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DOG SHOW A SUCCESS!



Henry Lawson had a great story about a loaded dog - mayhem in the miners camp. I was pleasantly surprised at the local dog show. The fact remains, people are mad about dogs. What a wonderful venue to present the multiple pets on parade, it was their occasion and they seem to enjoy it as their proud owners.

The preparation and grooming for the show ring a sight to see, the variety of breeds and personalities enriching and amusing. The shade trees were appreciated by the happy campers, some staying 4 or 5 days. The maintenance of this facility is an ongoing commitment for the committee and their efforts received favourable comment.

Possoms and stray cats were noted by their absence. We were very fortunate with the weather, as we know extremes of weather can make outdoor events quite testing.

Judging was taken very seriously as the prestige of a winning title has significant breeding implications and

rewards.

Animal antics are entertained and have the capacity to divert ourselves from more personal and mundane concerns. Man's best friend isn't an understatement, although it was noted they were kept well leashed. I had the initial fear of an all in brawl or love in, but these were erased by positive feedback and amusing antidotes. An old farm dog can learn new tricks; pooper scoops an essential item of tackle.

Some improved signage would assist all involved enjoy the occasion and enhance traffic flow. Thanks to the Lions Club, Organising Committee and CFA for valuable support.

The encouragement award in the sheep dog ring was presented to the corky red healer cross, what it couldn't get over it went under.

Next year's feature breed a suffix retriever, overall a sure cure for Christmas excess worthwhile for all concerned and a celebration for all canine values .





LANCEFELD PRIMARY SCHOOL



Students from Lancefield Primary School proudly showing the gifts donated for the Giving Tree.

The school community at Lancefield Primary School well and truly embraced the spirit of Christmas when they took part in the annual Kmart and Salvation Army Giving Tree Appeal. A live Christmas Tree was donated by Mount William Tree Nursery and enthusiastically decorated by students using handmade or recycled decorations. Students were invited to bring gifts to donate to children that may not be as fortunate as they are. Excitement built as the tree quickly

became surrounded with the generous presents. Teacher Emily Cooper said "I wanted to embrace the true meaning of Christmas & I am so pleased that the wishing tree was such a big success. I loved walking through the atrium and seeing people putting out presents & little kids playing with the decorations." Over 60 gifts were donated and hopefully put smiles on many faces as they were opened on Christmas morning.

LANCEFELD FRUIT SHED

CELEBRATING 10 YEARS



How time flies when you're having fun, as unbelievable as it may seem The Fruit Shed is turning 10 in February. We have come a long way since the first day we opened the Big Blue Doors with young Reuben on Kitty's back as we stocked shelves full of fresh fruit and veg. for the Lancefield community.

A fair bit has changed over the years with the Fruit Shed's interior expanding along with the many things we now offer as the business has grown.

We now have Exquisite Blooms with beautiful flowers by the bunch or arranged by Kitty a qualified florist with over 20 year's experience. There is no occasion we can't cater for, we also offer a large range of quality Deli lines, dips, cheese's etc. to help you when your entertaining guests or you just want to treat yourself.

Over the past 6 months we have introduced fresh organic produce as well as a number of subsidiary organic and health lines to complement our premium quality fruit and veg sourced daily by Joe from the wholesale markets. How could we forget our delicious ice cream and gelato, as well as coffee and many other wonderful things to tantalise your taste buds.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has shopped with us over the years, taking up the fight for the little guy's against the major food chains.

It has been an absolute pleasure to serve the Lancefield and surrounding communities and the many wonderful people who live in it, many of whom we have become close friends.

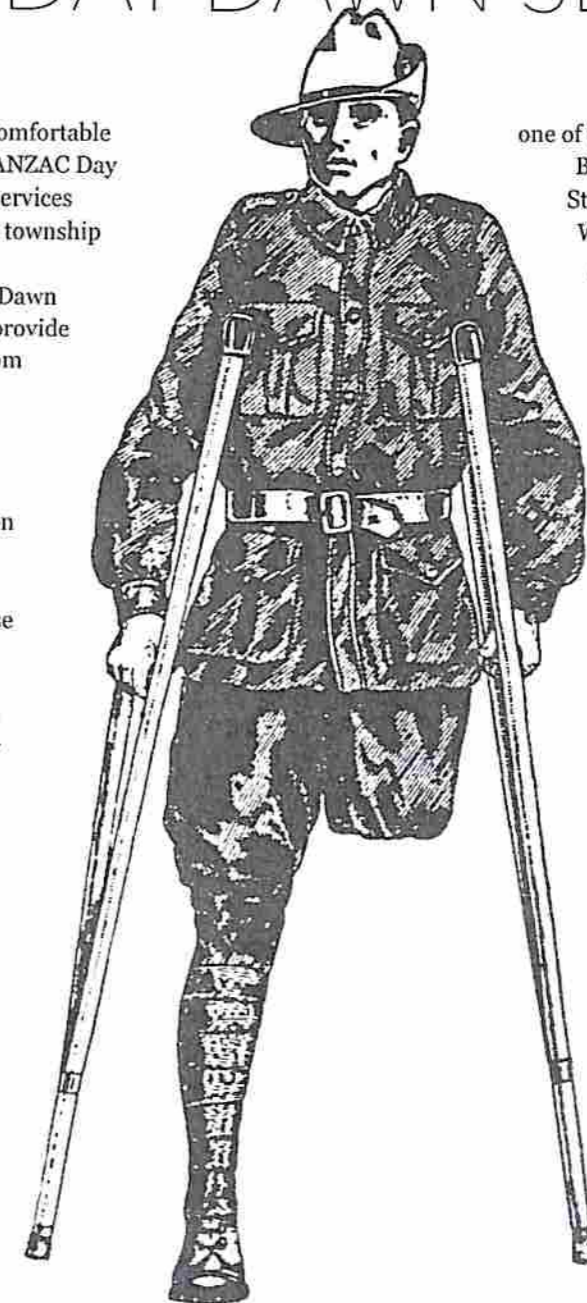
We are now on face book so like and follow us for many new and exciting things to come.

