

IT LOOKS LIKE THE **SKATE PARK** MIGHT FINALLY BE BUILT



It has been 19 years, but it looks like the Lancefield Skate Park might finally be built. It has been a very long road of multiple committees, fundraising, car washes, different locations and many community meetings, petitions and discussions.

However, this last year has led to the approval of a location and a design. Our town specific design for the skate park supports BMX, skateboards, scooters and even roller skates. The motifs and landscaping will be thematically linked to the Lancefield Archaeological Swamp. This will be a place for the whole community to use.

The Macedon Ranges Shire Council have pledged \$130 000 of the annual budget to the project. The Skate BMX Committee will now be busy applying for grants to raise the remaining \$120 000 for stage one (\$250 000 total) and the an additional \$60 000 for stage 2.

We are asking for anyone with ideas or ways to help us reach our final goal to contact the Lancefield Neighborhood House on 54 291 214.

Thanks to all the people over the past 19 years who have helped bring this project to this point.

LANCEFIELD FIRE BRIGADE
MORE STATISTICS

I will continue this month with the rest of the house fire statistics started last issue. I would point out that these fires may not have totally destroyed the houses but will certainly need to involve fire brigades as well as causing major damage and inconvenience to the occupants. It is a fairly regular item on the evening news at night so please take care that it does not happen to you. Back to the statistics and the first one is by far the most common, leaving cooking utensils unattended nearly 600, washers and dryers not serviced 46, computers overheating 11, incorrect and careless use of heaters 237 again a major cause. Overloading of power points 19, other un-attended appliances 38.

Facts - Grease on tea towels has been known to ignite inside a clothes dryer also hairdryers have been known to fall off a sink, turn on, heat up and cause a fire.

For more information visit www.safemistakezone.com.au or www.cfa.vic.gov.au

Again my thanks to Lt Jason Amos for his research to enable this information to be found

Stuart Mustey Captain

Updated information provided by the NBN Co says that Lancefield and Romsey 'may be covered or partially covered by work to commence' in the first half of 2016

**AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS.
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**HOLDING OUR
 ANNUAL GENERAL
 MEETING**

The Lancefield Branch is holding its' Annual General Meeting on 16th August 2015 at 11 am at the Anglican Church Hall, Chauncey Street, Lancefield and new members are most welcome.

We meet bi-monthly on even months at the Church Hall at 2 pm.

Our branch is saddened at the passing of Jessi Else, who was a dedicated and active member of Australian Red Cross for over 50 years. We are planning to plant a Rose Bush in Jessie's memory.

For any enquiries please contact Jean Buist Hon. Sec. Phone 54291116

**LANCEFIELD AGRICULTURAL SHOW
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Agribusiness is back on the menu, recognition of the key role it plays in the State and National economy. Locally it has re-invented itself as a cornerstone in the fabric of the community. Show time is back with us again, Spring is just around the corner, timely rain has lifted the spirits of all things Agricultural.

The Lancefield Show Committee is seeking producers willing to promote - showcase - their valued businesses and passions. The Show, on Sunday 18 October, is an opportunity to engage and interact with other livestock, foodies, consumers and any other people keen to value add our primary resource - land, climate and proximity to urban growth acres in a sustainable manner.

Events and entertainments to highlight and enhance the Show include the ever popular Tractor Pull and Woodchop. A major new drawcard will be the chainsaw sculpting of two ancient stumps at the Showgrounds, the theme of the carvings will be Megafauna as part of the Extinct Festival which will begin it's week long series of activities at the Show.

Old favourites such as craft displays, rides, animals, horse events, children's activities and food will fill the day along with information on all things Agricultural and environmental.

The emphasis is always fun with rides for young and old. Extinct - the Megafauna Festival, a vibrant new initiative, aimed at reconnecting with the past will include bone displays from Museum Victoria and experts on hand to explore the past.

Last but not least a celebration of food and family and a sense of place - the Park as always a wonderful venue to showcase and enjoy all things local.

For livestock and craft entries and for all details about this year's events visit the website www.lancefieldshow.org.au

Applications to have a stall at this year's Lancefield Show are available on 0409 386 875 or email lanshow1@hotmail.com.

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CHAUNCEY STREET LANCEFIELD

CONNECTING THE DOTS BETWEEN PHILIP LAMOTHE SNELL CHAUNCY AND WILLIAM THE CONQUEROR

What a discovery for the residents of Chauncey Street Lancefield! Philip Lamothe Snell Chauncy (1816-1880), after whom the street was named, was, as he wrote in 1878, descended 'in a direct line from Chauncy de Chauncy, who rode by the side of William the Conqueror, as may be seen by reference to Burke's Landed Gentry'. Note, however, that his name is spelt 'Chauncy' not 'Chauncey'. So why was our street named after him?

When the editor of the Lancefield Mercury suggested I write an article on Chauncey, I was keen to find out what I could about him. Philip Chauncey and Alex Black, I learned from the Historical Society's publication Lancefield History Trail: Our Early Beginning An Historic Look at the Making of a Town surveyed the township in 1854. But nothing else appeared to be known about him. Let me elaborate here on what I have found so far.

Philip Lamothe Snell Chauncy was a sketcher, amateur photographer, modeller and surveyor. He was the only son and third child of William Snell Chauncy (1781-1845) of Wickfield, Berkshire, and Rose Theresa Lamothe (1774-1818) daughter of the French surgeon Dr Dominique Pierre Lamothe. Chauncy was born in Datchett, Buckinghamshire on 21 June 1816. When he was a little more than two years old his mother died. His father remarried, subsequently having five more children.

