

## Cycle Safety Meetings Planned for Local Cyclists

Following Macedon Ranges Shire Council's refusal to support a Spring Cycle Safety Campaign in The Ranges, a local Bike Safe group will hold meetings at various locations in The Ranges in July to push on with a campaign supported by cyclists themselves.

The clear message from an on line Cycle Safety Survey recently conducted by Wheelspeed Cycles in Gisborne is that cyclists are concerned about their safety on our roads and are also concerned about the behavior of some motorists. Local cyclists had hoped that the Shire would back a "Share the Road" campaign highlighting the need to give cyclists sufficient space on the road.

The owner of Wheelspeed Cycles, Chris Algefski, said "I would like to express my appreciation in particular to Councillor Sally Piper and Deputy Mayor Russell

Mowatt for the support they have given to this issue at Council level; unfortunately it was not enough to make a difference. The next step is to meet with local cyclists across our region. We will discuss the results of the survey and identify things we can do ourselves now to improve our own safety on the roads. It is important that everyone gets a chance to have their say"

All cyclists are invited to attend the meetings. Details of times and locations are available from Woodend Cycles, Wheelspeed Cycles Gisborne and by email to [bikesafeintheranges@gmail.com](mailto:bikesafeintheranges@gmail.com) One of the main items on the agenda will be to clearly identify the most hazardous roads for cyclists so we can continue to lobby for better infrastructure.

*Margaret Douglas  
Wheelspeed Cycles*

### Message from the Mayor

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

#### Council Plan and Budget

Council adopted its Council Plan and Budget for 2013/14 on 12 June 2013. We received an excellent range of submissions during our consultation process. The Council Plan, for the first time, includes the Health and Wellbeing Plan and highlights the vast range of works and services Council provides. A copy of the adopted plan is on Council's website.

The Budget has been amended from the draft budget rate increase of 6.9% to an adopted average ratepayer increase of 4.9% in these challenging economic times, and a couple of expenditure changes to retain a balanced budget.

All Council services will be maintained, with some expansions to respond to service growth and

demand. The Budget also contains over \$17 million in capital works including \$7.2M on our road network and investment on the walking and cycling network, with over \$400,000 for footpath upgrades across the shire.

The Budget also includes \$764,000 to upgrade Gilbert Gordon Oval at Woodend, \$800,000 from Council to a new netball complex in Gisborne and \$90,000 for Bluestone Theatre restoration to complement grant funding being sought.

The full Budget is available on Council's website, [www.mrsc.vic.gov.au](http://www.mrsc.vic.gov.au)

#### Business Awards

The recent Business Awards showcased the innovative and hard working businesses in the Macedon Ranges Shire. Thank you to all business operators in the shire for your investment and support for local employment.

To those Business Award finalists and winners, congratulations on your achievements.

#### Hanging Rock Infrastructure Upgrade

It was fantastic news to receive \$2.089M from the Federal Government's Regional Development Australia Fund to improve infrastructure in the East Paddock and Hanging Rock facilities. Whilst most works are "under the ground", the improved facilities will complement events at Hanging Rock whilst ensuring the environmental aspects of the area continued to be enhanced.

#### Blackspot Funding

The road network is vital to us all and it was pleasing to receive \$1M in Federal Government Blackspot Funding to upgrade three sections of road in the shire.

*Councillor Roger Jukes  
West Ward*

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## Romsey-Lancefield & District Ambulance Auxiliary

The Romsey-Lancefield & District Ambulance Auxiliary would like to inform the public that our Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday August 20th, 2013 in the CFA rooms, Stawell St Romsey at 7.30pm. Office bearers will be elected at this meeting. The auxiliary is in need of new members. We have our major fundraising event coming up in November and we would love to hear from anyone interested in joining us. We meet every two months and are always looking at ways we can support our Ambulance station and staff.

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# Lancefield Kindergarten Cubby House Raffle

Thank you to the people of Lancefield and surrounding communities. It is with great delight that we can let you all know that as a result of the Cubby House Raffle held over the last few months the Kindergarten has raised just under \$2,500.

On Saturday 25th May just after 12pm, the raffle was drawn by the Lancefield Bendigo Bank Manager, Mr James Smithwick. The winning ticket was sold by the Lancefield Bakery to Jo Emond, Vice Principal at Romsey Primary. Jo has kindly decided to donate the cubby house to the new Prep area being developed at Romsey Primary. The cubby house was delivered to its new home in early June and we are sure the Preps of 2014 will enjoy it immensely. We are so pleased that all of our prize winners were Lancefield residents with Lisa Marie Doria winning 2nd prize and Lee Winks winning 3rd prize. Congratulations to all our winners.

The raffle would not have been possible without the generous contributions and support of our local businesses namely: Frosts Sawmill, Lachlan Fleming

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The money raised will support this year's two major projects. One being a new sandpit cover with



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**Lancefield Police News**

**Scam Attack!!**

I know I have spoken about this before but Lancefield, Romsey and surrounding areas seem to be under attack at present from scammers. So here is another example of how persistent and determined some scammers can be.

**Scenario 1**

One of our locals received a phone call from someone stating they were from Telstra Big Pond advising that her computer was in danger. They advised that her internet would be disconnected due to this problem. When she started to remonstrate with the caller saying she needed the internet for her business he became abusive and called her an idiot and hung up on her. The caller had an Indian accent. She then rang Telstra to complain regarding this persons attitude and they confirmed it was not one of their technicians and was likely a scammer. About 4 hours later the resident received another call again from someone pertaining to be from Telstra Big Pond. This person was much more polite and the line was much clearer. Thinking it was Telstra calling her back in relation to her earlier problem the resident followed instructions given by the caller who stated they were concerned about her internet

security. The caller had her open a screen which showed around 10,000 events that he suggested were threatening her computer.

The resident was still very wary about the true identity of the caller but also very concerned for the welfare of her computer which she relied on for her business. She asked the caller to prove they were from Telstra. The caller then asked the resident to open a particular screen on her computer which gave the computers I.P Address. The caller then read out an I.P Address that corresponded with the address for the residents computer. He suggested he would not have access to this I.P address if he was not from Telstra. The caller had an Indian accent and stated his name was Kevin MARTIN and gave a Telstra Employee ID number.

