

## SPECIAL CENTENARY MT MACEDON ANZAC DAWN SERVICE

The Centenary commemoration of the Gallipoli landings will see some special features added to this year's Mt Macedon ANZAC Day Dawn Service including stories featuring families from across the Macedon Ranges, and additional audio visual capacity to cater for a larger attendance. Following the huge success of the bus services provided last year, buses will again be provided to the Service from Gisborne, Woodend, Macedon, Romsey, Lancefield, Riddells Creek and Sunbury.

Chair of the Mt Macedon ANZAC Day Dawn Service Committee, Bruce Mildenhall, said that the Committee had worked hard to ensure that the content and quality of this year's Service would match the significance of the occasion.

"This year's Service will feature the staging of a mini-drama using historical materials and letters, special music written especially for the Centenary and the offering of prayers from a number of faiths, Mr Mildenhall said.

"We are proud that over recent years, the Mt Macedon ANZAC Day Dawn Service has grown in size and become one of the largest attended Dawn Service's in regional Victoria.

Anyone wishing to attend the Service will need to catch one of the following bus services:

Gisborne Train Station at 4:15AM and 5:15AM, Woodend Train Station at 4:30AM and 5:15AM, Romsey Community

Hub at 4:30AM and 5:00AM, Lancefield Mechanics Hall at 4:45AM and Riddells Creek Primary School at 4:15AM. A bus will also be provided for Sunbury families wishing to attend the Service and will depart the Sunbury Train Station at 5:00AM.

A continual shuttle bus service will operate from Tony Clarke Recreation Reserve- Waterfalls Road, Macedon with the first bus departing at 4:00AM and the last bus departing at 5:20AM.

Mr Mildenhall said that the 2015 Mt Macedon ANZAC Day Dawn Service was expected to cost the volunteer-led Committee in excess of \$35,000, up \$30,000 from the 2005 Service, and people attending are requested to make a gold coin donation when they board the bus to the Service.

Mount Macedon Road will be closed to Dawn Service traffic from the corner of Mount Macedon Road and Honour Avenue, and Mount Macedon Road and Straws Lane from 3:00AM on ANZAC Day. All private cars will be directed to Tony Clarke Recreation Reserve.

Bookings for each bus service is essential and can be made online from Wednesday 1 April by visiting: [www.organscoaches.com.au](http://www.organscoaches.com.au).

For further information, visit [www.mtmacedonanzacdawnservice.com](http://www.mtmacedonanzacdawnservice.com)

# SINGING IN THE RANGES

## - THE VICTORIA WELSH CHOIR CÔR BACH

Local bagpiper Malcolm Sinclair and his wife Mardi, playing the drum, were dressed in traditional Scottish kilts on Sunday 15 March when they accompanied the Victoria Welsh Male Choir at the Lancefield Mechanics Hall. At the sell-out concert, they played the well-known hymn, Amazing Grace, and received resounding applause for their contribution.

The concert was a fundraising event as part of the Restoration Appeal for Christ Church Lancefield and Reverend Bill spoke enthusiastically about the event and thanks the audience for the funds it would raise. Under the baton of musical director, Faleiry Koczkar OAM, this very popular concert opened to the rousing sounds of Gwyn Harlech - or to the non-Gaelic speaking in the audience, the well-known, popular and very distinctive Men of Harlech! It was sung by the Choir so wonderfully loud and with such great enthusiasm that it was impossible for the audience to remain silent. Many audience members made their voices heard. The man behind me should certainly audition for the choir - the MC was calling for recruits to the Bendigo or Blackburn branches! Many in the audience also sang along to the solos and medleys. A word sheet was provided to assist the audience with the hymn Cwm Rhondda and The Bonnie Banks O' Loch Lomon. Indeed, musical director Faleiry Koczkar coached the audience and when our rendition was not to her satisfaction, we sang it again... and again. All great fun!

Medleys by solo artists Ambrose Morgan, Roger Bartlet and Bob Ash captivated the audience. The choir excelled, and there was not a dry eye in the house when they sang Working Man, the story of a Welsh miner.

In recognition of the forthcoming Anzac Day celebrations and the 100-year anniversary of the event, a selection of World War One songs clearly took many of the older members of the audience back in time. Audience members enjoyed singing along to Roses of Picardy, Over There, Keep



Koczkar and Lorna Ogilvie, the Choir's version of the well-known Australian folk song incorporated the Welsh National Anthem. This was, I felt, a master-stroke, admired by the audience as a whole.

An impressive afternoon tea of sandwiches, savoury items, cakes and slices as well as cups of tea and coffee was welcome and very impressive. Further fundraisers of this kind would, I feel, fill the Mechanics Hall once again. Let there be more music in Lancefield!

Fay Woodhouse

Reverend Tom Morgans solo, "Highland Cathedral" was lovely. (Meryl Green)

### GREAT NEWS

\$41,000 raised for Christ Church Lancefield Appeal - \$1500 from the Concert and \$26,00 from subsequent donations. A big thank you for the great community support and to our generous donors. To God be the glory, great things He has done! (Anglican Parish Lancefield & Romsey)

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0419 523 324 Amanda Johnson

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falling on Anzac Day. We will observe 1 minutes  
silence. No alcohol will be on sale this day.)

## THE ROOTS OF THE TREE

### 'ENTRENCHED' ATTITUDE.

I feel my own life all the more precious and dear in the presence of this deflowering of Europe. While it is true that the guns will effect a little useful weeding. I am furious with chagrin to think that the mind, which were to have excelled the civilization of two thousand years, are being annihilated - and bodies, the product of aeons of Natural selection, melted down to pay for politics / statues.

Wilfred Owen, War Poet August 28th 1914

Weeds: a plant in wrong place. A very poignant letter, and timely reminder that history repeats, human dynamics ebb and flow. One clear message remains from the continuation of an event that defined the twentieth century, none more so than Australia, where numerous families were traumatised for generations.

The survivors returned to face a changed world, science had triumphed over nature and emotion mass destruction had been facilitated by the very tools of communication and production that were the Miracles of the age. Now we hear a lot about relativities and expectations - The Roots of the Tree: must be nourished and respected the trunk protected managed and maintained the fresh shoots of new growth encouraged and guided by the wisdom of last mistakes.

Fred King



## VANESSA'S GARDEN

# AUTUMN IS HERE

Now that autumn is here it's a great time to transplant things. Many gardeners will have a plant that's not in quite the right place, perhaps because it's getting more (or less) sun than it needs or perhaps because the surrounding plants have overcrowded the space available. If you've been looking at the struggling plant for months wishing it was somewhere else - now's the time to move it. The soil is still warm, making it ideal for moving evergreen trees and shrubs which will be able to settle into their new home before winter's cold gets a grip.

First, deeply water the plant you are going to move. This will help make sure that as much of the root ball as possible stays with the plant. If you don't do this deep watering (a) the ground will be harder to dig and (b) the roots are more likely to break.

Prepare the new site before you dig the plant up. That might sound obvious to some but I've seen many people dig the poor plant up and cart it around the garden, dumping it with a thud in one location and then another as they try to decide where it will look best. All the while the poor shrub's roots are drying out and it's going into shock!

Dig a hole slightly larger than the root ball. Aha, I can hear you say triumphantly! I won't know how big the root ball is until I've dug it up! A guesstimate is good enough at this point. Fill the hole with water and allow to drain and repeat once. The excavated soil can also be soaked if you are planning to use it to backfill once the plant is situated.

Now it's time to excavate the plant. You want to get as much of the root ball as possible as this is a vital part of the plant's life support and anchorage system. Ideally, make your

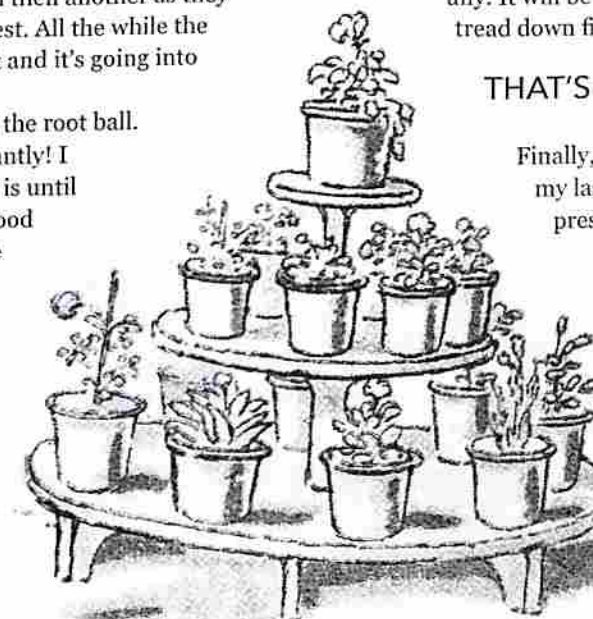
spade cuts about a third of the way from the main stem to the canopy edge. You might find this is too far, but better too far than too close, which usually leads to a lot of ancient Anglo-Saxon and some extra work in making the hole bigger.

You'll be able to see if there has been any serious root damage once you have the plant out (and often you'll feel the dreaded slice through a major root jar its way up the spade). If this happens all you need do is remove some foliage and branches. The plant will have less ability to support growth until it recovers, so you can help by giving it less to maintain.

Adjust the new hole if necessary. The top of the root ball should be level with the surface and then backfill. Make sure to settle the roots so as to avoid creating air pockets which can fill with water during winter and lead to rot. A good way to do this is to water as you go, as this will wash the soil well into the roots. There's no need to add fertiliser. The plant is heading into winter dormancy and doesn't need extra food but by all means add some good compost if you have any. It will be an excellent soil conditioner. Finally tread down firmly all around the planting hole.