Under the patronage of his step-uncle, the artist, Sir John Curtis, and because of his indifferent health, he trained as a



surveyor in London. At the age of 23 and again because of his health, he chose to emigrate to Australia to join two of his sisters. As a single man, he departed London on the Dumfries in June 1839 and arrived at Glenelg, South Australia in October 1839.

After his arrival in Adelaide he worked as a labourer - this brief experience he came to believe,

held him in good stead to work in Australia. In 1840 he married Miss Charlotte Kemmis, in Adelaide and in March 1841 the family moved to Fremantle, Western Australia where he was appointed Assistant-Surveyor. In Western Australia he gained 'important experience amongst the natives, in whom he took much interest, learning to speak several dialects'. In February 1847, he was 'plunged' into his first grief by the death of his much loved wife who was the daughter of an Irish clergyman of the Church of England. To cope with his grief he took twelve months leave from his position in Western Australia and visited Melbourne and Sydney.

When he returned to Perth in 1848 he met and married Miss Susan Mitchell, the daughter of the Reverend William

Mitchell, another Church of England clergyman. In April 1853, after eleven years in Western Australia, he resigned his appointment as Assistant-Surveyor and sailed in the barque Alibi for the goldfields in the Colony of Victoria. The family landed on his 37th birthday, 21 June 1853. On reaching Hobson's Bay, his brother William, who was chief engineer of the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway Company, met them and invited them to stay at their home until they could find a place to live in. Chauncy was soon appointed by Captain (later Sir) Andrew Clarke to be District Surveyor at McIvor (Heathcote) and the growing family moved there. He surveyed the Heathcote township (including the cemetery where he buried one of his sons) and selected and surveyed Echuca. In 1867 Chauncy requested, and was granted, furlough (what we would now call long service leave) on full pay. He left Heathcote and the family resided in Melbourne for 12 months. Sadly, Chauncy's wife Susie died at Argyle Cottage, Jolimont on 30 September 1867, aged 39 years.

After residing at Heathcote, Chauncy was subsequently and successively transferred to Dunnolly, Castlemaine, Camperdown and Ararat. However, in Ararat Chauncy had to deal with controversy in his role. The Church of England Messenger recalled that:

From this last-named place [Ararat] he was removed (without inquiry), at the instance of Mr Graham Berry (the then Treasurer), in consequence of some complaints made against him by reason of his interfering with what he (Mr Chauncy) regarded as dummy selections. Mr Grant, however (then Minister of Lands), not only appointed Mr Chauncy to a more important district - Ballaarat - but duly compensated him for the loss and inconvenience he had sustained. Mr Chauncy remained in charge of the Ballaarat district until the dismissal, on 'Black Wednesday' (8th January 1878) of the Civil servants. He was finally retired on a pension.

Philip Chauncy was a passionate man with diverse interests. He felt deeply for the Australian Aborigines. Throughout his explorations and surveying in Victoria, he filled notebooks containing the names of rivers, lakes,

mountains, valleys and towns in Victoria with native names and meanings. The notes were published in R B Smyth's Aborigines of Victoria, a magnificent publication in two large volumes (MS8129) held in the State Library of Victoria. As noted, he also learned several Aboriginal dialects.

In his memoirs, written in 1878, he expressed his deep love for his first wife, Charlotte and his second wife, Susan. He was the proud and loving father of nine children, eight of whom survived to adulthood. His son, Auschar Philip Chauncy (1855-1890) also became a surveyor in Victoria. Philip Chauncy wrote The Memoirs of Mrs Poole and Mrs Chauncy (his wife) for a family audience. Mrs Poole was his sister. The memoirs were published in Ballarat in 1873.

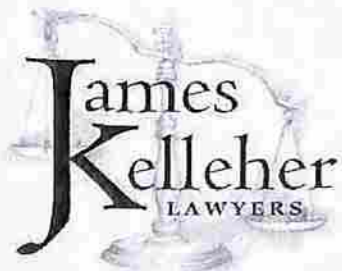
Most of Chauncy's papers are held in the State Library of Victoria (MS8129, MS9287, MS8129 and MS9227). They were donated by a descendant, Christobel Chauncy, in the 1980s. Examples of his survey plans survive in the records of the Crown Lands and Survey Department, Melbourne. Correspondence between Chauncy and the Lands Department, as well as Surveyors' Field Books (VPRS 16685) are held at the Public Record Office, Victoria. Some papers are also held in the State Library of Western Australia.

Despite the fact that Chauncy's name was clearly spelt without an 'e' while he worked for the Lands Department in Victoria (1853-78), he acquired the additional letter to his name when Chauncey Street was named to honour his work, presumably after 1854.

Chauncy was a devout Christian and was a member of the Ballarat Church of England. At the age of 64 and after a brief illness, surrounded by four of his children, he died at his home on 9 April 1880.

There is much more to be discovered about this fascinating man's life and might be the subject of a later article. In the meantime, it would be interesting to know how many streets in regional Victoria can claim a connection to William the Conqueror!

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Welcome to Macedon Ranges Shire Council's monthly event update. Please see below snapshot about upcoming Council-run events in the region, for promotion via your media outlet or newsletter. Click on the links beneath each event to be taken to a Dropbox folder containing event copy and imagery.

If you would like to arrange an interview or a photo for any of these events, please contact me.

AUGUST EVENTS

DROWNING IN VERONICA LAKE

This one-woman show will take you on a fantastic ride through the life of 40s starlet Veronica Lake. The show features a well-crafted script and a stunning stage design, complemented by an absolutely brilliant performance from the show's star, Alex Ellis.

