



MEGA FESTIVAL WILL COME ALIVE

A host of activities have been arranged from October 18-24 as a celebration of the significant paleontological findings in a large amount of megafauna bones unearthed from the Lancefield Swamp. The first 'find' in the swamp was made by a well digger in 1843.

After several months of pre-planning, the 'Extinct' festival is to be launched at the 2015 Lancefield Agricultural Show, on Sunday, October 18. The festival winds up with a grand finale on Saturday, October 24 (Lancefield Farmers' Market Day).

The festival is expected to attract many visitors from the Macedon Ranges, and much further afield.

Members of the local organisers hope the megafauna festival can become an annual event, and much will depend on the support which is generated.

Interest has spread Australia wide, with the Perth Mint generously donating a set of megafauna coins valued at almost \$500 to help promote the festival.

Specialist guest speakers are coming from as far afield as Perth and Western Australia to shed light on the importance of the discoveries in the Lancefield Swamp (part of the rear section of the Lancefield Park).

Bones from extinct giant kangaroos, wombats, long beaked echidnas, koalas and marsupial lions now form part of the palaeontology collection at Museum Victoria.

Museum representatives are actively supporting the festival, and a display of fossilised bones from the Lancefield

site will be on show at the Mechanics' Institute during the week. The museum will also feature on Show Day.

Bendigo Community Bank is a major supporter of the festival, as is Macedon Ranges Shire Council. Their backing has been paramount to the festival taking place.

The distinctive replica giant kangaroos and marsupial lions created by locals Mike Jones and Michael Meehan have been strategically placed in and around Lancefield for several weeks, serving as a real promotional tool, and the men's shed members have constructed five Diprododons (giant wombats) to add to the atmosphere.

The megafauna committee appreciates the generous support from various local businesses and individuals.

Lancefield Neighbourhood House has been a driving force in ensuring the festival developed from an idea to reality.

The town's two schools have been heavily involved, with local artist Brigit Heller commissioned to ensure all the students create individual art works.

Drumming workshops at Woodend and Lancefield are expected to galvanise participants for a community band to perform on the final day of the festival.

Visiting street entertainers and the Baracuda Drumming Band are coming to Lancefield to enliven proceedings.

Chain saw art exponents Robby Bast and Angie Polglaze are going to create a megafauna theme on two huge pine tree stumps in Lancefield Park.



MENS SHED AWARD

HONOURED TO RECEIVE 'SPIRIT OF ANZAC' AWARD

All over the world the concept of Men's Sheds is growing as an important part of good relationships and avenues to support the health of men in the community. Their brief is to provide spaces for men to meet together, to pursue hobbies and to do various forms of community service.

The Lancefield Neighbourhood House Men's Shed is an excellent opportunity for the men in our community to come together and enjoy the company of other men. Sometimes retirement and /or living alone can have a negative effect and men can feel low or lonely.

The prime focus of our group is to provide a friendly and supportive place for men to meet, to participate in projects and to make links with our local community.

This year we were honoured to receive the Romsey/Lancefield RSL 'Spirit of Anzac' award for our contribution to the community and to men's health. We were presented with a certificate and a generous prize donated by Wayne from

First National. This makes our efforts most worthwhile to be recognised by our community.

Other great projects 'on the go' are our giant wombat skeletons for the Mega Fauna festival and the "Kids in Sheds" is continuing with another small catch up group from Lancefield PS and next term Romsey PS students will participate.

'The Shed' is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 am to 4 pm. Working days are Tuesday and Thursday; lunch and friendship day is Wednesday.

Membership is open to all men in our area. It is a non-profit making organisation. Cost of membership is \$20, of which \$5 is towards affiliation with the Neighbourhood House. The balance is used to maintain the needs of 'the Shed' such as tool purchase, maintenance etc.

To join us, just call into 'the Shed' and speak to Mario, the secretary, or call Graham on 54291051.



LANCEFIELD FIRE BRIGADE

IDEAL TIME FOR SUMMER PREPARATION

The weather is cool and fairly dry, hardly the conditions to be thinking about fires and Summer heat, but these conditions are ideal for making preparations to bring your property to a *Fire Safe* condition.

Clean up and dispose of debris that would assist in the spread of fire. At this time of the year a fire is an excellent way to dispose of this material and I would suggest that a number of small heaps is the safer way to go. I have written this before but always supervise your burn offs and have some type of water supply to enable them to be confined.

It is too late to do this after a burn off has escaped. Consider the current weather e.g. wind and temperature. It is advisable to notify VICFIRE on 1800 668 511 and give the exact location of your burn off. If the cleaning up is done well it assists the fire service to control any outbreaks as well as easing worries for you should such an event occur.

Nobody can be sure that anywhere is totally safe but a reduction in the amount of fuel can be a great help. Keep the grass around houses, sheds and other infrastructure short

either by mowing, grazing or spraying and you will have gone a long way to towards protecting your property.

The next consideration is the protection of people - at this stage CFA advises residents especially in high risk areas to devise a fire plan for their own protection. Advice is available on the CFA website and by creating this plan you are lowering the possibility of tragedy occurring.

It is important that the plan is written down and all members of the family know and practice carrying out your plan. This is probably enough on this subject this month. As mentioned each month any person interested in finding out what we do, how we train, and to consider joining, come down to the fire station on a Sunday morning.

My apologies for no article last month but problems with the writer's computer and the Mercury web site was the reason.

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He, together with his long time friend, Barry 'Mocca' Hunt, walked many kilometres around the ground over the years, selling raffle tickets at all our home games and Club events.

Thanks Brycie for your dedication.

You will be greatly missed at TIGERLAND!

LANCEFIELD MERCURY **AGM**

Lancefield Mercury Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 24th November.
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Come along on Sunday 18 October, help keep this wonderful tradition alive and have a great day out with family and friends. There is also plenty of time to get creative and organise an entry for the Homecrafts section. For livestock and craft schedules and entries or for all details about this year's events visit the website www.lancefieldshow.org.au email: lancefieldshow@live.com
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AND THE WINNER IS...



Michelle Clayton, Georgina Watts, Donna Fabris (managing director) and Liz Meyer.

