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Lancefield Mercury

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On the 23/24 Feb the Australian Chapter of the American Truck Historical Society will be holding its fourth Truck Show in the Lancefield Park. With over 100 local and interstate trucks gathering under the shady trees, drawing visitors from all states and overseas. Any locals are welcome to come alone and bring a truck if you have one preferably 25 or older, new ones welcome too!

Free Activities for the kids include a jumping castle and a play pit to test out their Tonka toy.

A demonstration will be held Sunday morning with the CFA and SES holding a training exercise.

Catering by a local group and a dinner in local hotel Saturday night. This year's special feature is 50 Years of Peterbilt trucks in Australia. A large selection of

these fine trucks will be on display along with photos, slide shows and memorabilia, the original importer and family will be travelling from interstate for the celebrations. There will be some trade stalls and tarp tying competitions and music from Big Bad John. Hope to see you there - day Pass \$10 weekend pass \$15, under 16 and display vehicles free. Enquiries Robert Green 0408532603

Council Launches Local Emergency Facebook Page

Macedon Ranges Shire Council has launched a Facebook page to support community preparedness, relief and recovery from emergencies and hazards in the region, such as bushfires, heatwaves or floods. The page provides useful tips for residents and businesses in the region on how to prepare themselves, their family and their property for a possible emergency situation. It will also be used to provide community updates on local relief, support and recovery services should an emergency arise within the shire. Council is encouraging Facebook users in the region to like the page and share it with their friends, and to use the page to ask questions and share knowledge or tips about emergency preparedness with their community. The page does not provide the latest warnings or incident updates from the CFA, Victoria Police or SES. Residents should continue to refer to official sources from these agencies such as their websites or social media channels, listen to ABC radio and call the Victorian Bushfire Information Line on 1800 240 667. To access the page, log into Facebook and search for 'Macedon Ranges Emergency Alerts', or visit www.facebook.com/MacedonRangesEmergencyAlerts.

Funding Boost For Lancefield Show

The Lancefield Agricultural Society will receive \$5734 to extend the existing sheep and poultry exhibition shed at the Lancefield Reserve. The show society have been allocated the funding through the Government's 2012-13 Agricultural and Pastoral Society Grants Program. The grants program has been benefiting Victorian communities for the past 12 years by providing grants of up to \$10,000 for projects that improve facilities at showgrounds.

Bore water boosting Lancefield drinking supplies

Very low rainfall and a big rise in water use over recent months have led to bore water being added to Lancefield's water supply. Water use across the town this summer is up 56 per cent compared to the previous year. As of January the town's drinking water was a blend of around two-thirds bore water to one-third reservoir water. Good rainfall over recent years has meant Lancefield was receiving 100 per cent reservoir water. However, the reservoir that supplies the town is small and depletes rapidly when there is no rain. The proportion of bore water may need to increase if rainfall remains low. Western Water will closely monitor the situation and consider introducing water restrictions if needed. Residents may notice their water has a different taste, colour or smell as bore water has a higher mineral content than reservoir water. However, all drinking water supplied to Lancefield is filtered and treated at the town's water filtration plant to ensure it is safe to drink and meets all the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines. Customers who have any questions about their drinking water can call Western Water on 1300 650 422 or go to westernwater.com.au.

New Home for Lancefield's Maternal and Child Health Centre

Lancefield's Maternal and Child Health Centre is now located at Lancefield Primary School, 80 High Street Lancefield. Entry is through the front door of the main primary school building. Council's Maternal and Child Health team are very excited about having a new space within the main school building, which will provide a fresh working environment, better security and the opportunity to create an integrated children's service for the Lancefield community.

Solve the Word Pyramid

- — — great (ipod) (2)
- — — — Jesus rode one (3)
- — — — — Church official (4)
- — — — — — Church entrances (5)

Unscramble the 14 letters to reveal :Vegie patch advice (8,6)

Solution - gr/ass/dean/aves/ Vanessa's Garden

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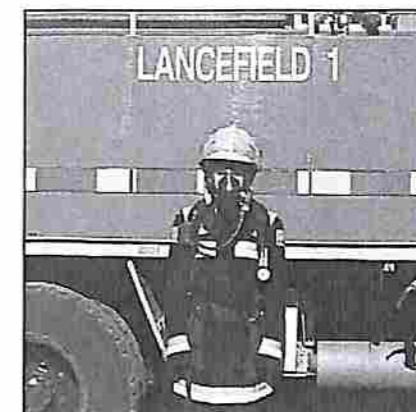
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Lancefield Fire Brigade

The construction of the new Fire Station has not yet commenced, the local council has not yet issued a planning permit as they require 18 off street car parking spaces and this may need some alteration to the plan for the proposed building to accommodate this requirement. Business as usual in the interim.

A major concern this year is the combination of an unusually dry season long dry grass, possible arsonist activity, and in some cases ignoring the basic laws concerning fires in the open. While some of these incidents have been outside our Brigade area our Brigade has been paged to attend and some could have had an impact on our community. Please observe the regulations and keep our area Fire Safe.

Whilst on the subject of Safety it was observed when we attended



the fire at Springfield there were cars parked on the roads that impeded the progress of Fire vehicles, much to the concern of the crews and controlling officials at that incident.

