

MEN'S SHED

FRIENDS OF TIMOR EAST



The last months at the Shed have been very busy with several activities taking place.

In July, we hosted some visitors to the Macedon Ranges Shire Council from the 'Friends of East Timor' who came to see how the Shed operated. We enjoyed a pleasant lunch together and had some interesting conversations/ questions about our shed.

Again this term we are running our 'Kids in Sheds' program, thanks to the generous support of the Shire Council who have funded it through a grant. Lancefield Primary School visits each fortnight on Fridays as part of their Clubs program, and students from St Mary's Primary School have commenced their visits on alternate Thursdays. It's a great sight to see them joining in and making their nesting boxes and pencil cases with such enthusiasm. Romsey Primary School will take part in the program in Term 4.

Our lunches on Wednesday continue to be an enjoyable activity, and our membership is growing.

We are also working on several projects and commissions for our local community. A recent one was restoring

a spinning wheel for the Spinners group from the Neighbourhood House.

A future plan is to open the Shed on a Saturday Farmer's Market so that we can gauge the interest of men who work during the week but would like to participate in the Shed projects on one Saturday per month.

Watch out for it or ring Graham on 0400 321 131 to register your interest.

The Shed exists for the men in our community! Why not join us on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm?

Graham Knell
President

LANCEFIELD & ROMSEY COMMUNITY BANKS

A CENTURY OF REFLECTION ON THE FIRST WORLD WAR

More than 70 members of the Romsey and Lancefield community gathered at Romsey's Lone Pine on Monday in a solemn ceremony to mark the centenary of the first shot in the Great War.

Romsey-Lancefield RSL Sub-Branch member John Wyke – the oldest active serving member – unveiled a bronze plaque dedicated to the memory of the district citizens who marched off 100 years ago to serve their country in World War 1.

The plaque, and another to be unveiled in Lancefield on Armistice Day this November, were funded with a \$4500 grant from the Romsey and Lancefield Community Bank branches.

"The Bank is proud to be involved in this project to honor the memory of those who served in the Great War and the creation of a place where members of the Romsey and Lancefield communities can come and reflect," Bank senior manager Rod Browning said.

The Lone Pine site, on the corner of Main and Palmer Sts, includes a Reflection Chair provided by the Macedon Ranges Council and solar lighting from the Romsey Region Business & Tourist Association.

Romsey-Lancefield RSL Sub-Branch President John Lynch said the unveiling of the plaque was a day to involve the whole community in commemorating the sacrifices made by residents of the district in marching off to war.

"The ceremony gave us the opportunity to reflect on the sacrifices of local families whose sons didn't come home, and the impact on the families of those who did return," Mr Lynch said.

"There were wives who were left without husbands, fathers left without sons, children left without fathers.

"There were also the returned soldiers, who with their families were affected for the rest of their lives by the physical and mental scars of what they had suffered and seen



on the battlefield. "This plaque and this site is a lasting memorial to all those who served in the war and to their families. It gives us an opportunity to reflect upon a shared history and show our gratitude and respect to those who served in the Great War and to their descendants.

"Husbands and sons from Romsey, Lancefield, and towns and suburbs all around Australia answered their country's call to arms in 1914 and sailed off to fight in the war to end all wars on the far side of the globe. "Many of them did not return, but are still remembered and acknowledged here a century later."

Mr Lynch said Romsey's Lone Pine was planted in 1971. The seedling was from a pine in the Ballarat Botanical Gardens, which grew from a seed brought back from the Gallipoli Peninsula in the 1960s.

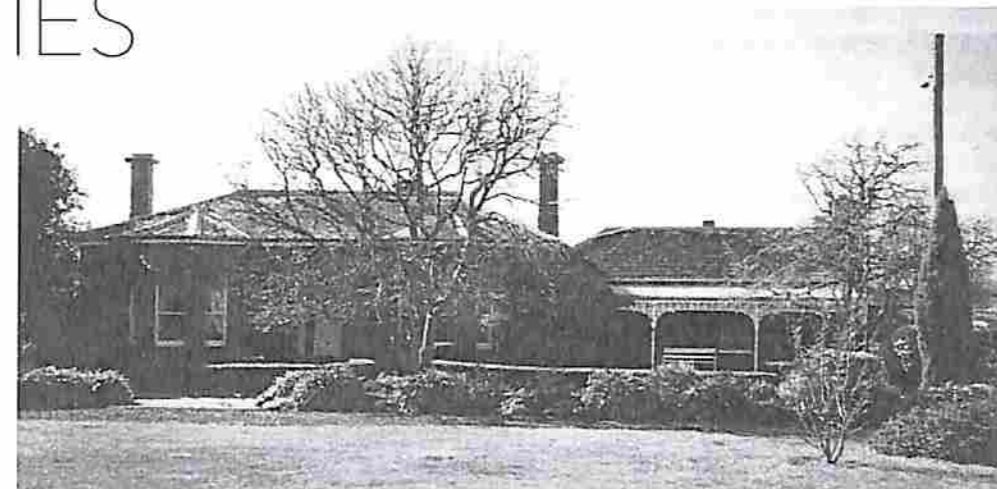


HISTORICAL SOCIETY ACTIVITIES

The annual Winter Lunch was most enjoyable, everyone found the talk by Dr. Paul Carter entertaining as well as amusing.

Dr. Carter gave all in attendance a copy of his book "Hale and Hardy" with the stipulation that a donation be made to the Neighbourhood House. The amount raised for them on the day was \$100.

The Historical Society will have a stall at 'Eden Park', Wallan Road, Romsey for the 'Open Garden Australia' day to be held 13th and 14th September. 'Eden Park' is the home of Mark Clement and Deva Weitman and was built of bluestone in 1875 by the original Peter Mitchell. Their garden has been lovingly planted with cuttings of some of the original roses as well as many other beautiful plants.



Come and see us at our stall at the Lancefield Agricultural Show October 19th. Our topic of interest this year is the formation of West Burke Agricultural Society 1873.

The next general meeting will be Tuesday 23rd September at the courthouse Main Road, Lancefield at 7.30pm. All welcome and supper will be provided.

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On August 13th, 2014 we celebrated the Centenary of Australian Red Cross with a Centenary Luncheon. The event was well attended and the Guest Speaker, Catherine Harris, spoke about her experiences as a Red Cross volunteer in Vanuatu which was enjoyed by all.