Somewhat convinced she was actually talking to Telstra the resident then followed the instructions she was given which included allowing the caller to remotely access her computer. At this point the caller had full access to her computer. It should be noted that the resident needed the computer for her business and was concerned that the threats identified by the scammer were a real threat to the business. After some time and going through a process of investigation the resident was then advised that she needed

to upgrade the protection on her computer. She was advised she would need to purchase a particular software package to do so.

To pay for this software she was asked to open a Western Union Account and to supply her Credit Card details including the CVV number. She then realised this was a Western Union money transfer form, and alarm bells went off big time.

At this point her husband had arrived home so she had him contact Telstra on her mobile phone while she stayed on the line with the alleged Telstra Technician. Telstra immediately advised them to shut down the computer as they were being scammed. They did this but after a short period of time when they turned the computer back on the caller was still there and still had remote access to the computer. Telstra then advised our resident to disconnect the computer from the modem and shut everything down thus severing the connection between the scammer and her computer. When she did this the scammer became abusive and started swearing at her and then stated, 'Did you just turn the F..... computer off.' To which our resident replied "Yes, I am on the phone to Telstra and we know who you are and we are calling the police and they will find you." This ended the call but surprisingly the scammer made 3

more attempts to contact the resident over the next hour.

**End Result**

This matter was reported to Lancefield Police and a check was conducted on the call which identified the call as coming from an International Number in India. In these circumstances police are unable to take the matter any further. The resident wisely contacted a computer technician who was able to fix her computer which had locked her out after this incident. Probably because the scammer had changed her access settings. She has since changed every password and installed the best security program she could find. The concern for the resident is that it is not known what details the scammer was able to download from her computer while he had remote access to it. In this day and age of internet finances this is a very serious concern.

**Points To Note**

Smart People can get scammed!!!!  
Scammers will often use our fear of something like a computer virus or other threat to gain access to our personal details. If - If you don't send \$100 now via Western Union to us you will be fined \$1000 for late

submission of a tax return.  
or  
They will offer something like a lottery win or a prize to get us to pay for something. If you have just won a car please send \$50 for towing fees to enable us to deliver your new car to your home address.

Scammers will often have detailed personal information before they call to assist in gaining your confidence and convincing you they are legitimate. With the use of the internet it can be easy for scammers to get Your Full Name - Dates of Birth - Your Home Address and your I.P Address and other personal details. Some people have most of this on their Face Book page. (Please check and remove where possible)

Government Utilities will rarely if ever contact you by phone.

If you do get a call and are at all suspicious get a phone number a name and Identification Details. Then ring the number in the phone book for the Government Department of the Company to confirm these details and the identity of the caller. Never give out Personal Details over the phone to someone who has called you. Never give out banking or Credit Card details to someone who has called you. If they are from a Government utility they will already have your personal details so should not be asking for

them. Any mention of Western Union should ring alarm bells as it is the system used by international scammers to transfer money. Government departments don't use Western Union.

Never give remote access to your computer to someone you don't know.

If it sounds too good to be true it is probably a scam- ie lottery wins etc.

**Investigation of Scammers by the Police**

Be aware that although there is a system via which Police can check where a call has originated from there is a cost involved to Victoria Police and as such not all calls will be traced. If the call originates from an International Number there is nothing Victoria Police can do. Federal Police do not have the time or resources to follow up on the hundreds of international scamming calls made every day. One of the best methods of avoiding these scams is to pass the information onto your friends and the police so that we can all be more aware of the scams that are out there and avoid the consequences of getting scammed.

Roger BARR  
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### Neighbourhood House

The Neighbourhood House brochure for next term will be available next week. If you don't receive one in your letterbox then you can collect one from The Town House, the Newsagents or The Neighbourhood House.

New for next term is a Wednesday evening mosaics group and a watercolour painting classes on Monday mornings. A bus trip is being organised for people interested in going to the Monet exhibition on Tuesday 10 August. The bus costs \$10, you will need to purchase your own tickets. Get in quick with your booking and payment.

Along the cultural line we have someone who is happy to drive/ car

pool with people to the arthouse movies that are shown in Sunbury on Monday nights. If you are interested call us to get a list of upcoming films.

Also new for next term we have a series of presentations on how to be healthy, how to keep your children healthy and even a session on herbal care for animals. Counsellor and Psychotherapist Shannon Brown is running a workshop on Intimacy in Relationships – this is all relationships in our lives, family, friends, children as well as couples – something that all of us could benefit from.

We have a range of computer classes, covering basic classes for PC's and for Apple computers

as well. We will be running a Quickbooks (Reckon) class at Lancefield and a MYOB class at Romsey so now is the time to learn how to do your own books or set you up to do other peoples.

### At The Townhouse

The Town House will be open on Sunday mornings from next term and will be a time for people to drop in and spend a relaxing morning playing chess, cards or other games. You'll also be able to access the computers, photocopier or fax or buy a last minute gift from our range of locally produced crafts.

We have a fantastic resource at The Town House. If you haven't dropped in yet please do so and let

us know what other services we could be providing to the town. A couple of our volunteers have recently left so if you are interested in covering one of the shifts please call Vivien on 5429 1214.

### On The Subject Of Volunteers

Volunteering is proven to be good for your health and well being. It's a great way to meet people if you are new to the town, it's a great way to learn new skills and if you're looking for work it's a great way to hear about jobs and it looks good on your resume.

We have opportunities for people to volunteer in a wide range of activities between the Neighbourhood House, Op Shop, Town House, Farmers Market and Mens Shed. Drop in or call the House on 5429 1214 if you would like to know more. The House garden desperately needs some TLC if anyone is interested..

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Dr Kath heads a conservation research group whose primary field based interests are habitat requirements, ranging behavior and feeding and reproductive ecology of monotreme's and native mammals.

