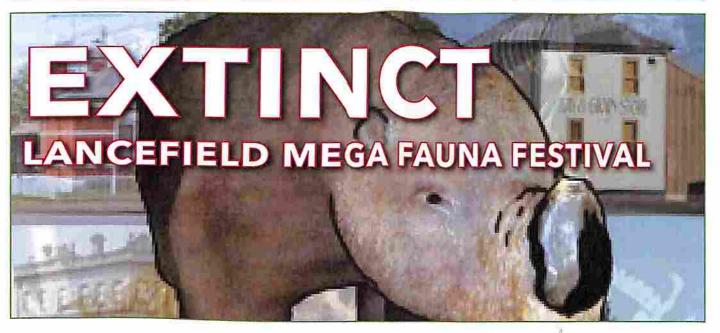
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Exciting plans for the inaugural "Extinct" Lancefield Mega Fauna Festival in October are taking shape.

The community-orientated festival spread over nine days is expected to attract the broader local community, and visitors from outside the region.

Preliminary planning has taken place over several months, and the festival is to be launched on the weekend of the drawcard annual Lancefield Agricultural Show.

"Extinct" is to run from October 17-25, and surrounds the story of mega fauna which makes Lancefield particularly significant.

Mega fauna bones were discovered in Lancefield in the 19th century by a well digger.

They turned out to be the bones of Phascolonus gigas, a giant wombat.

Further fossils uncovered in later detailed excavating include bones from marsupial lions, giant kangaroos, wombats, koalas, and long beaked echidnas, now form part of the palaeontology collection at Museum Victoria.

The mega fauna discoveries, as well as the national significance of the nearby Mt William green stone axe quarry for the Wurundjeri people, make Lancefield a unique historical location.

Lancefield Neighbourhood House has received funding from the Foundation for Regional Renewal for an artist, palaeontologist and Aboriginal elder to work with students from Lancefield's two primary schools to create works for the festival.

Current project partners are the Wurundjeri Tribe, Museum Victoria, Bendigo Community Bank, Lancefield Neighbourhood House, local Landcare, Lancefield Agricultural Society, Lancefield Primary School, St Mary's Primary School, and various individuals.

Festival organisers feel the possibility that the mega fauna in the Lancefield area became extinct partly as a result of climate change raises important and highly relevant issues for the current environment.

Extinct the Lancefield Mega Fauna Festival is a further tourist attraction for the Macedon Ranges, and the shire council's arts and culture co-ordinator, Robyn Till, has been closely involved in program planning in conjunction with community representatives.

To find out more about the project go to https://www.facebook.com/lancefield.megafauna or how to become involved, contact Vivien Philpotts at the Lancefield Neighbourhood House on 5429 1214, Robyn Till at the Macedon Ranges Shire on 0354 220 394, rtill@mrsc.vic.gov.au or phone Michael Meehan on 5429 2336 or 0400 079 210.





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THE ROCK

61 members participated in the Run the Rock charity fun runs at Hanging Rock on April 18. Our marquee proved very handy as a meeting point and shelter from the cool conditions pre start.

This event right in the middle of our shire, over a picturesque course, was enjoyed by all. Thanks go to Paul Mitchell for coordinating and Sylvia Franzen for representing the club on stage.

Congratulations to the 68 members from the club's five branches within the Shire completing the milestone 10km run in Riddells Creek on May 3.

This was the culmination of thirteen weeks training with our Start Running Group (SRG)program. Beautiful conditions, the support of Cobaw CH, our volunteer marshals, water & lolly stations attendants and 'cordon bleu' breakfast chefs added to a great effort by the runners

to make a memorable day.

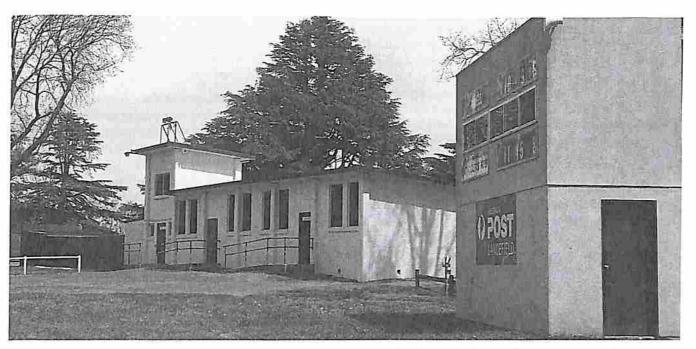
A Celebration of the completion of the SRG program and general get together was held at Baringo on May 5-

Congratulations also go to two of our members, Maggi Nalty and Andy Scicluna, who have just completed the Kokoda Track in what was reported as the wettest conditions for ten years. The regular training up the 'goat track' on Mount Macedon proved to be a great preparation.

