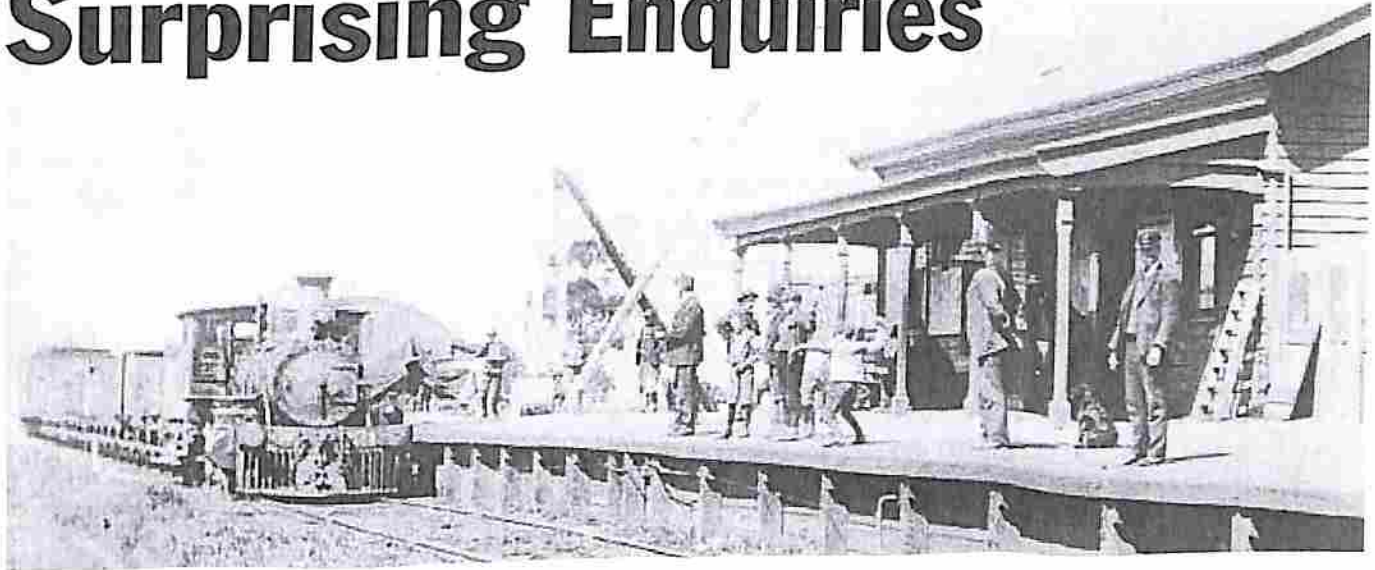


## Historical Society

# Always Interesting and Often Surprising Enquiries



Romsey Railway Station circa 1900

We are often surprised at the enquiries we receive each month, the main ones are about the railways, particularly the Lancefield to Kilmore line and Burke & Wills. It will be 57 years in August since the trains to Lancefield stopped running. At the moment we are on the lookout for a photo of the Lancefield Milk Bar/News agency from sometime in the last 50 years. This photo could be added to our current project that is the history of the businesses in Lancefield, there are similar projects for Romsey, Riddells Creek and Rochford.

Last week we had a visit from Kevin Smith from Western Australia and he had brought with him 12 members of his family to see where their ancestors had lived and worked in Romsey. Their grandfather David Smith had a fruit and vegetable & tobacconist on the East side of Main Street and then he moved across the street and the business expanded to a news agency as well. David Smith and family came to Romsey in 1894 and left in 1910 to go to the West. Bert Smith, son of David joined the army and went to the first war and was killed in action. Kevin and 2 members of his family visited us late last year and we were able to find quite a few pieces of information about his family during their time in Romsey.

Here are some dates for you diary don't forget the last time Seymour cottage is open before the winter: is the 19th May from then it will be closed until we reopen

on the 18th September. The cottage can be opened for group bookings during winter by calling Sheryl Willett on 0419 597 947 or email [seymourcottage@gmail.com](mailto:seymourcottage@gmail.com) Don't forget to follow the cottage on facebook under Seymour Cottage it is good to see we are getting a following.

The Winter luncheon will be held on the 23rd July so keep this date free we are having an Author come to speak to us about their latest novel. It should be an interesting talk as the book has local content. More details of this will be published in later publications.

