

CELEBRATION OF THE **SPRING SHOW** MATRIARCH

This year is a big milestone for the Spring Show. The Lancefield CWA branch is celebrating the tireless efforts of our very special member Mrs Betty Bucknell.

Mrs Bucknell has been running the Spring Show for the last 28 years and, although still heavily involved, is retiring from the helm this year.

It all began in 1987 when, only 12 months into her membership with CWA, Mrs Bucknell was advised by an outgoing secretary that "You could do this!" and over the reins were handed.

With the original schedule hand typed and copied on a duplicator, Mrs Bucknell went to work in putting on the best Spring Show she knew how. And it has gotten bigger and better every year since, thanks to her enormous dedication.

Mrs Bucknell told me that she loves looking over her old records and has a suitcase full of them at home. I was lucky enough to be able to look at a few of the schedules that she had brought with her.

The original from 1987 shows that you could enter for 10c per item and visit for \$2 (which included a cup of tea). Although today it is 50c to put in an entry in the show, the admission price is still \$2!

Starting out as a Friday afternoon event, today sees the planning starting months in advance and the actual show talking place over 2 full days. It is not uncommon for Mrs Bucknell to be at her station in the back room from 7.30am till late in the evening, just to make sure everything is ok.

Full of stories about the show, Mrs Bucknell fondly remembers a young boy who entered his home grown daffodils. An adult entrant who spied the young boy placing his entries, was so impressed that he gave the little boy some of his special daffodil bulbs to take home and look after. Mrs Bucknell said the boy kept at it and entered for the next few years to the point that he was bumped up to the intermediate section.

Although the show has been run relatively drama free, Mrs Bucknell recalled the time that a judge, who was driving from Mornington way, got stuck in traffic. There was a minor panic and phone around but a replacement was soon found and all ended well.

The Daffodil Society started supporting the show not long



after Mrs Bucknell took over and throughout the years they have been a terrific source of judges, entrants, not to mention the amazing and unique daffodils that are on display every year.

The show has always been well supported by the local primary schools, who decorate the walls with their vibrant artwork, girl guides with their many entries, the hall committee who have always been generous with the hall and of course the locals who continue to enter their prized goods.

There have been a few changes over the years with the introduction of extra days, morning tea, lunches, computers and photocopiers, CWA merchandise introduced, last year saw the eftpos machine at the show for the first time and this year the whole show is being computerised.

In honour of our inspiring member, this year there will be an award introduced for the most inspirational piece at the show, selected by Mrs Bucknell.

A special presentation will take place at 2pm, Saturday 12th at the Spring Show to both Mrs Bucknell and the recipient of the award.

For more information regarding the Spring Show please refer to the CWA update in the Mercury.

CHAINSAW ART AT THE SHOW

TWO well-credentialed chainsaw sculptors will be displaying their skills at the annual Lancefield Agricultural Show. They will convert two very large cypress tree stumps into a permanent megafauna art attraction at the showgrounds (Lancefield Park).

Lancefield Agricultural Society is very appreciative of a \$3140 community funding grant from the Macedon Ranges Shire Council for the drawcard project.

There will be a multitude of attractions at this year's show on Sunday, October 18, including the launch of the week-long Extinct -Lancefield Megafauna Festival.

Show committee president, John McCarthy, said the show will have something for all age groups, and chainsaw sculptors Angie Polglaze and Robby Bast are looking forward to coming to Lancefield.

Angie has been a full-time chainsaw sculptor since 1997, working and competing in events around the world. She has been involved in public art projects in the USA, Canada, the United Kingdom, Germany and Australia, and has been a trend setter in a field which was once largely a male-only activity.

Her creative designs incorporate the use of colour; the big footballer at the entrance to the Gardiner Reserve at Gisborne is one of her creations in the Macedon Ranges.

Robby Bast is a versatile chainsaw and experienced sculptor, and his speciality is carving out wooden animals.

The stumps to be carved are from two very old trees near the north-east corner of the park.

Sculpting the tree stumps will take place on the Sunday, and be completed the following day.

Megafauna and Lancefield Park will then have a



Coming to the Lancefield Show: talented sculptors Robby Bast and Angie Polglaze.

prominent visual recognition link for locals and visitors alike through the tree sculpting.

For livestock and craft entries and all details of this year's show events visit the website <www.lancefieldshow.org.au>

Intending Show Day stallholders can call 0409 386 875 or emaillanshow1@hotmail.com

LANDCARE PREPARES FOR THE LANCEFIELD SHOW – GET READY TO JOIN IN!

The Extinct Festival, which will commence with the Show and extend through the following week, provides a great opportunity for all people to learn from the past.

Have you ever had chance to dig for relics of the past? Have you found any fossils / bones in the area that may have a link to the past? Have you seen a chainsaw used to make a sculpture from a tree stump? How can we prevent threatened plants and animals from being driven to extinction? Do you know how large some of the Megafauna animals were?

Lots of questions, but the planned activities at the Lancefield show and during the following week can give the chance to provide the answers.

The Museum of Victoria, MRSC, local utilities and local groups, including Deep Creek Landcare, will contribute to the following planned activities: Chainsaw sculpture of cypress stumps at Lancefield Park. "Mini Dig" / "Sandpit Dig" as an archaeological experience

Talks, with opportunities for discussion, on the following subjects – extinct local bird species, fossils / bones from local areas, Lancefield archaeological site excavations and local extinct species

Fossil Roadshow – identification of fossils / bones etc brought along by local people. Display of extinct monsters in Lancefield. Street Theatre at LF market. Endangered species and how to assist their survival. So, round up your fossils and bones and be ready for all the fun.

Other recent Landcare activities have included another roadside clean up along Lancefield–Kilmore Road and planning for future revegetation programs.

Landholders, don't forget we also have access to expert advice that can assist you with vegetation and erosion control.

Please contact the secretary for further information. Ken, Deep Creek Landcare – Secretary 040488 65 80

LANCEFIELD GOLF CLUB REPORT

LOOKING FORWARD TO SOME SUNSHINE?

Looking forward to some warmer weather and sunshine? As I write this in the middle of August we still feel like we are in the depths of winter. Hopefully by the time you read this, the skies are blue above, the grass is still green underfoot and the yellow sun is shining brightly on us all!