If people must go sightseeing at any incident do not park in a manner which will impede the emergency vehicles but my advice would be to stay home as we do not need to have to worry about

the safety of onlookers as well as dealing with the fire or other incident.

Recently we had an enquiry about the use of incinerators in our area and on seeking advice from the Macedon Ranges Shire Council we received the following copy of part of BYLAW No 8 as follows

BY LAW No 8

6-10 INCINERATOR. Subject to this clause, a person must not [1] construct [2] erect [3] install [4] use, or [5] permit to be constructed, erected, installed, or used. This section does not apply to a barbecue used for cooking food or a tool of trade while used for the purpose for which it was designed

I hope that this clarifies this for all members of our community

Stuart Mustey

Be Rewarded – Become a Volunteer!

Macedon Ranges Shire Council is seeking Community Support volunteers to deliver meals on wheels and drive people to appointments and social visits. Council's volunteers provide a vital service to the community. They support the elderly and those living with disabilities to remain living independently for as long as possible. They also support people's health and wellbeing by providing social support and alerting their supervisors if a client's health is deteriorating.

Volunteers need to have good communication skills, be reliable and punctual and have a genuine interest in other people, their needs, hopes and aspirations. Council's Community Support volunteers find their role extremely rewarding, as they develop strong links in the local community and encourage community independence. To register your interest in being a volunteer, contact Stephanie Harper on 5422 0258 or email sharper@mrsc.vic.gov.au

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Woodend Scottish Country Dancers welcome new members!

Woodend Scottish Country Dancers are offering a new Beginners' class for people who wish to have fun and increase their mental and physical fitness in a friendly environment.

Scottish Country Dancing is one of the most elegant of the country dance styles. It is usually performed in "sets" of six or eight people. The music includes lively jigs and reels, energetic hornpipes and slow, stately strathspeys with the music performed on keyboards, or ensembles of strings and accordion and, occasionally, on bagpipes.

Woodend Scottish Country Dancers had a successful year of dancing in 2012 including a well-attended and much enjoyed Beginners' Social in May. The group is now offering a new weekly Beginners'



class starting on Thursday 14th February at 12 noon.

"It is great to have all the beginners start at once." Teacher Lis Thomas said, "Because they can all learn the basic steps and formations together. Once the beginners have learnt the basics, they will join in the main class which runs from 1 until 3 on Thursdays."

Lis said that anyone between the ages of 12 and 70 who is reasonably nimble on their feet can learn the steps. She added, "We have a lovely group of dancers - people from all walks of life who enjoy dancing together followed by a sociable cuppa afterwards."

Alyson Verity of Romsey, one of last year's beginners, commented on how much she enjoys the regular exercise that Scottish Country Dancing gives her. She said, "Huffing and puffing a bit is fine because the music is so lovely that you just keep up with the music and forget that you are having to put in a bit of effort. Dancing also makes you use your brain, but again, it is enjoyable mental exercise!"

For weekday classes, there is no need to wear a kilt

and not even a need for special shoes at beginner level. The weekly class costs \$5.00 for 2 hours of dancing and includes the cuppa afterwards.

The first beginners' class is free.

Woodend Scottish Country Dancers' group is one of several throughout country Victoria, including groups in Daylesford, Maryborough, Castlemaine and Ballarat.

Woodend Scottish Country Dancers have just changed venue and are enjoying the amenities of Newham Mechanics Institute, just 5 kilometres out of Woodend. "We are really happy about the move to the Newham hall" said the group's President, Elizabeth Peacock. "Not only is the floor great for dancing, but there are excellent facilities for the dancers to sit and have a cuppa and chat afterwards. It is also just an easy drive off the Calder Freeway, as our members come from far and wide."

For further information, or to join the group, contact Lis Thomas on 54 724 736 (evenings) or Elizabeth Peacock on 54 296 470.



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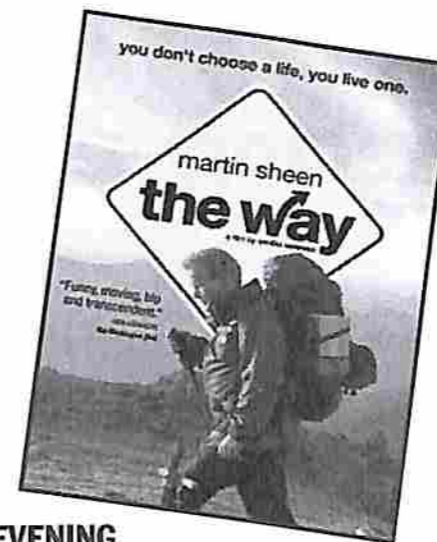
SVDP Drop-In: First Thursday of each month, 10.30

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.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2013

Parents of children not attending St. Mary's Parish School wishing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (grade 3 above) or Confirmation (grade 6) in 2013 are asked to contact Joanne Reuther the Pastoral Associate of St. Mary's Parish Lancefield/Romsey on 54292130.

There will be a meeting on Tuesday 26th February at 7pm at St. Mary's Church in Lancefield. All children are required to attend with their parents. This will be the final date to enrol in the St. Mary's Sacramental program for 2013.