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### FREE INFORMATION EVENING

To help you with your applications:  
 Wednesday 17th July at 7pm - 8.30pm  
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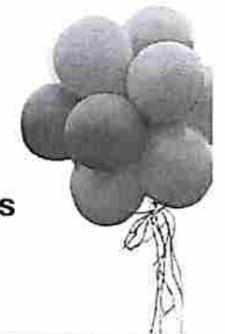


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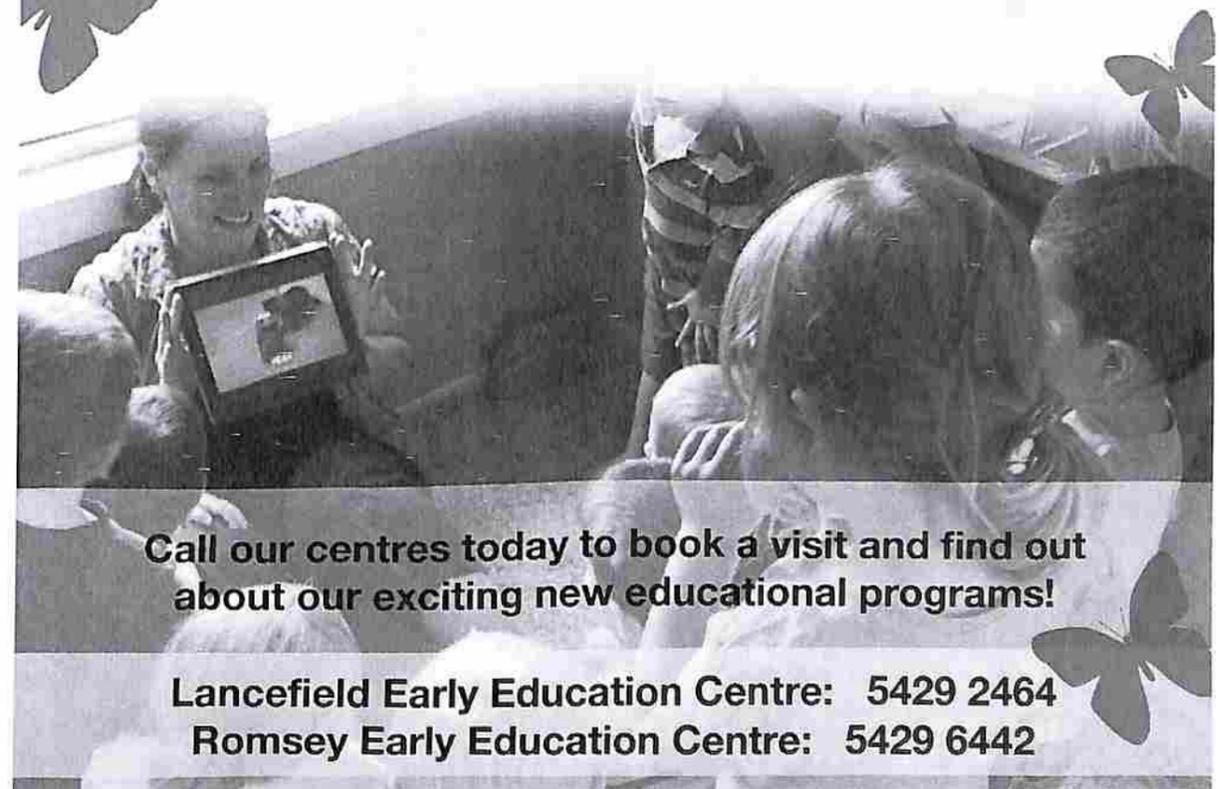
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## Education Week

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## Performing Artists – Bubble wrap and Boxes

Recently our students were again provided with an engaging performance from visiting performing artists. The performance was called Bubble wrap and Boxes.



## PJ Day

Each term our Kids Council leadership group organise a fun day for our students. This term we had PJ Day which included breakfast for all students. The students were pretty happy to be fed pancakes, bacon and eggs and range of other breakfast choices.



## Ability and Disability awareness program

Our 4/5/6 students spent an entertaining and informative period of time with Jim Asimakopoulos. Jim works for DEECD and is co-ordinator of the Abilities and Disabilities program. The session were highly valuable in reminding students to persist when faced with a challenge. Jim was born with cerebral palsy which has left him physically disabled and with a speech disability. He did not learn to speak until he was 13 because his tongue is the only muscle in his body that does not work at all.

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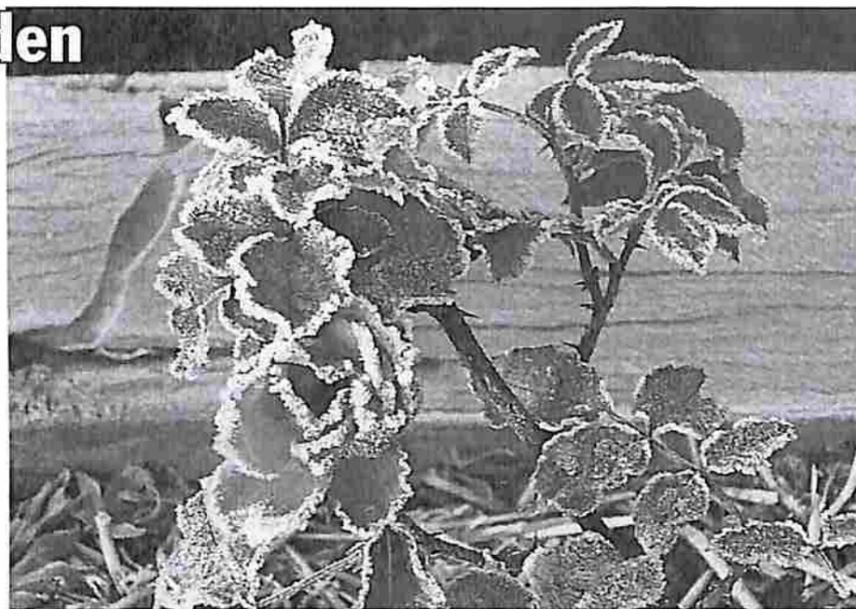
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## Vanessa's garden

Brrr,rrr. Well with some decent frosts and then quite a bit of rain I hope your tanks are all full, although the dams seem to be taking their time to show any noticeable difference in levels. Although it seems far too cold and grey on many days to even think about doing something in the muddy, tattered looking patch that your garden may have turned into, it's a great way to get the blood circulation moving. Here are some winter jobs to keep you warm.

### Clear up general debris

The winds have brought down a lot of leaves, twigs and associated debris. Tackle the clean up on a calm day and if you do it regularly then you avoid the



mammoth task of doing it all at once in spring. Minimising the accumulation of flammable debris is obviously a good idea and it helps

to keep lawns and paths looking presentable too. Small stuff can go on the compost heap and of course larger sticks make excellent kindling.

