

# Training at the Neighbourhood House

Lancefield Neighbourhood House is a 'Learn Local' centre. This means that we are funded to run courses for the community to help people gain skills, particularly to help find a job or support a business.

We do not receive funding to run accredited courses, when we do these we do them in partnership with organisations who can issue a certificate.

We are now working with Romsey and Riddell to regularly run the certificate courses which people need to update each year or the ones which are needed by most businesses before they will give you a job – First Aid, Food Safety, RSA, White Card and Boat licences.

We haven't got all the dates organised yet but you can ring on 5429 1214 to leave your name if you are needing to do any of these soon.

### **A Career in bookkeeping anyone?**

This term we are running courses in Reckon (used to be called Quickbooks) and MYOB. Classes start this week so don't miss out on this opportunity to learn how to keep your own finances in order or to be able to do for other small businesses.

We are also about to start classes in digital photos and image manipulation, Facebook for businesses and how to use your ipad.

### **Want to feel better?**

We have local Naturopath, John Coleman running session on being well and a special session for mums and kids on keeping babies and toddlers healthy.

There is also an information session on herbs for your own and your animal's health and a great special workshop looking at improving intimacy in all your relationships.

See our program brochure at the Neighbourhood House or the Town House or call us on 54291214.

### **Neighbourhood House goes C21**

Not quite there yet but we are working on a web page and we will then launch our Facebook page. This will allow us to much better let people know what is on at the Neighbourhood House and around town and also have you tell us what you would like in Lancefield.

Like all our projects we need volunteers to help so please contact the House if you would like to help with any of your promotion – web page, Facebook, flyers, powerpoint, press releases, distributing flyers.....

### **The Town House has it all**

Find out about all the activities we run, and are on offer from other community groups in town, by checking out the Town House window. We have more information inside including resources from all sorts of groups and agencies who offer advice and help on pretty well everything.

We have a volunteer space available on Wednesdays at the Town House and an opportunity for someone who would like to be a casual fill in person. Contact Vivien on 5429 1214 if you would like to apply.



## National Broadband Network information session

The National Broadband Network (NBN Co) will host a community information session on Tuesday 13 August in Romsey to discuss the planned NBN rollout in the Macedon Ranges.

The session is aimed at residents and businesses interested in finding

out more information about the future of high-speed internet and the digital economy at a local level. Macedon Ranges Shire Council Mayor, Cr Roger Jukes encouraged anyone interested in accessing NBN services to attend. The session will be held at the

Romsey Community Hub and will commence at 6.30pm on Tuesday 13 August 2013.

For further information, or to register your attendance at the workshop, contact Gaynor Atkin on 5421 9615 or email gatkin@mrsc.vic.gov.au.



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## The Spring Show is nearly here... Start Cooking

The Spring Show is nearly here. Friday 13th and Saturday 14th September. We are busy planning and arranging the ever wonderful weekend and we hope you are enjoying preparing your goodies for the show. The schedule is being delivered to local businesses shortly so keep your eyes peeled.

This month, our resident chef and much loved CWA member Tracy Kemp has shared with us her Sponge recipe. We hope that you have great success with it - make sure you read through the recipe first for Tracy's "secret" tips on how to achieve a light fluffy sponge.

#### Ingredients:

5 eggs, 3/4 cup caster sugar, 1 cup cornflour, Heaped teaspoon plain flour, 1/2 teaspoon bi carb soda.

#### Preparation:

Oven to 180°C. Grease 2x 8 inch cake pans. Make sure bowl and beaters are squeaky clean and free from any grease.

#### Method:

Sift the cornflour, plain flour and bi carb soda 3 times.

Separate eggs (use room temperature eggs). Beat whites till fluffy and gradually add sugar, beat until thick and light.

Add egg yolks 1 at a time, beat until fluffy again.

Cut in sifted ingredients with a metal spoon (this keeps more air in the sponge).

Mix only until dry ingredients just combined.

Divide between the 2 pans (for a prize winning sponge, weigh tins and make sure mix is evenly spread between tins).

Drop tins onto bench from about 6 inches 3 or 4 times to remove air bubbles, smooth tops lightly and put into oven quickly (don't leave door open too long) Cook for 20 minutes.

Remove from oven and turn out onto cake rack covered with a tea towel, this stops rack marks on cake top.

Once cool turn over and leave to get cold.

Fill with cream and fruit and dust top with icing sugar to serve.

Good luck, we look forward to seeing many prize winning sponges at the Spring Show.

## Assessing Residents' Views

The University of Melbourne is asking for your participation in a landscape research project; Natural Resource Management in Peri-urban Victoria.

Peri-urban areas of Victoria have been growing rapidly in the last few years.

Sound urban and regional planning is required to prevent the negative impacts associated with unplanned development and the mismanagement of natural resources.

The University of Melbourne is seeking the views and preferences of local communities residing in these areas to achieve better longer-term planning.

Residents of the Macedon Ranges are invited to contribute to the project by answering an online survey [<http://unimelblandscape.wordpress.com/>].

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## A Patch Of Lancefield Inc, Another Successful Exhibition.

We held our biennial quilt exhibition on the Farmers' Market weekend of June 22nd -23rd this year, a month later than we usually hold it. The weather was good to us for winter, cold but not wet. We had a total of 33 large quilts and 15 smalls on display this year, along with our exhibition challenge and Xmas Elves challenges from the past 2 years.

In attendance, we had Threads 'n' Tangles from Heathcote and Patch 'n' Quilt from Gisborne for our retail therapy and they both provided prizes for our Viewers' Choice Quilt Awards that went to Anne Tresise for the Large Quilt and Faye Parkinson for the Small Quilt.