Local mobile healthcare company Primacare were celebrating at the Macedon Ranges Business Excellence Awards on 16 September after winning 3 awards including Business of the Year 2015.

The other winning awards were Excellence in Professional Services, Excellence in Well Being Services, and a finalist in Excellence in Customer service. Managing Director Donna Fabris said "these awards are a result of team effort, and are recognition for the great

work we do in our local community. My staff and I are absolutely thrilled. The feedback from our clients and the community has also been very humbling. I am so very proud of what we do."

For those of you who have not heard of Primacare, you can view their advertisement each month in the Lancefield Mercury or visit their website for more information – www.primacare.com.au.



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SPRING SHOW A HUGE **SUCCESS**

Wow! Thank you Lancefield. 512 entries this year for the 2015 Lancefield CWA Spring Show. Of course the weather gods were on our side and we had a beautiful day on Saturday 12th to show case all of the amazing entries. The daffodils were again a highlight, but this year we had several outstanding handicraft entries to compliment them.

Our member Sue Kingsford also had a spinning demonstration during the day which was a hit with the younger children. Possibly the sweetest moment of the show was when a local lady Rebecca Williamson won a prize for her gorgeous quilt. She was quite excited because it was the first time she had won a prize for any handicraft.

In the open section our prize winners were: R&J McConnell, Rita Vandervalk, Florence Meyer, Ellen Galea, Evelyn Westwood and Helen Ryvitch. In the juniors our winners were; Edie Portelli, Sarah Mustey, Patrick Dynon, Tommy Portelli, Emma Donnellon, Eve Keogh, Charlotte Douglas, Libby Quigley, Abby Bloomfield, Isabella Douglas, Emily Rowe, Harry Cusack, Marlow Choi-Hatcher, Matilda Dynon and Isabelle Emond.

A big thank you to R & J McConnell, who drive 4 hours to exhibit their amazing daffodils for us all to admire. To Rita Vandervalk who organised her biggest group of Girl Guide entrants for 2015. The CWA ladies from Niddrie who put in 120 entries alone and then travelled to spend



the afternoon in Lancefield on the Saturday.

Within our own little group special mention to Tracy Kemp, Jean Buist and their helpers in the kitchen, the girls tirelessly prepare sandwiches, soup and slices to keep us all powering through the two days.

All the ladies who worked on the stall and at the front door all day - a huge thank you. To Christine Treseder who worked all day Friday and Saturday helping with prize tickets and entries.

Again a big thank you to Mrs Betty Bucknell who although a lot more relaxed this year still offered her wealth of expertise and experience to us all. As a group we all had a wonderful 2015 Spring Show and look forward to putting it on for you all again next year.

It's now the time of year for us to regroup and prepare for our AGM at the end of October.

If you are interested in joining the CWA please don't hesitate to contact us via email on lancefieldcwa@gmail.com or phone Meaghan on 0439 381 977



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“The region is Australia’s coolest cool climate region, producing outstanding cool climate wines, so Macedon Ranges deserves to be in the headline,” says Marilyn Frederickson from the Macedon Ranges Vignerons Association and owner at Rowanston on the Track. “We have loved welcoming visitors to our cellar doors over the last 25 years and we are looking forward to celebrating this milestone with everyone in November.”

This year 16 venues will host 30 wineries. There will be more than 100 exceptional wines for tasting, some that can only be sourced at the cellar door. Delicious food will be paired with the wines on offer.

Expect to see special guests and, as always, local chefs in some of the region’s best restaurants will be holding celebration dinners.

The Macedon Ranges Wine and Food Festival offers wine enthusiasts a personalised experience at the region’s cellar doors, tasting new and exclusive wines and learning first hand each wine and winemaker’s story.

It is the perfect opportunity to take a break from the hectic pace of spring, take a deep breath and enjoy the gentle art of winemaking.

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OOPS, FANCY THAT!

ERROR

A bit of an oops! In last month's Mercury the opening hours listed for Fancy That, the fancy dress shop, were wrong. Fancy That is open on Wednesday and Friday afternoons and Saturday mornings. Or phone, 5429 2348, during these times to make an appointment for Fancy That to be opened at another time. Outfits can be returned to the Op Shop.

While on the subject of fancy dress, the parade for the Megafauna Festival, on Saturday 24 October, is going to be an opportunity to dress up, in anything you like, and join the fun of the afternoon. Drop into Fancy That to see the huge range of outfits available for hire.

OP SHOP PROFITS

It was pointed out the other day that the list of donations made to the community from Op Shop profits has not been updated since 2013! At that time \$139,000 was the total of

donations, that figure is now well over that, with quite a few projects to add to the list, and will be updated soon.

Once again we cannot thank enough the people who volunteer to run the Shop, the people who donate goods and the people who purchase the bargains.

One of the ongoing projects funded by the Op Shop is covering the cost of a Defensive Driving course for all 3435 residents who have just got their drivers licence.

The aim of this project is to give new drivers more confidence, skills and knowledge about driving. Phone the House on 5429 1214 for more details.

WHITE RIBBON DAY

Wednesday November 25 is the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women.

The six Neighbourhood Houses in the Shire are hosting a Violence Prevention Roadshow in Romsey. Keep this evening free for this important event, more information will be available in the next Mercury.



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AGM

The Neighbourhood House AGM is being held on Thursday 15 October at 7pm. This is an opportunity for you to join the committee and be part of the House's future. The committee meets monthly to work on a variety of projects aimed at strengthening the community, both for individuals and for the town as a whole.

To join the committee you must be a financial member (\$5) and have a completed nomination form. Forms are available at the House and Townhouse, on the website, phone 5429 1214 or email lancefieldhouse@tpg.com.au.

A Special General Meeting of members will be held first to adopt the Model Rules and amendments.

'VIOLENCE PREVENTION - IT'S EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS ROADSHOW'

The six Neighbourhood Houses in the Shire are hosting a Violence Prevention Roadshow in Romsey on the evening of Wednesday 25 November. This aptly happens to be White Ribbon Day - the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women.

Keep the evening free for this important event, for more information phone 5429 1214.