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Thursday 6 August, 8pm
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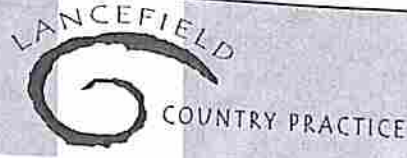
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A TALE OF TWO CITIES SODOM & JERUSALEM

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Lot pitched his tents near the city of Sodom. "Now the men of Sodom were wicked and sinning greatly against the Lord." (Genesis 13:13.) Homosexuality was a characteristic of the men of Sodom, and the people of the Jordan plain because of their vile and corrupt life-styles had become detestable in God's eyes, His judgement fell upon them, despite His long-suffering and mercy over a very long period, yet they still did not repent of their despicable ways. Judgement came in the form of an earthquake which destroyed the entire region, only Lot and two

daughters escaping, gone was the "garden of the Lord" leaving only the desolate area around the Dead Sea. Did Lot make a right choice? His life ended in ignominy - his two daughters, fearing the end of the family line, after getting him drunk, committed incest with him. Their two sons, Moab and Ben-Ammi - the father of the Ammonites - growing down the years became bitter enemies of the Israelites. (Genesis 19). God's judgement came down on Sodom and the region for their sinful, wilful ways even though, "the Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love."

Psalm 145:8.

God has said, "Be you, holy, as I the Lord am Holy."

1 Peter 1:16.

Holy, Holy., Holy is the Lord God of Hosts, Heaven and earth are full of your Glory,

Glory, be to Thee, O Lord, Most High.

JULY 2015 IN RETROSPECT

As the bitter winter cold set in, activities have been limited. Rev. David Farlie gave an interesting review of his return visit to Morpeth NSW where he had studied theology in the College there and which is now a home for the elderly at the AMS meeting. The highlight for the month was the Ecumenical Service when the Churches of Romsey and Lancefield united in worship at St. Paul's Church Romsey.

AUGUST 2015

Thurs. 13th 8pm...A.M.S. (Anglican Men's Society) meets Christ Church Lancefield.

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This award is an annual event made possible each year by a donation from a member of the Romsey-Lancefield RSL Sub-branch. The winner will receive a cheque for \$150 and a medal. The winner's name will be inscribed on the base of a 20 cm high bronze statue held on display, in perpetuity, at the Romsey Community Centre.

The RSL selection panel will decide the winner and its decision will be final.

Nomination forms have been printed and will be distributed throughout the community. If you wish a nomination form to be either posted or e-mailed, please contact the Secretary Trish Vowles on 54293456 or e-mail pavowles@bigpond.com.au

Please note nominations for the award close on August 14, 2015 (not July 30 as advertised previously). The award will be presented on Wednesday, 9 September at 6.30pm at the Romsey Community Centre (the Hub). Refreshments will be served.

BRAEMAR BEAT

Duke of Edinburgh Awards Presented to Young Leaders. Three Braemar College students from Woodend and Riddells Creek were proud to be presented with their Duke of Edinburgh Awards recently. Amelia Eddy from Woodend received her Silver Award, and Bronze Awards were presented to Nicholas Hanlon from Riddells Creek and Tess Williamson, also from Woodend. Romsey resident Elizabeth Orritt achieved her Silver Award last term. So far this year, 16 Braemar College students have received Duke of Edinburgh Awards - 12 Bronze and four Silver.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award is designed to encourage people aged 14 to 25 to get up, get out and get involved in different aspects of the community, gaining many new and exciting experiences, a range of opportunities and lasting life skills. The program aims to encourage personal discovery, growth, resilience, perseverance, responsibility and service to the community. The Duke of Edinburgh Award has five major components; Physical Recreation, Skill, Service, Adventurous Journey and Residential Projects.

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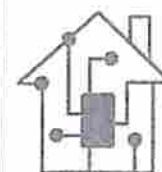
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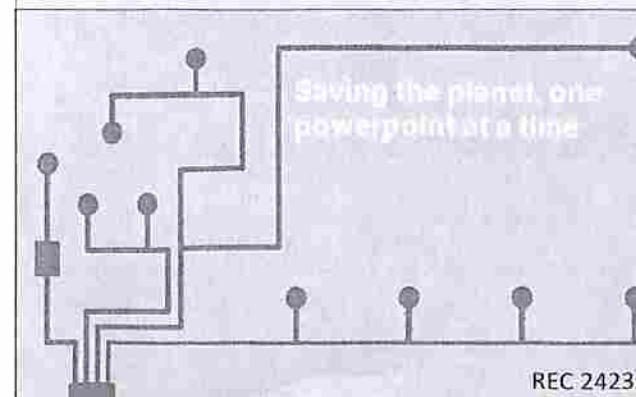
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WEATHER COMMENT

THE RAIN OVER THE LAST FEW DAYS WAS REMINISCENT OF THE DAYS GONE...

I didn't need to wait for the last rain event, so, computer operator notwithstanding, this article should be on time. The rain over the last few days was reminiscent of the days gone by when waterproofs were the order of the day as we checked our lambing ewes. Not needed much these days. The rain gave us 40mm over the last few days and together with another 18mm since my last article has given us 58mm for the month, a very useful total.

An interesting item I picked up from the media lately is that because of the cloudy days, evaporation has been lower which allows better use of the rain we have had. As you may know I am an avid watcher of the weather segment of "Landline" and out of that also comes some unusual figures. The movement in the SOI gives an interesting look at how this figure changes as we seem to be approaching an El Nino event. Over a period of about three weeks this



index rose from a minus reading to a positive reading and back to a minus one. Quite scary really. Snow fell in some areas locally but not in Lancefield.

Not a great deal to report from the farming front. The ewes should start to lamb at the end of this month and as we have not found a buyer that will keep me occupied for a while. The cattle here appear to have remembered what a bale of hay and a couple of toots from the tractor meant and headed for the hay feeder poste haste. This will help me yard them when the time comes. Markets continue to be strong although lambs have eased a little.

