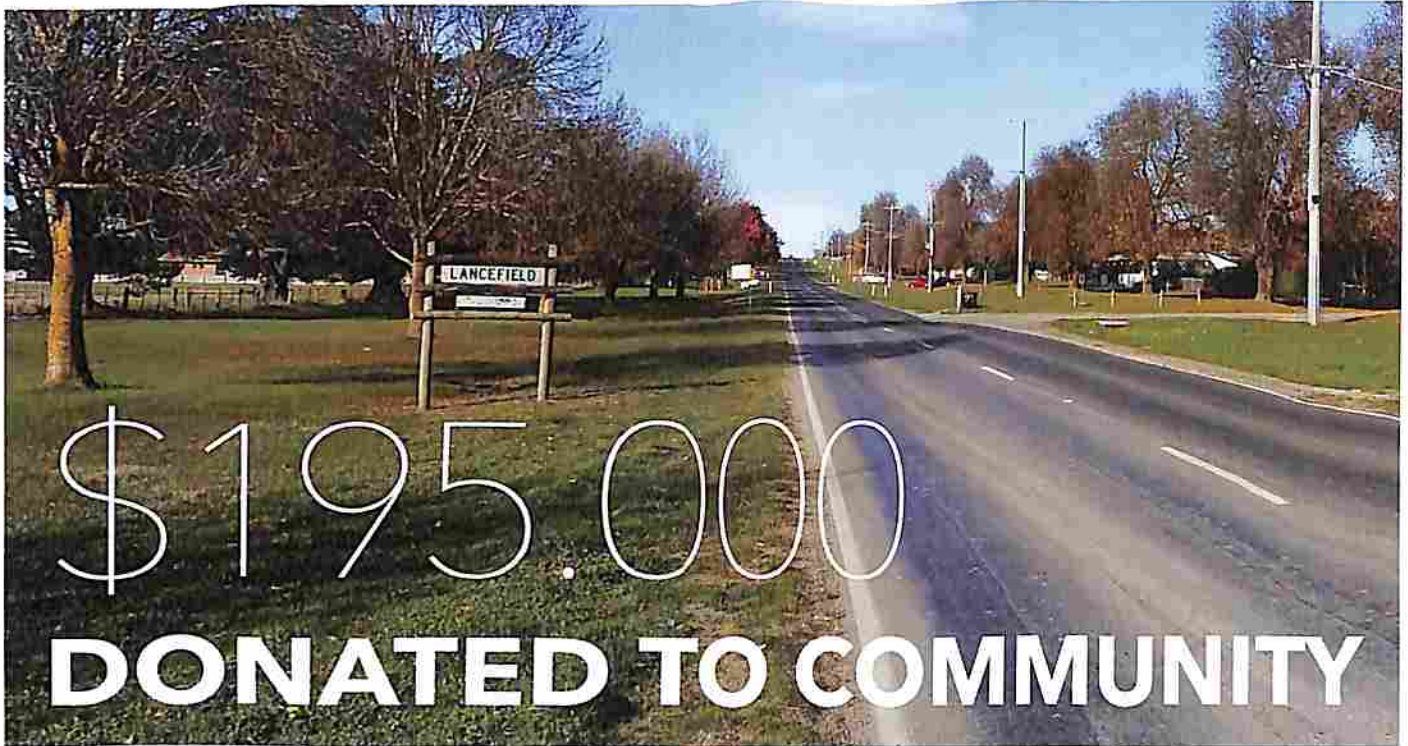


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All the profits raised at Opportunity Knocks – the Lancefield Op Shop – are used for 'whole' community projects in Lancefield and this has added up to \$195,000 to date.

Opportunity Knocks is run entirely by volunteers and is stocked entirely by community donations. Hundreds of bargains have been purchased and people have been able to buy everything there, including the kitchen sink!

Thank you to everyone who has ever donated items or shopped at the Op Shop, and of course the volunteers – together you have created something truly amazing for Lancefield.

PROJECTS THE OPPORTUNITY SHOW HAS CONTRIBUTED SO FAR ARE:

Primary Schools Swimming Classes
Donation to Lancefield CFA
Donation to Springfield CFA
Lancefield Food Bank
Mechanics Hall Sound System
Donation to Relay for Life
Lancefield Primary Breakfast Club
Lancefield Park Walking Track
St Marys Primary Literacy Program
Lancefield Primary Chook House
Lawn Mower for Lancefield Park
2010 Christmas Carnival



Lancefield Mens Shed
Defensive Driving Course for young (ongoing)
14 Defibrillators for the community
Lancefield CFA Shed
Fire Alert printing on calendar
St Mary's Men's Breakfast
Royal Children's Hospital donation
Ambulance Auxiliary
Television
Youth Space Blinds
CFA thank you to families lunch
Skate Ramp bus trip
Community Christmas Lunch
Community BBQ bain-marie & urn
Volunteer Training
Christmas Carols Evening
Park Fitness Track
Anzac Morning Tea
Primary Schools Support Program
Gift to Community Groups
Church Restoration donation x 3

Total contributions \$195,000





More of Toby!

WEATHER COMMENT

Well, winter is certainly with us with a big change in weather systems since my last article. Our records here show 16 recordings and 81mm of rain over this period. Towards the end of June there were 9 consecutive rainfall measurements and while they were not large falls this situation has not been usual for some time. As I travelled the paddocks this morning I was surprised to see that many of the gutters and gullies were still not running so most of the rain has soaked in and will replenish the subsoil moisture for later in the season. The steers have settled in well and are enjoying their weekly round bale of hay. The ewe weaners are continuing to thrive but it appears that we have a problem with the older ewes as we have not had any more lambs and this needs to be investigated to find the reason.

It seems that we should have a good season once the temperature starts to rise and this should be sometime next month as the days get longer. The weather has not been very conducive for gardening but most of our roses are now pruned and we are starting to see early varieties of daffodils and jonquils putting up some flowers as well we spotted a snowdrop yesterday so it is all starting to happen. The photo of Toby caused some comments from people I met and he is now something of a celebrity

Robert Green



HUNDREDS OF TREES PLANTED

On Thursday 19th June members of Deep Creek Landcare attended the field day with Melbourne Water and Salesian College where approximately 600 trees were planted. On Friday July 25th members helped plant at Lancefield Primary School for school world tree day.