Despite, at times, inclement weather over winter the golfers here at Lancefield have been rugging up and playing on regardless. Our Ladies are playing for the title of Silver Spooner next week so it's good luck to Florence Meyer, Di Rohde, Lyn Murchison and Tina Baker (Results in our next edition). Congratulations again to Tina who has now won her third Monthly Medal in a row. I think she must be out practicing in the dark, under lights because she is playing a great game and is proving very hard to beat at the moment. Good luck to all our other lady members for the September round! As spring approaches we will be seeing more of our ladies venturing out to play inter-club competition. Three of our members (Carole, Di and Sheena) are off to compete at the Kyneton Par 3 Day at the end of the month. Good luck Team.

Men's Tuesday and Saturday golf competitions continue to pull reasonable numbers and our Monthly Medal winner for this month was Brett Lockens. Congratulations. Brett does a lot of work around the club so it's always good to see that he has enough energy left over to play an excellent round of golf when it counts. Last week's 2 person Ambrose was

won by Jodie Kefford and Richard Phillipe. Well done to you both. As mentioned in our last month's report Stewie Stevens and Ray Shultz were competing in the final of the men's Match Play event. The winner on the day was Stewie who managed to out class his opponent. Well done.

Our Tea and Trivia night was held last Friday and a great night was had by all. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this major fundraiser. Other club news and important dates are Saturday 5th September our AGM, Sunday 13th September Par 3 Challenge (please ring Carole on 5429 1026 to book your place) Loads of great prizes up for grabs so 'be in it to win it'. Thursday 24th September is our Ladies Arbonne Tournament and on Tuesday 29th the course will be closed for coring. Helpers required. (If you feel you are in need of some exercise!) Refurbishment of the clubrooms continues under the expert guidance of Carole and hopefully by the end of this year we will have freshly painted the rooms and had new carpet laid. The new dishwasher, donated by Di Brennan, was an absolute boon for the helpers in the kitchen on our Trivia night so thank you Di.

As winter draws to a close and we head into spring we are all anticipating the best part of the year. We hope for mild days and convivial company.. a fail safe antidote to the cold and gray experienced over the past few months. Happy golfing everyone!

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Hopefully this should avoid the situation last month when emails were not getting through. If you have any questions don't hesitate to ring me.

Andy Moore
Editor 0430 448 120

WEATHER COMMENT

It appears that we have had quite a dry month again, but as I sat down to write this I found we had measured 49 mm for the period. Better than I expected. A touch of Spring in the air today but I don't expect it to continue. The media is still mentioning an El Nino and it certainly looks as though this will happen.

Not much of note on the farm scene except for the ewes, which are lambing, with multiple births being the order of the day. First day saw three sets of twins and one set of triplets – could have been Toby's mother but I have no way of knowing whether this is the case. All are doing well and we had no need to put one on the bottle, thank goodness as Toby is still being a mischief.

The markets are still strong with stock in the prime sales still bringing exceptional money.

The garden is now showing some signs of Spring but I will expand on that next month.

Robert Green

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BOWLS READY TO ROLL

Lancefield Bowling Club is poised to launch its 2015-16 season, with the club's green in top condition.

Opening Day at Lancefield is on Saturday, September 12, and bowlers will have an early taste of competition by playing the annual Doug Rainey Memorial Triples event which was held over from last season.

All bowlers and prospective members are invited to attend.

The Central Highlands Bowling Division's season opening is at Diggers Rest on Saturday, September 5.

Lancefield will play Gisborne in a pre-season practice match at Gisborne on Saturday, September 19.

The CHBD pennant season opens early in October, with Lancefield will field two teams (division 1 and 3) each Saturday, and one team in division 1 mid-week pennant each Tuesday.

Lancefield is confident of being very competitive in pennant this season.

For several seasons the club has encouraged grade 5 and 6 youngsters from Lancefield Primary School and St Mary's Primary School to take part in regular bowls sessions.

These have proved quite popular. This season it is expected youngsters from Hesket and Newham primary schools will join in.

The club is looking at the possibility of introducing the Junior Jack Attack program for youngsters from the four schools.

Bowls Australia sees bowls as the most inclusive sport available for schoolchildren.

There's no advantage in being tall or short, strong or not so strong, male or female.

CWA SEPTEMBER

OUR SPRING SHOW IS HERE AGAIN

This is CWA's biggest month of the year. Our Spring Show is here again and as you may have read in another article, we are celebrating our inspirational member Mrs Betty Bucknell.

If you haven't got your entries in already, please don't forget to contact Meaghan before Wednesday 9th September to register. A schedule can be emailed to you if you contact lancefieldcwa@gmail.com

Held over two days, Friday 11th September from 2pm and Saturday 12th September 9a.m.-3p.m. we are hoping that this year is bigger than ever.

Our lunches are returning, with soup, sandwiches and slice with a coffee/tea all bundled together for \$10. Of course for all the scones fans, Devonshire tea will be available for \$5 as well.

This year's raffle is a hamper of CWA home made goodies, from Lavosh through to homemade sauce, sure to delight any food lover.

A great range of CWA cookbooks, tea towels and aprons will also be available to purchase on the day.

If it is a cold day please don't forget to bring a coat, with the huge range of flowers and daffodils on display, we cannot put the heaters on inside the hall. Don't despair though, the fire will be on in the dining room to warm yourself over a cuppa.

We look forward to seeing all of your amazing goodies on display.

Please don't hesitate to contact Meaghan Keogh on 0439 381 977 or lancefieldcwa@gmail.com if you have any queries.



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MEGAFAUNA A DRAWCARD



Wurundjeri culture: Uncle Bill Nicholson captured the attention of students at Lancefield.

Over 300 students from Lancefield's two primary schools attended the recent Lancefield Megafauna Festival preliminary education day.

There was plenty of enthusiasm during the sessions at Lancefield Mechanics' Hall.

Speakers from Museum Victoria shed light on the type of megafauna fossils found in Lancefield, and further afield.

They drew attention to the giant animals and reptiles which once roamed the countryside.

Uncle Bill Nicholson, from the Wurundjeri Tribe Land and Compensation Cultural Heritage Council, outlined aspects of Aboriginal culture in Australia, with particular reference to the famous green stone axe quarry at Mt William, near Lancefield.



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Festival artist: Brigitt Heller will be helping students from both Lancefield schools with their art programs.

Lancefield-based Brigitt Heller, the artist appointed to co-ordinate schools' activities during the festival, provided an insight into what the students would be doing.