We also held our AGM and the following were re-elected: President: Betty Bucknell.

Vice President: Dorothy Hayes.

Secretary: Jean Buist.

Treasurer: Pat Ryan.

Delegate to Region: Christine Clow.

We hold our meetings bi-monthly at the Anglican Church Hall and the next meeting is to be held on Wednesday October 8th 2014 at 2 pm. New members are most welcome.

Jean Buist
Hon. Sec.
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COMING SOON! A WEB SITE FOR LANCEFIELD

We are in the process of setting up lancefield.org.au and we want YOU to be part of it. The aim of the web site is to create a communication hub for Lancefield residents and to showcase the town to people thinking of visiting.

The website will include a directory of community groups, a directory of businesses and a calendar of events, news, history, stories and pictures.

The website will be the place to go for finding phone numbers, finding a tradesman, seeing what's on in town and particularly for community groups to make sure they are not clashing with someone else when organising an event.

If you belong to a group or business that has not received an email from us about this then please contact lancefieldhouse@tpg.com.au straight away to be included.

Businesses will be charged a one-off fee to set up their advertisement (approximately \$30-\$60) this will also give you a line advertisement in the 2015 printed calendar. A nominal annual fee (apx\$5-\$10 may apply in future years).

Please email us on the above address or phone 54291 214 for more information.



LANCEFIELD FIRE BRIGADE

A REASONABLY QUIET MONTH



It has been a reasonably quiet month, the only major turnout being to a fire at Benloch. With smoke sightings in the area mostly at weekends it would seem that cleaning up is part of the task of making our properties fire safe well before next fire season. Keep up the good work.

Regular training is a vital part of the Brigade's preparation. For example here are some of the sessions and courses that our members engage in as part of their training.

Twice a month, on a Sunday morning, scenario training taken from the C.F.A. skills training manual will be on the agenda. Training of this type may also be held on a Thursday night.

Skills maintenance is an on-going part of Brigade training and members must take part to enable them to

be qualified as firefighters. At the end of September skills maintenance for structure qualified members will be available.

A Group Exercise will be held on October 11th and this will involve all the Brigades in the Romsey and District Fire Brigades Group. Details are still a work in progress.

During the month the Community Education team from District 2 attended the Lancefield Primary school. The children were able to look through the smoke house, which is another vital training aid. The Lancefield Pumper with two Lancefield members was also in attendance. As always we are at the Fire Station on Sundays and please feel free to call in.

Stuart Mustey

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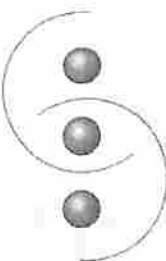
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WHAT'S ON AT THE NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE - CHRISTMAS ALREADY!

The program brochure for the rest of the year will be arriving in your letterbox in the next few weeks. In it will be the details for our two end-of-year community events: The Community Christmas Lunch, on Tuesday 16 December and the Christmas Carols Evening on Friday 12 December

Jim Sansom will be running the bee keeping workshop again this year on the Saturday 11 & 18 October. These theoretical and practical sessions cover the absolutely fascinating world of bees and honey production. Bookings need to be made early for this workshop.

October is going to be a huge month with an Op Shop and Neighbourhood House tour being organised for Seniors Week and a series of ethical shopping tours for Fair Food Week. See the brochure for details.

A new course has been organised aimed specifically at school leavers, and job seekers, wanting to work in the hospitality industry. Working with local businesses a program has been created to cover experience in a range of skills that improve employability. The course will cover skills including barista, customer service and silver service waiting. Food Safety and Responsible Serving of Alcohol Certificates will be optional. Phone the House asap to register for this



course as numbers will be limited.

Wednesday afternoons continue with the spinning group and the poppy making. An amazing number of poppies have already been created for the Anzac project – drop into The Town House to see some of them on display.

SHOW YOUR LOVE FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSES

As you may or may not be aware the Neighbourhood House has been running in Lancefield for 25 years. Like the majority of Houses across the state we are providing more than \$5 of value for every \$1 of government funding. This work has always been done by the hard work of volunteers and minimal employed hours in an underfunded sector. Now, across the State, Neighbourhood Houses are asking their communities to support a campaign for increased funding to cover new Neighbourhood Houses and to support Networks that are in each region.

If you value the projects of the Neighbourhood House – the courses and activities, the Farmers' Market, the Op Shop, Men's Shed and Community Exchange, the Christmas Lunch, the Community Development events, Fancy Dress, The Town House and Lancefield Calendar, not to mention the support services, information and computer access etc., please drop into The Town House or House to sign a postcard to send to our local MP.

Vivien Philpotts
Lancefield Neighbourhood House

SWING INTO SPRING

The Anglican Parish of Christ Church, Lancefield and St Paul's Romsey invites you to Swing Into Spring at our Special Afternoon to hear Mr Ian Wallbridge, Mission House Coordinator, Anglicare- Fitzroy on Tuesday 16 September 2014, 1.30pm in the Mechanics Hall, High St Lancefield. All Welcome! Donation: \$6 Raffle opportunity RSVP: Glenice 5429-6418 Betty 5429-1597

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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 President or Secretary at the above phone numbers.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting Thursday 25th September at 10am.

Our Guest Speaker will be Mr. Rick Faulkner speaking about his work in the Snowy Mountains.

The planned outing for 17th September is lunch at the Tooborac Hotel.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP??

We meet once a month and we deal with the normal matters of a club, like correspondence, treasury, and discuss the last outing we had enjoyed, and most important, where we are going to next month, a short

tour, a long tour, a lunch somewhere. Our monthly meeting always finishes with morning tea, which is followed by a guest speaker with an interesting topic.

A FEW OF OUR MEMBERS ENJOY

'Ten Pin Bowling' each fortnight at Watergardens (definitely non-serious) followed by lunch at a nearby hotel or club.

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

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

All we want to achieve is a day of enjoyment and friendship. Please come and have a look at what we do and who we are.

Please check out our website for information about the Romsey & Lancefield Probus Club rlprobus.org.au

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WEATHER COMMENT

IT IS A VERY CONFUSING YEAR

It is a very confusing year as far as making some sense of the current weather outlook is concerned. As we would all be aware, rainfall has been limited. In our gauge we have only recorded 39mm for the month.