MOVIE EVENING

Our Parish is holding a reflective evening on the Movie "The Way".

The Journey is more important than the getting to the destination.

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the journey. And the profound impact this trip has on Tom and other pilgrims on the way.

After the film, our Guest Speaker: Fr Gerard Spillane, Parish Priest of St Brigid's, Gisborne, will talk on his experience on walking "The way of St James" as a Pilgrim.

Date: Friday the 8th of February 2013

Time: 7pm

Venue: St Mary's Primary School Hall

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Contact: Please Contact Joanne Reuther, Pastoral Associate at the Presbytery on 54292130 ASAP or no later than the 5th of February if you wish to attend. For catering purposes

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Macedon Ranges Online Business Directory - Coming Soon!

The Online Business Directory will be launched in March within the new redeveloped Council website. The directory is being developed to provide a list of businesses within the Shire, making it easier for you to buy local. ALL Macedon Ranges based businesses are eligible for a FREE listing. To register please email ecodevadmin@mrsc.vic.gov.au or call 5421 9616.

Launch of the Macedon Ranges Agribusiness Survey

The Macedon Ranges Agribusiness survey will be launched on the 14th

January 2013 and be available both online and in hardcopy (available from Council offices). The survey will inform the Macedon Ranges Agribusiness Plan. The Plan is being developed by Council's Economic Development and Tourism Unit to ensure a sustainable agricultural future for the Macedon Ranges. Incentives will be offered to help with the promotion of the survey including rewarding those that refer the most people to the survey.

For more information or to register interest please call Gaynor Atkin on 5421 9615 or email [\[mrsc.vic.gov.au\]\(http://mrsc.vic.gov.au\). The survey will close on 10th February 2013.](mailto:ecodevsurvey@</p>
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2013 Professional Development Calendar - Bookings Now Open!

Bookings are now open for all events on the 2013 Professional Development Calendar. To view the full calendar and to download the booking form visit www.mrsc.vic.gov.au and follow the links to Tourism and Business. Alternatively please contact Jane Duncan on 5421 9616 or jduncan@mrsc.vic.gov.au

WHAT'S ON

Heads up for the Horse Industry

ALL equine businesses and residents with a keen interest in the development of the Macedon Ranges Equine Industry are invited to attend a meeting on Tuesday, 12 February 2013 at the Woodend Community Centre from 7.00pm - 9.00pm. At this meeting you will be provided with information on the work undertaken to date, followed by a discussion on the next stages of the implementation of the Macedon Ranges Equine Strategy and the formulation of the equine industry network which is part of Strategic Direction 1: Industry Engagement. For more information regarding the Equine Strategy, visit <http://www.mrsc.vic.gov.au/> and follow the links to Tourism and Business. Or contact Leanne Davey on 5421 9617 or ldavey@mrsc.vic.gov.au

Home Based Business Morning Tea

The first Professional Development Calendar event for 2013 will be held on Thursday, 21st February at the Kyneton Town Hall from 10.00am - 12.00pm. Join your fellow Home Based Businesses for a FREE morning tea and hear guest speakers present on a range of topics relevant to small business. For bookings or information please contact jduncan@mrsc.vic.gov.au

Business Planning Basics Seminar

This seminar is ideal for new business owners as well as those thinking about starting a business. Learn how to write and implement a one page business plan and how to set goals that will place your business on the track to success. The event will be held on Tuesday,

26th February from 7.00pm - 9.00pm at the Gisborne Council Offices, 40 Robertson Street. Cost: \$20.00. Bookings are essential as places are limited. contact jduncan@mrsc.vic.gov.au

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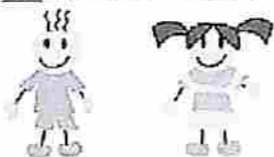
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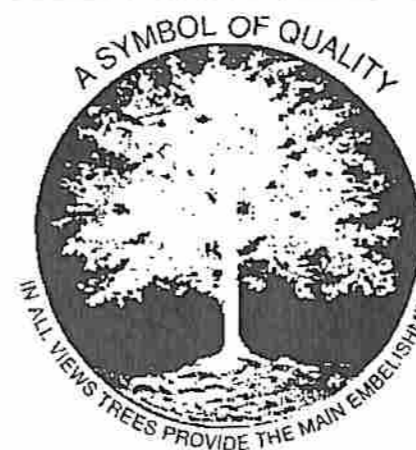


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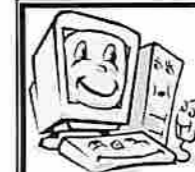
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Weather Comment 15-1-13

It is time to start another year of trying to make some sense out of our weather patterns and the consequences that they have on our daily lives whether it be as farmers or gardeners or just being part of a rural community. It is two months since I sat down to write a weather comment and it has been an abnormally "dry spell" to use the term from the Weather Bureau as stated in the rural press recently. When looking through our rainfall figures for the last four months it is somewhat scary. My predictions of a good season mid last year, came to nothing with rain well below average for latter part of the year, in fact for any time of any year. Since my article written for the December Mercury in November we have measured only 35 mm with nothing so far this month.