They will all be given the opportunity to create individual art works.

The youngsters showed plenty of interest in the fossils on display. Some of these originated in Lancefield and are part



Plenty of interest: Museum of Victoria representatives Wayne Gerditz and Lisa Nink with four Lancefield Primary School students and a selection of megafauna fossils.

of an extensive collection held by Museum Victoria.

Bronwyn Wilson, former director of the Kyneton Museum, co-ordinated the day and was pleased with the interest shown, and the information provided by speakers.

David Pickering, from the museum's palaeontology department, said the museum expects to be represented during the inaugural Lancefield Megafauna Festival, which runs from October 18-25.

The festival will open on Lancefield Show Day -- Sunday, October 18.

The festival organising committee is appreciative of support being shown by various interest groups, and sponsors.

Full details of the Megafauna Festival attractions will be in the October edition of the *Mercury*.



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LIVING IN AND LOVING LANCEFIELD

Most people living in Lancefield absolutely love it. It's beautiful, peaceful and there is a great sense of community. For others it's a place where they feel trapped, isolated or lonely.

There is the Lancefield which is a beautiful, sunny, spring morning enjoyed by crowds of people at the Farmers Market and there is the Lancefield with unemployment, domestic violence and increasing drug and crime issues.

Research shows that as a society; we are meeting less in organisations; we play less organised sport; we hang out less at the bar; we know and trust our neighbours less; we meet with friends less, and have less trusted friends; we socialise with the family less.

There is no magic wand to wave and fix all the bits we don't like, but there are things we can do, or try, which will help us have a town which keeps its sense of community, friendliness and safety as its grows.

The best thing we can do is connect with each other - that's from making an effort to meet your neighbours to taking yourself along to some of the many activities and events which are organised in Lancefield (and encouraging your neighbours to go along as well). This edition of the

Mercury will be full of things that people are putting a lot of time and energy into making happen, and with the warmer weather in the next few months we will see a lot more.

If too many of us dismiss everything as boring, can't find the time, or feel too shy to join in, then these activities will gradually decline in numbers. Fewer community activities means less connection and communication and these things are vital for us to have a sense of belonging to feel safe and supported.

Along with other groups the Neighbourhood House is working on initiatives to keep all the aspects we love about living in Lancefield. The Street by Street project is one we are exploring, if you who would like to find out more about this join us on Monday 21 September at 6.30 pm or phone the House on 54291214.

We will be attending the Shire's workshop to look at a strategy to deal with the drug Ice in the Macedon Ranges - something which our local police member cited as the biggest problem we currently have in Lancefield. This is certainly not something that anybody has any answers for but at the very least we can be encouraging individuals and families to be involved in the community, building



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relationships which support young people to put their energies in a positive direction.

The Neighbourhood House would love to hear any ideas people have for making Lancefield a strong community and are very interested in partnering with other groups who are organising community events or activities.

Having said all that – what is happening through the Neighbourhood House in September??

The Tax Help volunteer will be available till October. Other than being able to help with completing simple tax returns we can also help people set up their My Gov account and set up an email address for you if you need one. There is public internet access at both The Neighbourhood House and The Town House. Call 5429 1214 for Tax Help appointments.

A Sourdough Bread Making class is being held on Saturday 5 September from 10am – 1 pm. The class is \$35 and includes a light lunch - with freshly baked bread of course!

We also have another afternoon with Angels on Saturday 12 September. Explore using Angel Cards for readings for yourself, family and friends and enjoy a blissful guided Angel Meditation. 1.30 – 4pm, \$25 contact Gwen Starr on 0407 687 998 for information and bookings.

We also have many new costumes for hire at 'Fancy That, our Op Shop fancy dress shop. There are actually so many donated costumes that we have a culling sale of extra outfits every Farmers Market Saturday. To hire costumes visit the Op Shop on Thursdays and Fridays and visit the actual store on Saturday mornings.

MACEDON RANGES

TO KICK OFF THE SEASON

You will probably agree, there is nothing more pleasing to Macedon Ranges residents than to see the daffodils bloom at the start of spring. Spring means more light, more colour, more growth and, importantly, more festivals and fun.

To kick off the season, the Kyneton Daffodil and Arts Festival is taking it to a new level this year, running between 3 and 13 September. Along with the Daffodil Old Time Ball, Art and Flower shows, scarecrow competition and the street parade and fair, there will also be a food and wine exhibition at the old DeGraves Mill, ferret racing, a One Act Plays Festival and so much more. Make sure you visit <http://www.kynetondaffodilarts.org.au/> so that you don't miss a thing.

The Mount Macedon and District Horticultural Society Plant Lovers Market at Bolobek will be on again on the weekend of 19 and 20 September. This is a must visit event to experience the best of the Macedon Ranges in spring. Explore the grounds of this stunning and important property nestled in the foothills of Mount Macedon and find a range of local, rare and unusual plants for sale. This is where many locals go to find plants to reinvigorate their gardens, all of which contribute to the beauty of our great region.

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on the Cross, brought God’s judgement on them also. In 70AD the Roman army totally destroyed that beautiful city over which Jesus had wept as He foretold its destruction, the Jews then fleeing to safety in Europe and many other places – The Diaspora. They have, only in the latter half of the 20th Century, returned to their ancient homeland.

What are the lessons for all of us today? What choices are we making? Do we learn from history? God does not change, neither does our fallen sinful human nature! Jesus is the only one who can transform us!

Only as we put our faith and trust in Jesus as our Saviour and Lord and by the grace and power of His Holy Spirit working within us can we overcome the sin which so easily leads us away from our Maker and Redeemer. We all must stand one day before the judgement seat of Christ. For the unbeliever this has no relevance but for the believer – take heed and go forward in faith.

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Thank you to all who supported our Tony's Pie Drive, just over \$900 was raised.

SEPTEMBER 2015

Thursday 10th, 8p.m.: A.M.S. (Anglican Men's Society) meets for their "Snooker Night" at Mrs.F. Carter's home. Monegeetta. Enq. Tom..5429-6060 Max..5429-1597.

Thursday, 1.30p.m.: The Guild meets Christ Church Hall L/field..Enq. Glenice 5429-6418

Sunday 20th, 10a.m.: Special Service Of Thanksgiving For The Restoration Of Christ Church Lancefield with Bishop Philip Huggins, Our Regional Bishop.

