

Lancefield Mercury

LOCALS CELEBRATE 150 PARKRUNS



The first parkrun was held at the Lancefield Park on Saturday 12 May 2018. The weather was less than ideal, but 87 runners participated – they ran, jogged, pushed prams, ran with dogs on leashes or walked. The weekly event, which begins at 8.00 am every Saturday morning near the entrance to the Lancefield Recreation Ground, is a community event run by volunteers.

On Saturday 15 July 2023, the group celebrated 150 runs.

As a new recruit to the parkrun (this was only my fourth run), it was a great morning to be there. Although it was a very cold morning, only 4 degrees, visitors came from far and wide. Eight or ten members of the Macedon Ranges Running Club attended (and made very good times), and a couple from Ocean Grove joined the run.

One of the aspects of parkrun is that once you register as a member (completely free), if you are travelling across the state, or indeed elsewhere in Australia or the world, you can attend any town or suburban parkrun. It is very encouraging to keep up the momentum. And I have to say that being part of a group of people who are all running or jogging is encouraging!

Volunteers celebrated with a huge cake which was enjoyed by all. Coming in second-last, I was still able to enjoy a slice! If (like me) you have never been a runner, all I can say is, come along and give it a go! It's a great way to start the weekend. Visit <https://www.parkrun.com.au/lancefield> or just come down to the Park before 8am on any Saturday morning.

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It is with much sadness that we announce the closure of the Lancefield Romsey Commuter Bus Co-operative Ltd.

The service was established in 1981 and in nearly 40 years has transported hundreds of people from Lancefield, Romsey and surrounding towns to the CBD on a daily basis.

We would like to thank everyone involved in the bus, especially those who contributed tirelessly on the Committee and those who selflessly drove for us. It has been a wonderful service to the Lancefield and Romsey communities offering direct, affordable transport to the CBD where sadly the public transport system does not.

The committee tried everything possible to keep the service running and the Co-operative alive & financial, even scaling back to a smaller vehicle, but it seems that this type of service is no longer viable in our community, and we must call time on the service and Co-operative.

We do now have the pleasure of donating our vehicle to the Lancefield & Romsey Neighbourhood Houses who will continue the co-operative spirit and put the vehicle to work for the community

Again, thank you to everyone who has contributed to the running of the service, it would not have worked without you.

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SECOND LIFE - CAR DONATED TO NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSES

We are so excited that the Lancefield and Romsey Neighbourhood Houses Community Transport project, Community Driven, has had a third car donated to its fleet – we are equally sad that we have the car due to the end of another great community project.

The donated car is a Kia Carnival which will seat five passengers comfortably. The main use for the car will be the collection and distribution of food for our Food Share programs, towing the fantastic refrigerated trailer that the Rotary Club have made for this purpose.

The car will also be used as a backup for medical transport and supporting our ShareRide social outings,



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allowing another five people to join these trips – see below for our regular trips.

- Community Driven is a joint Lancefield and Romsey Neighbourhood Houses project – it has two project areas:
1. transport to medical appointments by volunteer drivers.
 2. ShareRide which provides;
 - a. a door-to-door service to locations for shopping or fitness, such as water aerobics or swimming.
 - b. a shuttle between and around Romsey and Lancefield one day a week for people who don't drive but need to go to the bank, chemist or shops etc.
 - c. monthly social event outings to a variety of places and activities.
 - d. on the fourth Tuesday of the month, transport to the Feed it Forward lunch.

The first car the project had was a Holden Commodore donated by a very generous individual; they have since upgraded to a red Lancer. The black LDV people mover has been made possible through the Bendigo Bank providing a three-year grant to lease the car and the new Kia Carnival donated by the Commuter Co-Op. If you know people who are isolated due to not driving, please tell them about Community Driven. You can find out more about the project, or make bookings, either on-line at communitydriven.org.au or phoning Lancefield Neighbourhood House on 5429 1214 or Romsey Neighbourhood House on 54296 724.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to the current Co-operative members who decided that Community Driven was a worthwhile project to distribute the assets to, and to all the past members of the Co-op.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Good morning, Andy and wonderful team at Lancefield Mercury!

We moved to Lancefield one year ago and are in awe of your wonderful publication. Living in Hadfield in Melbourne for most of our 63 years we are used to very little community engagement. My husband and I were gobsmacked at the friendliness and warm welcome we received from the locals and were enthralled to catch up with our local news through your publication. We look out for the publication each month.

Is this place paradise? We think so!

Thank you to you and all your wonderful volunteers who deliver your much-loved publication in our letter box. Kindest regards and thank you again!

FB

Hi Andy,

Just a note to say thank you and congratulations on the latest edition of the Lancefield Mercury. I sat and read it at the Lancefield Bakery and felt genuinely uplifted to read about the many positive things happening in our community.

Great job and thank you for the little ray of sunshine.

All the best

Serena

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The Lancefield Mercury acknowledges the people of the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung as the Traditional Custodians of the Country that includes Lancefield and Wil-im-ee Moor-riing. We pay our respects to Elders past and present, and extend that respect to all people of the First Nations. We recognise their continuing connection to the land and waters, and thank them for protecting this country since time immemorial.

MORE ON THE FEDERATION TRAIL

As a result of the October 2022 flood event, the Council was forced to close the track for public safety. Unfortunately for local riders and walkers, the facility has remained closed since this time and has been sadly missed as it is an important local asset for the health and wellbeing of residents. Newearth Constructions is based in Romsey, and works with MRSC on many projects. With a locally based workforce and strong local connections, Newearth saw a need to get the track reopened for the residents in the eastern corridor of the Macedon Ranges. Through ongoing discussions with MRSC staff, it became clear that while MRSC was able to contribute some funding towards the works to reopen the track, they could not find all of the funds required and the track looked set to remain closed until more funds could be obtained. At this point, Newearth offered to make up the shortfall and has since provided the remaining funding and undertaken the works to get the track reopened for the community.

In advising of the reopening of the track, Mick McCarthy, Newearth Constructions General Manager said that: "Newearth was pleased to be able to partially fund and deliver the works for our local communities. All of our people live locally, our families and friends use the track, and we all drive on the road which the track runs nearby. We certainly appreciate the challenges that MRSC has faced in dealing with the floods as it has been a tough year for all contractors in our industry dealing with the wet weather. Finding funding for repairs was difficult but this is a really important piece of infrastructure for our area. As truck operators, we also held concerns that having the track closed was forcing off-road cyclists and pedestrians into a more dangerous on-road space. We wanted to do what we could to help address this issue and our funding contribution helped get the works over



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the line. We support many community groups and sporting clubs, and this was an opportunity for us to support the broader community by restoring an asset that we know our community love."



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SYD FINDS HIS AUNT

One of the first local names I heard when I moved to Lancefield almost six years ago was “Syd Green”.

I finally had the pleasure of meeting him at the recent exhibition of quilts mounted in the Mechanics’ Institute by local quilting group A Patch of Lancefield. Syd came to see the historic Sale of Gifts quilt, which was made in 1896, and discovered his aunt’s signature on one of the patches – everyone who donated towards the building of a new Presbyterian manse had their signature in a separate patch embroidered on the finished product, which sports a large central motif of hand-painted rose, thistle and shamrock, and the emblem “Lancefield Presbyterian Sale of Gifts 1896” in the middle.

Syd’s aunt Phyllis Derrick was his mother Jean’s much older half-sister, who moved to Queensland to live with other family members Bill and Bob Bell, for whom she kept house whilst they ran a farming enterprise on the Darling Downs. Her father Sydney bought her a piano, so she began to give piano lessons, too. Much later, cousin Mary brought the piano to Canberra, and it is now at Syd’s, back in Lancefield.

Great-grandpa William Derrick came to Lancefield in 1867, when Syd’s grandpa Sydney was five; young Sydney started school in the Lancefield schoolhouse. His daughter Jean, from his second marriage, was our Syd’s mother.

As you can imagine, being born and bred in this area, and living for 79 years in Lancefield, Syd is a fount of knowledge about other families whose names also feature on the Sale

of Gifts quilt, so we sat down next to the unfurled quilt this week with the list of donors, and I took a LOT of notes.

