



Some of the suggestions and discussions which have come out of the feasibility study undertaken for the Laurie Green are; a multi purpose sporting surface in the large shed section, a two storey sports social function room with great views over the oval, storage facilities for all Park user groups, a new home for the rifle club ranges, an environmentally sustainable building for wide community use?

Funding has just been secured through the Shire People and Places project and a locally architecture company has just been employed to develop a concept design which will be used to secure funds towards refurbishing the pavilion.

Now is the time to contribute your ideas and suggestions towards this project. If you are a member of one of the Park user groups make sure you have a representative at the meeting on Monday 27 April and that all your members have had an opportunity to contribute to the project.

To obtain a copy of the feasibility study which includes a design brief for the architect, email lancefieldpark@hotmail.com or phone 0409 386 875.

The meeting on Monday 27 April will be held at the Lancefield Neighbourhood House at 7.30pm.



LANCEFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL



BUSY END TO THE TERM

It was a busy end to the term at Lancefield Primary School. We ended the term with a Wacky Hair Day, which saw students and teachers come to school with some very interesting hair styles.

SOMERS CAMP

A small group of Year 6 students and two of our teachers were lucky enough to attend Somers Camp for 9 days at the end of term. The students participated in a variety of outdoor and environmental education activities and had the opportunity to meet students who attend other schools in the local and wider community areas. The students had a fantastic time away and were challenged to extend themselves and to develop leadership skills.

SHRINE OF REMEMBRANCE VISIT

On Monday 23rd of March, Mr Lewis and the remaining Year Sixes (those of us not at Somers Camp) including myself paid a visit to the Shrine. As we were early, we first took a walk in the Botanic Gardens. When it was time to go to the Shrine, we admired the statues and architecture. We watched a video, looked at army uniforms, talked about the soldiers who fought in the war, particularly the Australians who fought at Gallipoli, even shed a tear; all the while sharing the experience with students from St Mary's and Romsey Primary Schools. Our poppies proudly claimed a place among those of others on the walls decorated with Morse code messages. It was a moving and educational experience for everyone and I'm glad I went.

Marlow Choi-Hatcher
(Year 6 Student)

Our Year 5 and 6 students are also investigating the stories of the ANZACs who are commemorated on the Lancefield War Memorial.

URBAN SEED VISIT:

Our Year 5 and 6 students had a visit on Tuesday April 14 from Urban Seed, an organisation that works with homeless adults and young people in the CBD. In conjunction with teachers and parent helpers, our students are cooperating in an initiative to provide 7 backpacks for homeless people in Melbourne. These backpacks will include donations of essential items such as beanies, gloves, underwear, toiletries, water and non-perishable food items.

TONY PALMER AND JANE TANNER VISIT

We are looking forward to Tony Palmer and Jane Tanner visiting our school to share their picture story book, "The Soldier's Gift" with our students. A big thank you must go to the Kyneton Museum who applied for a grant to allow for this visit to take place.

CLUBS PROGRAM:

Our Clubs Program is launching this term and we would love assistance from members of the Lancefield Community. If you have a passion for gardening, cooking, crafts or any other areas that may interest our students, we would love for you to contact the school about helping out with our Clubs Program (please note that you must have a current Working with Children's Check to be able to volunteer at the school).

WEATHER COMMENT

LOOKING GRIM

Well, my efforts to change the weather pattern last month did not have the result that I had hoped for, in fact the rainfall for the month was less than previously and our situation is now looking grim. The thunderstorm last night only gave us 3.5mm and with showers over the last few days have left us with a total since, my last article of only 24.5mm. At this time last year we were starting to get some rain but not so this year.

Feed is becoming very dry and fairly sparse. Hay has become popular with the animals and because of this the hay shed is also starting to look on the empty side. In our case the lambs from last year are headed for market this week and the cattle will follow suit shortly. Toby of course is exempt from this occurrence and is still having his daily rations which, as usual he lets us know when he is ready for a snack. It will be an interesting situation to see how everything sells, at the moment the markets are quite strong so we hope for a good result.

The stock have maintained their condition with the aid of hay. In spite of having moved around the lambs have not forgotten what a hay feeder is all about, of course cattle never forget where there is a feed. The garden is also showing the effects of the dry conditions and there are now few flowers on show, still some roses and dahlias are the main ones. The vegie plot is still providing some provisions for the table but is also starting to reach the end of its cycle. We can only wait and see what happens next as we progress towards Winter

Robert Green

LANCEFIELD FIRE BRIGADE

MORE CAUTION NEEDED!

I had intended to report on the Brigade's Biennial meeting but that will be postponed until next month. The reason being the need to remind the residents again about the need for caution when planning to conduct a burn off. The brigade has attended a number of incidents since the lifting of the restrictions in place over the Summer period. It is important to take a number of conditions into consideration before lighting any sort of a fire.

These are in no special order but all need to be looked at to prevent the fire escaping and causing damage to your own or neighbouring property. Have an adequate supply of water on hand and equipment to enable the area to be kept under control also someone to operate it at ALL times. Do not leave any fire unattended. Study the wind speed and direction, low wind is a necessity for you to be able to control a burn off. Study the surrounding area for dry vegetation and make an effort to remove it if possible.