We have also had two very severe frosts at the start of last week with some surprising results. The capeweed looks as though it had been sprayed and this is something that I do not recall happening before.

Since last month there has been some water in the creek but still no run off into the farm dams and we are now looking for a good substantial fall of rain to make this happen. As far as the outlook is concerned an El Nino is still being mentioned but a positive report on "Landline" at lunch time today mentioned rain in western Queensland which may be the change in weather patterns we are looking for.

The grass in the paddock here at home is now showing some positive growth after a spell of two months, so it is now time to bring some cattle in to make some use of it. I do not expect to need to feed the ones I bring in but the remainder out on the farm will need to be fed for another month or so. My comment about the ewes not lambing was not accurate as we had a set of twins and a single

lamb not long after I wrote that but they are still slow.

The winter weather in early August took its toll with some of the usually hardy plants severely burnt by those two mighty frosts [not only the capeweed] e.g. Agapanthus nerines, Alstroemeria and pots safely placed in sheltered places also look quite sad. However Spring is almost upon us with bulbs and blossoms, camellias and wattles all helping to brighten the view.

Toby is now one year old and had the chance to meet some "proper" sheep that were put into our stock yard for an hour or two recently. He did go down to have a look but soon wandered off and showed no more interest. Of course like most pet lambs he does not think of himself as a sheep.

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VANESSA'S GARDEN

I saw a whole heap of raised bed in the outside area of Cottage Plants on High recently, which they've cleverly filled with shavings and are using to stand their trees in (great way to stop them falling over by the way) and it reminded me that I wanted to put in some raised beds before Spring starts in earnest which surely, can't be long now?

Now I have a lot of space to play with but I also started thinking about how to successfully grow veggies in a raised bed when space is limited and you may not have the space to rotate crops or devote a whole bed to a single crop.

As so often with gardening, success comes down to careful planning and proper preparation.

A raised bed is an opportunity to give your plants the very best of planting conditions. You don't have to rely on what Nature has given you in the garden, you can fill your bed with good topsoil and a generous dose of nutrients.

Compost, the contents of the Hoover and a generous sprinkle of blood and bone will get your plants off to a really good start.

Remember that raised beds are likely to dry out fairly quickly, although the compost and of course a covering of mulch once the soil has warmed up, will help to retain moisture. Nevertheless, a drip system is likely to save you time and effort if you have more than one bed – otherwise you'll just need a handy water source and a decent watering can or hose.

As for what crops to grow, plan the best use of space in

your raised bed and resist the temptation to cram things in. It will help ensure you get high quality results to feed the whole family. For example if you were planting leeks, lay the plants out (in a row) around 5cm apart.

This is closer than you would plant them in the ground but we are working with limited space here and you deal with the crowding as they grow by harvesting every second leek as a young 'un and that way the others get to fill out and you get a longer harvest.

Also think about what you and your family like to eat and what's expensive to buy. There's no point in growing veggies no one really likes and there's also not much point in using your limited space for slow-growing and cheaper items such as onions.

Next, think about what grows well together and what competes. There are many good small books on companion planting (Red Door may have some and can certainly order for you). For example, leeks like growing near brassicas such as tatsoi but don't like peas.

Finally, think in three dimensions and make the most of your space by growing one or two taller plants such as cut-and-come again rainbow chard. Remember to put your taller plants at the 'back' of the raised bed, i.e. furthest from the sun, otherwise they will shade your other plants and turn them spindly as they compete for precious sunlight.

To make the best use of space, plant quick growing lettuce and radishes in gaps where you've harvested. Roll on Spring!



SPRING SHOW IS NEARLY HERE!

We are on the countdown – a few more sleeps and the annual Spring Show will be with us. This year the show is running on Friday 12th September 2.00pm – 4.00pm and Saturday 13th September 10.00am – 3.00pm.

Hopefully you will have picked up one of the schedules placed around Lancefield and be well on your way to finalising your entries.

As per the schedule, all entries need to be phoned through to Mrs Betty Bucknell before Wednesday 10th September, which gives you enough time to enter those last minute projects.

All entries will then need to be staged in the Lancefield Mechanics Hall before 9.30am on Friday 12th September. The hall will then be closed until our specialist judges finish handing out those wonderful prizes.

This year we will have scones with tea/coffee available all day for \$5.00, as well as the ever popular lunches – which include soup, sandwiches, slice and tea/coffee all for the amazing value of \$10.00.

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With entry at only \$2 per adult, it's also a lovely little excursion for the day to see all the talented work that is on display.

As ever, our small team of ladies look forward to welcoming you to the hall and having a catch up with friends above all else.

If you have any queries please don't hesitate to phone Meaghan Keogh on 0439 381 977 or email Keoghs@vic.chariot.net.au

CYCLISTS: WANT TO BE SAFER ON OUR ROADS?

Well it won't happen by sitting at home on the sofa. Support Bike Safe Macedon Ranges, become a member and help us make a difference to your safety.

We were formed in June 2013, since then a handful of volunteers have worked with both Macedon Ranges Shire Council and VicRoads to get cyclist advisory signage up on our roads, run a major safety Pass With Care campaign over summer and our Light Up the Road campaign for cyclists is still on the road.

We await advice from the Shire as to whether it will contribute some funds to enable us to run another major safety campaign next summer.

Cyclist road safety has a long way to go in our region. Cyclists have been seriously injured on our roads and most of us have had a serious near miss or been run off the road by a driver.

We need infrastructure improvement, safer on road connectivity between our towns including vastly improved road shoulders and bike lanes that cyclists want to use because they are clean, smooth and well maintained.

You can support us by becoming a member for a lazy \$25.00 or share some of your time. From putting up posters to writing submissions for improved infrastructure and funding, there is a heap of work to do and not enough people to do it.

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Margaret Douglas
President, Bike Safe Macedon Ranges

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REGULAR EVENTS

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 All welcome to come for a game of cards/chat and free lunch.

BINGO

There will be no BINGO until September 4th 2014.

PARISH FEAST DAY

Keep Sunday 14th September free as we celebrate our Parish
 Feast Day following the 10am Mass at Lancefield.



**WELCOME SPRING AT THE MT MACEDON
 PLANT LOVERS' MARKET**

This year the Mt Macedon and District Horticultural Society will be holding its 14th annual Plant Lovers' Market at Bolobek. Bolobek, which is located at 370 Mt Macedon Road Macedon, is listed on the Victorian Heritage Register and noted for its garden.