So many familiar names jumped out to Syd as we looked at the list, then found the corresponding signed patch on the quilt: Mustey of Mustey’s Bridge and the infamous encounter with the Burke and Wills party. Shirley Kishere, the Secretary of Romsey & Lancefield Districts Historical Society, is a Mustey. Her forbears were a prosperous family from early days in Lancefield; through marriage, Shirley and Syd share an ancestor; Mark Foy, nephew to the Mark Foy whose glamorous Sydney emporium was a treat to visit when I was a small girl; Galbraith – Alec Galbraith was married to Syd’s great-aunt Lucy Derrick. Alec was a gambler – racehorses and cards – and died flat broke; Gutheridge, a large family who lived in Dunsford Street; Blois, whose original farm property is now owned by Syd. The name was subsequently tacked onto Lawton. (Lawton Blois). The heritage listing shows Syd’s place as Blois Farm Company; there are assorted Lawton signatures on the quilt, including Dr Lawton; Lemon – the family who had the first steam-powered sawmill in the district, then moved to WA, where they began the Lancefield gold mine, still operated by Western Mining until 1994; John Love, whose relation Jim had the contract for sanitary removals, and also lit the kerosene-fuelled street lights each night; McElhinney, the bootmaker and his family; EJW Myer, who ran the district’s largest firewood supplies business, which

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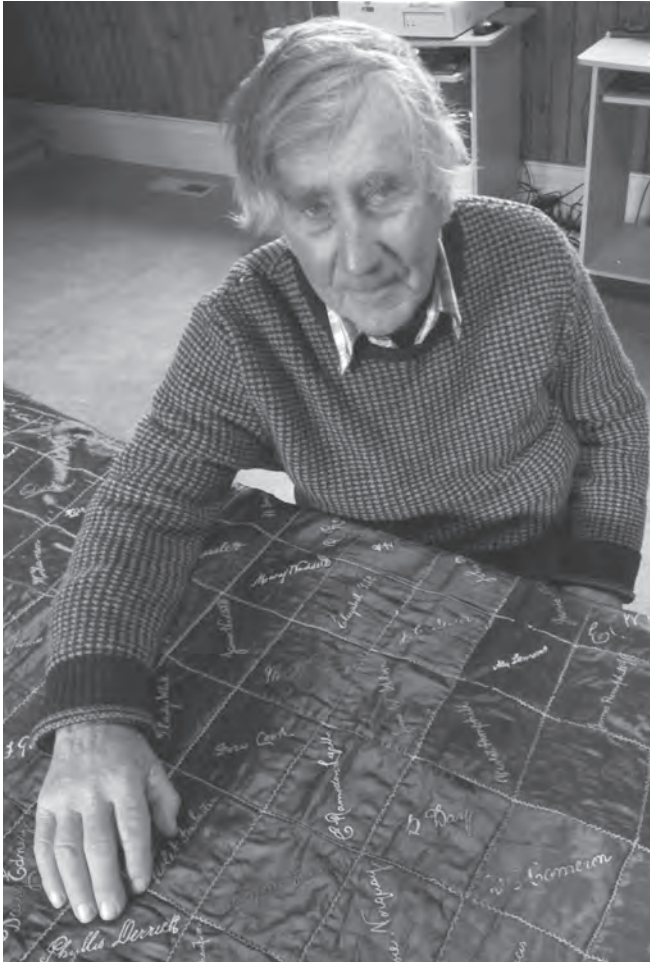
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had a steam boiler driving the sawbench (I have a photocopy of an old photo of EJW on the bookcase in my workroom, resplendent in his Masonic garb); he is mentioned in the Old Machinery magazine of Dec 2022-Jan 2023, as having a boiler registration in 1915. His descendants are still involved in the firewood trade and timber industry, with descendants living in the district under many family names. WJ Clarke whose property Rupertswood in Sunbury is now part of the Salesian college, and whose family name is remembered these days by all who drive to park at Clarkefield for a slightly cheaper train trip to Southern Cross. Clarke's name is carved into a plinth on the foundations of the Mechanics Hall, commemorating its foundation-laying; DM Cook, the blacksmith.

...and most fascinating and unexpected of all...we found the signature of Mark Twain, who was touring Australia in 1895/96 and must have donated to the cause after one of his talks in Melbourne. Even as I type, I am researching The Wayward Tourist, the updated publication of Twain's writing on his time in Australia, introduced by Don Watson. Update: Unsurprisingly, there are no more details about Twain's donation, but the book itself, as with all Twain's writing, is a delight.

The Lancefield/Romsey Historical Society has a full list of the names on the quilt, and you can access this in person at the Courthouse, or through their website. Have a look and see if you have family names on our quilt, and let us know who you found, and any information about them, to add to our growing fund of wonderful stories about Lancefield and its unique Sale of Gifts quilt.

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DEECA GRANT APPROVED

We now have the funding to repair the walking track, replace the equestrian sand and repair the road on the east side of the oval. Contractors have been given the go ahead for the walking track and the equestrian area, and work will be taking place over July. The road work and drainage issue is a much bigger task and the committee is seeking further advice on how best to repair the road to ensure the drainage issues are resolved properly.

Our submission to the Macedon Ranges Shire Council (MRSC) Draft Budget was also successful!

MRSC has allocated \$50,000 for the Lancefield Park Masterplan. The committee will work with MRSC to create a project brief that will be put out to tender. A joint steering group with representation from MRSC, DEECA and Lancefield Park will be set up to oversee the development of the Masterplan.

It is time for the community and Park user groups to start thinking about what type of improvements they would like to see at Lancefield Park.

Thanks to a successful MRSC Grant application, the football clubs have recently renovated the toilets and

showers in their change rooms to make them female friendly. This was only made possible by dedicated volunteers who applied for the Grant and worked together to organise the trades and volunteers to complete the project. Well Done LFNC.

LANCEFIELD KINDERGARTEN

Last year it was announced that the Lancefield Kindergarten was moving to a new location, beside Lancefield Primary School. This news was welcomed by the community as it will provide more space for the Kinder and include a maternal health care facility. LPC currently manage this parcel of land and we are working closely with the MRSC and VSBA and looking forward to the Kinder moving to its new home in 2024

There is certainly lots of action at the Park this month.

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Monthly Parish Community Lunches are held on the second Saturday of the month at Christ Church Hall, Lancefield. Next lunch will be on Saturday 12 August at 12 noon. The day is free to all and everyone is very welcome to join us for good, homemade food and a great time, meet new people and chat with old friends. Our annual hydrangea pruning cuttings are on sale for just \$2/bunch of 10 cuttings.

OPSHOP

St Paul's Op Shop is open Fridays 12:30pm-4pm and Saturdays 10am-1pm.

The Op Shop is on the Parish Web site for viewing of the week's specials. Your donations of clothing, bric-a-brac, craft items, books and good quality working toys can be left during open hours. These items are much appreciated, but donations left outside of the shop hours can result in

weather damage. Unfortunately, as a result, those items need to be sent to the tip. Please note that owing to regulations we cannot accept electrical goods, prams, baby cots, furniture or mattresses. Your ongoing support and donations are much valued.

IT'S BUDGET TIME IN CENTRAL VICTORIA

So we are hoping for some great news about the Lancefield Courthouse. We all know how important, visually and historically, the Courthouse is to our town and how essential it is as home to our Romsey Lancefield & District Historical Society.

The Courthouse is an important marker into the Lancefield township and is of great historical importance in the history of the wider area. Understanding that, we emphasised in our Submission to Council that while the Courthouse is much loved and well used by and for the community it is in a very poor state.

We have talked to our Councillors, Mayor D'eath, Councillor Neal and Councillor West and outlined the issues which need to be addressed to ensure the building is usable and well used into the future.

All our volunteers, generous people that they are, and certainly not overly demanding, yearn to have a legal, functioning indoor toilet. They also dream of a small functioning kitchen in an addition to the Courthouse which is not falling away from the building it was meant to be attached to.

When I was a very young architect in the last century, government building surveyors walked around the inner suburbs of Melbourne pasting Demolition Orders on houses which actually had safer facilities than our Courthouse.

The electrical situation is parlous. Our volunteers have to go up a set of stairs and then down the other side into another room to reach the one switch with turns on the electricity. And our excellent historical records of the entire area are currently bundled on shelves in the one lockable room.

We are looking forward to working with Council to reach agreement on making the Courthouse a safe and well used community asset for the next one hundred years.

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HALFWAY MARK

We have passed the halfway mark of our 150th season, and there has been plenty happening at Tigerland. Here are some of the highlights: club stalwart Matt Bowden's 250th game; senior debut of young gun Cam Osmond from our Under 17s side; 2-year contract extension of senior coach Tim Bannan to 2025; successful and well attended player-led club functions (Sh*t Kit Beer Pong and 80s Prom Night).