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Over the years various cultures have believed in a number of heavens, we may have heard someone say, "I was in seventh heaven" when describing a wonderful experience. In New Testament days the Jews believed there were three heavens - the terrestrial heaven- earth, the celestial heaven- stars/space and the *Heaven Of Heavens*

where God in glory reigns.

The Apostle Paul describes how he was caught up to the third heaven, to Paradise and "and heard inexpressible things that man is not permitted to tell" (1Corinthians 12:3).

The Apostle John, in the Book of the Revelation writes of the visions he had of the heavenly City - the *New Jerusalem* -a place where there is no more sin or death and where God will wipe away all tears from our eyes.

He saw the great hosts of heaven and among them, a great crowd who no man could number from every nation, tribe and tongue, dressed in white and praising God. John was told these are they,..... who have washed their robes (natures) and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. (Revelation 7:13).

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and trust in Him and are cleansed from the sin which is inherent in our natures and separates us from God, can we be numbered with that great throng in the glory of heaven for eternity. Jesus invites us to come to Him and find Life! The choice is ours!

“Jerusalem, the golden, - I know not, oh, I know not, What joys await us there.

What radiancy of glory, What bliss beyond compare.”
J. M. Neale.

SEPTEMBER IN RETROSPECT

The AMS Group (Anglican Men’s Society) had another enjoyable Snooker night together even though there are no Walter Lindrum’s among them.

Some Church members attended the Bush Church Aid Luncheon at Brimbank Anglican Church to hear the message of Bishop Greg. Anderson, Bp. of the Northern Territory, an area supported by BCA.

Bishop Philip Huggins, our Regional Bishop, was warmly welcomed at the special thanksgiving service for the restoration of the interior of Christ Church. Our prayers have been with several of our very ill members.

OCTOBER 2015 DIARY.

Thurs.8th..8pm..A.M.S. *Annual Meeting*..Christ Church Hall.Lancefield. Enq.Max.5429-1597

Thurs.15th..1.30pm. The GUILD meets Christ Church Hall Lancefield. *Annual Meeting*.

New members welcome. Enquiries Glenice 5429-6418.

Sunday.18th..7pm..*Healing Service*..Christ Church Lancefield..Rev. David Farlie.

Tues.20th..anniversary of the tragic death of Elizabeth Maccallagh.27 years, in 1871, the much loved wife of the Rev. John Christian MacCallagh, our first vicar.

The first service in the newly built church was that for her funeral. She is buried in the Lancefield cemetery, where her husband was buried in 1917.

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THE ANZAC SPIRIT AWARD

The award presentation night was held at the Romsey Community Centre

In the presence of the Executive members of the Romsey-Lancefield RSL, the Mayor, Councillor Jennifer Anderson and Councillor Henry McLaughlan from the Macedon Ranges Shire Council.

In all about sixty people attended the award presentation.

The three nominees for the award were: Mrs Vivien Philpotts of the Lancefield Neighbourhood House for her involvement in a range of community activities, Mrs Shirley Kishere of the Romsey-Lancefield & District Historical Society for her book of collected letters, articles and photographs about local serving members in WW1 and the President Mr Graham Knell and Secretary Mr Mario Drago of the Lancefield Men's Shed for its important contribution to men's health and wellbeing in the community.

The Mayor Councillor Jennifer Anderson announced the winner and presented the prize.

The winner of this year's Anzac Spirit Award was the Lancefield Men's Shed. They were presented with

a cheque for \$150, a medal and a framed certificate of congratulations.

This year's winner will have their names engraved and added to the Anzac Spirit bronze statue, which is retained in perpetuity at the Romsey Community Centre.

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

Many of the young men who became Anzacs in 1915 were drawn from small towns and villages. Reading their diaries tells us how strongly they were linked to home and community and how powerfully those links sustained them. In fact, there is little doubt that the close-knit community spirit they took with them provided the foundation for what eventually became the Anzac spirit of mateship.

We hope by the presentation of this award will do something to keep that spirit alive.



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Romsey/Lancefield Sub-Branch has lifted the bar again at this year's ANZAC Appeal – raising 80% more than the previous year. It played a significant part in reaching the state's tally of over \$5 million.

RSL Victoria sincerely thanks the people of Romsey/Lancefield for the record-breaking result which was a culmination of the extraordinary efforts made by the Romsey/Lancefield RSL Sub-Branch committee members and volunteers, tirelessly manning fundraising locations throughout Romsey/Lancefield.

The vital funds raised throughout the Appeal enables the RSL to fulfil its primary role, of supporting current and former service men and women and their families when they are in need.

Asking for help can be difficult, and so often by the time the RSL is called in to assist a veteran, the need is desperate. From supplying scooters or electric wheelchairs, garden and house maintenance, rental and utility assistance to purchasing an assistance puppy or providing school equipment to former ADF members' children, the ANZAC Appeal helps out thousands of veterans and their families, who live in Victoria.

The needs vary but the end result is the same - being

there to support current and ex-servicemen and women and their families when they require it the most.

Reinhard Goschiniak, President, Romsey/Lancefield RSL Sub-Branch acknowledges the stellar effort from all volunteers and for the locals who once again supported the ANZAC Appeal which reflected the generous spirit of the Romsey/Lancefield community.

“Our community has come together to support the ANZAC Appeal and create a real difference to the lives of the people who have served our country. The assistance we provide varies but it could be the smaller things such as arranging transportation to medical appointments, which make a big difference to their daily lives.”



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OUTING

21st October, Visit to St. Earth's Garden and Lunch at Blackwood Hotel. Meet at Catholic Church 11.15am to car pool.

Persons interested in this club and wish to have more information please contact the President or Secretary at the above phone numbers.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP??

We meet once a month and we deal with the normal matters of a club, like correspondence, treasury, and

discuss the last outing we had enjoyed, and most important, where we are going to next month, a short tour, a long tour, a lunch somewhere. Our monthly meeting always finishes with morning tea, which is followed by a guest speaker with an interesting topic.

A few of our members enjoy 'Ten Pin Bowling' each fortnight at Watergardens (definitely non-serious) followed by lunch at a nearby hotel or club.