The weekend of Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 September, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, will be a great opportunity to see and shop for a wide range of seeds, and plants. You can also talk to the growers and nursery owners and make use of their expertise.

Gardening books, from one of Australia's finest stockists, quality garden tools and accessories and onsite

tool sharpening will also be available.

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Janet Sherry

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MESSAGE FROM JOANNE DUNCAN MP

STEVE BRACKS - OBSERVATIONS ON TIMOR LESTE

I am pleased to welcome former Premier of Victoria, Steve Bracks to the Macedon Ranges on September 18th to give his observations on Timor Leste.

This will be an evening not to be missed. Steve Bracks is an engaging speaker with a great story to tell about his amazing time and work in Timor Leste.

Australia and Timor Leste are near neighbors with close political and trade ties and following his resignation as Premier, Steve provided a pro bono advising role in East Timor working alongside the newly elected Prime Minister Xanana Gusmão.

Following a request from Prime Minister Xanana Gusmão in 2011, the Steve Bracks Timor-Leste Governance Project assisted with the drafting of the "Timor-Leste Strategic Development Plan, 2011 - 2030". This plan sets out a pathway to eradicate poverty and establish a diversified non-oil economy in Timor-Leste.

Since 2007 Steve has led twenty six missions to Dili and has acted as Special Adviser on governance issues to the Prime Minister of Timor-Leste, Xanana Gusmao so I am sure he will have many entertaining stories to tell and the evening will be most interesting.

The event will be held Thursday September 18, 6pm - 8pm @ Ethic 63 Urquhart Street Woodend.

Cost is \$10 and RSVP is needed by Wednesday September 10.

You can book a ticket direct at <http://stevebrackswoodend.eventbrite.com.au> or call Chris on 0400 747 121

I hope to see you there

Joanne Duncan
State Member for Macedon

MACEDON GRAMMAR SCHOOL OPEN DAY

Term 3 at Macedon Grammar has been very productive and creative as we prepare for the next Open Day on Thursday 11th September.

The year 7-10 students are looking forward to Canberra camp which is fast approaching at the end of term. Some of the primary school students went along and competed at the inter-school athletics and came back with many smiles and some ribbons and showed outstanding sportsmanship skills.

The Junior school has also enjoyed a visit by author Andy Wright this week. Year 8 students have been participating in Live4Life and are slowly coming along with some beautiful artworks ready for the competition.

The annual MGS swimming carnival is fast approaching in late August, and the primary students have been preparing for the day in their weekly swimming classes. The grades 2-6 will be heading to the wonderful Sovereign Hill in late August and are looking forward to the olden days.

Book week is in August and the primary students will have the opportunity to dress up and show their



creativity while in costume.

Some of the IB CAS students hosted a Japanese day at the school, students dressed up in their own Japanese outfits and students were dressed in kimonos, as ninjas, as sushi and as many other Japanese inspired things, we also had a sushi lunch on the day!

This term our IB Visual Arts Students will

also be holding their annual Exhibition, it should be an exciting event. Overall we are looking forward to the rest of an adventurous term 3!

Christina Carlyle Year 8 MGS

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The word 'treasure' comes from the Greek word, 'Thesaurus' meaning a 'storehouse' which now has come to mean a storehouse of words. So, it may also mean what is stored up in our hearts. Jesus warns us, "Do not store up for yourselves, treasures upon earthbut store up for yourselves treasures in heaven. For where your treasure is, there is your heart also." Matthew 6.19-21.

The rich young ruler who would not give up all his riches to follow Jesus and the landowner who had acquired much wealth and was all set to enjoy it but suddenly died, were both condemned by Jesus because they had not been rich toward God and therefore not stored up treasure in heaven.

It is in Jesus that all the treasures of heaven are to be found, Paul found it his great privilege to tell of "the unsearchable riches of Christ". Jesus calls us to come to Him and learn of him and says of Himself that he is humble and lowly of heart but Paul says of Him, that in Jesus, "are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."

So, it is up to us to seek and find this Jesus and discover for ourselves all the treasures of life to be found in fellowship with him.

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full in His wonderful face,

*And the things of earth, will grow strangely dim,
In the light of His glory and grace.*

AUGUST 2014 - IN RETROSPECT

August, like the rest of the year, has just flown by. We welcomed the Rev Charles Potter to conduct our services this month.

His sermon on 'Loss' was very pertinent in view of the tragedy of MH17 and many others happening in our sad world. Jesus Himself knew bitter loss and He knows ours and

is always with us to comfort and encourage when we look to Him. The Guild met at our Lancefield Church Hall and will continue to do so, with special thanks to Flo Carter for the many meetings we have enjoyed at her place.

AMS met there too and though small in number had an interesting time together reflecting on the life of St Oswald, Christian King of Northumbria, born 605AD.

He encouraged the missionary zeal of the Irish monks, St Columba and St Aidan in converting northern England to the Christian faith from their pagan faith. He is the patron saint of AMS.

News of our Rev Bill Carroll: he says he is 'rocking' with his first operation over and expects to have his second one in September. He feels 10 years younger. Let us keep him in our prayers.

SEPTEMBER DIARY

Thurs 11th - 8pm: AMS meets for another SNOOKER NIGHT at Mrs F Carter's home Monegeetta. Enq- Laurie Thomson 5429-5634

Snow Balls still on the go! \$2 per bag, in aid of AMS Welfare Fund. Enq-Max Dansey 5429-1597

AMS National Conference is being held at Clare SA this month.

Tues 16th - 1.30pm: The Guild's Spring Afternoon at Christ Church Hall Lancefield. Donation \$6. Raffle. Speaker is Mr Ian Wallbridge, Mission House Coordinator for Anglicare - Supporting Victoria's needy!

Thurs 18th - 1.30pm: The Guild meets at Christ Church Hall Lancefield. Enq- Glenice 5429-6418

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SOME GREAT THINGS HAPPENING FOR STUDENTS AT ST MARY'S, LANCEFIELD

DANIEL AZZOPARDI

We congratulate Daniel Azzopardi of 3/4 Gold for winning Scholastic's 'Read more in May' competition. Daniel recorded the highest number of reading minutes in the whole of Victoria. Daniel was very happy to be presented with a trophy at assembly on Monday. He also won \$250.00 worth of vouchers for his family to spend on books and \$400.00 worth of books for St Mary's Library. Well done Daniel.