Onfield, the senior footballers continue to be competitive and were rewarded with an 89-point win over Western Rams in Round 9. The boys look forward to finishing the year off strongly and taking some momentum into 2024.

To the netball, and our Under 19s are having a great season, currently sitting 5th on the ladder with 6 wins, with B Grade, in similar form, sitting in 6th positing with 5 wins.

UPCOMING AUGUST EVENTS

- Saturday 5 - home game vs Wallan

- Saturday 5 - The Suburban Footballer Comedy Night @ Lancefield Hall
- Saturday 12 - home game vs Riddell
- Saturday 19 - away game local derby vs Romsey

This season we have introduced a weekly newsletter, which is emailed out to 220+ members, sponsors, players and local businesses. If you would like to keep in touch with results, upcoming events, player profiles and all the club news, please email jack.mcpherson@outlook.com and you'll be added to the distribution list.

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

There is nothing more rewarding than giving back to your community. Whether that's taking to the footy field, the netball court or the many different volunteering opportunities, please get in touch with LFNC Club President Joe Schembri – lancefieldfnc@gmail.com – 0407 526 501.

SOLD OUT – THE LANCEFIELD FOOTBALL CLUB 1873-2023 BOOK.

By mid-July 2023, all copies of the limited edition of The Lancefield Football Club: 1873-2023 had sold out! The Romsey & Lancefield Districts Historical Society and the Lancefield Football Netball Club wish to thank all parties involved in this process. In particular we thank the tireless workers associated with 150th Reunion, the Book Launch and the subsequent sales and distribution. Plans are now underway to negotiate financing a reprint of this fabulous book, as it is felt there is sufficient interest, both locally and beyond the district, to justify a reprint. We all know many people who have missed out on purchasing a copy. We are pleased to announce that books have been posted to all parts of regional Victoria and have also reached Western Australia, Queensland and the Northern Territory. These sales have been assisted greatly by the very positive book reviews written by some of Australia's

prominent national sports writers.

Unfortunately, in the production of the book, the names of some sponsors were either omitted or were printed with name errors. A reprint will address these errors. The co-contributors to the book wish to sincerely apologise for these errors. It is hoped we can reach all purchasers of the first print and post a correction sheet to them.

Please contact the Historical Society on 0402 248 540 if you did not leave a forwarding address for us, so that we can post this omissions list to you. As we plan the reprint, we would also like to hear from you if you are interested in purchasing a copy of the second print-run.

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FORGOTTEN HISTORIES

Let me introduce you to three buildings in High Street that are very much part of Lancefield's history and culture. In fact, they are such familiar buildings and part of our everyday life that many of us may not think much about what they used to be, but only what they are today.

The following are potted histories of three of our charming nineteenth century buildings representing different eras and perhaps different levels of prosperity in the township.

The first two buildings are located at numbers 27 and 31 High Street. They have fascinating histories that go back to the time soon after High Street became the main business and shopping street in Lancefield. The first is the small brick building at 27 High Street, and the second is the wooden shop-front at 31 High Street. They are not amongst the architect-designed buildings located at the other end of High Street, yet they tell us a great deal about the development of the street. At one end we see two modest shops, while at the more affluent end, we see the latest in nineteenth century splendour.

A weatherboard building, which looks from the photographs as if it is attached to the brick building next door, was the location of John McElhenney's Anatomical Bootmaker. Originally located in Dunsford Street and named the Lancefield Boot Emporium, the business moved to High Street, we think, in the late nineteenth century. Later the business was carried on by McElhenney's son Russell. At this time, Miss House, Russell's spinster half-sister, had a magazine and fancy goods shop next door in the brick building. Newspaper advertisements describe the premises as the 'Arcade'.

The second is located at 31 High Street and was a former bakery. Built in the 1880s, this former weatherboard shop and residence is still known in Lancefield as 'The Old Bakery' because of its origins. Some of the proprietors were Messrs Flower, Messrs Alpress, and in 1904 Paddy Minogue. Until its extensive renovation/restoration which took place between 2014 and 2018, the baker's wood fired oven remained on the premises. Other businesses operating from this address included Mr Keiffel's barber shop and in 1900 Mr Sullivan's hairdressing salon. Walker Brothers ran a fruit shop there, and later a cake shop was operated by Misses Butler and Williams. The Macedon Ranges 1994 Heritage Study describes it as 'A weatherboard shop and residence with show window at one end and what appears to be the residence on the other.' One of the features of the building is a beautiful example of a nineteenth century timber-framed street verandah with detailed cast-iron bracketing. The chimney, which is still intact, appears to be hand-made red brick and the house itself sits on a stone footing. The property now has three separate addresses: 31A Instyle Hair; 31B Northern Counselling and Psychology and 31C is Central Victoria Conveyancing. These two shops remind us of the types of businesses once occupying this end of the High Street.

At the other end of the street, Wiegard's Buildings at 14-16 High Street makes its own statement: while 'Marvellous Melbourne' was some 60 miles away, Wiegard's



demonstrates style, opulence and ambition. Built in the same year as the Macedonia Hotel, the two owners, John Wiegard and Thomas Little, shared a spirit of adventure and determination to make their mark on the small town.

On 17 November 1888, and again in early 1889, Melbourne Architects Macdonald & Wales called for tenders to erect five shops in Lancefield for Mr John Wiegard. As well as being the licensee of Mack's Hotel at No. 2 High Street, Wiegard was also elected to the Shire Council in 1891. He served on Council for only two years before departing Lancefield for Queensland in 1893 where he selected land. He commissioned the architect Alexander Macdonald to design and build what he named Wiegard's Building in 1889.

The architect, Alexander James Macdonald, is described as 'one of the great enigmas of Australian architecture'. While still in his twenties he produced, for the Victorian Public Works Department, a body of work 'without rival' in nineteenth century Australia for its vitality and originality. Somewhat surprisingly he retired completely from architecture at the age of 32 before pursuing a career in the Victorian Public Service. It is for this reason he is largely unknown.

Born in Fitzroy, Macdonald travelled to Scotland with this family where he trained in Edinburgh with Charles S S Johnston, an architect of the Scottish Baronial style. By 1888 Macdonald had returned to Melbourne and worked with Philip E Treeby before entering into a partnership with an architect named Wales. This partnership produced the red-brick Central Brunswick Railway Hotel in Albert Street, Brunswick, an early example of the Queen Anne style in Victoria. His partnership with Mr Wales appears to have been short-lived because in 1889 Macdonald joined the Victorian Public Works Department as an assistant architect. In that year he also produced drawings for the tower of the Flemington Post Office (1889). Other buildings attributed to Macdonald include the Omeo Post Office (1890), Queen's Warehouse West Melbourne (1890) the former South Yarra Post Office (1892) and other regional post offices and court houses, all designed in 1892.

During the second half of the nineteenth century, as architect Anne Neale notes, the American Romanesque style was favoured for Courthouses. While highlighting the number of Post Offices and Courthouses Macdonald designed, all demonstrating American Romanesque



features, Neale does not list the Wiegard's Building amongst Macdonald's body of work. In comparison with his Scottish Baronial and American Romanesque buildings, the Wiegard's Building is quite plain. It is described as a 'two-storey painted brick parapeted shop and residence with a street verandah which retains its cast-iron posts and friezes and original timber-framed shop fronts with cemented plinths'.

John Wiegard was much admired for aspiring to his new landmark building. The *Lancefield Mercury* in July 1889 wrote that 'Mr J Wiegard's new buildings are drawing near completion, and form a very pleasing addition to the town'. The lower floors contain 'spacious rooms suitable for any kind of business, while the rear rooms and the whole upper stories are intended as dwelling places'. The front of the building forms a terrace described as 'tastefully ornamented and supported on strong iron pillars'. The writer hoped that Mr Wiegard would have 'no difficulty in finding tenants, and that his enterprise in expending so much money in improving our town will be amply rewarded'; he claimed that the new buildings were 'the best that have so far been constructed here'. High praise indeed. By November 1889, the *Mercury* reported that Mr Wiegard's 'handsome terrace of shops' was only partially occupied. In 1891, Wiegard's daughter, Miss Wiegard, advertised in the *Lancefield Mercury* that she had opened a Store in Wiegard's Buildings' where she would stock 'First-Class Boots and Shoes'. John Reid's *History of the Shire of Romsey* lists some tenants of the Wiegard's Building: the draper William Fleming; saddlers, the Howe brothers; Cathie's grocery and Hare & West. Others include Bird's Chemist; Thomas White Dentist; T E Wilson and James Milton drapers; and R Sullivan and J Thompson

hairdressers. A succession of fruiterers rented the space, as did Herbert Cooke an agent and solicitor, as well as local butcher, Bill Mustey.