The garden has some flowers in it with flowers like camellias also bulbs are showing up as well as self sown cottage plants. As winter is now half over we should have more to report next month

Robert Green

TOURISM OPERATORS URGED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE **HANGING ROCK REVIEW**

The Victorian Government describes Hanging Rock Reserve as "one of Victoria's most iconic tourist destinations". Tourism Macedon Ranges (TMR) agrees and is preparing to be closely involved with consultations as part of the review of the management of Hanging Rock Reserve being undertaken by the Victorian Government. TMR is seeking feedback from tourism operators in the Macedon Ranges about their priorities for Hanging Rock.

"It is such an important and beautiful natural feature of our shire and it also contributes a large amount to our local economy and employment," says Helen Relph, Chair of Tourism Macedon Ranges. "I urge tourism operators to contact me to discuss how TMR will contribute to the review."

TMR is also encouraging tourism operators in

the Macedon Ranges to contact the consultants, PPB Advisory, directly for more information about how they can be a part of the consultation process. Please contact Catherine at PPB Advisory on 03 9269 4206.

Mary-Anne Thomas, the Labor Member for Macedon, has said, "We want to hear from members of the community and key stakeholders about their concerns and their vision for the future of our area."

The information received from the community through the Hanging Rock review will be used to develop a range of options that provide for sustainable long term management of Hanging Rock and take into account the diverse range of interests in the area.

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- Support the Marketing Panel Chair with reports and updates to the Panel and Board
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- Strong inter-personal skills and an ability to engage with community organisations
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- Excellent organisational skills and be able to work on multiple projects simultaneously
- Ability to attend marketing panel meetings conducted outside of usual business hours

The successful candidate will be paid an hourly rate; the rate will be dependent on skills, competencies, community knowledge and experience brought to the role.

Hours are somewhat flexible within the limitations of already scheduled meetings, events and the like, we would expect there to be, on average, 6 hours' work per week from November - April and in the months of May - October the hours are approximately 10-12 hours per week.

Applications and enquires should be sent by email only to Andrea Knight via marketing@lancefieldromsaybank.com.au. A complete copy of the Position Description is available by email request to marketing@lancefieldromsaybank.com.au

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SUSTAINABILITY

Sustainability is the buzz word around Neighbourhood Houses at the moment. With the assistance of the Shire we have had an assessment done on the Neighbourhood House building (the Old School House) and the Op Shop and The Town House. The assessors, Eco Master, checked every inch of buildings and have prepared us with a report on 'Solutions to Improve the Comfort and Sustainability of Your Home.'

From these reports, and from a number of workshops we have recently attended, The House has prepared a Sustainability Policy and action plan. We will be aiming to work towards running efficient buildings and activities - ones that have the least possible impact on the environment, which we want to preserve, and resources, which need to be saved for future generations.

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CATCHING UP WITH ST. MARY'S PARISH STUDENTS

Fr. Arnold is keen to meet with or hear from youth of St. Mary's Parish. He would like to know what kind of events they would like to see the parish hold. Would students presently at Sacred Heart and Assumption

Colleges welcome periodic get-togethers?

Suggestions of how to celebrate the Parish Feast of St. Mary's on Sunday 13th of September would also be welcome. Any suggestions to initiate a parish webpage or facebook page?