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TO ALL
RESIDENTS

An invitation to all interested residents from the Restoration Fund of Christ Church Lancefield to attend a special service on Sunday 20th September at 10 am. This service is to reopen our Church for regular services following the completion of the major portion of the restoration works.

Bishop Phillip Huggins will be with us to help celebrate this milestone in the life of our Church. We especially would like those who contributed to the Restoration Fund to join us on that day. Please consider this a personal invitation.

Robert Green on behalf of the Committee

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MASS TIMES

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RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 9:45am Romsey & 5:45pm Lancefield.

BAPTISMS

October, December 2015.
February, April, June, August, October, December 2016. For more information, please phone 5429 2130.

REGULAR EVENTS

St. Mary's Drop-In: First Thursday of each month, 10:00 a.m. Mass – Romsey Church – all welcome.
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Anyone wishing to know about the Catholic faith is invited to contact Fr. Arnold 5429 2130.

CATCHING UP WITH ST. MARY'S PARISH STUDENTS

Fr. Arnold is keen to meet with or hear from youth of St. Mary's Parish. He would like to know what kind of events they would like to see the parish hold. Would students presently at Sacred Heart and Assumption Colleges welcome periodic get-togethers? Suggestions of how to celebrate the Parish Feast of St. Mary's on Sunday 13th of September would also be welcome. Any suggestions to initiate a parish webpage or facebook page? Contact Fr. Arnold: 5429 2130 arnoldheredia2014@gmail.com

SPECIAL EVENTS - SEPTEMBER

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A TRAGEDY ON ROMSEY ROAD

On Tuesday the 11th of August 2015 a single-vehicle accident occurred on the Romsey–Woodend Road. As a result, a Heskett local lost his life. Without in any way pre-empting the Coroner’s decision, initial indications are that the driver swerved to avoid a kangaroo.

Some years ago we had a tragic fatal accident on the Lancefield–Tooborac Road where a vehicle just north of Lancefield swerved to avoid a kangaroo and collided head on with an oncoming vehicle.

It is human nature to attempt to avoid a collision and to swerve around obstacles on the road. Accidents are costly, and it is extremely inconvenient if you live in a rural area to be without transport. *But* – and it is a really big but – the loss of a life is far more costly and damaging to the whole community.

Cars can be replaced and repaired. You cannot replace a human life. By all means, brake hard in an attempt to minimise the damage should you be confronted with a

kangaroo but unless you have been able to reduce your speed to such an extent that you have complete control of the vehicle, do not swerve. If you do hit a kangaroo, most modern cars are fitted with air bags and offer far greater protection than older vehicles without air bags, so the chances of you being injured by a collision with a kangaroo are far lower.

We need to get this message out to our younger drivers. Certainly the circumstances of every incident/accident will be different, but as a general rule swerving at speed to avoid an accident will be far more dangerous than braking in a straight line. Once again, modern braking systems are far superior to those of the past and you may be able to steer and brake at the same time. But please try to avoid swerving harshly to avoid a collision.

We all need to adjust our driving on local roads to suit the conditions. This includes reducing our speed early in the morning and from dusk onwards. The numbers of kangaroos seem far greater this year than in previous years.

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It is not unusual to see mobs of 50 to 60 kangaroos in roadside paddocks, and in the mornings and evenings they are more active and move closer to the roads to feed.

It's not just around Lancefield that we have a problem. Every morning I hear police being tasked to dispatch injured kangaroos around the Macedon Ranges and beyond. Only a month ago I was travelling to Bendigo for training and was tasked to dispatch two Kangaroos at different locations near Heathcote that had been hit by cars.

If you do hit a Kangaroo and it is safe to do so, please stop. Take the time to check if it is dead and if it isn't call 000. If it is dead take the time to pull it off the road so another driver does not come to grief trying to avoid it. If you can, check for a joey and if you think it has a joey call the Wildlife Rescue Number 13 000 WILDLIFE or 13 000 94535.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank those persons who stopped at the accident scene on Romsey Road the 11th and assisted. It was really wonderful to see people prepared to stop and help a stranger in need. A truck driver from Wallan who took the time to stay chat to the injured driver and take his mind off his circumstances, a shop keeper from Romsey who held his hand and comforted him, the mum from Romsey who was first on scene organised the emergency services and then stayed to help. Wonderful humanity from everyday people. On behalf of the driver, his family and myself, my thanks to you.

Footnote: Prior to completing this article I was called out to dispatch yet another injured kangaroo on Three

Chain Road near Croziers Road. This kangaroo was hit at about 10.30 am. Be careful they are out there.

PROPERTY

Lancefield Police have recovered an electric Flymo whipper snipper and a mini hedge trimmer. These were located in the vicinity of Hemphill Court and are likely to have been stolen from a shed in the vicinity. If these are your items and you had not realised they were stolen or had not thought to report them stolen, please contact Lancefield Police on 54 292 000.

SHED BURGS

While on the subject of burglaries, we have had a number of burglaries and thefts from backyard sheds. If you have a shed, please consider getting a good lock for the door and keeping it locked after hours. Most thieves are opportunistic and if your shed is locked, the chances are they will go somewhere else rather than waste time and effort forcing the lock on your shed. The same applies to thefts from cars. A locked car is far less likely to be accessed than an unlocked car, and time and time again we take reports regarding thefts from unlocked cars, which can be very frustrating. Lock it up and keep it safe.

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LANCEFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

JEANS FOR GENES

Lancefield Primary School has been supporting the Jeans for Genes fundraiser for the last ten years. The staff and students have identified this fundraiser as one on our high priority list as it is all about helping research birth issues which affect children. The students get very excited about wearing denim to school as it is an item that most of us have in our wardrobe. This year, we asked for a gold coin donation and raised \$158.00 and 1 pound (looks like a \$2.00 coin but what is the exchange rate?) One student managed to wear 6 pieces of denim; she had on 7, but couldn't sit down, so had to downsize. Double denim, triple denim, prizes were given for extreme denim, lots of fun had by all! We hope our donation can assist in the continuing research of genes and their effect on childhood illness.

As part of our Indonesian program, we have also been raising money to sponsor an orang-utan. We have been collecting 5c pieces and bringing them in to school. The orang-utan habitat is disappearing at an alarming rate through production of palm oil and the use of the forests for paper plantations. We are hoping to be able to sponsor an orang-utan very soon.