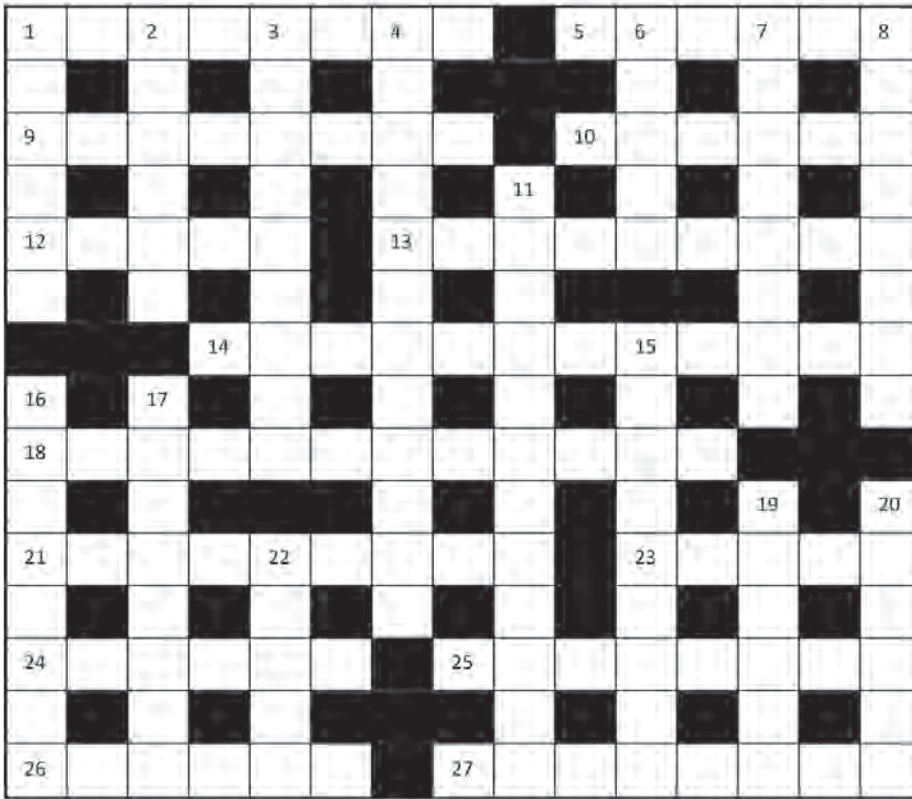
In December 1893, the *Mercury* reported that John Wiegard and family were leaving Lancefield to Queensland 'where he has secured a selection'. He subsequently retired from the Lancefield Council and the family's connection with the township was lost.

Each shop has had a variety of occupants, and working down from the Mechanics' Institute Hall, at Shop A, William Fleming 1889, draper, Howe Bros. Sadler 1904 Shop B, F Wood, tailor and cutter, Mr Bird chemist 1890s with Thomas White, Dentist in Shop C. In 1904, T E Wilson and James Milton, drapers, were followed by a tailor from 1904 to 1911, and Hairdressers Sullivan and Thompson. John Hill opened a fruit shop in Shop D in the early 1900s and it remained as a fruit shop for many years. Shop D was also the office of the Melbourne solicitor, Edward Hart who is remembered for donating the Hart Trophy to the Lancefield Football Club in 1894. Bill Mustey also had a butcher's shop in this building for twenty years.

Today the top end of High Street has become a notable health and beauty precinct. Wiegard's Building is currently occupied by The Lancefield Day Spa (No. 14), Bespoke Hairdresser (No. 12), the double-fronted shop at No. 10 has remained vacant for many years, The Nice List (No. 8) and a new B&B, Nudge Nudge (No. 6). In my view, Wiegard's Building remains one of the most stylish nineteenth century buildings in Lancefield.

Fay Woodhouse

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD Solution on page 38



Kevin Moysey the cross word maker

ACROSS

- 1 Areas for splinter group with charged particles (8)
- 5 Could be breakdown helpers for minarets (6)
- 9 Ecstatic feeling before "in blur" (if you like Gershwin) (8)
- 10 Limit of hearing? Finish and end of tear to make precious (6)
- 12 Amusing soldier you can eat (but could be poisonous!) (5)
- 13 Used a chair you scored although very wet (9)
- 14 Being discreet? Or an instance when you're not? (12)
- 18 If it's too wet, you might prefer this (12)
- 21 Vehicle het up and queen makes fish come into woodworker (9)
- 23 What a fool is Amin to return (5)
- 24 German god with points could be prickly (6)
- 25 Move apart if together or alone (8)
- 26 I'd list how to summarise or purify (6)
- 27 Highly regarded middle best poured (8)

DOWN

- 1 Trouble in OZ when first, middle and last leave fritters in a mess (6)
- 2 Nook's mate granny swaps first for third (6)
- 3 Following come when requesting coin flipper (9)
- 4 Diesel equivalent of pub with no beer? (2,10)
- 6 Not an upper with nod possessor (5)
- 7 Powered exciting atmosphere (8)
- 8 Last Neptune's fork is loud and harsh (8)
- 11 Cattle bazaars and share movers (5,7)
- 15 Rescue when past partner ate after endless trick (9)
- 16 Instructed a dead cute organisation (8)
- 17 Vies with tour to give glassy appearance (8)
- 19 This arm? No – take them all (8)
- 20 Be present although it sounds like it's all over (6)
- 22 Nine you construct could be boring (5)

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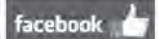
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CALLING ALL KNITTERS

Do you love knitting and crocheting? KOGO (Knit One Give One) is doing a call-out for volunteers who are committed to donating their time and wool in order to give a little warmth and comfort for those doing it tough.

THE KOGO STORY

During a particularly cold winter in Melbourne in 2004, there was a resurgence in the popularity of knitting scarves. Roslyn Rogers had the idea of getting her friends and family to donate their knitting creations to charity (after all, how many scarves can one person wear?). This resulted in 180 scarves which were distributed by the Emerald Hill Mission to those experiencing homelessness.

The following year, Ros officially launched KOGO - Knit One Give One - as a not-for-profit organisation. Ros and her team of volunteers got busy knitting scarves and beanies which were distributed to schools supported by the Ardoch Youth Foundation to disadvantaged children. Since then, KOGO has blossomed to 10,000 generous knitters across Australia who lovingly knit 'much needed items' for adults, children and babies such as scarves, beanies, socks, gloves and squares for blankets. Over 100,000 items per year are distributed to the most

vulnerable people in our community via KOGO's 310 Community Partner Organisations.

And this year, KOGO is delighted to announce a new initiative to help with the ever-increasing demand for warm blankets - KOGO Square-a-thon. Participants have a chance to win fabulous prizes but will also take comfort in knowing each square made and sponsored will be assisting KOGO to 'Spread The Warmth This Winter'. Just fill in the registration on their website to participate and go into the draw for some great prizes. Details are available on the KOGO website kogo.org.au or visit the 'kitonegiveone' Facebook page.

If you think you would like to volunteer your knitting and crocheting work to help bring a little warmth and comfort to those in need, please email info@kogo.org.au for more information. KOGO is also registered with Centrelink for those who are looking to fulfil their volunteering obligations. A drop-off point is available in Lancefield if you wish to donate items. Please call Freda on 0425 728 727 for more information.

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As I write this, Week 1 of Term 3 is complete, and boy did it fly. Term 3 at St Mary's is always extremely busy. This term we celebrate our Feast Day, always a hugely fun day for the whole school. Our Preps celebrate 100 days of school, our Year 4s celebrate their first Eucharist, plus we've got Book Week, National Day of Action Against Bullying, Father's Day Games Afternoon and our whole school Performing Arts 'Spooktacular!' to name just a few. So stay tuned for all the fun to come....

ST MARY'S PLAYGROUP

St Mary's Playgroup will be held each Thursday morning from 8.30am - 10am during school terms. Playgroup will be located in our School Hall at 2 Raglan Street, Lancefield.

It is *Free* for all participants.

You do not need to be part of the school community to join us at Playgroup. We invite all members of our local and wider community to come along and have some fun at Playgroup.

The sessions will be a time for you and your child to play together with others. We also have time for reading, singing and eating.