FREE BUSES TO MT MACEDON ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE

It will be easier, safer and more comfortable getting to the 2014 Mt Macedon ANZAC Day Dawn Service thanks to free bus services that will operate from each major township across the Macedon Ranges.

The Mt Macedon ANZAC Day Dawn Service Committee will this year provide free bus services to the Service from Gisborne, Woodend, Macedon, Romsey, Lancefield and Riddells Creek in an effort to reduce traffic congestion on Cameron Drive, Mt Macedon. Chair of the Mt Macedon ANZAC Day Dawn Service Committee, Mr Bruce Mildenhall, said that after a significant increase in attendance at the 2013 Dawn Service, the Committee needed to develop a solution that would take traffic off Cameron Drive- the only entry and exit to the Service.

"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," Mr Mildenhall said. "However, Cameron Drive and the existing car parking infrastructure at The Cross can no longer cope with the number of people who wish to attend the Dawn Service each year and from this year, anyone wishing to attend the Service will need to catch



one of the free bus services.

Buses will depart 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 continual shuttle bus service will operate from Tony Clarke Recreation Reserve- Waterfalls Road, Macedon with the first bus departing at 4:15AM and the last bus departing at 5:20AM. 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 Tuesday 1 April by visiting: www.organscoaches.com.au or call 5422 1788 during business hours.

For further information, visit www.mtmacedonanzacdawnservice.com Media Enquiries: Jamie Byron- Event Manager, Mt Macedon ANZAC Day Dawn Service Mobile: 0412 108 467

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Expressions of Interest for musicians willing to join a band participating in the Commemoration Service which will be held in Lancefield on April 25th 2015 Please contact Mrs Dianne Ellis, Principal, Lancefield Primary School on 5429 2308 or email lancefield.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au as soon as possible."

FARMERS' MARKET

Woodend Community Farmers' Market

- Sat 7th Feb Cnr High & Forest Streets, Woodend
- 0487 444 090 Sharon Kittson

Kyneton Farmers' Market - Sat 14th Feb

St Pauls Park, Piper Street, Kyneton - 54 221 025
Veronica Manifold

Riddells Creek Farmers' Market - Sat 21st Feb

Riddells Creek Primary School, Riddells Creek -
0419 523 324 Amanda Johnson

Lancefield & District Farmers' Market - Sat 28th

Feb Centre Plantation, High Street, Lancefield -
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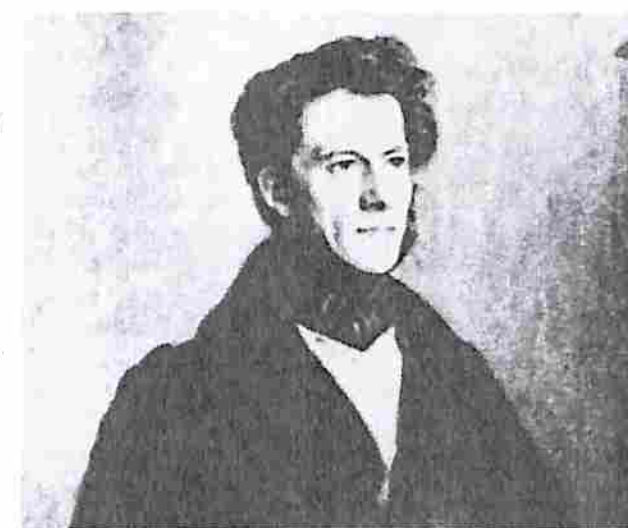
CHARLES JOSEPH LA TROBE IN OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

Victoria's first Lieutenant-Governor (1839-54) was the English born Charles Joseph La Trobe (1801-75). He was the son of a gentleman and educated in the Moravian faith. Always fascinated by topography, he loved painting or drawing mountains and other natural features and as a youth his artistic talents were encouraged.

After his schooling, in 1824 he left England for Neuchâtel in Switzerland where for three years he was tutor to the spoiled young aristocrat, the Comte de Pourtalès. One of the perks of the job was that he became a keen mountaineer. In addition, he met Sophie de Montmollin whom he married in September 1835. La Trobe then came to the attention of the Colonial Office in London and was first posted to the West Indies. They were so impressed with his work that in January 1839, Colonial Secretary, Lord Glenelg, offered La Trobe an appointment in Australia as Superintendent of the newly settled Port Phillip District of New South Wales.

La Trobe and his family (his wife Sophie and oldest child Agnes) arrived in Melbourne on 3 October 1839 where he must have been overwhelmed with the enormous task of transforming a colonial outpost into a civilised settlement. Having only been settled officially in 1835, parts of the Port Phillip District was largely unexplored or mapped. Here La Trobe was at his happiest, riding out to the most remote districts, meeting the squatters and recording his routes.

In the 15 years La Trobe spent in the Port Phillip District, he made 94 journeys outside Melbourne. His first four visits were from Geelong to Point Lonsdale, to Dandenong and Western Port, and to Cape Schanck and Point Nepean. He visited the Mt Macedon, Mt William, Kilmore and Kyneton



areas on 10 occasions. His sketches on these tours documented the landscape in the earliest period of European settlement. Between 25 and 28 October 1840, only one year after his arrival and on his fifth official journey to see Victoria, La Trobe travelled to Mt Macedon, Tallarook and Kilmore where he stayed with the squatter, Colonel Henry White, a founding member of the Melbourne Club. It was his first expedition to the Goulburn River. His only

diary note is that, after he was kicked 'from a led mare... [he] ...returned to town on the 28th from Tallarook, though suffering from the kick on my calf; breakfasting with Col. White, and changing horses at Kilmore'. He next visited the area in July 1842. It was his 14th journey around Port Phillip and his second visit to Goulburn, in particular to the Goulburn Aboriginal Protectorate. On this occasion he seems to have retraced his steps, but notes that 'It was probably on this journey that I ascended Mt Macedon... We were on ...(the central rock) on a day of such surpassing clearness that we saw the whole of the Sierra of the Grampians perfectly from Mt William to Mt Sturgeon'. I am now keen to investigate his exact routes for these journeys and to consult original pastoral leases as well as finding out more about the squatters he visited! Of course, there is a huge La Trobe archive at the State Library of Victoria and the Public Record Office and I look forward to delving into these collections as well as putting his trips into the social and political context of the time.