Deep Creek Landcare has made a donation of \$500 to Macedon Ranges Indian Myna Action Group toward more traps for the area mainly in Romsey and Lancefield.

Next meeting will be 11th August and then 8th September in the annex at the Mechanics Hall Lancefield at 8pm All welcome

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THE SPRING SHOW IS NEARLY HERE

I hope that you are all crafting and baking away in preparation.

Our annual Lancefield CWA Spring Show promises to be bigger and better than ever this year, with new stalls of CWA cookbooks and merchandise for sale and of course the ever tempting morning tea and lunches cooked on location.

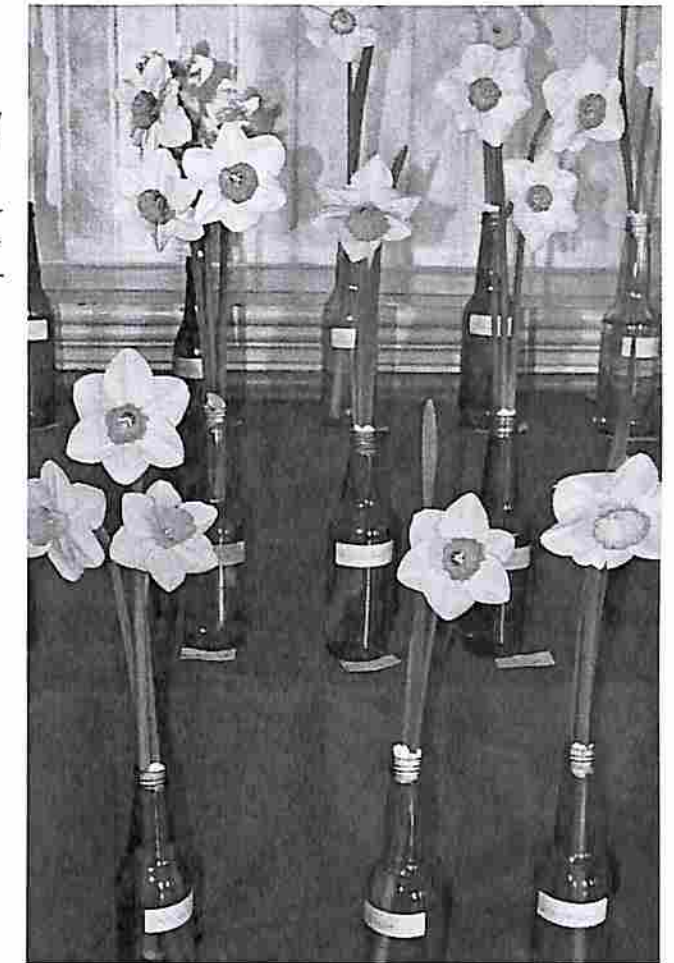
Keep an eye out for our newly jazzed up programs which can be found at retailers in Lancefield and of course the Neighbourhood House. In this year's program you will also find a helpful hint and tip sheet to ensure that you are putting your best foot forward when entering your prized goods.

When is it? Friday 12th and Saturday 13th of September 2014 in the Lancefield Mechanics Hall.

Stay tuned for the finer details in the September Mercury where you will get one last reminder to get your entries in.

If you have any queries please don't hesitate to phone Meaghan on 0439 381 977.

Meaghan Keogh



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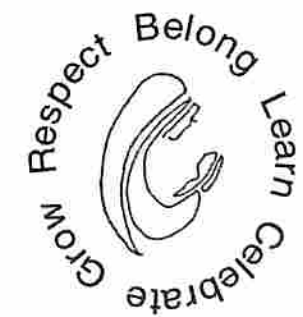


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FARMERS' MARKETS IN AUGUST

- 2nd - Woodend community farmers' market - cnr High & Forest Sts- 0487 744 090
- 9th - Kyneton farmers' market - St Pauls Park, Piper Street - 54 221 025
- 16th - Riddells Creek farmers' market - Primary School - 0419 523 324
- 23rd - Lancefield & district farmers' market - High Street - 0407860320

It may be Winter, but the selection at our local markets is still fantastic! Bring your own bags, baskets & trolleys! Friendly dogs are welcome on a leash. Free face-paint for the kids. Buskers welcome.

Meggs Hannes
Coordinator of
Lancefield & District Farmers' Market

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LANCEFIELD FIRE BRIGADE

IMPORTANT REMINDER!

I will start with an important message that, although it has been written about before it has become necessary to remind our residents of the correct procedure for the reporting of any situations that require the attendance of the Brigade. The first thing to do is call 000 and only 000 and when prompted ask for FIRE BRIGADE.

You will then be asked for the exact location of the particular incident that you are reporting. It is very important to be very precise with your information. The names and if applicable street number or rural road number will be of great assistance to the operator taking your call who has to locate the incident on a computer screen and then call out the appropriate Brigade.

You will also be asked the names of the nearest cross street or road as a further aid to the location of the incident be it fire or road accident or any other cause of concern. If you are in an unfamiliar area a moment or two to get the details correct can be of assistance. This reminder was brought to our attention by a call out to a local incident that proved difficult to locate. PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

A further reminder to call only 000 and not any brigade member as this can only lead to delays in notifying the Brigade. Burn offs should be notified to 1800 668 511 and this can prevent the brigade from being turned out for a false



alarm. THANK YOU.

As usual we invite residents to visit the Station on a Sunday morning to meet with our members and see how we operate .

Stuart Mustey Captain

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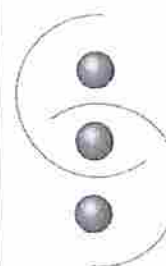
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ENTERTAINMENT AT THE KYNETON TOWN HALL

Macedon Ranges Shire Council supports arts and cultural activities in our community through a colourful events, exhibition and workshop program. Upcoming events at the Kyneton Town Hall include:

"Barassi The Stage Show", Saturday 9 August at 8pm

A uniquely Australian story about Ron Barrassi, the iconic Aussie Rules footballer and coach. Barassi takes audiences on a journey through footy history, crossing generations and suburban Melbourne clans. Tickets are \$25, \$22 for concession or \$20 each for groups of eight or more.

"Kisstroyer", Friday 22 August at 8pm

A tribute show featuring classic songs like "God Gave Rock 'n Roll to You", authentic KISS costumes, over 15 KISS guitars, and a light up KISS logo and stairs. Book a table, grab your friends, dig out your glam rock outfits and bring along some nibbles to share for a great night out of fun and music. Tickets are \$39.90 or \$34.90 each for concession/groups of eight or more.