The Year 6 leaders represented St Mary's at the ceremony and then enjoyed refreshments at the Romsey Hub.



money to "Leave Their Mark" on the school by completing the garden beds around the school. This Inquiry unit is in Year 5/6.

CAR WASH

Some of our students ran a car wash in the church grounds in August.

Well done to the students as we didn't get completely soaked and managed to wash around 19 cars. Thanks also

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS YEAR 5/6 FUNDRAISER ST MARY'S

Congratulations to Ella Marr and Lisa Marie Doria who wrote in the school newsletter about how they are raising



to Fr Arnold for supplying the water and the parents for supplying the equipment.

CHOCOLATE DRIVE AND CAKE STALL

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MACEDON RANGES FILM SOCIETY - RAIN FORECAST!

The Macedon Ranges Film Society was the victim of weather on the second Wednesday in August. Due to damage sustained at the Community Centre in Woodend, it was necessary to cancel the screening of *The Umbrellas of Cherbourg*. Released in 1964, this film tells an old-fashioned love story. Set in Burgundy in France and as the title suggests, umbrellas were in good supply and it can be said that if a film night had to be cancelled due to weather conditions, this would be the one! The film will be shown later in the year, at a date agreed upon by the Society committee and its members.



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.

September's film, *Never Let Me Go*, is based on Japanese-born British author Kazuo Ishiguro's 2005 book of the same name. Starring Carey Mulligan and Keira Knightley, it begins in a fictional boarding school and centres around the relationships between three of its students. They are aware that their school is not like others but initially, they can not identify the difference. The film has been described by critics as one of the best films of its genre.

The Macedon Ranges Film Society meets on the second

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One day during practice, the coach met him with a telegram. Jonathan was shocked to read the message contained in it. Swallowing hard, he mumbled to the coach, "My father died this morning. Will it be all right if I miss practice today?" The coach gently put his arm around his shoulder and said, "Take the rest of the week off, son, and don't even plan to come to the game on Saturday."

On the day of the game, Jonathan's college team was losing badly to the rival team. The coach and the players had all lost hope when they saw Jonathan coming towards them. Jonathan ran up to the coach and pleaded him to allow him to play this match. At first, the coach wouldn't allow him to play. However after a lot of persuasion, the coach gave in. No sooner Jonathan joined the team in the field, their scores started to improve before both the teams were on a tie. However, the real cheer came during the crucial closing seconds when he intercepted a pass and ran all the way for the winning touchdown. His team members were ecstatic. The crowd came running towards him to celebrate the win.

After the match, the coach went up to Jonathan, who was seated alone in the corner of the locker room and asked, "Kid, I can't believe it. You were fantastic! Tell me what got into you? How did you do it?" He looked at the coach, with tears in his eyes, and said, "Well, you knew my dad died, but did you know that my dad was blind?" The young man

swallowed hard and forced a smile, "Dad came to all my games, but today was the first time he could see me play, and I wanted to show him I could do it!"

Father's day is a time for thanksgiving, honouring, family, and celebration for most. Appreciate and be thankful for the fact that you do have a Father to celebrate. But for those who have lost their fathers, continue to live your life to the fullest, so that one day when you are reunited with your Father you can still celebrate together.

The Bible says in 1 Cor. 15:51-52: "But I am telling you this strange and wonderful secret: we shall not all die, but we shall all be given new bodies! It will all happen in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, when the last trumpet is blown. For there will be a trumpet blast from the sky, and all the Christians who have died will suddenly become alive, with new bodies that will never, never die; and then we who are still alive shall suddenly have new bodies too.

And . . . Jesus said in John 11:25-26, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in Me, even if he dies, will live. Everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die — ever. Do you believe this?"

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We would be happy to help you find true peace and joy in life. Encourage Church: "Encouraging one another to be ALL that we can be in life and in God".

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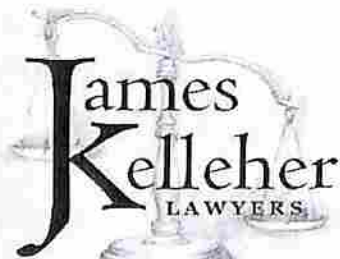
Pastor Marilyn Hunter



ST MARY'S VISITS THE MEN'S SHED.

Some of our students from year 6 have been visiting the Lancefield Men's shed to learn how to make a bird box and a pencil case made of wood. This activity was organised by Graham Knell and supported by Mario Drago and others

from the group. The project was sponsored by the Macedon Ranges Shire and Lancefield Bus Co. There are many skilful and generous people in our community who are willing to help the students learn new skills. Thanks to Graham and Co.



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Sammy grants, named for Western Water's slithering mascot Sammy Snake, are aimed at garden projects with education and health benefits for students or the community.

Schools and not-for-profit groups can apply for a grant to pay for plants, equipment or watering systems. In-kind support such as labour is also on offer.

Environment groups applying for Frances grants must demonstrate that their project will enhance biodiversity, protect flora and fauna or provide educational benefits.

All projects must take place within Western Water's service area. The grants are part of Western Water's Corporate Social Responsibility program, which aims to give back to the community.

For more information and eligibility criteria, go to westernwater.com.au or call 9218 5455. Entries must be in by Friday September 19 and winners will be announced in October.

KYNETON ANTIQUE FAIR 2014

The 18th consecutive year of the Kyneton Antique Fair will include an eclectic range of collectables: antique furniture, militaria, fine chinaware, glassware, vintage clothing, jewelry, home wares, silverware and more. As well, there will be an interest for dealers and collectors interested in the Vintage items available for sale.

Light lunches and refreshments will be provided by the Rotary Country Kitchen.

The Kyneton Antique Fair (featuring Vintage) is the major fundraiser for the Friends of the Kyneton Museum. All funds raised aid the conservation of the Kyneton Museum collection as well as assisting with the development of Museum projects.

Venue: Kyneton Town Hall, Mollison St. Kyneton.

Friday 5th September 5:00pm - 8:00pm

Saturday 6th September 10:00am - 5:00pm. Sunday 7th September 10:00am - 4:00pm

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On opening night, Friday 5th September - enjoy live music with a glass of Hanging Rock Wine!