The pastures while quite long in many places are short of nutrients, but the stock are doing reasonably well while the weather is warm, this can change later on when it turns cool. A bit too early to be thinking

along those lines yet. The live stock markets have taken a large fall in recent months. At the Ewe Sale in early January prices were down by around \$100 compared to the sale held at the similar time last year. The consequences are disappointing if you are selling but quite the opposite if you are buying. A strange business pleasing some and disappointing others. The cattle market shows a similar trend with low demand resulting in lower prices. The wet season in the north of Australia is also is not as wet as usual and this also has a long term effect on the cattle market.

There is little to report about the garden, everything is showing the effects of the low rainfall and, even with the aid of the water tank and pump the garden is struggling and our aim is to preserve as much of the established plants as possible, the annuals will no doubt return next Spring. We can only hope that the season will return to normal as the year progresses.

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Get Riding in the Ranges

Macedon Ranges Shire Council is encouraging residents to dust off their bikes and learn to ride again as part of the Macedon Ranges Healthy and Active People Initiative funded by the Australian Government. Residents can check their bikes are in good condition at a free bike maintenance session, and learn or build on their cycling skills at a six-week AustCycle program, both taking place in Woodend next month. The free bike maintenance session is on Saturday 2 February from 9.30am to 11am at the Woodend Market. Local AustCycle teachers will demonstrate how to adjust bikes, provide maintenance tips, helmet checks and how to fix a flat tyre. Council's Director of Community Wellbeing, Karen Stevens said that the session was great for those people keen to get back into exercise in the New Year. "With the warmer weather, now is the perfect time to get your bike out and ready to ride. Bring along your bike, helmet or just yourself. It's a great session for those who've just received a new bike for Christmas or if your bike has been sitting in the shed and is in need of some care," she said.

The six-week AustCycle bike riding program starts on Tuesday 19 February at the Woodend Buffalo Stadium. The program gives adults the skills and confidence to cycle regularly and caters to a range of skill levels. The cost is a gold coin donation per session. Since the start



of 2012, 28 residents have completed this program, including some who have returned for a second program. Past participant Rhyl Gould said it had been years since she hopped on a bike and was keen to re-learn an old skill. "The support of the instructors, along with encouragement from other participants, was really wonderful and we all enjoyed the social side by chatting in the class and sitting down for a coffee at the end of the course.

"Cycling is great for mental and physical fitness," Rhyl said.

Places are limited for the AustCycle program. To register, find out more information or access support with transport, child supervision or respite, contact Council's Healthy Communities Team on (03) 5422 0216 or email healthycommunities@mrsc.vic.gov.au.

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The Australian Way

When I first set foot on Australian soil in Darwin, on January 3rd 1951, the first Ozzi I met, asked me: "How are you mate. How do you like Australia?" Being born in the Netherlands, a bit of a stiff society, I couldn't help liking the Australians, with their relaxed way of doing things. We certainly live in "The Lucky Country". Many other nationals are not so lucky. Australia is mainly a rural and mining country. These as well as the service and intelligence industry are strong.

Education is important and my father, who was head of TNO (the Dutch equivalent of our CSIRO) was amazed by what Australian scientists achieved.

Although "She'll be right Mate" is sometimes frustrating, Australians have done great things. Think

of the SNOWY MOUNTAINS SCHEME, cheap instant electricity. The HOLDEN car? The Americans liked it and bought it. The VICTA lawnmower? Developed here, sold to the Americans. The VICTA aeroplane developed here? Sold to New Zealand. If this give you a headache think of ASPRO. Then there are the DRIVERLESS TRAINS in the Pilbara, the CANBERRA BOMBER. The HILL'S ROTARY CLOTHES LINE, ARNOTT'S BISCUITS sold to the Americans, PETER'S ICECREAM (The health food of the nation) sold to the Swiss, CAMPBELL'S SOUP, the Americans even gobble that up. The ARGYLE DIAMOND MINE, producing the world most valuable pink diamonds, with only a hand full of people. So the list can go on and on.

Of course Australia has only a small population so here there is only a limited market for everything. But then think of this small retail market. The MYER EMPORIUM, sold to the Americans. COLES (the six pence store) still going strong, Australian WOOLWORTH (completely separate from the American Woolworth), BUNNINGS, BLUESCOPE STEEL and many more great Australian achievements.

Because of our remoteness we depend very much on each other with bush fires, floods, loss of markets and the loss of intelligent people to other continents. That is what makes Australians helpful and more tolerant, than some other nationals. Volunteering is quite common in Australia, which makes



for a friendly society (think of our successful Olympic Games)

Australians are real capitalists. We all strive for our own house or property and many save years, to achieve this goal. Yet most Ozzies have also a strong social conscience. We help the "Under-dog" and dislike "Tall-poppies" and "Show-ponies".

Unfortunately because of shortage of man power and militant unions,

labour intensive industries are difficult. That's why here, more often than anywhere else, machines replace human beings. Isn't it sad that the Shepparton Cooperative "SPC" in the middle of orchards, sold to Coca Cola, which now imports apple juice from South Africa, states: "Australia's high labour cost means, that Coca Cola has little choice other than to continue its

investment in innovation and labour-saving technology to drive greater levels of productivity". The misconception of a separation between the "The Boss" and "The Worker" is ingrained in Australian society. It originated from our early colonial days. It's not until we become "Boss" ourselves, that many realize that both segments have to work hard together, to become successful.

