

## CHRISTMAS WITH THE COMMUNITY



Last year's inaugural Carol's evening was a truly delightful event for all who attended. We hope you can all join us this year for a relaxed evening in our beautiful park, listening to some music, watching the children have lots of (free) fun, and enjoying a bbq dinner, expertly cooked by the Neighbourhood House Committee. Join us on the oval, (or in the Laurie Green if raining), from 6-9pm on Friday 12 December.

Jumping castle, face painting, Santa visit, Kyneton Brass Band, bring a picnic dinner or buy dinner from our bbq.

*More from Neighbourhood House on page 8*

# IT'S A MYSTERY?

## WHAT'S IN THE LANCEFIELD "FANCY THAT" COSTUME STORE

Never been to this store? You don't know what you're missing! Chocker block full with fantastic donated items, and continuously updated with newly acquired costumes by our two very dedicated and enthusiastic twins Caroline and Linda, it's a paradise! We have something for everyone in the family - including the family pet!

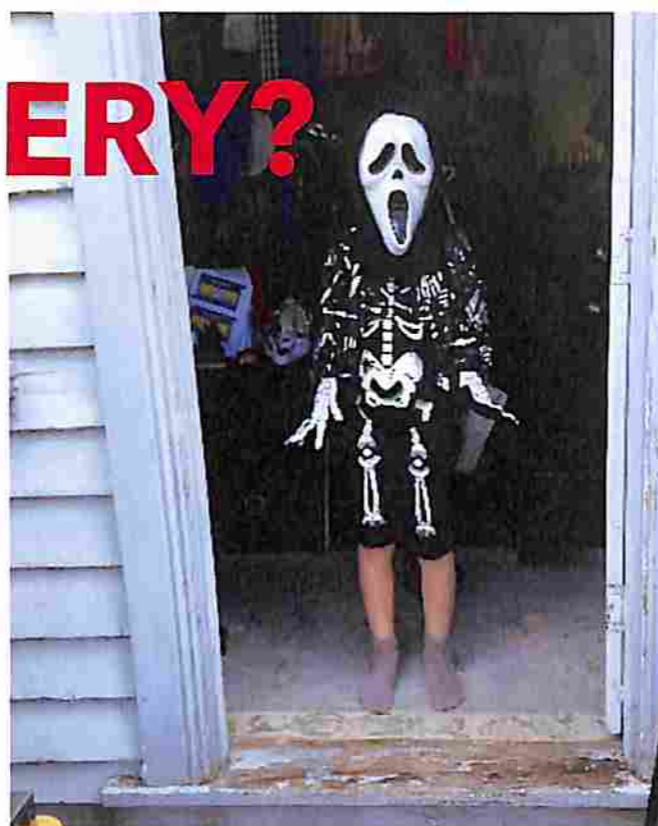
Need a new outfit to wear for a History/Vintage Re-Enactment like the High Tea Parties or Outdoor Picnics of Queen Victoria Era such as "Picnic at Hanging Rock" Dame Nellie Melba, Squizzy Taylor, Ned Kelly, a Ritzy Masquerade Ball, a Teddy Bear's Picnic (try on our ANIMAL Onesies), or a Yee! Ha! Hoe Down & Shin Dig? We've got enough Outback Bushman and American Western Cowboys, Mexican and Native Indian outfits to "Make your day" and have your Crocodile Dundee's waltz over Matilda to fight a Skippy roo or two.

Are you a Video/ Film/Theatre/Festival Director's Wardrobe Gofer looking for an instant Bollywood, a specific themed period costume like Lady Guinevere, King Arthur or Sir Lancelot, the Black Knight, Robin Hood, Maid Marian, Sheriff of Nottingham, a tavern wench, a Viking, a Roman Gladiator, a Roman or Greek Goddess, Aladdin and the 40 thieves and the Sheik's of Kasbah's whole Bollywood harem?

Need to wear a special outfit for a festivity, like Book Week from Alice in Wonderland, Spring Racing Carnivals try our Breakfast at Tiffany's Fascinators & Hats, Oktober Fest, Spooktober or Halloween's Freaky Friday, a Murder Mystery Party or for an Era 1920's, 1940's, 1950's 1960's, 1980's, Party, Carnival or Car Club Crawl?

Whether it's a Ra Ra Flappers dress, a Gangsters stripy suit and spats or a pair of the Age of Aquarius Hippie pants or the Hippie Hippie shake shake dress, TV shows or Famous Movie Star Look- a- Likes such as Dame Edna Average, Marilyn Munroe, Sherlock Holmes, Indiana Jones, Captain Blackbeard, I dream of Jeannie, The Flintstones or that "Special Look" for your favourite charity's Relay for Life, Formal Dinner with the Jet Set, Elvis & the Rock 'n' Rollers or the Strictly Ballroom - Prince and Princess - you can find it at our "Fancy That" Costume Hire store.

And the great part of using our Costume Hire store is that not only will you find that one of a kind item, you help the Op shop, you'll save lots of money, as deposit and hire fees of the costumes and masks vary according to the cost of us having to replace it, its rarity/ authenticity and popularity, and are



a lot cheaper than going to Melbourne. We have a maximum of a whole week's hire out period (if you need a little longer talk to us to see if we can accommodate you) as we have had previous abuses of our generosity with some very dear and popular costumes not returned despite our efforts to retrieve them. So we are now having an AMNESTY for those who still have our costumes, we would like to have them back with no fees or further action, i.e. Snow White (Women), Monster Ink Mike K. (kids), Betty Rubble (Women), Bombshell Policewoman (Navy, Wmn) and Medieval Knight chainmail effect.

### "FANCY THAT" OPENING HOURS ARE:-

Mondays - Closed Thursdays - Closed Sundays - Closed  
Tuesdays - Closed Fridays - 1.30Pm - 5Pm Lancefield  
Farmers Markets Days  
Wednesdays - 1.30Pm - 5Pm Saturdays - 10Am - 2Pm

### We Have Our "Culling Overstock" Sale



# WRITE A LETTER TO SANTA!

If you are old enough to read this we thought you ought to know that Father Christmas has appointed your Lancefield Romsey Lions Club as one of his agents in Australia to help deliver his mail.

Why not let your little boy or girl have the thrill of writing to Father Christmas and receiving a personal non-committal letter by return mail direct from the grand old gentleman's North Pole workshop?

If your child is too young to write to Santa, write a letter for him/her and tell them what you have written.

Or, if you would like your grandchildren, niece, nephew, etc. to receive a letter just send in their details.

It's easy! Here is all you do: Write & send pictures to Santa

Be sure your child's full name and address is written legibly in the letter. (Very important!)

Enclose just a gold coin donation to receive a reply.

\*Your donation will help support our local community projects.



### ADDRESS YOUR LETTER TO:

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Woodend Community Farmers' Market - Sat 6th Dec - 0487444090  
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 Kyneton Farmers' Market - Sat 13th Dec - 54221025  
 Lancefield & District Farmers' Market - Sat 20th Dec - 0407860320  
 Free face-paint for the kids, please bring your own bags baskets & trolleys.  
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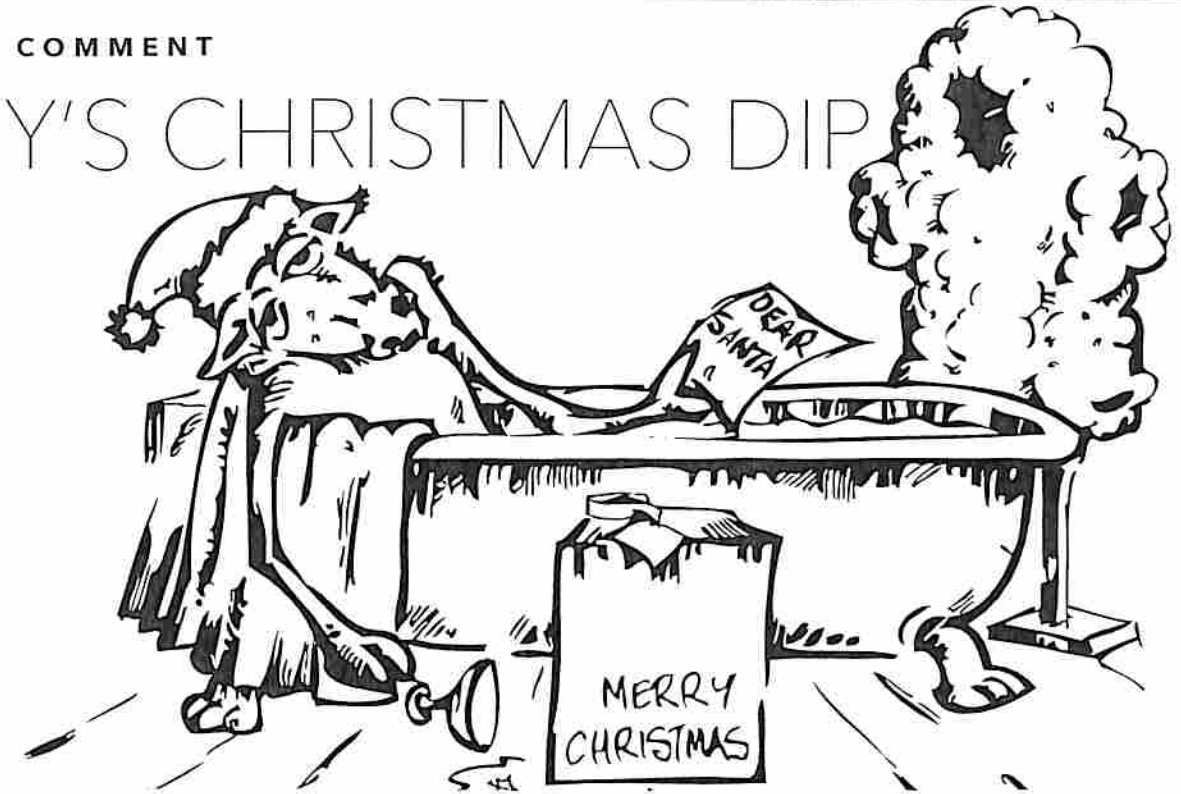
## SERVICE TIMES

December - January: Commencing December 21, we will be holding combined services with Romsey Uniting Church at 10am. Services alternate between the two churches until January 25th.  
 Christmas Eve 7.30 pm - Carol Service at Lancefield.  
 Christmas Day 9 AM at Romsey.  
 Holy Communion - on the second Sunday of each month.  
 Open Church - the Church is open for private prayer and meditation every Wednesday between 11 am and 3 pm.  
 The Classical Music Group meets every second Tuesday from 2 pm to 4 pm, and extends a warm welcome to all.

Church Secretary: Ian Kennedy 5429 1727 or 0412 820 397

### WEATHER COMMENT

## TOBY'S CHRISTMAS DIP



I am sitting in the study writing this article and wondering how to word it. The sky outside is grey but does not appear to promise much if any rain. I would point out that I have written along these lines before and been proved wrong, however I am not that confident this time. The diary is open at the rainfall figures and since writing last month we have recorded only 25-5 mm which is not a figure to give confidence for the months to come. The countryside is showing signs of the effects of the lack of our usual Spring rains with the grass drying off and turning brown. Even if we get rain it will not be of any great benefit to pastures but would help perennials like lucerne or summer fodder crops sown to help bring animals to improved weight and marketability.