Further Details: www.visitmacedonranges.com

Contact: Hanne Juul, Fair Coordinator 0428 87 8048

FREEMASONRY UNLOCKED"

Concurrent with the Antique Fair there is the Kyneton Museum "Freemasonry Unlocked" exhibition which explores the history of Freemasonry.

The exhibition draws on objects from the Museum collection and lodges within the Macedon Ranges. Refer to www.mrsc.vic.gov.au

A WALK, TALK & TEA

Also, on Sunday 7th September at 2:00pm, there will be "A Walk, Talk & Tea" visit to the Zetland and Kyneton Lodges to discover some of the mystery and history of these Lodges.

Refreshments will be provided at the Kyneton Museum following the walk and talk. A \$10 charge to participate.

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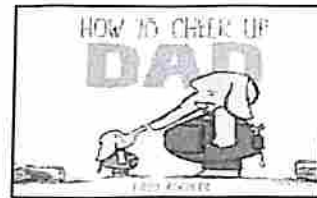
CHILDREN'S BOOKS



"Time Together: Me and Dad" by Maria Catherine RRP\$14.95 Reviewed by Abbie Bennetts

This great little book has beautiful illustrations depicting all the fun games and activities that kids love to do with Dad.

"How to Cheer Up Dad" by Fred Koehler RRP\$19.99 Reviewed by Abbie Bennetts



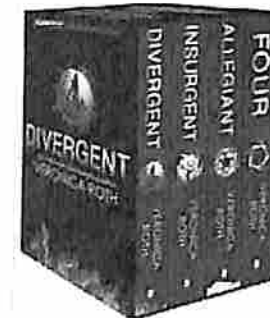
This picture book teaches children the importance of caring and behaving well for their parents – especially Dad. The elephants in the illustrations will ensure children continue to turn each page.



"When Dads Don't Grow Up" by Marjorie Blain Parker RRP\$19.99 Reviewed by Abbie Bennetts

This story celebrates the Dads that never grew up and are still just as silly as their kids! Children will love the detailed pictures of all the antics throughout the book, which has been illustrated by R.W. Alley.

YOUNG ADULT FICTION



Four: A Divergent collection- By Veronica Roth RRP \$59.99 Reviewed by Abbie Bennetts

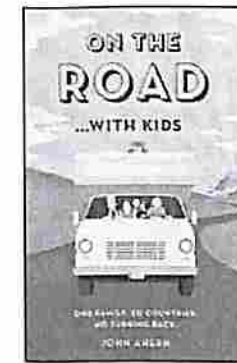
Four: A Divergent Collection is a collection of

stories about the Divergent series through the eyes of Tobias Eaton. Readers are exposed to stories of his past including his choosing ceremony and initiation. There are also a few short stories from his time training the group of initiates we read about in Divergent. He also read about his thoughts and feelings towards Tris Prior. This book is a must read for anyone that has read and enjoyed the Divergent series.

TRAVEL/MEMOIR -

"On The Road with Kids" by John Ahern Reviewed by Red Door Books

If you have ever thought about breaking away from a time poor life with your family then this is the book for you! John Ahern had ticked all the "success"



boxes, high flying career, big home, 2 kids and a wife – but something was missing. With all the rushing around there never seemed to be any time to actually just enjoy his family's company. So what to do? Buy an old campervan online, do away with the career, rent out your house and pack up the family and spend a year abroad travelling through 30 countries!

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even make you feel a little envious, but it won't disappoint. Not much goes to plan; but that all adds to the travel experience and as the reader you receive the front seat view! Ahern has written a witty, and yet honest account of a trip of a lifetime.



"Diary of a Pregnant Dad" by Rob Wilcher RRP \$27.95 *Reviewed by Nielson Bookdata Reviewed by Red Door Books

This is one man's month by month story of pregnancy from a bloke's point of view. It is full of helpful tips about what to expect

from conception to delivery, and covers topics such as: His feelings about impending fatherhood; Coping with his partners mood swings and health crises; His changing relationship with his partner; Dealing with her morning sickness and her food cravings; Ultrasounds and baby school; Understanding the baby's development; A must-have book for all prospective parents, especially fathers-to-be, written with humour, sensitivity and hard-won wisdom.

FOOD/WINE

"James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2015 Edition" by James Halliday RRP \$39.95 *Reviewed by Nielson Bookdata

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"The Book of Tripe" by Stephane Reynaud RRP \$49.99 *Reviewed by Nielson Bookdata



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Having spent 10 years scaling the lower echelons of the sport, the time has come for one of Britain's least successful athletes to reveal all about how he got involved in all this nonsense in the first place. Marvel as he reveals: His sporting history - how being last pick at school football in the 1970s set him on course for a lifetime of being rubbish at team games. How he took up triathlons in the first place (for a bet, and the cow who made it with him never paid up). How he overcame a crippling lack of talent and a chorus of complete indifference from his family to complete 10 Ironmans, all outside the top 500 finishers. The

Esteemed French chef Stephane Reynaud shares his delicious recipes of tripe, including everything offal has to offer. Only a father could love this... happy father's day Dad!

SPORT/OUTDOORS

"Accidental Ironman - how a triathlon ruined my life" by Martyn Brunt RRP \$19.99 *Reviewed by



many triathlon adventures he has experienced over the past 10 years (cow pats, Ironmans, incontinence, driving bans, broken bones, public nudity, spending entire redundancy payments on a new bike, Belgian portaloos, German knocking shops, sunburnt arse cheeks, channel swimming, fights with chavs, obsessions with weather and the nutritional value of Jaffa Cakes, 3 hour marathons, chronic dehydration and so on). The many and varied idiots he's got to know as a result of taking up the sport (aka his mates). The typical training (hell) he goes through to take part in a race given he has absolutely no ability whatsoever. How triathlons ultimately caused him to sell his Mercedes, give away his expensive suit, chuck in his job in

the City and become, as his father put it, a "god-damned hippy" (A cycle path designer who owns a camper van).



"Accept the challenge : The Autobiography -" by Leigh Matthews RRP \$34.99 *Reviewed by Nielson Bookdata

Life and lessons from the world of Australian Rules Football as told by an icon of the sport, Leigh Matthews. Four time Premiership player, voted the player of the 20th Century and four time Premiership coach.