Contact Fr. Arnold: 5429 2130 arnoldheredia2014@gmail.com

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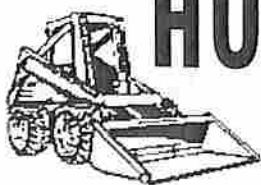
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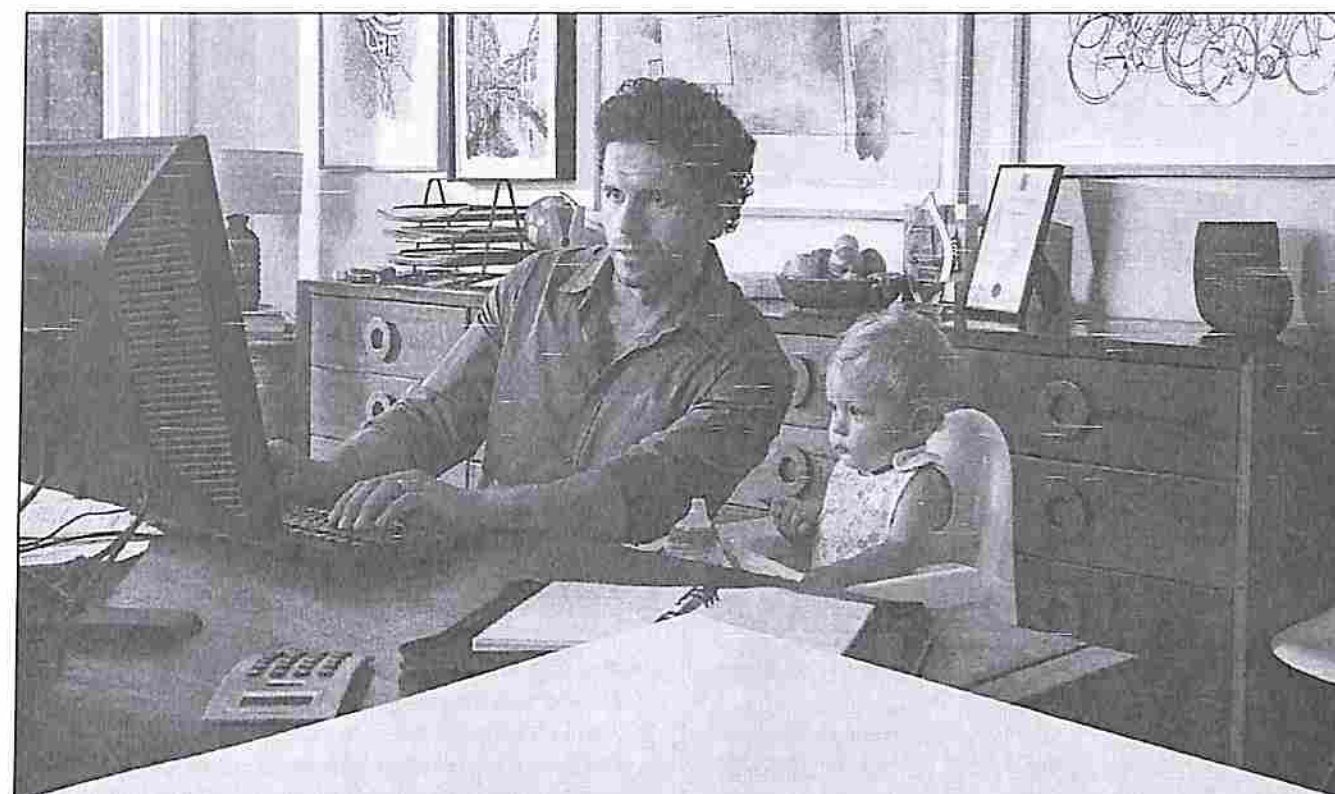
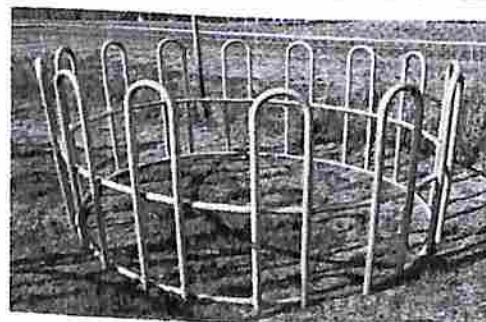
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Lisa's sister Ruthie did not understand him either. "Oh, Skippy, you're a nice dog," she said. "You want a dog biscuit, don't you? Well, here's one for you." Skippy took the dog biscuit and then laid it down on the floor.

Dad did not understand either. "Sure, Skippy," he said. "There's a bone for you out in the garage. I'll get it for you." But when the bone was laid down in front of Skippy he just looked at it. He did not want a bone either.

"I wonder what Skippy wants?" Mum questioned as she turned on the water in the kitchen sink.

Skippy walked over to the sink and whined as he looked at the water. "Maybe he wants some water, Lisa. Check his water dish."

Sure enough, Lisa found the dish completely empty. There was not even a drop! Lisa brought the dish to the sink and

filled it up. Did Skippy's tail wag! At last he had his drink.

We all know that that there is something that is missing in our lives no matter what we possess, no matter how educated we are, no matter how skilled we are.

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ADFAS members from throughout the Macedon Ranges have been enjoying a range of winter arts experiences recently, from great gardens to Russian palaces, with a promise of the Dutch Masters in August.

What makes a great garden? 'It's the X factor,' ASFAS member Christine Reid, a journalist with a passion for gardens, told her ADFAS audience at the Conservatory at Peppers, Hepburn Springs on 29 June.

'It's the atmosphere that makes a garden exciting. It comes from the love that people bring to their gardens,' she said. July's presentation moved us from great gardens to fabulous palaces with European art historian Dr Alexey Makhrov, who fascinated members with 'Summer Palaces of the Tsars'.

Dutch Realists Dr Sophie Oosterwijk will join the ADFAS Flinders Circuit in Australia to address members and guests on 13 August on 'Reflection and Illusion: The Art of Jan van Eyck and his Contemporaries'. She says



The Arnolfini Portrait by Jan van Eyck will come under the spotlight of Dr Sophie Oosterwijk

that we 'may expect to be dazzled by van Eyck's virtuosity in oil paint'.

Her lecture will focus on the illusion of realism in the art of Jan van Eyck and his contemporaries, with reference to Jan van Eyck's Arnolfini Portrait (1434) in the National Gallery in London.

Lancefield resident and ADFAS Committee member, Gidia Timmerman, is looking forward to home hosting Dr Oosterwijk. Details: Time & Place: Thurs. 13 August, Kyneton Town Hall, 7 for 7.30pm. A delicious supper is served afterwards with local wine. Visitors are always welcome.

Cost: \$30 (at the door) single lecture or inquire about a half-yearly membership. More information: Maureen, adfascenvic@gmail.com or Norma, 0419 234 012