Tickets can be purchased online at mrsc.vic.gov.au/arts/buytickets, in person at Council service centres, or by contacting the box office on 1300 888 802.



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2014 LANCEFIELD AGRICULTURAL SHOW

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF OCTOBER!



The Lancefield Show is always held on the third Sunday of October. This year that will be the 19 October. The Committee are planning a day with all the wonderful events that make Lancefield a great Agricultural Show with something for everyone.

There will also be some exciting new activities and a focus on showcasing some of our local businesses and community groups. Judging of the cattle, sheep, poultry and rabbits takes place at the beginning of the Show and you can see what won the ribbons throughout the day.

The Horse and Pony Club events will be running all day, as will the tractor pull, wood chop, rides, homecrafts display

and children's entertainment. You can fit in seeing all these in-between watching the harness horses, wild action zoo, children's stage, motorbike displays, terrier races and dog high jump and hopefully have some time to eat some of the delicious food that will be available.

To find out everything that is happening at the Show visit our new website www.lancefieldshow.org.au

If you would like to have a stall at the Show email lanshow1@hotmail.com for a booking form. There is a heavily reduced stall fee for local businesses.

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KYNETON HOSPITAL BIRTHING UNIT

Kyneton hospital birthing unit is opening its doors on Thursday, August 7th at 7pm to hold a maternity supper meet and greet. The evening is to give pregnant women a chance to meet their local midwives and to talk about options for care during pregnancy and childbirth.

Kyneton hospital provides a quiet and safe birthing facility for families from the Macedon Ranges and Hepburn shires and Sunbury.

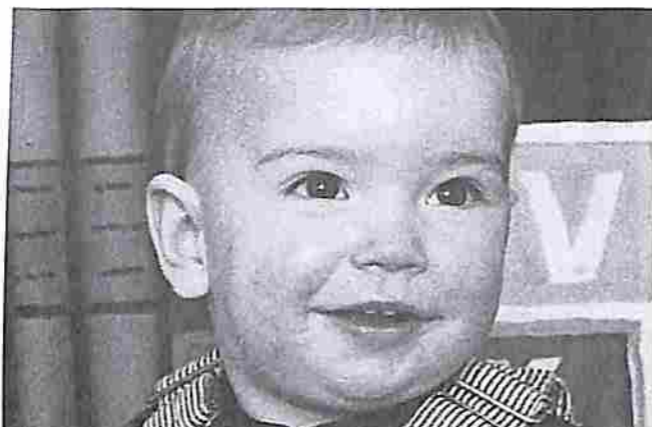
Community members are invited to come and meet the skilled midwifery team, and find out

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The midwives are a small team with over 100 years of midwifery experience. Working with GP obstetrician Dr Tim Stobie, Kyneton maternity service provides individualized care within the public health system. Childbirth and breastfeeding education is provided during pregnancy, with a lactation consultant available for appointments and home visits after birth. Kyneton is accredited as a breastfeeding friendly health service.

Families will also be taken on a tour to see the family



centered postnatal rooms, designed so that fathers/partners stay after the birth. Each family stays in a private room after the birth to promote rest, recovery and bonding.

Midwives Frances, Cath, Helen, Sam, Lisa and Elvira are keen to meet expectant families and hear what they would like from their maternity care, and to share the fantastic local service available right here in our own community.

For further information ph 5421 2840 or email earthstar@kynetonhealth.org.au

CYCLISTS: LIGHT UP THE ROAD



Bike Safe Macedon Ranges winter visibility campaign asks cyclists to Light Up the Road. The campaign is sponsored by a Gisborne & District Community Bank community grant and Macedon Ranges Signs. It was created in response to requests from both cyclists and motorists, following feedback from an on line safety survey Bike Safe recently conducted.

Cyclists can increase their visibility by wearing clothing that stands out against the road during the day and by wearing reflective clothing at night.

Front white light and rear red light clearly visible for at least 200 metres are legally required at night and in poor visibility conditions: lights in these conditions significantly

increase cyclists' safety.

Bike Safe also encourages cyclists to use a rear red flashing light day and night to increase their visibility on the road.

Motorists should expect to see cyclists on any road in our region, they could be in the next roundabout, at the next intersection and around the next bend.

Look for cyclists and see them, their safety depends upon motorists being alert to their presence.

Margaret Douglas
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What really happened to Harry Lime? That's the question asked by Holly Martins in the 1949 film *The Third Man*. In Allied-occupied Vienna, he looks for Harry only to find that he has been killed by a speeding car days before Holly's arrival in the city. When it is suggested to Holly that he leave town, his suspicions are aroused. Splendid performances by Joseph Cotten, Alida Valli, Orson Welles and Trevor Howard add to tense atmosphere of this film.

Some 15 years after the *Third Man* was made, a French musical film called *The Umbrellas of Cherbourg* lit up the screen. Directed by Jacques Demy and starring Catherine Deneuve, the story revolves around Madame Emery and her beautiful 16-year-old daughter who sell umbrellas from their tiny boutique in the coastal town of Cherbourg in Normandy. Of course, there is a hero and he is young and dashing and handsome, but the path to happiness for our lovers is not always smooth. The film's music was written by Michel Legrand and all the film dialogue is sung.

The Macedon Ranges Film Society meets on the second Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. in the Woodend Community Centre. Film notes are provided and for those



who wish, there is supper, kindly supplied by members, following the screening. MRFS is a membership-based club so that first contact must be made by emailing mrfilmsociety@gmail.com or by phoning Lorraine on 5427 0921 or Christine on 5429 5452.

Christine Caley.



VANESSA'S GARDEN

GROW YOUR OWN STAPLES - POTATOES

In the past, growing your own potatoes was the preserve of those lucky enough to have a big vegetable plot but there are a couple of proven methods of growing them in containers that you might like to try.

Before anyone says it – I know it's far too early to plant potatoes – but it's not too early to prepare the ground or get your container ready.

I love growing potatoes – gotta love a hefty baked potato in winter and then the first small, fresh golden salad ones from the early harvest. And half the fun is the lucky dip treasure hunt of carefully digging around to find the buried gold (or blue, red and even purple....).