The Triz Barnett Perpetual Award went to Susan Johnson for her White on White hand-quilting work. Prizes were also provided by the Lancefield Newsagency as well for our second place-getters respectively, Anne Tresise and Susan Johnson.

All the quilts received many praises from the visitors the weekend. The kitchen was kept very busy making Devonshire teas and the dining room was abuzz and kept warm with the wood provided by Manny the Woodbloke.

The raffle quilt "Precious Gems" was won by Robyn Miller of Romsey.

When all things are balanced, we hope to provide donations to the Lancefield Cemetery Trust and also the Romsey/Lancefield Ambulance Auxiliary.

Since the exhibition we have had some new members join us, if you too would like to join a friendly group of ladies enjoying patchwork and quilting, come along to the Mechanics' Hall annex any Thursday from 10 am and join us for a cuppa and see if you would fit in too. You can contact me on 5429 2076 for more details.

Our next exhibition will be held in May 2015.

*Bronwyn Inman  
President*

### Lancefield Fire Brigade

## Big News Item Is The New Station

This will probably be a short report this month but who can tell when things keep popping into one's head. The big news item is the new station, and we are told that we should be occupying it about mid August if all goes to plan. The building works are complete and it only needs the internal fitting out and equipment installed before we take over.

As usual this is a quiet time in relation to Brigade turnouts with the exception being fire alarms sounding at St Mary's School on 11-7-13 but fortunately it was a false alarm. The Brigade's response was quickly under way and Kilmore and Romsey were also paged but were not needed.

It has been good to see plumes of smoke around the area showing that residents are doing their clearing up before the warmer weather.

Keep up the good work. Our re-elected and newly elected officers have now taken over their positions and will hold these for the next two years and the Brigade offers its support to these people in any way it can.

Training and skills maintenance continues as per our training calendar and we look forward to be holding these sessions in the new station very soon

*Stuart Mustey  
Captain*

## Western Water's Water Plan in place for 2013-18

Western Water's new five-year plan for capital works and pricing has come into effect after being approved by the Essential Services Commission. The Water Plan 2013-18 includes plans for a \$3.8 million pipeline linking Lancefield to Western Water's wider drinking water network, scheduled for construction in 2014.

"This pipeline will help ensure Lancefield has a secure water supply, with different water source options available," Western Water's Managing Director, Neil Brennan, says. "We will be visiting Lancefield over the next couple of months to talk to residents about this project, and get some feedback."

Lancefield customers who would like to take part can email [feedback@westernwater.com.au](mailto:feedback@westernwater.com.au) with any questions or suggestions. Under the new Water Plan, bills for an average customer will go up by less than one dollar a week for homeowners and around 28 cents a week for tenants this year. Tiered pricing for water usage will remain, which means higher water users pay more for their water. Price rises are spread out over the five years, rather than a large upfront increase, in line with feedback Western Water received from customers during the Water Plan consultation process. The new Water Plan 3 came into effect on 1 July 2013.

## Want to connect with some great everyday Women?

If you are wondering what the RRWN is about, we are a group that aspires to connect local women in our rural communities in a warm and welcoming environment. It's a great way to meet new people in the local area, network in a business/professional sense, form new friendships and have some laughs. We are a group of varying ages and interests that come together every month to celebrate the natural networks women form.

Last month we celebrated Christmas in July at the You Can Fitness Studio in the Romsey Rec Centre. Despite the un hospitable weather we had a great turnout with lots of fun & festivities. Kris Kringle gifts were exchanged which was a bit of fun and we all indulged in the yummy treats everyone brought along to share. A big thank you to Melanie & Anthony Traynor for decorating the room so beautifully and Michelle King for the incredible gingerbread house that no one wanted to destroy!

We meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month to give women an opportunity to take some time out from their busy lives of an evening and stay connected. If you are looking for a social outlet please come and join us for a glass of wine and a chat, you are under no obligation to pay the membership fee the first night. This month our gathering will be on Thursday 15th August at Romsey Hotel @ 7pm. So take some time out for yourself and please come join us!

Lastly, follow us on Facebook - 'Romsey Region Women's Network Inc. (RRWN)' - to keep yourself updated on our upcoming events and any other useful local information that we hear on the grapevine.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

Enquiries: - Tracey (President) - 0416 497 623 [info@rrwn.com.au](mailto:info@rrwn.com.au) [Facebook.com/Romsey Region Women's Network Inc. \(RRWN\)](https://www.facebook.com/Romsey-Region-Women's-Network-Inc.-RRWN)

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**Book Reviews**

All of these books this month are shortlisted for the 2013 Children's Books Council of Australia awards.



**Peggy** by Anna Walker  
RRP \$24.99  
Hardback.  
Review by Angus Webb (9yrs)

Peggy the chicken lives in a small house in a quiet street. A long gust of wind blows her to city. In the city she gets lost and wanders around trying to get home. Peggy sees lots of things she has never seen before until she spies sunflowers like the ones at her house. She follows the sunflowers to a train station and onto a train and then they get off the train and she loses sight of them and hears a noise overhead - THE PIGEONS! The pigeons took Peggy home.

Dad's note: Sometimes a review prompts many more questions than it answers. I think Angus really liked this book, but you might have to come in to have a look at it to clarify. I thought it was a great book kids' myself.



**Lightning Jack** by Glenda Millard  
RRP \$26.99  
Hardback. Review by John Webb

When Sam Tully sees the free-spirited horse Lightning Jack, he dares to ride him. Together they muster a herd of steers into their stable, escape a grazier's deal and fly into the air with Pegasus wings. Then when they are ambushed by the notorious outlaw Ned Kelly, Lightning Jack leaps out of trouble and back to the wilderness. But then Sam can't resist a race and rides Lightning Jack against the ghost of

Phar Lap at breakneck speed...Sam's horse is a gallant horse, a midnight horse, the horse in every dream.