WHY PLAY WITH US?

Playgroup is a fun way to meet other children and families, have a wide range of play experiences, have fun spending time together, talk, sing, read, play and discover and become part of our community.

Term 3 dates are Thursday 20 July - Thursday 24 August, Term 4 dates are Thursday 5 October - Thursday 30 November.

Contact details are playgroup@smlancefield.catholic.edu.au or 5429 1359.

CRAZY HAIR DAY

At the end of Term 2, our students participated in Crazy Hair Day to raise funds for students from Exford Primary affected by the bus crash. Participation rates were huge with some very wild and wacky hair dos were on display. Thank you to all members of our community for getting involved, it was a lot of fun and brought many laughs and smiles to all of us. Thank you to the Mini Vinnies for organising this day and for their time selling zooper doopers on the day. Even though it was cold, sales were high. With gold coin donations on the day and sales of zooper doopers we raised a total of \$390. A fantastic effort by all involved, thank you once again to our amazing community for your generous support.

STUDENT SHOWCASE OF LEARNING

On the last day of Term 2, students presented a Showcase of Learning to display their knowledge, innovation and creative skills about their Inquiry Units. This showcase was open for our families to come along and see the fabulous learning that has been taking place here at St Mary's. What a wonderful display it was. The focus for all year levels was 'How it Works'. The P-2s looked at Toys, the 3/4s looked at Machines and the 5/6s looked at Electrical Circuits.

An amazing variety of student work was on display with exceptional attention to detail and student knowledge shared. We commend all students on their fantastic efforts and hope that all our families enjoyed the showcase as much as the students enjoyed presenting.

DIVISION NETBALL IN CASTLEMAINE

On Monday 19 June our Senior Girls Netball Team traveled to Castlemaine to compete in the Division netball. Once again, they went undefeated! What a fabulous effort. The girls will now travel to Swan Hill on the August 8 to compete in the Regionals. We wish them the best of luck.

Jo Shannon (Community Liaison Leader)



HELP FOR FAMILIES

Support is available locally for families needing parenting advice, practical assistance or guidance to help them get through a difficult time. Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health's family services team provides help for Macedon Ranges families with children from birth to 17 years of age to empower them to help their children develop to their full potential. Support may include identifying your parenting goals and connecting you to parenting groups, counselling, family violence support or child development services. They can also advise where you can get financial or legal assistance.

The service is free, and referrals are made through The Orange Door. Contact 1800 512 359 or go to the website: www.sunburycobaw.org.au/a-z-services/families/family-services or you can visit Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health at 1 Caroline Chisholm Drive Kyneton.

Submitted by Sarah Turner

TRAILER FOR FOODSHARE

The Romsey Lancefield Rotary Club continues to support its local community through special projects. One of our most recent contributions was a refrigerated trailer. Our club donated the trailer to the Romsey and Lancefield communities as part of the Neighbourhood House Community Foodsharing initiative. The use of this refrigerated trailer means that donated food transported from Melbourne can retain its freshness on the day of delivery to community members.

The Romsey Lancefield Rotary Club Inc. is proud to invest in such communities. Special thanks for the contributions made by Rotarian (PP) Mark Shepherdley and his business MS Steel Fabrications (Lancefield), Mark Powell and Shane Jones from Custom Air (Somerton), Kilmore Mitre Ten (Simon Meyer), BHS Electrical (Lancefield), and Romsey Lancefield Rotary Rotarians who supported this project.

The Romsey Lancefield Rotary Club Inc. meets every fortnight on Thursdays (7 pm – 9 pm) at Soltan Pepper Restaurant. Community members interested in becoming Rotarians are very welcome to join us.

For further information please contact anne.collins@outlook.com.au - our Club Secretary, Anne Collins, via email.

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OVER A BARREL

Most of us probably walk past the barrels on High Street and don't even notice they are there. Some people keep them full of plants and watered, some people (or at least one) complain that they are ugly.

As a result of the complaint the Neighbourhood House met with three council officers to talk about what to do with deteriorating barrels and future streetscape options. It would be great if you would complete our short survey to help with the outcome – either scan the barcode below or get a paper version from outside the Townhouse at 28 High Street.

HISTORY OF THE BARRELS

At a Neighbourhood House conference, a video of a Ted Talk by Pam Warhurst was played. Pam talked about how her home town, Todmorden in the UK, had been completely revived and economically saved starting with planting some vegetables at the train station. This was the beginning of the 'Incredible Edible' movement and the video inspired us to do something similar in Lancefield.

In 2014 permission was granted by the Shire to put planters along the street with the stipulation that they had to be round, as corners were deemed to be too dangerous. Some barrels were donated by Curly Flat winery, and the Men's Shed cut the barrels in half and drilled drain holes. A team of people placed, filled and planted them all on one Sunday morning. The south side of the street was done a few years later.

The barrels transformed the footpath and were lovingly watered and planted by Michael for many years, until his health deteriorated, then many of them fell into

abandonment. As a result of them not looking very loved, a meeting was held in 2018 to look at the future of Incredible Edible Lancefield – the result was the Feed it Forward movement which includes the monthly community lunches, the community garden and Food Share, and the 'adopt a barrel' program was started.

The barrels have gone onto become a fantastic part of the Christmas Decorations, but the dreaded COVID has seen our 'adopt a barrel' initiative fall over and some of the barrels need plants and, according to the Shire, 11 of them need to be removed.

FUTURE OF THE BARRELS

We are waiting to hear back from council about a solution – we feel that they understand that the barrels are actually now an integral part of the Lancefield footpath and Christmas decorations. Your answers to the survey will show if this is actually the case and suggestions for the future can be passed on.

In the meantime we would love to start 'adopt a barrel' again, it is a great project for an individual or family to look after a barrel or two – let us know if you are interested, through the survey or phone the House on 5429 1214.

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We know that our First Nations people were the custodians of what is now known as Australia for 60,000 years and that the early settlers from abroad inherited a tough, but pristine land. So pristine in fact that the land was defined as "terra nullius"!

A lot has changed. My grandfather, Norman Severs, the last of the master whalers, used cross-saws, axes and wedges to cut railway sleepers in the foothills of the Great Dividing Range then used draught horses to haul them out of the bush. He then spent some time hunting whales in nearby Twofold Bay with his father-in-law, George Davidson. With a crew of 6 in the row boats and using only hand-held harpoons and lances to kill the whales, the Davidson family continued whaling until the death of Tom in 1930. Tom was the last of a pod of killer whales that included Jackson, Cooper, Hookey, Humpy and others. The skeleton of Tom now resides in the Whaling Museum in Eden where the unique story is told of the role played by the killers in the Twofold Bay whaling industry.

Fast forward to the present day: just around the corner from Davidson's small whaling station is a huge pile of woodchips ready to be shipped off to Japan. Since opening in 1970 large swathes of forest have been irreparably damaged and yet the woodchip industry continues despite the devastating impact of the 2020 bushfires. "In 2020, 97.5% of trees logged in the Eden region become woodchips or firewood".¹

Whaling may have ceased in Australia in 1978 but not before the use of modern technology made whaling so efficient that many whale species were over-exploited and came very near to extinction. Our modern logging industry bears no comparison to the work done by my grandfather and risks the same consequences as whaling. In recent times, much of the logging has been taking place up in the remote high country where the sought after Mountain Ash and Alpine Ash grows. The method of clear felling is clearly unsustainable, given that in reality the forests and their

unique eco systems cover such a small part of Australia.

Environmental groups are doing what they can to arrest the damage, to educate the public and do what they can to rehabilitate damaged areas. After decades of campaigning to protect Victoria's native forests from state-funded logging, it was great news to hear that the Victorian Government is bringing forward the end of native forest logging from 2030 to January 2024.

There are encouraging signs, yet many challenges remain, and we trust that the kids of today will take up the challenge. They and their offspring have the most to gain or lose from the decisions we take now and into the future. Education is important; recognition of First Nations people's knowledge and an understanding of our complex ecosystems are essential.

Emma Stevens took on the role of Junior Landcare Facilitator at the beginning of the year and has hit the ground running in her work with our local schools. With funding from the Queens Jubilee Tree Planting fund, she organized and coordinated the planting of indigenous trees and shrubs in parkland near Lancefield Primary School on May 19. The activity involved members from the Parks Committee, our Landcare group and students from Lancefield PS and St Mary's PS

Emma is working with kindergartens, primary and secondary schools from across the Macedon Ranges and has been met with an enthusiastic response from teachers and students. The activities include environmental story times, dung beetle projects, plantings of indigenous trees, shrubs and wildflowers, guest speakers, nest box building and the removal of gorse at Barrm Birm by students from Alice Miller/Candlebark working with Riddells Creek Landcare.