We are excited to announce that our new branch in Kyneton will commence in early September. In the meantime all branches continue to run or walk three times per week, you are welcome to come and join us.

Please check our website www. macedonrangesrunningclub.com for details.

PARK SPECTRUM



NUMBER-TWO'S - MAY DAY! MAY DAY.!

The memory of our shared experience...immortal lines of Capability Brown; noted landscaper and achiever. This is the challenge, to build on the past and forge the future. We are in the fortunate position to do so – with community support.

From a Northern hemisphere perspective May Day was a celebration of spring, with deep roots in the past. It also came to mean a distress call or signal. With any change comes inherent risk, all we can do is endeavour to get it right. The park committee has a number of projects that have either got the green light or are in Amber Phase.

First I shall start with Red – Bona Fido, he is a very naughty dog – Toilet habits both human and canine remain the biggest single bone of contention – please remember these are shared facilities – Dunny Delinquents are not welcome, particularly on the Western Oval.

On a more promising note, Spiffy has hit the ground running with convenience maintenance and planned upgrades – please be patient – any anti-social habits eat into scarce funding and volunteer humour. Now for the green light – skate park vision appears to be gathering momentum for the reality stage – this has been a long standing aspiration but again will require commitment in an operational phase.

Laurie Green, bless his generous heart, can slumber in peace, like any compromise, it doesn't do anything particularly well but with a spirit of goodwill and cooperation from the multiple user groups will have a facility to be proud of, one that reflects the needs of the community and captures the resourcefulness of our volunteers.

A special mention to some younger helpers - the Guides who have planted a focal point at the front gate, a wonderful companion for calistimon "Lady Baden Powell" whom visited the park in 1957.

I must be getting sentimental, Old Tiger Cubs die hard. Plantings on the new walking track are envisaged and feedback has been appreciated. It is a rewarding time to be involved with our wonderful shared space.

Fred King







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A BIT OF SPARKLE

OP SHOP

If you have been into the Op Shop recently you will have noticed it has a bit of sparkle thanks to the new carpet and shelving, a lick of paint here and there and a general spruce up.

We have to thank an amazing team of volunteers who spent five days firstly clearing out everything from the shop, then building, mending, painting and returning all the furniture and products to the shelves after the new carpet was laid.

A big, big thank you to you all – Bob the Builder, all the other Op Shop volunteers and their family members who got in and helped.

The Mothers Day raffle was won by Tracey Wilson from Benloch, as a mother of 12 she is a very fitting recipient.

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Incredible Edible workshop and planning will be held in the third week of July. Day and time to be decided to best suit the majority of people interested. If you have registered your interest we will be in touch, if you haven't please do so as soon as possible.

NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE CONFERENCE

There has just been a three day conference for the 300+ Neighbourhood Houses in Victoria. Firstly we must thank the Shires Community Partnership Department for funding a few people to be part of this professional development opportunity. Neighbourhood Houses across the State are involved in a huge range of amazing projects. At Lancefield Neighbourhood House we have an incredible team of volunteers who run the Farmers Market, Op Shop, Mens Shed, the Town House, Fancy That and the Community Exchange. Even more people are working on projects like the skatepark and community gym and others are running courses, activities and workshops at the House. We did a presentation at the conference about what the Lancefield community achieves which was very well received.

We came back inspired to explore some of the projects that have been undertaken around the State by other Houses. Many of these look at educating the community on a range of issues and working towards building support and prevention services.

These include the issues of elder abuse, domestic violence sustainability and emergency preparation.

If you would like to contribute to the ideas and discussion on any of the issues please phone the House on 5429 1214.

WEATHER COMMENT

The first two weeks of May has seen a change in the weather pattern compared to late April. May so far has produced 35mm and is showing some small growth in the paddocks but is a long way from providing enough feed for the stock though the cattle are not eating as much hay as previously. A good sign although "Landline" today was forecasting an El Nino situation later in the year with its effects being not we would like for next Summer. I still have not sold any animals but the lambs from last year are pencilled in for Kyneton market on Thursday.

Cattle numbers have been reduced dramatically by the lessor and this may well prove to be a good decision on their part considering my previous comments

The news from the garden is as one would expect at this time of year. Some of the vegies have run their course and have been dug out and the rest will follow the track to the compost bin shortly. Autumn is a pretty time of year with deciduous trees and shrubs doing their bit to brighten streets and gardens.

Raking leaves in our garden is ongoing - tidying the area considerably whilst adding to the compost bins. Not a lot of other colour. Camellias and a rose or two but the couple of frosts have left their mark. Spring bulbs are showing through and some anemones are in flower but we will have to wait a few weeks yet before colour really returns.

