

A SIGNIFICANT BIRTHDAY

- 40 YEARS OF
MT WILLIAM ADVANCED
TREE NURSERY

Forty years ago, Alan and Lynne Renfree had a dream to own a tree nursery. From a very humble beginning, the first trees were planted by Alan, Lynne and Bob Pattinson at Staffords Road, Lancefield. Deciduous trees were planted during the winter with the idea that they would allow them to semi-mature. Every winter for the first three years, they planted more trees. After three years of growth, the first trees were hand dug and were ready for sale. Many of the local farmers and shearers helped with the intensive work. Soon after the business began, Ian Brown became a partner in the business. His passion and drive for horticulture saw Mt William well established within the horticulture industry.

Gradually technology and procedures saw significant changes in the industry such as from in-ground to Root Controlled Bags (that is, planted in the ground but able to be dug out during the year) to Spring Rings and pots which were produced above ground. This innovation opened up markets for sales all year around; this was the turning point for the professionalization of the industry. At the same time, the demand for different species included a market for deciduous, Australian natives and exotics.

In 1994 the growing demand for established trees and interest from the home gardener saw the business expand with the opening of the Romsey Garden World. The new venture lasted five years before Mt William returned to its core business as a production nursery.

Around 2002-03 'Rocket Pots' were introduced into the industry. Rocket Pot Containers are designed to air prune roots by guiding root tips to open air. They permit high oxygen permeation of the growing medium. Very fine root tips thrive and grow in the moist air in the pore spaces. Mt William was one of the first nurseries to embrace this

new innovation of technology and immediately saw huge improvements in root development and structure as well as the benefits found when re-establishing a tree when it was transplanted.

With the expansion of the business and Alan retiring, Lynne & Ian began employing apprentices. They were educated in the very best horticultural practices. Among them was Damien Choate who began working at Mt William in 1994. He quickly rose through the ranks and a short time after completing his apprenticeship he was promoted to Production Manager. In 2011 Damien was offered a Partnership in Mt William and began to manage the company as Lynne and Ian transition toward retirement.

In 2015 Ian Brown received recognition for his horticultural work and his contribution to the industry at an awards ceremony held by Landscape Victoria.

Today, Mt William has two sites with 16-acres at each location under production. This equates to 45,000 – 50,000 trees in various stages of development. They are now the preferred supplier for many government bodies, councils landscapers as well as a broad range of commercial and residential projects. Mt William's stock is grown using the best horticultural practices using various methods and technologies. The company ensures that its trees are produced with a quality root system, formatively pruned and disease and insect free.

As Lynne and Ian progress toward retirement, the legacy they leave 40 years after realising their dream is being well managed by Damian Choate and Phil Shaw. The Nursery remains a great asset to the commercial and the home gardener.



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BARTON' COTTAGE, ROMSEY

For Lancefield and Romsey readers who may not be aware of it, 'Barton' (Seymour) Cottage is part of the Romsey & Lancefield Historical Society. The Cottage is a four-roomed residence with walls made of prefabricated meranti door panels from Singapore and constructed in c.1856. 'Barton' was heritage listed in 2003. The importation of prefabricated buildings to Victoria reached its peak in the early 1850s, due to the huge demand for accommodation and the local labour shortage during the gold rush. The cottage was built for Sidney and Elizabeth Seymour and their six children. Seymour, a farmer, and his family had arrived in Victoria in 1835 as assisted immigrants and settled in Romsey in the mid-1850s. Seymour resided at Romsey until his death, at age 100, in 1913.

'Barton' is located at 20 Palmer Street, Romsey and is open on the last Sunday of the month from 11.00 am to 2.00 pm. Visitors are always guaranteed a friendly welcome, and can enjoy a cuppa and slice, or a mug of soup. You can also visit on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month at 10.00 am for a history chat (we have some of the local historical society books for sale).

We love this photo of the superb effort this 3-year old put into signing our Visitor's Book at the last opening. This was



after she had enjoyed a vigorous game of Quoits (somewhat adapting the rules!!). Hopefully she will return over the years to again explore and enjoy 'Barton' – and admire her signature (Photo used with permission). We look forward to welcoming you at 'Barton'!

Contact the Cottage Friends, Barton (Seymour)
 Cottage: Phone enquiries to Ruth Green (0411 812 805) or
 jandrgreen@hotmail.com.

40KM PUTS BRAKES ON RISK TO MEMBERS

A new road rule designed to protect police and other emergency services workers will come into effect this week.

From Saturday, 1 July Victorian drivers will be required to travel at 40km/h or below when passing a stationary or slow-moving police, emergency, enforcement or escort vehicle with flashing lights or sounding an alarm. Road Policing Command's Acting Assistant Commissioner Debra Robertson said Road Rule 79A formed part of the Road Safety Road Rules 2017, which replaces the 2009 version. "A number of police and other emergency workers have been killed and injured on Victorian roads after being struck by passing vehicles or debris, and many more have had near misses," A/AC Robertson said. "While drivers can receive a \$277 fine for not obeying the new rule, its intention is to ensure the safety of police and other emergency services workers when performing duties on the road or roadside and assist in affecting a behavioural change for all drivers."

The new rule will apply to Victoria Police, Ambulance Victoria, Metropolitan Fire Brigade, County Fire Authority and State Emergency Service vehicles. It also applies to VicRoads Transport Safety Service vehicles with magenta flashing lights.

The 40km/h restriction is consistent with speed limits through school and work zones and is recognised as the maximum speed at which humans will most likely survive crash impact forces. "Most drivers already do the right thing and slow down around police and emergency services

vehicles, but this new rule formalises that safe behaviour," A/AC Robertson said. "We know members will be concerned about the possibility of more collisions as a result of this new rule, but that hasn't been the case in South Australia, where similar legislation was introduced in 2002."

Benalla's Senior Constable Rennie Page was struck and killed on the Hume Freeway in 2005 while he was speaking with an intercepted motorist. Although Senior Constable Page was hit by a driver who fell asleep at the wheel, his death triggered discussion about the safety of members when intercepting vehicles. Wangaratta's Sergeant Colleen Sheridan, Senior Constable Page's fiancé at the time of his death, praised all involved with proposing and developing the new rule. Sergeant Sheridan said first responders were always at risk when working on the roadside. "It is unavoidable because this is our business – it is what we do," she said. "But I hope that as a result of this new law, further tragedies can be avoided and the level of that risk will be substantially reduced." The Police Association Victoria's secretary Wayne Gatt said all stakeholders had banded together to make the new rule a reality. "This case is a good example of what can be achieved when everyone is on the same page," he said.

Roger Barr
 Lancefield Police.

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THEFTS FROM CARS

Once again we have had a spate of thefts from motor vehicles. In a number of cases the vehicles were unlocked and easy targets. We really need to reinforce the need to lock cars when parked for the night.

There has also been an ongoing issue across the Macedon Ranges with thefts from Tradies Utes. Offenders see them as a source of tools that are easy to dispose of and have been targeting them. If you have a ute fitted with tool boxes you need to make sure the tool boxes are locked and where possible parked out of view overnight, or at least in your driveway rather than on the street.

The good news is that we have a number of leads on the perpetrator for the Lancefield Offences and an early arrest is anticipated.