### Paths

Now is a great time to top up gravel or other covering on paths.

### Lawns

If you are fortunate enough to have a patch of green that you can honestly call a 'lawn' (not here I'm afraid!) then now is a good time to aerate with a garden fork – or a power tool if you have a large area to cover. Just plunge the fork in all over, like you're stabbing a pie crust. The idea is to reduce compaction and help get moisture into the soil. This should help minimise puddles on the lawn too but if you're still getting them you might need to spray on a soil wetting agent. To promote lawn health finish with a fine layer of coarse sand or loam and don't fertilise until spring.

### Feed

If you have winter crops in the

ground you can help them along with a dose of food but use a low nitrogen variety as you want 'slow and steady' at this time of year rather than a sudden spurt. Giving extra food also helps reduce the risk of a weak plant getting some sort of fungal disease. You can give flowering perennials the same treatment if you wish.

### Protection

Spoilt hay that's been saturated in the rain can have a second life as weed control. While many plants have shut up shop for the winter, the \*&^% weeds still keep going don't they? However a solid pad of wet straw placed on top will help keep them in their place. You can also tuck straw mulch around roses and broad beans. The latter particularly can be a bit vulnerable to winter conditions and might like the support and comfort of a straw blanket (even a wet one).

### Pots of colour

If your garden is looking a bit drab, why not plant up some pots of annuals and put them where you can easily see them? Pansies or polyanthus are easy to manage in pots and provide instant colour. You might need to bring them into shelter if a frost is forecast but you can keep them blooming through winter with regular dead-heading and a feed of liquid plant food every 10 days or so.

### Prune your natives

Where wattles have just about finished flowering now is a good time to prune. Most times you just remove the tips of the branches, including spent blooms. The reason for doing this is to generate a more compact, sturdy tree that's likely to live longer. You can also prune or clip back any grevilleas that are getting unruly and a bit straggly.

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Romsey/Lancefield. The presenter was Margaret Milne and James Smithwick from the bank is in the photo with Mrs. Dwyer and Mrs. Mockunas. The program revolves around the 5 foundations of: Getting Along, Organisation, Persistence, Confidence, Resilience.

In Term 3 we will be focusing on CONFIDENCE.

### "You Can Do It".

On Friday 7th of June the staff was involved in professional development around the "You Can Do It" social and emotional development program.

This has been sponsored by the Bendigo Community Bank of

### P & F

The gate has been installed at the front of the school in Chauncey St thanks to Stephen Giles. Well done to the P & F committee and the many people who have helped. The front of the school is amazing.



### Year 5/6 City Camp

The Year 5/6 students are to be congratulated for their very good behaviour while on school camp in the city last week. They travelled all over the city and some of the activities included visiting Parliament House, Treasury Building, Captain Cook's cottage, and the Art Gallery. The students were able to go Ice skating and ten pin bowling. They travelled on the night tram in a circle of the city. They also visited an inner city Catholic Primary School, St Brendan's in Flemington to share some time with the students.

Thank you to the staff



for coordinating and being on yard duty 24/7 and to the parents Simon Choate and Paul Rix for their assistance.

### Day in May - Challenge Fundraiser

On Thursday 23rd May we had a very special day where students came

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## Improving Wood Heater Use

Use your woodheater properly to save money and reduce emissions. A new step-by-step guide to reduce smoke from your wood heater has been created as part of the Burn Brighter this Winter project.

The amount of smoke a fire makes depends on how much oxygen is available, how hot the fire is, how green (or seasoned) the wood is and whether you have just started the fire or whether it is established.

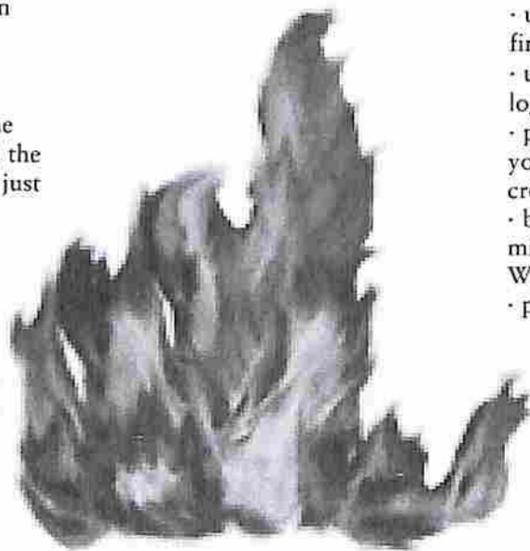
### A good fire needs good wood!

Remember to:

- burn dry, seasoned, untreated wood
- stack wood under cover in a dry, ventilated area.

Green wood is much harder to burn than dry

wood and it produces more wood smoke for a longer time. It also produces much less useable heat



and clogs up your heater flue with creosote.

### When starting the fire:

- use small, dry kindling to get the fire going quickly
- use smaller logs instead of large logs
- place a sheet of newspaper above your fire before you light it to create a good draft
- burn on high air flow for 30 minutes after lighting.

When the fire is burning well:

- place the wood end-on into the firebox rather than sideways
- leave a minimum 2 cm gap between pieces of wood
- leave a gap between the wood and the window
- reload regularly to ensure rapid ignition of the new fuel, but do not overfill the heater

- burn on high air flow for 20-25 minutes after adding wood to the fire
- keep the fire burning brightly so it doesn't smoulder
- never choke the fire.

A well maintained modern heater should not produce any visible smoke when the fire is burning well:

- Go outside and check the chimney occasionally for smoke emissions.
- If you can see smoke, adjust your fire for better burning.

### To keep your house warm overnight:

- Closing off all air to a fire produces very little heat and a lot of smoke.
- Only turn down the air supply when you have a hot bed of charcoal.

At least half an hour before you go to bed:

- reload your heater with good quality wood

- run it on high for 25 minutes
- turn the heater down but ensure that a visible flame is maintained
- never shut the air flow right down
- let the fire burn itself out over night.

Turning the air supply right down does not gain you any advantage, because the wood will only smoulder, creating little heat and a large amount of wood smoke. A smouldering fire can also contaminate your rain water tank.