As always we are still looking for anyone who would like to help the Society you don't need any special skills. Any time you can spend helping either at the Courthouse or the Cottage would be greatly appreciated. It doesn't need to be on a regular basis just a pop in when you have some spare time would be great. We are still looking for a President so if there is anyone interested in this position please contact us. The committee meetings are held during the day so you won't have to go out at night during the winter.

Shirley 0402 248 540 or Sheryl 0419 597 947 or Robyn 0418 172 659

That is all that there is to say for this month keep these dates free and we look forward to seeing you there  
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## Lancefield Fire Brigade

# Fire Restrictions Lifted But Be Careful

The Biennial meeting of the Brigade was held on 2nd April at Lancefield Neighbourhood House 2013 and was attended by 27 members and 6 guests. Firstly I would like to congratulate Bob Williams for his service to the Brigade over many years both as President and also 1st Lieutenant. Bob did not wish to nominate for any positions and together with his wife Pauline have been valued members of the Brigade during again many years of service .

Since the last report the fire restrictions have been lifted but people still need to be careful when lighting fires and to make sure they have the means to keep burn offs confined. I remind the residents that should a fire get away the person lighting the fire may be held responsible for damage to neighbours property

The Officers elected at the meeting are as follows Captain S Mustey

1st Lieutenant J Davis  
2nd Lieutenant S Winks  
3rd Lieutenant P Kendray  
4th Lieutenant J Amos  
5th Lieutenant J Gibson  
Comms Officer H Metz  
President H Bleack  
Secretary /Treasurer V Davis

I will conclude with a few statistics from the last 2 years, total emergency calls 97, and for the Fire Danger Period just finished 37 turn outs totalling approximately 830 member hours on the appliances. Operational and Operational Support members have also put in hundreds of hours in training ,fund raising,etc so we have been very busy. Little to report on the new station but we keep looking for any developments on that front.

Stuart Mustey  
Captain



## Macedon Ranges Community Farmers' Markets In May

Sat 4th - Woodend Community Farmers' Market - Cnr High & Forests Sts

- 11th - Kyneton Farmers' Market - St Paul's Park, Piper St
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# Lancefield Primary School



### Young Leaders Day

Recently our 3 School Captains and two Sport Captains attended a young leaders Conference hosted by teacher Mrs. Nicole Dettmann at Romsey Primary School. The students listened to a number of inspirational guest speakers and learnt about the qualities of a leader. The students from LPS were particularly excited to meeting Olympic medallist Victoria Brown, who is a previous student from Lancefield Primary School. The

students enjoyed an opportunity to wear Victoria's bronze model.

### Volleyball

Our senior students recently competed in the Cobaw District sports competition and were proud of their achievement with the girl's team placing second in the competition to St. Mary's Primary School.

### School Tours

During term 2 we invite prospective

parents and students to come for a tour of Lancefield Primary School.

This is a great opportunity to find out more about our comprehensive and differentiated curriculum and our Performing Arts, Visual Arts and Physical Education Programs. We will also explain programs such as our wellbeing programs, buddy program and the transition program.

During the terms you will have the opportunity to spend time in classes and meet our friendly and professional staff.



### Disco at LPS

As an end of term celebration we had a disco. Thank you to the staff and parents for entertaining and feeding 120 students. The students had a wonderful time and there were some very creative Easter Hats.

of diversity we had a whole school celebration for Harmony Day. The school was a sea of orange, the colour that represents Harmony Day. A number of students also dressed up in costumes that represented different countries.

### Harmony Day

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# Film Society Experiences The Sweet And Sour

Lemons were central to the uplifting yet poignant story played out in the film, *The Lemon Tree*, the April choice of the Macedon Ranges Film Society.

The central character, Salma, is dismayed to find that her new neighbour, an Israeli Defense Minister, wishes to cut down her 50-year-old lemon grove which abuts his property. It is considered a security threat and he is bound to follow the advice of his security service.

Things come unstuck when Salma, a seemingly quiet and unassuming widow, decides with the aid of attorney, Ziad, to take her case as far as the Supreme

Court in order to keep the trees she inherited from her father. Equally difficult for the new Minister is the fact that his wife shows strong sympathy towards this simple woman and upheaval for the previously stable domestic life of the Minister, is the result.

The MRFS shows a broad range of film genres so May's will be a film quite unlike April's. Neil Jordan's acclaimed thriller, *The Crying Game*, centres around the character of Fergus who kidnaps British soldier Jody for the IRA, befriends his captive and promises to contact his girlfriend, Dil, should Jody die.

Tragedy strikes and when Fergus

and Dil eventually meet, they hit it off but Fergus is completely unprepared for the big surprise that awaits him.