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WEATHER COMMENT

RAINFALL HAS BEEN SADLY LACKING

The weather is a common topic of conversation with anybody that you happen to meet at the present time whether from the farming community or the gardeners in our area. While the last few days have been Spring like the rainfall has been sadly lacking in quantity.

I was looking over the farm this morning and there is some sign of growth but only where the paddocks are without stock. The lucerne paddock which has been without sheep for 3 weeks is showing little signs of growth so the prospect of a good hay crop is also not too promising. The rain has come in very spasmodic falls but with a total of 44mm for the month since my last report, should have had more effect.

The ewes and lambs are progressing well as I was wise enough to have saved a paddock of feed for them so that they could get a good start but they will soon be out in the main paddocks and will hopefully continue to grow out there.


Toby is now a very large sheep and in spite of keeping him on a small area never seems to lose any weight and

is still thinking he is a human being not a sheep and responds to our voices when he hears us. We have almost finished his feed regime and we are not likely to continue for this year at least.

My future comments on the state of the cattle market will mostly be gleaned from the Media as I find the saleyards a difficult environment these days and as we will soon be without any cattle of our own I will not need to go there. At this time there does not seem to be any easing of prime stock prices and I suppose the same can be said for store cattle also. Sheep and lambs also are selling well.

The garden is now showing that Spring is on the way. Daffodils, jonquils, our first tulip and shrubs are providing some colour and are easily seen as we travel our area. The vegie patch has been dug over and the soil is showing the benefit of a dressing of lucerne and sheep manure over the Winter. Lots of worms.

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MAINTENANCE ALLOCATION FOR LPS

Labor Member for Macedon, Mary-Anne Thomas, was thrilled to announce that much needed maintenance funding has been allocated for the school's heritage-listed administration building.

"During last year's election campaign, the Principal of Lancefield Primary School and school council raised ongoing concerns with me about much needed roof repairs," Ms Thomas said. "As soon as I was elected, I made it a priority to visit the school and write to the Minister about the school's maintenance".

Schools in Macedon will share in more than \$550,000 of extra funding in 2016 as part of the Victorian Government's plan to make Victoria the Education State. The 2015/16 Victorian Budget was the single biggest injection of

education funding in Victorian history, providing almost \$4 billion in additional funding to education.

We are building and upgrading schools and helping families with the costs of uniforms, glasses, camps, excursions and more. The extra support being provided to teachers and principals will be accompanied by a new emphasis on collaboration and accountability, including a set of statewide targets that will help focus on students. "This funding will help schools invest in vital programs such as literacy and numeracy to lift student achievement." Ms Thomas said.

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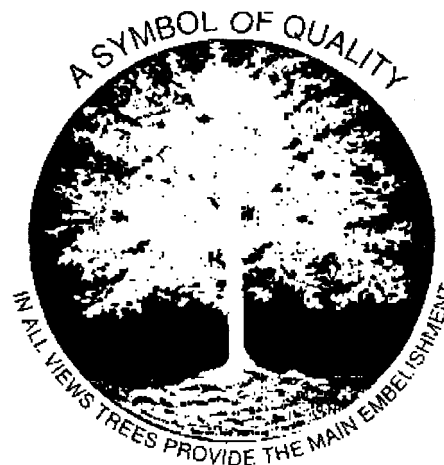


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"OWNING OUR FUTURE"

A document titled "Owning Our Future" has been produced by the Parish Pastoral Advisory Council.

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They are called upon to own the priorities mentioned therein and give their feedback on what developments and

improvements they would like to see. And what would be their role in that?

A copy of this document can be emailed to you upon request to lancefield@cam.org.au or pick up a copy at the Parish Office, Tues, Wed or Fri 9am - 2pm.

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Monday - 8.00 p.m. – held at private a residence during winter months. Contact Stephen Holgate for further information. 0411 781 695

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Anyone wishing to know about the Catholic faith is invited to contact Fr. Arnold 5429 2130.

SPECIAL EVENTS

October: Yr 12 students of our parish are invited to attend a pizza evening with Fr. Arnold at the Presbytery on Friday 9 October at 6:30 pm. Register your participation at

lancefield@cam.org.au or by phone 5429 2130.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:

17/10/15 – 7pm – St. Mary's School Hall
 Confirmation will be conferred by Bishop Terry Curtin to approximately 35 children of our Parish.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY - 18/10/15

We reach out in prayerful support to all missionaries including our Australian missionaries working abroad and Priests from other countries working in Australia as missionaries.
 A special collection is also held to support their endeavours.

ALL SOULS DAY - MONDAY 02/11/15

Special Masses will be held for the departed souls of our parishioner's family members at 9:15 am (Lancefield Church) and 7:30 pm (Romsey Church).
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WHAT DID HAPPEN AT THE LANCEFIELD SWAMP?

The fossilised bones of hundreds, if not thousands of Australian megafauna animals have been preserved in the clay of Lancefield Swamp.

Procoptodon, the giant short-faced kangaroo, was so heavy that it is uncertain whether it could hop. And Diprotodon was the largest marsupial ever, weighing up to three tons. Bones from marsupial lions and long beaked echidnas and other animals which roamed this area have also been identified.

Why did these animal remains accumulate at Lancefield Swamp?

District residents are encouraged to attend an important and unique discussion night at the Lancefield Mechanics' Institute on Tuesday, October 20 (7pm -9.30pm) chaired by Michael Meehan.

Three eminent Australian palaeontologists who led excavation campaigns at Lancefield in the 1970s, 1990s and early 2000s will discuss what occurred at Lancefield Swamp, and why the site remains of major scientific importance in understanding the demise of Australian megafauna.

Based on research at Lancefield, not all academics agree what happened.

Lancefield identity, Syd Green, was involved in all three "digs" and he will provide a local perspective. Be prepared for plenty of interesting theories, questions and answers!



The visiting speakers are Dr Joe Dortch (University of Western Australia), Dr Sanja van Huet (Monash University) and Dr Richard Gillispie (University of Wollongong).

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He will share his knowledge on extinction, discussing bird species that are under threat locally, those that are now extinct, and why we need to prevent further extinctions.