- Next morning light a fresh fire in the warm firebox.

### Keep your heater in good condition:

- Make sure your heater flue and cowl are in good working order and free from creosote build-up. The best way to do this is to have your flue swept annually. Some insurance policies require regular cleaning of the flue.

### Choose the right heater!

When buying a new woodheater, ensure that it has a compliance plate on the back showing that it meets the current Australian woodheater standards. Choose one that best suits your circumstances, particularly the size of your house.

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- Don't buy too large a heater.
- Obtain good advice before you buy.

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**Celebrating Christmas in July**



This month we are celebrating Christmas in July in honour of the frosty weather we have all been experiencing lately. So take some time out for yourself and please come join the fun & festivities!

RRWN Celebrating Christmas in July

Where: - Romsey Recreation Centre - You Can Fitness Studio, 9 Park Lane

When: - Thursday 18th July @ 7pm

What to Bring: - BYO drinks, a Xmas themed plate to share & a \$5 Kris Kringle gift \*Members Only Event\*

The RRWN started with three women talking over a glass of wine about how difficult it can be to meet new and like-minded people in our rural community. After putting some feelers out it was found that many women in our region feel in some part socially isolated, and surprisingly it is not just the new comers to the Macedon Ranges. And so our group was born! Since forming officially in August 2011 our member base continues to grow and we see new faces coming along to our gatherings every month.

Whether you need to connect with local women to network in a business/professional sense or just need a social outlet, please come and join one of our monthly meetings. The intent is to provide a safe environment for women to gather together, exchange ideas, share about their lives and have some laughs. It is a genuine celebration of the spirit of friendship and the natural networks women form.

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. You are under no obligation to pay the membership fee the first night so please come along to join us for a glass of wine and a chat.

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 Natasha (Secretary) - 0421 289 137

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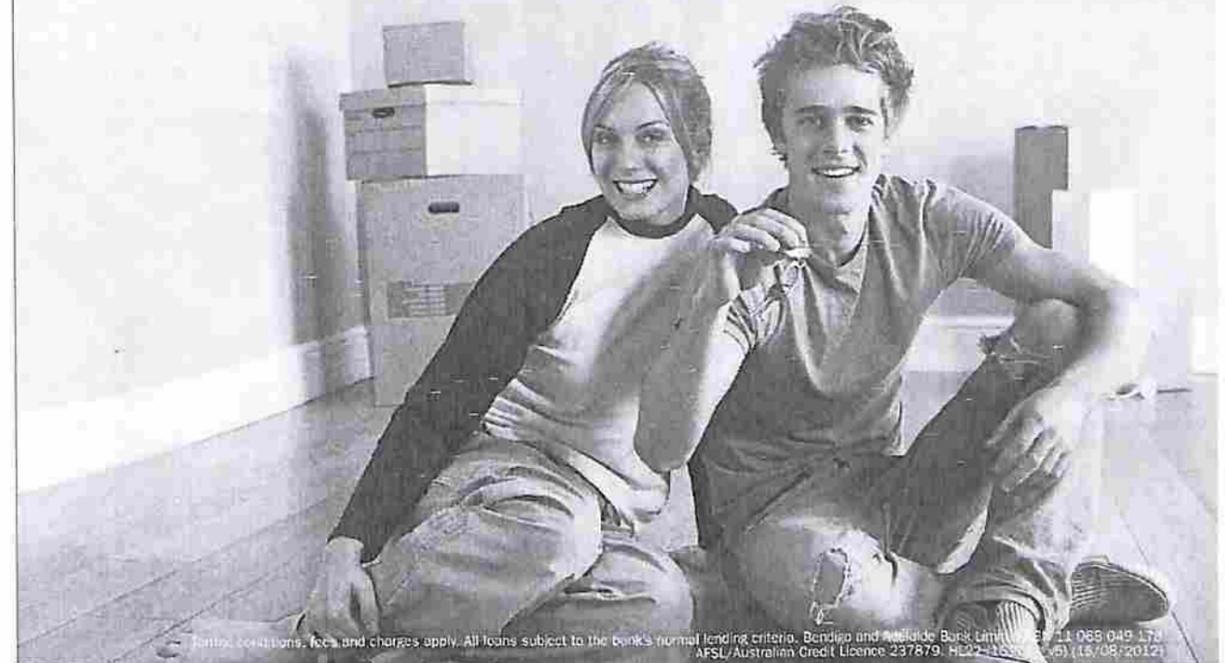
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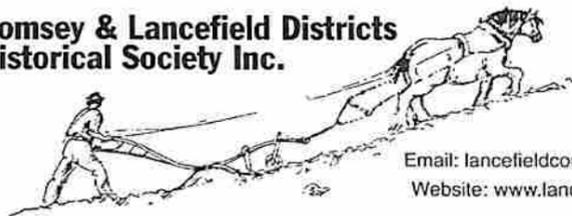
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Our winter luncheon is on this month on Tuesday 23rd July at the usual venue Chauncey Street Lancefield. The cost is \$10 per person and there will be a door prize for one lucky person. We have a guest speaker for this luncheon and as previously mentioned it is an author.

The speaker is Joy Braybrook and she will be speaking about her book "John Batman An Inside Story of the Birth of Melbourne" She will also be bringing her book with her to sell so if you're after a copy and a chance to see and speak to the author this is your chance.

As we are approaching the end

of the financial year its time for the memberships of the Society to be renewed \$20 for a Single and \$30 for a family.

We are a great Society and have some wonderful members who are interested in the history of both the district and their family. As always we are looking for new members as it is the membership subscriptions that are the main income for the Society.

Your membership gets you several newsletters a year and also access to the vast records we have at the archive. We have many early local papers from the area and also local rate books and early maps of

the surrounding area.

We have a vast collection of School records and records from local sporting clubs. Also there is a huge collection of local photos from around the area. We have many family history resources and quite a few local family histories already completed.

Please consider joining the Society as your membership will help in keeping the society going strong and will open up a great and interesting new journey into the past for you.

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**Macedon Ranges Community Farmers' Markets In July**

\*Sat 6th - Woodend Community Farmers' Market - Cnr High & Forests Sts\*

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\*13th - Kyneton Farmers' Market - St Paul's Park, Piper St\*  
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Riddells Creek Neighbourhood Centre.