I have just been reminded to mention Toby so this a good moment to do that. The next job with the sheep is to put them through the dip as we have for some reason this year had a severe infestation of lice and this one of the most effective ways of controlling this problem, so Toby, along with all our other sheep will be going for a swim in another week or two. This process ensures that all the sheep are completely treated. While this is not a procedure that we now do every year with the production of backline treatments it was many years ago

required by law to keep lice under control. A very labour intensive activity. Our cattle continue to improve but the feed situation needs to be assessed regularly and the need for hay feeding to begin. We hope to cut our hay next week and as with other things production will be down

Our garden is still very colourful with irises, self sown shirley poppies and love-in -the-mist doing really well. Many of the perennials are also flowering, pride of place goes to pink paeony which has blossomed for the first time. Plenty of tidying up to do with tops of the earlier bulbs dying off now And how could one not comment on the roses, not only our garden but around the town too. The vegie plot is coming along and we have finally planted two tomatoes so hopefully no more frosts Beans and carrots are planted and are just showing through the soil. The news from the garden is considerably better than that from the farm. We need something to help us along.

Robert Green

P.S. I have been caught out again with my gloomy predictions being proved wrong 24mm measured this morning

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# COMPUTER SCAMMERS AT IT AGAIN

I have recently had a phone call from a local concerned that he had had multiple phone calls from a person with an Indian accent trying to get access to his computer. These persons often claim to be from Microsoft and can sound quite convincing.

The day following this call I had reason to call a person in Romsey who informed me that I was very lucky as she had been about to blow a whistle in the phone when I called. She also had been the victim of multiple calls of this nature and was ready to get a bit of her own back. It seems from these calls that our area is again being targeted.

So how so you deal with these types of problems especially if your computer is affected? The Australian Federal Government in association with the State and Territory Governments has just launched "The Australian Cybercrime Online Reporting Network" which has the acronym "A.C.O.R.N"

## SO WHAT IS CYBERCRIME?

- Crimes directed at computers or other device (such as hacking), and
  - Crimes where computers or other devices are integral to the offence such as online scams and fraud
- In short A.C.O.R.N will:
- Make it easier for the public to report cybercrime
  - Allow them to access the information they need to protect themselves online
  - Make it easier for agencies to handle reports of cybercrime, and
  - Provide a clearer picture of the cybercrime affecting Australians



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## COULD THIS BE YOU??

I had a phone call from a concerned citizen regarding persons walking on the road. Normally these calls relate to youngsters on their way to or from school. On this occasion however the culprits were "Young Mums".

Now we all know the stress of being a young mother with a baby and the constant regime of nappies, washing, cooking and cleaning that is required to bring the infant up in a world obsessed with cleanliness. We are also a world obsessed with weight loss, obesity, personal trainers and staying healthy. Add to this the age of gadgets and ipods and phones that do everything except the dishes and you might be starting to see the problem.

It appears the young mums of Lancefield are breaking free from the domestic chains that have bound their mothers and grandmothers and are out on the streets in force. They have their space age cross country four wheel drive titanium and carbon fibre prams, their I Pods with ear phones attached firmly planted in their ears obscuring the outside world. Their child or children firmly secured in the space age pram and off they go.

Don't for a minute think I am against this movement, good on you I say. Rearing children should be fun and if you can get fit at the same time, go for it.

Unfortunately according to my complainant they are walking with the traffic on the road and are often totally unaware of the vehicle bearing down on them from behind.

This is therefore a Road Safety Message for young mums everywhere. If you are out on the roads with your pram, please, walk towards the oncoming traffic so that you can see them coming and stay safe. Lancefield is not blessed with footpaths, if there is a footpath then all the better but

if walking on the road please walk towards the oncoming traffic and be prepared to move off the road if vehicles are approaching for the safety of everyone.

## MY YEARLY CHRISTMAS REMINDERS: MOTORBIKES

If you are contemplating purchasing your child a motorbike for Christmas make sure they have somewhere to ride it. No I don't mean in the back yard, unless you wish to have the Council Rangers knocking on your door. You need to have a friend with a farm or you need to be prepared to take them to Motorcross Club and become a member. They cannot ride in the street! They cannot ride on a town block or some smaller farms! They cannot ride in the State Forest around Lancefield.

At the minimum to ride in the bush they must have at least a Motorcycle Learners Permit and the bike must have recreational or full registration. Otherwise they face around \$1000 worth of fines.

## DRINK DRIVING

The yearly Police Blitz that runs over the Christmas and New Year period commenced on 14th of November and will go until the end of January. We will be doing lots of breath tests and vehicle intercepts over this period so please, don't be a Bloody Idiot and spoil your Christmas. If you are going to drink get someone else who is not drinking to drive.

Please have a safe Christmas and a wonderful new year.

Roger Barr  
Officer In Charge Lancefield Police.



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# COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS LUNCH

The Committee will have a very busy week of cooking as the Community Christmas Lunch is on the Tuesday after the Carols evening. Our annual 3 course lunch will be held on Tuesday 16 December and is open to all members of the community. If you would like to join us please RSVP by Wednesday 10 December on 5429 1214.

## SMOKE DETECTOR BATTERY REPLACEMENT PROJECT

This is an on-going service provided by the Neighbourhood House and Quick Fix Services. If your finding it difficult to change your smoke detector batteries each year call the House on 5429 1214 to book Colin to come and do it for you. The charge is \$20 for two detectors, including batteries. There is a discount for eligible residents, ask us if you are eligible when you phone.

## BATTERY RECYCLING

While we are on the subject of batteries – did you know they are the most common form of household hazardous waste?

In landfill, the chemicals inside batteries can leach from

their casings and pollute land and water with heavy metals that are toxic to life. Most of them contain cadmium, lead, mercury, copper, zinc, manganese, lithium, or potassium, which are all hazardous to the environment and can have very negative effects on your health.

If placed in your household rubbish one battery can contaminate the contents of an entire wheelie bin.

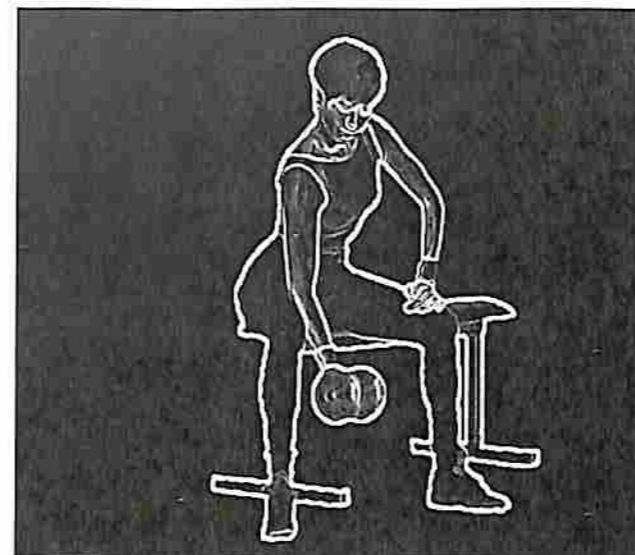
Household batteries can be dropped off at The Town House for recycling.

Large and car batteries can be dropped off at Lancefield Motors.

## SKATEPARK

Trinity Skateparks will be coming to work with the Lancefield community on a design, planning proposal and strategy for building a skate park in the town. This meeting will be held at the Park on Thursday 11 December at 4pm – 7pm, followed by a BBQ dinner.

Skaters, BMX'ers, and scooter riders are all invited to attend, along with any individuals, tradespersons or businesses who are interested in helping to build a skate park in Lancefield.



## COMMUNITY GYM

This is a call out for anyone who would like to see a small gym start up in Lancefield. We have had a feasibility study done which looks at a few models we could pursue. We just need some people with a bit of time and energy to take this to the next stage.

## WHO GIVES A CRAP

Plenty of people do – with over 120 boxes of 'Who Gives a Crap' toilet paper already sold through the Neighbourhood

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But wait – there's more! As the Neighbourhood House is purchasing the toilet paper in bulk WGAC is cheaper than what you are already buying at only 18c per hundred sheets.

You can purchase a box of WGAC toilet paper for \$35 (48 rolls of 400 sheets) from The Town House or order a box from the Neighbourhood House on 5429 1214.

## WHAT CAN WE DO FOR YOU?

The Neighbourhood House is run by community members for the community. We need your input about what the Neighbourhood House can do to support people living in Lancefield and your suggestions on how to build a stronger community. Phone us on 5429 1214 or email lancefieldhouse@tpg.com.au

Lastly we would like to wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and New Year period and look forward to telling you about our new projects in the February edition of The Mercury.

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# FIRE RESTRICTIONS ARE **HERE!**

By the time Lancefield residents have received this copy of the Mercury *Fire Restrictions* and all that entails will be in force. There have been some instances of burn offs re-igniting during periods of warm windy weather in recent weeks, so please check any heaps you may have burnt for any signs of heat and ensure that any prior burn offs are completely out.

This is particularly important before what, in spite of recent rain may prove a long dry Summer. There are reports from neighbouring areas of a number of fires that may have involved the occupants of a yellow ute deliberately lighting fire. Any suspicious activities should be reported immediately to OOO for attendance by both Police and Fire Brigade.

We welcome four new members to our ranks of fire fighting personnel and also one other new resident as a brigade member. We are pleased to have these people join our brigade and any others who would also like to join please come to the fire station on a Sunday morning and meet with our members.

Listening sets are becoming available in the near future



so contact the Brigade for further information and don't forget our face book page during the fire season.

This not updated daily so for current information telephone the Victorian Bushfire Information Line on 1800 240 667 or listen to ABC774.

Stuart Mustey  
Captain



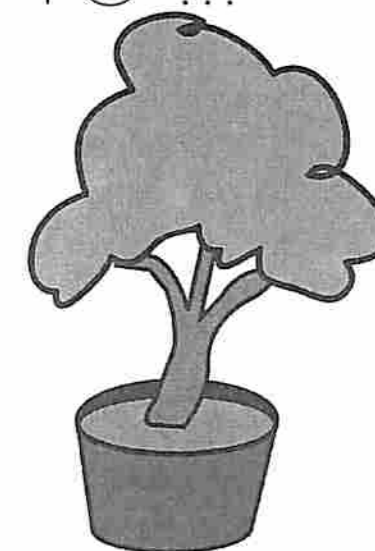
**VANESSA'S GARDEN**

# THIS TIME OF YEAR IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT TO ...

This time of year it's really important to take good care of any plants in tubs or pots, which can very quickly dry out. How will you know? Well if you find that water poured into the top of the pot seems to appear straight out of the bottom it's likely that your pot has dried out. This can happen before the plant shows much sign of stress but although the plant may still look healthy, it is quietly suffering. What's happening is that the root ball is drying out, creating gaps inside the pot and allowing the water to run off before it does the plant any good. However you can generally fix the problem with slow trickle watering provided the plant isn't visibly dying. This will help the root ball swell again.