Accept the Challenge offers rare insights into the life and learning experiences that have shaped Leigh along his successful and at times turbulent journey. Autobiographical in style this much anticipated title takes the reader back to Leigh's early childhood through to his current position as an elder statesman of the game. An honest self-appraisal as Leigh ponders the influences and experiences that shaped his character, his decisions and ultimately his career, the book unravels and reveals. Leigh is extremely open as the book explores early childhood, the fortune of moving to Hawthorn and the commencement of the shaping of his own

philosophy and beliefs by legendary coaches John Kennedy, David Parkin and Allan Jeans. It identifies with the pressures of coaching Collingwood and the relief that success delivers. The task of building a champion team in the Brisbane Lions and the different personalities that contributed to the challenge but also to the successful formula that dominated the sport at the turn of the century. Lessons in team dynamics, man management, keys to success, goal setting and managing a crisis are interspersed with revealing anecdotes and exclusive content from the biggest name in the game during the sports' most successful era.

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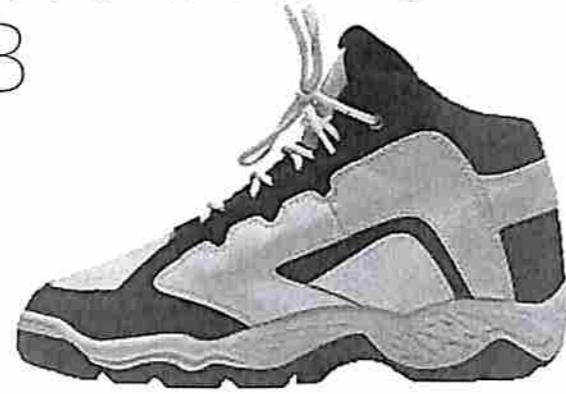
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THE MACEDON RANGES RUNNING CLUB

The Macedon Ranges Running Club was launched in Gisborne in 2008 and was expanded to include Woodend, Macedon and Riddells Creek. After many enquiries the club is starting a Lancefield-Romsey branch.

As an introduction we are a recreational, non-competitive, running club with a sound support structure and operated entirely by volunteers. It is an incorporated club, associated with Athletics Victoria and with policies aligned with the Healthy Sporting Environment as recommended through Sports Focus. Safety is the aim with the Leaders being first aid current, thanks to magnificent support from Cobaw Community Health, and having attended a Leaders workshop.

Commencing Monday September 1 a Start Running Group program will be held in Lancefield. This course will provide training to a non-runner with basic fitness to run 5km nonstop in eight weeks PLUS you can then choose to continue and complete the 10km distance over an additional five weeks (13 weeks in total to complete the 10km distance nonstop). Each participant runs at their



own comfortable pace, this is not a competition.

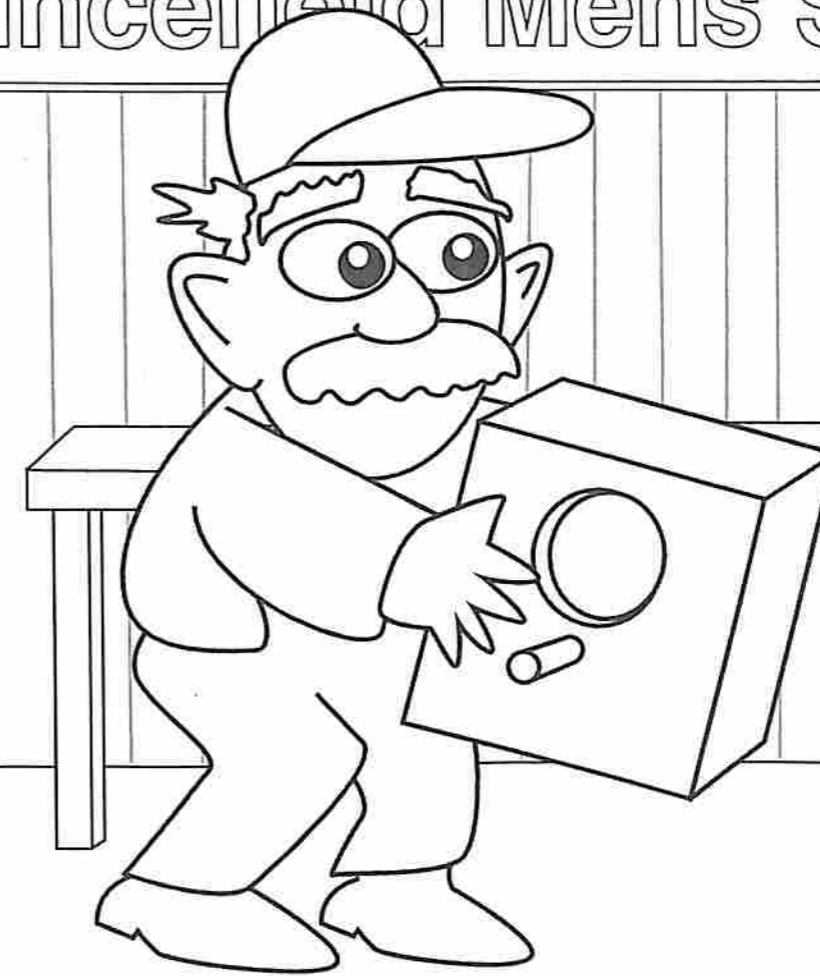
The other four towns will be holding the same course concurrently and the milestone 5km and 10km runs will be held as one group to share the joy of such a great achievement.

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LANCEFIELD GOLF CLUB REPORT

KEEN GOLFERS CONTINUE TO BRAVE THE ELEMENTS

Apologies to all our readers for not including a Golf report in last month's Mercury. A return to full time work ensured I had my mind on other things and I completely forgot the submission date. Despite our wintry weather over the last 2 months (which has included snow flurries) our keen golfers continue to brave the elements and get out on to the course to enjoy the game and the camaraderie of fellow players.

The Lancefield ladies have not missed a day this winter but have chosen to start later on a few particularly cold days, playing only nine holes before enjoying a hot cuppa and lunch in the clubrooms. Lyle Gleeson organized a social ladies gathering at Seasons in Riddells Creek in August and a lovely lunch and a good time was had by the 18 ladies who attended.

On 4th August the Dalhousie Jean Walder Bowl was hosted by Lancefield and after a frosty and very cold start to the day 14 teams competed for the trophy. The sun came out to thaw frozen fingers and the winners were the team from Seymour with Lancefield coming in runners up. It was a great day and the superb lunch of soup, salad rolls and slices were greatly appreciated by all competitors. Lancefield always puts



on a great event. Well done to all involved.