We were also very privileged recently to attend a two hour session at the Lancefield Mechanics Hall in preparation for the *Extinct* – Lancefield Mega Fauna Festival which will take



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place in October. Students learnt about bones that were discovered in the 19th century near Lancefield Park. Uncle Bill Nicholson, Wurundjeri Elder, joined palaeontologists from Museum Victoria for a day of fun and history discussing the bones of the giant wombat (Diprotodon), which seemingly became extinct due to climate change.

Local artist, Brigit Heller, will be working with the students to create individual art pieces for the festival. She was also present to talk with the students about the art work that will be produced. We cannot wait to participate in this wonderful community event.

Lancefield Primary School has also been taking part in the Sporting in Schools program for the past two terms. In Term Two, we had local members of the community run netball skills sessions and a boot camp for our students. This term, we are running a gymnastics/circus skills program across the school and skills sessions for basketball; again using the expertise of members in the local community.

Recently, our Prep students also completed their first 100 days of school. They spent the day celebrating all things 100 and were presented with certificates at assembly to commemorate this special occasion.



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PASTOR'S PARABLES

As a parent, the father should ensure that he is contributing to his child's life in whatever way possible. He can help his child in their studies and hobbies and just "Be There" at things which are important to his child.

A father should understand that his child was solely dependent on him as a young kid, but this often changes as they grow to become independent. This is all the more important when the child enters their teens, as children often tend to become a little distant from their parents, especially as they grow up and discover outside interests and friends. A father should understand that such changes are bound to occur, and try to adjust to them as soon as possible.

A father and his child can be two absolutely different personalities. They may have different likes and preferences. Obviously, the generation gap also contributes to the differences between the two. Hence, it is important to understand and accept each other. Mutual respect for each other is very important to make any relationship sustain and stand the test of time. From the perspective of a father, giving respect is important to make his child value themselves. The child should respect the love and care their father showers them with. Both the father and his child should ensure that no matter how friendly they are to each other, they don't cross certain boundaries and respect each other's opinion and approach towards life.

Discussing problems with each other and seeking opinion is a good way to develop the bonding.

No matter how busy you are, spending quality time together is the way to nurture a relationship and to make it everlasting; so that the focus on each of your worlds does not spoil the beautiful relationship you share. Sounds perfect doesn't it? If worked at, it can be. But if this is not the case in your family, we all have a Heavenly Father who is just waiting to reveal to you what a *Perfect Father Is!* (Mt. 5:48)

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COMMUNITY SPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE FUND

Local MP, Mary-Anne Thomas, is encouraging community sports clubs across Macedon to apply for funding to improve their facilities. Grants for the Community Sport and Infrastructure Fund are now open and are an opportunity for clubs to update rundown facilities and infrastructure.

“Community sport is at the heart of our regional communities and Labor is investing in the facilities of grass roots clubs so local sport can continue to grow and thrive. Importantly, the fund includes \$10 million to develop female-friendly facilities so that clubs can build or upgrade women’s change rooms. Women are joining community sports clubs in record numbers however women’s change rooms are often rundown or non-existent,” Ms Thomas said.

“Appropriate facilities and change rooms are critical

to support women’s participation in local sport and these grants represent a great opportunity to enhance women’s facilities”. AFL Goldfields Netball Manager, Kim Bailey said.

The Community Sport and Infrastructure Fund also provides grants for up to \$100,000 for cricket facilities, up to \$3 million for local pools, up to \$650,000 for major facilities and \$100,000 for minor facilities upgrades. Local councils will need to apply for the grants but sporting clubs and community organisations can seek support for their project through council by submitting an Expression of Interest.

Ms Thomas added, “Local sports clubs deserve modern, safe facilities. The Labor Government promised them, and is getting on with delivering them.”

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On Monday August 10th the preps travelled to the traffic school and had the opportunity to learn about being safe on the road. Isabelle was able to share with us at assembly how you need to "Stop, Look, Listen and Think" when you are crossing the road.

FIRST HOLY EUCHARIST

Thank you to the families for your commitment in supporting your child and the program at St Mary's. Thank you to Fr Arnold and Miss Murtagh for guiding the process and staff for supporting the students. Congratulations to students from St Mary's and surrounding schools.

BEE WALL


In Term 3 we have developed a BEE Wall which has photos of our students who have been positive, respectful and



cooperative. This is one way to recognize and reinforce the appropriate behaviour that is expected at St Mary's.

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One part of their daily commute can take them onto the Calder Freeway near Organ Pipes Park and Calder Park Drive. With limited safe options, this 100k plus freeway is an extreme risk ride with just a thin white line for protection. Unfortunately there has already been one cyclist very seriously injured.

We believe everyone should be able to get to work safely without fear of injury. We have asked VicRoads to build a bike path of 2.5 kilometres beside the freeway to keep our riders out of harm's way. If you agree with us and think a



major freeway is not a safe place for a cyclist to ride please support our on line petition asking that this bike path be built. Please go to Bike Safe Macedon Ranges Facebook page to show your support.

Margaret Douglas
President, Bike Safe Macedon Ranges .

COUNCIL NEW TOWN WELCOME SIGNS

Council has commenced upgrading welcome signs at town entrances across the shire, with a fresh design to showcase the unique landscape characteristics of each town. Many of these signs, which were installed seven years ago, have now reached the end of their expected lifespan and are showing visible signs of wear and tear, affecting their visibility to

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Sally has extensive qualifications both as a speech pathologist and as a performer. She completed a Master in Speech Pathology from La Trobe University, a Bachelor of Dramatic Arts (Acting) from the Victorian College of the Arts (VCA), and a Fine Arts and Theatre Major in her Bachelor of Arts from Sydney University. Sally also completed a Diploma of Speech and Drama from Trinity College, London and is a Certified Practising Member of Speech Pathology Australia. She regularly attends conferences and workshops to keep up to date with research in the area of speech pathology and voice; in 2013 she attended the Voice Symposium in Philadelphia and at the end of August she travelled to Florence to attend the Pan European Voice Conference.

As a speech pathologist, Sally specialises in the diagnosis and management of speech, language, fluency, swallowing, irritable larynx and voice disorders.