Robert Green

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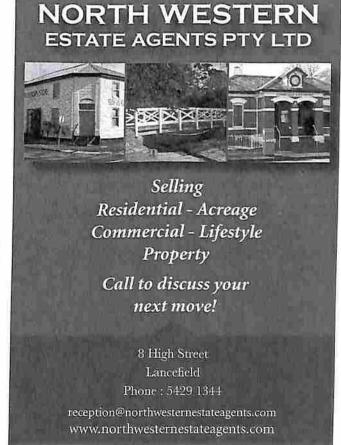
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NEWS FROM ST MARY'S

ANZAC DAY

This year's ANZAC celebrations were particularly special within our community as it was 100 years since the Anzacs landed at Gallipoli. St Mary's students participated in the Lancefield service on the 25th April. The combined school choirs, St Mary's, Lancefield and Romsey Primary Schools, did a magnificent job of singing during the service.

This term our Year 3/4 students are investigating the questions Australians - Why do we celebrate? As part of this inquiry they posed and answered the question 'Why do we celebrate ANZAC Day?' They surveyed family members, staff members and researched using the internet. They created a display at the front of the school answering the question.

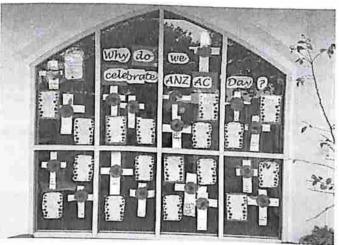


On Friday 8th May we celebrated Family Week with Mass and Grandparents Day. Students were put into family groups and spent the morning completing a variety of activities with their Grandparents. A great time was had by all.

YEAR 5/6 INTERACTIVE HISTORY EXPO

On Wednesday 22nd April the Year 5/6 Level held and Australian History Expo. Students had to design an interactive display that taught students about different aspects of War in Australian History. The students are to be congratulated on how engaging their display was and how much knowledge they had to share with other students





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ART PROJECT

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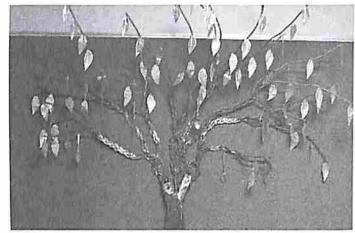
Saturday Night 20Th June 2015, 7Pm Onwards at St Mary's School Hall. Tickets \$20. Finger food & complimentary glass of champagne on arrival. Drinks at bar prices. Ticket Bookings/Further Information: Simone 0416 291 597 or Meaghan 0439 381 977

Each class has collaborated with a wonderful local artist to produce a masterpiece or two, which will be put under the hammer at the event.

We invite school parents, grandparents and art lovers to come along and enjoy this child free event.

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Don't sit at home by yourself on the third Saturday night of the month, come along and join the group, have a meal and maybe meet some wonderful people who share the single experience.

The second Social Singles evening will be held on Saturday 20 June. Email socialsingles@tpg.com.au for venue and information or phone 5429 1214.





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These members will take up these positions as from the 1st of July and will hold these positions for two years. There are a number of new offices this year as part of a revamp by C.F.A management also the 5th Lt position has been made redundant. Please give all these members your support as they take up their places of leadership in the

Brigade.

Two weeks ago the Brigade, along with units from 10 other Brigades attended a fire at Benloch caused when a burn off re ignited despite the efforts of the land holders to make it safe. Rain the following day was a large help in bringing it under control and follow up rain was big help in keeping it safe.

Making sure that all is safe is of great importance and needs a large amount of work to achieve. The weather of course is a big factor with the wind being a major issue in this situation. The recent rain will help to reduce the

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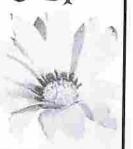
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Jesus fully understood how deeply His disciples would suffer a sense of loss when He finally would be separated physically from them when He returned to the Glory of Heaven, so in His last hours with them before His crucifixion He prepared them for this time. They rejoiced when He came to them after His Resurrection but He warned them He would be leaving them soon to return to the Father in Heaven. Then He promised that He would not be leaving them without the comfort of His Presence, because His Holy Spirit would be coming to indwell all those who had faith in Him - forever.

On Thursday, May 14th the Church celebrated the ascension when Jesus returned to the glory of Heaven, there to reign until His coming again. Ten days after the Ascension came the miraculous coming of the *Holy Spirit*, as He had promised, upon the disciples and His followers, to strengthen them and His Church down the ages with His living Presence until His Second Coming in power and great glory.