It is a good idea if you have a large amount of material to dispose of to make a number of small heaps as these will not generate as much heat and therefore are less likely to escape. Plan your burn offs late into the afternoon. As the days cool down the danger is reduced and the side effects minimised and your burn is not headed into the warmer part of the day with the consequences of increased risk of an escape. It is basically an exercise in common sense and I also remind people that because the fire restrictions have been lifted it may not be safe to burn under all conditions

Please feel free to contact the Brigade if you have any questions and finally notify the *Burn Off Notification Line* on 1800 668 511. Please take care in this very dry time and help reduce the number of incidents the Brigade is called out to

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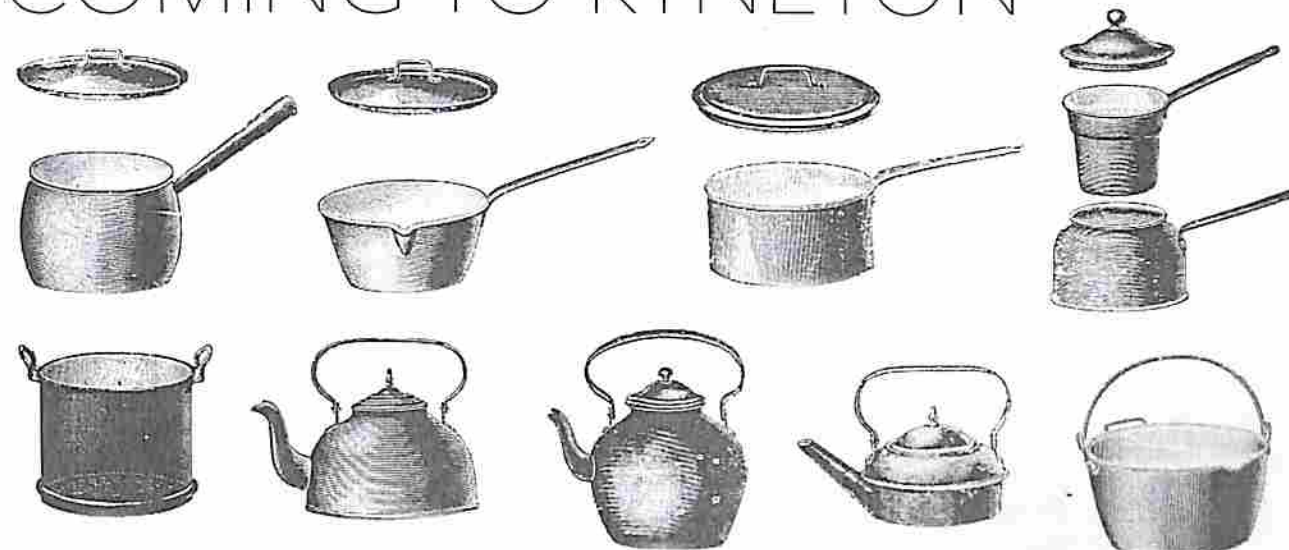
Our speaker this year will be Glenice Sigley from Christian Blind Mission

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DUST OFF THOSE COLLECTABLES - ANTIQUE APPRAISER IS COMING TO KYNETON



Local man, Chris Allan is looking forward to having two items he found in his father's shed valued by Antique Valuer, Warren Joel.

Antique Valuation Day held at St Mary's Hall, Hutton Street Kyneton on 17 May 2015, from 10 am to 4 pm. The event organisers, Zonta Club of Kyneton, have been able to secure the much sought after Antique Valuer, Warren Joel. Warren is an antique valuation expert as featured on ABC's 'Collectors'. Over the past 35 years, he has built up a great wealth of knowledge and expertise in the valuation of fine arts. He has handled items for private collectors, leading art galleries and valued the entire collection of the Australian National Museum.

"It is a unique opportunity to determine if these things collecting dust in my father's shed are of any value. We think they are of course, because they belong to our family. And we are hoping that Mr Joel agrees with us." says Chris Allan of the copper framed portrait.

Zonta Club of Kyneton Vice President, Kath Breen, says

"So many people, particularly in the Kyneton surrounding areas, have sheds or cupboards where family heirlooms have been stored. This is a great opportunity to find out if these carry more than just sentimental value."

"There will be plenty to interest people who just want to come along and watch the valuations, even if they don't have anything to be valued. It's going to be a fun day." Mrs Breen encourages you to contact her to book in a valuation so that you don't miss this opportunity. You can also request to have your valuation done privately.

The Antique Valuation Day is a fundraiser organised by Zonta Club Kyneton, with the money raised going to support Zonta's local community projects and the assembly of birthing Kits for Birthing Kits Australia.

Event Specifics: Entry: \$5 per person, Valuations: \$5 per item (maximum 3 items per person).

Refreshments: \$5 Devonshire Tea, Book your valuation: Kath Breen 0427 547 659

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"Having great local support drives us to try new ideas and this is what is building ours and the region's reputation for innovative and interesting food options" says Catherine from Café Colenso, a sentiment shared by Tourism Macedon Ranges.

Why not do dinner and a show? Venues across the region continue to provide high quality productions from local and visiting artists throughout May.

1 May Rod Quantock - The Last Tim Tam at Malmsbury Town Hall
6 May First Things First at Kyneton Town Hall
8 May The Paris Underground at Kyneton Town Hall
1-9 May Silvia at Kyneton Mechanics
From 15 May Monty Python's Spamalot by the Mount Players

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COSY WARM FIRES, WINTER WOOLIES AND INDOOR ACTIVITIES

The cold is upon us well and truly - loads of cosy warm fires, winter woolies and indoor activities.

We will not be hosting the tea rooms at the craft market on market day this month as the Quilt show will be on. Why not still pop in to the hall and support this gorgeous local event. In June, however, we will be back with all our sparkle and are hoping to have some gorgeous warm soup to help your morning at the market along. With the knitting needles out in many houses too - why not start planning for the Spring Show?

This year we are hoping to build on last year's successful show and increase participation yet again. If you have any ideas about our Spring Show or anything that you would like to see included, please feel free to contact Meaghan on 0439 381 977 or keoghs6@bigpond.com - planning is yet to begin and we would be happy to hear any suggestions.

Our informal monthly craft days are still being held in the MAD gallery on the 2nd Friday of the month. It is open to anyone and is an opportunity for a cup of tea and a chat with friends.

Stay warm and we look forward to putting in some more information about the Spring Show for you next month.

DIRECTOR VISITS FILM SOCIETY

The Macedon Ranges Film Society was pleased indeed to have a film director present at its last meeting. The film, Crushed, was made and produced in Melbourne and director Ian Dixon visited Woodend for the screening. He explained to the group the inspiration behind the film and discussed some of the finer points of film making. Crushed, made in 2008, explores the notion of love when it comes up against duty and the difficult position this can create.