### THAT'S ALL FOLKS!

Finally, after 3 and a half years, this will be my last regular gardening article. I'm afraid pressure of work means that spare time is getting squeezed and I'm in danger of providing you with something cobbled together at the last minute, rather than a well thought out piece. However, I have alerted the editor to another keen gardener in the area and she may be willing to bring a fresh energy to all things gardening in the Mercury. Thank you for all the positive feedback and happy gardening!



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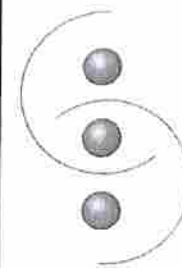
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## LOCAL SWIMMING LESSONS ARE BACK!

Hip hip hooray to a successful summer at the Lancefield Pool.

It might not have been the hottest of summers this year but for those enrolled in the swimming program at the Lancefield Pool the sky was clear and the weather was kind.

For the first time in several summer s the Macedon Ranges Aquatic Centres this year agreed to host a swimming lesson program at the Lancefield pool. It was such a successful program that it seems the community may have won back this local service for the future.

Only days before Christmas the Lancefield community managed a last minute rally to achieve a list of over 60 children interested in a school holiday outdoor swimming program.

Swimming lessons have not been offered at Lancefield for several seasons (despite several requests) due to an apparent lack of (community) interest and a history of inconsistent weather. This year after such an overwhelming community response the pool management supported our request to host a 5 day intensive swimming program.

The program ran between 19-23rd of January with 24 enrolments ranging in age from 3yrs to 40plus years! Macedon Ranges swimming instructor Brooke Reardon managed the program and was extremely dedicated to making it successful. She did a wonderful job.

The program was so great that parents asked to continue weekly after-school lessons in January. To everyone's delight the pool obliged, providing another 4 weeks of lessons until the end of season closure. Twenty seven children enrolled in the after-school program.

It is really exciting to see our local pool being used for

lessons again. We are very lucky to have this wonderful facility in our backyard and swimming lessons should always be a service available at this facility.

"I loved being able to walk to my swimming lessons this year" says Piper aged 9, "It is much nicer swimming outside because it is not noisy like when you have lessons at the indoor pools. Getting into the cold pool was fun too!"

Parents have also welcomed this local option with enthusiasm. The half hour drive to the nearest indoor pools is financially taxing and a huge time commitment for families living in and around Lancefield. Some families are not able to commit to this travel or have access to transport.

Given statistics recently published in 'the Age' newspaper stating that 3 out of 5 Victorian children cannot swim when leaving primary school it is so important that councils deliver lessons on the most local level possible.

We are looking forward to seeing the promotion of swimming lesson programs at the Lancefield pool for many seasons to come. Please remember to enquire about this service prior to the summer season commencing so that you do not miss out.

There are also a number of families interested in developing a summer season swimming club for regular social and/or some friendly competition lap swimming (all ages). If this interests you please email Caitlin: piperstreet@gmail.com

Further enquiries regarding next summer's lessons can be made with Chard or Brooke by phoning Gisborne Aquatic Centre: 54211452. or email breardon@mrse.vic.gov.au.



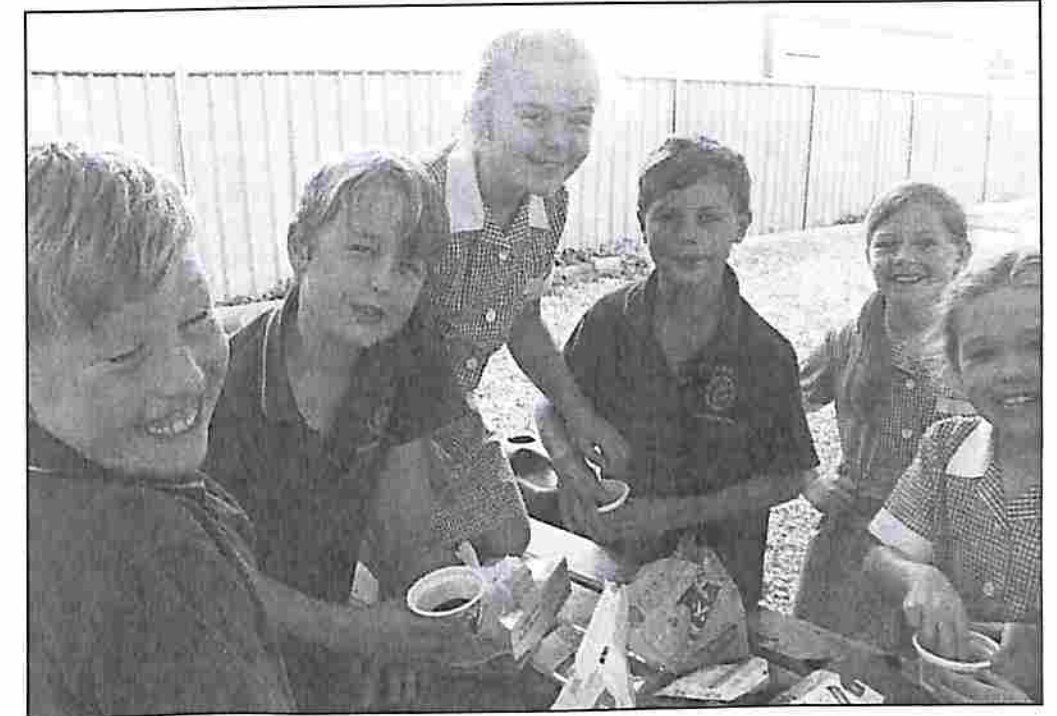
## ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL LANCEFIELD

### SUSTAINABILITY RESOURCE GROUP

On Wednesday 4th March the Sustainability Resource Group (SRG) Leaders attended a conference at Our Lady of the Rosary, Kyneton, based around the idea of "Do More with Less." The students were involved in activities which focused on sustainability of the earth's resources. The team set a goal of saving energy at school by using natural light and turning off the lights.

### LEADERSHIP GROUP

Our Year 6 school leaders attended the GRIP Leadership Conference on the 12th March. They looked at how to make the most of Leadership Opportunities, the importance of generosity in leaders and taking time to develop a Leadership Plan for 2015.

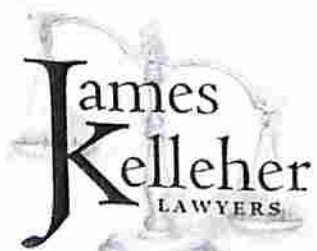


### LENT

Lent is a special time in the lead up to Easter in the Catholic Church. All students have been learning Lent and the work of Caritas. Caritas' theme for 2015 is 'Food for Life' and students across the school have been investigating what this means.

The students in Years 3/4 are busy discovering more about Caritas and the positive Social Justice message it promotes. The students have been completing selfless acts on the Lenten Calendar. One activity was to plant some veggie seeds.

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### MONTHLY MEETINGS

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

We enjoyed a very interesting time at Dromkeen on 18th March. Very nice lunch and a great tour of the area.

### OUTING

Outing for Wednesday, 15th April, 2015 is a bus trip to Ballarat, stopping at Creswick Woolen Mill and Musk (Istra Smallgoods). At Ballarat we will visit the Ex-Prisoner of War Memorial, 27 busts in Prime Minister Avenue and the Museum of Australian Democracy at Eureka.

### NEXT MEETING

Next meeting Thursday 23rd April, 2015 at 10am.

The Guest Speaker is Douglas Golding who will talk about working as a Journalist in Melbourne and Sydney in 1950's. Douglas is the grandson of Herbert Golding, the proprietor and editor of the Lancefield Mercury during 1913-15.

### ARE YOU INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP??

We meet once a month and we deal with the normal matters of a club, like correspondence, treasury, and discuss the last outing we had enjoyed, and most important, where we are going to next month, a short tour, a long tour, a lunch somewhere. Our monthly meeting always finishes with morning tea, which is followed by a guest speaker with an interesting topic.

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

We also enjoy a monthly musical/film afternoon at a members home and Friday coffee mornings at a local café.

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**WEATHER COMMENT**

I don't quite know how to start this month whether to make some remarks about the continuing run of dry weather and hope that this may prompt a change or hope that this week's Grand Prix will have a similar effect as it often seems to turn wet for this event. The country is looking very dry at the present time and feed for the stock is getting less and less so a decision will soon need will soon have to be made between continuing to supplement with hay or consider reducing stock numbers, cattle in particular, to ease the pressure on the available pasture. Over the years that I been writing these articles it has not been an unusual situation for us to be placed in this position but it is never easy to decide what to do. This leads to the subject of rainfall. We have recorded only two falls this month with a total of 19 mm, nothing to get excited about as we head into the season of Autumn and at this stage a dry Winter which will prove hard on livestock and the garden also. Our animals are in quite good condition so they may be headed for the saleyards and with plenty of replacements available this may be the way to go later on in the year.

Toby is now receiving some pellets in the morning and a biscuit of lucerne in the evening. It would have been much easier if he had decided he was a sheep and not a human being with a woolly coat that was quite ready to accept humans as his preferred company. The rest of the ewes have now been joined and we look forward to lambs later in the year Last year's lambs are still on what remains of the lucerne but this situation can't last much longer and the saleyard is also in their future.

The flower garden is looking rather tired and dry although there are some plants doing their bit i.e. Easter and Michaelmas daisies, perennial phlox, wind flowers, salvias and sedums plus a lovely one with the interesting name of obedient plant. The vegie plot looks nice and green and is still supplying us with vegetables. A good fall of rain would be most beneficial in more ways than one.

Robert Green



**SERVICE TIMES**

Worship at 10.30 am each Sunday, followed by morning tea. Sunday School is also at 10.30 am.

Holy Communion - on the second Sunday of each month.

Open Church - the Church is open for private prayer and meditation every Wednesday between 11.00 am and 3.00 pm.