We are sorrowful as were His disciples, when death separates us from those we love but as St.Paul reminds us, "we mourn not as those without hope". (1 Thessalonians 4:13). Christianity is the only Faith that teaches of life beyond the grave in all its fulness. Jesus promised the repentant thief on the Cross, "Today, you will be with Me in Paradise", a beautiful place of rest and peace. (Luke 23:43). That promise is true for everyone, who conscious of their sinful state put their faith and trust in Him as their Saviour and Lord.

As Jesus prepared His disciples for His departure so should we prepare ourselves and our loved ones for our parting from this life and prepare for that richer, fuller Life that is to come.

"May angels lead you into paradise, May martyrs welcome you along the way,

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(Based on the funeral rite of Orlando Gibbons Song 1)

MAY 2015 IN RETROSPECT

The Anglican Men's group with their wives had a most enjoyable evening together at Mrs. F. Carter's home, the men battling it out on the snooker table while the women chatted. The AMS Breakfast was deemed most interesting as Rev. Tom Morgan shared his family's contribution to two World Wars.

The Guild Street Stall held this month was very successful and we sincerely thank all who contributed to its success. We were concerned to learn that Mrs Jessie Else of Lancefield Church was in Kyneton Hospital Palliative Care and our prayers are with her.

At the Guild meeting we celebrated Mrs. Marj. Davis' 90th Birthday with cake and candles and many good wishes for her years ahead. Whitsunday or Pentecost was celebrated when we marked the coming of the Holy Spirit to empower Christ's Church here on earth, followed by Trinity Sunday noting the Triune nature of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

JUNE 2015 DIARY

Thu 11th, 8.00pm.. AMS Meeting at Christ Church Lancefield. Enq: Max. 5429-1597; Tom 5429-6060.

Thu 18th, NB: No Guild Meeting at Lancefield this month.

Sun 21st, 7pm. Healing Service..Christ Church Lancefield. Rev. D. Farlie

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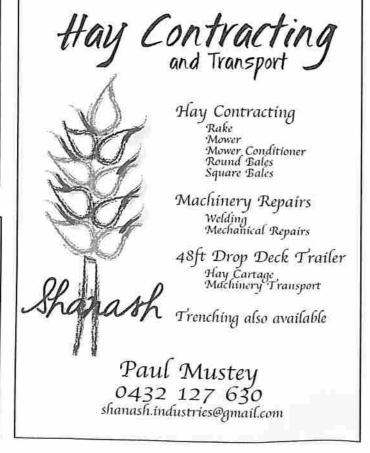
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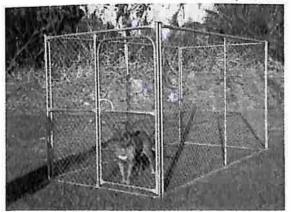
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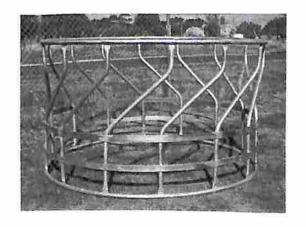
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The Lancefield ANZAC Day ceremony was a fantastic community event and our school vice-captains laid a wreath during the ceremony. We also had many of our students sing in the combined schools choir and our Year 5/6 students displayed some fantastic research they had undertaken into local serviceman in the Mechanics Hall, as well as poetry on mateship and drawings of Simpson and his donkey.

We are also looking forward to the planting of our Gallipoli Oak in Education Week. Members of the Lancefield-Romsey RSL will be present at this special assembly. Our Gallipoli Oak is part of a project with the National Trust of Victoria and we are one of the first schools to have the opportunity to plant a Gallipoli Oak.

We recently had a visit from Tony Palmer, author of the book "The Soldier's Gift", which was illustrated by Jane Tanner. Tony Palmer spoke with our Year 4 - 6 students and they were able to view some of the pieces currently on display at the Kyneton Museum. A big thank you must go

to the museum for organising this visit for the students at Lancefield Primary School. It was a fantastic opportunity to hear from an author about the process they go through to publish a book.

We also had a whole school incursion recently: Wala the Spirit of Ghana. Wala mean 'life" in the local language and three performers presented our students with an exciting display of Ghanian culture. Students had the opportunity to play hand-made African drums; as well as learning some traditional dance. It was great to see our teachers getting involved on the day as well.

We have also been focusing on putting our rubbish in the correct bins as part of our Sustainability focus at the school. Our Green Team has been teaching the students all about this at our assemblies.

Our Year 5/6 students are currently learning about famous artists and have been researching Michaelangelo most recently. They practiced the skills of carving by carving soap.







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JOURNALISM

I recently listened to a talk by Douglas Golding, which was most revealing of how life was as a journalist. Although his mother wanted him to study medicine, to earn a lot of money he was more interested to do what he fancied. He was close to his father who was not only a journalist, he was the owner of the "Lancefield Mercury".