In May, the MRFS will pay tribute to one of the comic greats, Robin Williams, who died in August last year. The Birdcage, the remake of the classic French farce "La Cage aux Folles" is bound to bring tears of laughter to the audience as Val attempts to introduce his parents to his bride-to-be, a young woman who has been brought up in very protected circumstances. His gay father, Armand (played by Williams) and his flamboyant partner, Albert (played by Nathan Lane) try to make things go as smoothly as possible, but it's a comedy after all, so expect the unexpected.

The Macedon Ranges Film Society meets on the second Wednesday of every month so this film will be shown on Wednesday, 13th May 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 or by phoning Christine on 5429 5452 or Lorraine on 5427 0921.



Director Ian Dixon discusses his film with MRFS President Christine Wangarek.

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SOME PROJECTS TAKE A LONG, LONG, TIME TO ORGANISE AND OTHERS POP UP ALMOST OVERNIGHT.

LANCEFIELD ON-LINE

One of the projects that has been in the making for a few years is the Lancefield town website. Our aim with this site has been to create a central communication hub for the town.

A site where people can get up-to-date information relevant to living in Lancefield – organisation and business contacts, latest news and events around town as well as a place to explore what Lancefield has, and had to offer.

The project has taken a while because we have been

working on getting funding and researching which web designer we should use.

The biggest hurdle is collecting all the information to go on the site. To get our town web page happening we need; pictures of Lancefield, pictures of people and events, a finished business database, a design committee, poems, stories, songs etc about Lancefield and living in Lancefield and historical information and pictures of Lancefield.

If you would like to contribute to any of the above send your submissions or ideas to lancefieldhouse@tpg.com.au or phone Vivien on 5429 1214.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Community Calendar (located in The Town House) is there for groups to promote the date of a planned activity and is good to check available dates for future events.

You can go in and write on the calendar yourself or phone The Town House on 5429 2348 and ask them to do it for you.

SOCIAL SINGLES

Social Singles is one of those 'happen straight away' projects. The first Social Singles evening will be held on Saturday 16 May. A Lancefield or Romsey dinner venue will be advised once you book in or look out for the posters around town.

Social Singles is a group being established for people who would like to go out locally and enjoy an evening talking with and meeting new people.

When you are on your own it is very hard to find places you can go to by yourself, particularly with the limited options in small towns.

Don't sit at home by yourself on Saturday night (16 May), come along and join the group, have a meal and maybe meet some wonderful people who share the single

experience. Look out for the flyers or email socialsingles@tpg.com.au.

YOGA

Yoga classes have started Mondays 8.30 am and Saturday 8.30am at the Neighbourhood House, \$75 for five classes. Register your interest for a Tuesday evening class.

WHOLE TOWN GARAGE SALE

The 2015 Whole Town Garage Sale will be held on Saturday 30 May. Register your sale at the Neighbourhood House – we do the promotion and sell maps on the morning to buyers. You just need to get your stuff ready. Phone the House on 5429 1214 or email lancefieldhouse@tpg.com.au

WHAT'S COMING UP NEXT?

Our next bus trip is to Bendigo on Friday 12 June. Coming up early in June - soap and green cleaners workshop and health and wellness 'from crap to happy' workshop. Contact House to get the details or have a brochure sent to you. 5429 1214 lancefieldhouse@tpg.com.au or visit our facebook page.

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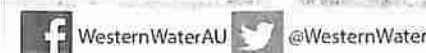
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KEEP AUSTRALIA BEAUTIFUL

A successful working bee was held at Doggett's Bridge on Tuesday 16th March 2015.

Rubbish was collected, obsolete stakes and tree guards were removed, brush cutting and weed spraying done.

7 volunteers attended. The next working bee will be at Sheehan's Crossing Sunday 17th May 2015 at 9.00am

Pat Dando is the new Myna Bird coordinator for Lancefield, anyone wanting a cage please contact Pat email: pdanko1@bigpond.com

Landcare has committed as part of The Keep Australia Beautiful campaign to clean rubbish from both sides of the road between The Antiques Centre corner Lancefield /Melbourne Rd and Kilmore Rd to Doggett's Bridge, this

will possibly be done twice a year. World Tree or National Tree Day is on Friday 24th July 2015 for schools and Sunday 26th July 2015 for the general public.

The next meeting is on Monday 11th May 2015 at 8.00pm all welcome. Annex Mechanics Hall.

Please be advised Annual Membership subscriptions almost 6 months overdue. Could all unfinancial members please contact the Treasurer or Secretary and pay your membership.

Thanks to all current members.

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But the icing on the cake is feedback on the return of native birdlife. Jenny Zimmerman, a trapper in the local area, said "I had a flock of a dozen Indian mynas which pretty much ruled my garden. In my first month of trapping I very easily caught 13 mynas, and that pretty much cleared my garden of them. Then last spring a pair started checking out next-door's eaves for a possible nesting site: I moved the trap closer to where they were hanging out and caught three birds. Since then, no mynas to speak of.

"What I have noticed – and this has been quite dramatic and exciting – is a marked increase in the smaller native birds in my garden: two species of thornbills; silvereyes; smaller honeyeaters such as yellow-faced and white-eared; blue wrens; a pair of grey fantails

and red-browed firetails. These birds did occur before, but their frequency and numbers have increased. That gives me all the reason I need to persist with my trapping."

You can either have diverse native birds in an area, or you can have Indian mynas, but you can't have both. If you'd like information about this free program contact woodend58@hotmail.com or call Ron Fink on 0407 661 129.

Submitted by Ron Fink

CONFERENCE FOR SMARTER BUSINESSES



Macedon Ranges businesses can learn smarter business practices from skilled professionals at a two day conference in Kyneton next month, hosted by Macedon Ranges Shire Council and Small Business Victoria.

The Smart Business conference will be held from 19–20 May at the Kyneton Town Hall. Informed by feedback from the 2014 conference, this year's program offers a range of workshops to local business owners and their staff, covering marketing, online strategies, finance, better business practices as well as topics for start-up businesses.

The business development and growth needs of key industries were considered in this year's program, including tourism, agribusiness and equine. As a result, on offer are a "Pricing for Profit" workshop, ideal for retail and accommodation businesses; "Crisis Planning" which covers bushfires; and "Exiting your Business" for those thinking of retiring or moving on—also of value to farming enterprises planning for succession.