You can order tubers now but personally I feel that where we are, it's still a wee bit early and you'll need to store them somewhere dry and dark until early spring. Around here of course we can get frosts until Cup Day but the trouble with waiting until then to plant potato tubers is that it can start to get hot quite quickly, meaning your young plants are starved of that early chance to get firmly rooted before the dry sets in.

It's Hobson's choice really – plant early and risk frost, or wait and risk seeing them struggle. I tend to plant in October and have plenty of cover available in case of a late frost – fleece is effective and widely available but needs to be carefully placed and secured as it floats away on the merest breath of wind and tears quite easily.

IN THE VEGGIE PATCH

Don't work your soil when it's very wet as that will just compact it but you can fork in a light dressing of compost or well-aged cow manure. If working a wide bed use a plank to stand on as that will help spread your weight and minimise compaction.

Use a dibber to plant tubers if you have one – it's not really worth buying one if you don't because you can use a small trowel just as well. My dibber is a family heirloom, well over 80 years old but it's just a pointed stake about an inch thick and foot long with a small handle at the other end. It does a great job of making a potato sized hole about 4-6 inches deep (I suppose that's about 10cm in new money).

Leave a couple of feet (about 30cm) between tubers and about the same or a little more between rows.

Sprinkle with some good all-round fertiliser such as

blood and bone; give 'em a drink and keep an eye on them. If the soil looks like it is drying out (for instance if we do get that El Nino) then you'll need to keep them moist. But not wet as that will lead to rot.

Generally aim to plant around late September/early October but remember the need for protection unless your vegetable garden is very well sheltered indeed

CONTAINER GROWING

You can get purpose made 'potato bags' or sacks but it is just as easy to make your own. One method is to stake some chicken wire in a cylinder about 3 feet/1 metre in diameter; or use a black plastic garbage bin (you'll need to pierce it for drainage) or similar. Fill the bottom with good compost or a soil/compost mix, place 4 tubers on the soil, just cover with more soil/compost and top that up with straw, manure and a sprinkle of fertiliser.

Just as soon as the growing tips are about 2 cm above the cover, add more straw/manure/compost so that just the leaf tips show and repeat until harvest or your container is full, whichever comes first.

You'll need to make sure the container doesn't dry out but, again, aim for moist rather than wet.

HARVEST

Once the plant has flowered, look for the first signs of leaf yellowing and that's the time to get your new potatoes. If you want to maximise your crop don't dig the plant up at this stage. Instead root around very gently for the baby new potatoes which should be fairly near the surface, and leave the deeper ones to mature. Once the plant looks like it is really dying off stop watering and harvest the larger potatoes once the plant has completely died.

Harvest a wire container by dismantling it (reuse the compost and straw as mulch). A bin will need to be gently dug out or tipped on its side.

You may leave the main crop harvest in the ground for 10 days or so to help the skins thicken, which helps them store better. Don't leave it too long or grubs will have a feast instead of you. Once dug up store your crop in potato sacks, somewhere ventilated (so they don't sweat) and out of direct sunlight.



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Locally made long handled shoe horns are a must for anyone finding it hard to bend down to get their shoes on. There are also the wooden toys the Mens Shed make and too many other things to list here.

CRAFTY AFTERNOONS

We even provide the time for you to get creative with Wednesday afternoon set aside at the Neighbourhood House for crafty people to do their work and enjoy some company

while doing so.

The Spinning Group starts at 11am and for anyone wanting to make poppies for the ANZAC Centenary this will be the focus from 2-3pm. Drop in at any other time of the day to work on your own projects or learn something from the experience in the group.

TAX HELP

Phone the House on 5429 1214 for appointments to assist you with your basic tax return.

FIRST AID

Numbers permitting we will be running a First Aid certificate course in August. If you would like to do the course or are due for an update please contact us ASAP to register your interest.

BACK TO BASICS

We are running the four workshops again this term and if

you are at all interested then book soon so you don't miss out. The workshops include making your own cleaning products, baking cakes and biscuits, easy bread making and learning about the Community Exchange. Each workshop is being run on a Tuesday or a Saturday.

These workshops aim to help us reduce our budget and the chemicals in our life without having to take up too much of our time. See the program brochure or phone for dates and times.

COMMUNITY GYM - IS IT POSSIBLE?

We have just received the final report for the study done to see if a gym in Lancefield is feasible.

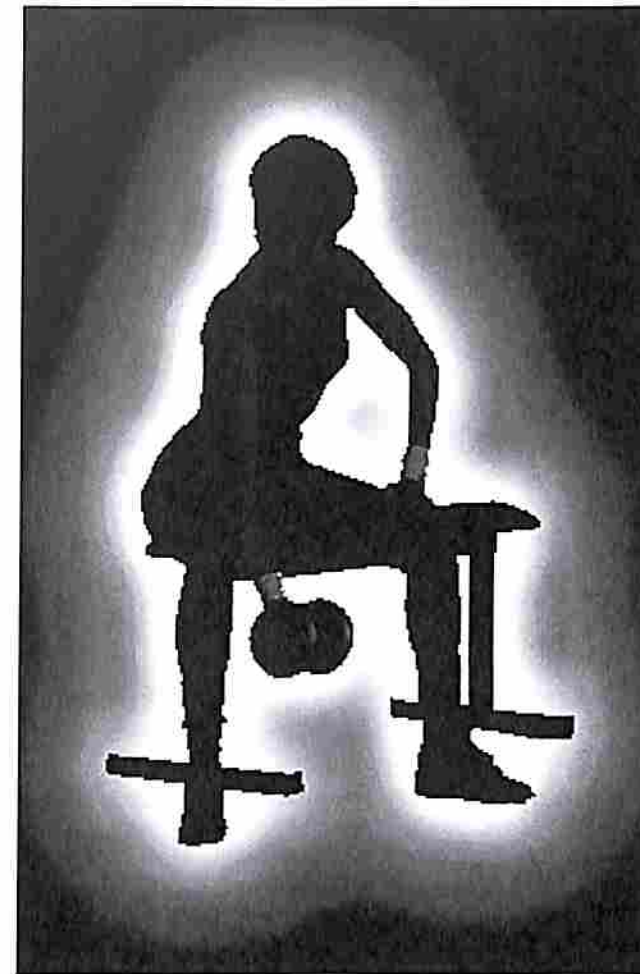
The report was funded by the Shire Community Grants last year. The next step is to establish a working party and gather enough interested people to see if we can make it a reality.