Isn't it sensible that, when the Bell financial group took ownership of the great pastoral estates of Boonoke and Wanganella in NSW, the company was contractual bound to preserve, "the national and industry significance, nature and value of the famous Merino Peppin sheep studs"

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If you feel you have some interest in history or genealogy please come and join our friendly group.

The Society had a good year in 2012, we achieved a lot and had many visitors from near and far enquiring about their family histories. We had a family from Western Australia looking for their Grandfather Davis Smith who had a fruit and vegetable shop in Romsey, we were able to help them out.

Last week we had a descendant of the original Mackay family who had the Hotel, Blacksmiths and Doctor's surgery at North Lancefield.

We had a successful day at the Lancefield Show in October, we are volunteering at the Lancefield Town House (next door to op shop) where we are able to help out with local knowledge, sell locally made products as well as photocopying, faxing etc.

WE NEED HELP !! Following the AGM in November, we were unable to find a nomination for President, so if you feel you have some interest in history or genealogy please come and join our friendly group.

We also have vacancies on the committee for any interested member. And as always if you have any

spare time and would like to volunteer at either the Court House or Seymour Cottage we would love to have your assistance.

Seymour Cottage will be open on the third Sunday of each month from now until May 2013 10am to 3pm. Some changes have been made to enhance the cottage. Also it is 200 years since Sidney Seymour was born and 100 years since he died we are looking at having a celebration to mark this fact if you are interested please email seymourcottage@gmail.com for further details.

Dates and details will be published here in coming issues. Contact:- Sheryl phone 0419 597 947

The February general meeting of the society will be held at Seymour Cottage on the 26th Feb 2013 at 7-30 pm all welcome. National History Week will be on again in April, the Courthouse and the Cottage will open to the public. Watch next month's issue of the Lancefield Mercury for further details.

The courthouse is open again for research from the 4th February 2013 Contact Robyn :- phone 0418 172 659

Vanessa's garden

Well, in spite of netting my peach and apricot trees, the rosellas and crows did their best to thwart my efforts over January, and although I know that it's not the best way to ripen peaches, I ended up picking some early and ripening them under cover in a seed tray. It didn't work that well but the intense aroma of warm peach when I lifted the plastic lid was heavenly!

Growing a Sensory Garden

Being outside in a natural environment no matter whether it's bush, an urban park or a rural backyard, is a great antidote to the rush and electronic chatter that seems to intrude into almost every corner of life these days (if we let it). Mother Nature does things at her own pace and relaxing outside helps us to slow down too. It's also said to reduce stress and blood pressure so I thought I'd put together some ideas for making the most of your garden's potential to contribute to your well being.

Start by introducing your favourite colours and remember to plant in clumps of three or five for the best splash of colour. Widen the visual appeal by including plants with interesting foliage, such as trees which put on a show of autumn colour. An Acer will often turn a fabulous

crimson and keep its brightly coloured leaves through to the first frost or gale. If you have some small conifers and are feeling brave you could try your hand at clipping them into whimsical shapes, although do be careful, or you'll take a clip too many and end up with a twig. Another way to add eye appeal is using unusual planters and a dash of creativity. I have seen successful plantings in old tyres (painted or not), aged watering cans, elderly wheelbarrows and even retired gumboots.

Next on the list is the sense of touch or feel and for this we need some plants with different textures. Lambs' Ears is an obvious example (if you can keep it in check) with its wonderfully touchable, velvety soft, grey foliage. Feathery ferns are another possibility. You might also satisfy this sense by using different materials on walkways, from tiles to brick, crushed gravel or stone pavers.

Plants that attract butterflies also add movement and colour to the garden. English lavender and most varieties of Hebe will do this job for you. Where possible, plant some things close to your most used route through the garden and make sure some of them are scented as you'll be more tempted to slow down and brush the plants. Daphne would do

well here, or thyme and both are low maintenance once established. The main thing with scented plants is to space them round the garden. Clumped in one spot the combined aromas could turn a pleasant experience into an eye-watering assault on the senses.

When you go into your garden what do you want to hear? Water can be relaxing both to look at and listen to and helps soften background noise from neighbours or traffic. As always, if you do put in a water feature and there are children around or likely to visit, remember to make sure it is child safe. If you would like to hear more birdsong the best invitation is to introduce the appropriate plants. Good all rounders include Grevilleas, kangaroo paws, banksias and bottlebrushes. Birds are also attracted by a safe water supply so you could also install a (cat proof) birdbath.

And of course, last but not least, as a keen vegetable gardener I could hardly neglect the sense of taste. Grow as many herbs and vegetables as you can I say. Lastly, remember whatever you decide you don't have to do everything at once, pick one small area to work on at a time and any task becomes manageable. Slow is good!

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Mt Macedon Pub, Thurs, 21st February
Book Event @ Red Door - Thurs, 21st March, to be confirmed
Cooking Class - Thurs, 18th April

Soltan Pepper - Thurs, 16th May
Sicilian Vespers - Thurs, 20th June
Christmas in July @ Cope Williams - Fri, 19th July, to be confirmed
Romsey Hotel - Thurs, 15th Aug
2nd Anniversary @ Spices & Pestle, Riddells Creek - Thurs, 19th September
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December

NB. These venues are subject to change depending on weather & unforeseen circumstances but email & Facebook notification will be given to members well in advance and up-to-date information can always be viewed in our monthly article.