The Classical Music Group meets every second Tuesday from 2 pm to 4 pm, and extends a warm welcome to all. (April 14, April 28, May 12)

**A NEW OUTLOOK FOR THE UNITING CHURCH.**

Sunday the first of March ushered in a new season and a new initiative for the Uniting Churches of the Macedon Ranges and their small rural northern neighbours. The Kyneton Uniting church was filled with people from the congregations of Kyneton, Barfold, Metcalfe, Sutton Grange, Mia Mia, Romsey, Lancefield, Woodend, Tylden, Gisborne, Mt Macedon and Riddells Creek as they celebrated the beginning of a new partnership as one fellowship working together in this region. With the support of the Presbytery of Port Phillip West the partnership will call three regeneration ministers to work with all the congregations as they explore "fresh expressions" of church in their communities. There are many exciting new ideas among the people for extending the church outwards as well as continuing to provide worship and care for each other. Churches are keen to find ways to use their resources better to respond to community needs.

The service on Sunday was one filled with hope as the congregation of one hundred and fifty-five shared worship and a delicious spit roast meal together committing themselves to move forward on this new journey. If you are interested in being involved, contact the Uniting Church in your own area or you can always drop in to the Op shops in Kyneton and at Woodend to speak with people there.

Ian Kennedy  
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**JOURNEY WITH THE ARTS FROM MUSIC TO MONKEYS AND MONUMENTS IN RAJASTHAN**

Australian Decorative & Fine Arts (ADFAS) Central Victoria members from Lancefield to Glenlyon in the west and Castlemaine in the north, have already enjoyed two lectures this year and are looking forward to the third this month. The series kicked off in February when musicologist Professor Heath Lees addressed over 100 members and visitors on 'More to Music than Meets the Ear'.

Prof. Lees and his wife Liz, who live in Auckland, enjoyed lunch in Piper Street, Kyneton with members of the ADFAS Committee, including Lancefield resident, Gidia Timmerman, before the evening lecture at Kyneton Town Hall.

**MARCH LECTURE**

The March lecture moved from music to monkeys. The antics of the fifteen piece Meissen Monkey Band in the collection of the Grainger Museum at Melbourne University came under scrutiny when Melbourne ceramics expert and President of the Ceramics and Glass Circle of Australia, Patricia Begg OAM, spoke to ADFAS members and guests in Kyneton.

In her presentation Patricia Begg looked at the development of porcelain table decoration in the 1730s at Meissen in Germany, their source material and then the French Rococo influence, which brought the monkeys to Meissen in the 1740s.

The next lecture, on Thursday 14 May, will transport the audience to India through the eyes of Rudyard Kipling. 'India: Travel in Rajasthan with Rudyard Kipling: Palaces and Temples, Monuments and Forts in the Land of Kings' will be presented by Elizabeth Merry from UK. Liz Merry has interests ranging from classical art and architecture to aspects of the visual arts and to the



ADFAS Central Vic Chair, Maureen Hoerner from Woodend, Dr Lees, ADFAS Committee member, Lancefield resident, Gidia Timmerman and Liz Lees, enjoying the Piper Street atmosphere.

links between literature and art. This is Liz's third tour of Australia for ADFAS.

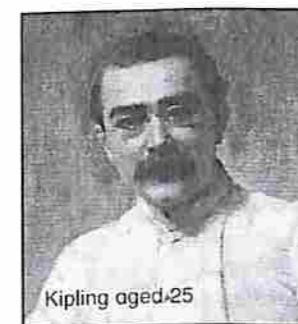
As a young reporter working for the Lahore Gazette, Kipling travelled through Rajasthan, producing some magical and evocative descriptions of the places he visited. He is associated with the world of the Empire and the British Raj, but as the son of a senior lecturer at the Bombay Art School and a talented artist himself, Kipling's 'seeing eye' and his love of India provide a wonderful glimpse into the lives of the Moguls and Maharajahs.

**DETAILS**

Thurs. 14 May, Kyneton Town Hall, 7 for 7.30pm. A supper of hot and cold food is served afterwards with local wine.

Cost: \$30 single lecture or \$150 membership for the series of 8 monthly lectures and other arts events. There is a one-off \$25 joining fee for new members. You may join on the night or email adfascenvic@gmail.com for a membership form.

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Kipling aged 25

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Our students in the senior classes at Lancefield Primary have been writing poetry with a focus on adverbs. They have incorporated what they have learnt about ANZAC Day and the sacrifices our troops made during different conflicts. A big part of the teaching focus has been on the mate ship between service men and women.

Happily the men greeted their comrades.  
Quickly the men realised what they were doing.  
Loudly the men shouted "goodbye, we will be back".  
Softly the wives sobbed knowing this might be the last time they would ever see them.  
Gently the wives stroked their children's heads.  
Slowly the boat sailed into the distance with the soldiers not knowing if this would be the last time they touched their homeland.  
Bravely the men fought for their lives.

Slowly the poppies rose in their places.  
Slowly soldiers waited for their fate.  
Slowly the poppies turned from white to red.  
Slowly families waited for their loved ones to make it home.  
Slowly the screams faded but slowest of all were the scars to fade.  
Slowly the soldiers watched their comrades die.

Sadly the telegrams were sent to the families.  
Sadly the families cried knowing their sons would never return.  
Sadly the feathers were placed in letter boxes.  
Sadly the men were called cowards.  
Sadly children waited for their loved ones on the Western Front, who never returned.

Slowly the soldiers marched along  
Slowly they raised their rifles ready.  
Slowly the darkness crept along the fields as we kept our guns at ease.  
Slowly the Germans raised the white flag.  
Slowly each soldier fell on their knees with tears, at ease.  
Loudly the German's sang silent night as the soldiers peered out of their trenches.  
Slowly the trees lit up the weary night sky.  
Happily the men shared their bully beef sachets.  
Sadly the Christmas truce ended and the battle began again

Easter is here! and may have already passed by the time you are reading this. I am not sure where 2015 is disappearing too.

# MACEDON RANGES HEALTH CENTRE

Your local Not for Profit's wonderful new "Macedon Ranges Health Centre" has opened for business at 5 Neal St. Gisborne and will offer a fantastic range of allied health, medical, nursing, home care and healthy lifestyle services. As Gisborne's largest employer, Macedon Ranges Health is a Not for Profit community owned organisation that operates independently of government and local council. Macedon Ranges Health has served the community for nearly 60 years.

It was formed by the amalgamation of the Gisborne Bush Nursing Hospital which opened in 1958 along with The Oaks Nursing Home, The Elms Hostel and Gisborne District Community Health. Funded by the Commonwealth Government, the opening of the new Macedon Ranges Health Centre is a landmark event in the delivery of health care in regional Victoria.

The new centre will offer a spectacular range of public and private services to support health care to the local

community including • Physiotherapy • Neal St. Medical Clinic • Podiatry • Café (opens 1st May 2015) • Dietetics • Pharmacy (opens July 2015) • Diabetes Educator • Gymnasium • Speech Pathology • Physical Activity & Lifestyle Programs • Occupational Therapy • Heartsmart – Cardiac Rehab Program • Counselling Services • Healthy Eating & Cooking Programs • Homecare & District Nursing • Asthma Education • Respite Services • Adult, Child & Adolescent Mental Health • Continence & Stomal Programs • Youth Clinic.

The new Macedon Range Health Centre is an extraordinary step forward in the health care for the local community. It will enable us to grow our existing services and introduce new programs to meet the health care needs of the Macedon Ranges. This will lead to increased employment opportunities and will enable the community to access new services not currently offered in Gisborne, saving people the lengthy commute to Melbourne.

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- Meet local needs
- Connect people to our community, environment and heritage
- Promote an active life
- Promote arts and culture
- Contribute to our health and wellbeing.

Previous grant recipients have received funding for a wide range of projects including cross country jumps for a pony club, a Men's Shed start up, website development and a sculptural pig project, just to name a few.

Copies of the guidelines and application form will be available to download from [mrsc.vic.gov.au/community-funding-scheme](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/community-funding-scheme) from 1 April 2015.

## GREYLIGHT' DANCE: BACK AGAIN IN 2015

The fourth annual 'Greylight Olde Time Dance' will be held from 1.30pm-4pm on Tuesday 12 May at the Kyneton Town Hall, with live music provided by the Sacred Heart College Band. Once again, more than 100 Macedon Ranges residents are expected to enjoy dancing or just listening to this very talented group of local musicians perform.

Even if you don't dance, this is a wonderful social occasion—a chance to catch up with old friends and make new ones. The 'Greylight' Dance is a police-initiated event, held in partnership with Macedon Ranges Shire Council. Light refreshments will be provided and you are encouraged to book early as numbers are limited. Transport will be available but must be booked.

Bookings close at 4pm on Monday 4 May. To book, contact Stephanie Harper on 5422 0258 or email [sharper@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:sharper@mrsc.vic.gov.au)

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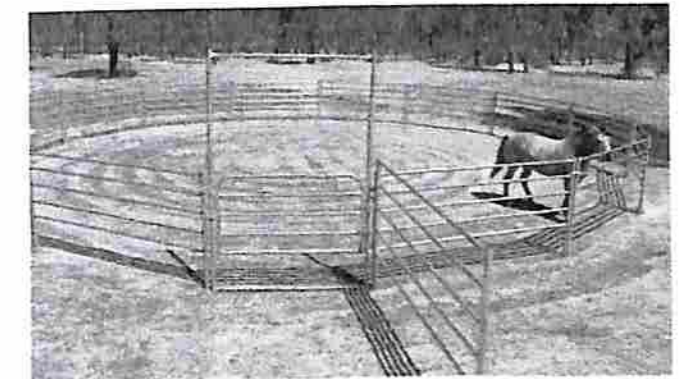
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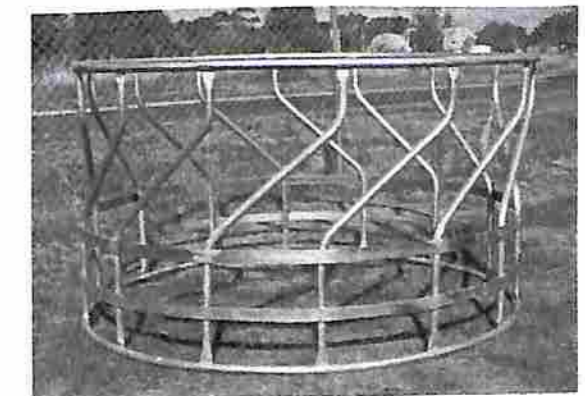
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**THE FIELD TRIP**

The Neighbourhood House has formed a sub-committee to support this wonderful youth initiative. Starting in April, enrolments are now open for 10-16 year olds to join. These children will meet every Sunday afternoon with a group of 17-19 year old leaders to engage in activities which promote self-confidence and engender leadership skills. The group will work with the community on projects which, particularly from a Neighbourhood House point of view, are very important for the young people of the area to be involved in and have a voice in the development of their town.

