



Picture: Students from St Mary's Primary school looking forward to the annual Carols in the Park.

## CAROLS IN THE PARK

The Lancefield Neighbourhood House brings you two wonderful local events to celebrate the festive season this year.

Christmas Carols Evening, Lancefield Park Friday 11th December from 6pm. Enjoy listening to the Kyneton Brass Band & Choir. Free activities for children including a visit from Santa. Dinner can be purchased from The Neighbourhood House BBQ or you can bring your own picnic. This event is a lovely time to catch up with family and

friends, enjoy the surroundings of our beautiful park so we encourage you bring your Christmas cheer and come along.

Community Christmas Lunch, Tuesday 15th December at 12 noon. The Neighbourhood House committee warmly invites all members of the community to join us for this special free lunch. Come along and share the Christmas spirit and be entertained by St Marys and Lancefield Primary School Choirs. Early bookings are essential as places are limited. RSVP by phoning 54 291 214.

### THIS YEAR WILL BE THE 3RD CHRISTMAS CAROLS EVENING

LANCEFIELD PARK FRIDAY 11 DECEMBER AT 6 PM

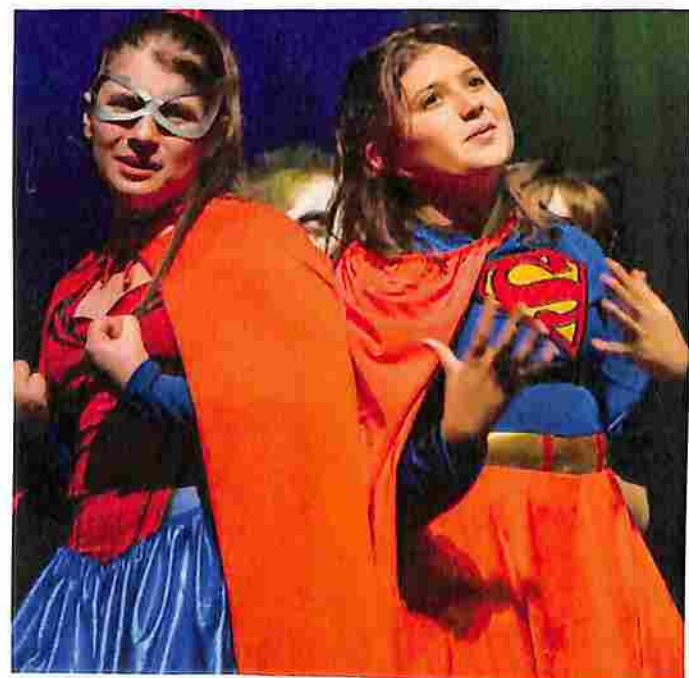
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Some of the songs performed were: Big Red Car, Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf, Bright Lights and the Big City, Big Country and Big Bang Theory.



LANCEFIELD FIRE BRIGADE

# THANKS

Firstly I wish to extend my thanks to all those involved in the management and control of the Cobaw fire. My thanks are not confined to our Brigade members alone but to all those who came from far and wide and including the air wing along with other personnel who worked hard and long to achieve the outcome we did. It was unfortunate that people lost houses and other items of considerable value and we send our commiserations to them. It was certainly an anxious time for the area and it gave a trial run for the support groups in our area - well done! It has been many years since areas of the Cobaws have had a fire of this magnitude and consequently the fuel load was heavy and with difficult terrain it took a lot of work to control it. Also my apologies for no article in the last issue of the Mercury, writing an article was low on the list of priorities at that time.

The next item is to inform the community that apart from the normal Brigade meeting a Special Brigade meeting was held to elect replacement members to positions that had become vacant and also to fill new positions which the Brigade felt would assist in Brigade management. The following members were elected 2nd

Lieutenant - S. Winks, Health and Safety Co-ordinator - J Waterman, Fire Prevention and Vegetation Management Coordinator - S. Mustey, Communication Officer - D. Smith, 2nd VFVB Delegate - S. Winks. O.O. Andy Waterson read the job outlines for the above positions to all members. Congratulations to those elected.

As a follow on to the fire, for those who have the hard task of rebuilding both houses and lives please take on board anything that could help prevent this happening again. Advice will be available from the CFA and our local Shire Council which will be a big part of the rebuilding programme. We await the outcome of the inquiry into the Cobaw fire and it is not prudent for any comment to be made at this time.

Always feel free to talk to any of our members if you have any concerns and also come to the Fire Station on a Sunday morning. The Mercury is not published in January so look for the next article in the February issue and continue to follow us on Facebook .

Stuart Mustey Captain

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# IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE FIRE

The escape of the planned burn in the Cobaw forest was very scary and emotional for all of us. While the fire was out of control there were many examples of how people pull together in community to support each other and get done what needs to be done. In the aftermath of the fire it is important to continue the connections we have with each other. To know if our friend or neighbour needs help and know where we can go for assistance or to have questions answered. Shire officers continue to work with people whose lives have been affected by the recent fire and this includes referring for counselling support.

The disaster response and recovery mode that the Shire kicks into has really provided, and continues to, a one stop shop for all aspects of dealing with a fire in the region. Relief centres for people needing to leave their homes are set up in a place which is deemed the safest for people to travel to depending on the possible direction of a fire. Once it is safe to do so the Shire will move their support closer to where people live. It is important for us to learn what options are available to us during times of disaster.

There is no easy single solution as each incident is different but there are avenues of support and information

we can call on. I recommend that you visit the Shire website and become familiar with their emergency information or phone them to be sent information. (5422 0333).

## FIRE INVESTIGATION

During the fires local MP Mary-Anne Thomas asked me if I would be a community representative on the fire investigation team. I had really no idea at the time what that meant but have come out the other side having had quite an experience and knowing more about fire than I knew existed.

A few people have questioned why I was asked and my best response to that is that it wasn't just me that was asked but the whole of the Neighbourhood House and the networks we have in the community.

The House committee and volunteers worked hard to support me with the investigation and many of them also spent hours supporting the catering at the staging area, helping individuals or organising a change of clothes from the Op Shop for people who weren't able to get home. My contribution to the investigation was certainly not something I did alone.

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A number of people contributed a lot of effort into organising and collating the survey which was distributed around the community as a means of gathering peoples input into the investigation. The 117 survey responses and 15 written submissions received meant that there was a strong local opinion for the investigation team to consider.

The terms of reference for the investigation were specific, aimed at learning what went wrong so planned burns don't get out of control in the future. The Minister for the Department responsible for planned burning told us, at the release of the investigation report, that they will work on all the recommendations listed in the report, that she will come back to the community with the changes they will make and that the Inspector General of Emergency Services will be an independent monitor to ensure they do what they say they are going to do.

Many of the concerns, issues and recommendations received from the community through the survey were outside the terms of reference and were compiled into a separate report. A group of people who were representative of the topics raised in this second report met with personnel from Emergency Services Victoria to discuss them in more detail and, at the time of writing this, we are reading a draft outcome of the meeting which will be the basis for a report to the community in the future.

Copies of both reports and the Departments responses are available at the Neighbourhood House and The Town House. You can also download them from the DWELP website. Please call me at the House, 5429 1214, if you would like to discuss any aspects of the investigation.

## COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

The strength of our community was evident during and after the fires. As mentioned above it is important for us to continue with this connectedness for the benefit of both individuals and Lancefield as a whole, especially for residents in the surrounding areas which were the most affected by the fire. There are several events being organised to support the communities' recovery process - Benloch CFA will be holding their Christmas event in early December and over the next few months some fantastic arts workshops are being organised which will give us all an opportunity to add our story of who we are.

The Christmas Carols evening will be held in Lancefield Park on Friday 11 December at 6pm. This is a lovely relaxed evening to enjoy sitting around with friends, there is loads of free entertainment for children and an inexpensive dinner can be purchased from the Neighbourhood House BBQ. The night is also a chance to thank all the amazing local CFA brigades who protect our community and there will be a presentation to them of the donations received at this year's Lancefield Show.

## THANK YOU

I want to take this opportunity to thank every person who helped me contribute to the fire investigation and I particularly want to thank everyone who offered me words of support and encouragement - it meant a lot to me.

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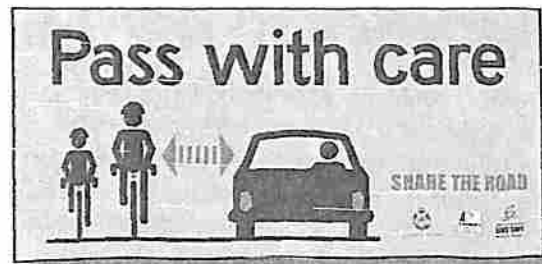
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Please wait a few seconds before overtaking a cyclist until oncoming traffic has passed. If there are no double lines and when safe, move into the next lane and pass as if passing another vehicle. Cyclists ride at around 20 to 30kph so allow plenty of room when pulling in. If you drive too close, your vehicle causes a draft and can cause cyclists to crash. Since our last campaign a cyclist has been killed on our local roads and a number very seriously injured. These are avoidable tragedies. We want everyone to get home safely to their families.