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\*Support local producers at one or all of the farmers' markets in July.

Please bring your own bags, baskets & trolleys. Friendly dogs welcome on a leash at all markets. 9am to 1pm.

Meggs Hannes

**Weather Comment 14-6-13**

In last month's article I was being mildly optimistic about the rain we had at that time continuing and this has proved to be right.

The Winter season began with a substantial fall of about 60 mm and a follow-up of 36 mm together with other small amounts gives a monthly total of about 104 mm. The first measurement may be different to other people's measurements as we managed to spill a small amount as we were measuring the rain, so I would expect the proper total to be more rather than less. It has given us a good break although ideally an earlier one would have produced some pasture growth but better late than never.

I have again not managed to attend any stock sales but the rural press has a positive outlook on the future. Most prices for both store and prime store stock have risen and demand has improved. An interesting point is the demand from China for mutton and this has led to a substantial rise for this type of stock. I am feeding hay to our few head of cattle and this will continue for some time. The ewes have been crutched and drenched prior to lambing which should begin about the middle of next month.

There is little to report from the garden. The Spring bulbs are starting to appear and our first jonquil has flowered. Roll on Spring

Robert Green



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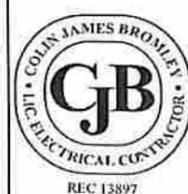
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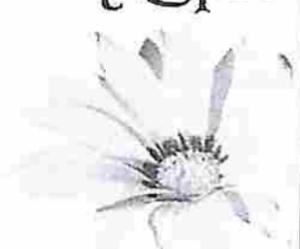
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# \$2.089 Million Hanging Rock Funding

It was a with great pleasure that I joined our Federal Member of Parliament, Rob Mitchell, Macedon Ranges Mayor Roger Jukes and Lisa Chesters Candidate for Bendigo, at Hanging Rock to welcome the announcement of \$2.089 million in Federal funding for improvements at Hanging Rock.

Hanging Rock has long been a place of mystery and intrigue and those who visit can't help but be impressed by this amazing symbol of the Macedon Ranges.

It was originally named "Mount Diogenes" in 1836 by Major Thomas Mitchell when he travelled through the area, and it was thought to be a refuge for bushrangers— particularly the infamous 'Mad Dan Morgan'.

This funding is great news for the Macedon Ranges. There will be improvements at the Rock

to further enhance the experience for the increasing numbers of visitors and to take pressure off the sensitive environmental areas of the Rock.

Plans for the Rock include underground power, parking areas, new pavilions and enhancements to improve wild life corridors and habitat.

Hanging Rock is home to the races on New Year's Day and Australia Day, and the Harvest Picnic, and recently has become a venue for concert artists, but these improvements are about making the Rock a great place for everybody not just those who visit for a special event.

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Lancefield Fire Brigade

# Cold And Wet But Lots To Do

The weather is cold and wet, not ideal for working outside, but if the weather is suitable cleaning up your property is something to think about prior to the arrival of warmer weather.

The new station is progressing very well and the Brigade is hoping to be in it in 6-7 weeks which will make life for the Brigade much easier.

The Brigade is producing site safety plans for the new station for members and the public in case of an emergency which is for the safety and protection of all.

At a Kyneton Group Meeting draft wildfire plans for high risk areas were proposed and the Brigade was offered assistance in producing pre plans for places in our Brigade area including but not confined to Red

Gap Road, Woodvale Court, Parkview Drive, King Drive, Golf House Lane and Bourke and Wills Track.

The purpose of pre-plans are to know where to place our resources should a fire or other emergency occur in any such high risk area and have the advantage of being able to utilise resources to give quick and successful outcomes.

Not a great deal more to report at this stage, the appeal is still open and we still conduct training and vehicle checks each Sunday morning, please contact us if you are interested in what we do at 6 Oakley's Lane which is our temporary station at this time.

Stuart Mustey  
Captain

# A Vampire At Film Night!

In the May showing of Nosferatu at the Macedon Ranges Film Society, the music set the tone - brooding and with a menacing edge. It flowed over scenes on the screen of Count Orlok going about his nasty business.

Made in 1922, this film sent some shivers down spines but there was much sniggering as well. The film generated discussion over supper about the scariest films ever seen but most people agreed that even though it was an oldie, Nosferatu still holds up as a (slightly frightening) goodie!

The tone will change completely with the screening of the July film. On Wednesday July 10th, be prepared to laugh out loud at the antics and misbehaviour of the two

main characters in the delightful film, Withnail and I. Richard E. Grant (in his first major film role) and Paul McGann play a couple of out-of-work actors whose lives have become so minimalist and

miserable that they decide to go for a holiday at the country house of Withnail's salacious Uncle Monty (Richard Griffiths).

All is not as it seems in the country and much more misery is in store for our poor heroes. The film is touching, wild and very funny.

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 Lorraine on 5427 0921 or Christine on 5427 1011.



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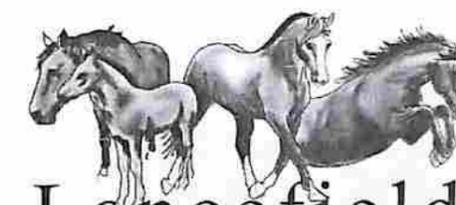
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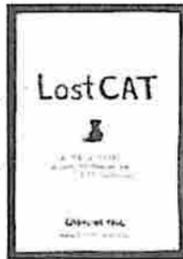
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Book Reviews July 2013

Non Fiction

MEMOIR: *Lost Cat: A True Story of Love, Desperation and GPS Technology*  
Written by Caroline Paul



This is a must read for all cat lovers! American author, Caroline Paul returns home to recover after surviving a serious plane crash which she was piloting. Her recovery is slow, which allows her two thirteen year old tabbies, named Tibby and Fibby, the luxury of her presence 24 hours a day! While female Fibby, the sociable of the two, laps up all the extra human attention, Tibby decides to disappear without a trace for five weeks. Caroline becomes frantic for his safety. He then returns home looking better than ever and younger than his thirteen years! Caroline, desperate to know where and what he has been up to, decides to track where he has been by placing numerous types of

technology to him with interesting results.