A handy workshop on business networking will be held prior to a networking luncheon on day one with an 'In it to Win it' one minute presentation on your business which is only available to a limited number—first in best dressed!

Many of the workshops come with a free follow-up mentoring session. The Small Business Victoria Mobile Business Centre will also be on site for the two days and available for one-on-one business mentoring sessions.

To secure your place, book now online at mrsc.vic.gov.au/smart-business or contact Council's Economic Development and Tourism department on 5422 0207 or via ecodevadmin@mrsc.vic.gov.au

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In Europe the battle at Gallipoli is not very much commemorated. It was not until we came to Australia, that I learned about Anzac Cove and Lone Pine. In 1992, I traveled with my wife to Gallipoli. Whoever has been there, or any of our locals who think of going there for the centenary celebrations, will be overwhelmed by the 22 000 graves in the cemeteries and the futility of the war that had to happen.

After his victory over the Anzacs, Kemal wrote on the mortuary monument at Lone Pine:

"Those heroes that shed their blood and lost their lives... You are now laying in the soil of a friendly country, therefore rest in peace. There is no difference between the Johnnies and the Mehments to us, where they lie side by side here in this country of ours... You, the mothers, who send their sons from far away countries wipe away your tears, your sons are now lying in our bosom and are in peace. After having lost their lives on this land they have become our sons as well." (1934)

Mustafa Kemal (Atatürk) was not only a victorious general in the Ottoman's army. He was an equally great statesman. In 1923 he replaced the Muslim orientated Ottoman empire. He established the Turkish Republic and became its president. He ruled with a single party and introduced a Western (Swiss) legal code of conduct, for the Turkish population, including the family unit as being the most important.

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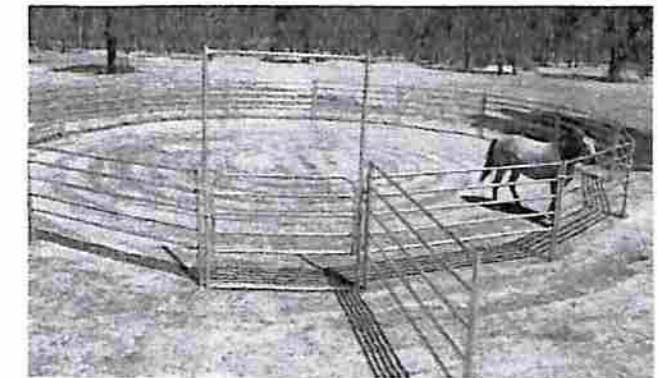
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Angie, 8 years old, wrote: "Dear Mother, I'm going to make dinner for you on Mother's Day. It's going to be a surprise. P.S. I hope you like pizza & popcorn."

Robert wrote: "I got you a turtle for Mother's Day. I hope you like the turtle better than the snake I got you last year."

Eileen wrote: "Dear Mother, I wish Mother's Day wasn't always on Sunday. It would be better if it were on Monday so we wouldn't have to go to school."

Little Diane wrote: "I hope you like the flowers I got you for Mother's Day. I picked them myself when Mr. Smith wasn't looking."

And how about this one from Carol? "Dear Mother, Here are two aspirins. Have a happy Mother's Day!"

Our Children don't always get everything right, but there is something about our very own children that causes us to love and favour them more than anyone else's children. Something about having Grandchildren too, that causes us to reach deep into our hearts and want to bless and spoil them more than anyone else's Grandchildren.

Q. Where does this desire to protect, love, provide for, bless and favour come from?

A. Our Creator God. He made us this way.

The bible says that we are made in *His image*. Throughout many, many accounts in the Bible we see God's desires for His Children as being like ours but based on *unconditional love* i.e. not dependent upon behaviour. Not

dependent upon emotional highs and lows. Not dependant on love being given back in return.

Q. Who are His children?

A. But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. - John 1:12 (NLT)

All those who have chosen to receive His love and the sacrifice that Jesus made for them so that they can live for *Eternity* - (Eternally after they leave this earth) in the Presence of a Father who lavishly gives peace and joy and protects and loves and *only* gives them what is *best* for them.

Because Mother's Day often causes us to ponder on these matters, why not take the time to receive God's love *Just For You* as His child and then you will never be disappointed, discouraged, disheartened, disillusioned, frustrated or feel like you have been "Let down". Because when you are filled there is no need to search for love anywhere else.

You will just be able to give it away to others!

" So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. - Gal 2:20

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I am sorry I was imitating Kelvin Dud
Trying to do things my way.

The boys up the back, in the cheap seats
Had finally had enough
Their party was becoming a circus
Thanks to Tiny and Joe Cocky Mr. tuff
You see Tiny had become a burden
He was hanging there by a thread
One snip and he was ratso
Into the abyss, gone, politically dead.

By lunchtime it was over
Tiny had a reprieve
He knew he'd been a naughty boy
He surely did deceive
Those who voted for him
Some sixteen months ago
I promise I'll be a good boy
If you give me another go.

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MONTHLY MEETING

Monthly Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday at 10am in St. Mary's Church Hall, Main Street, Romsey.

Next meeting Thursday 28th May, 2015 at 10am.

Guest Speaker: Annie Phelan.

OUTING

Outing for Wednesday, 20th May, 2015 is lunch at the Lancefield Hotel.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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

On 15th April, Nineteen Members enjoyed the bus trip to Creswick Woolen Mill, then on to Ballarat where we visited the Museum of Australian Democracy at Eureka, the Ballarat Botanical Gardens, 27 busts in Prime Minister Avenue. and on the way home we visited Musk (Istra Smallgoods). A very enjoyable and interesting day.

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.

If you are retired, or close to retiring, come along and join us and learn more about what Probus can offer you to assist you in staying active.

All we want to achieve is a day of enjoyment and friendship. Please come and have a look at what we do and who we are. Please check out our website for information about the Romsey & Lancefield Probus Club rlprobus.org.au

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Saturdays 9.45am Romsey & 5.45pm Lancefield.