We thank Gisborne & District Community Bank and our partner, RoadSafe Central Victoria for providing generous financial support for the campaign this year, without which there would be no safety campaign and we appreciate the support that our community newspapers give us in publishing our safety messages

We wish everyone a safe Christmas and New Year on our roads.

Margaret Douglas  
President  
Bike Safe Macedon Ranges

## HEATWAVE HELP AT HAND

As the summer months approach, Macedon Ranges Shire Council is reminding residents to keep cool and stay hydrated during heatwaves. Council, in conjunction with five other regional Victorian councils, have developed a practical website designed to assist central Victorian residents prepare themselves and their homes to beat extreme heat.

The Heatwave Help website, which can be found online at [heatwavehelp.com.au](http://heatwavehelp.com.au) features information on:

Keeping yourself cool – drink water, dress for the weather, go somewhere cool, stay in the shade, reduce physical activity, look after your pets, go shopping before it gets too hot, call 000 when you're not feeling well

Better managing your home – homes heat up for a number of reasons and these reasons may vary according to the direction your home faces. Keep windows and blinds closed until it cools down outside, reduce drafts, zone off areas.

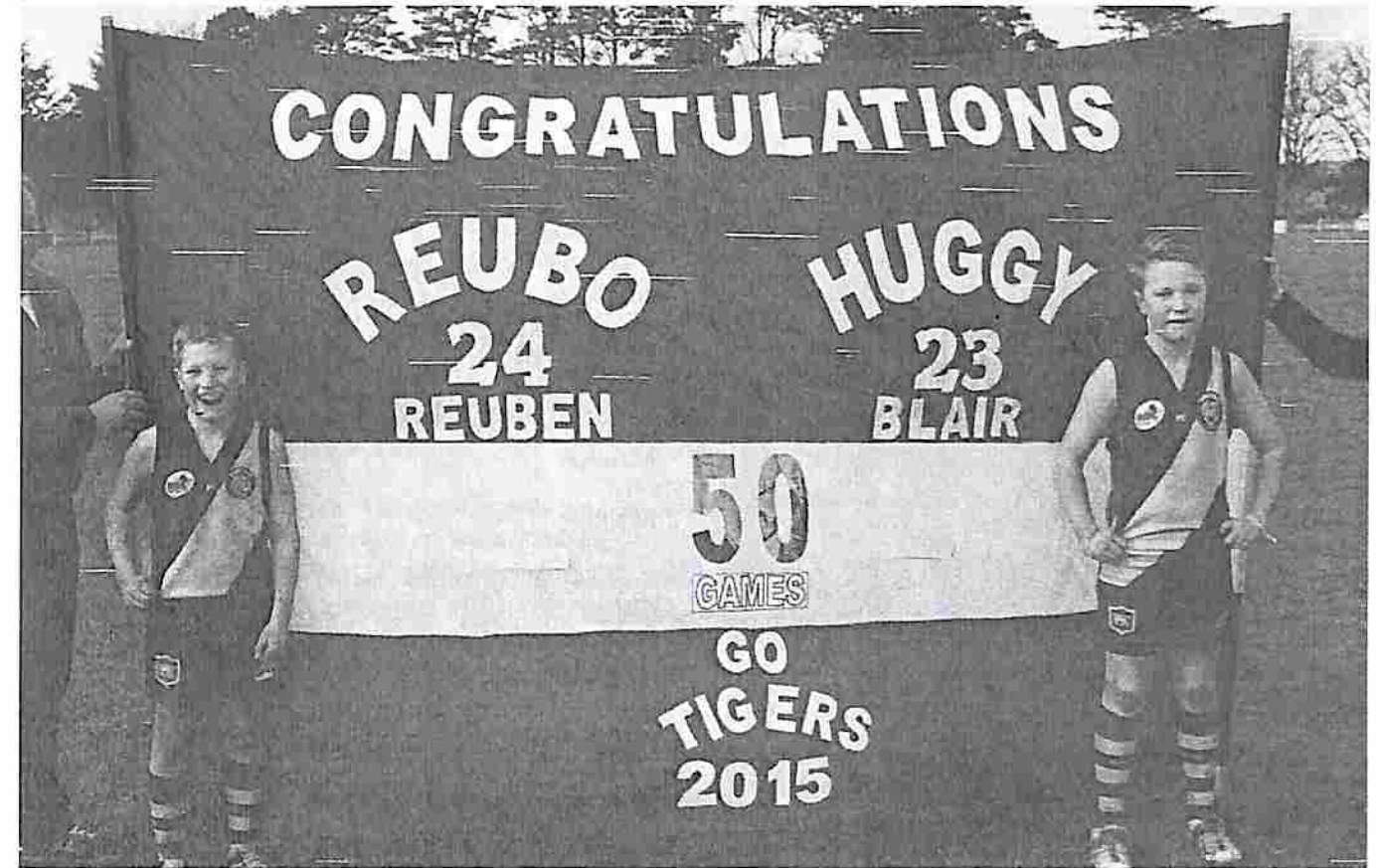
Improving your home – small improvements to your home can make a big difference to the temperature. Windows are one of the biggest sources of heat gain. Put external blinds on your sunniest windows, draught seal gaps and cracks and ensure there are thick curtains on windows.

Mayor, Cr Jennifer Anderson said the frequency of heatwaves in Australia are increasing, and this is cause for concern.

The councils involved in the development of the Heatwave Help website are: The City of Greater Bendigo, Loddon Shire, Mount Alexander Shire, Macedon Ranges Shire, Buloke Shire and Central Goldfields Shire.



LANCEFIELD JUNIOR FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB



Picture: Players Reuben Schembri and Blair Huggins celebrate playing 50 games during the 2015 season.

## TIGERS ARE BACK IN TOWN

Lancefield Junior Football Netball club invite you to join us in 2016. Junior football coaches have been appointed for Under 16 and Under 18's and we welcome all interested players to come back home and play with the Tigers next

year. If your skills are a bit scratchy but you are keen to join, meet new mates and play local football we'd love to hear from you. All enquiries can be made to Dan Huggins on 0448 805 334.

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**AGM**

The AGM was held on Monday 9th November.  
 All positions were declared vacant.  
 Michael Meehan President.  
 Ken Allender Secretary.  
 Steve Hendy Treasurer / Web Editor.  
 Margaret Farquhar Media.  
 Hayley Goodman Grants  
 Robin Ford Tree Project Co-ordinator.  
 Pat Danko Social Media/ Myna bird Co-ordinator.

Congratulations to all elected.  
 Thank you to Robin for his years as president we are very grateful for his contribution.

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS.**

The Lancefield Show was a successful day with many plants given away and we thank Grant Godden the Landcare area co-ordinator for his time.

**CHRISTMAS BREAKUP**

The Christmas breakup will be on Sunday 6th December at Lancefield Park or if weather is unsuitable will be at Margaret's house. All welcome. RSVP to Ken.

**TREES ARE STILL AVAILABLE**

Trees are still available people wanting trees contact Ken Allender.

**MYNA TRAP**

Anyone wanting a myna trap in Lancefield area please Contact: Pat Danko : p.danko01@bigpond.com  
 For Romsey the new co-ordinator is Cathy Phelps : cathy.phelps@bigpond.com.