Please phone the House on 5429 1214 or email us at lancefieldhouse@tpg.com.au if you would like a copy of the report or would like more information.

HOUSE HISTORY

A group of volunteers have been scrapbooking all the photos, flyers and articles that have collected over the Houses' 25 year history.

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But this is not how God meant His creation to live with one another, rather it is how Satan, the Evil One, wants us to live. In Greek there are three different words for love - eros - romantic love; philia - brotherly love; agape - Christian love through Christ's living Presence.

The indwelling Presence of His Holy Spirit gives believers the power to love, as Jesus loves. Jesus commanded believers to love one another, then to love our neighbours as ourselves, even our neighbours who may be completely different to us, of another race and culture and then

He went another step further, He commanded us to love our enemies, even those who persecute us and spitefully use us. This is happening to Christians in our world right now, murdered, tortured, raped, churches and homes burnt down.

Where does it all start? From sinful, fallen human nature sowing unworthy thoughts, leading to unkind words or snide remarks directed towards a person who is in some way different to us, then feelings deepen into greater acts of alienation.

Imagine such behaviour happening in our quiet little town of Romsey - a hurtful remark, a stone thrown through your window, narrowly missing your head and smashing your T.V. set! Hard to imagine isn't it! It could happen!!

We need to be on our guard and careful to obey the command of Jesus to, "Do to others what you would have them do to you."

St. Francis of Assisi prayed, "Where there is hatred, let me sow love." Let us all by God's grace pray this prayer too.

"This is love, not that we loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we ought also to love one another." 1John 4:20-21.

JULY 2014 - IN RETROSPECT

We farewelled our loved vicar of nearly four years, Rev. Bill Carroll at a dinner in the Lancefield Mechanics Hall at the end of June where he was presented with a lovely Alpaca rug and an interesting small clock made by a Mr. W. Carroll.

The clock was set in a rejuvenated old tram red gum block used on tram lines. He has returned to his home in Coff's Harbour and is recovering now from the first of three operations he has to have.

Our Church and Community were deeply shocked by the accidental death of Elaine and George Lobb's beloved son, David, at Rochester. Our love and sympathy goes out to them and all the family and our prayers that the God of all comfort will comfort them in this time of distress.

A.M.S., the men's group, enjoyed a snooker evening at Mrs. Marj. Davis' home.

We were pleased to welcome the Rev. Graham Perkins and his wife Ros. into our Parish family to conduct our services for this month.

AUGUST DIARY

August is SNOWBALL month and AMS is selling bags @ \$2 each for their Bill Brady Welfare Fund.

Diocesan AMS had a very successful Book Fair at Oakleigh raising over \$4000 for the Welfare Fund.

Thurs. 21st 1,30pm The Guild meets at Mrs. F. Carter's home Monegeetta. Enquiries Glenice 5429-6418.

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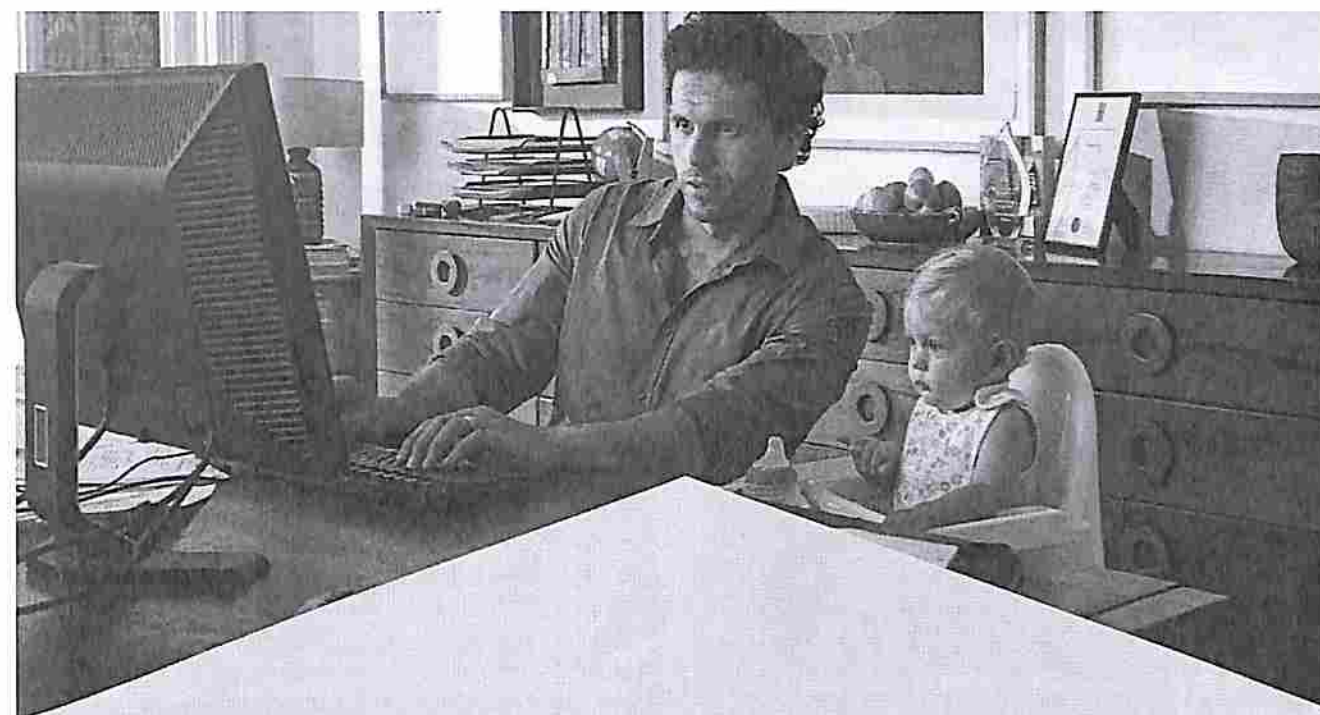
Thurs, 16th September 1,30pm Special Afternoon.. Speaker Ian Wallbridge, Mission House Coordinator of Anglicare. Donation \$6. Raffle, Supporting Victoria's needy.

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Mr Wiley Lewis and companions took home a meal with Soltan Pepper as a prize. The losing group, Nirvana (or come as you are) shared a bounty of the sustainable toilet paper 'Who Gives a Crap' and some lolly bags from Nestle.