Feeding is also important this time of year and an effective way to manage this is to spray the leaves. This is called foliar feeding. A solution of seaweed concentrate (readily available in nurseries) sprayed on once a month will do the job very well. For best results spray in the early morning or in the evening, as spraying in full sun could scorch the leaves and also the liquid may evaporate too quickly to be of full benefit to the plant. Make sure you dilute the concentrate according to the instructions on the packet, to avoid damaging particularly sensitive plants. Citrus trees love this form of feeding, as do roses, camellias, hydrangeas and azaleas. They will produce healthier looking leaves and stronger flowers, giving you a longer-lasting display of colour.

If you're stuck for Christmas gift ideas, remember plants can make beautiful, useful and enduring gifts. Plants which look good for months on end, don't grow too



big and are easily planted in most gardens include:

Camellias. Won't be in flower at Christmas but generally tolerate a wide range of soils, can handle a bit of shade and don't take up much room. An added bonus is that they flower in late winter when much of the rest of the garden is asleep.

Azaleas. Rarely more than half to a metre tall and can be popped in just about anywhere including in full sun.

Daphnes. I like these for their fragrance, which, with little maintenance on your part, will fill the garden during winter.

These three will also grow happily in tubs with a daily water during the hot months, so when you're at the nursery choosing a plant, why not buy an attractive pot to round off your gift?

Happy Christmas!

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After 8 years of entertaining Thursday nights, where lots

of new friendships were made, sadly it is time for Bingo to come to an end at St. Mary's Parish Lancefield-Romsey.

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Kind Regards  
Tammie Dagleish Current Licensee  
Fr. Arnold Heredia Parish Priest

**ADVENT/CHRISTMAS 2014**

- \*Advent Reconciliation 9 Dec 7.00pm Romsey Church
- \*Advent Reflection Day 10 Dec 9.30am -3pm Presbytery Lancefield
- \*Parish Mass of Anointing 11 Dec 2.00pm Lancefield Church
- \*Ecumenical Christmas Carols 14 Dec 7.00pm St. Mary's School Hall
- \*Christmas Eve 24 Dec 6.00pm Lancefield Church  
Midnight Romsey Church
- \*Christmas Day 25 Dec 9.00am Romsey Church
- \*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph  
27 Dec 6.00pm Lancefield Church  
28 Dec 8.00am Romsey Church  
10.00am Lancefield Church
- \*New Year's Day 1 Jan 7.00pm Romsey Church

**FITTING FAREWELLS**

Four generations of Scotts have supported central Victorian families to celebrate and farewell their loved ones.

This week T J Scott & Son made it easier for Lancefield and Kilmore communities to access personalised funeral services, by opening a Kilmore office.

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The Scott family's personal and professional connections made the business expansion an obvious choice.

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T J Scott & Son has been at the forefront of many developments and leadership, with John Scott actively involved in the peak sector organisation.

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The Scott Family: Kelly and John (standing); Dan & Jack (seated)

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**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Date: Tuesday 24th of February 2015  
 Time: 7:00pm (for a 7.30pm start)  
 Venue: The Kindergarten Room (16 Dunsford Street Lancefield)

All positions on the committee will become vacant at the AGM. Any queries please contact Marcia Fearn on 0438 368 749.

**ROMSEY ANTIQUES AND COLLECTIBLES FAIR**

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**TIPS FOR A WATER EFFICIENT SUMMER**

Last summer Lancefield's drinking water use went up to an average 312 litres per person per day, compared to an average 166 litres throughout the year.

**OVER SUMMER DON'T FORGET:**

- If possible, use a drip watering system and be sure to mulch your garden to reduce water loss
  - There are great rebates for water-saving appliances and other items such as drip systems, mulch and water tanks
  - Western Water can't guarantee your water supply will be maintained in the event of a fire – if you plan to stay it's important to have an independent water supply
  - If you are away for any length of time, turn off your water supply at the stop tap, near your meter, to ensure you won't have a leak.
  - You can take control of your water bills by signing up to a direct debit plan to spread payments across the year.
- Western Water's Sustainable Gardening book has lots of information about waterwise gardening, and is tailored for local conditions. The book was produced for Western Water by Sustainable Gardening Australia, with support from Macedon Ranges Shire Council. To order a copy of the book, sign up for our monthly gardening e-newsletter, or find out more about rebates or being fire-ready, go to [WesternWater.com.au](http://WesternWater.com.au).

**SUPPORT BUSINESS IN THE MACEDON RANGES**

Christmas shopping is easy when done locally.  
 Shop at the best markets in the state, purchasing gifts and plants, or fresh food for the table.

- 1st Saturday of each month Woodend Farmers' Market on Facebook
- 1st Sunday of each month - Gisborne Olde Time Market on Facebook and Gisborne Oaks Market
- 2nd Saturday of each month - Kyneton Farmers' Market on Facebook
- 2nd Sunday of each month - Malmsbury Market
- 3rd Saturday of each month - Riddells Creek Community Farmers' Market on Facebook (sorry, not December)
- 3rd Sunday of each month - Woodend Market (September - May)
- 4th Saturday of each month - Lancefield Farmers' Market on Facebook Note: 3rd Saturday of the month in December.

Free stuff to do over the holidays. [www.visitmacedonranges.com.au](http://www.visitmacedonranges.com.au)  
 Grab the new cycling brochure from the Visitor Information Centre in Woodend or Kyneton.  
 Picnic in the parks and take the kids to the Adventure Playground in Woodend or Gisborne.

Visit the art galleries that are in all our towns.  
 Take in the wonderful views from the Cross at Mt. Macedon or from the Camel's Hump nearby.  
 Fun for a few dollars. [www.mrsc.vic.gov.au](http://www.mrsc.vic.gov.au)  
 Fancy a game of golf; never played? Head to these picturesque places in most towns and learn the game.  
 Tennis anyone – there are courts everywhere!  
 Warm weather so need to cool down? Visit a local swimming pool in your town.  
 Kyneton Museum has the most fascinating collection of local memorabilia for you to enjoy. "Domestic Ties" showing now, so bring a camera and meet your new family in "Family Photo Board". See the best preserved early buildings and heaps of outdoor equipment. OPEN Fridays, Saturdays or Sundays.  
 Hanging Rock – maybe a climb, but don't get lost! Lunch at the café could be a very safe option.

**EAT OUT LOCALLY. PLEASE!**

January can be a real drought for local eateries, so show your support and keep the cafes and restaurants busy by having a wonderful dining experience locally.

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We have a calendar for sale of Abandoned & Pre-Loved buildings of the district taken by Kylie McKay of McK'oby Photography. The calendar is \$8.00 or \$10.00 posted to you. Kylie also has a face book page of 'Lost Shire of Romsey Photos' <https://www.facebook.com/LostShireOfRomsey> The Courthouse will be closing on 19th December and will re-open on 19th January. First General Meeting is 27th January 2015 at 7.30 pm at the Courthouse.

We are seeking information on the Romsey Shire 1914-15 Tribute Medal. If anyone has one of these we would love to take a photograph. We would like to also hear from anyone

who has a 'Dead Man's Penny'

The New Year will see us fairly busy as we have a great volume of work to do before Anzac Day 2015.

There were five new plaques unveiled on Remembrance Day on the Walking Track between Romsey & Lancefield. These plaques were prepared by the Lancefield Primary School, St. Mary's Primary School and Romsey Primary School.

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. Our contact details are Robyn 0418 172 659 or Shirley on 0402 248 540

**TURNING PURPLE TO FIGHT CANCER**

Town businesses are being urged to turn their premises purple during the first week of February to promote the 13th Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay For Life.

'Paint the Town Purple' will also provide cancer education and information about support services.

Encouraged by the success of the first colourful marketing event in Lancefield and Romsey early this year, organisers are inviting businesses in other towns to join the cause.

Decorate a shopfront, get staff to wear purple, or find your own unique way of spreading a message of hope and raising

awareness.

Paint the Town Purple will be launched at the Lancefield Market on Saturday January 24. Packs will be given to all businesses who wish to take part in the promotion from February 2 to 8. For more information email Colleen Downie, [colleen.downie1234@gmail.com](mailto:colleen.downie1234@gmail.com), or ring 5429 2411.

The 2015 Relay will be held at Lancefield Park on the weekend of February 28 to March 1. Team and individual registrations can be entered online at [www.relayforlife.org.au](http://www.relayforlife.org.au) or call 1300 65 65 85.



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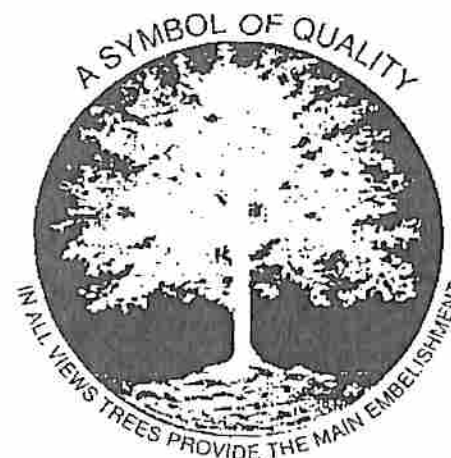
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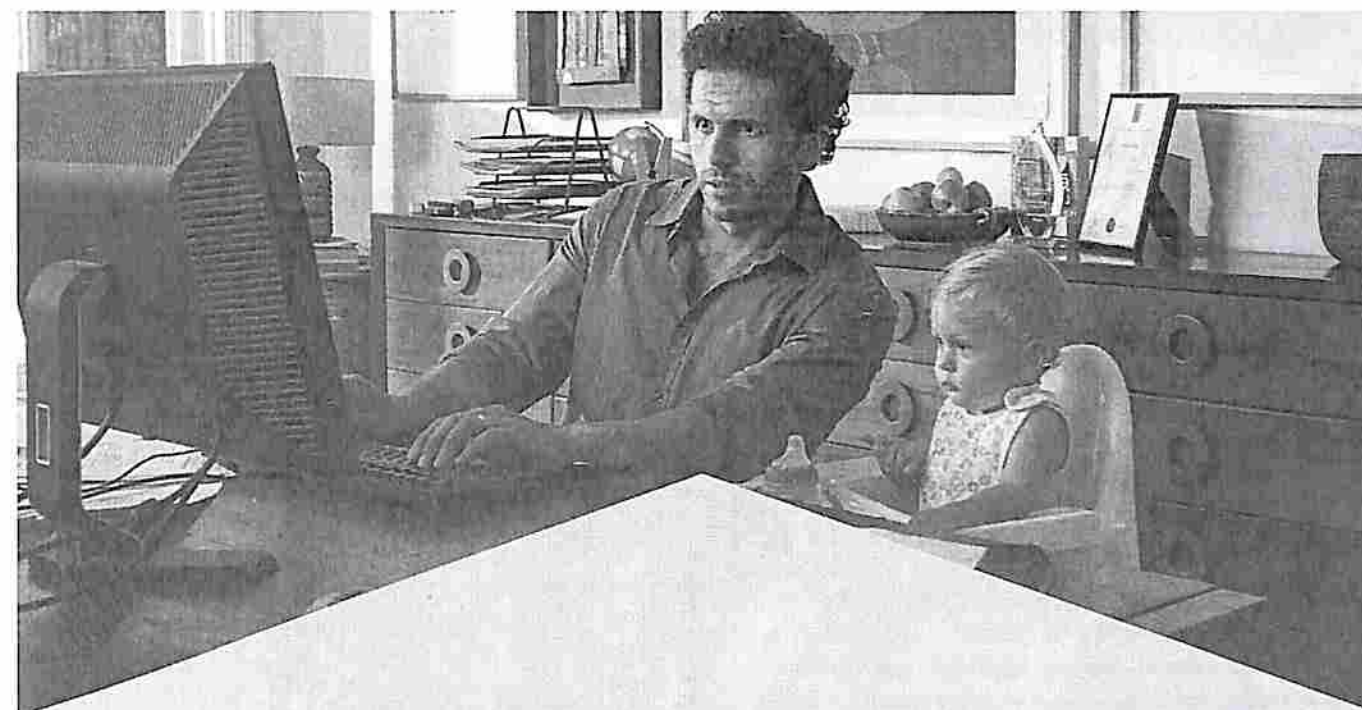
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## TEACHER EXCELLENCE AT LPS