**NEXT MEETING**

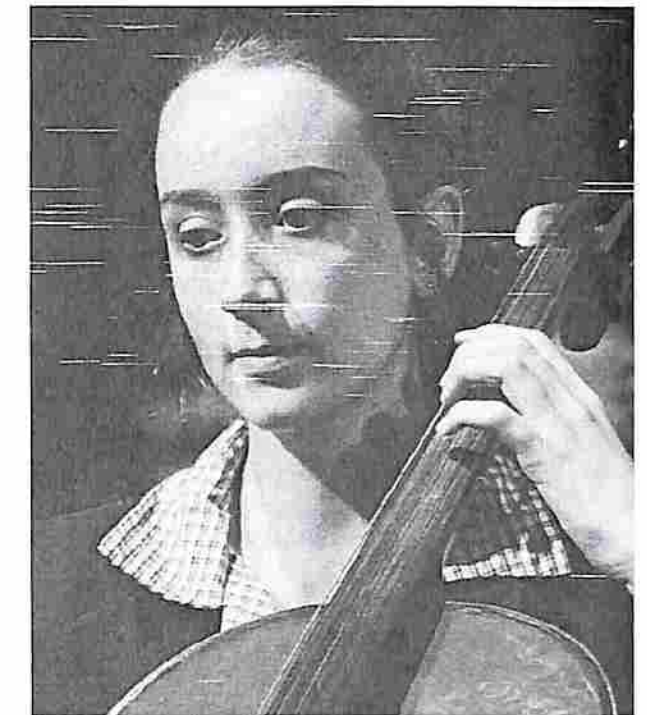
The next meeting will be the Monday 8th February 2016.  
 Anyone wishing to contact the group can do so thru Secretary Ken 0404 886 580 ken.allender@bigpond.com www.deepcreeklandcare.org.au

**BRAEMAR BEAT**

**STUDENT EXCELLENCE AWARDED**

**CELEBRATING SUCCESS AND LOOKING TO THE FUTURE**

Braemar College's Celebration Night on 15 October was a highlight of the 2015 school calendar. Teaching staff, family friends and fellow students celebrated the endeavours and achievements of students across all Year levels, learning areas and extra-curricular activities.  
 More than 1000 people packed the Melbourne Town Hall to acknowledge these successes, to announce the College Leaders for 2016, and to farewell the Year 12 Class of 2015.  
 Braemar Connect, established this year by former students Heath Jamieson and Austin Van Groningen will help these Year 12 graduates find their feet in the world beyond the College. Braemar Connect allows students to



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 Our sincere thanks go to Kell for all the time and effort she has put into the Mercury since she joined the committee (and lowered its average age considerably!)



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# CHRISTMAS AT THE HOUSE

Christmas time is just around the corner and there will be plenty of celebrations around the town but make sure you keep the two dates for the whole community events in your calendar and free!

## CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Friday 11th December is our wonderful Christmas Carols Evening held at Lancefield Park from 6pm. It is a wonderful evening to relax and enjoy the Park, bring a rug or a chair, enjoy the Kyneton Brass Band and purchase dinner from the Neighbourhood House BBQ. We will have loads of free entertainment for children and a visit from Santa. There will also be a presentation to the local CFA Brigades of the donations received at the Show. This family event will be alcohol free and the oval is a smoke free zone. All CFA families will be thanked for their efforts during the recent fires and will receive a free dinner. (Please check with your CFA Captains for further details).

## ANNUAL COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Tuesday, 15th December is our Annual Community

Christmas Lunch at Lancefield Mechanics Hall, a free three course dinner at the Mechanics Hall to celebrate another year of Lancefield Community. As we are now taking bookings and filling the Hall fast, you must book your seat to avoid missing out. Phone the House on 5429 1214 to book or put your name down at The Town House.

We are after volunteers to help with the preparation, setting up, serving and cleaning up after the Christmas Lunch, please call Vivien at the House if you would like to help out on the Monday or Tuesday or give The Town House a call on a Thursday and speak with Dee, Glenys or Rhonda.

## LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD

Christmas Holiday Lego Workshops: Look out for the exciting new Robotics workshops coming to Lancefield Neighbourhood House over the School Holidays in January 2016 and in Term 1, 2016. This is a very exciting new initiative by Lancefield Neighbourhood House. For children over the age of 8, this will be a highlight of the school holidays and Term 1. Places are VERY limited so please send the name of interested participants to LNH to hold your place. Blockheads Education presents a series of school

holiday programmes (2 x 2 hours sessions) and after school workshops (1 day per week x 6 during Term 1) which will introduce you to the LEGO Mindstorms EV3 systems. In this series of workshops, we'll start off with the introductory session and build a remote controlled LEGO vehicle. From there, we'll build an electric guitar that you can play as well as other creations over the full term.

We'll also introduce you to the world of programming where you can write the code for making your robot do exactly as you command! We will then proceed over the following terms to enhance on this program. We have endeavoured to make these workshops very affordable at \$20 per 2 hour session over the holidays and the after school program. Call us on 54291214 or email lancefieldhouse@tpg.com.au to register.

## DON'T GET FINED FOR DROPPING OFF YOUR DONATIONS.

Whilst the Op Shop exists because of the wonderful donations from the community, leaving donations of furniture and bags of assorted clothing, etc. out on the street is actually littering and potentially dangerous. To avoid this happening please try and drop off your donations during opening hours, which are Monday - Friday 10am - 4.30pm and Saturday 10am - 1pm. If you wish to donate furniture please phone the Op Shop to check on availability of space and suitability of your donation. We need to ensure that we have the appropriate space and handlers available to accept your donations. Op Shop phone number is 5429 2560

## COMMUNITY BBQ BOOKINGS.

We are very blessed to have our Community BBQ available to community groups, however, it is becoming increasingly popular so please ensure you phone or email the House well in advance of your event to ensure it is booked in. The BBQ trailer has two solid hotplates and a large coolroom making it ideal for catering to a large group.

For Community Groups there is a minimal charge to cover gas costs and to contribute to insurance and maintenance costs of the trailer. We may also ask for a bond up front. The fee is dependent on the intended use of the BBQ- call the House for a booking form.

## FIRST TERM ACTIVITIES

By the time the next Mercury article is being read we will have started some of our first term activities. These include Adrenal Fatigue Syndrome workshops - a must for everyone who has had heightened stress over the last few months - and hopefully the first of our 'Women in Sheds' program. Look out for the brochure which will be distributed early January.

From all at Lancefield Neighbourhood House, The Farmer's Market, The Men's Shed, The Town House and Opportunity Knocks and Fancy That, please have a wonderful Christmas with family and friends and a safe, happy and prosperous New Year. We look forward to a busy, healthy and rewarding 2016.

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## WEATHER COMMENT

What a different report this month with 44mm of rain measured here. The temperatures have however been mixed, ranging between cool and hot with the need for our heater in the lounge room some evenings and other nights being uncomfortably hot, not pleasant for a good night's sleep. The pastures have slowed the rate of drying off but there was not enough rain to improve their growth to any great extent. The stock are doing well and Toby continues to thrive - we have had to erect a temporary fence to keep him off the garden fence which has been successful up to date. I am looking out the window at our cattle as they have a drink and their coats are shiny and they look very sleek. They are not scheduled for market yet. The lambs are also growing well and at this stage they are not headed for market. It remains to be seen if we get some follow up rain which could be useful for those growing summer crops for feeding their animals, the lucerne at this stage is looking disappointing but another good fall of rain could change this. I have seen a great response some years ago after rain and similar lead up weather.

Late Spring in the garden and the roses are putting a great display as are the peonies - self sown cottage garden plants add to the colour as they always do. Rhododendrons and bottle brushes have also enjoyed the weather - it's nice to be outside. The vegie plot has not received much attention, but something will happen.

Robert Green

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On behalf of the Lancefield Romsey Lions Club Inc. I would like to thank the ladies from the Lancefield Football Club for their assistance during the recent fires. Without community support and individuals such as you, this operation would have been extremely difficult to do with only Lions Club members.

Your service and the fact that we were able to make excellent use of all the club's facilities and equipment enabled us to do so much more as we had limited equipment. It is a wonderful feeling to be able to help people in need and to help those who are doing their best to protect us and our possessions. Without people like you the catering operation would not have been as successful.

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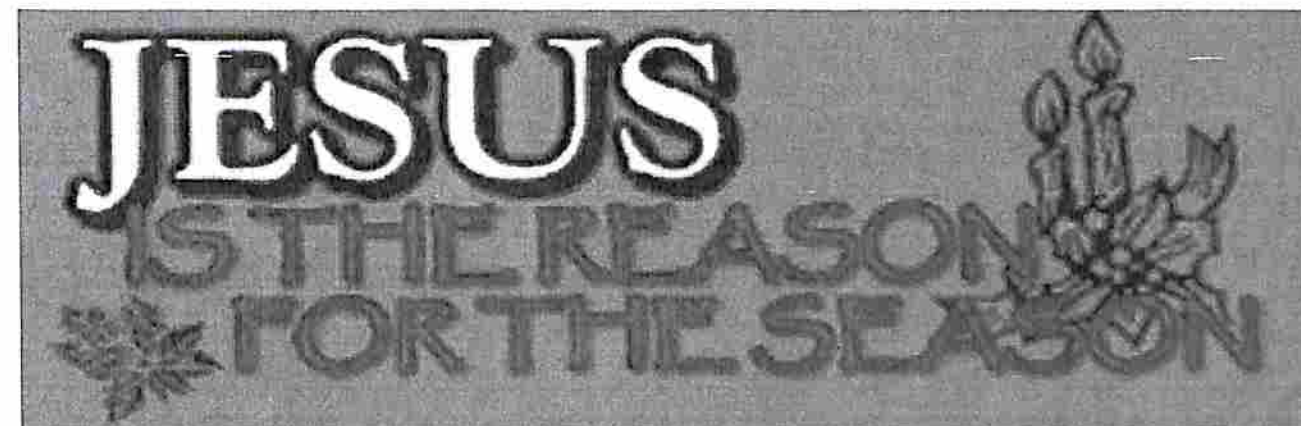
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### "What is the true meaning of Christmas?"