Old, young or somewhere in between - if you are concerned for the environment and want to be part of the solution, we would love to hear from you. We would prefer to pass the baton to the next generations rather than pass the buck!



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1. The Bush Telegraph 28/10/20

LOGGING IN THE COBAW FOREST.

You may not be aware that logging is being undertaken by the Victorian Governments Forest Fire Management in the Cobaw Forest. It appears as if the storm recovery process is being used as a smoke screen to undertake logging in the park and is having serious negative impacts.

The Cobaws are a unique and special place that is home to several threatened species. It contains the headwaters of many of our local waterways. Its granitic soils are also highly susceptible to erosion when disturbed.

We are worried by this development and have recently sent emails to the state politicians that we believe are the most relevant in this case.

We encourage you to also lodge your opposition to what is happening.

If you would like more background information and details, please contact our group's President Phil Severs on 0476324000 or have a look at the Deep Creek Landcare Facebook page.



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The Healing Mass will be celebrated at 10am in Romsey on the first Saturday of each month.

Baptisms are held at 2:30pm on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Please contact the office for the next available date.

Bookings are now open for parish children to register for the Sacrament of Confirmation available to Year 6 and above.

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I don't know about you, but it seems these days I am gobbling down my food rather than taking my time with a meal. Half the time I am eating my lunch between Zoom meetings, or I am shovelling away some food whilst looking after my children. It is an unfortunate reality of how busy our lives have become, and it is not good for our health. Essentially, our brain needs time to realise it is full. It takes up to 20 minutes for our mind to catch up with our tummy and research tells us that eating more slowly increases the response of appetite regulating hormones, the hormones that tell us how full or how hungry we are. So, in a nutshell, eating faster makes it much easier for us to continue eating even when we are not actually hungry anymore.

A recent study conducted in Singapore in 2020, suggested people who reported to eat faster carried on average 5kg more body weight than slow eaters and they ate on average 120 calories more per day.

So, if I eat slowly will I magically lose weight? This is what makes me love being a Dietitian because research is now looking into this, and it highlights an important area that I often talk about in my clinic about how we should think not just about what we are eating but the way in which we are eating – aka our dietary habits. One such observational study showed that by slowing down our

eating rate, the participants ate 60 fewer calories per meal and felt fuller compared to the group who were eating faster.

How do we put this into practise? Depends on what is easier for you.

- A tactic that I think is the most achievable is to simply put your cutlery down in between each mouthful of food. I personally eat much more slowly when I am out with friends, engaging in conversation and socialising; I naturally slow down my eating rate
- Not eating in front of a screen will help keep your eating rate in check by preventing you from gobbling down food mindlessly
- Drink water during a meal to interrupt your eating rate
- Take smaller bites
- Do not wait until you are completely famished before preparing a meal, because if you are ravishingly hungry you are more likely to shovel food down.

This is not a magic bullet formula for weight management or chronic disease prevention – but it is worthy of attention. *Festina Lente!*

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CAN YOU HELP THE RELAY FOR LIFE?

First, I want to thank all the supporters of the Relay for the contribution they made to the 2023 Relay For Life held at Lancefield Park in March. This event raised over \$54,000 which is a great result given the difficulty in re-establishing the event after the COVID induced interruption.

Since the Relay started in Lancefield 21 years ago the event has raised over \$1.7m for Cancer Council Victoria; that is a colossal achievement of which all the teams and those who have supported the event should be immensely proud.

Cancer is the leading cause of disease burden in Victoria. 36,974 Victorians were diagnosed with cancer in 2021. That's an average of 101 diagnoses every day, or 1 new cancer every 14 minutes. 11579 Victorians died of cancer in 2021. Over 300 new cases of cancer are reported in the Macedon Ranges Shire each year. A number of those would be Lancefield residents, equally many Lancefield residents would be dealing with ongoing cases of cancer .

For those of us who believe in what Relay stands for, namely doing what we can to help and support those who have cancer and their families, there is still much to be done.

The next Relay is set for Saturday 2 March 2024 at Lancefield Park. The Lancefield event is the only Relay held in the Macedon Ranges.

After the last Relay the committee met to review how the Relay went.

After our review Kathy Lakey, Sandra Clark and Angelique Mott all indicated they were standing down from the

Committee. Their many years of service to the Relay are much appreciated.

The Lancefield Relay has a strong team of 'on the day' volunteers who help set up the event, entertain us during the day and assist in the pack up. We are confident that those marvelous people will continue to support the Relay. To successfully continue the event, the Committee, which now is effectively only two people, namely myself and Angela Dickens, needs some further assistance.

We have particular needs in three areas. The first is for someone with appropriate skills to handle PR and social media. The second is for someone to handle OHS and like issues. The third is for enthusiastic people with good local connections who can encourage and support new teams to join our Relay. If we had someone from each of the main towns in the Macedon Ranges that would help us greatly.

If you know someone who could fill any of these roles, please encourage them to email me (wilthome_adsl@hotmail.net.au).

Assistance to the committee aside, you can also show your support by entering a team in the Relay or by becoming a member of a registered team. See relayforlife.org.au for further information.

Ken Wiltshire
ChairManager Lancefield Macedon Ranges Relay For Life

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ZONTA TO PACK LIFE-SAVING BIRTHING KITS

While most Australian women can look forward to the safe arrival of a new baby, the same is not the case in many parts of the developing world where maternal mortality is unacceptably high. About 800 women worldwide still die from childbirth-related complications every day, according to a report released in February by the World Health Organisation (WHO). Sub-Saharan Africa alone accounted for 70 percent of maternal deaths and Southern Asia about 16 percent, the report says.

The Zonta Club of Kyneton will work to reduce these tragic deaths by assembling 800 birthing kits at a special public working bee. The event will be held at St. Mary's Church Hall, Hutton St, Kyneton on Saturday, August 5 from 10am. Birthing kits assembled by Zonta clubs around Australia will be distributed to over 30 countries through local community outreach programs and provided to

pregnant women in rural and under-resourced communities.

Zonta Club member and local GP, Dr Annamarie Perlesz said that over 500,000 women died annually from infections like Tetanus caught from giving birth on unclean surfaces or using unclean equipment.

"These kits provide the basis for a clean birth, with a clean mat, gloves, soap, clean blades, gauze and cord ties," she added.

Since 2004 the Zonta Club of Kyneton has assembled over 11,000 kits with the help of local secondary school students and volunteers.

"Our kits have been distributed as far and wide Ethiopia, Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Uganda, Afghanistan, Congo, Indonesia, Kenya and Haiti," Dr Perlesz said.

"We look forward to welcoming volunteers to assist us at this special and important life-saving event," she said.

ROMSEY LANCEFIELD SENIOR CITIZENS

NOT ON THE BUS THIS MONTH

Last month we had a wonderful Christmas in July at the Sunbury Bowling Club, a great day was had by everyone. Unfortunately there will be no bus trip in August, but we look forward to an exciting trip in September.

Remember, we meet every Monday at the rear of the

Romsey Mechanics Institute for lunch, a chat and a game of cards, for just \$10 – everyone is more than welcome.

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Hope to see you soon.

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WHERE ARE WE STORING UP TREASURE?

I recently came across the story of Charles Mulli. Born in Kenya and with a traumatic childhood including abandonment by his family at age 6, begging, being abused and contemplating suicide. At age 16 he was invited to a youth meeting where he accepted Jesus as his personal Saviour and Lord.

At age 18 he started a number of odd jobs around Nairobi which helped him fund the purchase of a car four years later. The car he turned into a taxi and started his first business. This business continued to expand until he was operating a large transport company called "Mullyways".

Charles also expanded his business interests into insurance, motor vehicle parts, LPG gas and agriculture, ending up very wealthy.

However, God spoke to Charles through an interaction he had with a group of street children, reminding him of his childhood. Three years later, Charles began selling *all* his properties and businesses and dedicating the proceeds

to helping street children. He gave all that he had.

Charles has operated "Mully Children's Family" for over 40+ years, even after initial rejection from close friends, business associates and his church. "Mully Children's Family" has assisted over 26,000 children in that time.