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REGULAR EVENTS

SVDP Drop-In: First Thursday of each month, 10.30 a.m. to 4 p.m., St. Mary's Church Hall, Romsey. All welcome to come for a game of cards/chat and free lunch.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2015

Parents of children not attending St. Mary's Parish School wishing to receive the Sacrament of Eucharist (grades 4 & 5) or Confirmation (grade 6) in 2015, are asked to contact Tammie Dagleish, the Parish Secretary, at St. Mary's presbytery on 54292130 as a matter of urgency to register your child.

MEET YOUR COUNCILLORS

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The old adage says "sticks and stones may break my bones but names will never hurt me". Yet, hurtful, unkind words can linger long on in the heart and mind after bones have mended and sores healed. Over time, such scoffing and scorning may lead to darker deeds. Jesus Himself knew what it was to be despised and rejected by men and warned His followers this would be their fate also.

His commands in these circumstances were "to Love our enemies, do good to those who despitefully use you, and to walk the extra mile." A tall order and impossible to achieve without God's grace, love and power governing our lives.

In the long history of the Church there have always been those who have scoffed and scorned at the Christian Church and long before that God's chosen people the Jews were on the receiving end of such treatment and still are.

In the first century AD many Christians died because of their faith by being fed to the lions, others throughout the centuries being burnt at the stake. Still such persecution

goes on especially in those countries where Islam holds sway.

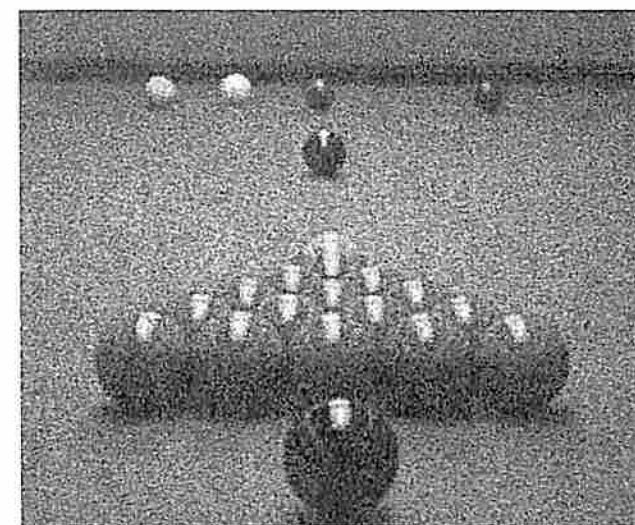
There is a determined push to rid the Middle East and North Africa of its Christian presence by the Islamist movement Isis by systematic beheadings of men, women and children and the destruction of whole towns and villages and churches.

Here in our own country the Christian Church is becoming more and more marginalised by the secularists and atheists with their scoffing and scorning, indifference, ignored by the Media.

In this present climate and one which may become worse, Christians must heed our Saviour's words. *Love* must rule in our hearts, minds and actions.

APRIL IN RETROSPECT

April began with the celebrations of the most vital



and solemn time in the Church's year - the Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

A.M.S. and the GUILD met to plan further activities.

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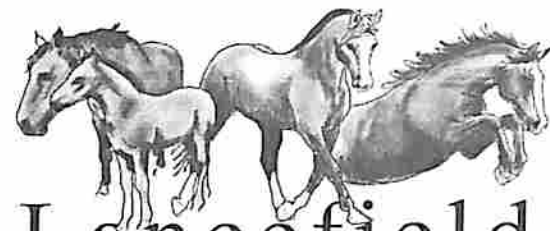
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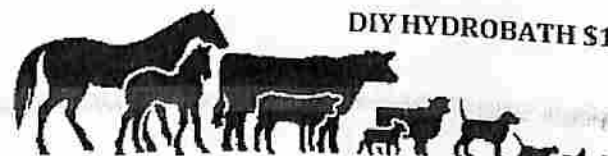