She has worked in private hospitals, inpatient and home rehabilitation, aged care facilities, private practice, and as a clinical supervisor, lecturer and voice clinician at La Trobe Communication Clinic. Sally is resident speech pathologist at Candlebark School and Pyalong Primary School, where she assists children with speech and literacy difficulties.

Sally has a particular interest in the management of voice disorders. She also works at Voice Medicine Australia in Fitzroy, Melbourne, where she assesses and manages voice disorders of a neurological or pathophysiological origin, postoperative voice, and irritable larynx syndromes including chronic cough and vocal cord dysfunction. Sally also works with Transgender clients to assist them with developing female or male voice characteristics.

Since graduating from the VCA in 1995, Sally has and continues to perform in film, television and theatre productions in Melbourne. Her most recent performance was in March at La Mama theatre in Carlton, where she performed in an Operetta. As a trained and practising performer and voice specialist, she is available to assist her clients with any aspects of vocal and performance coaching, accent modification, professional voice use, audition and speech preparation, and assistance with the ability to be able to communicate with ease and confidence. Sally's extensive training and work both as an actor and speech pathologist ensures she is able to offer her clients expert treatment to ensure their communication and learning needs are met. Sally would like to thank all her clients from the local community who have supported her practice over the past 3 years. To celebrate 3 successful years practising in Lancefield, Sally would like to offer a 10% discount to all new referrals for speech pathology or voice consultancy services made in the month of September. For further information regarding the services Sally can offer, or to make an appointment, visit www.sallyarmstrong.com. She can also be contacted via email at sallyarmstrongsp@gmail.com and on 0488 393 277.



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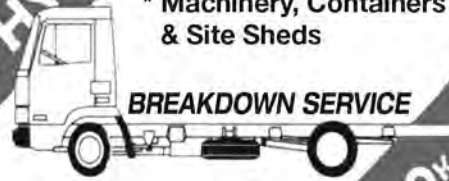
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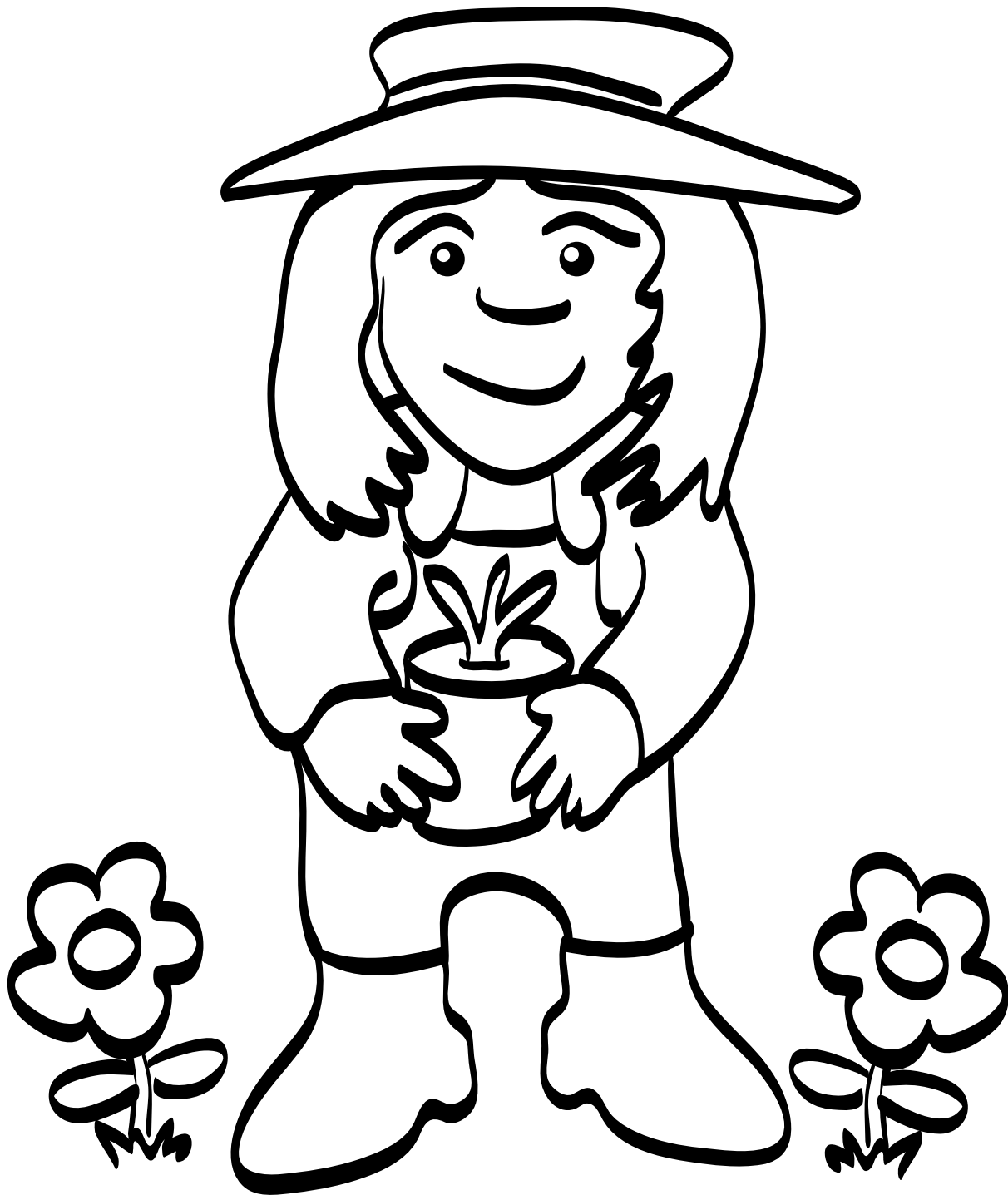
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CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOKS

By Amber Ryan



How to cheer up Dad By Fred Koehler RRP \$19.99

Sometimes the kids have to take charge when Dad's have the grumps! That's just what this baby elephant does. The best book to cheer up your Dad!

Adventure with Daddy by Cathy Kearse RRP \$14.99

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The Greatest Father's Day of All by Anne Mangan RRP \$14.99

This is a funny story about a forgetful Dad who gets upset because he doesn't get noticed on what he thinks is Father's Day... A great book for Dads that always think they are right!

What does Daddy do? By Rachel Bright RRP \$14.95



This book is about a girl with great imagination who claims her Dad is super but his most important job is being her Dad. A good message for all children to remember to love their Dads.