#### LOVE

The real Christmas story is the story of God becoming a human being in the Person of Jesus Christ. Why did God do such a thing? Because He loves us! Why was Christmas necessary?

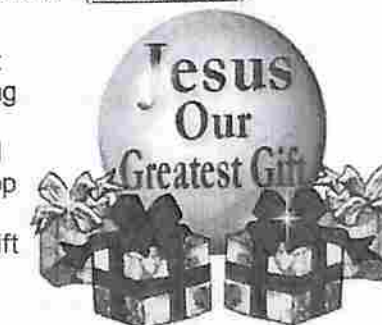
Because we needed a Saviour to provide a way—the only Way—for us to spend eternity with Him. He gave His only Son to eventually take our punishment for our sins on the cross -(Romans 5:8).

The true meaning of Christmas is love.

Why do we celebrate Christmas each year? Out of gratitude for what God did for us, we remember His birth by giving each other gifts, worshipping Him, and being especially conscious of the poor and less fortunate.

Bells are played to ring out the joyous news, candles are lit to remind us that Christ is the Light of the world (John 1:4-9), a star is placed on the top of a Christmas tree to remember the Star of Bethlehem, and gifts are exchanged to remind us of the gifts of the Magi to Jesus, and the greatest gift of God to mankind. JESUS.

Why does God love us so much? Because He is love itself (1 John 4:8). The true meaning of Christmas is the celebration of this incredible act of love.





**COMBINED PROBUS CLUB OF ROMSEY AND LANCEFIELD INC.**  
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## FOR ACTIVE RETIREES.

### MONTHLY MEETINGS

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

Our final function for the year is our Christmas Breakup Dinner at Australiana at Wandong.

We wish everyone a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Meetings commence for 2016 on 25th February.

Our members will enjoy a get together BBQ on Wednesday 20th January, 2016 at the home of Robert and Anne Barry.

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

### ARE YOU INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP??

We meet once a month and we deal with the normal matters of a club, like correspondence, treasury, and

discuss the last outing we had enjoyed, and most important, where we are going to next month, a short tour, a long tour, a lunch somewhere. Our monthly meeting always finishes with morning tea, which is followed by a guest speaker with an interesting topic.

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

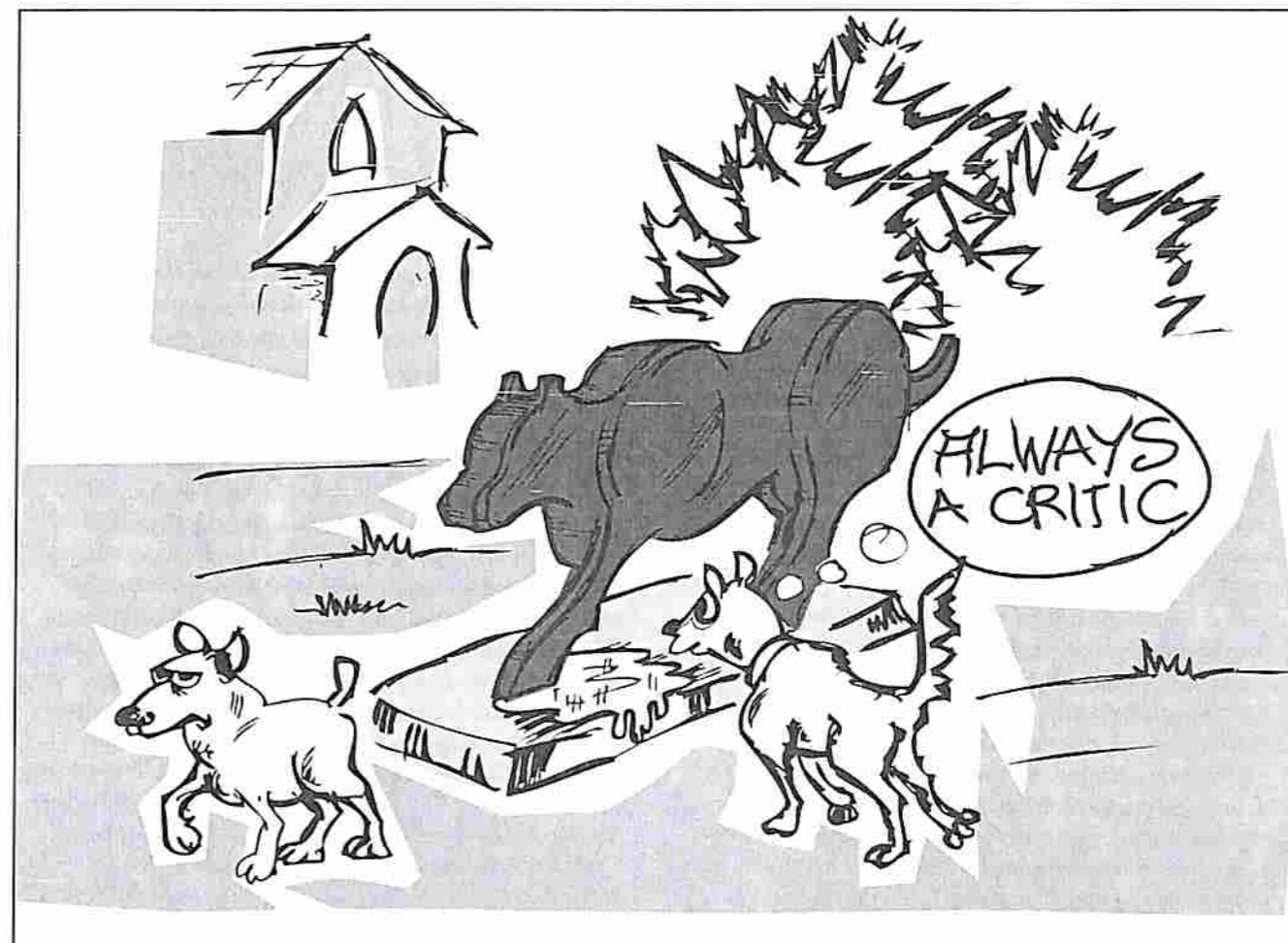
We also enjoy a monthly musical/film afternoon at a members home and Friday coffee mornings at a local café.

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

All we want to achieve is a day of enjoyment and friendship.

Please come and have a look at what we do and who we are. Please check out our website for information about the Romsey & Lancefield Probus Club [rprobust.org.au](http://rprobust.org.au)

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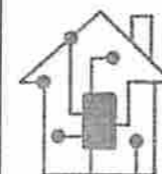
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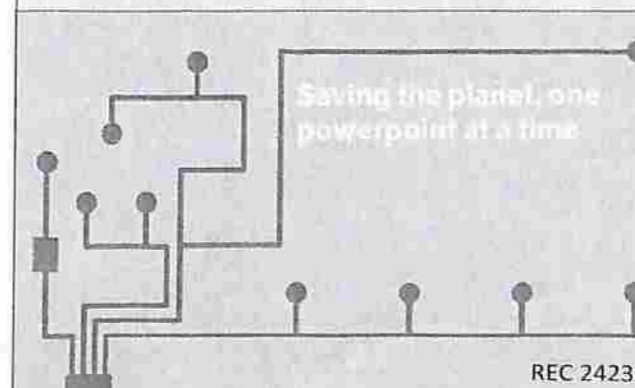
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## CHRISTMAS MESSAGE - FROM OUR COMMUNITY BANK CHAIR

As we pass through our 15th year since a hard-working and visionary group of residents achieved their dream of returning banking services to Lancefield, it's timely to reflect on what we have achieved.

The 2015 year marked the 10th anniversary of the opening of our second branch at Romsey, and more importantly saw us move across the road to a new and comfortable bank chamber at 105 Main Street, in the heart of the Romsey shopping and business precinct. The year also saw our Bank reach a significant milestone in terms of our commitment to put profits back into our community – our contribution to groups and projects now totals more than a million dollars.

Our Lancefield and Romsey community-owned branches of Bendigo Bank were established to serve our communities, both by ensuring we always had local banking services and by our pledge to share the profits and proceeds with our communities.