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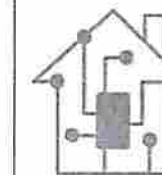
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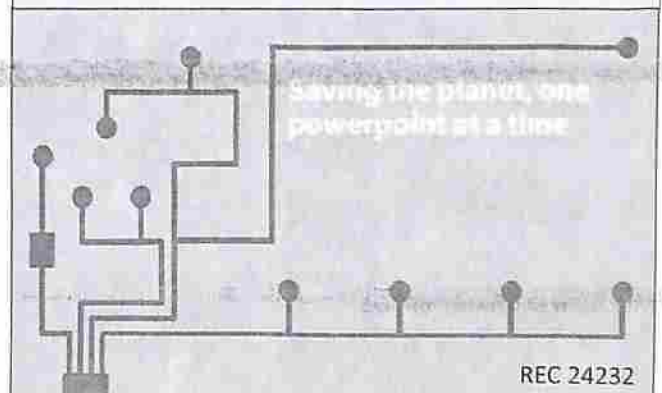
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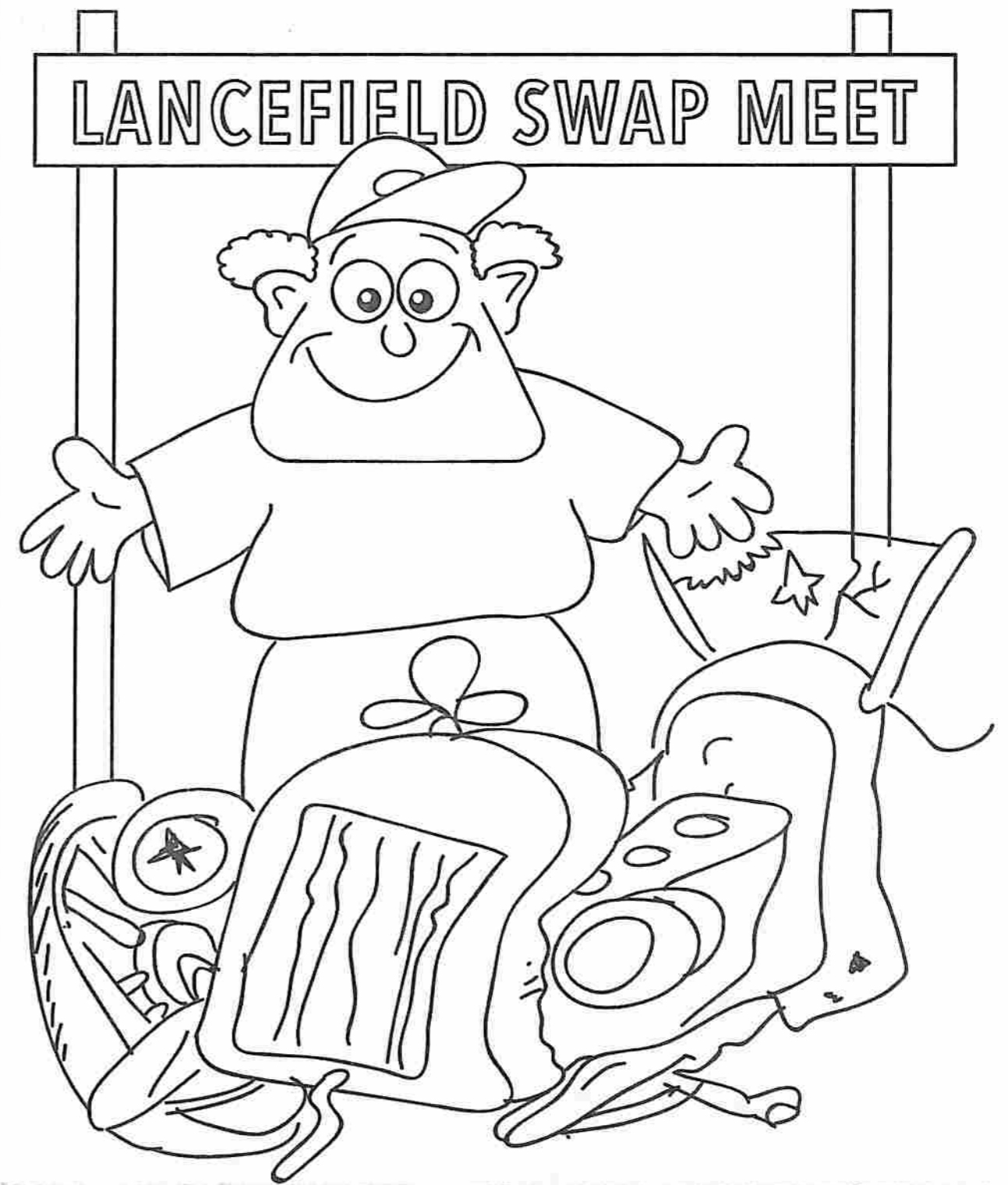
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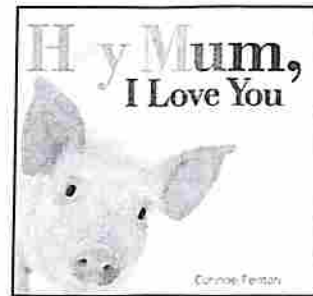
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CHILDREN'S BOOKS

(Reviewed by Abbie Bennetts & Sian Higgins)



Hey Mum, I Love You by Corinne Fenton. RRP \$12.95

This hardcover picture book depicts a variety of beautiful baby animals pictured with their mums. There are minimal words, making it easy and quick to read. This book is perfect for very young children.



My mum SAYS the strangest things by Katrina Germein and Tom Jellett. RRP \$24.95

In this book, a little boy tells of the little quirks his mum has, that he loves her for. The illustrations are cute and eye-catching, which makes the book even more appealing to young children.

Some Mums by Nick Bland. RRP \$16.99

This rhyming picture



book gives examples of all different types of mums; loud, quiet, tough, graceful and more. The beautifully detailed pictures are quirky and enhance the meaning of the story.

Mum goes to work by Libby Gleeson and Leila Rudge. RRP \$24.95

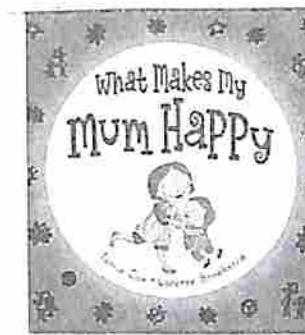
In this book, lots of mums drop their kids off at a childcare centre before going off to work. The book compares how each of the mums spends their day



compared to their young children. The activities each child performs at the centre, show that their mums are always in their minds and hearts. It is a heart-warming story for young kids.

What Makes My Mum Happy By Tania Cox and Lorette Broekstra. RRP \$12.99

This is a short and fun read about children talking about what makes their



mum's happy. The children all have different things that they do or say that make their mother's feel happy. It is a sweet and appealing book, with beautiful illustrations to accompany the story, for both mothers and children to share and enjoy together.

A Little Book about Me And My Mum By Jedda Robaard. RRP \$16.95

This is a book where you can write, draw and share your favourite moments and memories of you and



your mum. It is a fun activity book for children to fill out and have fun colouring in and drawing pictures of them and their mum.

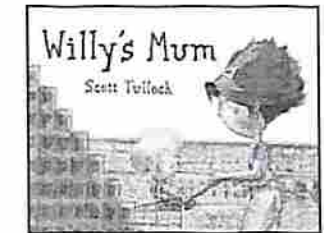


Fancy Nancy's Marvellous Mother's day Brunch By Jane O'Connor and Robin Preiss Glasser. RRP \$14.99

This is a fun story about

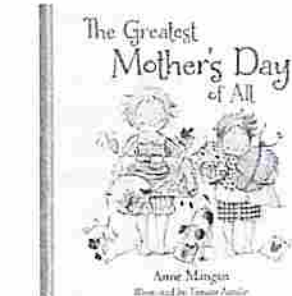
two little girls making their mum the best Mother's day brunch with a card, flowers and waffles. It's full of bright and colourful illustrations of the two girls picking flowers and making their mum waffles. This is an enjoyable read that children will relate to as it is what most of us do on Mother's day.

of Mother's Day with the typical presents and breakfast in bed. It has colourful illustrations depicting the mess and fun times families have on mother's day.