ICE

This does not refer to the drug but to our roads. We have had a couple of ripper frosts lately which generally lead to black ice events. Be extremely careful on the roads on frosty mornings slow down and take extra care.

Roger Barr

VOLUNTEERISM IN OUR SMALL TOWN

When I look around Lancefield, it's very easy to see the great work of a range of volunteers who run the many community organisations in the town. The work of volunteers benefits every resident. Where would we be without organisations such as the Country Fire Authority, the Country Women's Association and the Neighbourhood House. The funds raised by the Op Shop alone are contributing to the new Skatepark. The Cricket Club, Football Club, the Tennis Club, Golf Club and others may have some paid employees, but generally they also depend on volunteers and enthusiasts. Through these sports clubs our children learn to participate in sport and community events which in turn benefit the younger generation as they grow up. In turn, this benefits our future community.

As 'K' writes in his article, 'Is Our History Worth Saving?', most historical societies depend on small dedicated groups of volunteers and donations. The main issue here is that all of these volunteer groups have manpower but receive small donations. A small amount of money has to go a long way. A case in point is that we saw in last month's Mercury that there would be no 'Extinct - Megafauna Festival' this year without a team of people to make it happen.

This town runs on the selfless work of a large number of people. Where would we be without them?

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LANCEFIELD GIRL WINS BIG AWARD



MP for a Day, Chloe Hansen with State Labor MP, Mary-Anne Thomas

Lancefield resident, Chloe Hansen aged 12, is the recipient of The Field Trip's 2017 Award for MP for a Day. Courtesy of State Labor MP Mary-Anne Thomas, the lucky recipient will have the opportunity to be in the shoes of a real Member of Parliament, participating in a parliamentary sitting and meeting Ministers, and perhaps the Premier! Chloe has been with The Field Trip, a youth movement run weekly in Riddells Creek, since its inception in August 2015.

In that time, she has produced podcasts for radio, built cubby houses for charity, been an author in a published book, run a weekend retreat for senior citizens and produced her own YouTube channel, YouFood, presenting clips on the subject of healthy eating.

When asked what she gets out of The Field Trip and the chance to be MP for a Day, she replied: 'I'm learning that the world around me doesn't just have one path set out for me, but many. And I'm looking forward to figuring out these paths with the guidance of The Field Trip.'

For more information about The Field Trip, check the website: www.thefieldtrip.co



Chloe Hansen and Mary-Anne Thomas

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THE TELEGRAPH SERVICE TO LANCEFIELD AND ROMSEY IN 1876

The following article was published in the Lancefield Mercury on Thursday 1 June, 1876 and was re-keyed from the original article by a member of the Lancefield/Romsey Historical Society.

An important item of the business to be discussed at the meeting of the Romsey Shire Council will be Cr. White's motion in relation to the Post and Telegraph Offices at Lancefield.

It will be remembered that at the last meeting a petition was presented, signed by about twenty of the principal business people of Romsey, praying that the Post and Telegraph office at that place should be removed from the charge of the present managers, and placed in the hands of those who by the fact of their not being concerned in any other business, can have no personal ends to serve. The Council, while agreeing with the spirit and subject of the petition, disapproved of the language in which it was couched. It was quite right to make the distinction, because while the Council are required to perform a public duty, in the consideration of the subject, and in the steps which they may feel called upon to take, in carrying out the overall wish of their petitioners, where there is little doubt present the majority of the people of the district, they must proceed only on public grounds, and not as the petitioners of either one side of the other. In this case as in all others, their duty is to the many, not the few.

We must give the members the credit of quickly recognizing the justice of the request made to them, notwithstanding that the manner of putting it might have been improved upon. And yet any alteration would simply

have amounted to the use of other words, which would after all have amounted to the same thing. The arguments used are of the most cogent nature, although the language adopted in their expression may be open to objection.

But there are many other arguments in favor of the prayer of the petition. Some of these were referred to three weeks ago. The greatest use of the telegraph wire is in the various operations of buying and selling. So far as the locality is concerned, a large majority of the inhabitants are sellers who do business with buyers in Melbourne and other large centres where much of the agricultural produce of this district is consumed.

Most of the business people are agents for these metropolitan or other buyers, and are dependent on the wire - or at least would be under other circumstances - for their instructions in their operations, in which speedy information is so very important. As the telegraph offices are at present situated, much of their value to the local agent, and therefore, to the local agricultural producer, is lost.

Men will not make use of the wire for the conveyance of important information, when it is known that the same intelligence - which has probably cost him both time and money to obtain - will - nay, must be, imparted to a rival in the same business, who, unless he be conscientious beyond the average of ordinary mortals - especially in trade - will, perhaps unthinkingly, make use of it to his own benefit, and to the disadvantage of the rightful owner. But beside these and other arguments, the age and importance of the district, and the magnitude of its postal and telegraphic business entitles it to be placed on an equal footing at least with other places, the claims of which are not really so great,

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but which enjoy the advantage of such important interests being entrusted to the management of an officer specially appointed for the purpose, and who has no connection with any business, and therefore can have no personal interests to serve.

We therefore trust the Council will take vigorous steps to give effect to their own expressed opinion. In doing so, we are sure they will gain the approval, and if necessary the hearty co-operation of the majority of the inhabitants not only of this, but adjoining shires.

On their website, Museums Victoria trace the history and importance of the Telegraph Office. They write:

The introduction of the telegraph marked the start of a system which became widely used for both business and private purposes. The telegraph rapidly became essential for government and commercial activities, for railway operations, for navigational, meteorological, astronomical and scientific purposes, for the standardization of time throughout Victoria and Australia, for news distribution, and for the exchange of personal messages by the general population.

The rapid acceptance of the new technology in some ways parallels the mobile phone revolution at the end of the 20th century. With such widespread and frequent use, people became so familiar with the telegraph that it rapidly became part of the normal fabric of society. (<https://collections.museumvictoria.com.au/articles/2625>)



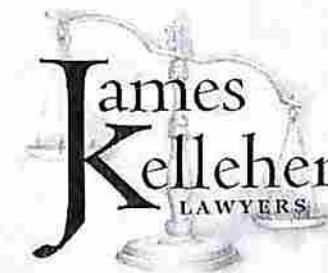
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TAI CHI

Macedon Ranges Tai Chi are now running classes at the Neighbourhood House on Wednesday. This gentle style of Tai Chi specialises in help for arthritis sufferers and for falls injury prevention. Their purpose "...is to empower people to improve their health and wellness. Classes run during school term dates on Wednesdays at 11.30 am for one hour, Cost is \$10 for casual rate or \$80 for 10 sessions. If you would like to do an early morning or evening classes contact Susie on 0421 017 161.

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FANCY THAT

We have an amazing fancy dress shop in Lancefield with outfits for all occasions. To borrow outfits over winter phone Mark on 0434 467 704.

DELIVERY PERSON NEEDED

The Op Shop needs people with a ute, van or trailer who can occasionally help with collecting or delivering furniture. Phone the House if you would like to volunteer.