Mrs. Hood was nominated by parents from our school in the ASG National Teacher Excellence Awards. There were more than 1000 nominations from school communities across the country this year and Katrina is selected in the top 35 national finalists. Mrs. Stanton, who will be known by many in the community, recently attended a recognition ceremony in Bendigo to receive her award for 35 years of teaching service and the contribution she has made to education. We congratulate Mrs. Stanton on her outstanding achievement and the wonderful contribution she has made towards the lives of countless children. She has always and still does have an absolute passion for education.

## STUDENT EXCELLENCE AT LPS

Recently 2 of our students Kaley Emily competed in the State Athletics Finals in shot put events at Albert Park. We congratulate the girls on their outstanding achievements against the best in the state.

This year 11 of our students participated in the University of New South Wales International Competitions and Assessments for school English, Spelling and Maths results. We were extremely proud of the results with students receiving merit, credit and distinction and high distinction level and one child performing in the top 1% of Australia.

## SUSTAINABILITY/ENVIRONMENTAL GRANTS

Our Sustainability team have been rewarded for all of their hard work with a \$46 000 grant to establish a Flora and Fauna Corridor to our beautiful wetland area. The purpose of this project is to establish a corridor (walking pathway) from the school to the existing wetlands to restore and protect the existing waterway and re-establish indigenous flora. Strategic boardwalk placement will prevent high traffic areas from degrading the fragile habitat. Installation of a dry creek bed, alongside a pathway, complemented by indigenous plant species will direct and filter the natural flow of water. The introduction of native grasses and vegetation will create extended habitats for local fauna and further assist in contributing to the Lancefield catchment for Deep Creek, the longest and major tributary of the Maribyrnong River system. This project is planned to increase the enjoyment of the under-utilised area between the school and the wetland by the local community and also encourage ongoing learning opportunities for students. We are also proud recipients of \$2000 Western Water Frances Environmental Grant which will be used to redirect storm water to the wetlands along with an Energy Efficiency grant of \$10,000. Thankyou to our hardworking staff, students and parents on our Sustainability team

## SHOU MEI SUMARAC

Shou Mei was born in a remote mountain village in the north of Taiwan.

Whilst studying English language in Taichung, by chance she walked by a gallery where an artist was working in the window. Mesmerized by his work she used to gaze at him until one day they finally exchanged smiles. Shou Mei, dreaming she could paint like him walked by for the next few months until she plucked up the courage to step inside the gallery. During this first conversation they realised that they came from a very similar poor village background. On subsequent meetings, realising Shou Mei could speak a little English, they agreed that she would translate for his American and British customers that frequented his gallery in exchange for painting lessons. He would allow her to sit next to him and he would instruct her in his techniques. After six months he gave her a blank canvas and urged her to begin painting. She asked if could she copy one of his paintings, her favourite being a autumn forest scene. This was to become her first work.

Too embarrassed to be seen, she painted in the back room and after six attempts both were satisfied with her first painting (this painting will be exhibited). The artist that mentored Shou Mei for two years is non-other than Wong Shong Kwan who later became the most famous and celebrated artist in Taiwan. All his paintings are



now collectors items. Shou Mei will have two of his original paintings on display at Wu Lin Retreat for her inaugural exhibition. Shou Mei came to Australia in 1976

and continued to paint on and off in her spare time. Her favourite subjects are Australian rural scenery and classical Chinese style. In this exhibition "IMAGES FROM TWO WORLDS" she will display a blend of Australian/European & Chinese works dating from as far back as 1975 to the present.

The Exhibition will be at Wu Lin Retreat, Sherwood Court, Lancefield in January 2015 where she lives with husband James. Entertainment will include music by local musicians, a variety of local Macedon Ranges wines and Tai Chi demonstrations.

Exhibition Date: Sunday 18th January 2015  
Time: 1pm - 5pm  
At: Wu Lin Retreat, Sherwood Crt Lancefield  
Proceeds from the sale of all artworks will go to Shou Mei's favourite Children's Charities.  
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# THE ST MARY'S SCHOOL COMMUNITY HAVE BEEN HARD AT WORK COMPLETING PROJECTS

## TERM 4 NEWS

Well done to Darcy Giles, Ethan Beer and Brody Thrum from St Mary's Lancefield, who competed at the Regional Athletics Finals in Bendigo. Darcy came 3rd in the 800 metres, Ethan was 5th in the final of the 200m and Brody was 6th in the 1500m

The St Mary's Lancefield school community have been hard at work completing projects around the school. These have included installing a cubby house in the junior play area. Pictured playing in the cubby house are Crystal Dyer, Dermot Hanaphy and Hamish Berryman

The senior students began working on a project to leave their mark on St Mary's, in Term 3.

Their goal was to plant out four garden beds outside the north facing classroom. This project involved the students researching garden design and plant selection.

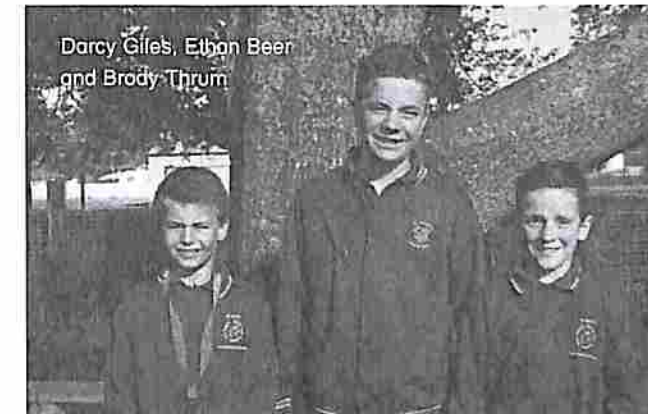
To fund the program the students raised money and successfully applied for a grant from Western Water. Pictured receiving a grant for \$1000 for a watering system, are Ella Marr, Isabella Ryan and Mrs Miller from St Mary's Lancefield. All this hard work culminated last week in the planting of the four garden beds. Pictured doing some planting are Chloe Woodburn and Oliver McHarg.



Ella Marr, Isabella Ryan and Mrs Miller



Crystal Dyer, Dermot Hanaphy and Hamish Berryman



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### MONTHLY MEETINGS

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

Persons interested in this club and wish to have more information please contact the Secretary at the above phone number. We do not have a meeting in December or January.

Our Christmas break-up is on December 17th at 12noon at the Australiana Restaurant in Wandong.

In January on Wednesday 21st, 2015 we will have a summer BBQ at the home of Robert and Anne Barry.

### OUTING

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

### NEXT MEETING

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

### VALE

Vale: Early in November we were upset to hear of the death of Dulcie Wilkinson a member of our club on leave due to illness. Our sympathies have been sent to the family.

Please check out our website for information about the Romsey & Lancefield Probus Club [rlprobus.org.au](http://rlprobus.org.au)

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

Secretary: Jenifer Clampit 5429 5480

## PREPARE AND SHARE PHOTO COMPETITION

With the fire season fast approaching, Macedon Ranges Shire Council is asking residents to share their tips and ideas for getting prepared with the chance to win a GoPro camera, vouchers or a fire ready kit. Residents preparing their homes and properties are encouraged to submit a photo to the 'Prepare and Share' competition via the Macedon Ranges Emergency Alerts Facebook page.

"Entries should convey an idea that can be shared with the broader community—the more creative, the better!" said Mayor, Cr Roger Jukes.

"We had a tough fire season last summer, so we want to encourage residents to get prepared early and share their best tips and advice," he said.

Residents can vote for their favourite photo with 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes up for grabs, as well as a special Judge's Choice award.

The Macedon Ranges Emergency Alerts Facebook page offers tips, advice and information for emergencies, especially fire. During the February fires, the page provided regular updates about relief and recovery centres, road closures, wandering stock and services to help fire-affected residents.

"The more people in the Macedon Ranges who like



our page, the quicker we can get important information to locals when they need it," said Cr Jukes.

"We all know the power of social media

during an emergency, so share our page with anyone you think will need this critical information, particularly your friends and family.'

To enter, log into Facebook and search for 'Macedon Ranges Emergency Alerts', or visit [www.facebook.com/MacedonRangesEmergencyAlerts](http://www.facebook.com/MacedonRangesEmergencyAlerts). Follow the links to the photo competition to upload your photo and vote on other photos.

The competition closes at 5pm on Monday 15 December. The winners will be announced on the Facebook page and Council's website.

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## A CUPPA FOR YOUR THOUGHTS

It's 'T' time for Kyneton District Health, which is rolling out an innovative Tea for Ten community engagement project across the Shire. KDH is keen to know what the local community thinks, knows about and wants from its health services.

At morning teas hosted at tables in townships across the Macedon Ranges, KDH is inviting groups of ten people to think, talk and tell their thoughts on three key questions about KDH. Over a cuppa trained hosts facilitate a frank and open conversation based on the questions. A scribe takes anonymous notes so that KDH can gather community perceptions.

The format is adapted from grassroots engagement used in local contexts like Cathy McGowan's successful Indi campaign at the last Federal election. It's a way for the community to express its ideas and opinions that help shape KDH planning and communications.

Strategic Projects Manager, Veronica Strachan explained how valuable it is for KDH to have direct engagement with locals. "Whatever we hear, we will feed it back to our community so we are all clearer on what people think, know and want. We see this open communication as an important part of KDH building



better relationships," said Mrs Strachan. KDH has just successfully piloted conversations in Woodend and Kyneton. It's now seeking others to get involved and host a kitchen tea in towns across the Macedon Ranges Shire. The two pilot groups have shown that the information

gathering is incredibly valuable. Amongst the diverse range of community experiences and ideas there were, as expected, misconceptions about the services KDH does or does not provide.