In addition to our monthly gatherings, we will be organising a special event this year, High Tea @ Campaspe House. The focus will be on women's mental and physical health and the importance of women gathering in friendship to create a new and healthier community. Last year our women's network was fortunate to be awarded \$2500 by the Lancefield Romsey Community Bank® to hold this event and it

will be open to all women in the Macedon Ranges, not just our members. Please look to this space for more information once planning is underway.

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

Enquiries - Annual membership: - \$20
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I'm sure most of you know what an oxymoron is. It's a figure of speech that seems to contradict itself. There are lists and lists of the things, and here are some of my favourites: Artificial Grass, boneless ribs, big town, harmless lie, communist party, green oranges, easy labour, fresh frozen, jumbo shrimp, cafeteria food, military intelligence, one choice, random order, slumber party, freezer burn, small fortune, government organization, living dead, same difference, plastic glasses, peace force, pretty ugly, head butt, working vacation, Dodge Ram, work party, healthy tan, devout atheist and good grief!

Grieving over the loss of a loved one is not wrong; it is necessary and right. Some people do not give themselves permission to grieve. There is a false thought for some of needing to be strong. Jesus, in everything, is our model and He wept when Lazarus died and Martha and Mary were grieving.

John 11:32-36 When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw Him, she fell at His feet and said, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, He was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. "Where have you laid him?" He asked. "Come and see, Lord," they replied. Jesus wept. Then the Jews said "See how He loved him!"

Mary shared her heart and her questions with Jesus about her brother's death. It didn't make sense. Jesus could have saved him. Where were You Lord? Jesus did not stop and rebuke her but He was moved deeply by her grief and by His love for Lazarus.

Jesus does not condemn you in your time of grief and questioning. He reaches out to us. He knows what you are feeling and He grieves with you in your time of pain.

If you have lost a loved one and feel deep sorrow, we pray God touches your heart and that you feel Jesus close, not far off. He knows. He sees. He cares. He loves you. And so do we.

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Macedon Ranges Film Society Thinks Big

In 2012, the films showed by The Macedon Ranges Film Society reflected the wide range of interest of its committee and members. Drama in the form of the troubled teenagers in "Heavenly Creatures" was followed by the very thought-provoking "Look Both Ways" and hilarity took over for the final offering of the year, "Little Shop of Horrors".

Now in its third year, the MRFS has again chosen a list that has something for everyone - comedy, drama, early cinema, musical, the lot - and all on the big screen. The year begins on Wednesday, February 13th with "Little Miss Sunshine", a charming look at a family whose combined goal is to achieve stardom for their young daughter.

The Macedon Ranges Film Society meets in the Woodend Community Centre at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of every month and the film begins at 7.15 p.m. sharp. Film notes are provided. Supper after the film gives members an opportunity to discuss the film in a relaxed and convivial setting. Membership is \$65 per person for a total of ten films.

Enquiries can be made through the website: mrfilmsociety@gmail.com or

you can call Vicki on 5427 2323 or Lorraine on 5427 0921.

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Welcome to 2013

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Art and Craft

Wednesdays from 12.30 - 2.30 is now our Craft and Chat afternoon. Bring along your own project to work on or come along to learn new skills, such as knitting, crochet or patchwork. Gold Coin Donation. The Townhouse is now selling locally produced Art and Craft items on consignment. For an application

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Health and Fitness

Join the Couch to 5k's running program and get motivated to get off the couch. Meeting on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 6.30 am at the Neighbourhood House. Phone for afternoon or evening group times.

Boxing Classes continue on Mondays at 6.15. Free learn to box classes for under 18's held at the Youth Space at the Mechanics Hall at 5.30 pm on Mondays.

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Great things to do

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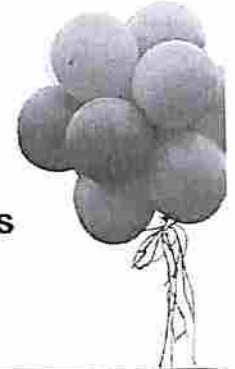