Willy's Mum By Scott Tulloch. RRP \$14.99

In this story of family fun, Willy finds out a little bit more about his mum and what she used to be like. He sees that she wasn't always sensible and didn't always forget that she has enough shoes already. This is an enjoyable tale of a family of three, that children will love to read



The Greatest Mother's Day of All By Anne Mangan. RRP \$14.99

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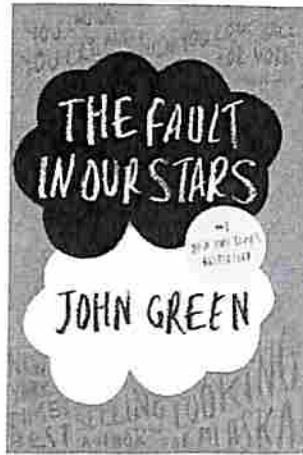
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and look at the amazing and amusing illustrations that go with it.

TEEN FICTION
(Reviewed by Sian Higgins)

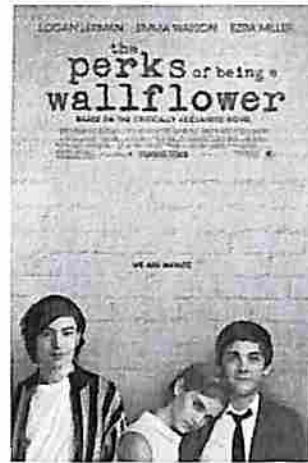


The Fault in our Stars by John Green

The Fault in our Stars is about a girl named Hazel

Grace Lancaster who was diagnosed with terminal cancer at the age of 13. She meets the wonderful and funny Augustus Waters at cancer support group and an instantaneous connection forms. This is a compelling story about what it's like to be alive and in love, to truly appreciate the little moments in life because you never know when it will all be gone. It is an insightful, bold, funny, thrilling, tragic and one of the most moving love stories. The story plays with your heartstrings, yet you still come back for more. The Fault in our Stars is inspirational and beautifully written.

The Perks of Being A Wallflower by Stephen Chbosky



The Perks of Being A Wallflower is a story about a freshman named Charlie who is still trying to find his place in the world. He is shy, intelligent and socially awkward; Charlie is a wallflower, "caught in between trying to live his life and trying to run away from it". This book reflects what it is really like growing up in the teen world of first dates, family dramas, new friends

and social status, where people judge you on who you associate with and what you wear. It is a true coming-of-age story and is amazingly written.



Divergent by Veronica Roth

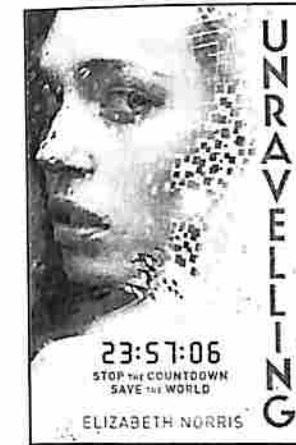
Tris is forced to make a

choice in a world where she doesn't belong. Determined to find where she fits in Tris ventures out alone, unable to trust anyone but herself. Yet she finds herself drawn to a boy who seems to threaten and protect her at the same time. Divergent is an exciting dystopian story about a girl who doesn't fit into a divided society, having to make hard and life-altering decisions to keep herself alive. This book will keep you suspended on the edge of your seat, wondering what will happen next.

Unravelling by Elizabeth Norris

Janelle Tenner is hit head on by a pickup truck and killed. Until someone is leaning over and healing her stopped heart. Janelle was brought back for a

reason. To stop the world from ending in 23 days. Unravelling is a thriller with a mind-blowing sci-fi twist that will hook you



until the very end. The question remains - Will Janelle Tenner stop the world from ending before her 23 days are up?

The Pause by John Larkin

Declan has everything he

could ever want, a family who loves him, great friends and a beautiful girlfriend he would do anything for. But something from his path just won't go away, that pokes at his thoughts when he's at his most vulnerable. Declan feels that nothing will take away the pain that he is feeling so he makes the only decision that he could think of: to end it. Or does he?

The Pause was well written, combining humour, tragedy, family, friends and first love. It makes you reconsider what path you're taking in life and what you're leaving behind. The book brings up the issues of anxiety and depression, giving the reader an insight into what they are like to live with and how to deal with them, the message behind the story being that you

are worth it, that there is always help out there and something to live for. The book was set out really well, having parts where you look into past



memories, present and future happenings. All in all it was an amazing book that was well written and had a gripping story line, something that all teens should get their hands on.

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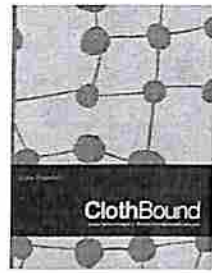
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NON FICTION:



Cloth Bound by Julie Paterson RRP \$59.99

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Paterson's inspiration and includes stories of the handmade process of her designs and how "Cloth" came to be born. A lot of her inspiration comes from the Australian bush and her patterns can be found on furnishings, wallpapers and rugs which are now sold all over the world. In this book you can see how the process begins and enjoy the photographs of the final product. A wonderful way to escape a hectic schedule and lose yourself amongst the pages as you follow her creative journey.

The Country Wife by Anne Gorman RRP \$34.99

When she is five, Anne Gorman's family disintegrates. After thirteen pregnancies and the death of two children, her devout Catholic mother has a breakdown and Anne and her sisters are placed in a convent. Struggling to survive a childhood marred by fear and uncertainty, Anne sees education as her lifeline to freedom. After graduating from university, she's set to take on the world. But her plans come unstuck when she falls

in love. Marrying a farmer and becoming a mother of five was a life she never imagined. Yet in this alien landscape she finds love and a sense of belonging. When her husband becomes gravely ill, Anne has to find the courage to keep the farm and her family afloat. Against a backdrop of dramatic historic change, from the shadow of war to the rise of feminism, an uncertain young girl grows into a woman of substance.