This is a humorous book which also has a serious side evaluating the process of recovery, looking at the importance of human and pet relationships as well as the importance of building a sense of community. The memoir also has drawings throughout which are illustrated by Wendy McNaughton who has been published in the Wall Street Journal & the New York Times. An unusual memoir compared to most, but the antics of both the author and her cats will bring you many laughs.

City-pick: *Istanbul* by Heather Reyes RRP \$19.99  
Reviewed by Gabbie Smith.

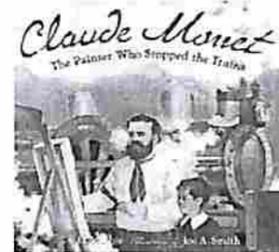


Istanbul is a culturally and eye takingly gifted city. Introduced by a well-known Istanbul crime writer, Barbara Nadel, City-pick

Istanbul features over 60 writers as they discuss their own personal experiences in Istanbul and their favourite parts of the wondrous city.

City-pick is the latest travel information series to make a name for itself. Steering away from the drier and factual tomes that list population, and other statistics, City-pick shows an insight into the warm heart of the rich beautiful city.

Children's Picture Books:



Claude Monet - The Painter Who Stopped The Trains. By P.I. Maltbie RRP \$29.95

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Young Adult Fiction:

The Last Thirteen. By James Phelan RRP \$12.95



This is the first book in a new thirteen part series by Melbourne writer James Phelan. "BREAKING NEWS: In recent weeks, a group has emerged with what can perhaps be described as a special "gift" or "ability" - their dreams come true. Although they are unaware of it now, these individuals will not only save the world but change it forever. They are our last hope in a battle of good versus evil. This transformation from ordinary to extraordinary, this journey, will not occur overnight. Every story has a beginning."

These words are the opening paragraphs of what promises to be a compelling futuristic series for 9 - 13 yr olds. To find out more about The Last Thirteen check out the website [www.thelast13.com](http://www.thelast13.com).

Raven Girl by Audrey Niffenegger RRP \$39.95  
Reviewed by Gabbie Smith



Raven Girl is Audrey Niffenegger's latest work. The story is described by Audrey herself as a new fairy tale. The book details the life of a postman who falls in love with a raven, and the trials and struggles their Halfling daughter contends with.

The book was written by Niffenegger at the request of the Royal Ballet in London as inspiration for a new dance. A splendidly unusual tale, the unlikely couple, juxtaposed bodies, royalty, and misconstrued actions, is reminiscent of the films of Tim Burton.

The storyline is simply written and beautifully illustrated. A stunning book that I would highly recommend!

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Come along and hear Glenda on Saturday August 10th at 2pm at Riddells Creek Neighbourhood House. Glenda will also be speaking on Sunday 11th August at 10am

at Encourage Church 7 Mitchell Court Romsey and 6pm at Woodend Community Centre.

Entry is free with refreshments provided. A free-will love offering will be taken up.

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".

For further details please contact Encourage Church Office 5429 6327

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Our Prime Minister declared some time ago that the Government had lost its way!

There are many in our society today who have lost their way through circumstances beyond their control or their own folly.

God loves the lost, they are his by right of ownership. Jesus said, "I have come to seek and to save those who are lost." Luke 19:10. and like the good shepherd in the parable He searches diligently until He finds that one lost sheep.

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John 14:6. FOUND! God rejoices and all heaven with Him when one of His lost ones turn to Him and are found in Christ.

*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me, I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.*

**June In Retrospect...**

The Men's Breakfast held on the 22nd., their first, was a high-light when Leading Senior Constable

Roger Barr spoke on "Community Crime Awareness" which was very illuminating. We welcomed back Betty and Max Dansey from The U.K.

They attended a service at Holy Trinity, Brompton, the spiritual home of the now world-wide Alpha Course.

They were joined by Jenny Dodd with 1500 other worshippers.

The service was relayed on T.V. screens about the church and transmitted to three other churches linked to Holy Trinity. There are 11 services each Sunday. Very impressive!

We were also busy promoting our Pic Drive and thanks to all who supported it.

Church Missionary Society couple Chris. and Grace Adams were farewelled at Ridley College, Parkville, prior to their departure to Timor Leste (East) as Bible teachers and translators working with the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of East Timor.

They need our prayers.

**Diary July 2013**

**SERVICE TIMES**  
**ST.PAUL'S ROMSEY (Main Street)**  
 Worship 10 am.  
**CHRIST CHURCH LANCEFIELD (Chauncey Street)**  
 Worship 10 am.  
 20th July 7pm..HEALING SERVICE. Christ Church Lancefield.  
 28th July..10am..Annual Combined Ecumenical Service at Romsey Uniting Church.  
 11 July 8pm. Men's Group (AMS) meets Christ Church Hall.  
 18th July 1.30 pm Guild meets Mrs. F. Carter's home Monegeetta. (Doreen 5429-6060)

It has been suggested that during these cold winter months we should meet for worship at 10am at Romsey and Lancefield. Vestry has approved these changes to start on 7/7/12.

"Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life has gone, a new life has begun." 2 Corinthians 5:17.

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# Lancefield Tennis Club

Lancefield Tennis Club Inc.  
 PO Box 62, Lancefield, Vic, 3435  
 President Roger Barr 5429 2174  
 Secretary Rebecca Kraus 0417 397193  
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### AGM Is Coming!!!

Lancefield Tennis Club is holding its AGM at 7.00 pm on Monday the 5th of August 2013. If you would like to be a valued part of an exciting and friendly club then what better way than to take a position on the Committee.

If your child or yourself are a club member we would love to see you come along and have your say in determining the future direction of the club. Or if you would just like to see how the club functions come to the AGM and experience it first hand.