Admission is free. Venue -- Lancefield Mechanics' Hall.

Part of Macedon Ranges Shire Council's 2015-16 free environment events.

FOSSIL ROADSHOW

District residents who have some interesting fossils or 'finds' are invited to bring them along the Lancefield Park early on Saturday afternoon, October 24, to see what a panel of experts say.

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There are planned activities at the show and the following week as part of the fossil roadshow. Discussion boards looking at causes of why species are threatened, example habitat loss, introduction of exotic species, global warming and over exploitation of natural resources are examples. A working bee was held at Lancefield Primary School on 20th Sept in the wetland.

The myna bird numbers trapped for those that are interested were 38 in July and 71 in August. There are still myna bird traps available if interested

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FOR MORE ON THE LANCEFIELD MEGAFUNA FESTIVAL

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Description: On a gray day in spring something magical happened. A little boy was born, and immediately the sun started to shine. Together with his first tears, gentle raindrops fell down. The boy grew older and changed and the weather changed along with him. Everyone in the village started to call him the Weatherboy. At first the Weatherboy liked being unique, but that changed, too. Because everyone wanted something from him. Sun, coldness, snow,

thunder, lightning, hail. 'I want, I want, I want ...!' It made the boy so sad that he left. He walked farther and farther and with each step, he felt more lonely and unhappy. The world got covered in snow and ice. And just when the Weatherboy had almost given up all hope, there was a knock on his door ...A unique fairytale about a boy who learns, with ups and downs, how important it is to stand up for yourself and to keep believing in yourself.

The First Slodge by
Jeanne Willis
and Jenni
Desmond RRP
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Once upon a slime, there was a Slodge. The first

Slodge in the universe. She saw the first moon and stars, the first fruits and flowers. "Mine, all mine!" she said. But what if there was not just one Slodge ...but two? A wonderfully original and witty picture book from the award-winning author, Jeanne Willis (Who's in the Loo? and The Bog Baby). This humorous exploration of sharing and friendship carries an important message: that the world belongs to everyone. Captivating illustrations from Jenni Desmond (Red Cat, Blue Cat) will delight adults and children alike. A book to share and treasure.

CHILDREN'S NON-FICTION:

Prehistoric giants: the megafauna of Australia by
Danielle Clode RRP \$24.95

In the Footsteps of Giants, the second in the Museum Victoria Nature series, introduces the reader to the amazing world of Australian megafauna in the Pleistocene era. Imagine an Australian landscape in which Diprotodon optatum roamed - this rhinoceros-sized diprotodon was probably the largest marsupial ever to exist.



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Lorali by Laura Dockrill RRP \$16.95



Description: Looking after a naked girl he found washed up under Hastings pier isn't exactly how Rory had imagined spending his

sixteenth birthday. But more surprising than finding her in the first place is discovering where she has come from. Lorali is running?not just from the sea, not just from her position as princess and sole heir to the Queen of the Atlantic, but her entire destiny. Lorali has rejected life as a mermaid, and become human.

But along with Lorali's arrival, and the freak weather suddenly battering the coast, more strange visitors begin appearing in Rory's bemused Sussex town. With beautifully coiffed hair, sharp-collared shirts and a pirate ship shaped like a Tudor house, the Abelgare boys are a mystery all of their own.

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BOOK REVIEWS

ADULT FICTION:

The Eye of the Sheep by Sofie Laguna RRP \$29.99



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'Ned was beside me, his messages running easily through him, with space between each one, coming through him like water. He was the go-between, going between the animal kingdom and this one. I watched the waves as they rolled and crashed towards us, one after another, never stopping, always changing. I knew what was making them come, I had been there and I would always know.' Meet Jimmy Flick. He's not like other kids - he's both too fast and too

slow. He sees too much, and too little. Jimmy's mother Paula is the only one who can manage him. She teaches him how to count sheep so that he can fall asleep. She holds him tight enough to stop his cells spinning. It is only Paula who can keep Jimmy out of his father's way. But when Jimmy's world falls apart, he has to navigate the unfathomable world on his own, and make things right.

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The Secret Son by Jenny Ackland RRP \$29.99



Description: I know that two men are coming up the mountain, at this moment, including the boy from far away.

I wonder what my grandson's face will look like. This is a boy in the skin of a man. I know the boy is innocent, that it's his family soul which is guilty... An old woman sits waiting in a village that clings to a Turkish mountainside, where the women weave rugs, make tea and keep blood secrets that span generations. Berna can see what others cannot, so her secrets are deeper and darker than most. It is time for her to tell her story, even though the man for whom her words are meant won't hear them. It is time for the truth to be told... Nearly a hundred years before, her father James had come to the village on the back of a donkey, gravely ill, rescued from the abandoned trenches of Gallipoli by a Turkish boy whose life he had earlier spared. James made his life there, never

returning to Australia and never realising that his own father was indeed the near-mythical bushranger that the gossips had hinted at when he'd been a boy growing up in Beechworth... Now, as Berna waits, a young man from Melbourne approaches to visit his parents' village, against the vehement opposition of his cursed, tight-lipped grandfather. What is the astonishing story behind the dark deeds that connect the two men, unknown to each other and living almost a century apart?.. The Secret Son is a remarkable debut, a dazzlingly original, audacious and exhilarating novel. At once joyous and haunting, it is a moving meditation on love, honour and belonging, as well as a story about the strength of women and what it means to be a good man...

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Your entry will entitle you to a delicious morning tea, and could even win you a lucky door prize. One in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer. It's a staggering statistic and unfortunately it will probably affect some of the women in your own life if not yourself. NBCF aims to reduce the number of deaths from breast cancer to zero by 2030.

Funds raised from our Pink Ribbon Breakfast can help NBCF to achieve this wonderful goal.

All of the ladies at A Patch of Lancefield are excellent cooks, and you will be guaranteed an outstanding morning tea, as well as the opportunity to purchase homemade items which would make great Christmas gifts. The ladies from the group will have some of their quilts on display for you to admire. Everyone is welcome to join us from 10am. Please RSVP to Rebecca on 0412 143 147 or rebecca@odts.com.au so we can make sure we have plenty of goodies available for you! We look forward to your support for this great cause.