COMMUNITY NURSERY

We would like to start a community nursery as a fundraiser for the food pantry project. Please phone the House to find out more or come to our planning discussion on Wednesday 26 July at 10am. To get started we will need a supply of potting mix, cuttings and some man power. If you can help with any of these things, please let us know on 5429 1214.

SKATEPARK

The Neighbourhood House has been supporting the efforts to get a skatepark in Lancefield for 18 years. We are incredibly happy that Lancefield now has a fantastic new facility. \$40,000 of Op Shop funds have been donated towards the cost of the construction and the finishing touches of the skatepark. The rest of the skatepark was funded by money from the Shire (from the sale of the old Maternal Health Centre), a state government grant the Shire was successful in getting, DELWP fire recovery funding, a Bendigo Bank grant, funds donated by the Youth Space committee when it closed and fundraising done by young people several years ago.

FACEBOOK

The Lancefield Neighbourhood House Facebook page is now linked to the Lancefield.org.au website and will have all the up to date information about what is happening in Lancefield. This page is for posting events and activities that are happening in the area and by Liking the page you are helping support community initiatives.

LANCEFIELD COMMUNITY WEB SITE

The Lancefield web site has information about current local news, a calendar of events, contact details for all the community organisations and a growing directory of local businesses. The aim of the website is to have a central communication point for Lancefield. Please support this project and help make it a strong a useful resource by subscribing for updates on the News page, and listing your news, events of activities on the Contact Us page. www.lancefield.org.au

LANCEFIELD BOOMERANG BAGS

On the second Wednesday of the month from 10 -12 we will be making boomerang bags. We will be up-cycling fabric to make reusable bags which will be available at the shops for people to use instead of plastic bags. The process involves cutting, ironing, screen printing our logo and sewing. We are also after some people who can sew some bags at home.

OTHER ACTIVITIES IN JULY

To find out dates for the sewing classes, our July Movie night and the Grandparents support group - as well as our regular activities - phone the House on 5429 1214, visit the Neighbourhood House Facebook page, visit the Lancefield Community web site or check out the posters in The Town House window.

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The Macedon Ranges Shire attracts a high volume of weekend off road motorcycle riders throughout the year, particularly during the winter months. The Wombat State Forest and the Cobaws are popular with local trail bike riders and riders from metropolitan areas. Mistakenly, a number of riders think the Road Rules do not apply to riding trail bikes in the bush or on other public land because they don't look like conventional roads. All Road Rules apply whether it's an informal single track, open fire trail, main forestry road or a camp ground.

A significant proportion of serious injury collisions involving trail bike riders within the Shire have occurred on Saturdays and Sundays between 9.30am - 6.30pm. In addition to on-going patrols by the Victoria Police Special Solo Unit, Police from Kyneton, Gisborne, Macedon and Lancefield will be conducting additional patrols in and around the access roads and lanes to all the popular riding

tracks throughout the Macedon Ranges Shire. Members will be promoting safe riding habits and enforcing the Road Rules such as licensing, bike registration, careless riding, failing to keep left of centre of track and riding whilst under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Acting Sergeant Mustafa EMIN of the Kyneton Police Station is urging all motorcyclists to take extra care over the coming months. "We want people to come and enjoy the natural beauty of the Macedon Ranges but we want them to do it safely" Acting Sergeant Emin said. "Road safety is everyone's responsibility and that also applies when the bitumen ends."



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LANCEFIELD COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

ANOTHER MILESTONE

At the end of May, the Lancefield CWA group celebrated another milestone – the 81st birthday of our group. Around 11 members were present for a beautiful (and very large!) sponge cake, baked by one of our very talented members. 81 years of supporting country women and their families certainly is an achievement worth celebrating!

The last days of May also saw two Lancefield ladies attend the CWA state conference in beautiful Shepparton. As is often the case, the sun was shining and it was several degrees warmer than we are used to. The focus this year was on supporting the dairy industry with fair milk prices for dairy farmers. We heard from several women who have been directly impacted by much publicised recent events. Delegates also heard arguments for and against the legal sale of raw milk.

A theme which was also discussed was homelessness. Many of us were stunned to hear the fastest growing group of homeless people in Victoria at the moment are women over the age of 55. Both of our Lancefield delegates found the conference inspirational and enjoyed hearing from speakers as diverse as the CEO of the Royal Flying Doctor Service (Victorian Section), Telstra Countrywide, a board member from Murray Goulbourn and the CEO of YWCA Victoria.

As always, new members are always welcome at our



meetings. Stay in touch with our upcoming events on our Facebook page, which is attracting more attention every week. Our next meeting will be held on Friday, 28 July in the annexe of the Mechanics Institute. Contact us on lancefieldcwa@gmail.com for further information.



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PARISH NEWS

Thank you to those who have sent messages of support to Fr. Vinoth as he recovers from his injuries in India. He is now doing well and being cared for by family. Fr. Vinoth will be returning to Australia in mid-July and we hope to see him up and about soon after. Fr. Martin will continue to celebrate our Sunday Masses with us during Fr. Vinoth's extended leave.

Year 6 children at St. Mary's School along with Year 6 children from all other local schools within the parish are now preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please keep them in your thoughts as they continue on their faith journey.

WAS THIS A JOKE?

Some people have a weird sense of humor. We suffer, more and more degrading jokes and behaviour? Why? What is it happening to us? Most of us will have seen, where somebody pushes a lemon-meringue-pie into somebody's face. Among decent and respectable people, this is degrading behaviour. It is dishonourable to the victim, as well as to the one that does it.

Our creator made us the way we are and just because of differences of opinions and feelings, is no reason to misbehave. Margeret Court and Mr Joyce are both star performers. One on the tennis court, the other, under very difficult conditions, making our airline profitable again. Both are brave people to air their private preferences, in the public arena. But if we don't agree with each other, we don't have to be 'politically correct'. Just 'correct' will do. Why? Because I believe we live in a free country, with a decent society. At the same time it is also nice to know how other people think.

I don't hope that one passenger less, will send Qantas broke. We better eat humble pies, instead of throwing them around. What a waste of a good pie that was. Oh and believe me, I like tennis and when you fly next time, check out the manager's beliefs, before you book with your airline!

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IS OUR HISTORY WORTH SAVING?

To the question, 'Is our history worth saving', of course our response is 'Yes'. But the majority of small Historical Societies throughout the world depend on small dedicated groups of volunteers and donations. Here you see the problem. In most cases these societies are not-for-profit organizations and struggle on a daily basis for funding and with basic technology to assist in their tasks.

At the Romsey & Lancefield Districts Historical Society we have computers, printers and scanners that are at least 5 years old, running outdated software and can only scan A4. What is wrong with that you may ask? The answer is that with 'broadsheet' size paper it takes 3 or 4 scans to complete just one page. Then those 3 or 4 scans have to be spliced together and saved as a whole. This becomes very time consuming and not always as accurate as we would like. Imagine doing that for 100 years of newspapers? You can begin to see the problems smaller societies have.