YOUNG ADULT BOOKS

The Strange and Beautiful Sorrows of Ava Lavender- by Leslye Walton RRP\$16.95



The Strange and Beautiful Sorrows of Ava Lavender is told by the character of Ava as she remembers stories of her family history, and the events of her own life.

Ava Lavender is a girl

born with the wings of a bird. The reader gets to know the Roux family really well as they are taken on the journey that led the family across the world from France to America in 1912, and how it took its toll on Emilienne, Ava's grandmother.

When her daughter Viviane married Conner Lavender and had twins Henry and Ava in 1944, Viviane struggled to cope with raising such strange children.

Ava, with large white and brown wings was confined to life inside the house, to get away from the media and people that could potentially hurt her. One thing the women of the family knew too much about is the pain that comes with love, which

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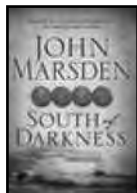
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ADULT FICTION

South of Darkness
by John Marsden
RRP \$39.99
Reviewed by Nielson Bookdata



My name, then, is Barnaby Fletch. To the best of my knowledge I have no middle name and cannot say of whom I am the son, or of whom my father's father's father was the son. Alas, my origins are shrouded in mystery. Thirteen-year-old

Barnaby Fletch is a bag-and-bones orphan in London in the late 1700s. Barnaby lives on his wits and ill-gotten gains, on streets seething with the press of the throng and shadowed by sinister figures. Life is a precarious business.

When he hears of a paradise on the other side of the world - a place called Botany Bay - he decides to commit a crime and get himself transported to a new life, a better life. To succeed, he must survive the trials of Newgate Prison, the stinking hull of a prison ship and the unknown terrors of a journey across the world. And Botany Bay is far from the paradise Barnaby has imagined.

When his past and

present suddenly collide, he is soon fleeing for his life - once again. A riveting story of courage, hope and extraordinary adventure.

Private Sydney
by James Patterson & Kathryn Fox
\$RRP 32.99
Reviewed by Nielson Bookdata



The world's bestselling thriller writer teams up with Australia's bestselling crime writer for the latest action-packed instalment of the *Private* series.

Even for Private Investigations, the world's top detective agency, it's tough to find a man who doesn't exist ...Craig Gisto has

promised Eliza Moss that his elite team at Private Sydney will investigate the disappearance of her father. After all, as the CEO of a high-profile research company, Eric Moss shouldn't be difficult to find.

Except it's not just the man who's gone missing, all evidence he ever existed has vanished too. And there are powerful figures pulling the strings who want Moss to stay 'lost'.

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ADULT NON-FICTION

Top Gear
Dream Cars
by Sando
Webb RRP
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This book shows lots of very good cars. It's a book full of the most wanted cars in the whole world. From the very fast sesto elemento to the rolls Rocey fantom (sic). This is a very good book for car lovers and people who want to find out more on dream cars. I recommend it to people of seven and over that love cars.

Time and Space by James Coventry RRP \$32.99
Review by Nielson Bookdata

An accomplished book about the genius and ingenuity of the game's greats (and the forgotten) and how they have shaped the game through the innovation of tactics. From Pagan's Paddock to Clarkson's Cluster, from Fitzroy's huddle to Sydney's flood, the tactics of Australian football have become part of the vernacular. In this groundbreaking book, ABC journalist James Coventry reveals the secrets behind them all. You'll meet the German gymnast who taught Geelong how to break the game from its



rugby roots; the two Test cricketers who became footy's first great coaches;

and the water polo player who shaped the modern AFL. Along the way you'll learn how South Australia pioneered the flick pass; how a rule suggested by Tasmania helped Collingwood win four straight flags; and how Fremantle revolutionised the use of the interchange bench. Time and Space is essential reading for any fan who wants to know why their team does what it does, and why it wins or loses.

Food + Beer: Great food to eat with beer by Ross Dobson RRP



\$45.00 Reviewed by Nielson Book data

Food + Beer = Happiness. From prolific cookbook author Ross Dobson (a man who really knows his beer) comes this collection of over 80 relaxed, authentic, international dishes. These flavour-packed recipes have been chosen for their particular suitability for enjoying with a cold one. Writing in his inimitable expert and wryly entertaining style, Ross begins with a brief history of beer, its place in the culinary world, and its intriguing importance in the society and geography of our civilisation. Every recipe in the book includes a suggestion for the most perfect malted brew to serve alongside. And scattered throughout are special features on Ross's favourite beers from around the globe.

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Compiled by Fay Woodhouse

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			Sunday 13 Lunch	St Mary's Parish Feast Day BBQ Lunch
Friday 4	10-4.00 pm	Teldorado Garden, Daffodil Festival Open Garden Scheme	Monday 14	10.00-3.00 pm Lancefield-Romsey Senior Citizens – Cards and Bowls
Saturday 5	10.00-1.00 pm	Lancefield Neighbourhood House – Sourdough Bread Making	Saturday 19	Mount Macedon & District Horticultural Society Plant
Saturday 5	10.00 am	Lancefield Golf Club Annual General Meeting	Sunday 20	Lovers Market at Bolobek
Sunday 6	10.00 am	Encourage Church Father's Day Service	Sunday 20	10.00 am Special Service of Thanksgiving Christ Church Lancefield
Monday 7	10.00-3.00 pm	Lancefield-Romsey Senior Citizens – Cards and Bowls	Sunday 20	7.00 pm Healing Service Christ Church Lancefield
Wednesday 9	6.30 pm	ANZAC Spirit Awards ceremony – Romsey- Lancefield RSL	Monday 21	10.00-3.00 pm Lancefield-Romsey Senior Citizens – Cards and Bowls
Thursday 10	1.30 pm	Christ Church Lancefield Guild	Monday 21	6.30 pm Lancefield Street by Street Project meeting
Thursday 10	8.00 pm	Snooker Night – Anglican Men's Society	Monday 28	10.00-3.00 pm Lancefield-Romsey Senior Citizens – Cards and Bowls
Friday 11	2.00 pm	CWA Spring Show	Tuesday 29	9.00 am Ladies Arbonne Tournament
Saturday 12	9.00 – 3.00 pm	CWA Spring Show		
Saturday 12	1.30-4.00 pm	Lancefield Neighbourhood House – An Afternoon with Angels		
Saturday 12		Lancefield Bowling Club Opening Day 2015-2016 Season	Sunday 18	9.00-5.00 pm Lancefield Agricultural Show!
Sunday 13	9.00 am	Lancefield Golf Club Par 3 Challenge	Sunday 25	10.00 am Encourage Church Children's Morning