Things like snake bites, stitches and elective caesareans were all wrongly assumed as off the KDH radar. "The discussions so far have highlighted what matters to local people, and given KDH ideas about how we can better explain to the community how we help people of the Macedon Ranges to get well and be well," said Mrs Strachan. If you're interested in hosting a kitchen table conversation in your town, please email your details to [vstrachan@kynetonhealth.org.au](mailto:vstrachan@kynetonhealth.org.au)

## HESKET PRIMARY SCHOOL

### VICTORIAN SKIPPING CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR THE 13TH TIME!

Hesket Primary School skippers win the Jump Rope For Heart Victorian skipping championships for the 13th time!

The children from Hesket Primary School's skipping team won the Jump Rope for Heart championships for the 13th time on Saturday 1st November.

Jan Crebbin has coached the skipping team since its inception and again this year. She has coached each winning team and was ably assisted by Debbie Kent. The members of the team this year were; Charrouf Habib - Captain, Imogen Hoyle-Service, Maddison Dutton-Johnson, Sam Williams, Cory Parkinson, Mariam Habib, Holly Boldiston and Zantha Snell.

The team skipped as individuals, pairs, group, Double Dutch, single speed, and speed skipping. The results were:

- Zantha - 1st in freestyle
- Maddy - 1st in freestyle
- Imogen and Charrouf - 1st in pairs
- Awesome foursome - 1st in freestyle for 4
- Group - 1st
- Double Dutch team - 1st
- Single speed team - 1st
- Double under team - 2nd.

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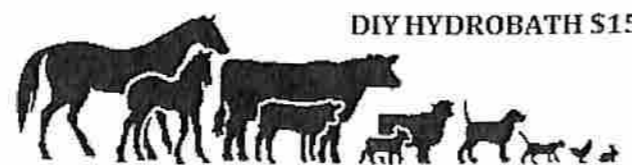


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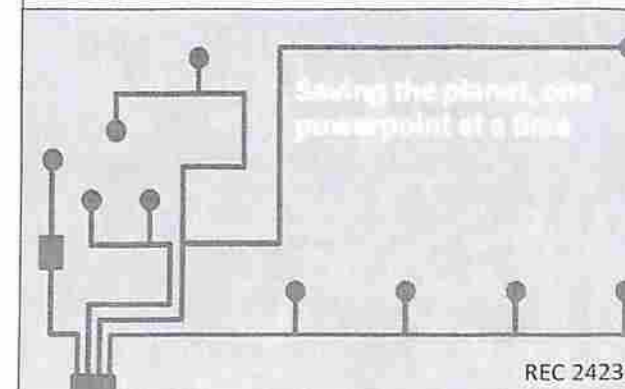
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ROMSEY - LANCEFIELD  
ROTARY GROUP



Julie McErlain's induction by President Peter O'Rourke

A SUPER MURDER  
MYSTERY NIGHT

On Saturday October 4th, the Romsey Lancefield Rotary Group held a super "Murder Mystery Night" at The Grange, Lancefield. This was a great fund raiser with a difference, with everyone dressing in splendid Twenties fashion. The chance to be an actor/actress for the night, be it detective, villain, courtesan, jealous lover or plain schemer, involved everyone in much clever humour and fun.

The silent auction was a great fund-raiser for our community resources.

We would especially like to thank the local businesses who gave generously with donations of goods and services: Lancefield Automotive, Lancefield Meats, Lancefield Bakery, Lancefield Motors, Paramoor Winery, Woodend Antiques, Red Books, Lancefield Hotel and The Hair Room

Julie McErlain's induction by President Peter O'Rourke after Sgt-At Arms (PastPres) Diane Powell escorts to the podium at the Grange, Oct 4th.

YOUR BANK  
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TO STAY

Bricks and mortar are a healthy indicator that your bank is here to stay in both Lancefield and Romsey, and that's exactly what we're demonstrating with building our new bank at 105 Main St.

It's another example of how your Community Bank is bringing lasting improvements and benefits to our region.

A whole range of local clubs and community groups have benefited from grants and sponsorships from our Community Bank, as we are committed to keeping profits in the community and rewarding local support.

Clubs, community groups and a range of other organisations around the district shared in more than \$100,000 in grants and sponsorships from the Lancefield and Romsey Community Bank branches, which we announced in October in an event at the Lancefield Mechanics Hall.

Some 54 clubs, community groups and a range of other organisations around the district shared in \$142,755 in grants and sponsorships through our Community Investment Program.

A key recipient was the Lancefield Mechanics Hall Committee which received a \$40,000 grant to help realise key components of their master plan.

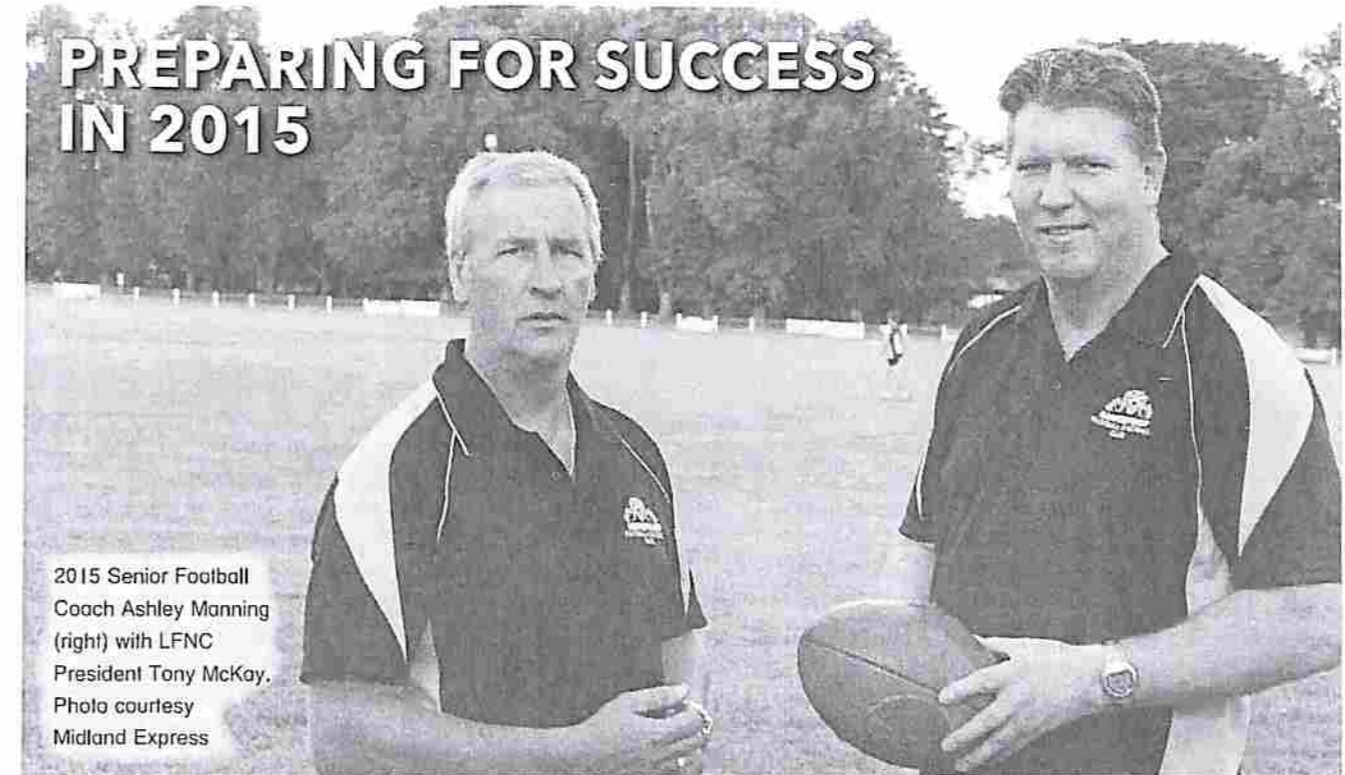
Our community-owned Bank has now put more than \$730,000 directly into the community over the past 13 years. With another \$170,000 already allocated for future community projects through a 'futures fund', our Bank has now earmarked more than \$900,000 for projects of community benefit since we opened our doors.

This distribution of money demonstrates exactly what our Community Bank is all about.



LANCEFIELD FOOTBALL AND NETBALL CLUB

PREPARING FOR SUCCESS  
IN 2015



2015 Senior Football  
Coach Ashley Manning  
(right) with LFNC  
President Tony McKay.  
Photo courtesy  
Midland Express

The Lancefield Football Netball Club and the Lancefield Junior Football Netball Club have held Annual General Meetings and elected committees of management for 2015. Both clubs are excited to announce coaches for the season ahead. The LFNC has appointed Ashley Manning as Senior Football Coach and welcomes Alan Watson back as Head Coach of Netball.

Popular Lancefield footballers Matt Bowden and Dale Joseph will take on coaching duties for the Under 18 and Under 16 football teams. They are looking to recruit players in these age groups as the clubs rebuild after a shortage of numbers in 2014. Stacey Deimos will return to coach junior netball in the second year of the competition. Lancefield is hoping to field Under 11, Under 13 and Under 15 teams. Pre-season training for senior footballers has begun on Monday and Wednesday evenings. The senior netball squad will hold its first trials and information session on Thursday 4 December at 7.30pm at Lancefield Park.

LANCEFIELD FOOTBALL NETBALL  
CLUB 2015

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Kyneton - Sat 6th Dec - Piper St - 4 - 8pm

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Gisborne - Sat 20th Dec - Aitken St - 4 - 8pm

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# FESTIVE GREETINGS FROM YOUR COMMUNITY BANK

The festive season is fast approaching, and I take this opportunity to wish the Mercury's readers a safe and prosperous Christmas and an exciting and rewarding 2015.

I believe our community - and your Bank - can look forward to the future with confidence. I'm sure many people have seen the rapid progress on the construction of our new bank building down in Romsey, and we expect to be in there and open for business early in the new year.

Please take heed of the safety message from police and safety experts, and make sure you're back with us safe and well in the new year so that - in association with your Community Bank - we can all look forward to 2015 with confidence.

Tim McCarthy.

Chairman, Lancefield & Romsey Community Services Ltd (The Community company operating your Romsey and Lancefield Community Banks).

# HIGH STREET, LANCEFIELD: PROPOSED DRAINAGE UPGRADES



To alleviate the flooding that occurs in High Street, Lancefield during heavy downpour, Macedon Ranges Shire Council is proposing to undertake works to remove the existing culverts/drainage pipes under driveways.

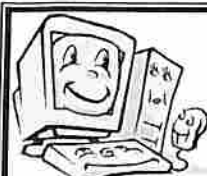
Council intends to alter the road level within the parking bays and use the existing bluestone rocks as new kerb and channel. This will allow the water to freely flow to existing drainage infrastructure at the corner of High Street and The Crescent.