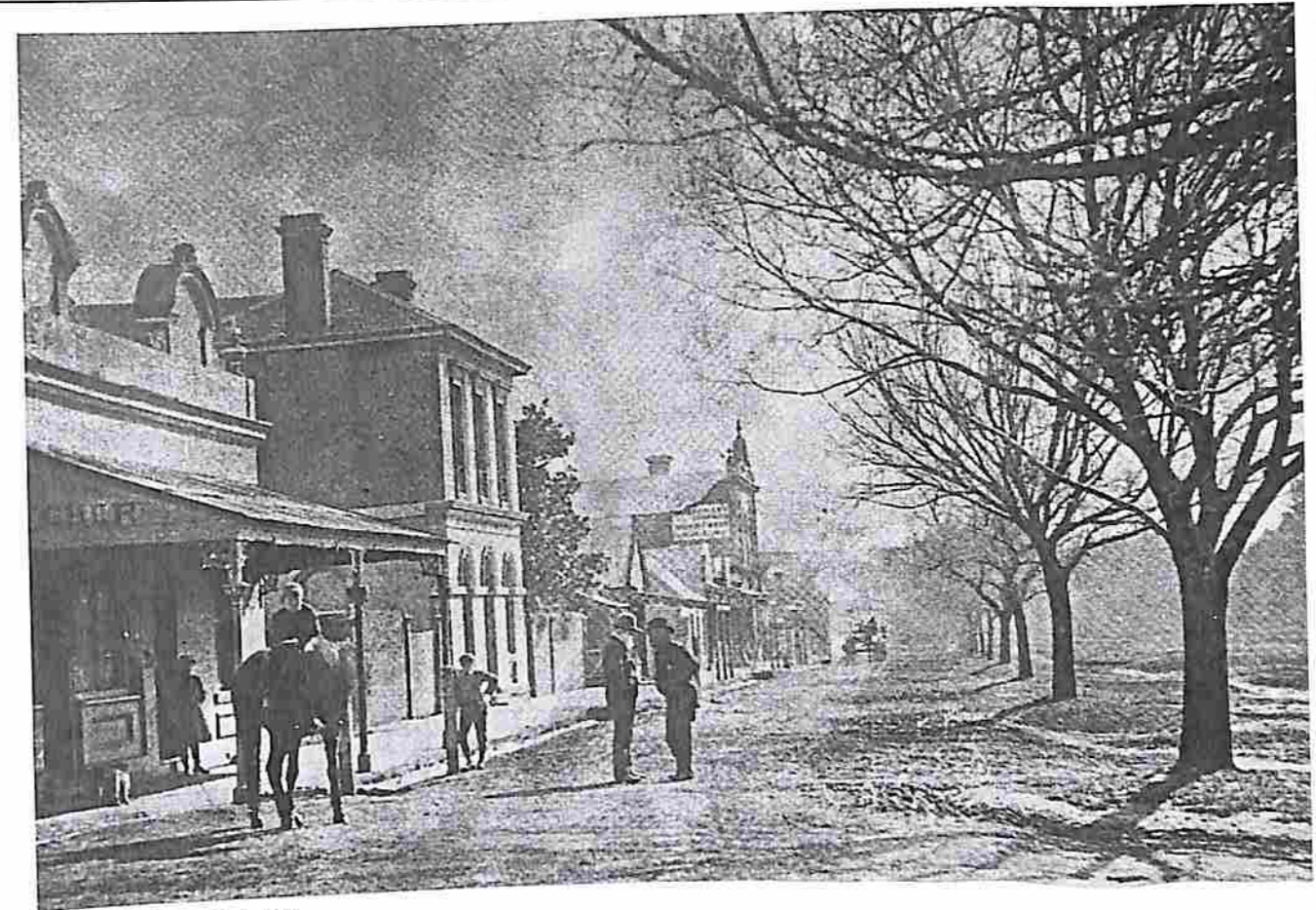
Photographs and faded documents all take time to adjust or re-key. The aim is to digitize all the documents and photographs that our society holds for the benefit of future generations. Unfortunately, most volunteer based societies do not have generous benefactors or multi-national conglomerates throwing money at them; so the daily struggle continues!

Many of the volunteers spend an inordinate amount

of time trying to utilize their equipment and time for the benefit of future generations, which personally, I believe don't give a damn. It is sad and somewhat disheartening to be doing all this work while in the back of your mind you are thinking 'why do I bother?' The younger generation seem to be more interested in the latest fad to hit the supermarket shelves or the newest iPhone or some other gadget than their heritage. Even schools don't take advantage of the wealth of documentation that historical societies hold unless they are constantly reminded. This is very frustrating for the volunteers involved.

Then we have the subject of donations. To most volunteer based organizations donations are their bread and butter, but whether due to the economy or ignorance or just not caring, they find it harder and harder to generate income in order to keep doing what they love. One way of generating income is through state or local government grants. Fine you may say. Having to prioritize specific grants to fund discrete projects or equipment is a never-ending problem because all projects and equipment need to be replaced or at least updated. If we update one computer, then another document may disappear into oblivion. The time taken to save any document is very high.

Yes, this is the whining of an older person who has spent years in industry and wants to see our local history



Main Road, Romsey, c.1900

and heritage retained and explored by the younger generation. However, without volunteers and the existence of local historical societies, we would not have known what happened in the First or Second World Wars, we would not know about the first man on the moon, or the invention of penicillin. Just think how interesting Sir David Attenborough's TV series would be without the research

into Darwin etc. What would have been lost to us if these dedicated people didn't do what they do. ...AND I would not be here today having a good whine about it. My answer to the original question is yes, history IS worth saving, but we need help.

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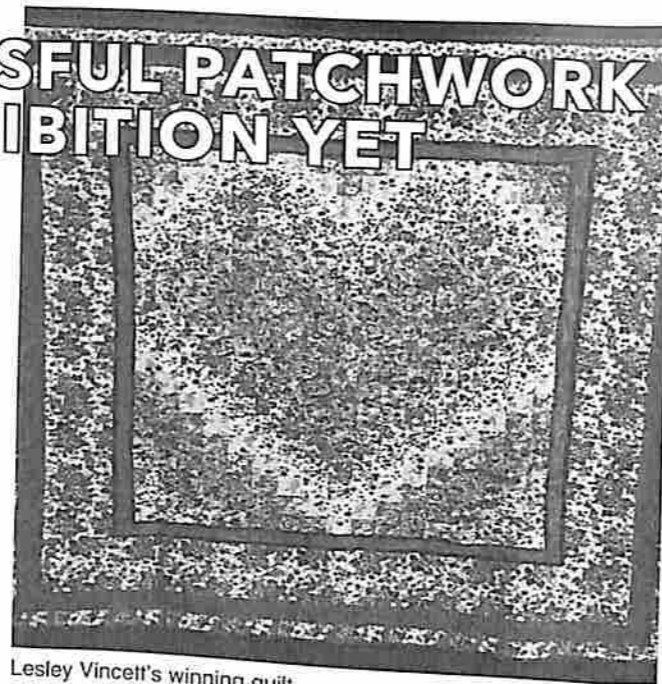
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A PATCH OF LANCEFIELD

OUR MOST SUCCESSFUL PATCHWORK AND QUILTING EXHIBITION YET

On the weekend of May 27/28, a Patch of Lancefield held their most successful patchwork and quilting exhibition yet. As they do every 2 years, the ladies from the group exhibited their quilts at the Lancefield Mechanics Hall, showing a diversity of styles including applique, trapunto, colourwash and stained glass quilting, just to name a few. Visitors to the exhibition were able to not only enjoy viewing the quilts, but also voted for their favourite quilts on the day. These coveted "viewers' choice" awards were won by Lesley Vincett (1st) and Faye Parkinson (2nd) in the large quilt category and by Lesley Vincett (1st) and Bronwyn Inman (2nd) in the small quilt category.