If you have, or know anyone with, children in this age bracket, please have a look at the website for more information. [www.thefieldtrip.co](http://www.thefieldtrip.co)

**INCREDIBLE EDIBLE**

The vegetable and herb barrels in High street are really looking food (except for a couple of sad ones waiting for replanting). Thank you to the St Mary's Primary students who tidied up and replanted all the barrels before Christmas.

Next month we will be having a workshop for anyone interested in expanding our Incredible Edible project. Jill has just returned from spending 12 months in the UK in the town where the IE movement started and is willing to come

and share her knowledge on making it work for Lancefield. The project in England is incredibly inspiring, linking and developing community, education and business through edible landscapes.

To get an idea of what IE could bring to Lancefield see the YouTube video of drop into the House so we can show it to you. (Google Pam Warhurst).

To book into the free workshop or to find out more phone or email the House. (5429 1214 / lancefieldhouse@tpg.com.au).

**FANCY THAT**

A big thank you to everyone who responded to the article about 'Fancy That' our fancy dress shop. We had some wonderful donations of new costume and some of the missing outfits have been returned. If you have a costume party to attend or just like the idea of dressing up as a super hero for the weekend, visit the shop to see the great range available for a very reasonable hire fee. 'Fancy That' is open on Wednesday and Friday afternoons and Saturdays from 10am - 2 pm, or enquire through the Op Shop.

**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**

Sorry forgot to mention last month that the winner of the Op Shop Christmas raffle was Theresa from Benloch.

**WHAT'S ON IN LANCEFIELD?**

There is now a community planner in The Town House. The aim is to have a central place where people can find out what's happening in Lancefield and to help groups plan for their events. So before you organise anything drop in, or call, The Town House to see what else may be happening. (5429 2348). If you would be interested in helping to develop the planner please phone Vivien on 5429 1214.

**LANCEFIELD 2025**

What will Lancefield be like in 10-15-20 years? What do we need to do now to make sure Lancefield is a liveable, viable town in the future? A town which can maintain its sense of community and can face the challenges of being sustainable as it grows and changes. A whole town survey, based on the regions 'Transitioning Towns' project will be distributed to help answer these questions. If you would like to help with this project contact Vivien on 54291 214.

**ACTIVITIES**

Regular classes - Cards and Decorative Painting on Tuesdays. Spinners and Yarners craft group and Mediation on Wednesdays. Bike riding Friday mornings. Farmers Market on the fourth Saturday of the month. RSA course (Responsible Serving of Alcohol). 30th April. \$75 5-9pm. Call for our new term's program brochure for details on First Aid course, some positive lifestyle courses and more.

**CWA**

**OUR MARKET DAY - DEVONSHIRE TEA**

Our local CWA ladies held their first "Market Day - Devonshire Tea" with great success. There were many more ideas that came out of the first day and we are excited about improving on each and every stall that we hold. If you haven't popped in to visit the ladies at Market Day yet - try to come and visit us in April. We will be hosting, although as with the remainder of the market it will be after the special ANZAC day parade. Of course we will have some wonderful ANZAC biscuits for you to come and enjoy as well as our traditional scones.

If you have any suggestions for us - we would love to hear them. You can let us know on market day or by emailing Meaghan on [keoghs6@bigpond.com](mailto:keoghs6@bigpond.com)

In other news we are delighted that our little branch is growing. We have several new members who have joined us and are bringing a load of fresh new ideas and enthusiasm to our little group. Welcome to Emily, Sarah and Lyn.

If you have any queries about CWA please feel free to contact Meaghan on 0439 381 977 or [keoghs6@bigpond.com](mailto:keoghs6@bigpond.com)

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Because of the wonderful support for our practice over the last six years, Lancefield Country Practice has reached a size and complexity where it is necessary to access a greater level of resources, networking and IT support. This is exactly what the Ochre group provides, whilst not changing the clinical nature or philosophy of practices.

### WHAT WILL NOT CHANGE?

Our friendly and caring service, our name and contact details, our administrative and reception staff, our clinical nursing team, our doctors and our billing policy

### WHAT WILL CHANGE?

Our access to better resources and support, our logo and uniforms and our contract staff. They will sadly be leaving and we wish to take this opportunity to thank Helen

Keenan, Jane Collins, and Jenny Elston. All three have brought great skills to the practice and have helped make it what it is today. We wish them all the very best in their future endeavours.

There will be a bigger platform for our smoking cessation and weight loss (virtual lap banding) programmes.

The team at Lancefield Country Practice are very excited to be the first Victorian member of the Ochre group and look forward to continuing to provide our community with love and care.

Our Relay for Life team Dr Dan's Darlings raised approximately \$5300 for this year's event.

The money was raised by selling chocolates, selling Paul Carters first book Hale & Hardy, Nick Harvey shaving his head, Donn Grey spraying his hair purple for the event and general donations from our team members & most of all our wonderful patients. We would like to thank all the people that helped us raise this incredible amount their generosity was overwhelming. A storm hit just as the candle light ceremony was about to start & the ceremony was moved into the pavilion. Quite a few marquees and camp areas were flattened by the storm and the relay was postponed until 8am the following morning.



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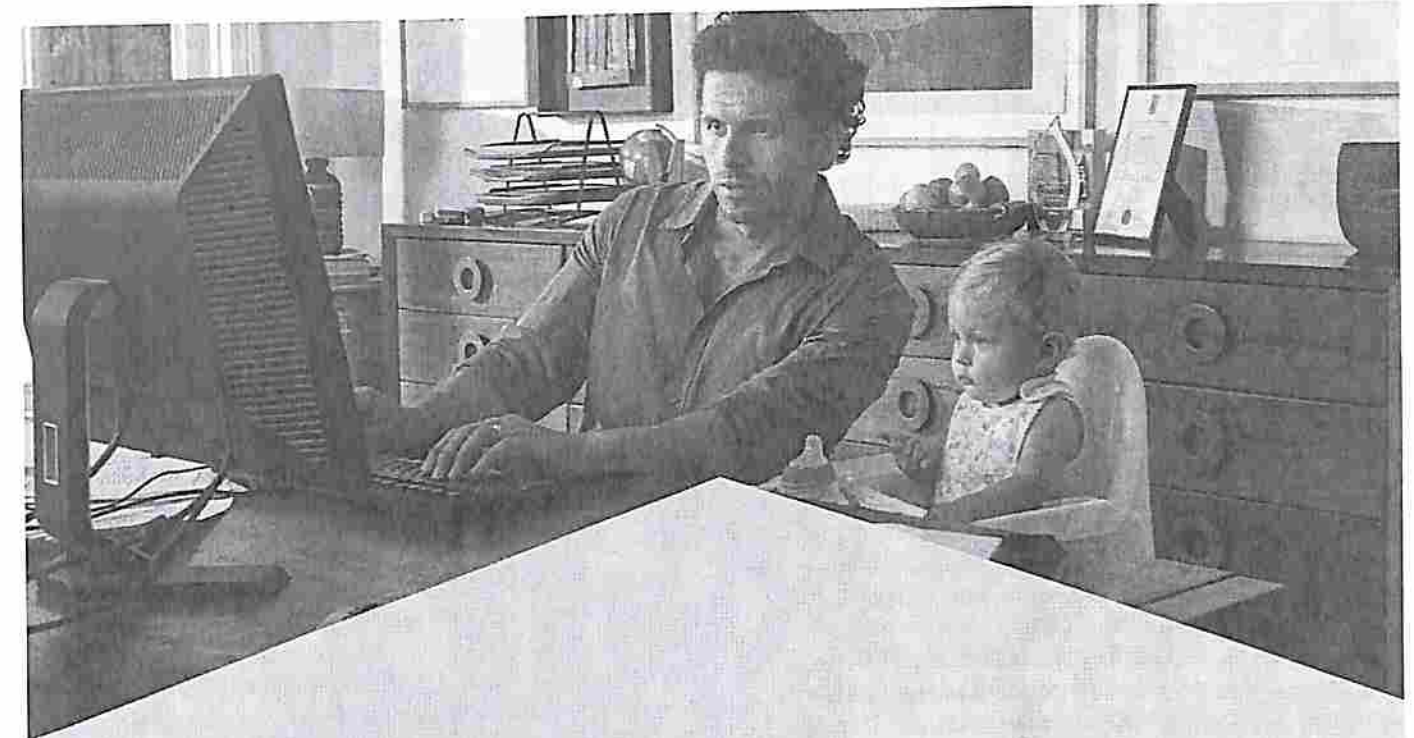
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Thoughts of sacrifice are filling our minds as we reflect on the sacrifice of so many of our young men one hundred years ago at Gallipoli and later at the Western Front who laid down their lives to halt the aspirations of evil men. There was One, Jesus Christ, who sacrificed His life to defeat the Evil One, Satan himself, and to break his power over sinful, fallen mankind - US! - The Book of Common Prayer states, ".....Jesus Christ suffered death upon the Cross for our redemption; who there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world."