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NOMINATIONS OPEN

Nominations are now open for the 2016 Australian Day awards, which include the Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Community Achievement Award, Community Event Award and Arts Ambassador. Each year Council likes to recognise and celebrate remarkable people who make outstanding contributions to our local communities. If you would like to nominate someone complete an online nomination form at mrsc.vic.gov.au/australiaday by Monday 9 November 2015. Copies of nomination forms are also available at Council's customer service centres, or phone 5422 0320 or email mrsc@mrsc.vic.gov.au

'COME AND TRY'

Several local groups and clubs are offering 'Come and Try' days where seniors will be encouraged to try everything from bowls and book clubs to scrabble and singing. There is also the opportunity to find out more about volunteering in the shire, and to meet the friendly members of local clubs such as the University of the Third Age (U3A) and Probus. For details of local events, phone 5422 0258 or visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/seniors or seniorsonline.vic.gov.au

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Tourism Macedon Ranges encourages entrepreneurship by small businesses and would like to hear your favourite experiences with local operators in the local area. Let us know about the best thing to do here and the people behind it, because they are the good guys. They are not big business intent on making the Macedon Ranges a theme park. They are your families and friends showcasing what is already 'naturally cool'.

Please go to our Macedon Ranges Naturally Cool Facebook page to give a shout-out and spread the news about your favourite local tourism experiences and people in the business.

NATIONAL BIRD WEEK

Macedon Ranges Shire Council is inviting everyone to get involved in National Bird Week celebrations during October—from the annual Aussie Backyard Bird Count to a series of exciting talks about birds in our local region. Aussie Backyard Bird Count Celebrate National Bird Week by taking part in a national bird count from 19–25 October. Find out more about how you can get involved by visiting www.aussiebirdcount.org.au

Raptors of the Macedon Ranges Saturday 17 October, 2pm–4.30pm Norma Richardson Hall, 15 Buckland Street, Woodend An exciting talk on raptors of the Macedon Ranges, offering special insight into the Powerful Owl.

Mega Fauna Festival: Recent bird extinctions Thursday 22 October, 6pm–7.30pm Mechanics Institute, 140 High Street, Lancefield Bird guru and editor of BirdLife Australia Magazine, Sean Dooley, will talk about species that are extinct or under threat locally, and highlight why we need to prevent further extinctions. Bookings are essential. Contact William on 5421 9674 or email wterry@mrsc.vic.gov.au



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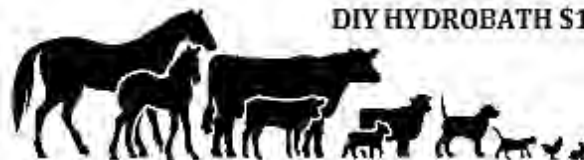
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health. Just Jazz! sees critically acclaimed pianist Brendan Fitzgerald reimagine classics from the 50s and 60s with a live band on Friday 9 October at 11.30am and later that evening present a homage to the highest selling recorded jazz instrumental of all time in Take Five, The Dave Brubeck Story at 8pm. If contemporary dance is more to your liking, spend the night on Wednesday 21 October with Carmen Sweet, a Spanish seductress whose jealousy, revenge and lust is articulated through dance theatre. The performance also incorporates local dancers who've been mentored by Expressions Dance Company share the stage. To book tickets, or find out more about the annual program of events at the Kyneton Town Hall, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/arts or contact the Box Office on 1300 888 802.

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by Graeme Walker

I do not pretend to have known her well
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She epitomised the term "Just Do It" well before Nike
We'd share the odd bikky and cup o' tea
Of her family and children she spoke proudly

I was saddened to hear of her recent passing
As I enjoyed our chats and reminiscing
Of time long gone and some not so
When people loved to stop and say hello

The lady in this verse that I'm talking about
Is Jessie Else and I have no doubt
That if you hadn't met her or knew her by name
You would certainly know her by her claim to fame
'Twas her chariot that made her unmistakable
The two tone EH that seemed unbreakable
The green and white classic she drove up and down
Between Romsey and Lancefield caused many a frown
As rarely did she do more than 80 ks
I guess you could say she was set in her ways
Because not all that much bothered Jessie I'd say
And I hope we'll share a cuppa again some day.

30TH ANNIVERSARY

This year the Macedon Ranges Montessori Pre-School is celebrating 30 years of educating Pre-School children following the Montessori method. From its humble beginnings as the disused Riddell Primary school building to the charming environment it is today, there are many stories that can be told about the School's rich history. The most common thread on all stories is that the Pre-School would not be where it is today without the amazing dedication of many parents and teachers. This dedication has built the Pre-School into a fantastic facility and helped provide a wonderful introduction to learning for many children.

The Committee of 2015 would like to invite past, present and future students along with their families as well as friends of the Pre-school to our 30th Anniversary Celebratory Spring Fete. Please come along to the centre on the 17th of October to help us celebrate this wonderful milestone. Everyone is welcome.

Take a trip down memory lane and catch up with some old friends. Special events on the day include the official opening of our new playground and the drawing of our major fundraising raffle. Fun activities for the children include animal farm and pony rides, jumping castle, fairy floss, lucky dip and face painting for the young at heart. There will be a bake sale, sausage sizzle, pop corn and some up-cycled goods.

The fete will be held from 10am - 2pm on the 17th of Oct at the Pre-School. We hope to see you there. For more information please visit our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/MacedonRangesMontessori>

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THANK YOU COUNCIL

The Romsey Toy Library would like to acknowledge the Macedon Ranges Shire Council for its past and ongoing support. Thanks to a generous grant through the 2015 Community Funding Scheme, we are excited to be in the process of purchasing a fantastic jumping castle and party packs for our members.

Romsey Toy Library members will be able to hire the Jumping Castle and Kids Party Packs for a small fee, and turn their backyard into a play centre complete with large toys and pint-sized tables and chairs. Great for birthday parties or any large gathering!

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Romsey Toy Library can contact Jodie Dobbs on 0419 588 162 or romseytoylibrary@gmail.com

LANCEFIELD IS READY TO PLAY!