Also a drawcard at the exhibition were the soup and sausage rolls and the scones and cakes prepared by the Patch of Lancefield ladies. The new kitchen at the hall was put to good use, serving a steady stream of hungry guests over the two days of the exhibition. The raffle quilt made by the group and titled 'Colour Wheel' was won by Catherine from Gisborne, who visited the exhibition and purchased her ticket on the Sunday. We hear she is thrilled with her new queen sized quilt.



Lesley Vincett's winning quilt

A Patch of Lancefield meet at the Lancefield Mechanics Hall every Thursday morning, and are always happy to welcome new members at any level of patchwork and quilting. Money raised from the exhibition is used to support local community organisations and projects.

CR HENRY BLEECK UPDATE

IT'S BEEN A LONG ROAD

In August 2008, I wrote that 'All roads lead to Melbourne - or at least the majority of them do - for residents of the eastern part of the Macedon Ranges, new Shire research shows.' The 2008 study found that a significant proportion of the workers living in our Eastern Ward worked in Melbourne and that transport to work for the majority was by driving a car. From the main towns in the east of the Shire - Romsey, Lancefield and Riddells Creek - that's more than 1200 cars each day on the road, day in, day out - down to Melbourne and back again. That's a lot of cars, a lot of mileage, and a lot of fuel. The excellent study by the Shire's Social Planning Co-ordinator, Lorraine Beyer, threw up some very interesting issues for us all.

Today I am looking at the works on upgrading the Melbourne-Lancefield Road are now in the final planning stages, and the upgrade can't come soon enough. The bottlenecks on the road were a bugbear of mine when I was previously on the Council, and I was a regular advocate for VicRoads to do something about it. It's fair to say the Council didn't push this issue as hard as it should have the past few years, but I'm pleased to say that since I was re-elected last year it's back on the agenda, and the State Government has come to the party with \$20 million. It will be dollars well spent, as the road is the main artery from our rapidly-

growing commuter towns of Lancefield and Romsey and the employment hubs in Melbourne.

With the increased traffic on this road as our towns grew in size, the bottlenecks of the one-lane sections were a blight - which was only eased slightly when the passing lanes were built near Clarkfield and Bolinda/Monegeetta. We saw what happened recently, when road subsidence near the Bolinda Bridge caused a reduction in speed limits to 80 kmh, and it took VicRoads more than a year to get around to fixing it. I'll be on their case with the current upgrade, and agitating to ensure that the works are scheduled smoothly and efficiently.

Extra passing lanes are a priority, so that traffic flow, particularly in the morning and evening peaks, is not unduly backed up behind slow vehicles. With increased traffic flows Monegeetta is now a major hub, and work on upgrading and streamlining the intersection needs to be a key focus of the works. Council is working with VicRoads on which sections of the road are to be upgraded, and I'll ensure that the views of our residents and regular users are taken into account. So it's been a long road, but there's light at the end of the tunnel - and I'll ensure that VicRoads and the Council don't take their foot off the pedal.

Cr Henry Bleeck

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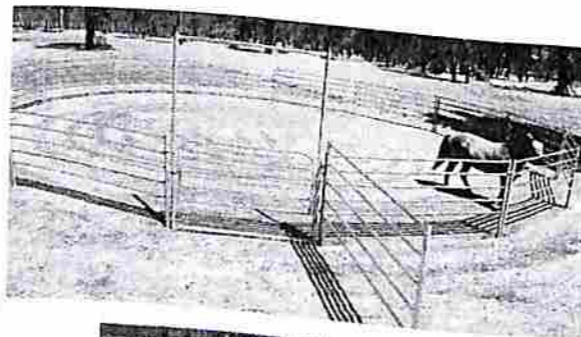
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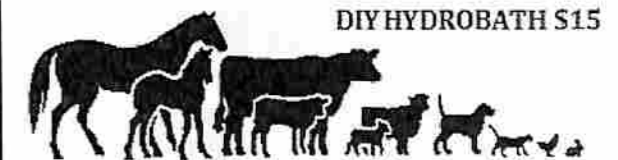
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ACCLAIMED INDIGENOUS AUTHOR BRUCE PASCOE IN CONVERSATION

Council, in partnership with the Macedon Ranges Reconciliation Group, is hosting a unique opportunity to hear award-winning Indigenous writer Bruce Pascoe in conversation during the John Morieson Oration night, at the Kyneton Mechanics Institute on 8 July from 7.30pm to 9pm. The event will be held during NAIDOC Week, a national celebration from 2 to 9 July that honours the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Accomplished author Bruce Pascoe will be discussing his latest award-winning work, *Dark Emu* which presents a radically different view of Australia's first peoples as hunter gatherers. Through extracts of early explorer's journals and records, Bruce asserts that Aboriginal people across the continent were engineering sophisticated dwellings and irrigation systems, along with domesticated plants, sowing, harvesting and storing.

The evening is in honour of the late John Morieson, an academic of Aboriginal history and cosmology, a social activist for Indigenous education, and local member of the Macedon Ranges Reconciliation Group. Come along to the event, and find out more about the ideas that underpin

Bruce's fascinating work, *Dark Emu*, and discover more about the life and work of John Morieson. The cost is \$15 and bookings are essential. To book tickets, contact Jenny on mrrconciliation@gmail.com, or Emilie on 5422 0333 or ebyrne@mrsc.vic.gov.au

HAVE YOUR SAY ON PUBLIC ART AND MEMORIALS

Council is seeking feedback on two draft policies about public art and memorials in the Macedon Ranges Shire. The draft Public Art Policy is a new policy that provides a clear framework for people seeking approval for public art projects in the shire. The revised draft Memorials Policy outlines the process for seeking approval to establish a memorial.

Macedon Ranges Shire Council's Director Community Wellbeing, Karen Stevens encouraged residents to read through the draft policies and share their ideas via a quick online survey. 'We recognise that public art and local memorials have an enormous capacity to enhance our natural environment and create vibrant streetscapes and

that these pieces can become treasured community assets. We are interested in your thoughts as we want to ensure that both of these policies outline a fair and thoughtful process that will guide future projects,' she said.

To have your say, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay or drop in to a Council service centre in Kyneton, Gisborne, Woodend or Romsey. The surveys will be open until Friday 21 July or written submissions

ENCOURAGING MEN TO SKILL UP ON YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH

Do you want to learn more about how you can support a young person experiencing mental health problems? Each year Council offers fully accredited Youth Mental Health First Aid training courses. The award-winning courses are available to parents, guardians and teachers in the Macedon Ranges who want to learn how to give initial help to young people who are in a mental health crisis situation or in the early stages of a mental illness.

The next course is specifically for men, and is being held on Tuesday evenings from 7pm to 10pm on 1, 8, 15 and 22 of August at Holgates Brewery in Woodend. The 14-hour course will cover topics such as anxiety, depression, psychosis, alcohol abuse and other drug issues and eating disorders. To find out more information or to book your place, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/live4life or call 5422 0275.