St. Paul reminds us 'that the wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.' "Romans 6:23. The choice is ours - to choose death or life. Sin is a deadly condition but God has provided the remedy in the Person of Jesus who laid down His life that we might live, when we open our hearts and minds to Him and accept Him as our Saviour and Lord. The Scriptures record that Jesus was crucified, died and was buried and was raised on the third day. The two crosses tell the story - Christ on the cross, then the empty cross and the empty tomb. By His death, He defeated death to live for evermore. This may be our future too, because He lives we may live also. "And this is the testimony; God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son,. He who has the Son has life, and he who does not have the Son of God does not have life." 1 John 5:11/12.

"On the third morn He rose again, glorious in majesty to reign,  
O, let us swell the joyful strain, ALLELUIA. F. Pott from the Latin.

**MARCH 2015 IN RETROSPECT**

The World Day of Prayer centring on The Bahamas was appreciated by all who attended, the speaker, Dr. Bronwen S. Branagan gave an outline of the history of the service and then spoke on following the example of Jesus of being a servant to others. The AMS night when the film, GOD'S Outlaw - William Tyndale, was shown highlighting the costs suffered by the pioneers of The Faith to give us a Bible in English, sadly these days left to gather dust on our shelves, if we have one at all. Then so many of us enjoyed a great afternoon of music in the Welsh Male Voice Choir tradition under the inspired leadership of Faleiry Koeskar, plus Malcom Sinclair on the bagpipes and his wife Mardi on the drum to stir the hearts of those with Scottish ancestry. It will give a boost to Christ Church Restoration appeal - \$1500 was raised, plus a generous donation of \$1000. A big thank you to all who supported us and especially to God Who so blessed us. Mothering Sunday was observed with the traditional Simnel Cake made by Glenice, also Palm Sunday, when we remember Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem just

before His crucifixion. We acknowledged God's bounty to us in our Harvest Thanks Giving and a stocked car was taken to Anglicare by Betty and Max.

**APRIL 2015 DIARY**

Thurs.2nd 7pm..Maundy Thursday..St.Paul's Romsey - Holy Communion

Friday 3rd 9am..Good Friday Liturgy..St.Paul's Romsey... Combined Churches Walk of Witness.

Sat.4th..7pm.Easter Even..New Fires Service..Christ Church Lancefield.

Sun.5Th..9Am..Easter Day.. St.Paul's Romsey.. Holy Communion

10.30Am ..Christ Church Lancefield..Holy Communion  
Thurs.9Th..8Pm.. Anglican Men's Society (Ams) Meets  
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**A QUESTION OF LOYALTY FOR FILM SOCIETY**

In April, members can look forward to the 2008 Melbourne-based film Crushed. A young school teacher, Nathalia, has her loyalties questioned as love comes up against duty and she is forced to make a choice. Who will triumph? Will it be the teacher who arouses affectionate feelings in her or the vulnerable student? Director Ian Dixon has worked as writer, director and actor and claims that "values" associated with "love" are what he likes most to explore in film-making.

The Macedon Ranges Film Society meets on the second Wednesday of each month so this film will be shown on Wednesday, 8th April at 7.15 p.m. in the Woodend Community Centre. Film notes are supplied and the film is followed by an informal supper. MRFS is a membership-based club so initial enquiries must be made by emailing [mrfilmsociety@gmail.com](mailto:mrfilmsociety@gmail.com) or by phoning Christine C. on 5429 5452 or Christine W. on 5427 1011.



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The page has 903 likes, 167 since 1-12-2014, from 13-12-14 to 19-12-14 the page received 47 new likes [Pastoria fire], from 5-1-15 to 10-1-15 the page received 53 new likes [Kyneton fire]. During the period 5-1-15 our posts reached over 6600 people of which around 1550 actively engaged with the page. In the last 28 days we have reached 13228 people from Australia. While not accurate as some people list Melbourne as their home town instead of their

actual town; this is a breakdown of where our followers come from Melbourne 393, Lancefield 102, Romsey 52, Kilmore 17, Kyneton 14, Benloch 5, Darraweit Guim 4, Newham 4, Carlsruhe 4, and Springfield 2

The post featuring the Pump Trailer was seen by 4668 people, received 77 likes, 5 comments, 14 shares directly from our page then an additional 15 shares from other people's page and was opened by 2223 people. Photos from the Kyneton fires reached 3570, liked by 109 people and shared 9 times directly from our page, then an additional 15 shares from other people's page and was opened by 1054 people

Even we aren't reaching everyone in our town it's still important that our fire safety messages are reaching so many people.

Next month's article will contain the names of the people elected to manage the Brigade for the next two years commencing 1-7-15. Please give them your support

Stuart Mustey Captain



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We wish to thank Western Water for the donation of \$800 toward the purchase and printing of showbags. We appreciate that Western Water also arranged the printing of the bags at a reduced cost.

We thank Macedon Ranges Shire Council for \$500 toward the showbags, the balance paid for by the group.

The group received a thank you from Romsey Primary School for the plants that were donated.

Anyone interested in the use of a cage for the capture, euthanasia of Indian Myna Birds please contact the Secretary: email ken.allender@bigpond.com.

The next working bee will be on Sunday May 17th - more details in next Mercury.

Anyone interested in joining Landcare all welcome. Next meeting Monday April 13th @ 8.00pm @ The Mechanics Hall Annex Lancefield.

Contact: Secretary Ken 0404886580

Email: ken.allender@bigpond.com

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## THANKYOU ALL

Shou Mei Sumarac out at Wu Lin Retreat held an art exhibition on January 18th, where she put up all her remaining works for the past 30 years and donated the proceeds raised, a fantastic \$1750- to Red Kite, an Australian Cancer support charity for children.



Shou Mei would like to thank family and friends for their kind support and the following local business for their generous donations that contributed to the success of what was a beautiful day. Lancefield Healthy Style meats, Lancefield Bakery, Lancefield Petrol Station, Lancefield IGA, Lancefield Hotel, Lancefield Automotive, Lancefield Mitre 10, Lancefield Milk Bar, Lancefield Fruit Shed, Lancefield Pharmacy, Lancefield Health on High, Granite Hills Winery, Lanes End Winery, Romsey IGA, Romsey Charcoal Chicken Takeaway, Romsey Mitre 10, Romsey Shell Petrol Station, Romsey Butcher, Romsey Forbes Automotive

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Hospital beds are available at KDH for general medical, surgical, midwifery and palliative care. There's a Transition Care Program to provide short-term care and restorative services for older people who have been in hospital. After a hospital stay the Macedon Ranges Community Nursing Team drive across the district in to ensure that the high level of care and support continues when patients are discharged and head home. Getting this range of quality, professional care close to home is convenient and reassuring. Away from the hustle and bustle of the city you'll find friendly faces at Kyneton District Health, to look after you in comfortable and quiet spaces.

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# THE FIELD TRIP

The Field Trip is a weekly program for kids who want to be extraordinary and have fun doing it. It was conceived in October 2014, inspired by young people like Josh Murray and his successful Rainbow eggs business (recently spotted selling his eggs at Woodend Coles), designed as a facility to create Australia's next generation of innovators, entrepreneurs, thinkers, creators, philosophers, philanthropists and community leaders! It's a 'youth group' for the 21st century - relevant and dynamic - established in Lancefield and the Macedon Ranges to provide young people with connection, employment and a trajectory for personal and professional development. Yes even from the age of ten!

The format is a weekly meeting for 10-17 year olds. Kids are divided into age groups (Diggers aged 10-12, Dreamers aged 13-14 and Doers aged 15-17). The meetings are held Sunday afternoons run by paid (trained) youth leaders aged 18-24.

## THE FIELD TRIP

The Field Trip program is about dreams coming true, individual and collective dreams, based on four pillars: adventure, invention, initiative and unity. Weekly meetings incorporate planning and engagement with community activities, events and festivals. Part of The Field Trip's program in 2015 will be to support and connect with local activities such as Relay for Life, the Sustainable Living Festival, the Mega Fauna Festival, local festivals, markets,

fundraisers and events.

The youth club is unlike anything existing in Australia. It is a place to nurture the dreams of its members. It is paid employment for older kids and a platform for young people to take charge of the world they live in. One initiative is to give a cash grant to one Field Trip member to help make their dream come true - SYD (Share Your Dream) - applications will open in April.

The Field Trip has established a youth executive team: Kyle Hayes from Romsey as Director (responsible for operations), Roy Maddocks from Lancefield as Designer (responsible for the program) and Demi Oliver from Lancefield as Duke (responsible for administration).

The Field Trip is supported by the Lancefield Neighbourhood House and several community partners.

Weekly meetings commence Sunday April 26th with the first four meetings free for all kids. Meetings will be held at the Lancefield Mechanics Institute, Sundays 4-6pm.

Other Field Trips are also in planning stages including one in Sunbury and one in Melbourne's CBD in partnership with The School of Life and Donkey Wheel House. Field Trip Founder is Paul Kooperman, once a writer for Home and Away, Paul has experience running not for profit organisations and major festivals, recently moving to Lancefield and keen to contribute to the community.