This is a wonderfully imaginative book with beautiful colourful illustrations. A definite must for the horsey child!



**To get To Me** by Eleanor Kerr  
RRP \$19.95  
Review by Emma Stevens

This books follows Peter and Ahmed, as they travel across the world to meet at the zoo! Ahmed is given directions by Peter which take him on a camel through the desert to a big bus which takes him to the airport via huge mountains. He travels through the sky on a jumbo jet and then gets on a train that takes him to the city and the ferry terminal. The ferry travels across the sea and then a chairlift takes him to....Peter at the zoo!

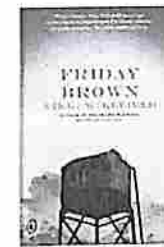
This book has great illustrations and the right level of anticipation for travel-hungry 3-5 year olds.



**Lyrebird** by Jackie Kerin  
RRP\$16.95  
Paperback.

When Edith met a cheeky young lyrebird on her garden path, she could not guess that he would one day be known as 'A Miracle of the Dandenongs'. Soon, James the lyrebird was singing and dancing for Edith, mimicking the birdsongs and other sounds that echoed through the bush. Word of their friendship spread and people travelled from near and far to film and record James. But with people came change.

This true story, retold by Jackie Kerin and beautifully illustrated by Peter Gouldthorpe, celebrates a remarkable friendship between a gardener and one of Australia's most extraordinary birds.



**Friday Brown** by Vikki Wakefield  
RRP \$19.99.  
Paperback for ages 13+

Seventeen-year-old Friday Brown is on the run - running to escape memories of her mother and of the family curse. And of a grandfather who'd like her to stay. She's lost, alone and afraid. Silence, a street kid, finds Friday and she joins him in a gang led by beautiful, charismatic Arden. When Silence is involved in a crime, the gang escapes to a ghost town in the outback. In Murungal Creek, the town of never leaving, Friday must face the ghosts of her past. She will learn that sometimes you have to stay to finish what you started - and often, before you can find out who you are, you have to become someone you were never meant to be...



**Pookie Aleera Is Not My Boyfriend** by Steven Herrick  
RRP \$16.95  
Paperback for ages 13+

In a country town, in a school just like yours, the kids in Class 6A tell their stories. There's Mick, school captain and sometimes trouble-maker, who wants to make the school a better place, while his younger brother Jacob just wants to fly. There's shy and lonely Laura who hopes to finally fit in with a circle of friends, while Pete struggles to deal with his grandpa's sudden death. Popular Selina obsesses over class comedian Cameron, while Cameron obsesses over Anzac biscuits and Pookie Aleera - whoever that is! For new teacher Ms Arthur, it's another world, but for Mr Korsky, the school groundskeeper, he's seen it all before.



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**News from Deep Creek Landcare Group**

In the late May there was a working bee at Sheehan's Crossing,

100 plants were added to previous plantings in the area. The funding for this has been provided by Melbourne Water and Parks Victoria. On Sunday 7th July 75 trees and 25 Dianella were planted on council land at the corner of Three Chain Road and Baynton Road. The trees, tree guards and stakes were provided by the Macedon Ranges Shire Council.

Trees have been donated to Junior Landcare at Romsey Primary School.

25 Dianella tarda- a vulnerable late flowering flax lily were donated to Romsey Kindergarden for their garden.

**Deep Creek Landcare Group**  
Covering Lancefield-Romsey Districts

**A Free Community Information Evening On: Victorian Indigenous Food And Fibre Plants**



This event has been funded by the generosity of the Lancefield & Romsey Community Bank - Community investment program grant for DCLG.

Presented by Dr Beth Gott, honorary research fellow, School of biological sciences: Ethno botanical studies, Monash University.