Fay Woodhouse

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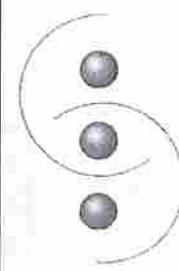
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Get a taste of Council's 2015 art and culture season program at a free event at the Kyneton Town Hall on Friday 6 February and receive a 25% discount on tickets purchased on the night. Starting at 5pm, you'll be treated to door prizes and free, locally-sourced wines, ciders and coffee. Entertainment will be provided by some of this year's artists. Council has programmed over twenty different events this year as a way for people to get involved in the arts and connect with their community.

Several outstanding performers are heading our way to share their skills in music, dance, drama, comedy, burlesque cabaret and family entertainment. This is an opportunity to experience acts that might otherwise only be seen in major cities, without the stress of travel, and an ability to dine out in our local restaurants and visit places closer to home. There are also exhibitions at the Kyneton Museum on topics ranging from women's fashion to the intriguing world of body adornment. Exhibitions at the Kyneton Museum will include educational programs and holiday activities. Teachers are encouraged to explore what's on offer in the way of master classes and student workshops with visiting artists and artisans.

To attend the launch, please RSVP by Friday 30 January by calling 1300 888 802 or emailing ktickets@mrsc.vic.gov.au

Copies of the 2015 season brochure will be available for collection from Monday 9 February in Council service centres in Kyneton, Gisborne, Woodend and Romsey. Program details will also be published on Council's website after the launch, mrsc.vic.gov.au/arts.



LANCEFIELD FIRE BRIGADE

THE FIRE SEASON HAS STARTED...

The fire season has started with major fires at Pastoria, Mia Mia, Kyneton and Romsey but fortunately none in our immediate area. The Brigade was involved in all of these fires and each meant crews and vehicles being deployed for both day and night shifts in most cases. The rain arrived at a most opportune time and since then there has been only minor incidents which has given our members time to catch their breath so to speak.

The four new trainees have finished their probationary period and are now able to participate fully in all Brigade activities also a new member was accepted at our January meeting. Congratulations!

The current cool and damp weather should not be taken too lightly as the hot and dry conditions can quickly return so we should continue to be cautious, wary and observant particularly of suspicious or unusual activities that we should see as we go about our normal daily life. Report any such activities to OOO immediately to alert both Police and Fire Brigade to enable them to respond quickly.

Please keep in mind that we are always in the business of recruiting new members for both fire fighting and non fire fighting roles in our Brigade. Contact us if interested at the Station on Sunday mornings or by telephone to any officer.

Stuart Mustey Captain

LANCEFIELD TOWN CRIER MEGGS HANNES

A new group was recently set up for Lancefield residents to use to communicate messages quickly to the wider community. The "Lancefield Town Crier" group has been active for a few days now & is growing each day.

It is for locals on the Facebook network to post information about community events, news, lost & found, offerings for sale or free & also a place where people can ask questions to garner local knowledge. It is free to join, just type in Lancefield Town Crier into the search bar & you will see the group. Once you have joined, invite your friends, they too may like to make use of this new local service.

FROM THE TOWN CRIER

Calling for expressions of interest in an after-school swimming lesson program at the Lancefield pool in first term 2015. This week the pool is running a very successful 5 day intensive swim program at Lancefield for the first time in 2 or 3 years.

It's great to see this wonderful facility being used by local kids to learn to swim again! If you would like your kids to learn to swim locally in an outdoor pool for term 1 please contact Brooke or Chard at Gisborne aquatic and leave your details. 54211452. Or Email: breadon@mrsc.vic.gov.au.



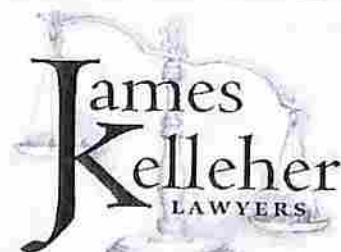
Lancefield Playgroup starts back on Fridays beginning on Friday 6th February 9am-12pm. Open to all children from the ages of 0-5 years. We're next to the

neighbourhood house in High Street (near Lancefield Primary School). So come on in, everyone is welcome!!

Neighbourhood House Membership is now due. \$5 payable at the School House or Town House or email lancefieldhouse@tpg.com.au

Social riding group starts next Friday. Meet at the Park at 9.30 am.

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On 19 March, Macedon Ranges Shire Council, in partnership with Arthritis and Osteoporosis Victoria (AOV), will host a 'Living well with arthritis' seminar in Woodend. If you or someone close to you is affected by arthritis or another musculoskeletal condition, you will understand the impact it can have on your health and wellbeing. This seminar will provide you with information and resources that will assist you in managing your condition and pain. You'll also have the opportunity to try Nordic Walking. The seminar will be held from 1-3.30pm on Thursday 19 March at the Woodend Community Centre, corner of High and Forrest Streets, with registration from 12.30pm. The cost is \$5, or attendance is free for AOV members.

Registration is essential and closes Friday 13 March. Please call Georgia Sackville at AOV on 1800 263 265 or (03) 8531 8022 or email programs@arthritisvic.org.au.

Council and AOV would also like to gauge interest in establishing an arthritis peer support group in the Macedon Ranges. If you think you might be interested in participating in such a group, please complete the Arthritis Peer Support Group survey which is available at Council service centres in Gisborne, Kyneton, Romsey and Woodend or online at mrsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay. For further details about the seminar or the survey contact Stephanie Harper, Healthy Ageing Engagement Officer, on (03) 5422 0258 or sharper@mrsc.vic.gov.au.