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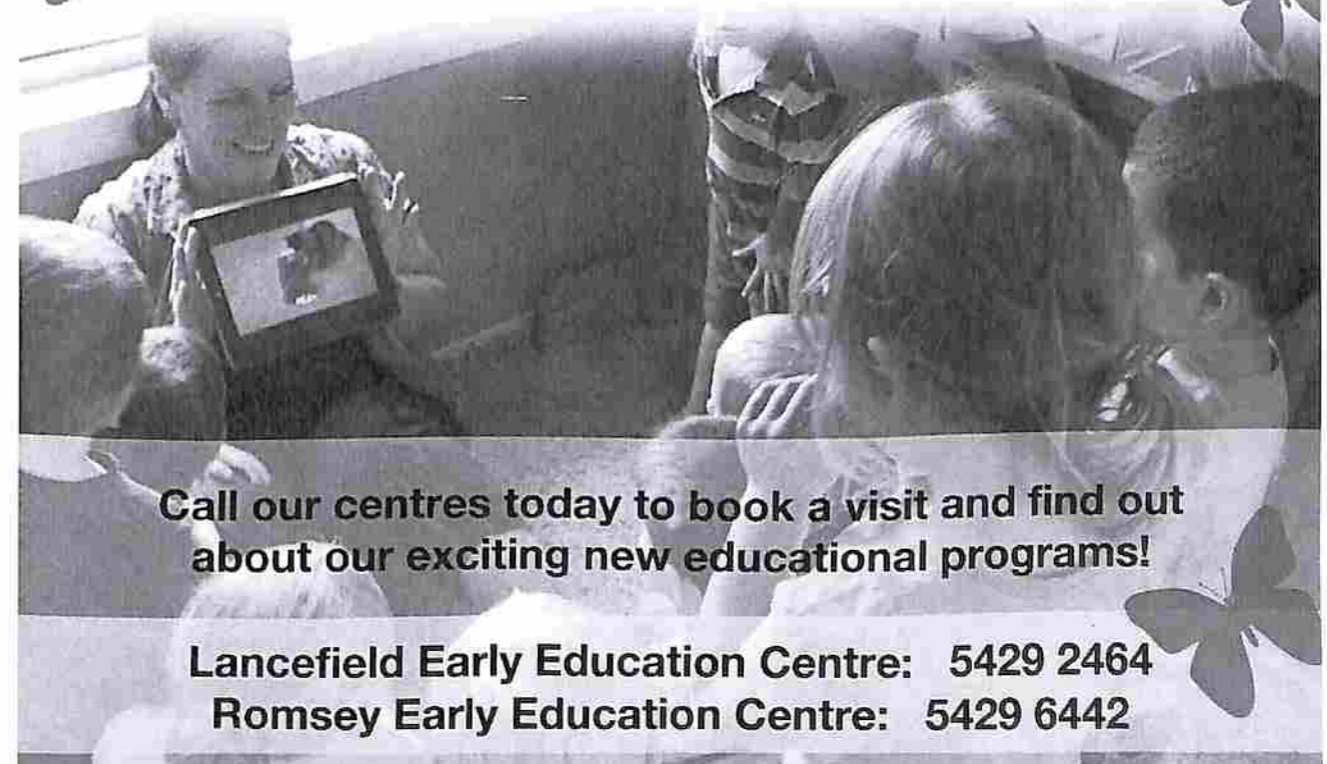
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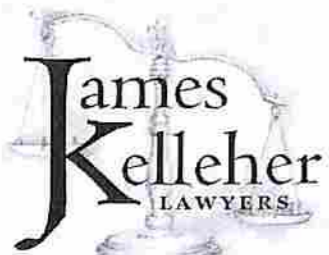
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Home Advice Coordinator Neil Munro said this service is effective because residents receive one-to-one personal advice. "Our Home Bushfire Advice Service can help you prepare. It's delivered at your home, meaning it's all about you and where you live. Our guys are very effective when it comes to assessing the best possible fire preparations you can make according to your location, time and budget," said Mr Munro.

"A team of Fire Safety Officers are concentrating on Macedon Ranges and Central Goldfields over the next month, so there's no excuse not to take advantage of this service," he added.

To book the Home Bushfire Advice Service, visit www.cfa.vic.gov.au/hbas, call the Victorian Bushfire Information Line on 1800 240 667 (Monday to Friday 8am - 6pm) or contact your regional CFA office.

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Support for Small Town Arts Projects

Macedon Ranges Shire Council is encouraging community groups to apply for new funding from Regional Arts Victoria to help transform their town through the arts.

Small Town Transformations invites applications from communities in small regional Victorian towns of 1500 people or less. The program aims to celebrate the ideas, creativity and resourcefulness in Victoria's small towns.

Up to \$350,000 is available for projects with strong community support and participation. "This is an extraordinary opportunity for smaller towns in the Macedon Ranges to develop artistic projects that can effect change, improve infrastructure and help realise local aspirations," said Robyn Till, Council's Coordinator of Cultural Development. Projects may be in the form of a sculpture, landscape design, literature, visual arts, craft, design or performing arts. Council's Cultural Development Unit will assist interested applicants with developing grant applications and may be able to auspice unincorporated groups.

"Please call us to discuss your ideas – the possibilities are limited only by your imagination – think big!" said Ms Till.

The two-stage application process begins on Monday 14 January 2013.

To find out who is eligible to apply and join online discussions about the program, visit the Regional Arts Victoria website: www.rav.net.au

Macedon Ranges Farmers' Markets For February*

FEB 2 Woodend Community Farmers' Market - 0438928478

FEB 9 Kyneton Farmers' Market - 54 223 419

FEB 16 Riddells Creek Farmers' Market - 0419523324

FEB 23 Lancefield & District Farmers' Market - 0438928478

Macedon Ranges Farmers' Markets are all proudly accredited with the Victorian Farmers' Markets Association, the peak body for farmers' markets in the state. We work hard to provide a viable trading place for local producers of fresh produce, meats, bread & pastries, honey, eggs, cheeses, plants, preserves, livestock & more. Markets at Woodend & Kyneton offer Home Produce Exchange services. Bring along your excess to trade with others. Produce, seeds, jams, eggs & plants are all items that can be traded. All markets run from 9am to 1pm. Please bring your own bags, baskets & trolleys - helping to preserve our environment.