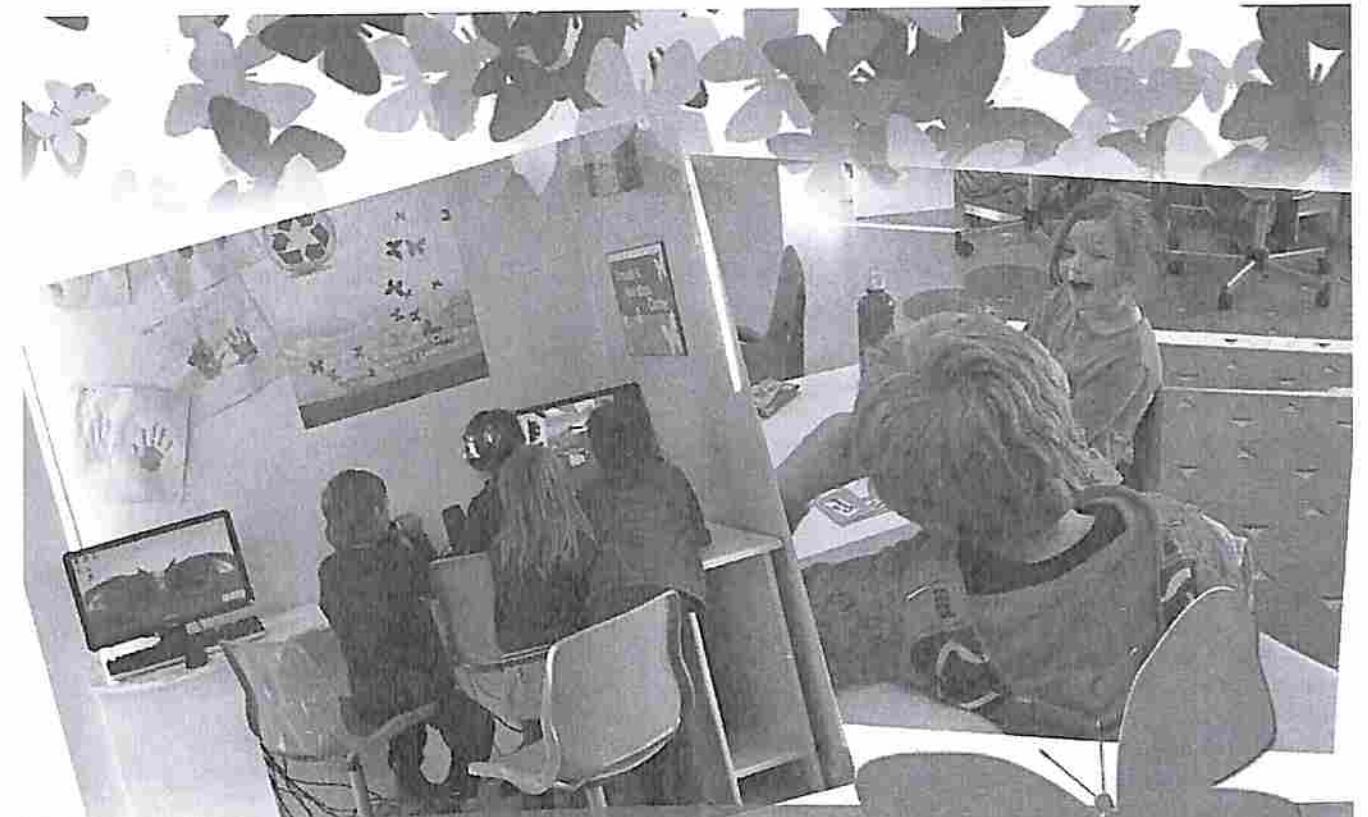
Dr Beth Gott is a leading Ethnobotanist who specializes in the relationship between aboriginal people and plants and land use.



Come and join us for an informative evening and learn how indigenous people used particular plants for food, fibres (clothes, baskets etc), medicines and tools.

For RSVP & further info please contact Hayley Goodman (0409 936 814).

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# Award Winning Filmmaker to Feature at 3rd Heathcote Film Festival

A country town is not only the setting for one of Victoria's newest and most exciting niche arts events, the Heathcote Film Festival, but also the theme of the film 'Toombaworth', by award-winning filmmaker and director Lucy McKendrick that will be showcased at the Festival.

While the fictional town of Toombaworth could be a stone's throw from Heathcote, the similarities between the two end there; in Toombaworth 'nothing changes and there's shit all to do'... in Heathcote, the story could not be more different as the fledgling Film Festival, founded and run by a group of energetic and arts-savvy locals, illustrates.

The Festival, now in its third year, will feature a diverse range of Australian and International short films at the RSL Hall on Saturday 31st August. Following last year's evening screening sellout, the Festival has expanded to include two additional events in the afternoon: a matinee session and the free Meet the Filmmaker: Q & A Session with Lucy McKendrick including a special



screening of her film.

McKendrick is already winning accolades for 'Toombaworth', which follows the life of local girl Tayla who, with her hoodlum mate, Maggie, drifts through her days seemingly unaffected by the drugs that destroy her home and the choices that rob her of a childhood.

The film, which has already won two Swinburne Graduate Prizes, the Deluxe Award for Best Director and the Richard Franklin Award for Best Film, comes to Heathcote fresh from the Byron Bay International Film Festival where Lucy won Best Young Australian Filmmaker 2013 and its Hollywood premiere at the Women's Independent Film Festival where the film earned an Award of Merit.

As well as enjoy the diverse and entertaining range of short films for which the Festival is becoming known, guests at the cocktail gathering prior to the main evening screening will enjoy a selection of local wines and canapés from Heathcote Wine Hub @ Cellar & Store and The Willow Room, both located in Heathcote's High Street, while well-known Kyneton

foodstore Monsieur Pierre will cater for the dinner following the evening screenings.

With support from Festival Partners the Bendigo Bank-Heathcote, the City of Greater Bendigo and the Jasper Hill Winery, the Heathcote Film Festival Jury Prize winner this year will take home \$1500 and a fabulous magnum of Jasper Hill wine, while the People's Choice Award will earn the winner a selection of Heathcote Wines generously donated from across the region.

The Heathcote Film Festival will be held on Saturday 31 August at the Heathcote RSL Hall in High Street, Heathcote. There will be a matinee session at 2pm, a screening of 'Toombaworth' and 'Meet the Filmmaker' Q & A with Lucy McKendrick from 4.30-5.30pm, followed by the evening session, commencing with registration and cocktails at 5.30pm.

To find out more, go to [www.heathcotefilmfestival.com.au](http://www.heathcotefilmfestival.com.au) or book tickets for the session of your choice at [www.trybooking.com/55187](http://www.trybooking.com/55187)

## Have your say on the new draft of Local Law

The new draft Macedon Ranges Local Law is due to go on public exhibition in early August, after the 24 July Council meeting.

This local law affects residents and business across the shire so it is important that the community have the opportunity to have their say on the draft document.

Local laws cover activities that impact on the amenity of our community, such as animal keeping, activities of roads and streets and on Council land, street furniture, burning off, lighting fires and the consumption of alcohol in public places. Check the MRSC website for more information.