DUNSFORD STREET TREE REMOVAL

A large oak tree located in Dunsford St, Lancefield is scheduled to be removed in January 2015 due to public safety issues.

Following an arboriculture assessment, the tree was found to have weaknesses in the frame, which means that it poses a public safety risk. Macedon Ranges Shire Council has decided to remove the tree rather than risking damage to property or injury to the public.

The nature strip will be reinstated with soil and grass until a replacement tree of a similar species is planted during the winter months of 2015, which is the optimal time to plant deciduous trees.

For more information about these works, please contact Council's Operations Department on (03) 5421 0800.

SHOWCASING LOCAL CLIMATE LEADERSHIP

The 6th annual Macedon Ranges Sustainable Living Festival returns this year showcasing all that's happening in central Victoria on renewables, renovations, renegade gardening, and much more. The festival is a great community event attracting over 1,000 visitors each year. This year the organisers hope to inspire individual acts of climate leadership and to motivate visitors to consider the everyday things they can do to tackle climate change head on.

With a plethora of fantastic ideas and innovations on display from individuals, businesses and organisations, visitors are sure to discover loads of sustainable concepts to incorporate into their daily lives. Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group President, Ralf Thesing explains; "Action to reduce your waste, permaculture gardening and growing your own food all contribute to a smaller carbon footprint," and adds that "getting involved with community action, animal welfare and social justice groups helps spread the word, encouraging others to join in. I think a lot of people are just not sure how all these things relate to action on climate change," he continues,

"but hopefully what visitors will take away from the Festival will help to demystify that notion and show that a lot of little things can add up, collectively, to serious action."

Festival organisers are expecting a great turn out for the festival scheduled for the last day of summer, and encourage you to visit the outstanding selection stallholders, listen in to the many engaging speakers and eat your fill with the vegetarian feasting provided by MR VEG. Be inspired by our local climate heroes and enjoy the cheerful atmosphere of this premier local event. Put sustainable living on your agenda for 2015!

The Festival kicks off at 10 am on Saturday 28th February at the Community Garden behind the Woodend Community Hub, 47 Forest St Woodend. Entry for adults is \$5. MRSG members and Children under 18 are free.

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Claudius had ordered all Romans to worship twelve gods, and had made it a crime punishable by death to associate with Christians. But Valentinus was dedicated to the ideals of Christ; not even the threat of death could keep him from practicing his beliefs. He was arrested and imprisoned.

During the last weeks of Valentinus's life a remarkable thing happened. Seeing that he was a man of learning, the jailer asked whether his daughter, Julia, might be brought to Valentinus for lessons. She had been blind since birth. Julia was a pretty young girl with a quick mind. Valentinus read stories of Rome's history to her. He described the world of nature to her. He taught her arithmetic and told her about God. She saw the world through his eyes, trusted his wisdom, and found comfort in his quiet strength.

"Valentinus, does God really hear our prayers?" Julia asked one day.

"Yes, my child, He hears each one."

"Do you know what I pray for every morning and every night? I pray that I might see. I want so much to see everything you've told me about!"

"God does what is best for us if we will only believe in Him," Valentinus said.



"Oh, Valentinus, I do believe! I do!" She knelt and grasped his hand.

They sat quietly together, each praying. Suddenly there was a brilliant light in the prison cell. Radiant, Julia screamed, "Valentinus, I can see! I can see!"

"Praise be to God!" Valentinus exclaimed, and he knelt in prayer.

On the eve of his death Valentinus wrote a last note to Julia, urging her to stay close to God. He signed it, "From your Valentine." His sentence was carried out the next day, February 14, 270 A.D., near a gate that was later named Porta Valentini in his memory. He was buried at what is now the Church of Praxedes in Rome. It is said that Julia planted a pink-blossomed almond tree near his grave. Today, the almond tree remains a symbol of abiding love and friendship. On each February 14, Saint Valentine's Day, messages of affection, love, and devotion are exchanged around the world."

If there is anyone wishing to renew their wedding vows, there will be provision made to do so in Our Valentine's Day Service on 15th February. Please let Ps Marilyn know by 6th February.

If you would like to know more about faith in Jesus please contact Pastor Marilyn or our Church office Ph 5429 6327

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Belinda has a background in Agricultural Science and specialised in Animal Nutrition. She has spent time working closely with dairy, poultry, feed-mills and many years working in and with the pig industry.

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Saturday 14 February Valentine's Day Film Night at Hanging Rock Reserve - Enquiries: 5421 1468 or www.mrsc.vic.gov.au

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Sunday 15 February enjoy a Taste of Kyneton for a great food and wine experience, in the Macedon Ranges foodie town, at Kyneton Park Racecourse; Campaspe Place, Kyneton - Enquiries: www.kyneton.org.au/tasteofkyneton

This food and wine festival will also include music, kid's entertainment, local produce market and more. Starting at 11am visitors will be able to spend the day sampling signature dishes from some of Kyneton's most reputable restaurants, all complimented by drinks from the region's best wineries and breweries. There will be lots of dedicated spaces to sit and enjoy the day at the picturesque Kyneton Racecourse on the banks of the Campaspe River, so bring a picnic blanket or a fold up chair and create your own space amongst the greenery.

So much to do in your backyard. Enjoy!

NEW SHARE THE ROAD CYCLIST SAFETY SIGNS IN THE RANGES

Macedon Ranges Shire Council has added a Share the Road message to the cyclist signage on Shire roads. Bike Safe Macedon Ranges requested the signage and we are very grateful to the Shire and its officers for erecting these signs. All road users have a responsibility to not only obey the road rules but courtesy and respect for each other goes a long way to making our roads safer. Sharing the roads is a two way street. We as cyclists are vulnerable road users and ask motorists to Pass us with Care as if we are a motor vehicle, giving us at least one metre in slow moving traffic and a minimum of 1.5 metres at higher speeds. Motorists need cyclists to be clearly visible on the roads. Cyclists wearing black and dark colours are much harder to see against black bitumen and against the shadows from trees along the road. Please consider for your own safety and that of all road users that you are clearly visible day and night. Flashing lights make a big difference in the day time as well as lighting you up at night.