In these olden days journalism was learned 'on the job'. So Douglas started as a junior cadet on the midnight shift bundling newspapers for despatch. Being an eager student he graduated quickly to more responsible work. In his spare time he undertook teaching and being religious became a lay clergyman. He liked women and got married, three times. His employer asked him to write and report about the various beauty contests.

When Kerry Packer discovered that a big part of the readers of "Woman's Weekly" were men, he appointed Douglas as the only male journalist amongst its female contributors.

As he became more senior he was involved in the lay-out of papers and got often in trouble with unionised printers who argued that certain things couldn't be done. He was sent to Melbourne where at that time the only college to learn printing was situated. After a successful completion "it was back to Sydney". No more arguments with the unions because now Douglas knew printing inside out.

In later life he became also involved with "The Evangelist", a religious publication.

The Lancefield and Romsey Probus audience got a very pleasant insight into the life and struggles of a successful journalist. His story was well-worth listening

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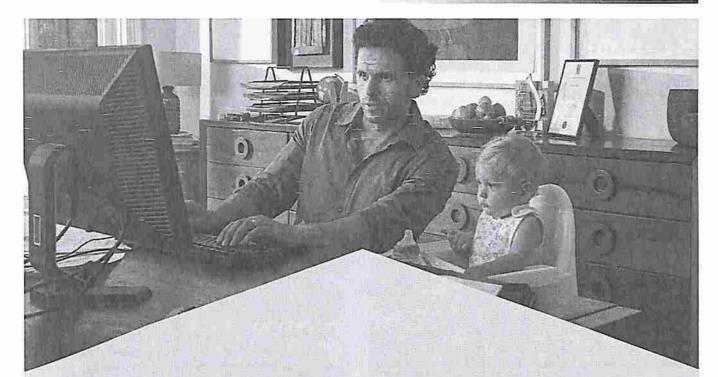


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LANCEFIELD POLICE

SCHOOL ZONES

Once again I am receiving complaints regarding speeding in both school zones. I often find the offenders are from out of town but at the same time I have recently found a number of locals have been offending as well.

One of the bookings I had recently was a parent who had stopped and dropped a child off at school and then accelerated away after doing so. This is not a one off occurrence. I have often checked the speed of vehicles leaving the school zone and have noted them accelerate

We need to concentrate and make sure that our speed stays below 40 kph at all times within the school zones. Both as we drive into the zone and as we drive away.

While on the subject of school zones - I will mention the school crossings. Just to refresh it is important to stop prior to the white lines at a school crossing and then not move forward until all persons including the crossing supervisor have cleared the crossing.

The problem occurs when drivers move off before all persons have stepped off the crossing. Please spare a thought for the crossing supervisors who are out there in the cold and the rain over winter making sure our kids are

WHERE DO YOU JOG?

One of our locals was out jogging the other day and was abused by a car driver for not moving off the road as she drove past. The jogger rang to inquire what the law was relating to jogging on the road.

Now you might think that after 30 + years in this job this would be an easy question for me to answer? Not so, I had to jump on the internet and check the act and even then make a couple of phone calls to clarify the applicable road

The result of my inquiries were as follows,

Road Safety Rules 2009 - Sect 238 (1) states, A pedestrian must not travel along a road if there is a footpath or nature strip adjacent to the road, unless it is impracticable to travel along the footpath or nature strip.

So far so good, but in the case I have mentioned the jogger was on a country road out of the town area and there was no footpath or nature strip

So we move on to Sect 238(2) which states, A pedestrian travelling along a road -

(a) must keep as far to the left or right side of the road as is practicable; and

(ab) Must when moving forward, face approaching traffic that is moving in the direction opposite to which the pedestrian is travelling, unless it is impracticable to do so;

(b) Must not travel on the road alongside more than 1 other pedestrian or vehicle travelling along the road in the same direction as the pedestrian, unless the pedestrian is overtaking other pedestrians.

When we look at the definition of a road with regards to this section it includes 'Any shoulder of the road.'

Therefore if you are jogging (a jogger is a pedestrian) you should always keep as far to the left or right as is practicable so when a vehicle is approaching you should be on the shoulder of the road not on the bitumen. If you jog on the bitumen you are legally required to move off the bitumen onto the gravel shoulder at the approach of a vehicle. If that means you have to stop for a few seconds, to avoid rolling an ankle on an uneven road shoulder then stop.

If you do hinder a vehicle and a person was to make a complaint there is the possibility of a fine for the offence of "Walking Improperly on the Road" which has a \$74 fine.