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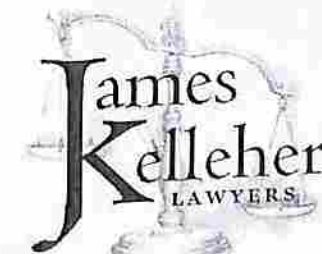
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## Vanessa's garden

### Now is therefore a great time to clean up sheds

I hope you've been enjoying the cold weather and the chance to warm up by the fire and indulge in long slow-cooked casseroles and hot chocolate thick enough to stand your spoon up in (MAD gallery does a particularly good version).

The early morning view has been absolutely spectacular on misty, frosty mornings, driving down the hill into Lancefield. At first we are hemmed in by forest and there's just the hint of brightness ahead. As the valley opens out, there's one spot where the rising sun streams through a small group of trees growing on a tiny island in the middle of a dam. When conditions are right, water like glass, frost

and mist combine to turn this spot into a scene reminiscent of classic Japanese art.

Although mid-winter is officially well past, most gardens are still dormant in our cool climate. Now is therefore a great time to clean up sheds and surrounding storage in preparation for spring. Sheds tend to accumulate a fringe of 'things that might come in useful one day' but rarely do. So make a clean sweep and take everything you haven't used for a year to the tip. If you're anything like me, this will give you a marvellous sense of achievement for at least a couple of hours after you come back from the tip.

#### Planting for privacy

If you've been thinking about improving your garden privacy, plants make a great long lasting screen and this could be an ideal time to plant a screening hedge.

Many people opt for evergreens both for density and the speed at which they grow. And grow, and grow. Eventually they can get too tall and take up too much of the garden and your neighbours might find themselves in rather more shade than they'd bargained for. Native plants might be a better option and here are a couple of native plants you might like to consider:

### and surrounding storage in preparation for spring

Acacia fimbriata – sticky wattle. Hardy and frost resistant and produces a spectacular display of gold in spring. Grows and spreads to about 4m.

Callistemon viminalis – weeping bottlebrush. Likes clay soil, branches grow gracefully down to the ground. Grows lots of pale red brushes in early summer which birds love. Grows to between 3 and 4 m.

#### Narrow areas between houses

Planting for privacy in a narrow space means thinking about climbing plants rather than trees or shrubs.

Golden honeysuckle or a jasmine could be good choices as they grow relatively quickly, look good and smell nice. There are many other options including climbing roses and clematis varieties.

For even more privacy you could attach a lattice or trellis to extend the fence height, giving your climbers a greater area to cover. If you choose this route, do make sure to attach the trellis very securely as it will have to bear weight. It's best to do this by creating a high degree of overlap with the fence. I'd also advise alerting your neighbour to your plans, not least because some climbers get rather bushy and your neighbour will probably end up

having to prune on their side.

#### In the veggie garden

If you're in a sheltered area you may be able to get away with first sowings of radishes and kohlrabi. I'm in a very exposed area and I'll be waiting another month or so. My winter Lucerne has been a bit of a failure as green manure, although my overwintering broad beans are standing well. If you have access to a greenhouse or a sunny window sill you could start cabbage and onions from seed under covered seed trays, looking to plant out in a month or so.

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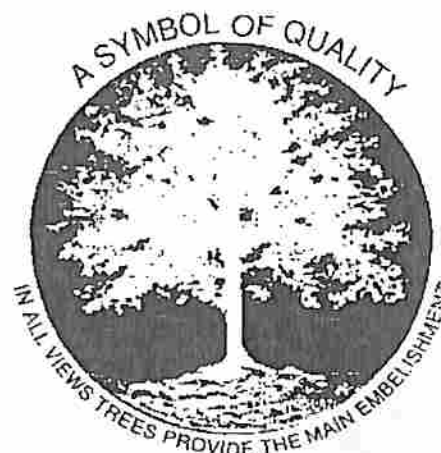
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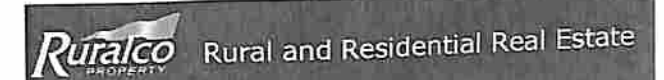
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# What a (nice) surprise.

What a surprise. A very welcome rainfall total over the last two days, 40mm and just when things were starting to look as though it had decided to stop raining we get this rain event.

I had looked at the forecast for this week on Friday and no way were we to expect this sort of rain until perhaps later in the week. Very very useful. Prior to this the last substantial fall was 12-5mm on July 4th and before that not a great deal during June I have just come in from feeding our cattle and the paddock is showing signs of getting soft but is still not a major concern yet.

Follow up rains are still needed to produce a good Spring. For the first time in many years I expect our hay shed to be empty by the end of August and that is a cause for concern and hope for a good hay cut this year. Hay of course is quite scarce and any on the market is very expensive and I don't envy the dairy farmers in particular who are doing it tough.

In last month's article I wrote that our ewes should

have started to lamb by this time, and this has proved to be the case a set of twins and two singles at the moment.

I find it quite rewarding watching them skipping round the paddock. I perhaps shouldn't push my luck by writing that there has been no sign of foxes yet.

The cattle are still vocal when they hear the tractor start up and come looking for hay even if I am going off to do something different. Nothing changes in that regard. The cattle are holding their condition and with the warm weather getting closer and hopefully more rain we should soon have plenty of grass to continue with their improvement.

There is little to report from the garden side of things, weeding has been a large part of work and it has not been hard to fill the 'green bin' each fortnight. I will stop now as a 'cuppa' is being made which is always a pleasant time.