You can read more about the Field Trip here: [www.thefieldtrip.co](http://www.thefieldtrip.co)

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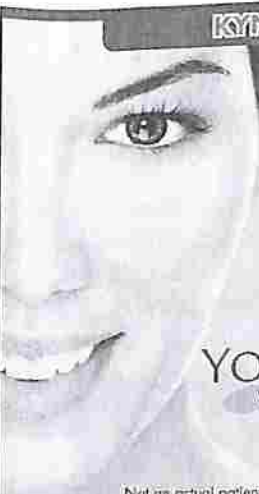
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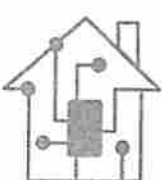
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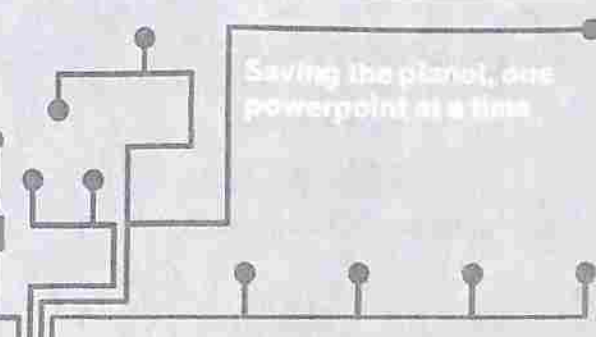
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**LENT AND HOLY WEEK**

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- \*Good Friday: Fri 3rd April 11am Ecumenical Way of the Cross  
Christ Church Lancefield – (Anglican)  
Fri 3rd April 3pm Passion of the Lord Romsey
- \*Holy Saturday: Sat 4th April 7pm Easter Vigil Lancefield
- \*Easter Sunday: Sun 5th April 8am Lancefield, 10am Romsey

**'OFF THE STREET' (HOLIDAY) ACTIVITIES**

Two new events for young people in the Macedon Ranges will be held in Romsey and Woodend during the Easter school holidays, featuring bands, DJs, workshops, competitions and more.

The events—called 'Off The Street'—will offer young people the chance to perform, share ideas, socialise and learn new skills. Young people of all ages and walks of life are encouraged to get involved. There is an exciting line up of bands and DJs; a range of skate, parkour and graffiti workshops; plus scooter, skate and BMX competitions. There will also be free barbecues and prizes up for grabs. The first event is on 1 April at the Romsey Skate Park and the second is on 8 April at the Woodend Skate Park. Both events kick off at 12pm and are drug and alcohol free. Gold coin donation for all competition entries.

To find out more, or to register for the competitions or workshops, call Sarah Cook on 0402 087 949, email [scook@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:scook@mrsc.vic.gov.au) or visit [facebook.com/MacedonRangesYouth](http://facebook.com/MacedonRangesYouth)

**LANCEFIELD'S SUMMER WATER USE DOWN ON LAST YEAR**

Lancefield residents used around 225 litres of drinking water per person per day this summer, almost a 30 per cent drop on last year. Across the Macedon Ranges average water use over summer was 230 litres per person per day, well down on the 300 litres used last summer. Summer 2013-14 was marked by several heatwaves and bushfires in the region, while this summer was dry but significantly milder. Despite lower water use, the Lancefield service basin had dropped substantially, as it does most summers. The addition last month of water from the wider Macedon Ranges supply system, via the new Romsey-Lancefield pipeline, meant Lancefield was able to avoid high levels of bore water this summer. Less reliance on bore water should mean an improved and more consistent taste for Lancefield's drinking water. Lancefield and other towns in the Macedon Ranges remain connected to the Melbourne drinking water supply as a backup during very high water use periods.

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The gardens were first established in 1919 as part of The Golf House property built by Walter Murray. They were replanted after Ash Wednesday in 1983. The gardens include

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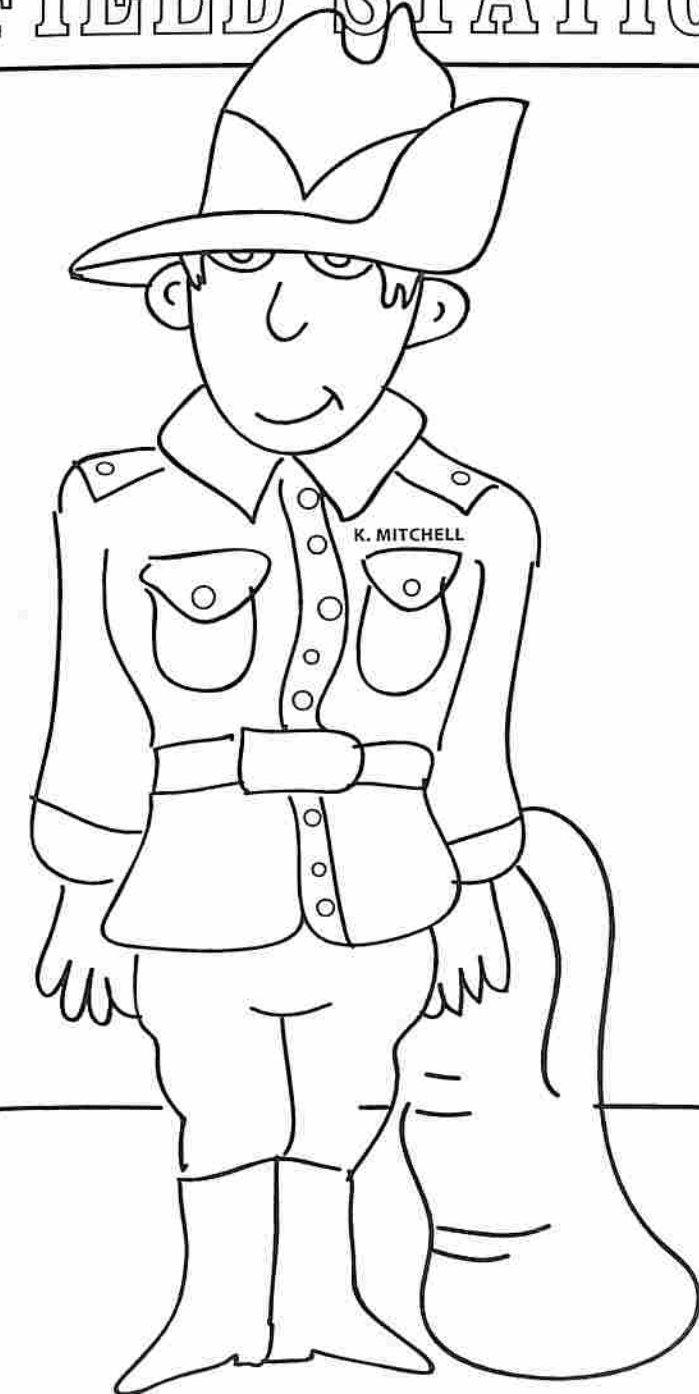
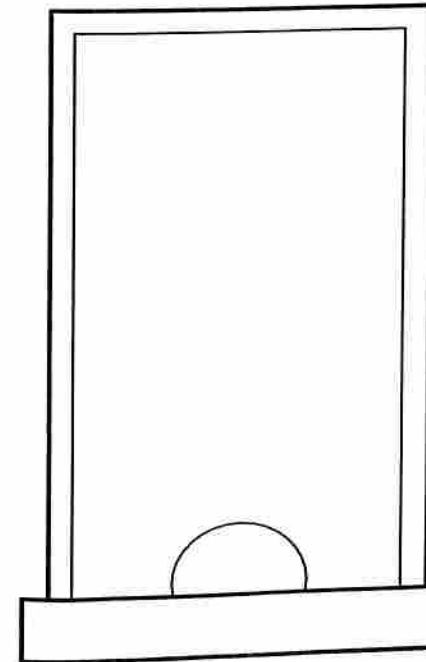
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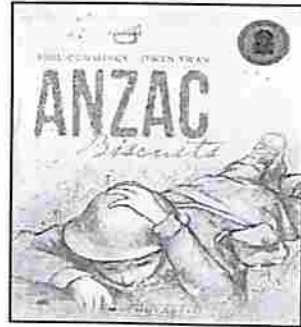
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# BOOK REVIEWS

## CHILDREN'S BOOKS

(Reviewed by Red Door Books):



Anzac Biscuits By Phil Cummings and Owen Swan - RRP \$15.99

This is a beautifully written story that simultaneously describes the home front of a young girl Rachel and her mother, alongside the experiences of her Dad

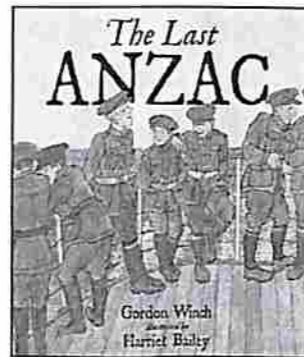
who is away fighting as a soldier. Through the simple task of making ANZAC biscuits for her Dad, Rachel is able to "add the love, warmth and Hope" that her father needs in the trenches. This is a tender story about family finding a way to keep connected even though the war has separated them.



Meet the ANZACS by Claire Saxby - RRP \$24.99

This is part of the Meet.. picture book series about the extraordinary men and

women who have shaped Australia's history. This book tells children about the brave Anzac soldiers and how they came to be at Gallipoli. It also gives a detailed timeline of events during WW1. It explains why the ANZAC name is now a symbol of bravery and mateship.



The Last ANZAC by Gordon Winch - RRP \$24.99

This book is based on a true story about a young boy, James' visit to Tasmania to meet Alec Campbell, the last ANZAC. Young James learns all about the experiences Alec had as a 16 year old soldier who found himself sent to Gallipoli. This unique view is written in a way that will give young children an introduction into the history of Gallipoli and an appreciation of the sacrifice all the soldiers made during WW1.

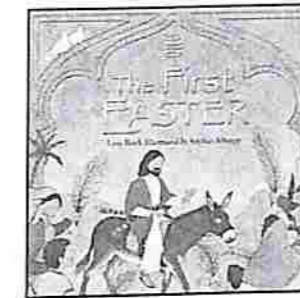


We're Going on an Egg Hunt by Laine Mitchell - RRP \$16.99

This is a fun tale of a group of animal friends who decide to go on a search for chocolate! Full of bright animated illustrations of their adventures and mishaps during their journey. It is also accompanied by a CD by Jay Laga'aia that children can sing along with after listening to the story. The question is - do they discover chocolate and will they come across the Easter Bunny?