WESTERN WATER: TARGET 155 TO SAVE WATER AND ENERGY

Lancefield residents were the lowest water users in the Macedon Ranges for the second month in a row in May, using an average 150 litres per person per day. The town has easily reached Target 155, the goal of the State Government's campaign to get householders using 155 litres per person per day or less to help protect our precious drinking water supplies.

Reaching Target 155 can also help you reduce your energy bills, especially in winter, when lots of energy is used for heating water for showers and baths. If your water use is high, do a meter check to make sure you don't have a leak. Write down the numbers on your meter when you are going to be out of the house for a few hours and don't have any water-using appliances such as dishwashers going. Check the meter again when you get home – if it has moved you may have a leak.

Things that can help you reduce water use include shorter showers, only washing clothes when you have a full load, and mulching your garden to keep water in the soil. You can find out more about checking for leaks, Permanent Water Saving Rules, get water saving tips and check average daily water use figures at WesternWater.com.au.

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LANCEFIELD GOLF REPORT

BUSY IS AN UNDERSTATEMENT!

To say that May and June have been busy at the Club would be an understatement! Credit must go to the Ladies who provided the excellent meals covering not only the week-by-week Pennant season, but then fronted again when Lancefield was awarded both the Men and Women's Dalhousie Pennant Finals. The condition and presentation of the course and surrounding grounds has elevated the Club onto another level and many thanks must go to our very enthusiastic greenkeeper and valued employee David Brown, together with the volunteers who help on course and around the Club. All this work has helped in the upward progression of the Club which is receiving due recognition. But wait, there is more – the Ladies also provided the meals covering the 2-day Open Tournament the last weekend in May and at the time of writing – the Dalhousie District have just awarded their Men's Four Ball Stroke Championship to Lancefield on June 25. This will be held the day following our Trivia Night – 'busy?' – there must be a better word.

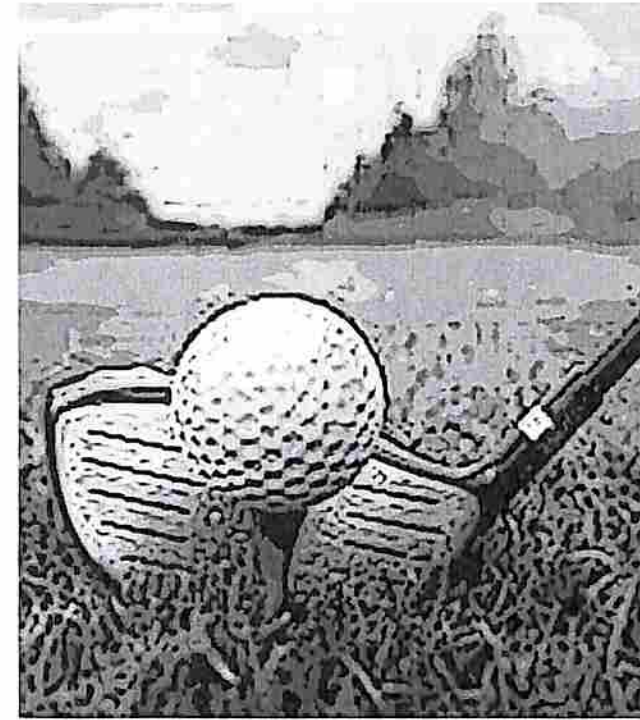
The Pennant Ladies performed very well and were

unlucky to miss the Finals by 0.5 point with the last round being played on the sand scrapes at Avenel. With the exception of Florence Meyer none of the others had played on this surface before and they found the surface trickier than the normal grass greens. The Men's Handicap 3 side led by Denis Linehan were the best out of the 3 men sides fielded this year but were beaten in the Finals.

MONTHLY MEDAL WINNERS:

May: Men: Barry Brennan 82 (13) 69
 Ladies: Jenni Vennell 99 (25) 74 on a count back from Di Brennan 96 (22) 74
 June: Men: Steve Climas 80 (15) 65
 Ladies: Robyn Stevens 115 (32) 83

Unfortunately, the rain came and affected the Open Tournament, especially on the Sunday. However, Saturday was a buzz, 'the joint was jumping' as someone so rightly



put it, so all was not lost for that weekend which reflected positively with our Accountant, Al.

The Club activity is there for all to see. New pathways, concrete edging, new gardens, rejigging of the verandah for the carts now installed, and new table tops on the verandah

tables. A lot of credit must go to those who donate necessary items of everyday equipment which assists the Club enormously. This is none more so than in the very limited kitchen space the Club has available. With the addition of more modern equipment the Ladies now have an area in which they can provide their excellent meals with a bit more ease than was previously the case.

Winter is upon us and our Social Events have kicked off: June was the Trivia Night and our "Christmas in July" is on Saturday 29 July, 3 Course Meal = \$40pp with entertainment by the ever popular Jodie Kefford with his vast range of songs. Numbers are limited to 64. For tickets email Carole at wayola44@gmail.com.

The future of the Golf Club looks very bright and with everyone on board working towards achieving a goal the Club can only go from strength to strength to provide a valuable asset not only for the community of Lancefield but those in surrounding areas. Well done to everyone over the past busy 2 months.



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T J Scott & Son recently attended a workshop with Dr Alan Wolfelt in Melbourne so they could all learn from his extensive research and experience about the importance of sharing your grief. The 'Your Story' Booklet allows people to record things like their earliest memories, pets, hobbies and the things people often forget to ask. It's your final gift to them by sharing your story.

For a printed version of the booklet call Kelly on (03) 5422 6455.

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We all love to receive gifts which come in various guises - large and small, some, painstakingly wrapped which we painstakingly unwrap until the hidden gift is revealed. God is the greatest gift giver of all. His gifts so lavishly given to us are seen in the glory of the heavens and in all the beauty of unspoilt nature around us and in the love of family and friends. Jesus said to those around Him, "If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your Father in heaven, give good gifts to those who ask Him." (Matthew 7:11). God gives all of us different attributes and abilities to use for His glory as highlighted in the Parable of the Talents told by Jesus. (Matthew 25:14-30).

One writer has described the one who received five talents as being the geniuses of this world, the other one receiving 'two' the talented and the one receiving 'one' talent being the ordinary ones - the majority. Just think what will be achieved by the countless numbers using their one talent! No matter how many talents we receive, God expects us to use them in His service, there is no hiding behind the excuse, "I couldn't do that - or I haven't the

time" for which we will all have to answer to on the Day of Judgment. He has a plan and purpose for each of our lives. We need perceptive seeing eyes and listening ears to discern what He has planned for each and everyone of us! God's great gift to us was the giving of His Son, Jesus, to die for us - sinners - that we might be reconciled to Him, and being freed from the power of sin and death, have eternal life. (John 3.16.). God's other great gift is the gift of His Holy Spirit who comes to live in the heart of the believer to empower him/her to use all the gifts and graces He has given. There is always that gap between what we believe and what we practise and it is here that the Holy Spirit steps in to be our Guide and Strengthened. Then there are the gifts of His graces - Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Goodness, Long suffering, Hope, Faith, the greatest being Love. It is up to each one of us to take these gifts God is offering us, open them up and use them!