Submitted by Norma Aplin,
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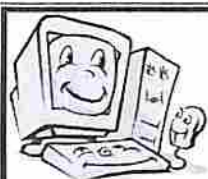
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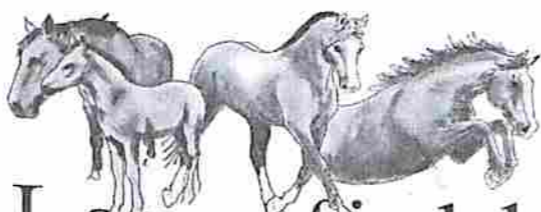
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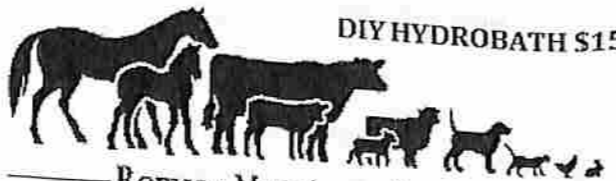
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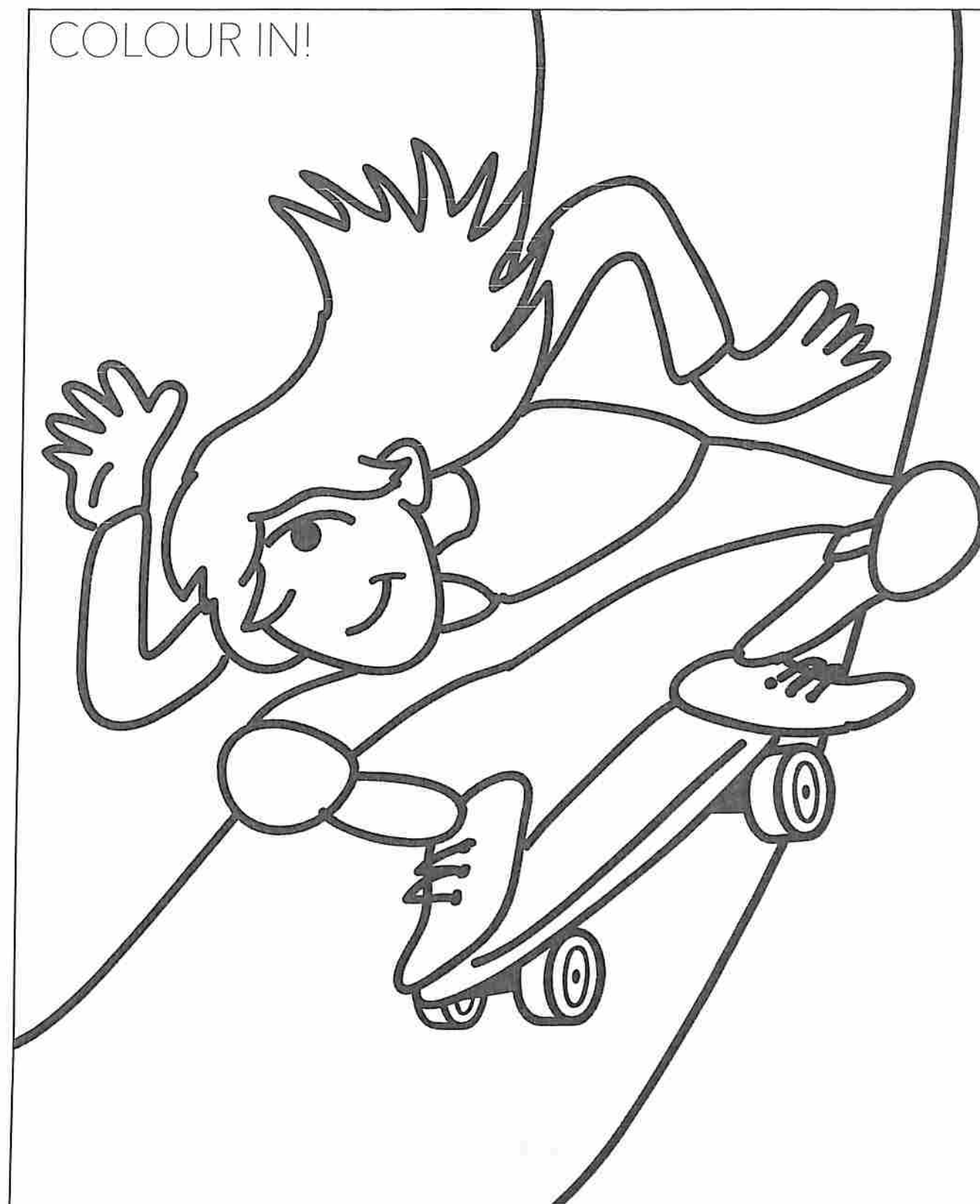
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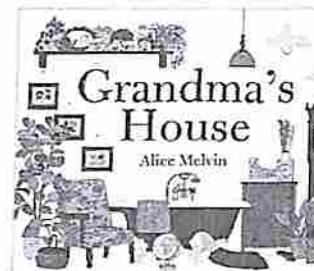
CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOKS



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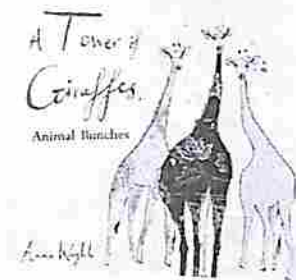
Grandma's House by Alice Melvin RRP \$29.99



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A Tower of Giraffes by Anna Wright- RRP \$22.99

A book that introduces



collective nouns to young children, the pictures in this book are what is likely to capture attention. The animals are shown with different patterns and fabrics, a unique and clever idea. This book is great for all children, especially ones with a wild imagination.

Chasing Feathers by Jodi Blokkeerus RRP \$19.95

There are creatures living in traffic lights that control them for us. This story is about a traffic controller named Yogi and his journey to discover his dreams. Even though he



is faced with hardships, he learns to believe in himself and never give up. This book is great for encouraging kids to chase their ideas and dreams.

ADULT FICTION

Go Set A Watchman by Harper Lee RRP \$45



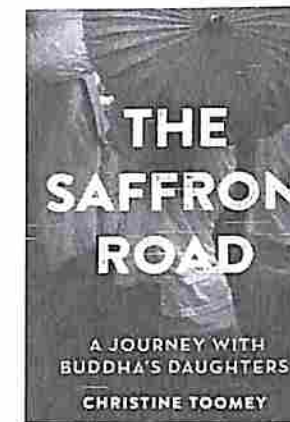
The new novel from Harper Lee has had many punters on the edge of their seats for a while now. Go Set a Watchman is set during the mid-1950s and features many of the

characters from To Kill a Mockingbird some twenty years later. Scout (Jean Louise Finch) has returned to Maycomb from New York to visit her father Atticus. She is forced to grapple with issues both personal and political as she tries to understand both her father's attitude toward society, and her own feelings about the place where she was born and spent her childhood.