This year's allocation demonstrates that we have upheld our pledge, and that local residents and businesses who bank with us are also making a direct contribution to funding worthwhile projects and groups in the community. By supporting their Bank, they are also

proudly supporting the groups receiving these grants and sponsorships.

Highlights of this year's grants were \$20,000 to the Romsey Mechanics Institute for important work on upgrading and maintaining the iconic hall, and \$20,000 to enable Lancefield to achieve its long-awaited project to open a skate park for the youngsters. Another of the community projects funded by our Bank came to the fore in October.

The Bank contributed \$40,000 in 2014 to the Lancefield Mechanics Institute for a range of works, including a new and expanded commercial kitchen. It was in full use for the Cobaw-Lancefield bushfire, helping prepare meals for the emergency services volunteers and for residents displaced by the fire.

As we see out 2015, I take this opportunity to wish everyone a merry and safe holiday period, and to reaffirm the commitment by the Bank Board that we will continue to serve the interests of our community.

Tim McCarthy  
Chair, Lancefield & Romsey Community Financial Services Ltd

## SHARE IN THE FESTIVE SPIRIT AT KYNETON'S COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Macedon Ranges Shire Council and Cobaw Community Health are proud to host the eighth annual free Christmas Day lunch at the Kyneton Town Hall. The lunch will be held on Friday 25 December from 11.30am to 2pm.

Mayor, Cr Jennifer Anderson encouraged everyone to come along, share a meal and enjoy an afternoon of entertainment and the company of others.

"Kyneton's annual free Christmas lunch is a wonderful opportunity to get together at a special time of year. The event is an opportunity to spend the day with others members of our community and feast on a delicious traditional lunch", said Cr Anderson.

"We can help with transport if you are unable to get to the hall and we've even got Santa coming along with a sack full of presents."

Council has volunteers helping to run the event, but is looking for Christmas Day Lunch Ambassadors to make guests feel welcome.

"If you'd like to be involved as a volunteer, we are looking for Christmas Day Lunch Ambassadors. Their role is to sit and have lunch with those who attend on their own."

"The idea is to match people who come alone with someone who is willing to having a chat, make them feel welcome and share the Christmas spirit," said Cr Anderson.

Bookings are preferred and the event is alcohol-free. To book, 1300 888 802 or email [kthtickets@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:kthtickets@mrsc.vic.gov.au)

When booking leave your name, age (for age-appropriate gifts), your postal address and phone number. Tickets/invitations will be sent in the mail.

To register as a Christmas Lunch Ambassador contact Steph Harper 5422 0258 (Monday, Tuesday and Thursdays).

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Advent Sunday, November 29th, marks the beginning of the Church's New Year and the lead up to Christmas, when we rejoice at the tremendous break through of Jesus, the Eternal Son of God, leaving the glory of heaven and becoming 'one of us' - The Incarnation. "He made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness, being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death - even death on a cross! (Philippians 2:7-8). Yet, knowing this lay ahead of Him he accepted it for "the JOY set before Him, - enduring the Cross, scorning its shame..." (Hebrews 12:2). JOY - what does it mean to you? - a warm glowing emotion when something very pleasurable happens?

Many years ago, an older clergy wife was saying to us, younger ones, that the JOY of the Lord is your strength and I felt it didn't seem to be so for me at the time. As we grow in faith, letting the Holy Spirit transform us, we find we begin to bear His fruit in our lives. The fruit the Holy Spirit produces is - Love, JOY, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self-control." (Galatians 5:22-23).

This does not mean that everything in our lives will be smooth sailing, quite the contrary but God's peace will rule in our hearts, and fill us with all JOY in believing. This must be what surely sustains the Persecuted Christians in all the sorrows they are enduring! Advent reminds us also of the Return Of Jesus in great power and great glory - His Second Coming. What great JOY then will fill the hearts of all who know, love and serve Him!

We continue to send to Anglicare all manner of supplies for Melbourne's needy. Now we have started to collect toys, gifts (unwrapped), wrapping paper, suitable for children and teenagers for their Christmas stockings. We remember in

our prayers our sick and ailing members that the God of all comfort, will comfort them in their distress. We are preparing a petition to be sent to the Federal Government asking that the "Persecuted Christians" be selected first from among the refugees applying to come to Australia. They have no place to call 'home.'

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Combined Churches Christmas Carols Hosted By The Anglican Church Lancefield & Romsey. Sunday, 13Th..7.30Pm At Christ Church..Chauncey St. Lancefield.

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

Thursday 24Th Dec.11.30Pm..Holy Communion At Christ Church Lancefield, Chauncey Street.

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

Friday 25Th Dec..9Am.. Holy Communion At St.Paul's Romsey.. Main Street.

Sunday 27Th..Dec..9Am.. Holy Communion At St.Paul's Romsey

10.30Am Holy Communion - Christ Church Lancefield The Vicar, Rev. Bill Carroll and the Members of Christ Church Lancefield and St.Paul's Romsey pray that all in our Community may enjoy a blessed and holy Christmas and New Year,

"May The God Of Hope Fill You With All Joy And Peace As You Trust In Him, So That You Overflow With Hope By The Power Of The Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13

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## HAVE YOUR SAY: AMENDMENT C110 ON PUBLIC EXHIBITION

Macedon Ranges Shire Council is seeking comments on a new planning scheme amendment—Amendment C110—that seeks to manage rural living opportunities in the shire to 2045.

The amendment proposes changes to the Macedon Ranges Planning Scheme, including:

- a reduction in minimum lot sizes for nominated land in existing Rural Living Zones around Gisborne, Gisborne South and Riddells Creek and a small area in Romsey, north of Ochiltrees Road
- the introduction of Development Plan overlays that will coordinate development in line with existing features and characteristics, and provide for an integrated pedestrian, cycle and vehicle network the rezoning of land from the Farming Zone to the Rural Living Zone south of Kyneton, and north of Kyneton-Springhill Road.

the introduction of minimum setback controls.  
Council's Director Planning and Environment, Sophie Segafredo said that the amendment proposes to implement the recommendations outlined in the In the Rural Living Zone Strategy that was recently adopted by Council.

"People are attracted to this shire for both the urban and rural landscapes so it's important that the Planning Scheme provides for a range of housing and rural living opportunities in the long term, which this amendment is designed to do" she said.

Residents are encouraged to view the amendment on Council's website, [mrsc.vic.gov.au/amendmentC110](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/amendmentC110) or at one of Council's service centres. A factsheet is available to explain the key changes.

Residents can also drop-in to the Gisborne office to speak with one of the project team during business hours throughout the exhibition period. Team members will also be available to speak with at the Kyneton and Romsey offices on the dates below:

Romsey Community Hub: Thursday 26 November, 9.30am—5pm, 96—100 Main Street

Kyneton Administration Centre: Monday 30 November, 8.30am—5pm, 129 Mollison Street, Kyneton

Comments are invited until 5.30pm on Wednesday 23 December 2015 and submissions can be sent to [mrsc@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:mrsc@mrsc.vic.gov.au) or PO Box 151, Kyneton VIC 3444.



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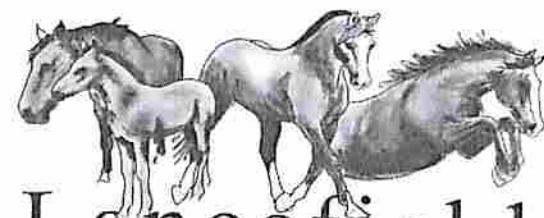
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# BOOK REVIEWS

Whether you want to relax with a novel, learn more about history or start getting your garden in order for the new year, here are a few book ideas to get you through the holiday season!

From everyone at Red Door Books we wish you a Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year. Happy Reading!  
Reviewed by Nielson Bookdata

The Little Veggie Patch; DIY Garden Projects by Mat Pember - RRP\$45.00



Perfect timing to get your garden organised for the upcoming holidays!

Practical projects for small-space edible gardening and backyard fun from the much-loved Little Veggie Patch co. The book has 6 chapters - Kids, Recycled/Upcycled, X-Factor, Vertical Gardening, Gardening basics and Kitchen. There are 38 projects, and each chapter includes a break-out 'patch favourite' feature project.

Projects range from the incredibly quick and simple, such as a self-watering milk-carton planter, how to grow micro-herbs and milk-crate planter boxes to large-scale building projects such as making vertical gardens from pallets, creating your own hops tower for home beer brewing and how to build an ultimate cubby house from recycled apple

crates.

The book is written in the funny and approachable style associated with the Little Veggie Patch Co, with clear step-by-step instructions with fun, colourful photographs illustrating each step. This is the first Veggie Patch Co. book to be so specifically focussed on DIY projects.