Robert Green



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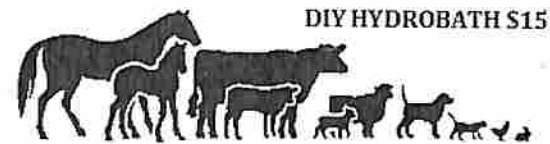
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Encourage Church aims to bring world class speakers to our local community so that we can "Encourage one another to be ALL that we can be in life and in God".

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# Encouraging young people in McEwen to have their say at the ballot box

The Australian Government is providing funding to the Australian Youth Affairs Coalition (AYAC) to run a range of activities to encourage young people across Australia to have their say where it matters most – at the ballot box.

The Government will invest \$150,000 in Australia's Youth Matters 2013 - Making First-time Voters Count, providing first-time voters with the opportunity to tell politicians and the wider community what issues are important to them in the federal election and what they will be voting on.

The survey will ask 'first-timers' in McEwen to nominate their

top five youth issues such as the difficulty of getting a job, the cost of tertiary education, and their top five community issues which could include marriage equality, climate change, the affordability of housing and rental prices for young people and poverty.

The survey will also ask first-timers to nominate key focus areas within each issue that political parties should be asked to respond directly to. The top 10 issues and feedback from the survey will form the basis of requests for information from political parties and the development of a publicly available 'summary sheet' of the positions of parties on certain

issues.

The Government will fund a range of activities that include:

Selecting and training 10 first-timers to engage at least 50 first-time voters to tell their stories about why the top 10 issues from the first-time voter poll are important to their lives. These stories will be made available to young people through a website

Hosting a living library event to allow the first-time voters to tell their stories to the media, MPs, AYAC, invited organisations and other decision-makers.

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**Film Society Nails It!**

The film chosen for July by the Macedon Ranges Film Society was *Withnail and I*, written and directed by Bruce Robinson. It seemed to highlight, among other things, the moderate drinking habits of the film society members! Withnail, the hapless character wedded to the demon drink, lurches from one disaster to another, all the while bewailing his misfortune in life and dragging into the sphere of his shambolic attitude his long-suffering companion, the autobiographical ‘I’ of the film. In the midst of outright laughter and general tittering at their mad escapades - shooting fish in a mountain stream, for example - were gasps of disbelief and shock. After the film and over supper, everyone had a strong opinion on this film.

On August 14th, an oldie but a goodie will be shown. Hitchcock’s *Rear Window* with those legendary stars of the screen, James Stewart and Grace Kelly, was made in 1954, yet maintains its reputation as one of the most memorable English-speaking films of the last century.

The Macedon Ranges Film Society meets on the second Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. in the Woodend Community Centre. Film notes are provided and for those who wish, there is discussion following the screening, with supper kindly supplied by our members. Email [mrfilmsociety@gmail.com](mailto:mrfilmsociety@gmail.com) or call Christine on 5429 5452 or Lorraine on 5427 0921.



Christine Caley offers supper to Bernie Green and Lorraine Rutherford following the July screening.

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knew what it was like to be in such a place when the black load of Mankind's sin was laid on Him on the Cross and He was cut off from His Father's Presence, crying out out in anguish, "My God, My God, why have you forsaken Me"?

But God was there with Him through it all as He is with us! He has promised "I will never leave you or forsake you." Hebrews 13:5c. GOD is our HOPE and strength!

### July In Retrospect

Our Pic Drive was a great success and we hope you have all been enjoying your pics on these wintry days. A big thank you to Lisa and

Lachlan Fleming for their support in this enterprise. The Anglican Men's Society (AMS) had an interesting and entertaining evening when Glenn Gash shared his life's journey. The high light of the month was joining in Christian worship in the Ecumenical Service at the Romsey Uniting Church. Our Lancefield Church is out of action due to the aged electrical system giving up the ghost.

Services are being held in the church hall! A costly repair confronts us.

Grace and Chris. Adams, Bible teachers and translators, have arrived in Dili, Timor Leste and have been warmly welcomed into the fellowship of the Evangelical

Presbyterian Church ..... also by the mosquitoes.

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8th August 8pm. Men's Group (AMS) meets Christ Church Hall Lancefield. Max and Betty Dansey telling of their U.K. visit. Family

graves, Holy Trinity Brompton & scenes of artist, John Constable's paintings and sailing on the Norfolk Broads. A warm welcome to all and sundry.

15th Aug. 1.30pm... Guild meets. Doreen 5429-6060.

May our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who loved us and by His grace gave us eternal encouragement and good HOPE, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good word and deed. 2 *Thessalonians* 2:16-17.

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## Bicycle Safety in the Macedon Ranges

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We will assess requests for signage to ensure they are both safe and effective for cyclists and

motorists.

Council received a submission to the draft 2013/14 budget calling for cycling safety initiatives, including signage. It was not necessary to make a new budget allocation specifically for this because sufficient budget already exists for the installation of these signs.

We look forward to working with cycling groups in the shire to establish where appropriate signage may be required.

Many of the roads raised in the budget submission are VicRoads roads and Council will work with community groups to advocate for VicRoads to provide the

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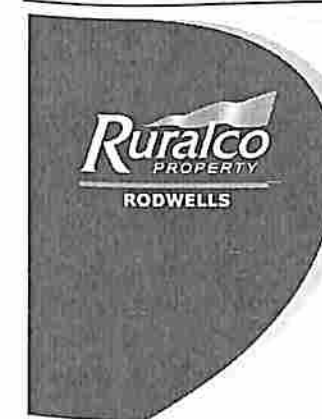
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The program has been developed by the Australian Childhood Foundation.

appropriate signage.

Council has also started work on a Walking and Cycling Strategy, which will involve extensive community consultation and input.

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## Message from the Mayor

10 July 2013

I take this opportunity to highlight a few of the most recent happenings around the shire to keep our community informed.