*"To Thee, from Whom we all derive Our life, our gifts, our power to give
O may we ever with Thee live, Who givest all."
Bishop C. Wordsworth*

As the winter months set in, it was a much quieter month for us. A.M.S. is only meeting every second month now. Thank you to all who contributed and supported our successful Street Stall, 3rd June, also the Tony's Pie Drive held this month. The Stall Raffle winners were - 1st Prize: Janos Amos; 2nd Prize: Michelle Oakes; 3rd Prize: Barrie Sutton.

JULY 2017

Sun. 2nd. 10.30am. *Combined Service.* Christ Church Lancefield.

Farewell Service of Rev. Bill Carroll after seven years of faithful service with us. Morning tea to follow in hall.

We await the appointment of Rev. Bill's successor. Thurs. 13th. 7.30pm. AMS Snooker Night at Mrs. Marj. Davis' 143 Barry St. Romsey. All men welcome! Enquiries: Tom Morgan .. 5429-6060

Snowball time again. \$2.. Proceeds in aid of AMS. Welfare Fund.

*"Thou didst not spare Thine Only Son, But gav'st Him for a world undone,
And freely with that Blessed One, Thou givest all."
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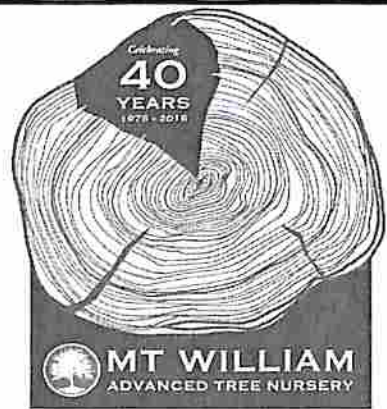


THE MOUNT PLAYERS HAPPENINGS

Our 14th annual One Act Play Festival will be held on 8-9 July. An assortment of short plays will be staged across the weekend performed by The Mount Players and guest theatre companies from far and wide. All plays are judged by an adjudicator who will present a variety of awards at the wind-up to the festival on Sunday afternoon. This is a lovely opportunity to nestle in and enjoy a cosy weekend of excellent theatre. Come for a session or make a weekend of it. Tickets can only be purchased at the door.

Our 4th Production *Laughter* by Noel Coward, will be staged in November/December and we invite anyone interested to an Information Night at the theatre on Monday 17 July at 7.00pm. Auditions will be run on Saturday 29 and Sunday 30 July. For all enquiries please contact the Director, Andrew Meldrum on 0488 363 222.

You can now book your tickets for our August/September musical comedy, *The Full Monty*. This will be a fabulous production so book early to avoid disappointment. To book your tickets or enquire on session times go to www.themountplayers.com or call our box office on 5426 1892.



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CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOKS

Heads and Tails by John Canty. RRP \$26.95

Age range 3 to 8 Heads and Tails by John Canty is an extraordinary children's picture book. Leveraging the natural and universal fascination that children have with animals, the book utilises hints and recognition to build a sense of anticipation on each page, that is resolved on the following page when the identity of the animal is discovered. Young readers are engaged in the process

of deduction by drawing on visual prompts and clues such as where an animal may live, what the animal may look like and sounds the animal makes. The effect is that each page presents an engaging yet accessible mini mystery for the child to solve.



Great Goal! Marvellous Mark! by Katrina Germein and Janine Dawson. RRP \$16.95

Age range 3 to 5 Get ready for a great game of footy. There's plenty of action and masses of mud. Who will kick the first goal? Who will

take the best mark? And will the yellow team win? A zippy, colourful, wet and muddy children's weekend footy game that relates to all budding AFL champions & their families.

A-Z of Endangered Animals by Jennifer Cossins. RRP \$26.99



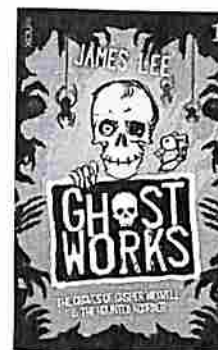
Shortlisted for the 2017 CBCA Eve Pownall Award for Information Books. This beautifully illustrated full-colour picture book is packed with interesting facts and is perfect for young conservationists and students alike with a keen interest in the world around us. On this journey through the alphabet, you will encounter

some of the world's most beautiful, rare and endangered animals, from the majestic Amur tiger and the curious kakapo, to the misunderstood Tasmanian devil and the shy zebra duiker. Come on an illustrated expedition through the animal kingdom with Tasmanian artist Jennifer Cossins.

CHILDREN'S FICTION 8-13 YEARS

Ghost Works by James Lee. RRP 9.99

A spine-tingling new series for children aged 8 to 12! From the phenomenally successful author of the 'Mr Midnight' and 'Mr Mystery' books, which have sold over 3 million copies around the world, comes



a fantastically creepy and thoroughly absorbing new series of middle-fiction novels. Each book contains two chilling tales which will entrance young readers. Book 1 features: Story 1: *The Grave Of Gasper Weavell* How come one man has two graves in the same cemetery When Noah and his friends try to find out, they unleash the forgotten dead! Story 2: *The Haunted Hoarder* Aunt Rosie's house is full of

junk. But amongst all the rubbish is a deadly secret ghosts would kill for!

Ballerina Dreams by Michaela and Elaine DePrince. RRP \$14.99

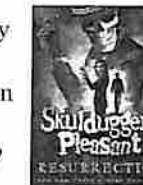
One windy day, a magazine blew down the road. I reached out and caught it. A pretty picture of a woman was on the front cover of the magazine. She wore a short pink dress that stuck out around her in a circle. She looked very happy. At the age of three, Michaela DePrince found a photo of a ballerina that changed her life. She was living in an orphanage in Sierra Leone at the time, but was soon adopted by a family and brought to America. Michaela never forgot the photo



of the dancer she once saw, and decided to make her dream of becoming a ballerina come true. She has been dancing ever since, and after a spell as a principal dancer in New York, now dances for the Dutch National Ballet in Amsterdam. Beautifully and gently illustrated by Ella Okstad, *Ballerina Dreams* is the younger-reader edition of Michaela DePrince's highly moving memoir, *Hope in a Ballet Shoe*.


TEEN FICTION

Skulduggery Pleasant; Resurrection by Derek Landy. RRP \$19.99



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characters from the first 9 books as well as an all-new cast, including new teen co-star Omen Darkly, for an adventure that takes the story to truly global proportions... while answering questions that go right back to the beginning.

The Fall
by Tristan
Banks.
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In the middle of the night, Sam is woken by angry voices from the apartment above. He goes to the window to see what's happening - only to hear a struggle, and see a body fall from the sixth-floor balcony. Pushed, Sam

thinks. Sam goes to wake his father, Harry, a crime reporter, but Harry is gone. And when Sam goes downstairs, the body is gone, too. But someone has seen Sam, and knows what he's witnessed. The next twenty-four hours could be his last.