NON FICTION/ TRAVEL

The Saffron Road by Christine Toomey RRR \$ 29.99

A brief meeting with a Buddhist nun in India made a deep impression on Christine Toomey. It sent



her on a two year, 60,000-mile odyssey to learn more about the contemporary women choosing in their thousands to become part of a long tradition of female spirituality that stretches back through the centuries and now embraces the radical possibility that the next Dalai Lama could be female. In The Saffron Road, Toomey follows in the footsteps of earlier generations of Buddhist nuns to trace the routes

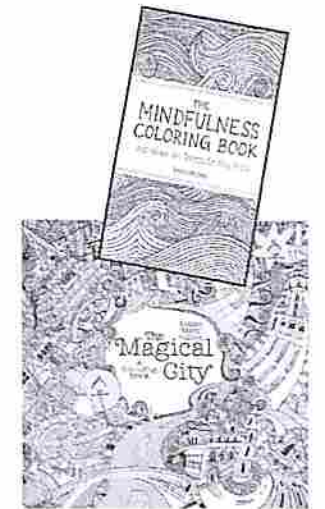
by which the philosophy has spread from a solitary order in a remote area of India in the 5th century BC, via 1950s San Francisco where Zen was popularised by the Beat generation, to the globally-renowned practitioners of mindfulness of today. Combining travelogue, history, interviews and personal reflection, The Saffron Road opens the door to a rarely glimpsed world of ritual, discipline and enlightenment.

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GOLF

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The welcoming rains of this last week have been a boon for us all, not just our hardy winter golf players. The whole of Lancefield and surrounding areas have been given a new lease of life and like us all we hope for continuing winter rains to keep our sporting facilities and gardens looking in great shape as we head towards spring and warmer days.

The turn-up at Saturday golf has been holding up well despite some inclement weather, but that may have had to do with the Men's Match Play competition which has seen our keen golfers striving for the winning position. The final is being played today in intermittent sunshine and with a cool south-easterly blowing. Who will hold their nerve to bring home the championship is anyone's guess but I am sure both Stewie Stevens and Ray Shultz will be putting their best foot forward to ensure they play their best game. We wait with baited breath for the results in the next edition of the Mercury. Men's Monthly Medal winner for July was Steve Draper with a nett score of 70 on a count back from Chris Lingard. Congratulations Steve. It just goes to show that you have to keep up a good game but it helps to play your best right at the end!

The Ladies have been fortunate with the weather

on a Wednesday with golf being played each week. Our expanding little band of 9 holers has been meeting at the course at 10 am for a 10.15 hit off. This gives us all the opportunity to meet at the clubrooms to have lunch together and to announce the winners of the day and inform everyone of future events. We all enjoy the camaraderie of this social group and welcome any new ladies who have been thinking of taking up a new activity. The Monthly Medal winner for July was once again Tina Baker. Well done Tina you have been playing excellent golf lately and currently you are the player to beat. (Can't wait until it's me!) Our 9 hole winner was Denise Collier. Congratulations to you Denise for a game well played. Up-coming events for the Ladies include what is now our annual Arbonne Ladies Tournament to be held on Thursday 24th September. We are once again grateful to Julie Mau for sponsoring this event so come along one and all for a great day of golf with the chance to win really wonderful prizes.

A lot has been happening around the club over the winter months. Those of you who are taking advantage of our wonderful facility by enjoying a round of golf with



friends or as part of the weekly competitions will have noticed a vast improvement to the course in general. Committee members have taken 'ownership' of holes and the general appearance on and around the course is improving weekly. Thank you to our hard-working treasurer Alan Inman who has been working his magic around the greens...painting sponsor's signs, bins, sand holders, seats, directional signs and markers etc. It is the support of volunteers like Alan that enable us to continue to improve all aspects of the club so if you are feeling like a 'day out' and want to be a part of this general beautification of the course then come along to our working bees. The one on Sunday 26th July had people painting the interior of the clubrooms as well as working on the grounds. Our plan is to up-grade the rooms to give us every opportunity to

offer our community another wonderful, well-priced facility which they can hire for events such as birthday parties and other social gatherings.

There will be a Tea and Trivia Night on Friday 14th August. For tickets please ring Carole on 54291026 or Barry on 0419150349. Just a reminder that our first Par 3 Challenge will be played on Sunday 13th September when there will be NTP prizes on each of the 18 holes played. Once again please ring Carole or Barry if you would like to participate in this event. It should be a great social day with lots of opportunity to come up a winner and take home a great prize! For future reference and to remind our members and guest players that the course will be closed on Thursday 29th September to enable the annual coring of the greens and that helpers are required to volunteer on this day to rake them off.

With both the Ladies and Men's 'golf weekends away' being finalized we are once again heartened by the enthusiasm of our members to enjoy all the opportunities this club has to offer and continue to encourage new members or social players to come and join us to partake in a great game. Recently in one of our major daily newspapers there was an article entitled '100 things to do to live to 100'. I am absolutely sure that number 7 (after Give up Smoking) was 'Start playing Golf'. See you all on the course for a hit, especially those 'still sprightly' centenarians!!