### Community Satisfaction Survey

The independent Community Satisfaction Survey results for 2013 were recently released. The results reflect higher levels of community satisfaction with Council's overall performance and direction than previous years.

While we will maintain a focus on continuous improvement and take on board the community's feedback, it is very pleasing that in all five core performance areas (and in comparison to similar councils) the community has noted good overall performance in our

collective works and services, and in our partnership with the community.

### 2013/14 Budget

At the Council meeting on 12 June Council adopted its 2013/14 budget with amendment that will reduce the rate revenue by \$723,000 and lower the average rate increase from the proposed 6.9% to an actual 4.9%. This is the sixth year in a row that the average rate increase has remained below 5%.

The \$723,000 saving was achieved by removing the purchase of new land for a proposed early years hub in Gisborne from the budget. Council will instead explore the option of building the hub on a small portion (10%) of the Council owned original proposed site of Daly Reserve.

Council also upheld its proposal to sell four pieces of vacant land in Gisborne to fund the construction of a \$1.5 million netball complex, to which Council has allocated \$800,000. An adjustment to the draft budget was also made to provide \$90,000 for refurbishments to the Bluestone Theatre in Kyneton, which will require the support of a \$290,000 state government grant.

Council took on board community feedback and adjusted the budget to better meet community expectations. As these are economically challenging times, we have sought to keep rates as low as possible while maintaining all our services and allowing for some much needed capital works due to a growing population.

### Walking and Cycling Strategy

Council is currently developing a comprehensive Walking and Cycling Strategy for the shire.

During the budget process, Council received some submissions in relation to cycle safety. Although some of these requests were well beyond the capacity of Council to provide an immediate solution, they will be considered as part of the development of the new Walking and Cycling Strategy. Many of the roads in recent requests/submissions are the responsibility of VicRoads.

Council is committed to walking and cycling safety in the shire and for the benefit and enjoyment of our community, and I look forward to the outcomes of the strategy.

### Community Funding Scheme

Council's annual Community

Funding Scheme has this year awarded \$164,000 to 52 local community groups for projects with a total combined value of \$375,000.

I praise the standard and range of applications we received. Of the 70 applications received this year, 74 per cent were recommended for funding.

Many applicants are contributing to their projects in other ways such as fundraising, sponsorship and in kind support, bringing the total value of projects happening on the ground to over \$375,000.

A high percentage of applications were for community projects, followed by sporting activities, arts and tourism events, and initiatives relating to family and children's services in the shire.

Mayor, Cr Roger Jukes  
Macedon Ranges Shire Council

## New Pests iPhone App

Mobile phone and iPad users can now access the latest information about Australia's pest animals via the new 'Field Guide to Pest Animals' App.

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'Learning through play' is at the heart of the Mini Maestros program and ensures children have fun while they learn. It makes learning experiences meaningful to children and fosters positive attitudes towards learning. Jo Irwin, who owns and runs the

Mini Maestros Macedon Range has observed from her classes the many things that children love about Mini Maestros, including that they "learn to love learning."

Jo was recently awarded a Macedon Ranges Business Excellence Award for her Mini Maestros. The award recognizes Jo's outstanding service and professionalism. When asked about the award, Jo said, "I feel very proud to have our business recognised as a quality music education program and it was exciting to be nominated amongst other professional

Local Mini Maestros classes run in Gisborne, Kyneton, Macedon, Romsey, Sunbury and Woodend. For more information, visit [www.minimaestros.com.au](http://www.minimaestros.com.au) or phone Jo on 0417-703-690.

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### REGULAR EVENTS

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 10.30 a.m. to 4 p.m., St. Mary's Church Hall, Romsey.  
 All welcome to come for a game of cards/chat and free lunch.

## Students encouraged to explore reaching out

2013 Live4Life Competition  
 Entries are now open for the 2013 Live4Life Competition, which gives year 8 students from Gisborne Secondary College, Macedon Grammar, Braemar College, Kyneton Secondary College, Sacred Heart College and the Sunbury and Macedon Specialist School (Bullengarook campus) the opportunity to explore mental health issues and win some great prizes. This year's theme, 'Reach Out' is connected to what students have been learning throughout the year in Live4Life education sessions, and focuses on the importance of seeking help. The competition is designed to encourage young people to research what it means to 'Reach Out' and seek help in our local community when you feel you're not coping or you see a friend is having some trouble. Entries can be submitted in a range of formats, including written and digital or multimedia (such as a podcast or DVD). The closing date for entries is Friday 13 September 2013.

The Live4Life competition is supported by Optus Country, Bakers Delight Kyneton, Brumbies Gisborne and Romsey Fresh Wholesale.  
 Macedon Ranges Shire Council is also seeking prize donations from local businesses to support the Live4Life competition. All local business support will be recognised as part of the competition celebrations, to be attended by 800 students and staff.

Prizes will be announced at the Live4Life Celebration day at Braemar College on Wednesday 9 October 2013. To donate a prize or for more information about the competition, visit [www.live4life.org.au](http://www.live4life.org.au) or call Jacqui Carter, Live4Life Coordinator on 5422 0275.

## Equine industry network established in the Macedon Ranges

A new equine industry network, named "R.E.I.N", has been established by Macedon Ranges Shire Council in partnership with members of the equine community. The network, which stands for Ranges Equine Industry Network, was developed as part of the Macedon Ranges Equine Industry Strategy 2011-16. Council's Manager of Economic Development and Tourism, Kylie Lethbridge, said that it will be an action-based network that will assist Council to implement the actions outlined in the Equine Strategy.