There was some fierce competition in the silent auction room for a number of quality donations from our sponsors, principally a magnolia tree from Mt William Advanced Tree Nursery, a crystal glass set and wine from Mt William Winery and the fitness voucher from You Can Do.

The contestants would have brought some smiles as they carried these items home late that cold winters' evening. Particularly the person who won the 1 meter high pink flamingoes donated by one of the Primary School's staff.

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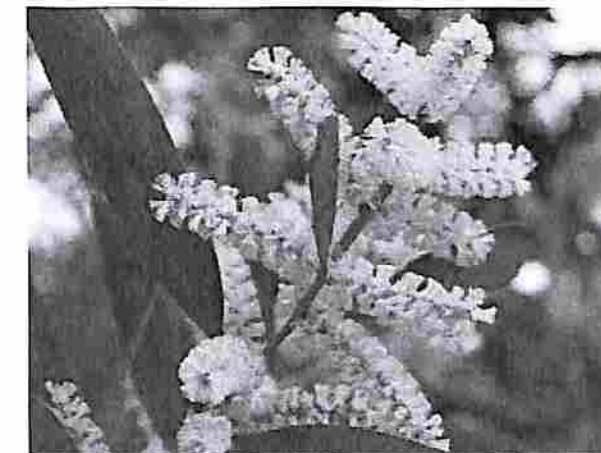
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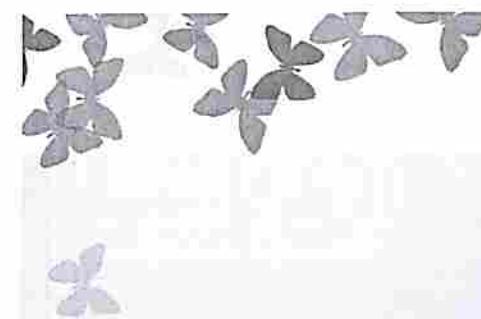
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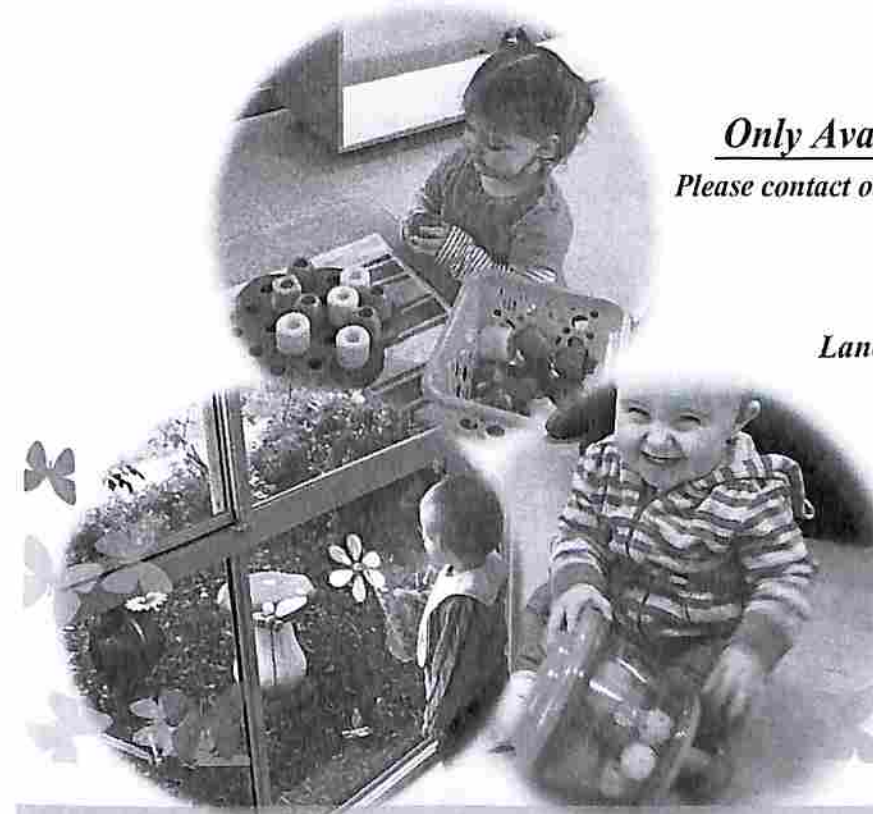
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ENROL TO VOTE SAYS MEMBER FOR MACEDON

According to a recent Australian Survey on Political Engagement, Australians believe in the principles of our democratic system, but they are mostly not engaged in politics. Thankfully this disengagement was not evident at the recent Q & A style debate at the Gisborne U3A. I was fortunate to be part of the panel that discussed "Is the present method of voting for the Australian Senate the best, or even the only way to ensure a fair democratic outcome for the whole community?" It was a lively and entertaining event, with over 100 people attending. Questions were put from the audience about the complexity of the Senate ballot paper, where preferences go, how to determine who the candidates are, the general political process and was compulsory voting the best way forward for democracy?.

What did become evident at the forum, and this has been borne out by surveys, is while we hold the ideals of the democratic political process in high regard, we have a healthy degree of scepticism for politicians and the major parties!

The U3A group is obviously politically aware but what is of concern is the lack of interest in the political process by young voters. The oldest age group of voting age ie 65+ is about twice as politically active as the youngest age group, those 18-24. While there are pockets of political activism among this age group, they are strongly values-driven and their attachment is to issues rather than traditional political organizations. Young Australians are failing to enrol to vote. This is not a new problem, but the gap appears to have widened in recent elections and we're