The works are proposed on the southern side of High Street between Raglan Street and The Crescent. Council

aims to start the works in February/March 2015, and they are expected to take four weeks.

Affected property owners have been notified of the proposed works, and will receive further notification one week prior to commencement of works.

Council is seeking community comments on the proposed works before we commence. If you have any queries or concerns about the impacts or timing of these works, please call Istvan Marton on (03) 5421 9625 or email [imarton@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:imarton@mrsc.vic.gov.au) by no later than Monday 22 December.



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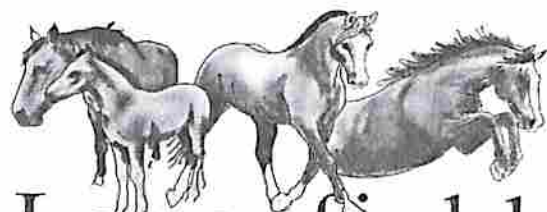
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Strategic Planning & Environment

# Rural Living Zone Have your say

Do you live or own land in the shire's Rural Living Zone? Council has developed a draft strategy for managing land in this zone to support rural residential style development and hobby/small farm activities.

Comments on the strategy are invited until 5.30pm on 12 December 2014.

To have your say:

- visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/rural-living-review](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/rural-living-review)
- complete the survey (if you are a landholder)
- view the strategy in person at a Council office
- make a written submission to Council.

Submissions should be addressed to the Manager, Strategic Planning and Environment and emailed to [mrsc@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:mrsc@mrsc.vic.gov.au) or posted to Macedon Ranges Shire Council, PO Box 151, Kyneton VIC 3444.

Complete the online survey:

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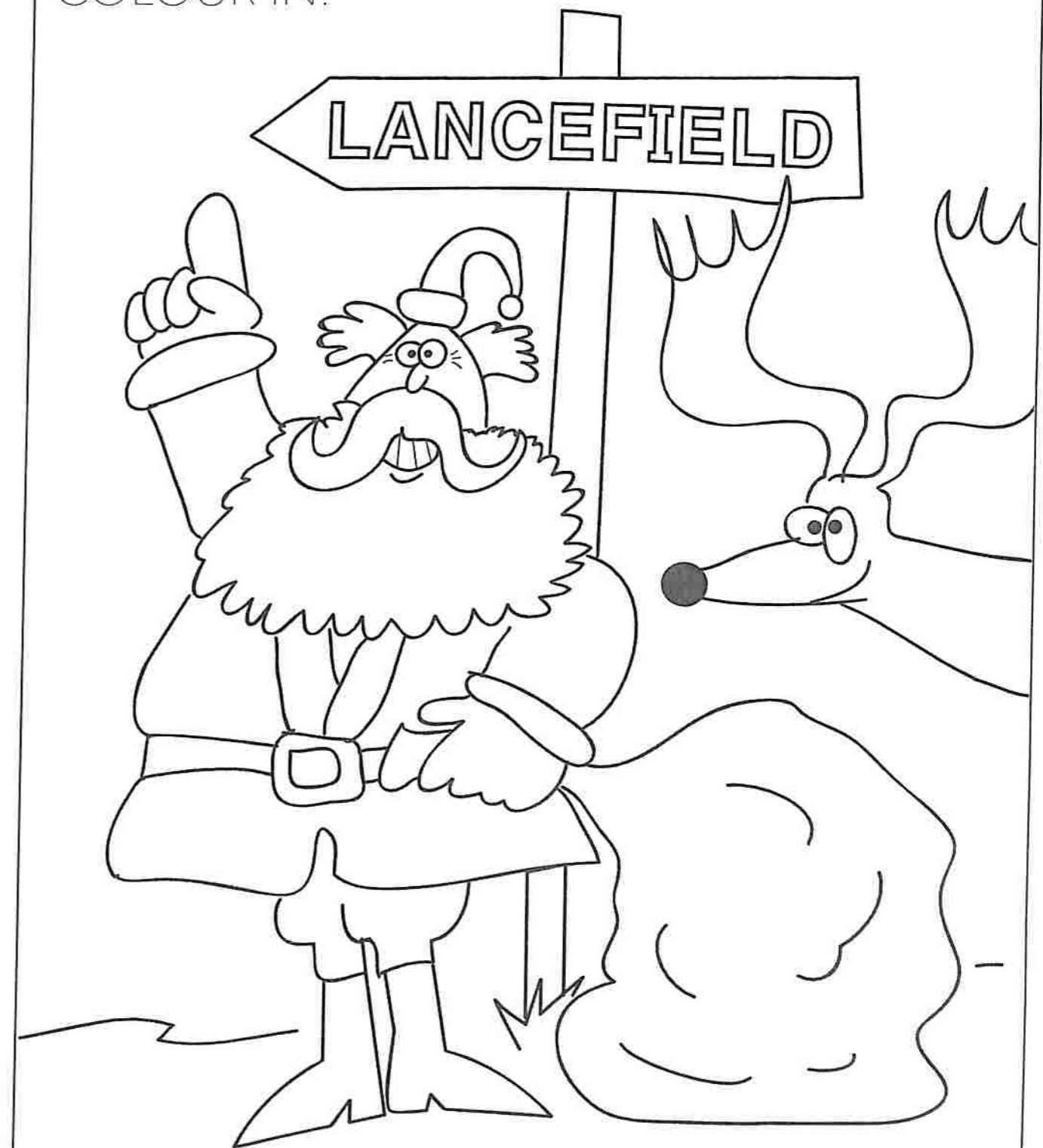
## WE GAVE AWAY 300 TREES!

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Anyone wishing to contact the group can do so thru the

Secretary Ken 0404 886 580  
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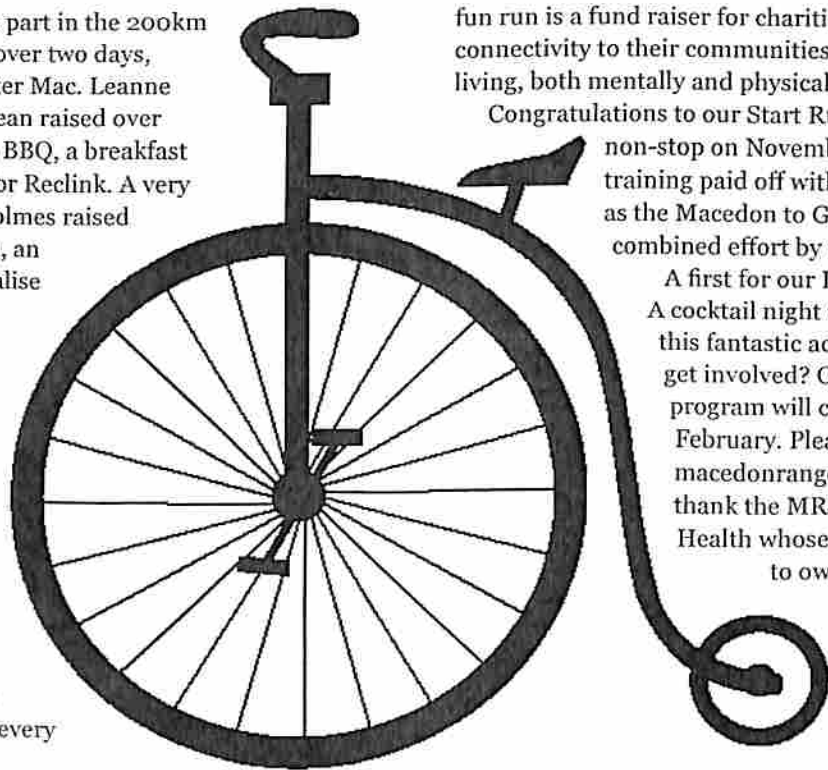
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# WOW, A MONTH OF CHARITY INVOLVEMENT!

Nine Club members took part in the 200km Ride to Conquer Cancer over two days, raising money for the Peter Mac. Leanne Townsing and Corrina Dean raised over \$1000 for Reclink with a BBQ, a breakfast and completed the Run for Reclink. A very successful event. Lysh Holmes raised money for Mental Health, an area she intends to specialise in as a nurse and ran the Sydney City to Surf as part of her fundraising commitment.

Grant Tappin, Glen Mangan, Mark Graham, Gary Plummer, Tim Rath and myself grew 'soup strainers' as part of Movember to raise awareness and funds for men's health. A great effort when you consider every



fun run is a fund raiser for charities. Running gives people connectivity to their communities and promotes healthier living, both mentally and physically.

Congratulations to our Start Runners who completed 10km non-stop on November 30. Thirteen weeks of training paid off with special runs involved such as the Macedon to Gisborne run completed as a combined effort by these two branches.

A first for our Lancefield-Romsey branch. A cocktail night was held to celebrate this fantastic achievement. Want to get involved? Our next Start Running program will commence the first week of February. Please visit our website [www.macedonrangesrunningclub.com](http://www.macedonrangesrunningclub.com). We thank the MRSC and Cobaw Community Health whose support has allowed us to own a customised trailer to help make our event management seamless. Enjoy the festive season, we are here to help you recover!

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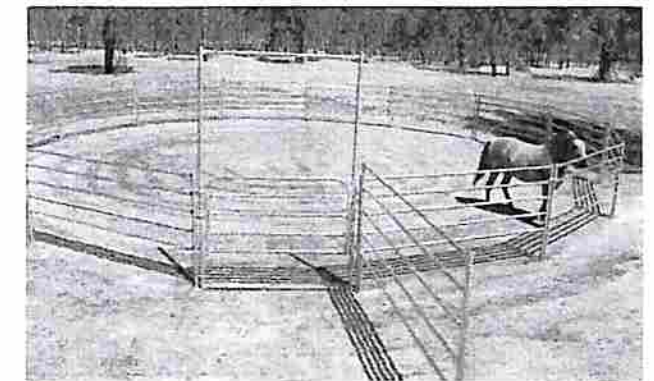
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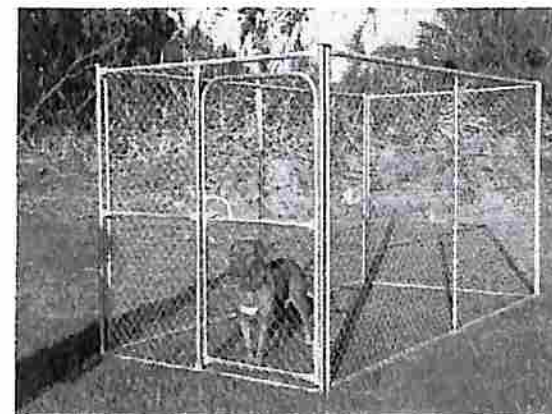
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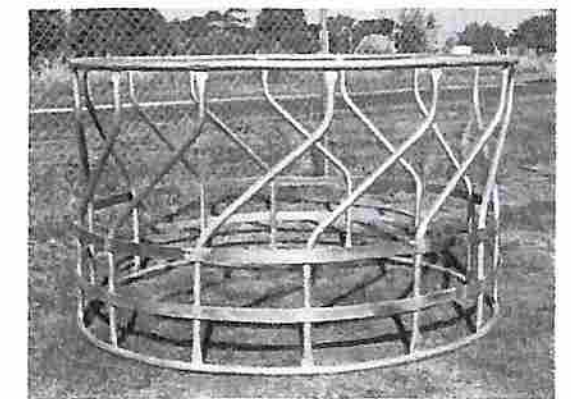
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**PEACE**

Peace, that quality of life we all long for - when all is tranquil and right within us and around us but so sadly missing in our world today. As Christmas approaches we are reminded of the One, the prophet, Isaiah wrote of - "For unto us a child is born and His Name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor,....."THE PRINCE OF PEACE." Many are longing for peace of heart, or peace of mind, peace with loved ones, peace with neighbours and peace between nations. Jesus, alone, can give that peace we desire. He promised, "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give you, I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." John 14:27. He also warned, "Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth, but a sword..." Matthew 10:34. This seems a contradiction but the inevitability of Christ's coming works out in practice as conflict between Christ and the Anti-Christ, between light and darkness. Within the conflict, for believers the peace of Christ rules in their hearts. Is this true for the Christians suffering under the onslaughts of the Isis terrorists? It seems so, as their faith and trust remains

strong even in their great grief!