This film will be screened on Wednesday, May 8th.

The Macedon Ranges Film Society meets on the second Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. in the Woodend Community Centre.

Film notes are supplied and for those who wish, there is discussion following the screening, with supper kindly supplied by members.

Email [mrfilmsociety@gmail.com](mailto:mrfilmsociety@gmail.com) or call Christine on 5429 5452 or Vicki on 5427 2323.

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## Vanessa's garden

At this time of year you can be both putting your garden to bed and planning garden improvements to do over the winter ready for spring.

### Autumn Pest Control

In the putting to bed category are essential seasonal jobs like pruning, which I've written about in previous columns. Another essential job is pest control. If you tackle them early there will be less of a problem during the growing season and now is the time to get your revenge on the dratted white cabbage butterfly. The eggs will have been laid by the time you read this and could already have hatched into caterpillars which may be furtively munching on your winter crops even as you read. These caterpillars laugh at frosts so it's no good hoping Mother Nature will take care of them for you because she won't. If you prefer not to use chemicals you can do as I do and spray with weak salty water. Start with 2 teaspoons of salt to a bucket of water. Spray directly on to the pests and if it's strong enough they will roll off. If they don't, add another teaspoon until you get a mix that works.



### Garden Improvements

I have several projects on my burgeoning to do list but as ever, it's a question of time and money. The wish list starts with a greenhouse or polytunnel, so that I can start seedlings off early and protect tender pot plants from the frosts. I also need to fence or start a hedge around my orchard, as you can see from the picture below of a wallaby helping himself to fresh apple shoots after the recent rain.

### Making New Beds

I also want to build some new garden beds this winter. There's a long sunny stretch by the dog pen and our farm shed that's reasonably well sheltered from wind and frost and it's an ideal place for a splash of native colour. I want to attract more birds, so the main planting will include a couple of bottle-brushes, some grevilleas and banksias. Because this bed will largely be devoted to natives, the focus will be on removing the grass and perennial weeds and I'll confine improvements to making sure the soil is slightly acid. I'll test the soil once the weeds are out to make sure it hasn't been contaminated by previous construction work and if all is well, a scant helping of blood and bone should be all the beds need. Planting now means that winter rains (fingers crossed) and cooler weather should enable the plants to form good root systems in time for spring. I also won't be staking. I want them to rock a little to encourage a sturdy habit, rather than relying on external support. Fierce southerlies blast up our little valley and the plants need to be strong enough to



cope without relying on a stake which might get uprooted. I will be watering but not to excess. Just enough to help them get established.

### Winter Weed Work

Removing perennial weeds can be a pain as they seem to keep coming back as soon as your back is turned. One way to cope with them is to lay a thick straw mulch. Of course they'll soon poke through it but the idea is to use a garden fork to lift the mulch. The weeds (being rooted) slide through and flop back onto the soil. You then drop the mulch back on top. It's simple and quick to do. You might have to do this more than once but after a couple of months they'll be too weak to keep going and die off to become part of the mulch. No poison, little effort and no digging! That's my kind of gardening. Other members of the family often offer to help, when they see how easy it is. Herc, for example, is my Labrador Whisky, helping to suppress weeds in a newly built and mulched bed. At least that's his story.

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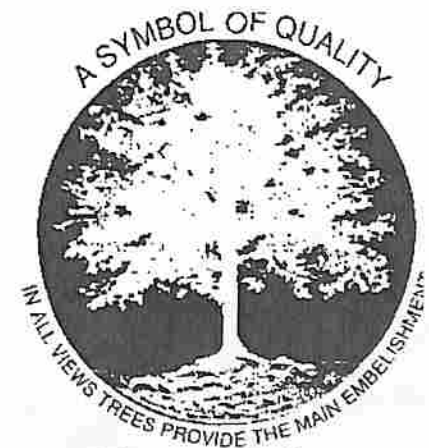
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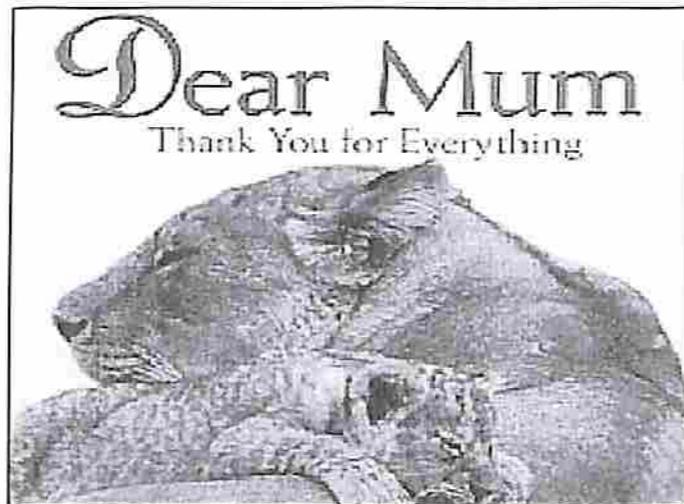
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Solomon Rosenberg and his wife and their two sons and his mother and father were arrested and placed in a Nazi concentration camp. It was a labour camp and the rules were simple. "As long as you can do your work, you are permitted to live. When you become too weak to do your work, then you are exterminated."