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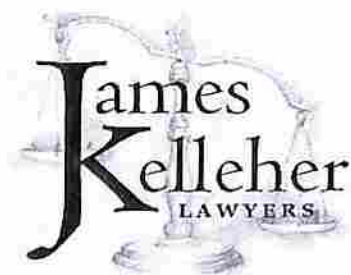
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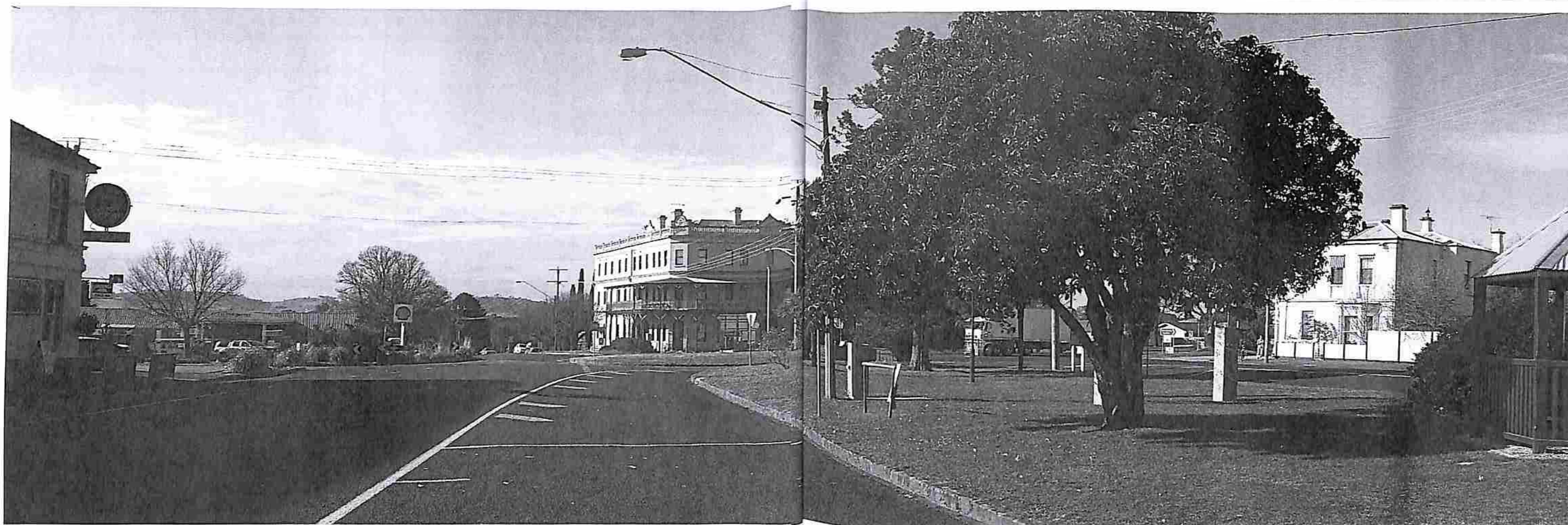
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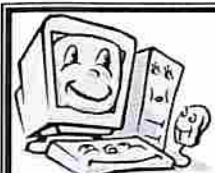
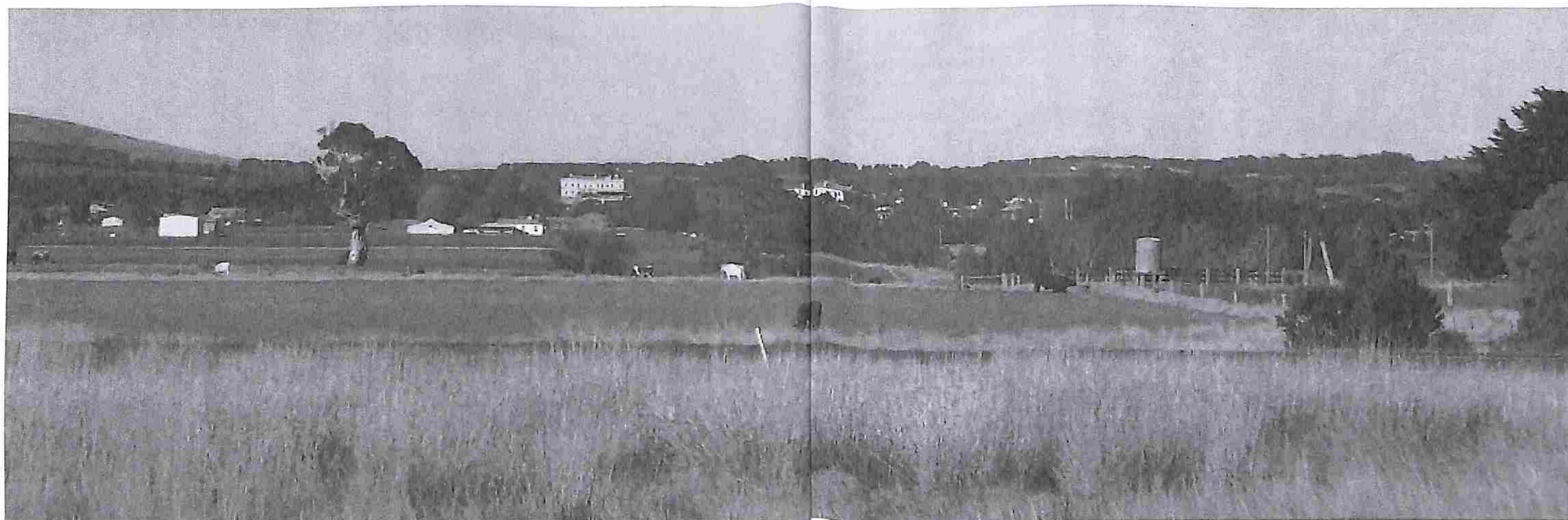
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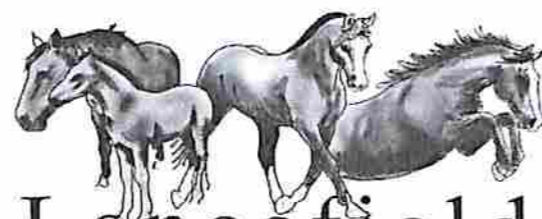
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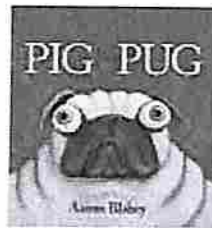
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Walk this World by Lotta Nieminen RRP \$29.99

Beautiful book introducing children to different cultures around the world by combining rhyme and



more than 80 lift up flaps to create an enjoyable read.

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

Mindors by Michelle Jaffe RRP \$19.99 Reviewed by Abbie Bennetts



Mindors is a young adult fiction novel set in Detroit. Sadie Ames comes from a wealthy family and lives what seems to be the perfect life until she is accepted into the elite Mind Corps Fellowship

program and sees life through the eyes of Ford Winters, a troubled and financially struggling boy of a similar age. Sadie, not one to break rules, is surprised to find herself worrying for the safety of Ford, whose mind she has invaded without his knowledge. She finds herself wanting to break all the rules by wanting to see him outside the program. More shockingly, when Ford does something terrible, she wants to protect him and keep it to herself. Torn between her desire to keep Ford safe, and complying with the contract that she signed to be part of the program, she has very difficult decision to make. Mindors has a creative plotline and is a very captivating book,

which makes it difficult to put down.