Charles Mulli story reminds me of the rich young man mentioned in Matthew 19:16-22 in the Bible. When he asked what more he could do, Jesus responded by telling him to "sell your possessions and give to the poor" (verse 21).

The young man went away sad because he couldn't bring himself to do it. Yet Charles Mulli is an example of someone who did sell all, when Jesus asked him the same question. Charles is now storing up treasure in heaven. The question for us, is where are we storing up treasure?

You can read more about Charles Mulli at mullychildrensfamily.org or check out the 'Mully Movie' on YouTube.



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TEACH YOUR DOG A NEW TRICK

Our July new members induction was cold but not wet, welcome to our newest members.

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1. Teach your dog a new trick – There are plenty of YouTube clips/websites to give you ideas for new tricks to teach your dog. From rolling over and playing dead, to dog dancing.
2. Teach your dog the "Cup Game" – just like you see in the movies or on the streets in cities, your dog will love this game. You just need 3 cups and something yummy they can eat. Place a treat under 1 cup and let them sniff it out. Once mastered you can start to shuffle them around.
3. Create an indoor obstacle course – pillows, a hula hoop, chairs and a blanket/sheet are all you need. Be creative and let your imagination take you away.
4. Play with bubbles – most dogs love to play with

bubbles. Just make sure they are child friendly and non-toxic.

5. Give your doggo a massage – we know how good a massage can be, so treat your furry friend to one. It's easy to learn and you can find tutorials online.
6. Play hide and seek – there are 2 ways you can do this. Hiding your dog's favorite snack or hiding their favorite toy and it's as easy as using a pile of blankets or hiding spots in one room or around the house. So, keep yourself and your doggo warm, dry, and entertained in your own home this winter.

Visit our website www.macedonrangesdogclub.org.au, our Facebook page or email to info@macedonrangesdogclub.org.au and we will contact you.

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GREAT THINGS HAVE BEEN HAPPENING

While the weather has been cold, some great things have been happening at the hall. Early July saw square dancing with the Victorian Callers Association Seminar weekend, with visitors staying at the Lancefield Guest House and enjoying dinner at the Lancefield Hotel.

Over the school term break, the Annex internal painting was completed, and the space looks fantastic - bright and fresh. Big thank you to 'Ry Ry the Painter Man' for a job well done and working around hall usage. Note, this work was funded entirely by LMI own funds. The next big target items for the Annex space are new floor covering and painting of the Annex externals - planning is in the early stages and funding still to be sourced.

Neil V. and the Men's Shed team continued their great work to help with maintenance at the hall. This time they have fitted new, larger and more robust castors to the 4 old long wooden tables. These tables are now much easier to manoeuvre. Thanks boys.

By the way, have you noticed a new addition to lighting

in the main hall - LED strip lighting that light up the coved timer roof area. What do you think? Thank you to Simon at Greenwood Electricals who brought this to light.

We currently have the following grant applications in and awaiting outcomes: with the Shire Community Funding Scheme 2023/24 - our objective is to relocate the wall mounted hot water boiler in the main kitchen to a safer and more practical position; with the Bendigo Bank Community Funding Program - the objective here is to purchase a data show projector and a wall mounted screen for the Annex south wall as well as a large portable screen for use in the Main Hall.

SOME BIG THANKYOUS

To DEECA (Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action) for grant funding, under the Voluntary Committee of Management Flood Recovery Grant Program, which enabled us to repair significant roof leaks

THE ROMSEY/LANCEFIELD PROBUS CLUB

MICHELLE BALTHAZAR TALK

The Romsey/Lancefield Probus Club is for active retirees or semi-retired people to meet, relax and enjoy the welcoming company of those at the same stage of life. There is a regular monthly meeting with guest speakers, morning tea and time to socialise with the other members. Each month there is a regular outing for lunch held at different venues around the region as well as short and longer trips throughout the year. This year the club is visiting Western Australia in October. There is a coffee morning at 10am every Friday at the Lancefield Corner Store where members meet for a chat and a bit of fun.

In July Senior Constable Simon Bowen from the Romsey Police Station talked to the club about common, current electronic and telecommunication scams, what to look out for

and effective preventative measures. The outing for July was to 'The Grove' for lunch at Hidden Valley, Wallan. In August there is a one-day bus tour visiting the Overwrought Sculpture Garden and Gallery at Daylesford with lunch at the Bowls Club and then onto the Mill Market. Should be a great day.

The next meeting of the Romsey/Lancefield Probus Club will be on Thursday 24 August, at 10 am in St. Mary's Catholic Church Hall Main Street Romsey. The speaker will be Michelle Balthazar from the Romsey Neighbourhood House to talk about some of their new initiatives.

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in many parts of the Hall. Other repairs were also made thanks to support from you, our community, by way of the Lancefield Hotel Friday Night raffles. So a big shout-out to the Lancefield Hotel for supporting LMI and other groups within our community via their Friday Night Raffles - their support and efforts are very much appreciated. And again a big thank you to Mark at Mighty Mouse Roofing for the great work on all the areas needing attention.

Longer term planning has started on a number of big projects focussing on the Main Hall space and these include:

- Replacement of the main hall wooden floor
- Repairs to the east wall (laneway) of the Main Hall (internal and external)
- Replacement of the stage curtain and possible enlarging of the stage itself
- Repainting of the Main Hall
- Replacement of the existing 6 pendant lights with 3 large chandeliers similar to those in the Supper Room.

AUGUST EVENTS

Saturday 5 - The Lancefield Senior Football & Netball Club fundraiser

Sunday 13 - Witches Fair - returns after their very

successful inaugural event held back in June. Please support this event and let's hope this is again a cracking success, bringing many visitors to our beautiful town.

Monday 14 - Landcare meeting

Friday 25 - CWA local branch meeting

- Lancefield Old Time Dance Group Friday night dance

Saturday 26 - Little Treasures Market

- Lancefield/Romsey Lions Club 50th Anniversary Celebration event

Sunday 27 - Classical singing concert (Gabriel Macura)

As well as the above happenings, there have been several birthday celebrations, meetings and workshops throughout these months.

And don't forget our regulars: Line dancing on Monday mornings, Pilates on Tuesday mornings and evenings, Old Time Dancers on Tuesday afternoons, Patchwork group on Thursday mornings. Please also note that Karate and Tai Chi have moved back to Wu Lin Retreat from the August 1 (welcome home James and Shou Mei).

If you have any thoughts, ideas, comments or energy to implement these or any other improvement or ideas for the LMI complex please feel free to share these with your volunteer Committee of Management (Sandra Clark, Angelique Mott, Stephan Kosa, Bronwyn Wilson or John Severson).

WOODEND HANGING ROCK PÉTANQUE CLUB

BASTILLE DAY CELEBRATION


On July 14, Bastille Day, the Woodend Hanging Rock Pétanque Club celebrated with another enjoyable day of Pétanque and great food to celebrate. Forty-one members gathered at the home ground at Hanging Rock to brave the elements and play a few games of the activity that bring us all together in camaraderie and competitiveness.

Three games were planned for the day. Morning tea Following game one with a homemade cake made by Robyn Aitken. Delicious as always. After game two there was hot soup, essential for a day in the midst of winter, made by committee members Ruth Giddings and Louise Potter.

After game three there was a delicious lunch including a French casserole, salad and crusty bread, all made and served by committee members. Of course, there were sweets to be had, a delicious chocolate mousse made by Cassie Simmons, which was one of the highlights of the day.

If it all sounds interesting and fun and you're looking to make new friends then come and join us. We are at the old race course in Forest Street Woodend from Monday 2 October at 2 o'clock and on Thursday 5 October when the new season starts at Hanging Rock from 4pm.


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EXCITING TIMES

At the time of writing, RRBATA is on the eve of a Special General Meeting that will see the Association move to amend its Statement of Purpose, update its Constitution (Rules) and change the name of the Association. After much consideration and acknowledgement of RRBATA's increasing membership from across the eastern corridor region, it will be proposed in the July 19 Special General Meeting to re-name the organisation the Eastern Macedon Ranges Business and Tourism Association Inc (EMRBATA). This will more accurately represent the broader spread of the organisation's membership and thereby dispel any "Romsey-centric" perception.

BUSINESS BREAKFAST

Bookings are open for the Business Breakfast event, this year featuring renowned chef Annie Smithers, to be held at Mount Monument Winery on Friday 25 August. Tickets are \$38 pp for RRBATA members and \$55 per person for non-members. Visit <https://www.romseylancefieldregion.au/rrbata/p/breakfast-with-annie-smithers> for bookings.