Rosenberg watched his mother and father marched off to their deaths and he knew that next would be his youngest son, David, because David had always been a frail child. Every evening Rosenberg came back into



the barracks after his hours of labour and searched for the faces of his family. When he found them they would huddle together, embrace one another, and thank God for another day of life. One day Rosenberg came back and didn't see those familiar faces. He finally discovered his oldest son, Joshua, in a corner, huddled, weeping,

and praying. He said, "Josh, tell me it's not true." Joshua turned and said, "It is true, poppa. Today David was not strong enough to do his work. So they came for him."

"But where is your mother?" asked Mr. Rosenberg. "Oh poppa," he said, "When they came for David, he was afraid and he cried. Momma said, 'There is nothing to be afraid of David' and she took his hand and went with him."

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After He said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid Him from their sight. They were looking intently up into the sky as He was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen Him go into heaven." Acts 1.vv3.4.8-11.



APRIL IN RETROSPECT. April has been a quieter month. The Guild Street Stall on the 13th was a worthwhile event both socially and financially and we were blessed with a very pleasant morning. A big thank you to all who supported the stall by their handiwork

and purchases. Raffle Prize Winners were: 1st: L Thomson, Romsey; 2nd: M Mortimer, Spotswood; 3rd: J Lynch, Romsey.

ALPHA classes finish this month and those attending have been spiritually enriched by a deepening appreciation of the Christian Faith. A second series is contemplated.

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10.30Am, Holy Communion - Christ Church Lancefield

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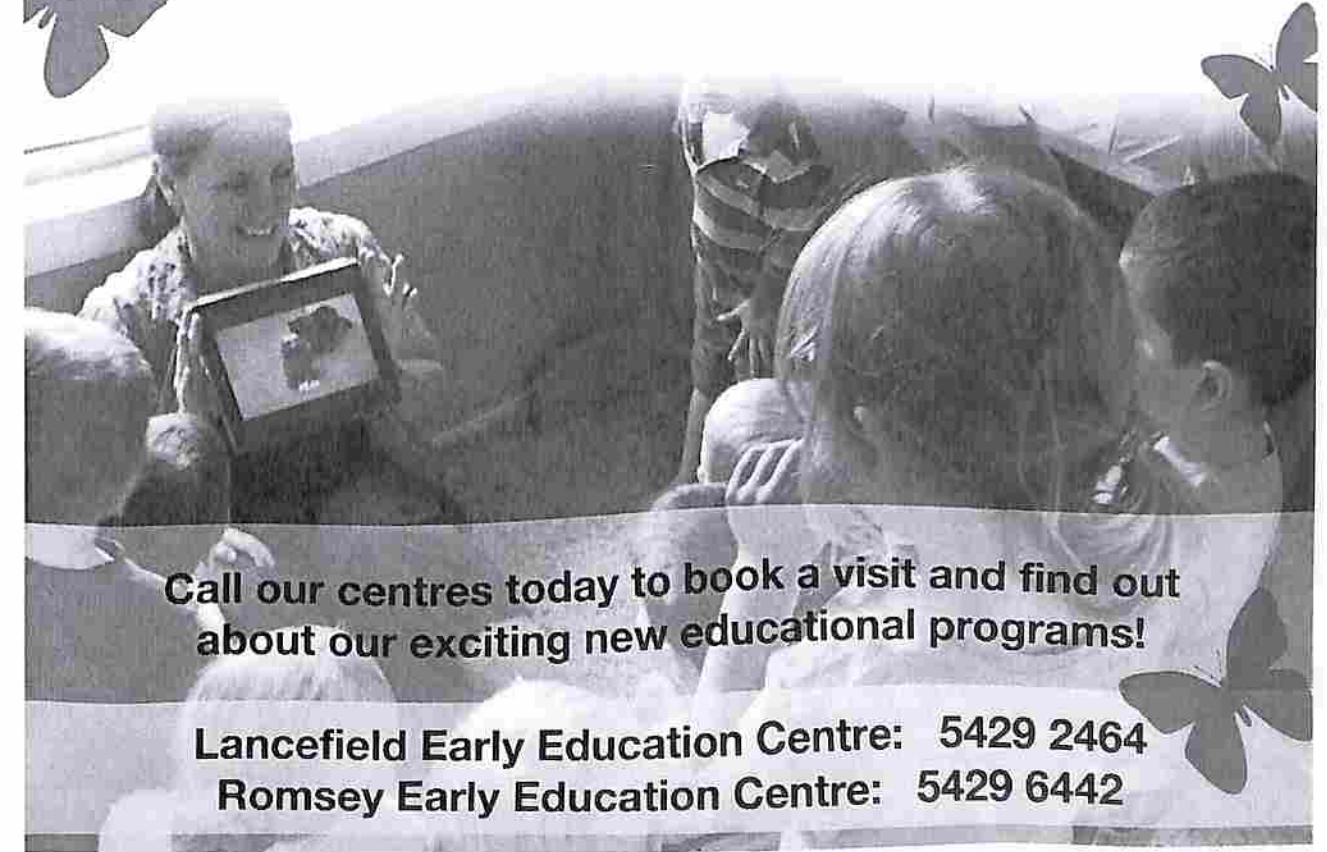
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# St Mary's Primary School News