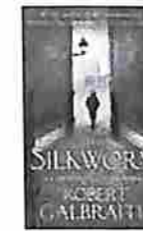
ADULT FICTION



The Cuckoo's Calling by Robert Galbraith RRP \$19.99 *reviewed by Nielson Bookdata

When a troubled model falls to her death from a snow-covered Mayfair balcony, it is assumed that she has committed suicide. However, her brother has his doubts, and calls in private investigator Cormoran Strike to look into the case. Strike is a

war veteran - wounded both physically and psychologically - and his life is in disarray. The case gives him a financial lifeline, but it comes at a personal cost: the more he delves into the young model's complex world, the darker things get - and the closer he gets to terrible danger...A gripping, elegant mystery steeped in the atmosphere of London - from the hushed streets of Mayfair to the backstreet pubs of the East End to the bustle of Soho - The Cuckoo's Calling is a remarkable book. Introducing Cormoran Strike, this is the acclaimed first crime novel by J.K. Rowling, writing under the pseudonym Robert Galbraith.



The Silkworm by Robert Galbraith RRP \$32.99 *reviewed by Nielson Bookdata

When novelist Owen Quine goes missing, his wife calls in private detective Cormoran Strike. At first, she just thinks he has gone off by himself for a few days - as he has done before - and she wants Strike to find him and bring him home.

But as Strike investigates, it becomes clear that there is more

to Quine's disappearance than his wife realises. The novelist has just completed a manuscript featuring poisonous pen-portraits of almost everyone he knows. If the novel were published it would ruin lives - so there are a lot of people who might want to silence him. And when Quine is found brutally murdered in bizarre circumstances, it becomes a race against time to understand the motivation of a ruthless killer, a killer unlike any he has encountered before...A compulsively readable crime novel with twists at every turn, The Silkworm is the second in the highly acclaimed series featuring Cormoran Strike and his determined young assistant Robin Ellacott.



ADULT NON FICTION

Luck of the Irish by Babette Smith RRP \$32.99

This book examines the early colonial life of Australia during the mid 19th century through the eyes of our Irish forebears. Babette Smith shows how the Irish convicts have shaped the Australian culture as we know it today by establishing that "nobody felt better than anybody else, or higher"



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Three men were being chased. Suddenly, they came to a cliff top with the ocean waters far below. Seeing the moon shining brightly in the night sky, they agreed that if they could jump to the moon, they would be safe.

The first man, a cripple, hobbled as fast as he could and leapt from the cliff. He jumped less than a metre before he fell screaming to the jagged rocks below.

The other two men agreed that he hadn't jumped far enough. So the second man, of average fitness, took a running leap. He flew out five metres before he, too, plummeted to the jagged rocks far below.

The last man, the strongest of the three, decided he should take an extra-long run-up to reach the moon. So, at great speed he leapt from the cliff. He soared through the air with outstretched arms in order to reach the moon, but he, too, fell short and plummeted screaming to the jagged rocks below. He had leapt an impressive eight metres; however, he didn't realize that the distance to the moon was 221 463 miles.

The distance between our correctness and moral goodness (righteousness) and God's is greater than the distance between the earth and the moon. It is the distance between imperfection and perfection; the finite and the infinite; the east and the west. It would be easier for us to jump to the moon than work our way into Heaven. No matter how moral or how many good deeds we have done, we will always fall short. If we could earn our own salvation, Christ died needlessly on the cross. We are only saved through faith in Christ and the fact that he died in our place, not by our meagre good deeds.

As Ephesians 2:8-9 states, 'For by grace you have been



saved through faith and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast'.

The big question now is do we accept God's gift or try to leap into Heaven by our own merit? (Romans 3:23)

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- 1 Olde Time Movie Night
- 7 Kyneton Hospital Birthing unit
- 9 Barassi the Stage Show
- 13 Red Cross "Red And White Luncheon"
- 18 Defibrillator training session
- 22 Kisstroyer

OCTOBER

- 19 Lancefield Show



REGULAR MEETINGS

- CFA Sunday morning
- Macedon Ranges Film Society second Wednesday of every month
- Probus every fourth Thursday
- Romsey Region Women's Network every third Thursday
- Lancefield Men's Shed Tuesday and Thursday; Wednesday BBQ.
- Courthouse Archives are open Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
- Wool spinning Wednesdays
- Lancefield Farmers' Market fourth Sunday
- Angel therapy, Angel Cards and mediation – every first Saturday of the month

If you want something included in What's On send the details to editor@lancefieldmercury.org.au before the 15th of the month. If you want something included in What's On send the details to editor@lancefieldmercury.org.au before the 15th of the month

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YEARS 3 AND 4 EXPO 'SIMPLE MACHINES'

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Tahlia Binney and Eliza Newnham creating their simple machine

PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS.

Upcoming events:
 Trivia Night : 13th September St Mary's Lancefield Hall.
 Drive in/Fireworks night 15th November at the Lancefield Park.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to the children who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Sunday 15th June. Thank you



to the parents, students, teachers, Joanne Reuther and Fr Arnold. The ceremony took place in our hall and allowed the children to celebrate the Sacrament together. We look forward to the students joining in weekend Masses

PREP TOY INCURSION.

The Preps attended a workshop during which they learnt about toys from years gone by. They discovered that dolls are one of the oldest toys, originally being made from sticks. During the session students played with a variety of toys using skills such as construction and imagination. This incursion has given the Preps lots of inspiration for the toys they're making with their buddies.

LAND YACHT RACE DAY

Our Senior students have been investigating renewable and non renewable energy sources this term. As part of this unit of work, the students all designed and built 'Land Yachts'. The students spent the morning testing their creations on the basketball courts.

Many parents and grandparents joined us in the hall in the afternoon for our 'Land Yacht Race Day'. Tom Martin did an excellent job as guest 'Race Caller' for the day.





TOY EXPO

At Lancefield Primary School we have had a great end to the term with a Toy Expo in the junior unit Buddies Day and PJ Day.

We would also like to thank all of the local businesses and people who supported our highly successful trivia fundraising night.