Above all else, it is through Jesus that we may have peace with God, our Heavenly Father, when we put our faith and trust in His atoning death on the Cross for our sinful, fallen natures. Paul writes, "For God was pleased to reconcile all things to Himself.....by making peace through His blood shed on the Cross." Colossians 1:19-20. By His grace may we each one of us be peace-makers in our own spheres of life this Christmas, and for our leaders, working for peace in our sick and sorry world. Jesus said, "Blessed are the peace-makers, for they will be called the sons of God." Matthew 5:9.

Peace, perfect peace, our future all unknown?  
Jesus we know, and He is on the Throne. Bishop E. Bickersteth.

**NOVEMBER IN RETROSPECT**

Toward October's end two very pleasant events took place. A delightful birthday party afternoon arranged by the Guild took place for several members who were sharing special birthdays. Also the Tillow Fashion Show raised over \$800

for the Restoration Appeal for Christ Church. November was a much quieter month, the main event was the Church Annual Meeting when Parish Council members were elected for another year. Good news from Rev. Bill Carroll who is almost over his operations and is making good progress and hopes to be with us in January.

**DECEMBER 2014**

6th Dec. 9am *Parish Street Stall* outside I.G.A. Romsey - Cakes, Plants, Bric.a.Brac, Raffle.

11th Dec. 12.30 pm *Guild & Friends Christmas Luncheon* at the home of Barbara and Jean, 54 Ewing Drive Romsey. 5429-5568. Bring a small plate to share, please.

11th Dec. 8pm *AMS Christmas Carols & Supper Night* at Betty & Max Dansey's home, 129 High Street, Lancefield All Welcome. Tom 5429-6060 Max.5429-1597

14th Dec. 7pm *Combined Carol Service St. Mary's Lancefield School Hall*. Small plate to share for supper

21st Dec *NO Healing Service* this month.

24th Dec. 11.30pm *Christmas Eve* St. Paul's Romsey Holy Communion

25th Dec. 10Am *Christmas Day* Christ Church  
Lancefield Holy Communion  
28th Dec. 9am *Holy Communion* St. Paul's Romsey  
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LANCEFIELD GOLF CLUB REPORT

THE GREENS AND FAIRWAYS ARE LOOKING A LOT GREENER AND HAPPIER

As I write this we have just had the fortuitous event of nearly an inch of rain. What a fantastic feeling it is to have such a downpour at a time when the gardens and countryside across the state are starting to feel the effects of poor rainfall over the last few months. As a consequence the greens and fairways are looking a lot greener and happier. We can only hope for some more follow-up rain as we head into summer.

Since our last report we have held our Gala Day Event and I am happy to report that the winners were that amazing combination of John Wilson, Theo Parks and Brian Courtney. They each received a \$100 voucher courtesy of our sponsors Kilmore Trackside. The runners-up each received a \$50 voucher. Thank you once again to Kilmore Trackside for their continuing support of our club. The first prize in the raffle was won by 'Wharfie' one of our green-fee players from Broadmeadows. 'Wharfie' very generously donated the prize of a hedge trimmer to our very own Lancefield Fire Brigade. A generous donation that was gratefully received. Thanks 'Wharfie'.

The Men's Monthly Medal winner for November was Stewart Stevens and once again it's good to see a new name on the board. Well done Stewie! The Ladies Monthly Medal winner was Florence Meyer who has been playing some very good golf lately so it is good to see her in top form when it counts. Congratulations Florence. Di Rohde represented Lancefield at the Silver Spoon event held at Sanctuary Lakes this month and came in 3rd in the PM group which consisted of 80 players. A great result Di. We are all very proud of you.

Both the Ladies and Men's groups have been on their annual golf trips to Echuca and Deniliquin and both were a great success. It is a wonderful opportunity for our members to get together for competitive but friendly golf as well as some great social activities (which of course we cannot divulge...you know the saying...what happens on the golf trip stays on the golf trip) Thank you to Brett Lockens and Gidia, Pam and Helen for organizing these weekends away. We all really appreciate the hard work and enormous effort that goes in to making these such fun mini-breaks for

all those who attend.

The ladies continue to organize social activities around their weekly Wednesday golf days. On the 19th November we are having a 'bring a friend' day which includes lunch after golf and on the 26th November Julie Mau will be giving a demonstration of Arbonne products which will also include a luncheon. We are looking forward to both these days as a way of bringing our local ladies together for some healthy exercise, fun and socializing.

Today our golf club was host to a group called "The Wanderers". A fun day was had on the course as a few of our members assisted our visitors and showed them some of the finer points of the game. Thank you to Carole, Glenn, Kate, Florence, Di and Jenny for helping out today, both on the course and with morning tea and to the men who kindly offered their golf carts to be used to help get people around the course.

By the time you read this report we will have held our North Western Ambrose event and will announce the winners in the next issue. If last year is any thing to go by

this should be one of the most popular golfing days on our yearly calendar. Lets hope we have (had?) sunny weather!

We were delighted to be a beneficiary of the Bendigo Bank Community Grants and will be using our generous grant of \$2,500 to help renovate our quite old fashioned kitchen. This is a project close to the heart of our secretary Carole, and, along with some help from other members of the hard working committee, will be overseeing the new works. Our fund raising during the year will also go a long way to ensuring that this much awaited and worthwhile project will finally be realized. Our thanks to the Lancefield and Romsey Community branch of the Bendigo Bank for their generous support of so many community groups.

Well another year rolls on and with Christmas just around the corner we at Lancefield Golf Club wish everyone a safe and happy festive season. My Christmas wish for all my fellow golfers is that elusive game...you know the one...when everything comes together beautifully and you know for sure, that you are what you had always hoped, a really great golfer!

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# CHRISTMAS BOOKS REVIEWS

## PICTURE BOOKS



**Babushka** Retold by Sandra Ann Horn RRP \$12.99  
Reviewed by Nielson Book data

In this festive Russian folktale, Babushka travels to Bethlehem to meet a very special baby. Along the way, she gives away all of her gifts, arriving at the stable empty-handed. There she learns the most important lesson of all - the more you give away in love, the more you receive.



**Count my Christmas Kisses** by Ruthie May RRP \$19.99  
Reviewed by Red Door Books

What a beautiful counting book for Christmas! Cute pictures, beautiful soothing colours and a message at the end to help your excited children off to sleep in the lead-up to Christmas!



There is a monster under my Christmas tree who farts by Tim Miller and Matt Stanton RRP \$24.95  
Reviewed by Nielson Bookdata

The sequel to the hilarious 'There is a Monster Under My Bed Who Farts'. How much trouble can one little monster cause at Christmas time? Ages: 4-8 From the cheeky duo who brought you There Is a Monster Under My Bed Who Farts and The Pirate Who Had To Pee comes a brand-new picture book - perfect for naughty boys this Christmas. The Fart Monster is back and he's tootier than ever! It's Christmas, and Fart Monster is up to his old stinky tricks ...Will the boy get the blame this time? Or

will he be able to convince Santa to keep him off the naughty list?



**Deck the shed** with bits of wattle by Colin Buchanan et al RRP \$19.99  
Reviewed by Red Door Books

I'm always a bit cynical about cutesy animals helping each other at Christmas but I love this version of Deck the Halls. Who wouldn't love anything that Greg champion has anything to do with...Plus, there's a free CD to listen to!



**Home For Christmas** By Jan Brett RRP \$19.99  
Reviewed by Red Door Books

This is a charming story about a wild little troll named Rollo, who is very lazy and does not help his sister, father or mother around the home. Rather than do his chores, he decides to run away and be free. During his travels he meets up with many interesting animals who look after him along the

way, until they get tired of his laziness. As Winter sets in and ice and snow cover everything, Rollo finds himself cold, alone, hungry and wishing he was back home with his family in time for Christmas.

A beautiful story about not taking family for granted and learning that helping out, can be rewarding.

**Christmas at Grandad's Farm** By Claire Saxby RRP \$16.95  
Reviewed by Red Door Books

Children will love reading and singing along to this Australian version of "Jingle Bells", (CD included with book). The illustrations are colourful and show a



vivid slice of life on the farm at Christmas time. Swimming in the creek, cricket games in the paddock, rides in Grandad's ute and of course the Christmas feast! An enjoyable tale of Christmas in rural Australia.

**Christmas in Australia** by John Williamson RRP \$19.99  
Reviewed by Red Door Books

John Williamson's song comes alive in the book with rich & bright



illustrations by Mitch Vane. Dad is trying to get the whole family together for the annual Christmas photo around the tree! But someone is always missing because there is always so much to celebrate. Children will enjoy all the antics; but will Dad get his all important family photo?

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**Stitch the Halls!** What Delilah Did by Sophie Simpson RRP \$22.99  
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Maggie's Christmas by Maggie Beer RRP \$49.99  
Reviewed by Red Door Books

She roasts the turkey and then turns it into even yummiest leftovers!— Personally, this is like



the light at the end of the tunnel because if there's one thing worse than the excessive cooking of food at Christmas, it's knowing not what to do with the aftermath...

Christmas Cooking with the Weekly by the Australian Women's Weekly RRP \$29.95  
Reviewed by Red Door Books

Easy to follow instructions, mouth-watering photos/ recipes and plenty of tips on how to make your Christmas celebrations go off without a hitch – at least in the food department! And it's not just traditional meals - other ideas include: Asian Banquet, Italian Seafood Lunch, Modern Cocktail Party, Alfresco Lunch, Bush Christmas, Picnic at the Beach, Christmas Brunch Buffet and of course it wouldn't be Australia with a Christmas BBQ! Something for everyone so get planning....