2014 enrolments are being taken now please contact the school on 54291359 to arrange a tour. Enrolment forms are available from the school office or can be picked at either of the local kindergartens.

## Cultural Diversity Week: A Taste of Africa

On Thursday 21st March Year 3-6 students from St Mary's and Lancefield Primary experienced the musical culture of Ghana, Africa.

A group of African artists performed a variety of musical and cultural activities. This included the students having an opportunity to participate in tribal drumming activities, which sounded amazing.



photos taken with their Year Six buddies and wrote about how to be respectful, positive and cooperative at school.

## Year Prep 3 Bees book launch

On Thursday March 27th the Year Prep students held their 3 Bee's book launch. The students had

## Project Compassion

On Monday March 25th the 5/6's organised a sports activity session for each Class as a fundraiser for Project



Compassion.

Well done to the Year 5/6 students for organising this event which raised over \$100.

We have now reached our \$500 target.

## Cobaw Sports report


Congratulations to all the students who represented St Mary's on Friday 22nd March at the Cobaw Interscholar Summer Sports.

The students are to be commended on their wonderful sportsmanship. Both volleyball teams have successfully progressed to the next level of the interschool competition.


The cricket team came 4th and the softballers finished 2nd. Thanks to Mrs Giles for all her hard work in organising this.

## New Paving and Front Entrance

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## Draft Agribusiness Plan

Council invites the community to have its say on the DRAFT Macedon Ranges Agribusiness Plan during its public consultation period from Monday 15 April to Friday 10 May 2013.

The Draft Plan incorporates the feedback received from the local agribusiness community via the Macedon Ranges Agribusiness Survey and following consultation workshop. It also reflects Council's commitment to supporting a sustainable agricultural future for the Macedon Ranges whilst acknowledging the contribution of agribusiness to the local economy and community.

The Draft Plan proposes fourteen strategic recommendations that are targeted at specific priority issues that come under four strategic themes: Facilitating Communication; Managing Transition; Providing Information and Facilitating Outcomes; and Supporting Growth Opportunities.

Recommendations include forming a Macedon Ranges

Agribusiness Forum; facilitating regular industry workshops and networking opportunities; and building links between the established and new residents in agricultural areas.

Written submissions will now be accepted until close of business Friday 10 May 2013.

Copies of the Draft Plan are available at the Kyneton, Woodend, Romsey and Gisborne Council offices. A copy of the Draft Plan can also be downloaded from Council's website [www.mrsc.vic.gov](http://www.mrsc.vic.gov).

Comments should be addressed to: Gaynor Atkin, Coordinator Economic Development Projects, PO Box 151, Kyneton VIC 3444 or by email to [gatkin@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:gatkin@mrsc.vic.gov.au).

### Council's 2013 Business Survey now online!!

Council's Economic Development & Tourism Unit is about to launch its third bi-annual Macedon Ranges Business Survey and, for the first time ever, it will be available online!