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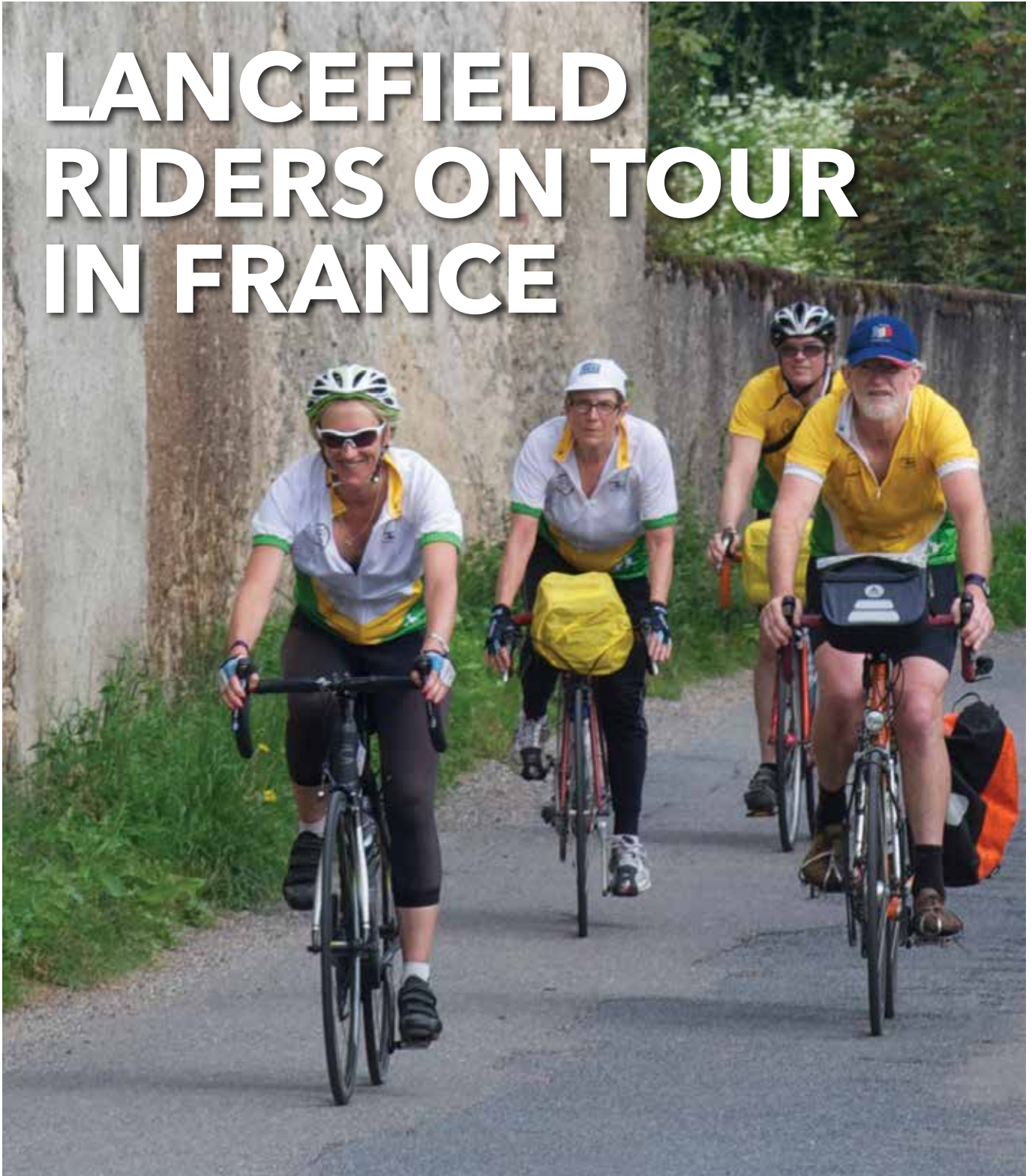
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When I visited my sister in the south of France recently I met a few Australians in the town of Albi. Amongst them were our own Andy Moore and Glo Moscattini who came cycling all the way from Spain across the Pyrennes Mountains on their way to Paris.

They were participating in the Semaine Federale du Cyclotourisme, a week of cycling based in Albi this year. It was the 77th year and it was certainly an international event with many nationalities taking part with their various flags showing. In total there were over 13000 bike riders and more

than 2500 volunteers.

They camped at the airport which was closed for three weeks, taken over by 3200 camping sites with 240 toilets and showers as well as other washing facilities. It was an amazing organisation and had been in the planning for 4 years.

Australia was well represented and the yellow and green 'kan..guu..ruuus' were popular with the French in the closing parade.

Murk Schoen



CHANGING OF THE GUARD AT LANCEFIELD TENNIS CLUB

The Lancefield Tennis Club held its AGM on Monday the 10th of August 2015.

With a fanfare of trumpets and the popping of champagne corks, Emma Stevens of Red Door Books was elected the new President, Nicole Ryan the new Secretary and – just to maintain a link with the past – Peter Liersch is continuing in the role of Treasurer.

In a truly moving acceptance speech, Emma declared that by the end of her reign, the outdated membership system would be fixed, and the Lancefield Tennis Club Business Plan would be rejuvenated to guide the club into the future.

On a more serious note, Emma is a highly valued member of the Lancefield Tennis Club who has held the role of Secretary (and, I might add, has done a wonderful job in that position) for the past two years. She is a real motivator and leads by example – she is always there when the chips are down.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Emma and

Peter for their support to myself as president over the past few years. We, in turn, have been supported by wonderful committee members and our Life Members Jim and Lorraine. I am sure the club is in very safe hands as we move forwards.

The club is working hard to forge partnerships, and our recent refurbishment of the clubrooms to better accommodate the netballers is evidence of this. We are continuing to work with the Lancefield Football Netball Clubs, both senior and junior, in our joint bid to turn the old asphalt courts near the cricket nets into two additional netball and tennis courts and to gain new change rooms and toilets.

I wish Emma all the best for the future, long may she reign over us.

Roger Barr
(Past President)