# PASS WITH CARE

## TAC FUNDS MAJOR CYCLE SAFETY CAMPAIGN FOR MACEDON RANGES

Drivers are the focus of a new summer campaign aimed at keeping cyclists in the Macedon Ranges safe.

Road Safe Central Victoria and Bike Safe Macedon Ranges are set to launch a second major on-road summer campaign aimed at raising awareness. It asks drivers to watch out for cyclists on the road and pass them with care. Macedon Ranges Shire Council and Road Safe Central Victoria are both campaign partners. This campaign is funded by a community grant from the TAC.

Drivers can expect to see large bill boards throughout the Ranges urging motorists to pass cyclists with care. President of Bike Safe Macedon Ranges, Margaret Douglas explains: "This campaign is about education and awareness, commonsense and respect; it is targeted at both motorists and cyclists, they both are legitimate road users but the cyclist is more vulnerable. We want both to get home safely to their families'.

We are beholden to Road Safe Central Victoria for partnering with us in this campaign, which is a first for the Macedon Ranges, and are most grateful to the Macedon Ranges Shire Council/TAC for recognizing the importance



of this safety initiative and for providing the funds to make the campaign a reality in our beautiful region."

A simple message will be promoted to motorists to allow sufficient safe space when overtaking cyclists, including driving with courtesy.

and cyclists will be reminded of their obligations to comply with relevant road rules and to ride with commonsense and courtesy towards motorists.

"Waiting until it is safe before passing a cyclist takes just a few seconds out of a driver's day, those few patient seconds could save a life," Mrs Douglas said.

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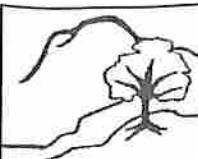
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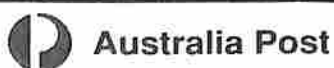
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6	11.00 am	Resonance String Orchestra community music day, Woodend Children's Park	17	7.00 pm	St Mary's Ecumenical Christmas Carols, St Mary's School Hall, Romsey
	9.00 am	Woodend Community Farmer's Market, High Street	20	12.00	Combined Probus Club of Romsey & Lancefield, Christmas Breakup, Australiana Restaurant Wandong
9	7.00 pm	St Mary's Advent Reconciliation, Romsey Church	24	9.00-1.00 pm	Lancefield & District Farmers' Market, High Street
10	9.30 am	St Mary's Advent Reflection Day, Lancefield Presbytery	24	6.00 pm	St Mary's Christmas Eve, Lancefield Church
11	2.00 pm	St Mary's Parish Mass of Anointing, Lancefield Church		Midnight	St Mary's Christmas Eve, Romsey Church
12	5.00-8.00 pm	Riddells Creek Twilight Farmers' Market, Riddells Creek Primary School		7.30 pm	Christmas Eve Carols, Lancefield Uniting Church
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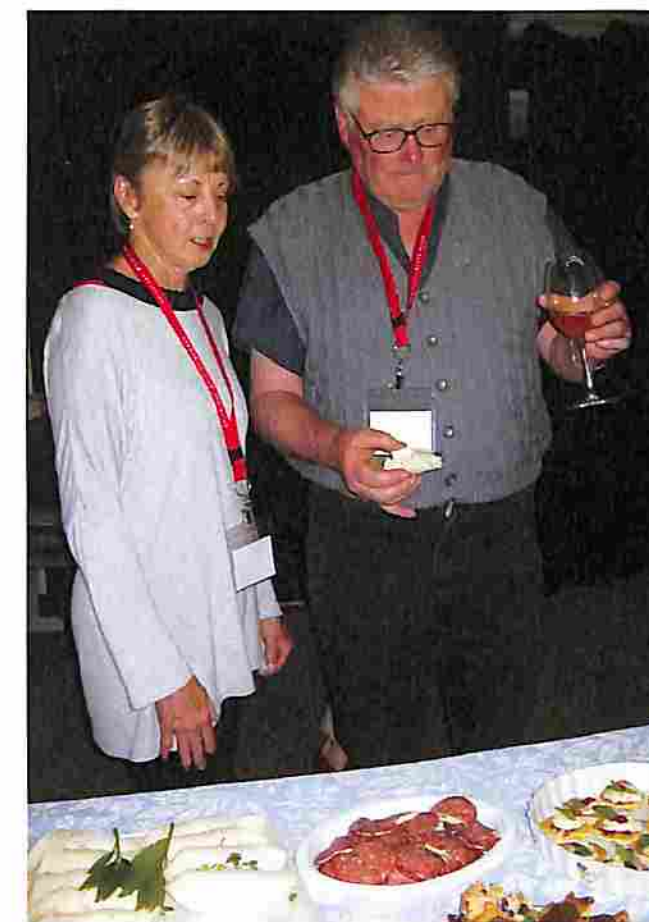
# VARIETY FOR FILM SOCIETY

The evening of Wednesday, 12th November, saw the last film screening of the year for the Macedon Ranges Film Society. Animated discussion followed the film, the question on everybody's lips being - which was the best film of the year? Was it the first film of the year, The Sapphires, that all-Australian favourite? The Israeli gem, The Band's Visit, had popular support. Mary and Max, Adam Elliot's claymation film, was remembered fondly. Or was it that last one, that one on November 12th - the hilarious Bienvenue chez les Ch'Tis (Welcome to the Sticks)? Could people agree? No. But all agreed that the suppers following the films were wonderful!

2015 will see a pleasing variety of films again, taking into account members' tastes and including many genres. It would be an unusual person who would be bored with what is shown on the second Wednesday of the month at the Woodend Community Centre.

But for now, the committee and members of MRFS are taking a break. But don't go away because we'll be back and going into our sixth year. Over the break, enquiries can be made by phoning either Lorraine on 5427 0921 or Christine on 5429 5452.

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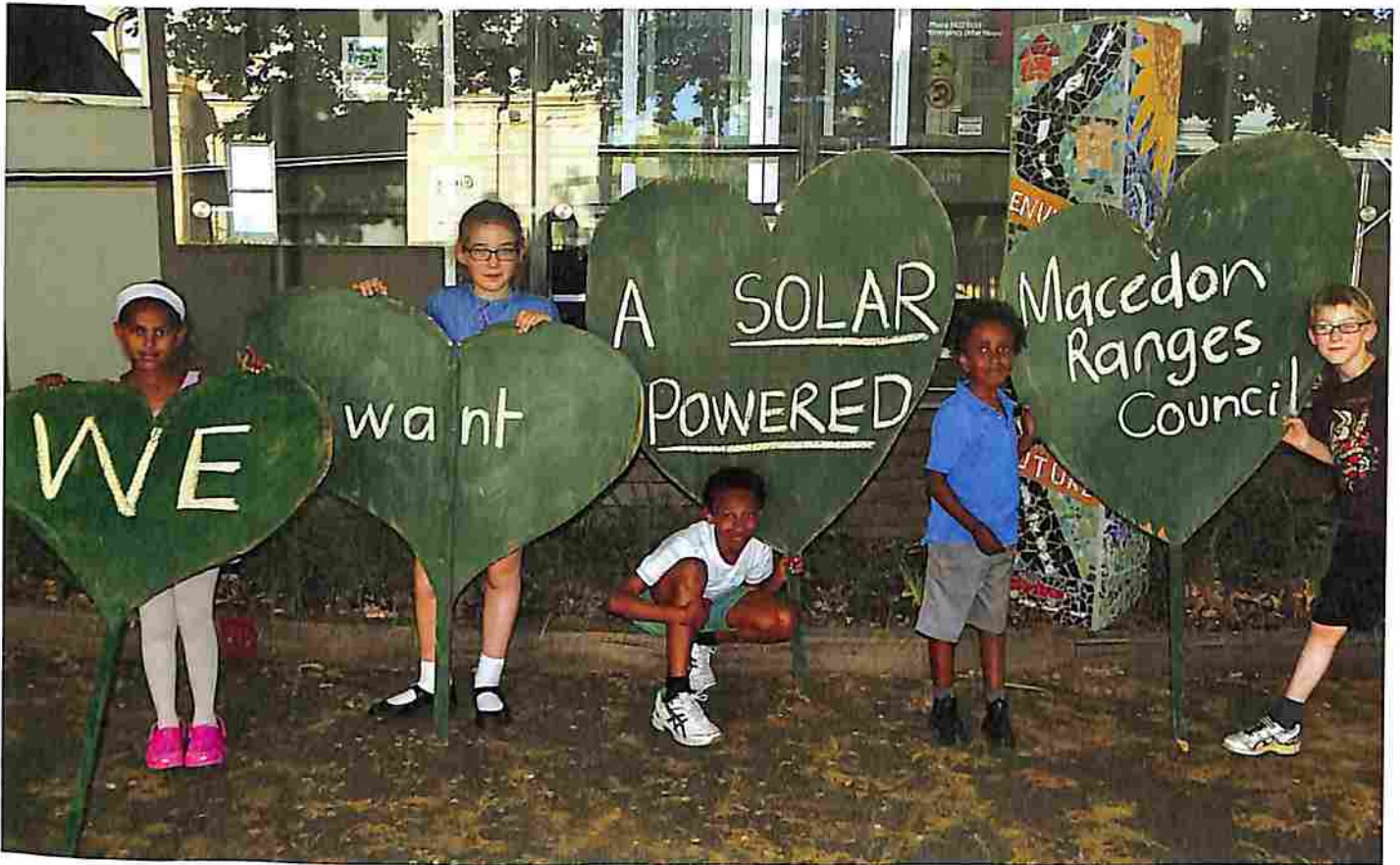
"IMAGES FROM TWO WORLDS"  
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## CLEAN ENERGY PETITION

The Macedon Ranges Clean Energy Petition, launched at the climate march last month, is about to take to the streets. The petition has the strong support of the sustainability groups across the shire. It asks the council to produce a road map to be carbon neutral by 2020. "If we are to avoid the dire consequences of runaway climate change we need to quickly move our energy use to renewables", said Rob Bakes local

petition coordinator. "Our initial investigations strongly indicate that a solar powered council could be carbon neutral by 2020, and then would reap the financial rewards from huge savings in electricity costs".

If the council installs enough solar panels on each of their buildings to generate the energy requirements for daytime use, the installation will pay for itself in three to five years.

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These savings can then be used to buy green energy for night time use (4.5cents extra per kw.) Street lighting, for instance, is estimated to be at least twenty -five percent of the council's energy use.

This would stop carbon pollution in its tracks from the shire's electricity use, and make it carbon neutral by 2020.

The savings in electricity could then be used to tackle other areas of carbon pollution where the shire is being asked by its constituents to clearly demonstrate commitment and leadership.

Other initiatives could include the formation of a Macedon Ranges Energy Foundation which would finance and drive the uptake of renewables into the wider community once it had achieved its aim of assisting the local council.

We urge everyone, for all you love and cherish, to support this important plebiscite. With broad apolitical support across our community, the Macedon Ranges could become a stand-out example of practical climate initiative. Global warming is a dangerous threat which needs to be addressed urgently.