Following the success of the 2009 and 2011 Business Surveys, the 2013 Macedon Ranges Business Survey will continue to capture the ways in which Council can better support businesses in the Shire, and provide Council with a better understanding of the opportunities and challenges being faced by local businesses.

The 2013 Business Survey will be launched in the first week of May and businesses are encouraged to log in via Council's website [www.mrsc.vic.gov.au](http://www.mrsc.vic.gov.au) to access the survey. Businesses that complete the survey online will go into the draw to win an Apple iPad 4!!

Hardcopies of the survey will also be sent to every registered business in the Macedon Ranges and be available at the Kyneton, Woodend, Romsey and Gisborne Council offices.

For more information on the 2013 Macedon Ranges Business Survey contact: Gaynor Atkin, Coordinator Economic Development Projects on 5421 9615 or email [gatkin@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:gatkin@mrsc.vic.gov.au).



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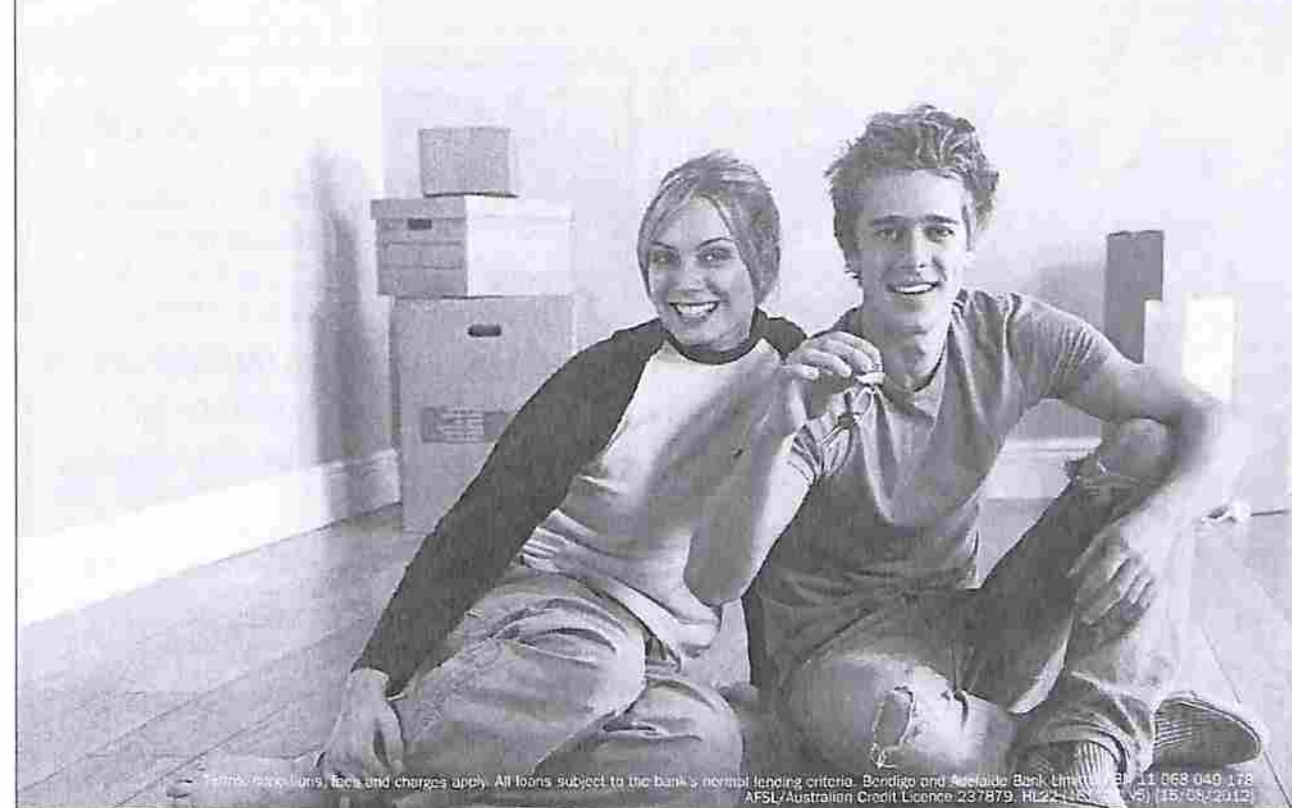
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## Book Reviews May 2013

### Children's Fiction:

*Bakir and Bi* by  
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This is a traditional Torres Strait Island creation story about change, and how hard times can make us stronger. The story was taken from a book about Torres Strait Island myths and legends. The story is set in the islands between FNQ and PNG and explains the use of totems to distinguish family groups in this area.