The first Easter by Lois Rock - RRP \$19.95

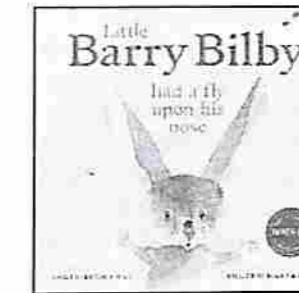
This children's version of the story of Easter is told with simplicity



and is accompanied by colourful illustrations that are perfectly aimed at the primary school child. This retelling of the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus describes the story of new life and hope for peace.

Little Barry Bilby had a fly upon his nose by Colin Buchanan and Roland Harvey - RRP \$19.99

Sing along with your bonus CD to this story. Meet loads of creatures from the

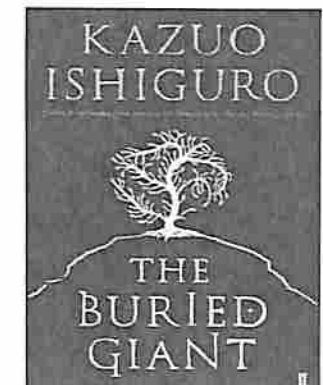


Australian bush which are illustrated with fantastic detail by Roland Harvey. He also portrays a vivid Australian bush habitat. Children will enjoy the fun and madness of all the native animals trying to rid themselves of those pesky "bizzy buzzy bush bugs".

ADULT FICTION (Reviewed by Nielson Book Data):

The Buried Giant by Kazuo Ishiguro - RRP \$29.99

This is an extraordinary new novel from the author of Never Let Me Go and the Booker Prize winning The Remains of the Day. 'You've long set your heart against it, Axl, I know. But it's time now to think on it anew. There's a journey we must go on, and no more delay...' The Buried Giant begins as a couple set off across a troubled land of mist and rain in the hope of



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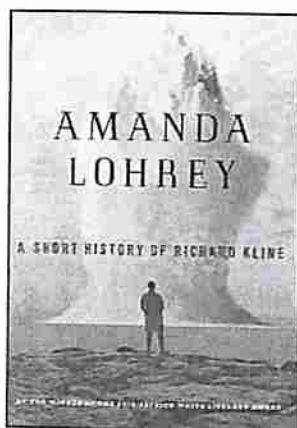
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# BOOK REVIEWS

finding a son they have not seen in years. Sometimes savage, often intensely moving, Kazuo Ishiguro's first novel in a decade is about lost memories, love, revenge and war.



A Short History of Richard Kline By Amanda Lohrey - RRP \$29.99

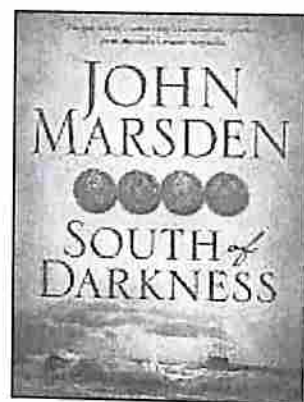
By the winner of the 2012

Patrick White Literary Award. 'I woke with a gasp. And lay in the dark, open-mouthed, holding my breath. That feeling ...that feeling was indescribable. For a moment I had felt as if I were falling ...falling into bliss.' All his life, Richard Kline has been haunted by a sense that something is lacking. He envies the ease with which others slip into contented suburban life or the pursuit of wealth. As he moves into middle age, Richard grows angry, cynical, depressed. But then a strange event awakens him to a different way of life. He finds himself on a quest, almost against his will, to resolve the 'divine discontent' he has suffered since childhood. From pharmaceuticals to New Age therapies to finding

a guru, Richard's journey dramatises the search for meaning in today's world. This audacious novel is an exploration of masculinity, the mystical and our very human yearning for something more. It is hypnotic, nuanced and Amanda Lohrey's finest offering yet - a pilgrim's progress for the here and now.

South of Darkness by John Marsden - RRP \$39.99

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



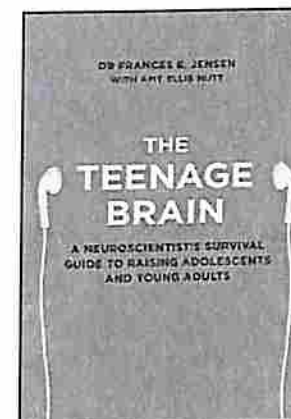
Barnaby Fletch is a bag-and-bones orphan in London in the late 1700s. Barnaby lives on his wits and ill-gotten gains, on streets seething with the press of the throng and shadowed by sinister figures. Life is a precarious business. When he hears of a paradise on the other side of the world - a place called Botany Bay - he decides to commit a crime and get

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NON FICTION  
(Reviewed by Nielson Book Data):

The Teenage Brain by F. E. Jensen, MD - RRP \$29.99

Why is it that the behaviour of teenagers



can be so odd? As they grow older, young children steadily improve their sense of how to behave, and then all of a sudden, they can become totally uncommunicative, wildly emotional and completely unpredictable. We used to think that erratic teenage behaviour was due to a sudden surge in hormones, but modern neuroscience

shows us that this isn't true. The Teenage Brain is a journey through the new discoveries that show us exactly what happens to the brain in this crucial period, how it dictates teenagers' behaviour, and how the experiences of our teenage years are what shape our attitudes, and often our happiness in later life.

Many of our ideas about our growing brains are completely re-written. They don't stop developing at the end of our teens - they keep adapting until we are in our mid-twenties. They are wired back to front, with the most important parts, the parts that we associate with good judgement, concentration, organization and emotional and behavioural control

being connected last of all. The Teenage brain is a powerful animal primed for learning, but this creates problems.

Addiction is a form of learning, and Frances Jensen, Professor of Paediatric Neurology at the teaching hospital of Harvard Medical School reveals exactly what lies behind all aspects of teenage behaviour and its lasting effects - from drugs, lack of sleep and smoking to multi-tasking and stress. As a mother and a scientist, Professor Jensen offers both exciting science and practical suggestions for how parents, teens and schools can help teenagers weather the storms of adolescence, and get the most out of their incredible brains.

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**LOOKING OVER YOUR SHOULDER.**

In the news this last month we hear of a cyclist who lost his life in a "car-dooring" incident along Sydney Road in Melbourne. This can seem a world away from our quiet rural streets in the Macedon Ranges - but we need to be aware that all the same ingredients exist in our locale. In the Macedon Ranges we have a few "hot spots" where car dooring incidents are common. Mollison Street in Kyneton for instance is a location where the bike lanes coincide with parallel parking lanes and there have been dooring incidents.

Most of the time an accident like this causes a near miss, or a cyclist having an abrupt meeting with the asphalt, followed by apologies. As demonstrated by last month's incident the consequences can be grave if the cyclists falls into other traffic.

Cyclists and motorists can reduce the likelihood of these accidents occurring:

Motorists - please look over your shoulder to check before opening your road side door.

Remind your passengers to do the same

Cyclists - look ahead and ride to the right hand side of a bike lane were there are parked cars

Motorists - Cyclists may take the whole lane if they think it's safer to do so. A little courtesy between riders and other vehicles will mean that delays will be minimal.

Let's hope that if we all have an increased awareness of this - that we can avoid incidents or injury in our community.

Amanda Calvert  
Bike Safe Macedon Ranges

**PASTOR'S PARABLES**

**PASTOR'S PARABLES THIS EASTER  
SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT**

A chemistry teacher, did something a little unusual - he handed out a test to all of his students who knew it would be difficult. He told them, "I want you to read through the entire test before you begin to take it." As they read through the test most of them realized they were in trouble - and should have studied more - but then one student got to the end of the multiple page test and read these words at the bottom: it said, "You can try and get an 'A' by taking this test or you can just put your name on it and automatically receive an A."

The student immediately signed his name, walked up to the desk, and walked out.

He found out later that one of the boys in the class, didn't read through the test—he just started taking the test and never caught on. It's too bad - because it might have been his best test that he had ever taken. But he didn't get an "A"!

And then there was Macayla - and apparently she got quite upset because she had spent so much time studying and what kind of teacher gives an 'A' for nothing? She stayed and took the test on principle. If she was going to get an 'A' she was going to earn it! She didn't get an "A".

Almost everyone thinks they are going to heaven and if you asked them why they believe that, they would say, "I'm a pretty good person."

It's hard for us to accept that we need help. We want to save ourselves! The truth is that we can't earn our way to heaven. You may be a good person who does nice things; but the Bible says that we've all sinned and the penalty for our sins is not one that we can pay to get in to heaven - Romans 3:23

Because God loves us so-o much and knows that not one of us are good enough to pay the price to get into His perfect, sinless heaven, He sent His only Son Jesus Christ

to pay the Price on our behalf. This Easter why not believe and accept God's payment and Guarantee an "A" for your life for eternity - John 3:16

**EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE**

Easter Sunday Service 5th April - 10am 7 Mitchell Court Romsey. Everyone welcome

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Pastor Marilyn Hunter - "Encourage Church"

**COMING UP**

Sunday 12th April = 10am Morning Service = Ps Doug Higgins (Missionary based in Thailand) Sunday 24th May = 10am Morning Service = Ps Kameel Majdali (Teach All Nations Ministry - current global events) Tuesday 16th June = 7pm @ Romsey Mechanics Institute = Watoto African Children's Choir Performance Sunday 19th July = 10am Morning Service = Celebrate Messiah (Passover Teaching by Ps Lawrence Hirsch)

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LANCEFIELD GOLF CLUB REPORT

# THE POWER OF GOLF"

There is a lot happening at the club at the moment. If you have been around and about lately you will have noticed the machinery and excavations winding their way around the grounds. Electrical power is being connected to the dam pumps and to the work and machinery sheds. Funding for this work is being provided by the council and we are grateful to them for their on-going support of such an important community asset. We will see the benefits of this work in the improvement to the greens and surrounds. Hopefully it will help us all to improve our golf!