### MEMOIR:

A Mother's Story by Rosie Batty - RRP \$32.99



A profoundly moving and inspiring memoir from Australia's domestic violence crusader, Rosie Batty. Rosie Batty knows pain

no woman should have to suffer. Her son was killed by his father in a violent incident in February 2014, a horrendous event that shocked not only the nation, but the world. Greg Anderson murdered his 11-year-old son Luke and was then shot by police at the Tyabb cricket oval.

Rosie had suffered years of family violence and had intervention and custody orders in place in an effort to protect herself and her son.

She believes the killing was Greg's final act of control over her. Since the events of last February, Rosie has become an outspoken crusader against domestic violence, winning hearts and mind all over Australia with her compassion, courage, grace

and forgiveness.

In the wake of the tragedy, Rosie's advocacy work has forced an unprecedented national focus on family violence, with the Victorian Labor government establishing Australia's first royal commission into family violence, and committing a further \$30 million over four years to protect women and children at high risk of family violence. The then Victorian Police Commissioner Ken Lay called it 'the Rosie Batty factor'. In January 2015, Rosie was named Australian of the Year, 2015. Inspiring, heartfelt and profoundly moving, this is Rosie's story. A percentage of royalties from sales of this book are going to the Luke Batty Foundation.

### HISTORY:

The Witches Salem, 1692 by Stacy Schiff - RRP \$32.99



It began in 1692, over an exceptionally raw Massachusetts winter, when a minister's daughter started to scream and convulse. It ended less than a year later, but not before nineteen men and women had been hanged and an elderly man crushed to death. The panic spread quickly, involving the most educated men and prominent politicians in the colony. Neighbours accused neighbours, parents accused children, husbands accused wives, children accused their parents, and siblings each

other.

Vividly capturing the dark, unsettled atmosphere of seventeenth-century America, Stacy Schiff's magisterial history draws us into this anxious time. She shows us how a band of adolescent girls brought the nascent colony to its knees, and how quickly the epidemic of accusations, trials, and executions span out of control. Above all, Schiff's astonishing research reveals details and complexity that few other historians have seen. Every detail of colonial life just decades after the first landing - family, farming, praying, housekeeping, dangers of life at wilderness's edge, estrangement from England, the pressures of a life dominated by Biblical

thought - is rendered with a clarity that makes almost inconceivable events comprehensible.

As psychologically thrilling as it is historically seminal, as magnificently written as it is deeply researched, *The Witches* breathes new life into one of history's most enduring mysteries.

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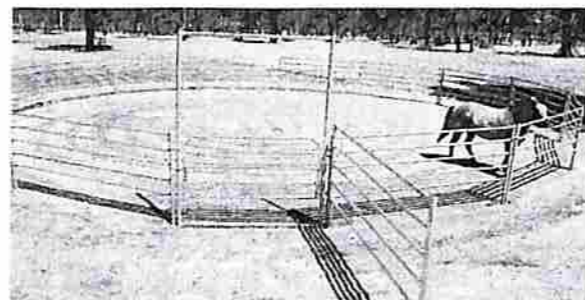
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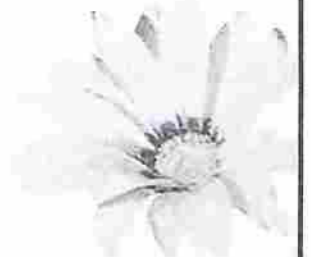
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BOOK REVIEWS

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Despite a scandalous private life and the experience of virulent racism, he established himself as a major force, not just on the bloody fields of wartime Europe but also in post-war society, where he oversaw vital developments in making Australia into a modern nation. When he died, an astonishing 300,000 Australians attended John Monash's funeral in Melbourne. But who was this unconventional man, what drove him and how did he manage to break

down so many walls to rise to such a prominent position? Beyond an account of a much-admired general, this will be the story of an extraordinary and highly unconventional life and its legacy.

ADULT FICTION:

Carrying Albert Home by Homer Hickam RRP - \$29.99



The Great Depression had turned the American dream into a bitter tragedy. That's when Elsie and Homer's epic adventure began...A journey of a thousand miles. With an alligator on the back seat. And John Steinbeck as a passenger. This is a tale where everything is true, except

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In 1930s America, the Great Depression made everyone's horizons smaller, and Elsie Lavender found herself back where she began, in the coalfields of West Virginia. She had just one memento of her halcyon days - a baby alligator named Albert. Then one day, her husband's stoical patience snapped and Elsie had to choose between Homer and Albert. She decided that there was only one thing to do: they would carry Albert home to Florida.

And so began their odyssey - a journey like no other, where Elsie, Homer and Albert encountered everything from movie stars and revolutionaries to Ernest Hemingway and hurricanes in their struggle to find love, redemption, and a place to call home.

From the bestselling author of Rocket Boys (the basis of the movie October Sky) comes a long-awaited prequel. Big Fish meets The Notebook in this novel about a man, a woman, and their alligator.

CRIME & MYSTERY:

Carol by Patricia Highsmith RRP - \$19.99



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Doctor Who; Impossible Worlds by Nicholas & Tucker - RRP \$99.99

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**ADVENT/CHRISTMAS 2015**

- \*Advent Reconciliation 8 Dec 7.00pm Lancefield Church (Confession)
- \*Parish Mass of Anointing 11 Dec 2.00pm Romsey Church
- \*Ecumenical Christmas Carols 13 Dec 7.00pm - Venue TBC
- \*Christmas Eve 24 Dec 6.00pm Romsey Church Carols 11:30 pm Lancefield Church Midnight Lancefield Church
- \*Christmas Day 25 Dec 9.00am Lancefield Church
- \*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph 26 Dec 6.00pm Lancefield Church
- 27 Dec 8.00am Romsey Church
- 10.00am Lancefield Church
- \*New Year's Day 1 Jan 7.00pm Lancefield Church

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

Fr. Arnold's Farewell Mass will be held on Sunday 13th December - 10:00 a.m. Lancefield Church

Followed by a light lunch and get together at St. Mary's School Hall. (Fr. will be leaving the parish on 31st December 2015)

This event will be combined with the St. Mary's Parish - Volunteer's Christmas Party.

Please come along to greet the volunteers and to wish Fr. Arnold well for the future and also enjoy each others company.



**2016**

St. Mary's Parish welcomes Fr. Marc Barry who will take up the role of Parish Priest as of 1 January 2016. Fr. Marc is a 59 year old Salesian Priest. He is a country boy from Southern Tasmania, who after teaching in schools opted to be assist in several parishes.

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**WHO IS AGE FRIENDLY**

Council accepted into the World Health Organisation's Global Network of Age-friendly Communities

The World Health Organisation (WHO) has recently welcomed Macedon Ranges Shire Council as a new member of the WHO Global Network of Age Friendly Cities and Communities (GNAFCC).

Having membership to the global network supports and strengthens Council's commitment to creating an age-friendly community that enables people of all ages to actively participate in community activities and treats everyone with respect, regardless of their age. Earlier this year Council endorsed its three-year Age-friendly Communities Action Plan (AFC) which sets out goals and associated actions to improve older people's access to information, health and support services, employment and civic and social participation opportunities.

Cr John Connor said the endorsement and support from the World Health Organisation strengthens the work undertaken by the former Positive Ageing Advisory Committee to create an Age-friendly Community.

"The action plan was developed in consultation with the committee and I'd like to thank and acknowledge their efforts in engaging the community and in identifying key areas of actions for the plan," he said. The action plan is available on Council's website, [mrsc.vic.gov.au](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au) or available to view in-person at any of Council's customer service centres.