*Tell Me About Your Day Today*  
by Mem Fox RRP  
24.99



A little boy asks his friends about their day as he snuggles up ready for bed. He falls

asleep happy after he tells them how well his day went! Another cracking story to get your kids to bed (and I challenge you to not get sleepy eyelids as you read it to them!)

### YA Fiction:

*The Rosie Black Chronicles; Genesis.* by  
Lara Morgan RRP 19.99  
Reviewed by Abbie Bennetts



Genesis, written by Australian author Lara Morgan, is the first book in The Rosie Black Chronicles. It is set 500 years in the future. The world is a very different place. When Rosie Black finds a strange box, she has no idea of the impact it will have on her life. An unknown organisation is out to get the information the box contains and will go to great lengths to retrieve

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### Adult Fiction:

*Wolfhound Century* by  
Peter Higgins RRP 29.99  
Reviewed by Nielson Bookdata



A thousand miles east of Mirgorod, the great capital city of the Vlast, deep in the ancient forest, lies the most recent fallen angel, its vast stone form half-

buried and fused into the rock by the violence of impact. As its dark energy leeches into the crash site, so a circle of death expands around it, slowly - inexorably - killing everything it touches. Alone in the wilderness, it reaches out with its mind. The endless forest and its antique folklore are no concern to Inspector Vissarion Lom, summoned to the capital in order to catch a terrorist - and ordered to report directly to the head of the secret police. A totalitarian state, worn down by an endless war, must be seen to crush home-grown terrorism with an iron fist. But Lom discovers Mirgorod to be more corrupted than he imagined: a murky world of secret police and revolutionaries, cabaret clubs and doomed artists. Lom has been chosen because he is an outsider, not involved in the struggle for power within the party. And because of the sliver of angel stone implanted in his head at the children's home. Lom's investigation reveals a conspiracy that extends

to the top echelons of the party. When he exposes who - or rather what - is the controlling intelligence behind this, it is time for the detective to change sides. Pursued by rogue police agents and their man-crushing mudjihik, Lom must protect Kantor's step-daughter Maroussia, who has discovered what is hidden beneath police headquarters: a secret so ancient that only the forest remembers. As they try to escape the capital and flee down river, elemental forces are gathering. The earth itself is on the move.

Well-paced action with beautiful language, and one for the lovers of crime fiction.

### Non-Fiction:

*Cliffy - The Cliff Young Story.* By Julietta Jameson  
RRP \$29.99  
Reviewed by Nielson Bookdata



Coming in 2013- an ABC telemovie

starring Kevin Harrington (The Dish, Seachange), celebrating the 30th anniversary of Cliff's great feat. Cliff Young's victory in the 1983 Westfield Sydney to Melbourne Ultra-marathon was second only to the America's Cup as the biggest sports story of the 1980s. Cliff, with his laconic country style and shuffling gait, captured the hearts of the Australian public like few before or since. But there was more to Cliff Young than the simple farmer who became an overnight sensation. Julietta Jameson has talked to those who knew and loved Cliff to paint a rich, detailed portrait of the unknown side of the man. Who was he beforehand? What happened afterwards? Not just the gripping account of an amazing, iconic race-Cliffy is the book that tells the whole story.

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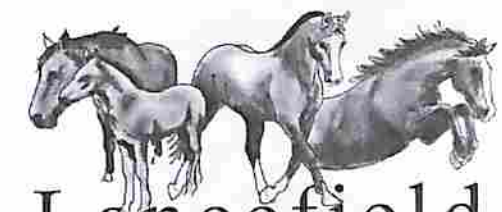
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## How To Be Successful.....

"Success is the favorable end of your effort".

Why do we like to cut down, the 'tall poppies' amongst us. We need people with vision, like Sir Franc Falkiner, Sir Henry Bolle, Paul Keating, Sir Robert Menzies, Linsey Fox, Virgin's Richard Branson and many others, that follow us. I admire Rupert Murdoch (being a tall poppy). As recent as this 4th of April, he gave Australians (he's now an American), advice on how to be successful: "Success must be fought for..... Success must be won". He is an astute businessman and certainly had to fight, for his success. When his father, Keith Murdoch, died in 1952, Rupert had to continue his father's Adelaide newspapers, "News" and "The Sunday Mail". Rupert was then 21 years old. After a year apprenticeship, with the "Daily Express", in London, he returned to Australia.