We are lucky to have such a picturesque course here in Lancefield and with the increase in our green-fee players it is obvious that the course is getting a reputation as a great place to enjoy a relaxing round of golf. To further advertise our assets we are publishing and distributing a well presented brochure that you will soon see around town and further afield. It is hoped that this will further increase our popularity as the place to be! Other exciting news is the refurbishment of the kitchen and clubrooms.

This is an on-going project that is being led by our secretary Carole and president Barry. They have been working hard to provide the club with a much more pleasant and workable kitchen and club rooms. Hopefully these

renovations will be finished over the next few months and all members will be able to enjoy the new, up-graded facilities.

Monthly Medal winners for March were Barry Flentjar and Di Brennan. Barry also won the meat raffle on the day and according to his wife, came home from golf a very happy



man. Congratulations to you both. The ladies have been competing for the Dorothy Hayes Trophy and after a hard fought competition the final between Carole Mee and Florence Meyer was finally decided on 11th March.

This year's winner is Florence who had to take Carole to the 18th to secure a win. Well done to our deserving winner. This week sees the beginning of our annual Silver Spoon Competition which will be played over the next 3 weeks. Sharon Matters was a member of the winning 'Women's HCP Team' at the annual Dalhousie Ambrose Event played at Euroa on 15th March with a fantastic team score of 56 and 3/4.

Well done to you Sharon and also for putting Lancefield

on the score card! We currently have a strong group of ladies who are enjoying the camaraderie of competing in district competitions and tournaments around the area. The enjoyment of playing a wide range of courses, meeting new players and more importantly delicious lunches seem to be the main draw cards! We would also like to welcome four new, lovely lady players Irene, Theresa, Fiona and Denise and we hope they continue to enjoy playing here at Lancefield.

There is not a lot of news from the Men's Saturday or Tuesday golf at the moment. It must mean that everyone is happy. Except perhaps for the player who hit his tee shot out-of-bounds and, being slightly annoyed, threw his club about 10 feet just to see the head of his driver fall off. Next tee shot was very, very short indeed!

The men's Pennant Competition begins in April and Twilight Golf finishes on the 1st April as daylight saving ends. Rumour has it that Danny Bellchambers is unbeatable as the comp heads into the last 2 weeks but the question remains who will be the April Fool?

It is lovely weather for golf as we go to press, 24 degrees and sunny. Let's hope it continues through the rest of our glorious autumn. If you are looking for something to do on Sunday May 24th you may like to play at the annual Lancefield Men's Open 27 holes Competition. Come along and play to become "The Champion".

Until next time, happy golfing to all.

## DYING TO TALK: THE CONVERSATION EVERYONE SHOULD HAVE

On Thursday 28 May, Macedon Ranges Shire Council will host the second of what we hope will be a series of seminars designed to help you start thinking about what might matter most to you towards the end of your life. 'Dying to Talk', will include information from experts in death and dying, but the aim is not to provide all the answers - rather to help you think about the questions you might want to ask.

The session will take place from 9.30am-12.30pm at the Gisborne Community Centre, Hamilton St Gisborne. The program is based on a successful event conducted in Kyneton in August 2014. It is estimated that about three-quarters of Australians have not had end of life discussions with their loved ones. We all need to be better informed about end of life and death options, not just for ourselves but so that we can support others.

Often when a loved one is dying, families are confronted with many questions at a time they feel least able to think clearly. This event will support individuals, family members, carers and staff to plan ahead for this difficult period. This seminar is an opportunity to consider the issues and questions about death and dying that are important to you in a supportive environment.

Bookings are essential as places will be limited. To book, contact Council's Healthy Ageing Engagement Officer on 5422 0258 no later than 5pm on Friday 22 May.

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1	'Off the Street', Romsey Skate Park	19	7.00 pm	Healing Service, Christ Church Anglican, Lancefield
2	7.00 pm Holy Thursday, St Mary's Catholic Church, Lancefield	23	10.00 noon	Probus Club of Romsey & Lancefield Douglas Golding talk
3	11.00 am Good Friday, Christ Church Anglican, Lancefield	25	<i>Special Centenary Anzac Dawn Service</i>	
4	7.00 pm Easter Evening Service, Christ Church Anglican, Lancefield		4.45 am	Lancefield Mechanics Institute
5	10.30 am Easter Day, Christ Church Anglican, Lancefield		4.30 & 5.am	Romsey Community Hub
13	8.00 pm Lancefield Landcare Group, Mechanics Hall Annex	25	9.30-1.00 pm	Lancefield & District Farmers' Market
14	2-4.00 pm Classical Music Group, Lancefield Uniting Church	NB:	Late start to market due to Anzac Day and we will observe a 1 minute silence. No alcohol will be on sale this day.	
		28	2-4.00 pm	Classical Music Group, Lancefield Uniting Church



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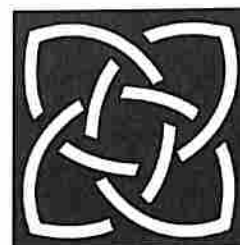
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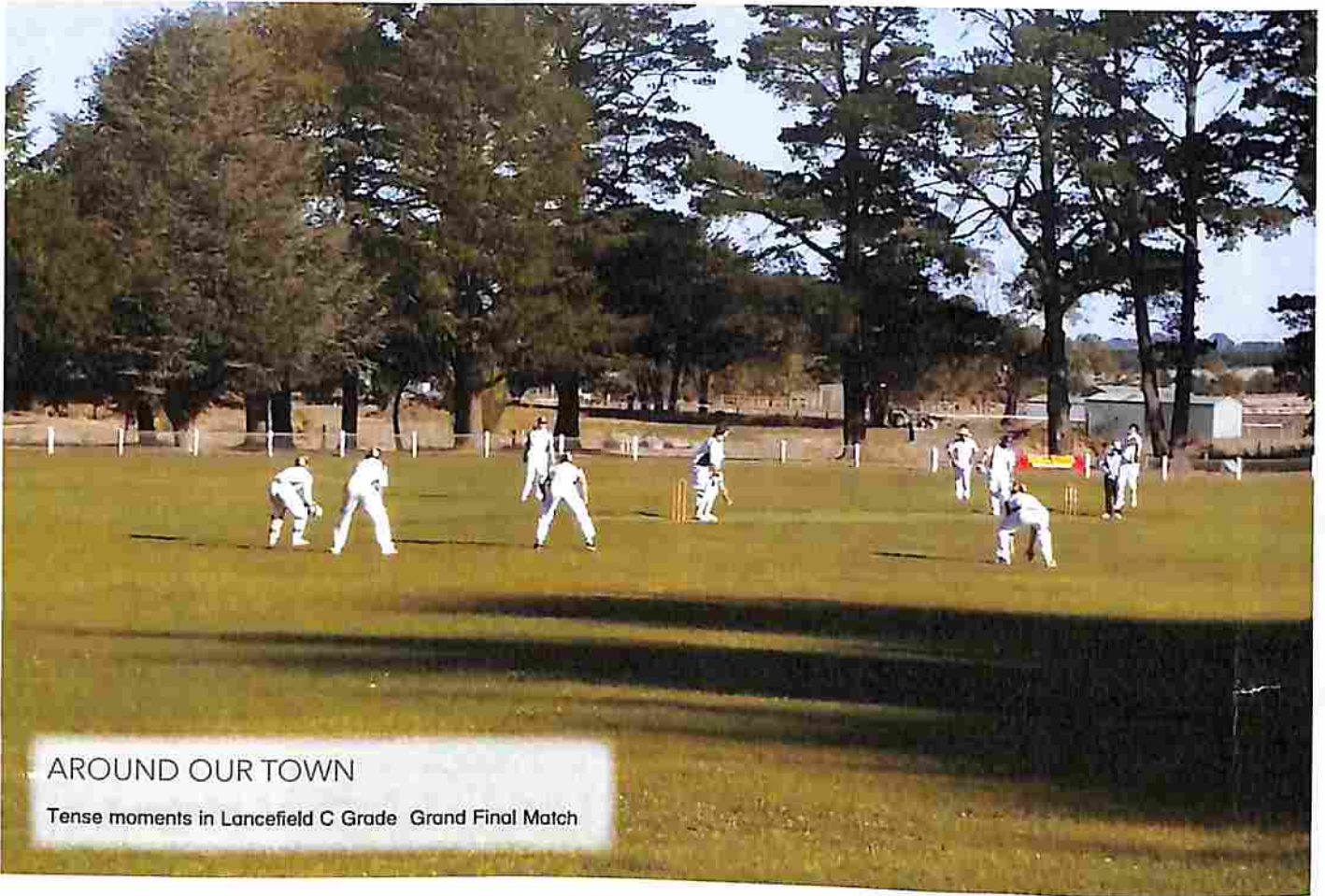
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# CALLUM'S SUPERSTAR SEASON

Eleven Year old Callum Sankey enjoyed a break-out cricket season for the Lancefield Cricket Club in 2014/15. Not only did Callum contribute on weekly basis for the U/12 team on Saturday mornings, but he often backed this up with a full senior match for the club's 2nd XI in the afternoon. This meant he would be involved in 109 overs of cricket in a single day !



This was impressive enough, however the results that Callum was able to achieve for the U/12 team were an indication that all the hard work was paying off. Callum received the Lancefield Cricket Club U/12 batting and bowling awards for the best averages in his age group. His batting average for the season was sensational – Callum scored 190 runs at an average of 190, only being dismissed once during the season !

It was this performance that saw Callum invited to the Gisborne District Cricket Association presentation night where he was recognized as the best batsmen in the entire U/12 competition.

As if that wasn't enough, Callum finished off his season representing the club in their Senior 2nd XI grand final



against Bacchus March. Unfortunately the team lost a close grand final.

It is clear that Callum has benefitted from his senior cricket this season, which has allowed him to dominate at a junior level. The club looks forward to seeing Callum continue to develop over the next few years as he moves into senior cricket.