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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 pleasant get-together BBQ on Wednesday 21st January, at the home of Robert and Anne Barry.

The planned outing for Wednesday, February 18th, 2015 is a bus trip to Healesville RACV Club for lunch and visiting some places of interest.

Next meeting Thursday 26th February, 2015 at 10am.
Guest Speaker: Mr. Greg Buist.

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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LANCEFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

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FIRST THINGS FIRST.

If you haven't received your 2015 community calendar or your Neighbourhood House program brochure then collect your copy from the Newsagents, the Neighbourhood House or The Town House. The Calendar is full of handy local information and contact numbers and there is plenty of room to write your own reminders and appointments. The Neighbourhood House would like to give a very big thank you to all the businesses that have supported the calendar. You will find all our regular activities listed in the program brochure and we have some exciting new workshops that some of you will be interested in. The most important thing is to book early to ensure that we run the activity.

THINGS TO DO BEFORE EASTER

- Join the Lancefield social cycling group.
- Learn how to ride a push bike in February.
- Learn how to build a tiny house on wheels.
- Learn how to lovingly kill, pluck and clean your own rooster on Saturday 14 February.
- Join the Neighbourhood House Relay for Life team last weekend in February.

Go on a bus trip to Epping Plaza on Friday 13 March. Be part of the change you want to make in your own life to improve environmental sustainability, social justice and self-fulfilment in your life. Be the Change symposium on Saturday 14 March.

Enrol your 10-16 year old children in The Field Trip project. Visit www.thefieldtrip.co

Try out one of our regular activities; Tuesday afternoon cards or decorative painting, Wednesday afternoon Spinners and Yarners craft group, Wednesday night Meditation and Reiki and the Mens Shed Tuesdays to Thursdays.

Let us know if you are interested in us running; Ipad training, Soap Making, First Aid Certificate, Food Safety Certificate, Boat Licence, RSA or Couch to 5k running program.

Volunteer at the Op Shop, The Town House, the Farmers Market or the Incredible Edible Garden.

Let us know if there is something else you would like the Neighbourhood House to organise.

For more information about all of these activities phone the House on 5429 1214, email lancefieldhouse@tpg.com.au or pick up a brochure from the locations listed above.

NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE PROJECTS FOR 2015

LANCEFIELD 2025.

What will Lancefield be like in 2025? What do we need to put in place now to ensure we love living in Lancefield in the future? How do we ensure businesses and services are supported so that we have everything we need in town? Lancefield 2025 is a whole town survey which endeavours to find out the answers to these questions and then devise the strategies we need to put in place.

LANCEFIELD.ORG

A town website which will be the place to find out everything that is on offer in Lancefield.

SUSTAINABLE HOUSES

Working with the Shire and other Neighbourhood Houses we will be looking at energy saving practices, working towards a sustainable, self-sufficient organisation and providing education and examples for the community.

If you would like to hear more about or be involved in any of these projects contact the House.

HEALTHY EATING AT AQUATIC AND LEISURE CENTRES

Macedon Ranges Shire Council is reviewing products stocked in kiosks and vending machines at aquatic and leisure centres across the shire in an effort to improve healthy eating options. Council aims to promote healthy active lifestyles through programs offered at its leisure and aquatic centres in Kyneton, Woodend, Romsey, Riddells Creek and Gisborne. It therefore makes sense to offer healthy eating options to patrons who visit these facilities. Over the next six months, Council will review stock at kiosks and vending machines, explore practices at aquatic and leisure facilities outside the shire, and consult with members and patrons for their views and feedback. Recommendations will be presented to Council and the Health and Wellbeing Advisory Committee before being implemented. The project is expected to be completed by mid-2015, and members and the broader community will be notified of the proposed changes.

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A SOOTHING START FOR FILM SOCIETY



Committee members of the Macedon Ranges Film Society put their heads together over the Christmas and New Year break to come up with a 2015 film list that would continue to maintain the high standard of the previous five years. The year kicks off with one for the locals. The 2014 film *Healing* starring Hugo Weaving and Don Hany is set in appealing Kyneton and Macedon Ranges locations. The healing theme refers to the very positive effect animals can have on the lives of people. The film features stunning footage of wedge-tailed eagles which, on many a fine day, can be seen elegantly circling in the sky above Hanging Rock.

The film society will present this year, as in other years, films of many genres from drama to biography to comedy and much, much more. The first film of the year will be on Wednesday, 11th February. Macedon Ranges Film Society meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Woodend Community Centre. Supper and discussion follows the film, for those who wish to stay on.

Initial enquiries must be made by phoning Lorraine on 5427 0921 or Christine on 5429 5452.

Christine Caley

ENHANCING THE VISITOR EXPERIENCE

Are you a tourism event organiser, accommodation or transport provider? Maybe you run a day spa, restaurant or cellar door? If you're keen to enhance the experience you offer your customers, register for Council's Tourism Excellence workshop, "Creating Compelling Visitor Experiences". Learn how packaging tourism products can help increase your exposure to the marketplace and, importantly, your bottom line. Tourism experiences are generated by the people met, places visited, activities participated in and memories created from travel. This is particularly through watching, tasting, smelling, touching, listening to and being part of a culture or lifestyle that is distinctly different from everyday life. For an experience-seeker, a tourism experience extends beyond a single activity: it is a combination of experiences that reach an individual's deeper needs and desires—and this is where packaging comes in! Join us at Moto Bean Café in Malmsbury on Monday 9 February from 5pm to 8.30pm, with facilitator Rachel Donovan from Insight Communications.

Online bookings are now available at mrsc.vic.gov.au/business-events. Tickets are \$50 (including facilitated workshop, detailed workbook, light refreshments and a follow-up session to identify potential packaging partners).

For more information contact Lianne on ecodevadmin@mrsc.vic.gov.au or (03) 5421 9616.

RELAY FOR LIFE

PURPLE PROMO PRIZE

Businesses wishing to be in the running for free marketing material need to be kicking off the month of February with the colour purple.