In 1953, still only a boy of 23 years, he had the ambition, to start an Australian-wide newspaper. Others in the newspaper-echelon thought, this was a 'crazy' idea and hindered him in his efforts. In 1956 he purchased, "The Sunday Times" in Perth and in 1960 "The Mirror" in Sydney. In 1965 he published the first issue, of "The Australian". It was compiled electronically and printed as an identical newspaper, in the different states of Australia. I still remember how news-agents, were compelled, NOT to sell "The Australian". Rupert being determent, then sold his papers just the same, but now through, petrol service stations. "The Australian's" deliveries were also sabotaged. So he delivered his papers, with his own "Aerocommander" aeroplane. He had to fight his way, all the way to

England, to become successful.

In 1981 he bought, for a song, the British newspaper "The Times", which was losing money and had to stop publication, because of industrial action. In 1986 he had finished building, a new electronic publishing complex at Wapping, in England and sacked 6000 employees there.

He later re-employed some of those and paid them £60 million in compensation. His tough father, Keith Murdoch instilled, in his son a fighting spirit "to help create, through the Institute of Public Affairs an Australia, where man and women would rise in society, not because they were born into privilege (as Rupert was), but because they earned it, with their hard work, their thrift and their sense of enterprise". In those early years, Rupert had a high opinion of Gough Whitlam and supported him. Later he became convinced that "Adam Smith (the Scottish philosopher, 1723-1790) is a more reliable guide for a nation, than Karl Marx.

In Britain in 1980, the Murdoch press supported Margaret Thatcher. In 1997 it supported Tony Blair and in 2010 it supported the Tories again. Rupert advocates: "To succeed one has to produce something, that other people are willing to pay for".

He certainly produced papers, the people wanted to buy. "Australian society is fair, where opportunity is open to all, not just those at the top", he said. But he also asks: "What is fair, when some take money from people, who have earned it and then giving it to people who didn't?" I still remember when he said: "There should be as much

individual responsibility as possible, as little government as possible and as few rules as possible". Nowadays, many bureaucrats have lost sight of the public that they are supposed to serve. What most people want is to make a better life for themselves, with the least amount interference and to know, that the opportunities for their children, will also be better. We've all got a responsibility towards our kids

Like our local Sir Rupert Clarke (1865-1926) of Clarkefield, Rupert Murdoch has a vision and is an inspiration to Australia.

A tall poppy in our paddock is a lovely sight, why cut it down?

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## Lancefield Police News

### Go Kart

It has come to my attention that a person has been using a go kart within the Lancefield Park Reserve. This vehicle has been seen both on Chauncey Street and within the park. It has been driven in a reckless manner and has damaged grass and road areas in the park. The person responsible should be aware that if found using this machine within the park or on the roads outside the park he would be facing some serious and expensive traffic charges. Lancefield Police would appreciate any information regarding the owner or user of this go kart or conversely if you know who he is it might be wise to advise him of the error of his ways before I do.

### Roadworks

As any of us who travel Melbourne Lancefield Road on a regular basis would be aware there are considerable roadworks being undertaken at present. Yes they are frustrating at times but they really don't add much to the journey.

There are however many people who fail to heed the Roadwork 60 Kph Signs and travel through the road works at high speed. Be Aware – Roadworks or not, you will lose your licence if you are speeding excessively and will be booked for speeding in a Roadworks Zone.

These zones are there for a very good reason please slow down accordingly.

### Who's Bike Is It?

I am currently in possession of a men's Malvern Star Mountain Bike, silver and blue in color. It was found in Park Street Lancefield on the 26/02/2013. If you own this bike or know someone who might own it please contact Lancefield Police on 54 292000.



"Lets report that Hoon to Roger ... errr hang on"

### Winter Is Coming

The weather is changing and now is the time to get out and check your car's Tyres, Brakes Lights and Wipers. If in doubt drop in and see Mark at the servo or your own mechanic and they will soon advise you if your tyres are roadworthy or need replacing. To relate a story of my own, earlier today I was travelling east along Burke and Wills track and when I came to the intersection of Tooborac Road and turned right. Shortly before this we had had a light shower of rain. As I commenced my turn the back end of the 4wd Police vehicle broke loose and was hanging out to the left like I was a regular hoon. The road surface was very slippery. We can expect more of these slippery intersections and slippery roads in general. Make sure you extend your braking zone in wet conditions and slow down. Reduce your speed to suit the road and weather conditions don't try to maintain your speed at the speed limit.

Safe driving until next month.

*Roger Barr  
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