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Sunday 9	5.00 pm	Christ Church Lancefield Pie Drive – Closing Date for Orders	Sunday 16	10.30 am	Christ Church Lancefield – Collection date for Pie Drive Orders
Monday 10	8.00 pm	Lancefield-Romsey Deep Creek Landcare Group meeting	Tuesday 18		Combined Probus Club of Romsey and Lancefield two day self-drive
Tuesday 11	7.00 pm	Lancefield Neighbourhood House – Soap Making Course	Wednesday 19		trip to Boort and Wedderburn
Wednesday 12	11.00 am	Lancefield Branch Australian Red Cross Annual General Meeting	Thursday 20	1.30 pm	Christ Church Lancefield – Guild meeting
Wednesday 12	7.00 pm	Macedon Ranges Film Society, Ken Roach's film The Angel's Share	Friday 21	11.30 am	Viennese Masterworks for violin & piano, Kyneton Town Hall
Thursday 13	7.00 pm	Association of Australian Decorative & Fine Arts Society (ADFAS) 'Reflection and Illusion: The art of Jan van Eyck & his Contemporaries'	Saturday 22	6.30 pm	Lancefield Football/Netball Club – 'Hot August Night Reverse Raffle'
Thursday 13	8.00 pm	Christ Church Lancefield, 'Wandering in Wales' Max & Betty Dansey	Saturday 27	9 am-1 pm	Lancefield Farmers' Market
Friday 14	7.30 pm	Grigoryan Brothers, Kyneton Town Hall	Thursday 27	10.00 am	Romsey-Lancefield Probus Club – Don Gray on 'A Fortunate Life'
Friday 14	7.00 pm	Lancefield Golf Club – Tea and Trivia Night	Monday 31	5.00 pm	Closing Date: Stronger Communities Program Grants
Friday 14	10.00-4.00 pm	Lancefield Neighbourhood House – Bus trip to Watergardens	SEPTEMBER 2015		
Friday 14	10.00 am	ANZAC Spirit Awards Applications close*	Friday 4	10-4.00 pm	Teldorado Garden, Daffodil Festival Open Garden Scheme
Saturday 15	10-4.00 pm	Lancefield Neighbourhood House – Soap Making Course	Saturday 5	10-1.00 pm	Lancefield Neighbourhood House – Sourdough Bread Making
Saturday 15	9.00 am	Lancefield-Romsey Social Singles dinner	Wednesday 9	6.30 pm	ANZAC Spirit Awards ceremony Romsey-Lancefield RSL
			Saturday 12	1.30-4.00 pm	Lancefield Neighbourhood House – Angelic Whisperings
			Sunday 13	Lunch	St Mary's Parish Feast Day BBQ
			Sunday 13		Lancefield Golf Club Par 3 Challenge
			OCTOBER 2015		
			Sunday 18	9-5.00 pm	Lancefield Agricultural Show!



CHANGE TO **WATER** SUPPLY

Bore water has been reintroduced to Lancefield water supply this month.

Western Water General Manager of Customer and Community Relations Graham Holt said the Lancefield supply had been 100% surface water since March, using water made available through the Romsey-Lancefield pipeline connection to Western Water's broader supply network. "However, poor inflows in 2015 have seen the surface water levels drop in local reservoirs. Using some bore water in the Lancefield supply system will preserve local surface water until the reservoir levels recover."

Mr Holt said the amount of bore water in Lancefield's supply will be around a third of the overall supply.

With low proportions of bore water in the supply, it is unlikely that customers will notice any changes to the taste or odour of their water, Mr Holt said.

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PARTNERSHIP WITH CAFES TO CHOOSE TAP

When you consider that a thousand litres of water from the tap typically costs less than \$2, drinking tap water really is the best choice for your health, the environment and your hip pocket. For this reason, Western Water has developed an exciting new hospitality partnership program with cafes and restaurants across our service region as part of our Choose Tap program. General Manager of Customer and Community Relations Graham Holt said he's been delighted with the support Western Water has received for the Choose Tap program from customers.

"Almost 50 cafes have signed a partnership agreement with us to provide and promote tap water in their premises."

Mr Holt said Lancefield was already a leader in the program with three partner cafes: The Aspy, MAD Gallery and Lancefield Bakery.

"Next time Lancefield residents are visiting one of these local cafes, look out for the Choose Tap sign, the glass bottles on the table as well as other information about why you should choose tap."

Mr Holt said the program was open to any hospitality business in the region and plans were also underway to expand the program into all local businesses to encourage workers to drink more tap water during the day.

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Player name: Stephanie Hammond
 Favourite Position: Centre because I love being able to attack and defend
 Nickname: Moo
 What's for breakfast before a game? Cereal or fried eggs
 Favourite team: Lancefield Tigers or Vixens
 How long have you played for the Tigers? First season
 What grade do you play? U/11
 Who is your favourite person at the club? Erin because she is fun and I love hanging out with her



Player name: Tarnee Hammond
 Favourite Position: Wing Attack (WA) or Goal Shooter (GS) because I prefer attacking more than defending
 Nickname: Tarn
 Whats for breakfast before a game? A milo and an apple
 Favourite team: Vixens
 How long have you played for the Tigers? Second season
 What grade do you play? U/15
 Who is your favourite person at the club? Stacey because she's my main coach and she helps me out a lot.



Player name: Jack Dagleish
 Favourite Position: Ruck
 Nickname: Blue
 What's for breakfast before a game? Bacon and eggs on toast
 Favourite team: Carlton
 How long have you played for the Tigers? 7th season, since U9s
 What grade do you play? U/14
 Who is your favourite person at the club? Riley O because he's a gutsy player, he always puts in and he cracks me up



Player name: Kobe Memmolo
 Favourite Position: Centre half forward
 Nickname: Kobe
 Whats for breakfast before a game? Bacon and eggs
 Favourite team: Hawthorn
 How long have you played for the Tigers? 7th season, starting in U9s
 What grade do you play? U/14, 2015
 Who is your favourite person at the club? Riley and Harry