Lancefield Tennis Club is encouraging more kids to play tennis through Tennis Australia's ANZ Tennis Hot Shots Community Play program, which is now available at the club.

ANZ Tennis Hot Shots Community Play is designed especially for kids of primary school age to provide an opportunity for them to learn how to play tennis in a fun supportive environment.

This exciting participation program is a branch of Tennis Australia's official kid's development program ANZ Tennis Hot Shots. The focus of ANZ Tennis Hot Shots Community Play will be on kids enjoying playing the game of tennis with friends and being a good sport.

To help promote an immediate sense of fun and achievement, kids who participate in ANZ Tennis Hot Shots Community Play will use modified equipment scaled especially for them. This means smaller courts, racquets and low compression tennis balls.

Using the modified equipment makes it easier for

beginners to start playing the game, and it is a great way to introduce kids to tennis.

Lancefield is now taking registrations for ANZ Tennis Hot Shots Community Play. The program will run on Tuesdays from 3:30pm to 4:30pm beginning term 4 2015 October 13th to 8th December.

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LANCEFIELD TENNIS CLUB

A BIG THANK YOU TO ROGER

Firstly a big thank you to Roger Barr for being a long-standing president of the LTC. His shoes are enormous ones to fill, but I will do my best! Thank you also to the current committee who voted me in – I am counting on your continued support to help grow our club and strengthen relationships with other sporting clubs in our community. The relationship we have developed with LFNC in 2015 while sharing our clubroom has proven beneficial to both clubs and has paved the way for more exciting developments in the future. We look forward to updating our toilet and change room facilities in the near future. I also look forward to the possibility of recruiting potential women tennis players from the netball club while they are in the off-season....! We also look forward to upgrading our membership system in line with other Tennis Australia affiliated clubs in our area.

Lancefield Tennis Club now has teams competing in three different associations – Kyneton Mid week ladies competition, MDLTA ladies competition, and both junior and senior MRTA competitions. All our teams have been well-represented this season, with many teams making it into the finals. We are all looking forward to playing

summer tennis after a particularly long and cold winter season! Our Junior Presentation Day was held on the 12th September with the following kids receiving awards:

- A2 Sportsmanship Award Winter 2015: Wilson Tautkus
- A2 Best Player Award Winter 2015: Andrew Hicks
- A2 Best Player Award Winter 2015: Damian Meyer
- A3 Sportsmanship Award Winter 2015: Jeremy Krietemeyer
- A3 Best Player Award Winter 2015: Reece Taylor
- A3 Best Player Award Winter 2015: Jonathan Krietemeyer
- C1 Sportsmanship Award Winter 2015: Ethan Crofts
- C1 Best Player Award Winter 2015: Hunter White
- C3 Sportsmanship Award Winter 2015: Darcy Potter
- C3 Best Player Award Winter 2015: Darcy Daly
- D Grade Sportsmanship Award Winter 2015: Lauren Goodwin
- D Grade Best Player Award Winter 2015: Axel Henson

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Program, and still finds time to run Tennis Fitness classes 3 times a week at the Lancefield Tennis Club. He will be running Tennis Australia's Community Play junior program in Term 4 which has been extremely popular with past players and has seen many go on to represent Lancefield in junior tennis competitions. For more information, please contact Jamieson on 0413 190 607 or email on: jamieson.liersch@gmail.com

Our major fundraiser Tennis Club Lotto has again been well-supported by the community. I cannot express enough gratitude for this loyalty because without this support, we would not be able to continually improve and maintain our facilities.

The tennis club has again purchased tickets for club members to attend the 2016 Australian Open. This bus trip has been extremely popular in the past and is a social event we all look forward to. Thank you again to John Marsden and Kris Reilly for generously providing the club with transport. The club has also begun hosting mid-week ladies social hit for a group of mums who are keen to catch up regularly and have a hit. Thank you to Megan Steers for organising this – I am sure there are some women in that

group who are keen to start competition next year when their youngest kids start at school!! We hope to offer a regular twilight social hit when daylight saving starts again. Social membership is available to those who would like to have a regular hit but don't want to play competition.

Our membership year is nearly over, so I remind those who are members to please re-new your membership and update your registrations details. The membership form is available to download from our website www.lancefieldtennisclub.com.au – or you can pick up a membership form from Sally Potts at the Lancefield Milk bar, Karen Bowden at Lancefield Country Practice or Emma or Nic at Red Door Books. Membership runs from November 1 to October 31 – we encourage people to start updating their details now.

Finally, Lancefield Tennis Club would like to congratulate the LFNC for their success this year, in particular Elke Smith and Erin Mitchell for their outstanding achievements in RDFL awards.

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Sunday 04 to 11		Macedon Ranges Seniors Festival
Tuesday 06	10.00 am	Melancholia, exhibition for Mental Health Week
Thursday 08	10.00 am 8.00 pm	St Mary's Drop-In Anglican Parish of Christ Church – AMS Annual General Meeting
Friday 09	11.30 am 6.30 pm 8.00 pm	Just Jazz! Pianist Brendan Fitzgerald 1950s and 1960s classics Year 12 Pizza Night – St Mary's Presbytery Take Five, The Dave Brubeck Story

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Thursday 22 10.00 am

'A Patch of Lancefield' Pink
Ribbon Breakfast/Morning Tea
Probus Club Romsey and
Lancefield Talk by Tony Farrell
actor/singer

10.00 am

6–7.30 pm

Mega Fauna Festival: Recent
Bird Extinctions talk

Friday 23

SOMEDAY Weekend Retreat
Lancefield Farmers Arms Hotel

Saturday 24 10.00 am

Stephen Ryan 'Sensible Ideas
for Sustainable Gardening'

Sunday 25 10.00 am

Encourage Church 'Celebrating
Children' Morning

NOVEMBER 2015

Thursday 15	1.30 pm 7.00 pm	The Guild Annual General Meeting, Christ Church Hall Lancefield Neighbourhood House Annual General Meeting
Saturday 17	2–4.30 pm	Macedon Ranges National Bird Week talk on 'Raptors'
Sunday 18	9-5.00 pm 10.00 am 7.00 pm	Lancefield Agricultural Show! St Mary's Church World Mission Sunday Anglican Parish of Christ Church, Healing Service

