and/or their teachers know about Tom Roberts, who himself travelled the world to improve his craft. Married to an Australian girl he is buried in a simple grave in a small country town (Illawarra near Longford) in northern Tasmania.

Murk Schoen

NEW EVENTS & FESTIVALS GRANTS PROGRAM

Council has introduced a new dedicated grant program for groups and organisations seeking funds and other council support for events and festivals.

In the past, Council's main funding for events and festivals was provided through the annual Community Funding Scheme, with additional in-kind support provided by individual departments on an ad-hoc basis.

However, from 2016 onwards, all support requests for events & festivals will be handled through the new program.

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We are also looking for donations of pieces of scrap metal, objects that might have been destroyed in the fire or interesting bits found on your property.

Participants of the workshops and any interested members of the community are invited to contribute to this public artwork. It is envisaged that individuals will create birds made of steel in a variety of different shapes and sizes.

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Compiled by Fay Woodhouse

APRIL

Saturday 02 4.00 pm	Hanging Rock Annual Camp Out	Saturday 16 2.-4 pm	Growling Grass Frog, Gisborne Administration Centre
Saturday 09 8.30 am	Christ Church Anglican Church Men's Society Meeting	Sunday 17	Deep Creek Landcare Group
Sunday 10	Christ Church Anglican Church Harvest Thanksgiving	Working Bee	
Monday 11	Deep Creek Landcare Meeting	Friday 22 9.30 am	Lancefield Golf Club "Give Golf a Go"
Friday 15 9.30 am	Lancefield Golf Club "Give Golf a Go"	Monday 25 8.30 am	Anzac Day Commemorative Service, Cenotaph, Lancefield
Saturday 16 9.30 am	First Aid Certificate, Neighbourhood House	Friday 29 9.30 am	Lancefield Golf Club "Give Golf a Go"
Saturday 16 2-4.30 pm	CWA display of handicrafts, Mechanics Hall	Friday 29 7.00 pm	Lancefield Golf Club Girls Night Out

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Lancefield bowlers (from left) Michael Linehan, Sue Holmes and Peter Linehan have won the prestigious Jack McMahon Shield -- which has been a key event in Central Highlands bowls for the past 16 seasons.

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LANCEFIELD GOLF CLUB REPORT

RAIN BRINGS EXCITEMENT TO THE GOLF CLUB

I am writing this as the rain pours from the sky and we already have 35mls here in Pyalong Road. This weather is just fantastic for us all and we here at the golf club are as excited as anyone. The fairways will green up and with some warm weather forecast for next week we expect that there will be some healthy growth through the course. The last few weeks have seen the course deteriorate badly due to lack of rain and our players have been playing off some areas of the fairways that had no cover at all. On the bright side it has meant that we have all benefitted from the infamous "summer roll" and there have been some good scores around the club as a result.

Our Monthly Medal winners for February were Florence Meyer with a nett score of 69. Well done to you Florence and Kevin McBride with a nett score of 66. Congratulations Kevin. It's good to see your name in the running for this yearly competition. Our March Monthly Medal winners were Jenni Vennell with a nett 70. Great work Jen and Ken Ryan with a nett of 64. Ken was also a member of the Lancefield 1000 winning team. He has been playing fantastic golf over the summer and is the one to beat at the moment. Well done Ken! The Lancefield 1000 did not draw as big a field as in previous years but the weather on the day was predicted to reach the mid to high 30's and there is no doubt that this would have affected numbers. Well done to the field of 32 who all came in alive and to the winners of the mixed team Barry and Di Brennan, Graeme Brennan and Gary Dudderidge and to the winning Men's team of Mark Andrews, Ken Ryan, Kevin McBride and Bert Parks.

The club hosted a wonderful night at the clubrooms on February 29th. It was a sold-out, outstanding success! Jodie Kefford brought his amazing voice and his amazing wife, Marina, along to entertain us for the evening. What a great time was had by all. Wonderful food and music that we could all sing along to. Thanks go to Jodie and Marina for their generous support of our golf club. We will be hosting another evening with Jodie and Marina in July so look out for the date and keep it free.

The Lancefield Ladies have held their annual Dorothy Hayes Match Play event over February and March and there has certainly been some great golf played over those weeks. The winner on the day was Kaylene Cruise who had to play to the 20th Hole to take the game from Lyn Murchison who, herself, had been playing some excellent golf. Well done to you Kaylene. We all enjoyed a wonderful lunch in the clubrooms after the game and were delighted that Dorothy



Lyn Murchison, Kaylene cruise, Dorothy Hayes, Florence Meyer

was able to come along to present the trophy to Kaylene. Thank you Dorothy for your on-going support of the club and thank you Susan for bringing Dorothy along to enjoy the afternoon.

On Friday the 29th April the ladies will be holding a Girls Night Out at the clubrooms beginning at 7.00pm. There will be a fashion parade by Veducchi Fashions and our other feature vendors will be Arbonne, Love Intimo, Jan Berry and Silk in Colour. We hope that this event will be well supported by our local community as we continue to provide opportunities for us all to come together both socially and as a sporting group.

The Men's and Ladies Pennant Competitions are about to begin and we wish both our teams every success in this comp which takes our members out and about to other clubs to enjoy playing on similarly great courses throughout the area.

Finally, a thank you to all those people around the clubrooms who work hard for our club throughout the year. We are very lucky to have a committed group of members who keep the club running so well for us all to enjoy. They help to provide us with a great course, clubrooms and opportunities for social gatherings and we are grateful for their contribution.

And now a final word from our sponsor: "If you drink, don't drive. Don't even putt!"

PS The club is running "Give Golf a Go" clinics for ladies on Friday April 15th, 22nd, 29th commencing at 9.30am. Cost is \$30.00 including brunch.