Organisers of the Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay For Life will be judging the businesses decorated the purplest and those that best raise awareness of their event, and highlight cancer education and support services.

Judging will take place from February 2 to 8. For more information and to arrange a starter kit email Colleen Downie, colleen.downie1234@gmail.com or ring 5429 2411.

The winning business will receive a gift voucher for business cards and flier printing from Blackrange Printing Group.

The Relay For Life is at Lancefield Park on February 28-March 1. A team information night will be held on Wednesday, February 11 at 7pm at the Laurie Green Pavilion, Lancefield. Cancer survivors and carers are invited to walk the first lap of the relay then share an afternoon tea. Inquiries: Kathy 0419 644 688.

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We are looking forward to a fairly busy year with special projects to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Gallipoli, the 150th of Romsey School and Romsey Mechanics' Institute, and others. Lancefield Court House is open Monday, Wednesday & Friday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. or by appointment
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(informed decisions). The Macedon Ranges Shire Population Forecasts will help us understand how the population, age structure and household types will change each year between 2011 and 2036. Forecasts are available for the shire and the seven districts within the shire. The population forecasts are now available on Council's website, mrsc.vic.gov.au/population

WEATHER COMMENT

GOOD NEWS ON THE RAINFALL FRONT

It is time to start another series of weather comments and it is good to be able start with some good news on the rainfall front with a positive reading of 32mm so far this January. I have always been of the opinion that rain is always welcome no matter if it is unseasonable, there is always something to be thankful for.

Water tanks get a top up, the garden does not need watering for a few days at least and the fire risk is reduced in the short term anyway. December was dry with only 4 days of rain and 22mm in total and the end of November was similar.

No predictions yet as it is far too early to be doing that sort of thing. The yearly total last year was 530mm and this was well below our average of 700 mm or thereabouts, so no wonder conditions were dry all year.

I extend my thanks to John Lewis for the drawing of Toby in the bath[sheep dip] and it has caused much interest from people who have spoken to me and again I thank those who have done so, also their remarks about my articles. Thank you.

There has been some change on the farm with the ewe

lambs that I bought in January 2014 being returned to Kyneton Ewe sale and were amongst the top pens sold and I am very proud of that. For a number of reasons I did not buy any sheep to replace them one of which was the lack of feed at the present time and it is too soon to expect any great change even after the rain we have had recently. The cattle continue to thrive but I am feeding a round bale of hay as necessary to help maintain their condition until the situation hopefully improves.

The garden welcomed the recent rain and we have planted some more flower seedlings for Autumn colour and we still have some summer blooms giving a display in our garden. We also have planted more lettuce seedlings to replace those that have run to seed.

Our vegie plot has provided lettuce, silver beet, beetroot, and we picked our first two tomatoes the other day. The only problem we have had is with carrot seeds which after three tries have failed to strike, each with a new packet of seed. Help Vanessa!

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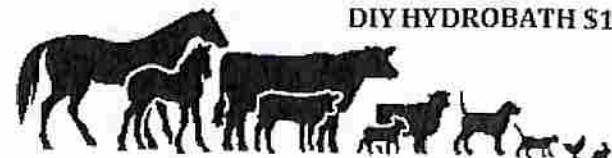


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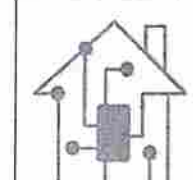
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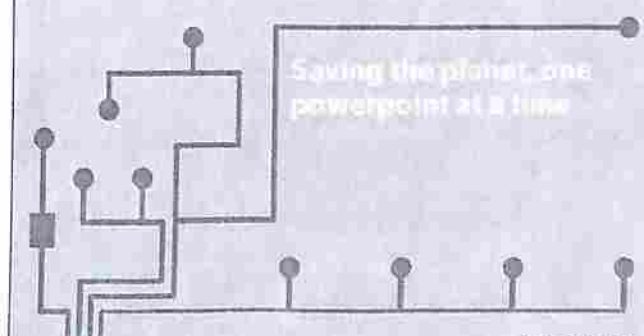
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Jesus gave us many lessons to live by and insights into the nature of God the Father but above all else, He spoke of His coming again, His Second Coming and our need to be prepared for that great day.

"Make Ready" was the message the Angel Gabriel gave to Zechariah, the father of John the Baptist, so describing the ministry, John was to have. John was to "To make ready a people prepared for His coming" - Luke 1:17c. - His, 'Jesus' First Coming.

"Make Ready" Jesus warns us "for my return, and be

ready, for you do not know when I shall suddenly appear", and again, "at that time they will see the Son of Man coming In A Cloud With Power And Great Glory". Luke 21:27. - His Second Coming! Over two thousand years have passed since Jesus uttered these words and we are still waiting but His message is still the same, Make Ready!

"Make Ready" is the message the Holy Spirit is giving to His Church today - a people prepared in body, mind and spirit for His coming again. At His first coming, Jesus said He did not come to judge the world but to save it but at His second coming He will come as the Great Judge. We are to make ready ourselves, our family members, friends, neighbours, communities and indeed the whole world for that great day - we are to be prepared and ready in holiness and righteousness to meet the Lord when He comes!

Yea, Amen let all adore Thee, High on Thine eternal Throne;

Saviour, take the power and glory; Claim the kingdom for Thine own:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Thou shalt reign and Thou alone. C. Wesley & J. Cennick.

DECEMBER 2014 IN RETROSPECT

The usual end of year get-togethers were enjoyed by all. Max and Betty took several car loads of food stuffs and Christmas gifts to Anglicare for Melbourne's needy.

The Christmas Stall was well worthwhile, our thanks to all who supported it. We appreciated our locum minister for this month, Rev. Len Greenhall, whose addresses were so informative and spiritually challenging.

The much needed restoration of Christ Church Lancefield is now well under way for which we praise the Lord for His guidance and bounty. January 2015 was a time for relaxing and preparing for the year ahead. Importantly, we welcomed back Rev. Bill Carroll into our Parish life once again after all his operations.