Having said this in 31 years in the police force I have never issued a fine for this offence and know of very few others that have. It is all a matter of courtesy and although I have painted the picture of the jogger being at fault, there is an onus on vehicle drivers to always drive in a manner that shows consideration for other road users.

There is mention of a Queensland Case Law on the "Victoria Walks" Website as follows;

Motorists have a duty of care to watch for pedestrians on the roadway. This was considered by the Supreme Court of Queensland in Perfect v MacDonald & Anor 2012. The Court noted "in pedestrian cases, typically a heavier share of responsibility falls on the motorist even if the degrees of departure from the standard of reasonable care be more or less equal." In this particular case a pedestrian was struck while standing at least partially on the road, but the Court ordered the driver and her insurance company to pay him \$124,000.

If you did hit a pedestrian/jogger while driving you would have to prove that your driving was not careless or that you were not driving in a manner dangerous to the public or perhaps a more serious criminal charge of Reckless Conduct Endangering Serious Injury.

So it is not a simple case at all. It is not simply a matter of who has right of way that determines who is at fault. We all need to be courteous, drive defensively and show respect to other road users whether driving or jogging.

Be careful on those wet roads!!

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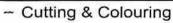
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MAKING CONNECTIONS AT THE **TOY** LIBRARY

This month we would like to share with you one of our members experience and what their family has gained from using our service. Enjoy!

When my daughter had her first birthday some friends gave her a gift membership to our local toy library. This was back where we used to live near Melbourne. To tell you the truth I hadn't realised the toy library existed. But what a fine idea, for the cost of one toy a child can borrow three toys every two weeks for a year. A family doesn't need to buy so many toys, and the child has a constant cycle of different toys as they develop.

For the next two years we enjoyed using our toy library, and doing toy duty every few months (helping families with borrowing and returning toys). We found a different part of the community to interact with, met some lovely people, and we all had an important connection – children.

My family moved to Lancefield about a year ago and were delighted to discover the Romsey Toy Library so accessible at the Romsey Library/Community Hub. We immediately became members and started to borrow toys, met new people, and became part of our new community.

We can always find something fun and interesting to borrow from costumes, puzzles, to the go-cart or a bike. There's a great range of toys for younger children too, including ride-ons and early development touch/see/hear toys. Romsey Toy Library even has a jumping castle that members can inexpensively hire for kids parties. This year I am part of the committee as secretary, and I have to say it's a fun committee to be on! It feels good to be working together with some lovely people for a shared goal of assisting children to discover, imagine, play.

Thank you Monique for sharing your story. If you are interested seeing what we are about please drop in during one of our open sessions to view our range of toys and introduce your children to the joys of toy library)

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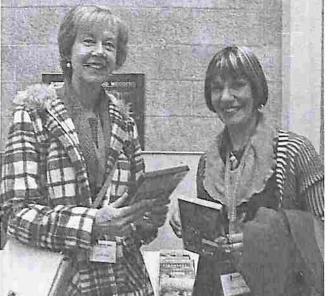


LOTS OF LAUGHS FOR

At the May meeting of the Macedon Ranges Film Society, laughter was the order of the evening as events unfolded in the hilarious 1996 film, The Birdcage. Robin Williams and Nathan Lane play the outrageous duo, Armand and Albert. Their son, Val, brings home his bride-to-be, Barbara, who comes from a very conservative family. The antics which follow as one family meets and tries to comes to terms with the other, are cause for much mirth. This film was screened as a tribute to the much-loved comedian and actor, Robin Williams, who died in August last year.

Keeping with the tradition of MRFS in seeking out films of broad interest, June's film strikes a different note altogether. The critically acclaimed documentary, Finding Vivian Maier, tells the story of a nanny who secretly took over 100,000 photographs that were discovered decades later in 2007 when her work turned up at an auction in Chicago. The film has been described as "an exciting electric current of discovery" which is a "haunting, powerful and fascinating tale".

The Macedon Ranges Film Society meets on the second Wednesday of every month so this film will be shown on Wednesday, 10th June at 7.15 p.m. in the



Jacky Willis (left) and Ineke Rilen discuss the DVDs on loan to MRFS members.

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.