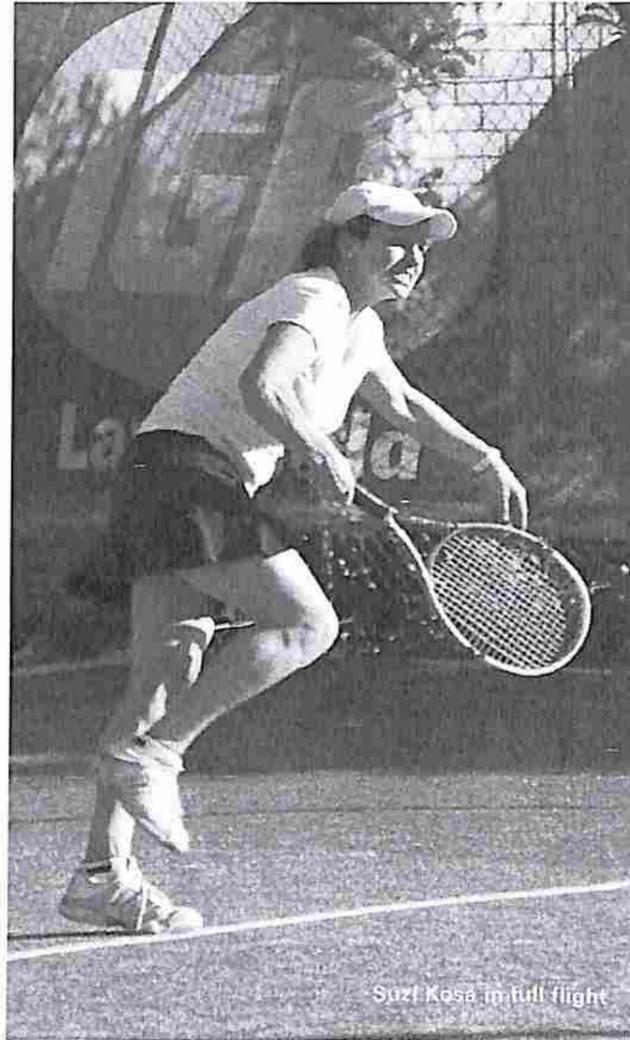
### Mixed Doubles

I have attached some pictures taken at a recent grudge match between the two mixed doubles teams in section 4 Lancefield Black and Lancefield Gold, there are some great action shots of our teams in action. If you would like to play Mixed Doubles over winter or would like to put your name down for the next summer competition, give me a call (Roger) on 54 292174.

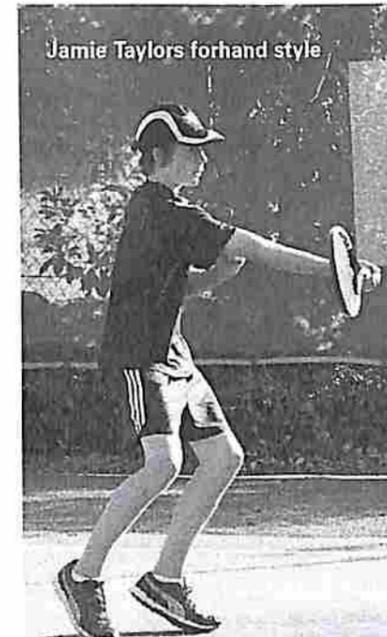
### For The Littlies

The club is looking at taking on a new program Developed by Tennis Australia along similar lines to Milo Cricket and Aus Kick. It is about giving your kids the basics to begin to play tennis. It is slightly different to the Hot Shots program and from what I can gather is more based on the basic skills. If you have a youngster who might be interested in this program stay tuned to the Mercury or give our Junior Co Ordinator Sally Potts a call on 54 292039.

Roger Barr  
 President  
 Lancefield Tennis Club.



Suzi Kosa in full flight



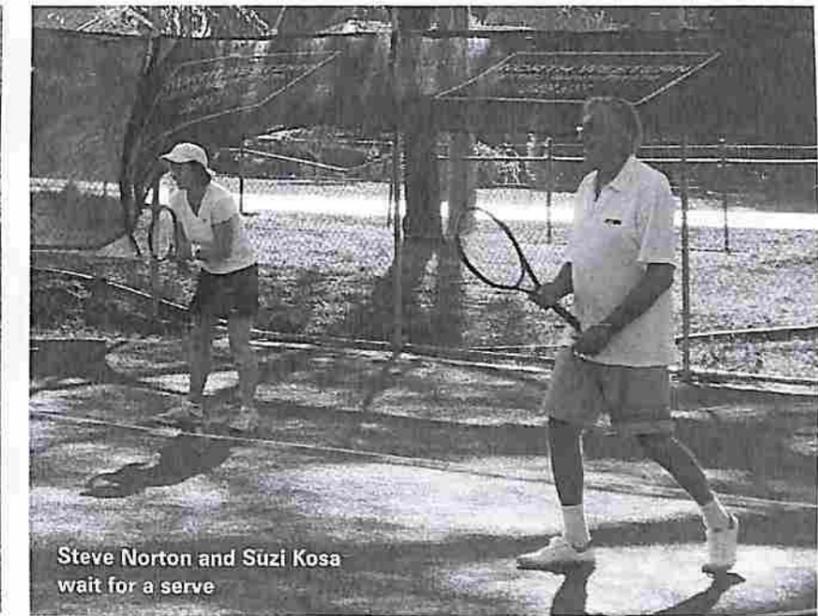
Jamie Taylors forhand style



Adrea Mustey and Jamie Taylor awaiting the serve



Mark Goodwin comes in for a low shot



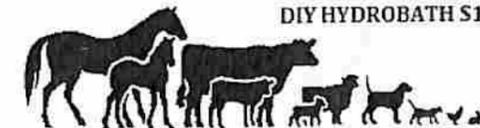
Steve Norton and Suzi Kosa wait for a serve

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- Handball Targets
- Witches Hats & Marker Cones
- Coaches Whistles

The above equipment was used during every session and significantly contributed in the ability to deliver a quality program to all participants in 2013. The program ran for 9 Weeks on a Saturday morning and we experienced an increase in participation from 2012 with 60 Children registering in 2013 During the season we had 21 Children participate in Grid Games at Edithad Stadium prior to the Carlton V's Port Adelaide Game on Sunday 19th May. On Saturday 27th April we had a player visit from Essendon



Football Club with Jake Carlisle & Jackson Merrett in attendance. The players joined in drills and at the conclusion of the session Jake & Jackson were asked some great questions by the Kids.

We had our final session for the year on Sunday 16th with a special guest appearance from Essendon

Football Club's Mascot 'Skeeta'. At the conclusion of this session each participant was presented with an Auskick Participation Medal and our Jumper for Juniors - 2013 Carlton Football Club Team Signed Jumper Raffle was drawn. This was won by Dan Huggins..

*Damien Choate  
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