FEBRUARY 2015 DIARY.

Thurs. 12th Feb. 8pm. AMS (Anglican Men's Society) meets Parish Hall Chauncey St. Lancefield. Men welcome! Max 5429-1597 Tom 5429-6060

Sun. 15th Feb. 7pm. Healing Service Christ Church Lancefield Rev. Bill Carroll

Wed. 18th Feb. Ash Wednesday 9am Holy Communion

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Thurs. 19th Feb. 1.30pm. The Guild meets Parish Hall Lancefield. Enq. Glenice 5429-6418.

MARCH 2015

Fri. 6th March 11am. The World Day Of Prayer Service Christ Church Lancefield. The Service this year is prepared by the Church women of The Bahamas Speaker Dr. Bronwen Scott-Branagan.

Lunch to follow - a small plate to share please. Welcome to all in our community to this world wide service which starts at dawn on the Tongan Islands and finishes at sunset in the Aleutian Islands : Nth America. Sun. 15th March 2.30pm. Vict Welsh Male Voice Choir - Cor Bach - (The Little Choir) in Lancefield Mechanics Hall. Tickets \$25 NOW on sale. Betty 5429-1597 Glenice 5429-6418.

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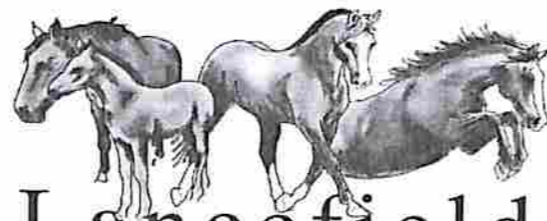
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More prize money, new categories and strong involvement from local artists are setting the stage for the 40th Woodend Lions Art Show.

Woodend Lions Club is hosting the anniversary event over the March Labour Day long weekend in a new partnership with the Macedon Ranges Art Trail.

The two groups are committed to reinvigorating the annual art show, which is a major fundraiser for community projects. Entry forms are now available on the Lions website www.woodend.vic.lions.org.au

A generous prize pool totalling more than \$3500 is expected to help attract around 400 entries, which will be judged by a panel of three guests. Visitors to the show will also have the opportunity to vote for their favourite artwork in the People's Choice Award.

This year will see new categories for photography and 3D work such as sculpture, glass art and textiles. Juniors are encouraged to participate, with three prizes being offered to those aged under 16. There will also be a prize awarded for Best Work by a Local Artist.

The show is open to anyone but entry forms are strictly due by February 20. A maximum of three entries per artist is allowed. Art must be delivered to St Ambrose Hall, Woodend on March 2, 3 & 4. For more details contact Linda Healy on 0438 363 242 or Nadine Hartnett on 0439 399 838.

MACEDON RANGES BOOK CLUB

INVITING NEW MEMBERS BOOK CLUB

The Macedon Ranges Readers book club has been meeting locally around Lancefield / Romsey for 12 years. It is a casual friendly group that meets once a month to discuss a book of the month over light refreshments. Book titles are chosen by the members. We would like to invite new members to join our group. So if you love reading and enjoy meeting friendly locals, please come along.

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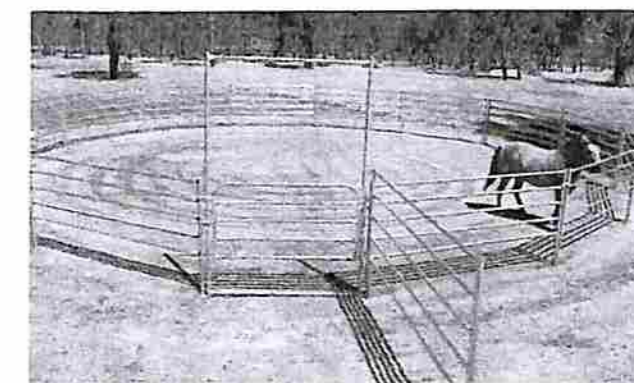
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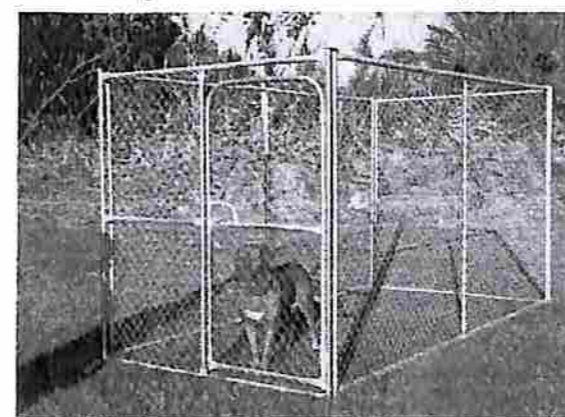
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A program of varied music and items for all to enjoy!! All welcome!

Proceeds will go to the Christ Church Lancefield Restoration Appeal

Afternoon Tea provided Tickets: \$25 - available now

Contact Betty: 5429 1597 (Lancefield);
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Celebrate Valentine's Day and the 40th anniversary of Peter Weir's 'Picnic at Hanging Rock' at the exclusive twilight viewing of the film on Saturday 14 February. Pack a picnic basket and blanket, and enjoy the supernatural atmosphere of watching the film as the sun sets behind the Rock.

Based on the 1967 novel, the Australian classic was shot in 1975 and continues to intrigue with its eerie tale of vanishing schoolgirls.

Tickets are \$25 per adult, \$10 per child and \$60 for a family. Gates open at 7pm with the film beginning on dusk around 8.30pm.