Di Rohde was the winner of this season's Silver Spoon and the August ladies Monthly Medal winner was once again Jenni Vennell. Well done Jenni. (Just a reminder to all the other ladies to give the monthly medal a go!)

Saturday golf continues to attract a large gathering despite our often inclement weather but that may have something to do with the fact that there are now about 15 members with golf carts. This has seen a big change to the look of the course on a Saturday. We just hope that all our players are still enjoying another form of exercise to help them keep fit!

Brett Lockens won the Match Play competition finally defeating Chris Lingard after 5 weeks of play and the J and A Riley Ambrose was won by Craig Duncanson, Luka Rebecchi and friend on aturday 9th August. The Monthly Medals

winner for August was Graeme (brother of one of our greats) Brennan.

Tuesday Men's competition sees a regular turn out of about 8 players, so all those retirees out there looking for ways to fill in a day should perhaps contemplate the idea of playing golf with this fine group of Lancefield gentlemen. They will make you very welcome if you turn up for a 9.00am start.

A reminder to all members who enjoy Grand Final day at the clubhouse that play begins early on Saturday 27th September with TV viewing and refreshments in the afternoon.

Plans are currently in place to automate the club's sprinkler system to ensure the 18 greens are kept evenly watered. This will be a huge time saver for our green keeper Conway as well as being extremely cost effective for the club. At the moment greens 10, 11, 12 and 13 are currently watered using town water. From now on they will all use water from the old dam, consequently saving the club significant amounts of money. We thank the greens committee for initiating this improvement that will benefit all in the club.

As you are reading this report we will have moved into spring and hopefully you are sitting in a sunny spot on the verandah of the clubrooms thinking how lucky you are to be a part of this vibrant and unbelievably picturesque golf club. If not why not join up now by ringing our secretary Carole on 5429 1922 to ensure your membership is secured.

A reminder to all our valued members that annual membership fees are due by 30th September.

Happy and successful golfing to all.

MACEDON RANGES FARMERS MARKETS IN SEPTEMBER

6th - Woodend Community Farmers' Market - cnr High & Forest Sts- 0487 744 090

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It doesn't seem that long since the last cricket season finished, with our U/14 team playing finals, our First XI losing a grand final, and our Second XI winning a Premiership. The exciting news is that the next season is just around the corner!

The Lancefield Cricket Club committee has been busy during the off season planning for the season ahead, which we hope will be even more successful than last season – both on and off the field.

After 4 years of high off field spending on upgrading our facilities, no major projects are planned for this season. However, the club would like to run power to our training nets to allow consistent use of our bowling machine. We would also like to update our toilet facilities in the clubrooms. In order to undertake these projects we require help from our sponsors, so if you or anyone you know is able to help please contact us.

We are also looking at updating our playing shirts this season, providing senior match day club shirts and introducing a hoodie or tracksuit top for the junior players to wear to training and matches. All these items also require sponsorship and we would like to acknowledge the wonderful support of the Lancefield/Romsey Community Bank, CMC

Plumbing (Chris Collins) and Sankey Excavations over the past season. We are very hopeful that our relationship with these sponsors can continue into the future and welcome any new sponsors to the club. Without strong support from local business the Cricket Club cannot offer a vital sports service to Lancefield and the surrounding district.

On field, the coming season looks the most exciting for many years. We plan to field 2 junior teams, which will be supported by the ongoing Milo Cricket Program (thanks to Cal Fearn for his expertise running this program). At the senior level the LCC has nominated 3 senior teams, with senior player numbers stronger than they have ever been. As one of the smaller clubs within the GDCA, we are proud of the family environment that we have created, which is resulting in increased membership at all levels.

Of course, none of this is possible without the support of our members and their parents. We look forward to a great 2014/15 season at all levels and hope to see you all at the Lancefield Cricket Club playing, supporting and attending our many social functions.

Kevin McDonald
President Lancefield Cricket Club

BOWLING CLUB AIMS FOR ANOTHER FLAG

Lancefield Bowling Club has its sights set on repeating its 2013-14 division one pennant victory.

At the recent annual meeting, re-elected president David Safstrom said the past season was highlighted by the club's top division premiership success, the third in the past 10 years.

"You should all be proud of your efforts," he told members.

Lancefield won the division one flag last season by defeating Bacchus Marsh by eight shots in the grand final.

The club's division three side reached the preliminary final, and the mid-week side was also competitive.

The president thanked all executive and committee members on their efforts on and off the green.

The schools' program and barefoot bowls will continue this season.

Long serving Secretary Gordon Charles and Gary Choate (treasurer) were also re-elected, the former indicating this would be his last term in this role. He emphasised the need to recruit new bowlers for 2014-15.

"We want old and young alike to come along and enjoy themselves," he said.

The treasurer said the past year had been one of consolidation from a financial aspect.

Mark Godbolt is senior vice-president, and Pauline Wilson junior vice-president.

Gary Dickenson, Michael Linehan, Neil Barrett, Shirley and Rob Hummel, Bern Shannon,

Michael Walsh and Bill West are on the general committee.

Membership fees were pegged at the same level as last year, and the club expects to again field three pennant teams.

Gary Dickenson has been re-elected as Central Highlands Bowls Division chairman.

OPENING DAY - SEPTEMBER 14

Lancefield's new season begins with opening day on the afternoon of Sunday, September 14th.

All bowlers and those who may be interested in taking up the sport are invited to attend.

The club is keen to recruit additional members, both male and female.

The green is in excellent condition for this time of the year, and some bowlers are already getting in pre-season practice.

S.S.A.A. Kyneton Branch

Attention Shooters

The new **Cobaw Shooting Range** will have it's Grand opening on Saturday the 13th of September commencing at 11 am and the range closing at 5 pm.

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Range will be in use every second Saturday.

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CRICKET CLUB

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She'd passed some years ago, brought a tear to my eye.

You weren't that old, just Sixty Three
Not all that much older than me
But your mind began to let you down
Is that why you took that walk around town

On a cold, cold night under the stars
I still don't know how you made it that far

Little man I hope you went quick
That mornin' the frost was white and thick
It went down to four below
Sure ain't no way to go

Little man, little man
You might be gone
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On a cold, cold night under the stars
I still don't know how you made it that far.

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