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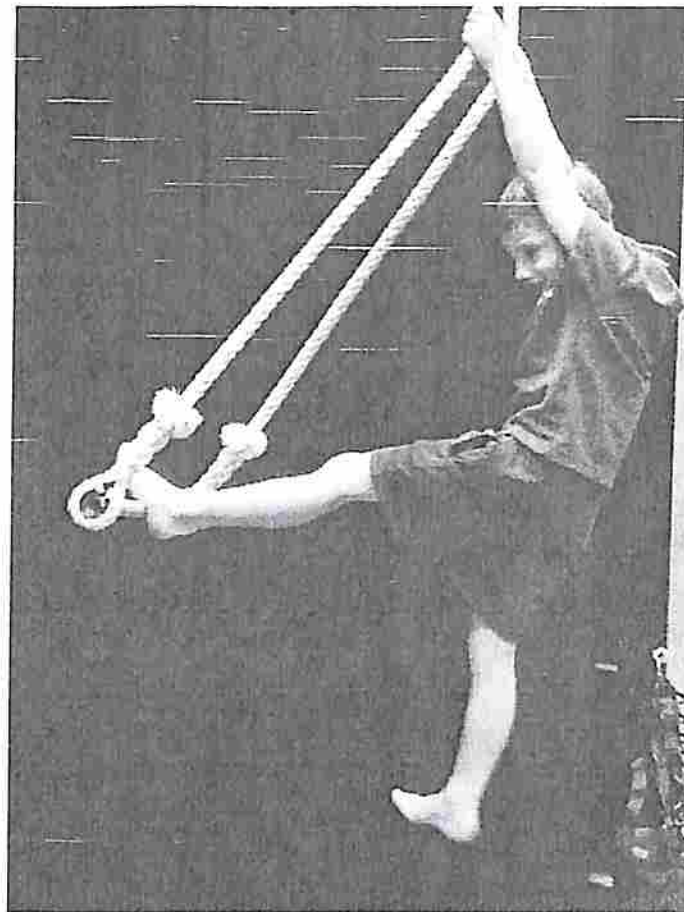
# GOOD YEAR

## YEAR 3/4 CAMP

The Year 3/4 students had their overnight camp on Mon/Tues 19th/20th October. The students went to Camp PGL at Campaspe Downs. Students were involved in a variety of activities including the Flying Fox, Archery, Leap of Faith and Low Ropes course. The students thoroughly enjoyed their time at camp!

## CONFIRMATION

On Saturday 17th October students from the Parish of St Mary's celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation. Bishop Terry Curtain was the celebrant with aid from Fr Arnold. The students are to be congratulated for the respect and commitment they showed towards the Sacrament. We look forward to the students developing their gifts of the Holy Spirit and we pray that they use them in the future.



## MEGAFAUNA

The students really enjoyed being a part of the Megafauna festival this year. They had an opportunity to have a megafauna model in the school.

They took part in a Drumming Demonstration by Collin - followed by a Drumming clinic with the Year 3-6 students.

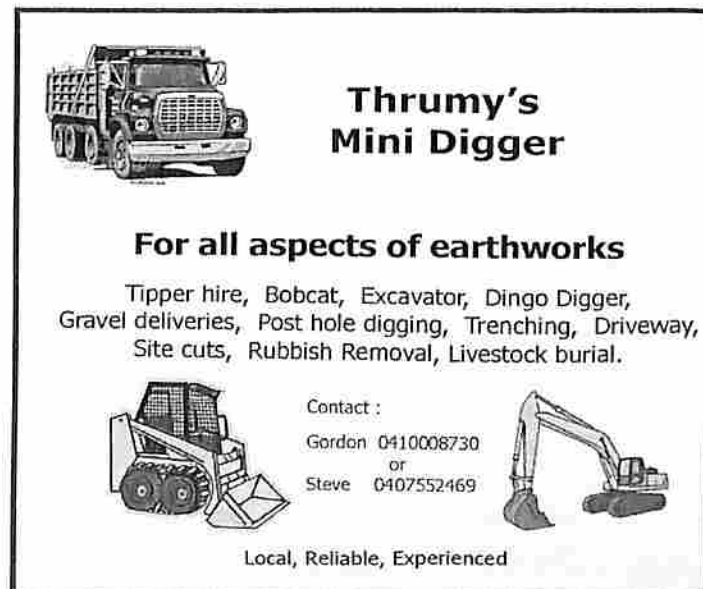
## 1/2 CIRCUS EXCURSION

On Wednesday 28th October the Year 1/2 students travelled to Circus Oz in Collingwood as part of the Inquiry unit of Entertainment. The students were involved in juggling, static trapeze, aerial ring, tumbling and the mini trampoline along with tight wire and balance pyramids. The students had a wonderful time!!



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# LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD AND THE WOLF

In Kyneton and Lancefield | December 12th & 13th.  
Lancefield Mechanics Hall: Saturday Dec 12th 11am.  
High St, Lancefield. Kyneton Mechanics Hall: Sunday Dec 13th 11am. 81 Mollison St, Kyneton

Book For Both Shows Here: <http://www.thefieldtrip.co/#!age-irrel-events/cieg>

A woodcutter who can't count, a wolf who thinks he's a grandma and a little girl who puts a red sock in with the white washing! A contemporary 40 minute version of the classic 'furry tail', for kids and families alike. Local young artists produce and perform a light hearted modern take on an old favourite. And...*It's A Musical!* For the whole family.

Starring local young actors (between ages 13-17): Charlotte Warner, Chloe Leehane, Hannah Valenti, Kyle Bone, Matt Handley-Merkt, Joel Inglis, Saskia Ventouras, Gabrielle Wheeler and Kirra Walker.

Directed by experienced Kyneton Drama professional: Paul Canlan (who runs the Drama School - Drama and Acting Workshops which prepare young people for professional study and careers in the performing arts).

Music and written by ex-Home and Away writer, Paul Kooperman, from Lancefield and played by professional musician Owen Phillips from Goldie.

Little Red Riding Hood and the Wolf is part of a program of events produced by young members of The Field Trip, called *Age Irrelevants* (which are events produced by people whose age is irrelevant, in this case: kids).

Other events under this banner, being produced by young people aged 10-17 are an upcoming art exhibition, amazing-race-style orienteering afternoon and an open mic night at the Aspy Cafe in Lancefield.

The Field Trip is a new youth group drawing kids from Kyneton, Woodend, Macedon, Wallan, Kilmore, Sunbury, Gisborne, Benloch, Romsey and other local areas. It meets weekly, every Sunday 4-5pm, and helps members create the world they wish existed. For more information about Field Trip and joining for FREE, see the website: [www.thefieldtrip.co](http://www.thefieldtrip.co)

Little Red Riding Hood is supported by the Kyneton Community and Learning Centre.

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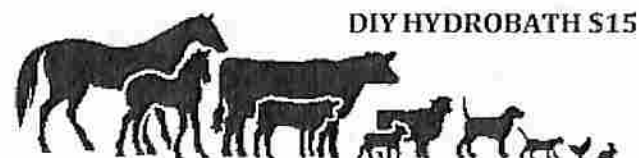
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# BOWLERS ON A ROLL

Lancefield Bowling Club's three pennant teams head towards the Christmas-New Year break with sights set on consolidating their positions when pennant resumes.

At the time of writing, Lancefield's division 1 side was in second spot and about to play unbeaten ladder leader Gisborne.

The division 3 side was in second place, and the unbeaten mid-week team occupied top spot.

All teams are well aware of the importance of securing the double chance by finishing in first or second place at the end of the home and away rounds.

Lancefield players continue to make their presence felt in divisional events.

Jeff Holmes followed up his win in the Central Highlands Over 60s singles by taking out the regional title. He then played in the state finals at Bundoora, going down an accomplished opponent from Deer Park.

On November 22, Chris Jolly, Barry Godbolt, Aaron Young and Mark Godbolt (s) won a thrilling Central Highlands fours final 16-15 against a Gisborne line-up.

The club congratulates Bev Holmes, Mark Godbolt, Jeff Holmes, Michael Linehan, Garry Templar and Aaron Young on being selected to represent Central Highlands in the shield events at Sebastopol.



## CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

The semi-finals and finals of the men's and women's singles championships take place on Saturday, December 19.

There will also be a gala pre-Christmas celebration at the club on that day, with all members and supporters encouraged to come along and watch some good bowls and enjoy the festive season.

The men's semi-finals are between Michael Linehan and Mark Godbolt, and Jeff Holmes and Bill West.

Lancefield Bowling Club president, Gary Dickenson, extends compliments of the season to all club members, sponsors and supporters.

"Our club hope everyone has an enjoyable and safe Christmas and New Year," he said.

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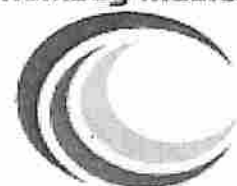


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## THE FIELD TRIP

Earlier this year, The Field Trip announced a new exciting initiative called Share Your Dream, where Field Trip participants were asked to articulate a dream for the chance to receive \$500 to actually pursue it. We received more than 20 applications and all were worthy recipients. What we learned from offering this opportunity is that some of the dreams participants submitted were able to be achieved by brokering relationships with people who could help fulfil the dream without money changing hands.

This has meant that a few Field Trip participants have had their dreams answered, and the process is ongoing, our ears and eyes open to help more participants achieve their wildest ambitions. As well as one Field Tripper receiving \$500 for a new camera and mentorship by an established professional to assist in their career development as a photographer, another participant has received maths tutoring in his quest to improve his maths to be accepted into medicine and ultimately become a surgeon. Yet another participant, whose dream was to build water wells in areas where disadvantaged children need clean water, has been accepted as a Thank You Water Ambassador, invited to meet the Thank You Water team and be given a personal guided tour of their premises in Melbourne. This is exciting news for these participants but also for all other Field Trip participants who have dreams they'd like to share in 2016 for the next round of this wonderful opportunity. Details here.