Monday 02 9.15 am

St Mary's – All Souls Day Mass,
Lancefield

Saturday 14

Macedon Ranges Budburst
Festival

Sunday 15

Macedon Ranges Budburst
Festival

Tuesday 24 7.30 pm

Lancefield Mercury Annual
General Meeting

Wednesday 25

Neighbourhood Houses
Violence Prevention Roadshow



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ANNUAL ART SHOW AND SCHOOL CONCERT

Congratulations on another hugely popular Art Show and School Concert. The students Art Work is set up Gallery style in the Learning Street for family and friends to come and view. The students have been working on the art work throughout the year. The school concert saw students performing songs by influential artists including The Wiggles (Prep), Queen (3/4s) and Michael Jackson (5/6s) to name a few. Thank you so much to Kerrie Dwyer (Art Teacher) and Rita Vecchio (Music Teacher) for working so hard to ensure both events were successful.

FIRST EUCHARIST

The Year 4 students have prepared and celebrated their First Holy Communion on the 23rd August. The students had a reflection day on the Wednesday prior which included Mass, Reconciliation and a variety of activities to complete their



preparation. Thank you to Fr Arnold and Miss Murtagh for guiding the process and staff for supporting the students. The celebration was very respectful and well attended. Congratulations to students from St Mary's and surrounding schools including Lancefield P.S. and Romsey P.S.

BOOK WEEK - BOOKS LIGHT UP OUR WORLD

In the week leading up to Book Week all classes focussed on reading and responding to the nominated book for Children's Book Week. The school was transformed on Friday 28th August into a fictional place filled with characters from an amazing array of books, as our Annual Book Week Parade was held. The school was truly in the spirit of Book Week with classes working on activities related to books throughout the day.

SPORTS NEWS

The students have spent much of this term in training for the Cobaw Athletics competition. We sent of squad of approximately 40 students to Bendigo to compete on Wednesday 2nd September. All students are to be commended on their hard-work and persistent. Their training certainly paid off with placing in their events. Great job to all the students!

FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

The Dads came and had breakfast with their children on Friday 4th September in celebration of Father's Day. It was wonderful to see the Dads with their children enjoying breakfast together before heading off to school and work.

EXTINCT



LANCEFIELD MEGAFUNA FESTIVAL

Extinct Festival: Lancefield: 18th - 24th October 2015

The 'Extinct' Lancefield Megafauna Festival, 18th - 24th October 2015, is a celebration of significant paleontological findings in the township of Lancefield in Central Victoria. Excavations at Lancefield Swamp have produced a plethora of megafauna bones, dated at anywhere between 30,000 – 80,000 years ago.

The Festival program includes:

Saturday 17 October (2– 4 pm) Drumming Workshops: Become a member of the Megafauna Community Drumming Band! Led by artist Collin Bogaars, all participants will be trained in group drumming. No prior skills required. At Woodend Community Centre. FREE. Call Robyn on 5422 0319 or email rtill@mrsc.vic.gov.au for more information.

Sunday 18 October (9 am – 4 pm) Lancefield Agricultural Show - Megafauna theme: Museum Victoria and Landcare stands, roaming performing artists, chainsaw sculpture artists, mega megafauna jigsaw puzzle and all the traditional activities (wood chopping, Tractor Pull, art and craft displays, Wild Action Zoo, dog high jumps, terrier races, wine tent, rabbits, to Bee or not to Bee, pony club and agricultural displays). At Lancefield Showgrounds. Entry Fee Applies.

Monday 19 October Chainsaw Artists: Continue to create their megafauna works. At Lancefield Showgrounds Swamp. FREE.

Tuesday 20 October (7 – 9.30 pm) What Really Happened @ Lancefield Swamp? Discussion panel about the Lancefield Swamp by three eminent Australian palaeontologists - Joe Dortch, Sanja van Huet, Richard Gillespie and local resident and megafauna enthusiast, Syd Green. Chaired by Michael Meehan At Lancefield Mechanics Institute. \$10 pp, U16 FREE.

Wednesday 21 October (4.30 – 6.30 pm) Drumming Workshops: Become a member of the Megafauna Community Drumming Band! Led by artist Collin Bogaars, all participants will be trained in group drumming. No prior skills required. At Lancefield Mechanics Institute. FREE. Call Robyn on 5422 0319 or email rtill@mrsc.vic.gov.au for more information.

Thursday 22 October (6 – 7.30 pm) Recent Bird Extinctions: Sean "The Birdman" Dooley speaking about birds. At Lancefield Mechanics Institute. FREE. Bookings essential. Call Will on 5421 9674 or email environment@mrsc.vic.gov.au.

Saturday 24 October (9 am – 3 pm) Bum Ladies – Workshops. What would it be like to dress up in costume and wander in a group amongst crowds in the alter ego of BUM LADIES? Here is your chance! Only eight spaces for this unique experience. At Lancefield High Street Reserve & Swamp. \$50 pp. Call Robyn on 5422 0319 or email rtill@mrsc.vic.gov.au.

Saturday 24 October (9 am – 1 pm) Lancefield Farmers Market - Megafauna Theme: Come along to buy your produce and be entertained by loads of other activities, such as roaming performing artists. At Lancefield High Street Reserve. FREE.

Saturday 24 October (12.30 – 4 pm) Lancefield Swamp: Drumming & Closing Celebration: Community 100+ band will perform, *Batacoda Drumming Band* will perform, dig for bones in situ, fossil roadshow – bring along your fossils or finds, BBQ with mega sausages, official launch of the swamp walk, auction of megafauna statues, youth concert. Fun for all ages! FREE activities, BBQ sales.

Throughout the festival there will be continuous events and activities:

- **Megafauna exhibition** inside the Mechanics Institute foyer
- **"Extinct / Megafauna"** art exhibition: MAD Gallery 9am – 5pm, daily
- Various shop-window displays, art installations and projections



See us on Facebook at 'Extinct- Lancefield Megafauna Festival'

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