AFTER WORK BUSINESS CATCH UP

The next After Work Business Catch Up will be held at Verdure in Romsey on Wednesday 16 August from 5.30pm.



THE MOUNT PLAYERS
HAPPENINGS

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Warning! Those with heart problems, bladder issues, inner-ear disorders, outer-ear disorders, Shakespearean scholarships, gout, and male pattern baldness enter at their own risk!

If you love Shakespeare, you will love this show!

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Applications for our 2023-24 Community Investment Program are open via the Community Enterprise Foundation www.bendigobank.com.au/foundation. Our Community Investment Program comprises grants and sponsorships for projects both large and small. In last month's Mercury, we provided information on the dates for applications. We would like to issue a correction regarding the closing date for applications. *Applications close Friday 18 August 2023.*

To discuss your project, for assistance with your application or to make sure your community group is registered to receive our CIP information and program updates, email Lauren Harrison via cip@lrcfsl.com.au. We look forward to receiving your applications for our Community Investment Program. Remember, the correct closing date for applications is 18 August 2023.

Tenae Bannan has moved back to the Macedon Ranges from Echuca and is our newest Customer Service Officer in our Lancefield Branch. A keen netball player and coach, Tenae coaches teams with Gisborne Rookies & Leitchville/Gunbower. Make sure you stop by and say hello.

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT AT AN ALL TIME HIGH

As the end of financial year has now been and gone, we can announce our final Community Investment Program contributions for our 2022-23 program. We're thrilled to report that thanks to your better banking, we paid our largest ever amount of \$336,940 via grants, sponsorships, and scholarships for our local community, with plenty more to come this financial year.

LOCAL STUDENTS OFF TO SYDNEY FOR YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

In early July two local students, Emily Bonnici and Charli Laity, travelled to Sydney to attend the 2023 Magic Moments Youth Leadership and Business Summit as part of our scholarship program. From all accounts, it was an



incredibly inspiring and engaging program and one that we hope to continue to support in future years. We'll leave you with the below words from Charli regarding her trip.

"I have learnt an incredible amount from this experience, and I cannot wait to share this new and exciting knowledge with our local community in whatever way possible. These past 5 days have impacted my mindset so much that it will change my life. Thank you so much for the opportunity to be a part of such a life-changing experience." - Charli Laity



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THE ROMSEY LIBRARY TEAM'S TOP PICKS

As we move past the halfway point of the year, the staff at Romsey Library have mulled over our favourite books read so far this year. Here are the titles that have left us entertained, educated, and even enthralled!

'Cloud Cuckoo Land' by Anthony Doerr.

How do we weather the end of things? Cloud Cuckoo Land brings together an unforgettable cast of dreamers and outsiders from past, present, and future to offer a vision of survival against all odds.

'Apartment 303' by Kelli Hawkins.

Rory observes the world from the safety of her third-floor apartment. But she's being watched too, and will soon learn that no lock will protect her. This is a compelling, unsettling psychological suspense novel that will keep you on the edge

of your seat.

'The Bookseller's Apprentice' by Amelia Mellor.

An action-packed prequel to The Grandest Bookshop in the World. Loaded with tricks, riddles, magic and mayhem, The Bookseller's Apprentice is perfect for Mellor fans and newcomers alike.

'Fourth Wing' by Rebecca Yarros.

Dragons, war, and Hunger Games-esque trials. Fourth Wing is a high-stakes, enemies-to-lovers fantasy romance perfect for fans of Leigh Bardugo, Sarah J Maas, and dark academia.

'Tomorrow, Tomorrow and Tomorrow' by Gabrielle Zevin.

In this exhilarating novel, two friends (often in love, but never lovers) come together as creative partners in the world of video game design, where success brings them fame, joy, tragedy, duplicity, and, ultimately, a kind of immortality.

'The House Sitter' by Debbie Howells.

A scheming traveller, a grieving wife, and a plot to kill. This is a story full of suspense and thrill!

'The Mother' by T. M. Logan.

This is a cracking psychological thriller about a mother, Heather. She puts her children to bed and waits for her husband to come home. He doesn't, and the next day she is accused of his murder. This book kept me hooked late into the night!!

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'Home Stretch' by Graham Norton

This latest book from Graham Norton tells the story of Connor, a closeted gay man who is the sole survivor of a tragedy that kills a bride and groom and their friends the day before their wedding. I couldn't put this book down; it's a rollercoaster of emotions from sad, to triumphant and everything in between. Highly recommend!

'Love You To Death: a story of sex, betrayal and murder gone wrong' by Megan Norris

This true-crime novel set in Melbourne tells the story of rich, power couple Chris and Vicky Soteriou who had the perfect life at face value. Except Vicky was planning her husband's murder on the evening of his 44th birthday celebration. This compelling story gives Chris' near-death account of that night and what was to be revealed in the weeks and months to follow. Could not put this down!!

'Deception' by Lesley Pearse

After the funeral of her mother, Sally, intercepts a man claiming to be her father. Despite accepting her mother's refusal to speak of her past, she knows she must push forward and learn the truth, whatever the cost. This is a riveting story.

AUGUST DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Family History Month
- 31 July – 6 August: Library and Information Week
- 7 – 13: National Landcare Week
- 9: International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples
- 12 – 20: National Science Week
- 25: Wear it Purple Day



LANCEFIELD COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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TIMELESS CRAFTS

What a wonderful art and craft exhibition that was held last month in St. Arnaud. The hall was ablaze with colour. The entries were of such a high standard and, in my opinion, certainly equal to the exhibits found at the Royal Melbourne Show.

Some of our members submitted entries in a variety of categories and came away with a swag of prizes. It was pleasing to see entries from junior members. Some people are turning towards these timeless hobbies.

Now we wish to share a recipe for yogurt bread. It is very easy and a perfect accompaniment to the winter soups we have been making.

Sift 2 cups of self-raising flour with 1/2 teaspoon of baking powder into a large bowl. Add 1 cup of Greek style yoghurt in the centre. Mix well, gradually bringing the flour into the yogurt, then knead the dough inside the bowl until smooth. Divide the dough into 8 portions and roll into balls. On a floured surface, roll each of the balls into 1/2 cm thick rounds. Heat a grill/frying pan until very hot. Cook for about 2 minutes on each side in the dry pan and brush with butter to serve. So easy.

Stay warm. Maybelle

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ENVIRONMENT EVENTS FOR AUGUST

LARGE TREE AND HOLLOW IDENTIFICATION

Citizen Science survey. Mount Gisborne, Gisborne, 10am-12pm, Thursday 10 August. Ashbourne Reserve, Woodend, 10am-12pm, Thursday 17 August. Barringo Reserve, New Gisborne, 10am-12pm, Thursday 24 August

Join Council's Bushland Reserves Officer, Martin Roberts, for an educational walk and talk. We will be documenting large tree locations and looking for hollows to highlight the critical role they play for fauna such as possums, gliders and birds. Information gathered will help create a database of large habitat trees.

BIRD WALK FOR BEGINNERS

Jacksons Creek, Gisborne, 9-10am, Thursday 17 August

Bird enthusiast and Biodiversity Project Officer, Tanya Loos, will take you along Jacksons Creek for an hour with the birds. Learn to identify the little birds, practice using Birdata to record your sightings.

NATURE GUIDE IN FOCUS: BIRDS OF THE MACEDON RANGES -

Webinar via Zoom, 7-8pm, Wednesday 30 August

Delve into the wonderful world of birds in the Macedon Ranges. We'll show how our bird guide can be used to springboard your birdwatching journey. Tips, tricks and tools of the trade such as binoculars and apps will be covered. A perfect way to lead into Bird Month and our Annual Bird Blitz!

Visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/environment-events to register.

KYNETON TOWN HALL EVENTS

Elton & Billy – Face to Face 25th Anniversary Tour 8pm, Friday 4 August. Australia's premier Elton John performer, Greg Andrew, and premier Billy Joel performer, Anthony Mara, come together to celebrate The Rocketman and The Piano Man.

Toni Childs – Retrospective 7:30pm, Saturday 26 August
Join the legendary Toni Childs for a special performance

as she celebrates her life's musical works. Toni will be performing hits and fan favourites from Union, House of Hope, The Woman's Boat and Keep the Faith.

The Black Sorrows in Concert 4pm, Sunday 10 September

Joe Camilleri and The Black Sorrows are coming to town for one show only. Joe Camilleri has been at the forefront of the Australian music scene for decades.



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