### FIELD TRIP MEMBERSHIP

Participants can now become Members of The Field Trip. This means they will receive special benefits:

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- The opportunity to apply for Share Your Dream
- Free entry to all Field Trip events (outside of meetings)
- The opportunity to complete the 'Hero's Journey', a twelve step leadership program members undertake to graduate from various Field Trip levels
- A Field Trip buddy/mentor members can call on for advice or support as required
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In 2015, membership is free, and all current Field Trip participants are automatic members. No charge and no need to sign up.

In 2016, membership is heavily discounted for existing members. The cost of membership for current Field Trip participants will be \$400 for the full year (normally \$550), or \$100 per term (normally \$150) or \$10 per week (normally \$15).

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# ANOTHER WONDERFUL YEAR

Welcome to the Christmas Season and best wishes to all our supporters and players here at Lancefield Golf Club. Another year is drawing to a close and another year of actions and attractions at the club have made this a very busy, enjoyable and productive year.

Both the ladies and men's golfers are back from their respective golf trips away. I am assured that lots of good golf and fun were had by both groups. The annual ladies trip to Rich River was once again a huge success. The weather was perfect for golf and swimming and relaxing with friends and a cold glass of bubbly.

We played 45 holes with the ladies enjoying the 'Pink Ball' game which saw the groups having to choose the tee shot based not on the furthest distance, but who chose the pink ball. Some frustration if your shot landed in the trees or the water (Florence) but lots of fun! Congratulations to Robyn Stevens who was the winner of our annual FEP award.

The Men's trip this year was to Cobram and 20 club members had a great time together playing on a different course this year. With only 2 days away not as much time

was taken up on the course as the ladies. My husband tells me this is because the men have to be back at work on the Monday. Oh well!

Unfortunately, on his way to the first tee at Cobram, Mason Memmolo was struck on the cheek by a wayward ball suffering quite severe facial injuries and had to be taken to hospital. We wish Mason a speedy recovery and hope he will be back on our course soon.

The November Monthly Medal winners were John Wilson and Di Rohde. Great golf played by both players. Well Done. (Di played her best round of golf ever with a net 63). The Men's winner of the Medal of Medalists for this year was John Wilson with a net score of 67.

A great win John. Congratulations! 6 of our ladies ventured to the Jean Wallder Bowl at Seymour last month and congratulations are also due to Jenni Vennell who won the C Grade trophy. Our ladies Medal of Medalists for 2015 was Florence Meyer over Di Brennan. A great win Florence. We are looking forward to the Christmas lunch which will give us the chance to congratulate all our winners over the course of this year. All ladies who are in any way associated

with the Golf Club are welcome to attend this day of fun and frivolity. We will play 9 holes beforehand and then adjourn to lunch.

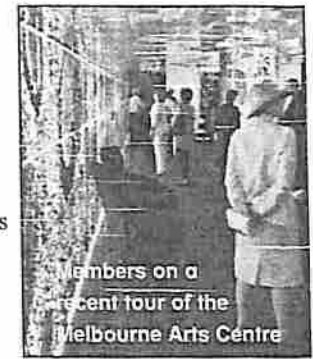
Please ring Carole on 54291026 if you would like to join us on Wednesday 16th December. The annual Vignerons Day will be held this week on Saturday 12th December. It is a 4 person Ambrose event and is always a lot of fun. Please ring Barry on 0419 150349 to ensure your team is entered on the day.

The working bee at the club last month was well attended and lots of important jobs were completed on the day. Thank you to all those who contributed their time. We would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank our green keeper Conway who has left the club after 8 years of service. Conway has been a great asset to the club over the years and we wish him well in his next endeavors.

Thank you to everyone for another wonderful year of golf and friendships. We hope you all have a safe and relaxed holiday season and look forward to seeing everyone in the new year. Happy Christmas to all!

## ADFAS

(Australian Decorative & Fine Arts Society Central Victoria)



Following the completion of this year's series of eight lectures, members have enjoyed two excursions. A visit to Ballarat Art Gallery in October to see the Archibald Prize finalists

was followed by a tour of the Melbourne Arts Precinct in November. Members were taken behind the scenes at the State Theatre and the Concert Hall. After lunch at Café Vic and a lecture on NGV's Masterpieces from the Hermitage Collection in St Petersburg, members viewed the collection at their leisure. Committee members Nancy Toohey and Ruth De Jong arranged these excellent excursions.

Membership of ADFAS is open to everyone with an interest in the arts. By joining now, you can enjoy the end of year sunset party at historic St Agnes homestead, Kyneton on Thursday 3 December, and be eligible to win one of two boxes of local wine.

The 2016 season will commence in January with a garden party and the first lecture will be in the Kyneton Town Hall on Thursday 3 March at 7 for 7.30pm. 2016 programs and membership applications are available now. Ring Norma on 0419 234 012 for more information. We look forward to welcoming new members.



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What will we discover at the end of the road?

We will be looking for a stable with live animals where we can sing Christmas Carols, see a real new baby, and share some refreshments together.

Parents and children please join us.

**Time:** Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd December at 7.30pm (come to either night)

**Dress Up:** Dress up as wise men, or angels, or shepherds or a person from Bethlehem if you wish. There will be costumes available to borrow (adult as well as child sizes).

A free event in association with the churches of Romsey and Lancefield  
Music by the Kyneton Municipal Band  
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Questions? Contact: Wendy Elson 0400 042 076 or Jay Brooks 5429 6163

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# WHAT'S ON IN AND AROUND LANCEFIELD

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## DECEMBER 2015

Thursday 03 7.00 pm	Australian Decorative & Fine Arts Society, Sunset Party, Kyneton	Sunday 13 7.00 pm	St Mary's Church, Ecumenical Christmas Carols
Saturday 05 9.00 am	Christ Church Parish Christmas Stall, Romsey	Tuesday 15 12.30 pm	Lancefield Neighbourhood House Christmas Lunch, Mechanics Hall
Sunday 06 12.30 am	Deep Creek Landcare Christmas Breakup, Lancefield Park	Thursday 24 10.00	Probus Club of Romsey & Lancefield monthly meeting
Friday 11 6.00 pm	Lancefield Neighbourhood House Christmas Carols, Lancefield Park	Friday 25 9.00 am	St Mary's Christmas Mass
Sunday 13 10.00 am	St Mary's Farewell Mass for Fr Arnold followed by lunch	Friday 25 11.30 am	Macedon Ranges Shire Annual Free Christmas Lunch, Kyneton
Sunday 13 6.30 pm	Combined Churches Christmas Carols, Christ Church, Lancefield	Sunday 27 10.30 am	Christ Church Holy Communion, Lancefield

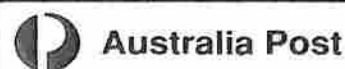
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## ROMSEY-LANCEFIELD RSL

# COMMEMORATIVE CENTENARY **POPPIES**



Mr Ron Davis of Trentham was invited to attend a meeting with members of the Romsey-Lancefield RSL on 6 November. Ms Mary-Anne Thomas MP was also invited as a guest, to attend the presentation of a lead based enamelled poppy to the RSL.

Ms Thomas presented the red enamelled poppy in its wooden frame, on behalf of Mr Davis to the RSL president Mr Reinhard Goschiniak and in turn Mr Davis presented a cheque for \$300 to the RSL.

Mr Davis has collected thousands of British-issue .303 calibre bullets found near Bald Hill at an old rifle range dating back to 1906, where cadets learnt to handle guns and was aware that many of these men would eventually have

gone on to serve in WW1.

Mr Davis has recycled these old bullets by melting down the lead contained in the bullets and then ingeniously turning them into commemorative poppies to coincide with this Gallipoli Centenary as a tribute to the ANZACS.

He has sold over 180 poppies and with each one of these sales he has generously donated \$20, to Legacy and various other RSL branches.

His aim is to bring poppy No 303 to Canberra and to have it displayed at the Australian War Museum. It was agreed at the presentation to support Mr Davis in his plan to donate this last poppy to the museum.

# MEGAFUNA STILL **ALIVE** AT THE LANCEFIELD PARK

The Lancefield Park is now home to two incredible chainsaw sculptures by artists Angie Polglaze and Robby Bast thanks to a community funding grant from the Macedon Ranges Shire Council. The sculptures were carved out of two very old, large cypress trees along Park Lane as part of the Mega Fauna Festival held in October. Crowds from Octobers Agricultural Show watched the sculptors in action as they created these amazing features.