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Date: Sunday 15th March and Sunday 22nd March 2015

Time: 9am-5pm (both days)
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Date: Sunday March 1st, 15th and 22nd
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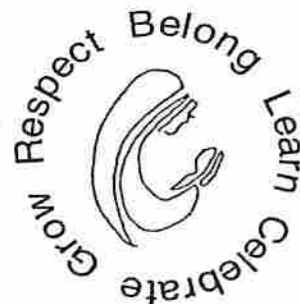
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CRICKET CLUB

A BUSY START

It has been a busy start to the cricket season at the Lancefield Cricket Club. Senior player numbers are at an all-time high, which has added plenty of depth to all three senior sides. At the Xmas break in the season, the First XI and Second XI are both on top of the ladder, and the Third XI sits second. All teams are looking for continued strong form after Xmas to ensure that they play finals. Top performers to date in each side are:

First XI Batting - Luke Malone (276 runs @ 55.20, highest score - 179)

First XI Bowling - Matt Bowden (19 wickets @ 9.63, best bowling - 5/28)

Second XI Batting - Jordan Ladzik (165 runs @ 41.25, highest score - 65 not out)

Second XI Bowling - Patrick O'Meara (11 wickets @ 10.09, best bowling - 3/14)

Third XI Batting - Glenn Carlton (220 runs @ 220, highest score - 75 not out)

Third XI Bowling - Matt Faria (12 wickets @ 15.25, best bowling - 4/11)

The junior numbers are also growing steadily and both the U/12 and U/14 teams have enjoyed some success this season. Several players were invited to GDCA representative trials and training and we are sure these players will benefit from the experience as they move forward with their cricket.

It has been rewarding to see so many young cricketers progress from the Milo program to playing Junior cricket for the Lancefield Cricket Club. Once again the Milo program has been very popular on a Friday night, with many parents enjoying the relaxed social atmosphere while their children benefit from the guidance of Cal Fearn and Blair Wells - Milo cricket coordinators. The program has been completed for this season and we would like to congratulate all the Milo kids for their contribution to the club. We hope to see them next year and into the future.

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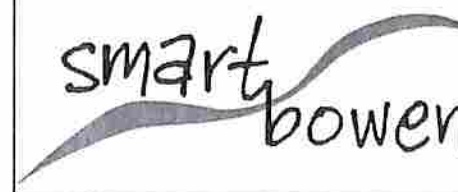


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6	5.00 pm	Macedon Ranges Shire free event at Kyneton Town Hall, wine, food etc.	19	1.30 pm	The Guild, Parish Hall, Christ Church Anglican, Lancefield
7	9-1.00 pm	Woodend Farmers' Market	20	5.00 pm	Closing date for Woodend Lions Club Art Show
8	8.00 am	Annual Picnic at Hanging Rock	21	10-4.00 pm	History of Transport Heritage Truck Display, Lancefield Park
9	8.00 pm	Deep Creek Landcare Group (Lancefield/Romsey), Mechanics Institute Hall, Lancefield	21	9-1.00 pm	Riddells Creek Farmers' Market
10	7.00 pm	Macedon Ranges Book Club, Lancefield/Romsey	26	10.00 am	Probus Club of Romsey & Lancefield, St Mary's Church Hall, Main Street Romsey, Guest Speaker: Mr Greg Buist
11	7.00 pm	Macedon Ranges Film Society, Woodend Community Centre	28	9-1.00 pm	Lancefield Farmers' Market
11	7.00 pm	Team information night, Relay for Life, Laurie Green Pavilion, Lancefield	28	10.00 am	Macedon Ranges Sustainable Living Festival, Community Garden, Woodend
12	8.00 pm	Anglican Men's Society, Christ Church Parish Hall, Lancefield	28	3.00 pm	Relay for Life, Lancefield Park, overnight activity
13	7.00 pm	Hanging Rock Night walk	MARCH		
14	7.00 pm	Valentine's Day Film Night, Picnic at Hanging Rock at Hanging Rock	1	10.00 am	Relay for Life, Lancefield Park
14	9-1.00 pm	Kyneton Farmers' Market	1	9-5.00 pm	Sports First Aid Course, Weeroona Oval Pavilion, Napier St, Bendigo
15	7.00 pm	Healing Service, Christ Church Anglican, Lancefield	6	11.00 am	World Day of Prayer, Christ Church Anglican, Chauncey Street, Lancefield
18	7.00 pm	Ash Wednesday Holy Communion, Christ Church Anglican, Lancefield	15	2.30 pm	The Victoria Welsh Male Choir Côr Bach ("Small Choir"), Mechanics Institute Hall, Lancefield



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Janice graduated from Coburg Teachers College in 1973 and scored her first teaching job at Epping Primary, after moving through a few schools she found herself at Lancefield Primary School in 1990 – and she never left!

As Janice reflects on her career she says “Lancefield Primary was a different place then to what it is now. The current atrium, library, multi-purpose room & toilet block were not there. There wasn’t the unit planning or cohesiveness there is now back then, as a teacher you ran your own show.” In her first year she was the Junior Unit Co-ordinator and has seen student numbers get as high as 225 at one stage. She had no idea how many children she had taught over the years until former principal Stephen Van Gils informed her at her retirement dinner that in fact she had taught 605 local children in her time. Now that’s local influence!

It was no wonder students, parents, friends and colleagues were lining up in tears to give her a hug goodbye on the last day of school with her proud parents Ernie & Barb watching on given the two mottos that she always taught by. “I’ve always kept in mind two things, firstly that it is my mood that makes the day, and secondly, not everyone comes from the perfect home so be aware that you might be the only joy in that child’s day, so make it special”.

Along with her husband Chuck she is hoping to spend more time with her family and grandchildren and visit her daughter who lives in London and see Europe. Janice won’t

be idle in her retirement for long though. She has a great interest in dyslexia and other learning disabilities and would like to do some consultancy work in schools as well as helping graduate teachers.

When asked what she will miss most about teaching she said, “I’ll miss the people. I’m not a member of a church, a sports group or a singing group. This is my tribe and that’s why I don’t think I’ll be gone for good”.

The American philosopher Jacques Barzun said about teachers, “In teaching you cannot see the fruit of a day’s work. It is invisible and remains so, maybe for twenty years.” That has proven to be the case because in the room across the hall from Janice sits middle school teacher Brendan Chapman, the same Brendan Chapman who as a grade one schoolboy sat before Janice Stanton all those years ago, just one of those lucky 605 children.