ADULT FICTION

The Ministry of Utmost Happiness
by Arundhati Roy. RRP 32.99



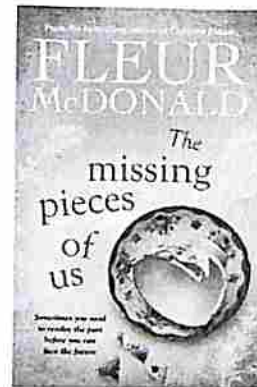
The Ministry of Utmost Happiness takes us on a journey of many years-the story spooling outwards from the cramped neighbourhoods of Old Delhi into the burgeoning new metropolis and

beyond, to the Valley of Kashmir and the forests of Central India, where war is peace and peace is war, and where, from time to time, 'normalcy' is declared. Anjum, who used to be Aftab, unrolls a threadbare carpet in a city graveyard that she calls home. A baby appears quite suddenly on a pavement, a little after midnight, in a crib of litter. The enigmatic S. Tilottama is as much of a presence as she is an absence in the lives of the three men who loved her. The Ministry of Utmost Happiness is at once an aching love story and a decisive remonstrance. It is told in a whisper, in a shout, through tears and sometimes with a laugh. Its heroes are people who have been broken by the world they live in and

then rescued, mended by love-and by hope. For this reason, they are as steely as they are fragile, and they never surrender.

The Missing Piece of Us
by Fleur McDonald. RRP 29.99

Lauren Ramsey is a teacher whose mantra is to never let a child fall through the cracks. But Lauren is so concerned about the welfare of a little boy in



her kindy class she doesn't realise her own daughter, Skye, needs help. At fourteen, Skye Ramsey is dealing with the usual pressures faced by teenage girls, from the pitfalls of social media to coping with fickle friends and the attention of boys. The only person who seems to listen to Skye is Tamara Thompson, the manager of her favourite clothes shop.

Tamara knows what it's like to be a troubled teen because as an adolescent she felt unloved and overlooked. She now has a successful career and a partner who adores her, but her sense of worthlessness and fear of rejection are threatening to overwhelm her.

All three women are searching for a happier future, but finding it may

lie in resolving secrets from their pasts.

Desperation
Road by
Michael
Farris
Smith. RRP
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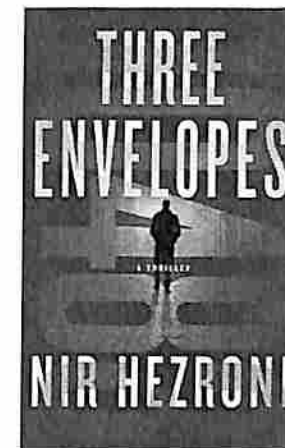


After completing an 11 year jail sentence, Russell Gaines believes his debt to society has been paid. But when he returns home, he discovers that revenge lives and breathes all around him. Meanwhile, a woman named Maben and her young daughter trudge along the side of the interstate. Desperate and exhausted, the pair spend their last dollar on a room for the night, a night that ends with Maben holding a pistol and a dead deputy.

With the dawn, destinies collide, and Russell is forced to decide whose life he will save - his own or those of the woman and child.

Three Envelopes by Nir Hezroni. RRP \$26.99

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a top agent in The Organization receives a disturbing notebook written by the mysterious 10483, supposedly dead for years, he realizes that something went terribly wrong. Is 10483 a psychopath who outwitted his handlers for years? Or was he manipulated by his superiors to carry out the most monstrous assassinations in the history of the state of Israel? And why was he the only agent to receive three envelopes with targeted killing assignments instead of one, as part of a lethal and top secret operation? Was he responsible for locking up his victims and staging their deaths, or was he himself merely the victim of a brilliant scientist whose cutting-edge discoveries enabled

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her to manipulate his brain waves? Compelling and scary in equal measure, Nir Hezroni's dark thriller is a chilling exploration of the mind of a master killer.

Exile by James Swallow. RRP \$29.99



A vicious Serbian gang whose profits come from fake nuclear weapons. A disgraced Russian general, with access to the real thing. A vengeful Somali warlord, with a cause for which he'd let the world burn. A jaded government agency, without the information to stop him. Only one man sees what's coming. And even he might not be able to prevent it.

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ADULT NON-FICTION

Country Style Gardens by Victoria Carey of Country Style Magazine. RRP \$39.99



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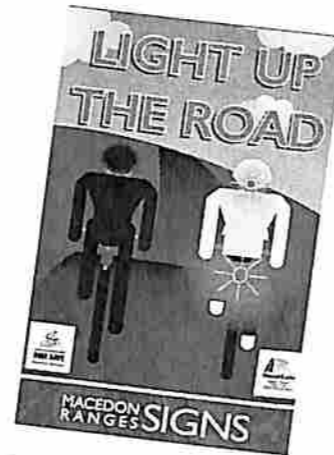
Following on from the terrible events on Black Forest Drive recently, it's that time of year where low light and short days mean we all need to take measures to be visible on our roads. You will soon see our "Light Up the Road" banners on the roadside as part of our winter campaign. With the support of Macedon Ranges Shire Council, Macedon Ranges Signs and funding by VicRoads Road Safety Community Grants we are encouraging all road users to consider their visibility when on the road.

As a cycling safety advocacy group, we recommend the use of lights and visible clothing always. Sunshine and shadows can mean it is all too easy for a cyclist to blend into the background. All road users – pedestrians, horse riders and car drivers to name just a few – need to think

about how visible they are on the road. Don't expect that other road users can easily see you. Don't be the stealth cyclist or car going past that you only see at the last minute!

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A BIG PROJECT



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There was very little biodiversity in this now beautiful site and our work restoring it over a period of time was rewarded when the Port Phillip & Westernport Catchment Management Authority awarded our group the 'Caring for public land' award in 2012 for our work particularly at Sheehans Crossing.

Much volunteer time and effort went into site preparation such as the removal of dumped rubbish and wire, weed removal (to the tune of 3 ute loads), site spraying in preparation of planting out what is now closer to a thousand trees and shrubs so as to restore biodiversity, protect the integrity of remnant vegetation and the intrinsic value of the wildlife corridor and to contribute to the site's environmental assets which are classified as endangered and vulnerable in its environmental vegetation classification (EVC).

In the last few years (and last year with the assistance of DELWP funding), we have successfully established 'roo' exclusion cages (as seen below) which have been incredibly

successful and we wish to share this success with the community. There is often nothing more defeating than planting out hundreds of staked and guarded trees for them to become merely fodder for pest animals but the 'roo' exclusion cages have proved extremely valuable in getting the native vegetation off to a good start by protecting them whilst they are young (tube-stock). Once they establish, the fencing then can be moved to another position nearby and we begin the process again. This is a very effective way of establishing vegetation that is prone to pest animal grazing.

Fences are 1.2mH and up to 10mL wrapped into a circular cage with galvanised posts and anchored by gal pegs on all sides. If you are doing any revegetation on your property and would like to see the set-up, design and success of these 'roo' exclusion cages, feel free to have a gander at those along the Deep Creek on Sheehans Road Romsey.

Deep Creek Landcare Group would also like to take this opportunity to thank our outgoing Landcare Facilitator Grant Godden for all his hard work, attention and assistance to our Landcare Group and wish him well with his future endeavours.

Hayley Goodman

President deepcreeklandcare@gmail.com