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5	10.30 am	Easter Day, Christ Church Anglican, Lancefield	17	7.00 pm	Healing Service, Christ Church, Lancefield
9	9.00 am	Kyneton Farmers' Market	20	12.30 pm	Probus Club of Romsey & Lancefield
11	8.00 pm	Lancefield Landcare Group Meeting, Annex, Mechanics Hall	21	1.30 pm	Guild Meeting, Christ Church Hall, Lancefield
13	7.15 pm	Macedon Ranges Film Society, Woodend Community Centre	23	9.00 am	Lancefield Farmers' Market
14	2-4.00 pm	Classical Music Group, Lancefield Uniting Church	24	10.00 am	Encourage Church, Morning Service, Romsey
16	9.00 am	Riddells Creek Farmers' Market	28	10.00 am	Monthly meeting, Guest Speaker: Annie Phelan, Probus Club of Romsey & Lancefield, St Mary's Hall, Romsey
16	8.30 am	AMS Men's Breakfast, Christ Church, Lancefield	30	8 am-1 pm	Lancefield Whole Town Garage Sale
16		Lancefield Social Singles inaugural evening			



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Tony says most Australians who buy eucalyptus oil from the supermarkets are not aware that almost all of the oil in the bottles they buy is imported from China and has been for many years. Not only is this oil very weak in odour but it

is has had to be refined in "chemical" style factories before being shipped to Australia. Fortunately for Tony, more and more Australian consumers are becoming aware of the benefits of using 100% pure Australian Eucalyptus Oil for all their household cleaning and freshening and are actively seeking his oil out at Farmers markets and also connecting with his business via their website and on Farmhouse Direct – an on line shop especially for Australian farmers. In recent times Tony has added a range of cleaning products containing his pure Blue Mallee Eucalyptus Oil including hard surface cleaners, laundry powder, dishwasher powder and a bedding wash and soon to come is a wool wash.

Tony says he is absolutely committed to continuing the family tradition and hugely proud that his family has been involved in such an iconic industry. He has a young son who he would one day like to hand over the baton to.

"We are very grateful for the support we get from customers at Farmers Markets and while our message about Australian Eucalyptus Oil is slow to get out there at present we know from the regular positive feedback we get from our customers just how important an ingredient our eucalyptus oil is in their everyday lives and that's really something special." Says Tony Taig, Managing Director, The Australian Eucalyptus Oil Company

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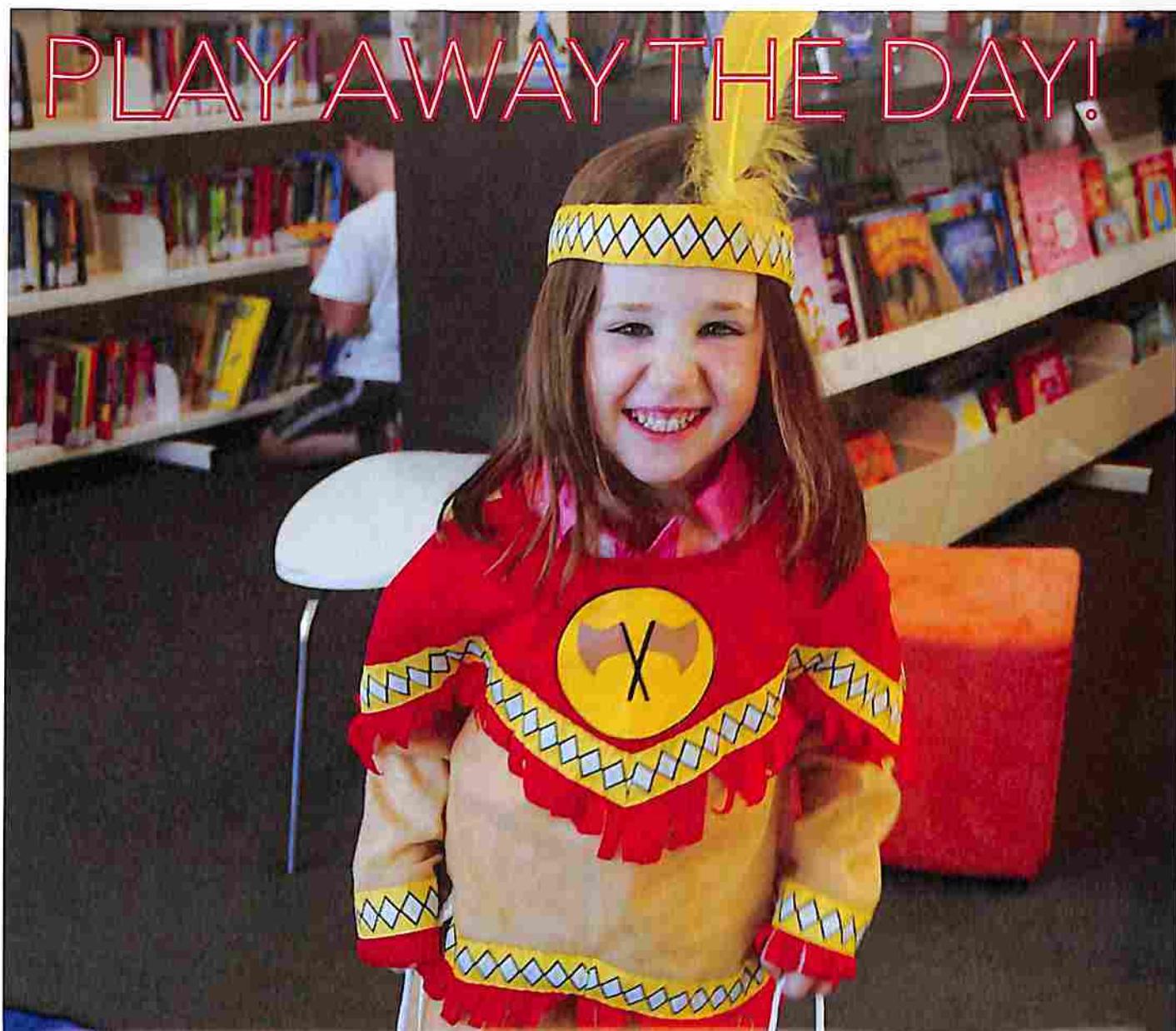
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