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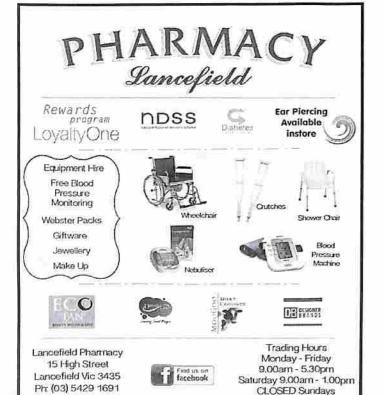
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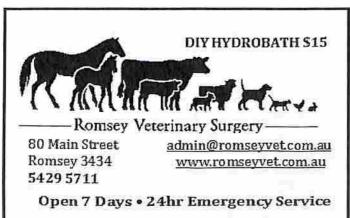
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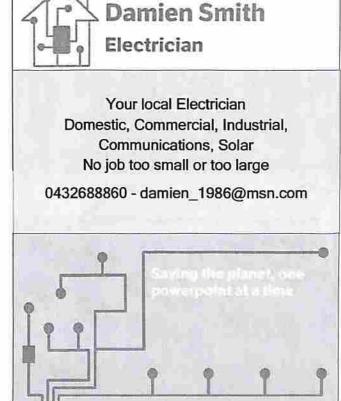
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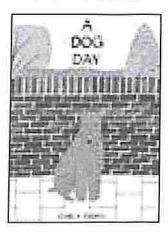
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A rhyming black and white description of a day in the life of a dog! One line of text on each page encourages the reader to look closely at the pictures,

and the rhyme keeps you turning the pages.

I think my favourite part is watching a patient dog waiting for his owner to finish his latte so they can go to the park. Perfect for dog-owners and small children!

Terry Took the Train by Nicki Greenberg rrp \$19.99 Reviewed by Nielson Bookdata Australian Author!



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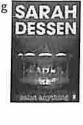
Brotherband -The Outcasts by John Flanagan RRP \$14.95 Reviewed by Red Door Books staff



Rollicking boys own adventure told in great detail and with humour! Fantastic offshoot of

Rangers Apprentice series, with similar pace and detail. I'm hooked!

Saint anything SARAH by Sarah Dessen RRP \$17.99 Reviewed by Nielson Bookdata

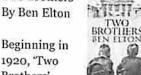


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ADULT FICTION

Two Brothers-By Ben Elton



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which is stillborn. In the same hospital a woman gives birth to an Arvan son, and dies in childbirth. The Jewish family adopt the baby as their own, which doesn't pose any problems until the Nazi regime intensifies. The novel jumps between time zones, switching to 1956, where one brother is living in England. It is made clear that only one brother survives the war, but it isn't revealed who until deep into the novel. The plot is detailed, complex and captivating. It explores the lengths people will go to for love, even in the darkest of times.

give birth to twins, one of

NON FICTION

On the move - A life. By Oliver Sacks rrp \$34.99 Reviewed by Nielson Bookdata

When Oliver Sacks was twelve years old, a perceptive schoolmaster wrote in his report: 'Sacks will go far, if he does not go too far'. It is now abundantly clear that Sacks has never stopped going. From its opening pages on his youthful obsession with motorcycles and speed, On the Move is infused with his restless energy. As he recounts his experiences as a young neurologist in the early 1960s, first in California and then in New York, where he discovered a long-forgotten illness in the back wards of a chronic hospital, as well as with a group of patients who would define his life, it becomes clear that Sacks's earnest desire for engagement has occasioned unexpected encounters and travels - sending him through bars and alleys, over oceans, and across

continents. With unbridled honesty and humour, Sacks shows us that the same energy that drives his physical passions bodybuilding, weightlifting, and swimming - also drives his cerebral passions. He writes about his love affairs, both romantic and intellectual, his guilt over leaving his family to come to America, his bond with his schizophrenic brother, and the writers and scientists - Thom Gunn, A. R. Luria, W. H. Auden, Gerald M. Edelman, Francis Crick who influenced him. On the Move is the story of a brilliantly unconventional physician and writer - and of the man

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For more information on any of the above, visit mrsc.vic. gov.au/leisure, email rrc@mrsc.vic.gov.au or phone 03 5429 5637.

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All Lancefield and Romsey community groups are eligible. Application forms will be emailed on the 15th of June, 2015.

If you do not receive the form please email Emily Blades – see email below Applications close on Tuesday 28th July 2015

An information evening will be held on Tuesday 16th of June 7pm - 8pm At the Lancefield Mechanics Institute

For more information please contact Emily Blades marketing@lancefieldromseybank.com.au Or phone 0405 125 156.