"We are in the process of forming task groups to work with us to deliver some of the actions in the strategy such as communications, the equine centre feasibility and emergency management. We have representatives from a broad cross-section of the local equine industry on board, including large and small businesses, clubs and riders, and we would encourage anyone with an interest in horses to join the network," she said.

Network members will have a chance to provide input into the implementation of the five year equine strategy and will also receive regular updates about equine-related news and events happening throughout the shire.

To find out more about the Equine Strategy, visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/business/strategies](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/business/strategies)

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### Lancefield Golf Club

Cold weather and frosty greens have not deterred the golfers of Lancefield and the Winter play is really celebrated on July 28th with their Winter \$1000. This event is one of many on their Major events calendar and always draws a great crowd of players vying for the \$1000 cash prize. Stay tuned next month for the Winners.

The Mens open in May was proudly sponsored by the local community branch of the Bank of Bendigo with Tim McCarthy on hand to present the main prizes. Congratulations to local Hugh Parks who played a great game over 27 holes to take the trophy. This district event sees all ten top Dalhousie players looking to get player of the year into so it was a great thrill to have one of our own win. Chris Lingard, club President was runner up on the day.

The Women have also had a number of golfing and social events with great results. Helen Denat was once again the club champion for 2013. The fashion night held by the ladies in May was a great success and they wish to thank all those that came along and enjoyed the night.

This year the club is excited to announce their new website at [www.lancefieldgolfclub.com.au](http://www.lancefieldgolfclub.com.au) and also their new facebook page at [www.facebook.com/lancefieldgolfclub](http://www.facebook.com/lancefieldgolfclub). Both the website and the facebook page are growing and the club is excited at their fresh new logo while retaining the Lancefield Tiger they've always loved. The website is evolving and continues to have information added to it regularly with plenty of information on memberships and playing. If you've

ever wanted to take golf up and are not sure where to start, check out the website and contact one of the committee members to find out more.

This year the club will move its annual general meeting forward to allow the new committee time to consolidate and run the final few events without the stress of just getting in. Scheduled for August 31st at the clubhouse at 11am, we hope to see all our members and newcomers there.

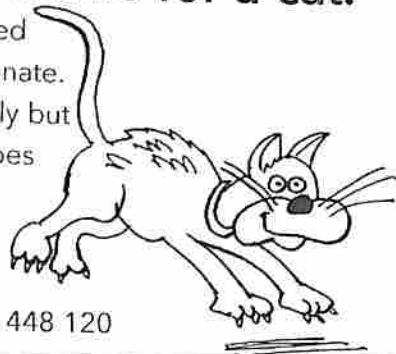
The course is in terrific shape and a big Thank you to our greens keeper Con who is out there battling the elements every day. We also wish to thank the outgoing committee for another great year and wish all those staying on or coming in a prosperous and good golfing year.

*Lancefield golf club Committee*

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## Summer Is Coming Let's Get Ready!

The summer season is coming and now it's time to start thinking about whether you would like to play Tennis over summer. There are plenty of options available for persons of all ages and abilities.

### Lancefield Junior Tennis Summer Competition Junior Registration Day

If your child would like to play tennis over summer then we would like to see them at the Junior Registration Day where they will be assessed and can sign up to play. Our selection committee is responsible for ensuring each child is placed in a section best suited to their ability. This will ensure your child gets maximum enjoyment out of their tennis season. This will not necessarily occur on the registration day as the selection committee need to see who is available to play in each section before they can place a child into a team based on who else is available your child's ability and other relevant factors.

When - Saturday the 10th of August 12pm to 1.00 pm

Where - Lancefield Tennis Club Courts

All memberships and fees are due on the day

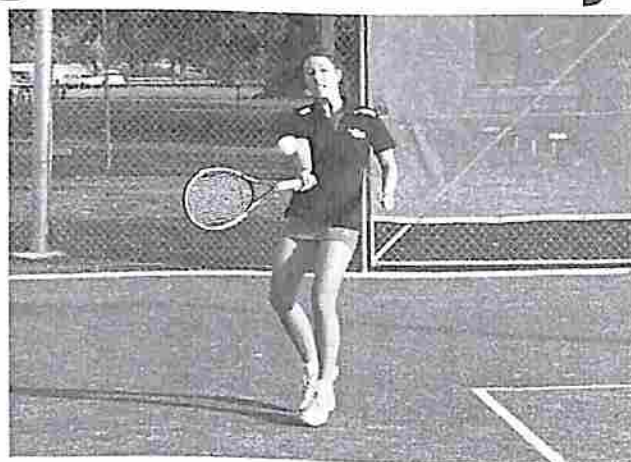
Competition open to all levels / Beginners welcome.

Any queries please contact Sally on 5429 2039 or 0412 517 440

### Summer Mixed Doubles

Winter mixed doubles has been great with some wonderful weather and very few washouts. It is now time to start thinking about the summer competition.

If you are interested in playing Mixed Doubles over summer which is a heck of a lot of fun let me know and I will start making a list of available players.




You probably saw someone you know in the last Mercury's Photo Spread, if you are not sure what it entails and how much of a commitment is required give me a call or speak to someone from the club. We can cater for those who want to play weekly as well as those who only want to play every two or three weeks. Persons of greatly varying abilities and ages can play in the mixed doubles and we welcome all new comers. For further information give Roger a call on 5429 2000 or on 0423 020 669.

### Ladies Tennis

With the weather warming up the ladies are planning to start having a hit on a Wednesday Night commencing the 1st Wednesday in October being the 02nd of October. It's a great way to get in shape and have some fun so if you are interested let Emma know on 0428 291 904 or just turn up for a hit.

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