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By Appointment

WHAT'S ON IN AND AROUND LANCEFIELD

JUNE 2015

Thursday 4	10.30 am	St Mary's Catholic Church Lancefield SVDP Drop-In	Saturday 20	9.00 am	Riddell's Creek Farmer's Market
Saturday 6	9.00 am	Woodend Farmer's Market	Saturday 20	7.00 pm	Social Singles Second Soirée
Sunday 7	6.00 pm	St Mary's Catholic Church Lancefield morning Mass	Saturday 20	7.00 pm	St Mary's Primary Art Show & Auction of Masterpieces
Wednesday	10 7.15 pm	Macedon Ranges Film Society, Woodend	Sunday 21	7.00 pm	Christ Church Lancefield Healing Service
Thursday 11	8.00 pm	Christ Church Lancefield AMS Meeting	Sunday 21	6.00 pm	St Mary's Catholic Church Lancefield morning Mass
Saturday 13	9.00 am	Kyneton Farmer's Market	Sunday 21	9.00 am	Deep Creek Landcare Group -
Sunday 15	8.00 pm	Deep Creek Landcare Group	1122 Serve April 121		Adopt a Road Clean-up
		Monthly Meeting	Saturday 27	9 am-1 pm	Lancefield Farmer's Market
Tuesday 16	7.00 pm	Encourage Church Watoto African Childrens's Choir			





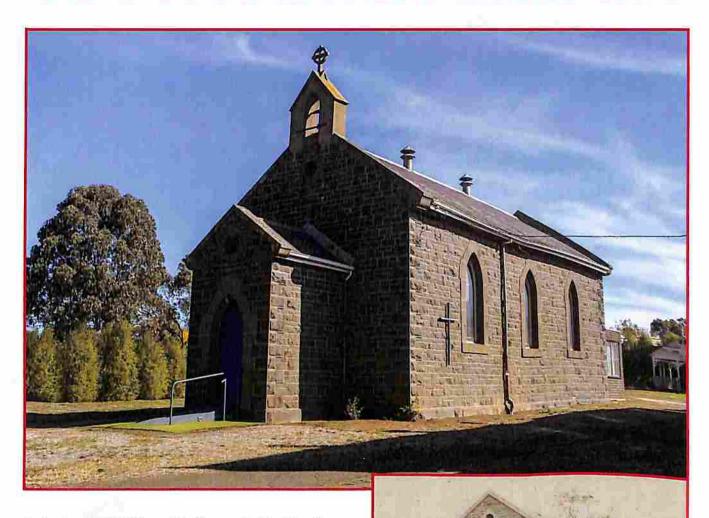
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ROMSEY UNITING CHURCH 150TH ANNIVERSARY



On Sunday the 16th of August the Romsey Uniting Church will be celebrating its 150th anniversary with a Communion Service at 10.30 am in the church 25 Pohlman Street followed by a spit roast luncheon in the Mechanics Hall, Main Street Romsey at 12.30.

The church has had an interesting history dating from the mid 1800's, when the Presbyterian and Methodist pioneering people began settling in the Lancefield-Romsey.

To satisfy their spiritual needs two clergymen Rev.James Forbes and Rev.William Waterfield and later Rev.Peter Gunn, rode their horses around the bush. Services were held in homes and later, as numbers increased, in farm barns.

The earliest recorded meetings of the general committee was on 3-3-1862. In October 1863, a Kirk session was formed with Peter Mitchell, James Ochiltree, Joseph Andrew and James Stewart as Elders. In 1864 a grant of land to build the church was received. The foundation stone was laid on 3-3-1865 by William Campbell, and the church opened in July of the same year.

Peter Mitchell was secretary of the building committee and the stone was quarried locally from his property. Mr. Mitchell was secretary, treasurer of the church for fifty years.

On Pentecost Sunday 29th May 1977, a celebratory service was held in the already merged Presbyterian – Methodist Romsey church, to celebrate the beginning of the Romsey Uniting Church.

All who wish to join with us to celebrate in this momentous time of Christian presence in the Romsey area are most welcome to contact the Church :PO Box264 Romsey 3434 or Sandra Strack : strackhesket@hotmail.com





IT'S A BUSY TIME FOR **LANDCARERS**.

There was a good attendance at a recent working bee at Sheehan's Crossing, a beautiful location on the Deep Creek east of Tickawarra Road Romsey. Main activities were a general site tidy up plus restoration of tree guards (damaged by wildlife) and new plantings of local species.

On 11/06/15 the annual working bee with Western Water and Salesian College Sunbury at the Western Water Romsey Water Treatment Plant is planned - 0930 start – let's hope the weather is more favourable this year as we got a very chilly winter blast last time!

15/06/15 Monthly Meeting at Lancefield Mechanics Hall annexe – new members welcome 8 pm

21/06/15 Our first Keep Australia Beautiful – Adopt a Road clean up on Lancefield – Kilmore Road between Lancefield and Doggetts Bridge 0900 start – members and other volunteers welcome but please contact the Secretary in advance – details below.

We also have cages available for the trapping of Indian Myna birds - contact Pat Danko at p.danko@bigpond. com for further details. Indian mynas drive native birds, particularly the smaller wrens, honeyeaters etc, away from town gardens and their numbers can be reduced through trapping.

If you are interested in supporting these activities please contact the Secretary.

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