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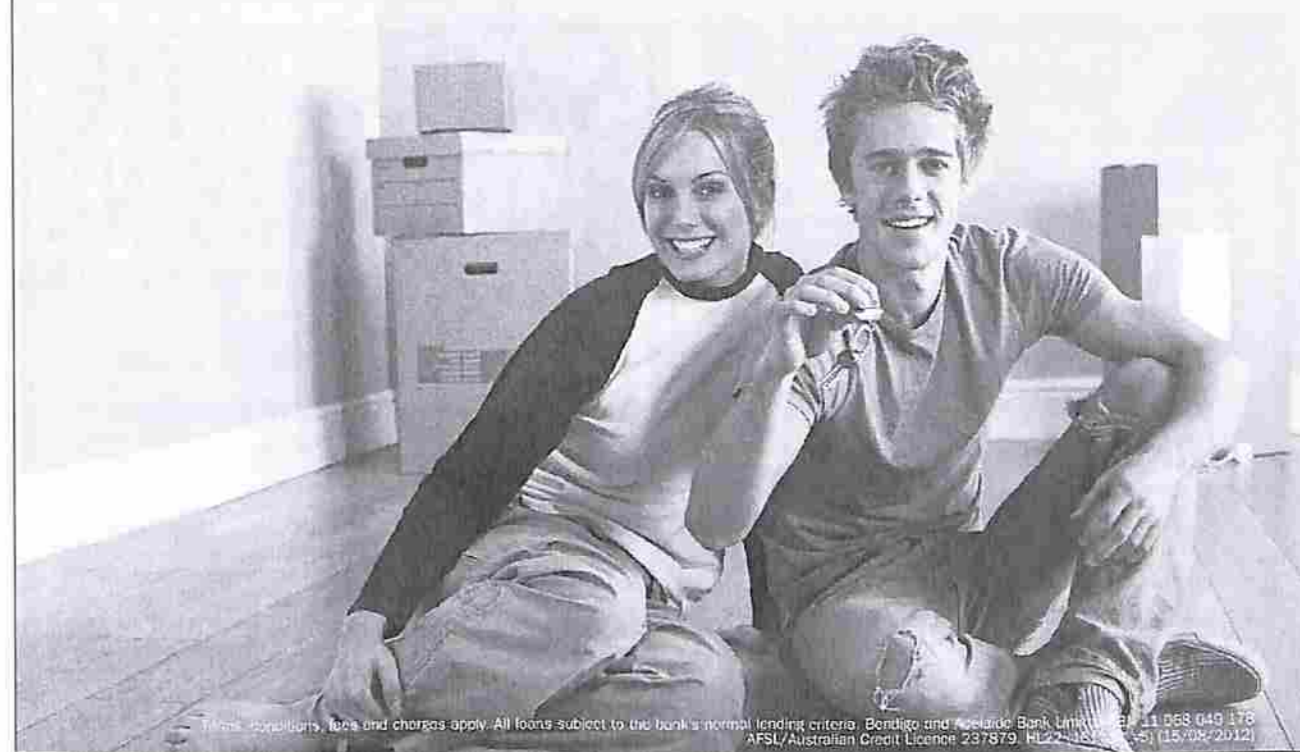
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Red Door Book Reviews

Children:

Quoll by Sandra Kendall. RRP \$27.95
Reviewed by Gabbie Smith



Quoll is beautifully illustrated children's story-book based on the struggles our native fauna must endure to survive. The central characters are the Quoll and family, with their friends (various assorted animals including goannas, crocodiles and kites) and (a serious and ever-worsening problem) - cane toads. When a member of their tightly-knit biome passes away as a result of eating one of the venomous amphibians, the kite brings news of thousands more cane toads infiltrating the waterways and spreading across the country. The harder animals, gifted by nature with claws and beaks and venom,

make the decision to fight back. Quoll, however, after an encounter with one of the feared toads and then a second encounter with the ghost of a long-extinct native, the Thylacine, decides on its advice to escape to an offshore island uninhabited by cane toads and to raise her young there. Safe in the knowledge the toads could never swim far enough to make it to their refuge, Quoll and her babies now live in peace, without the threat posed by the mainland's infestation.

This book is indeed a truly beautiful epistle. The illustrations, which first drew me to pick it up, are exquisite, vibrant in colour and clarity, and each easily distinguishable as a certain animal or flower, unlike some more abstract decorations one sees in books of this genre. Focused around the NT's Island Ark Project which was established to provide some

security for native fauna susceptible to the cane toad, the story of the Quoll and her babies and friends is appealingly written, evoking within one a sense of empathy with and also hope for the little marsupials. With a successfully happy ending and a back page detailing the more technical side of the Project, this book is satisfyingly pretty, wholesome and educational.

Teen/Young Adult:

Spark by Brigid Kemmerer. RRP \$14.99
Reviewed by Abbie Bennett



Spark is the second book in the Elementals series. Gabriel Merrick seems like a typical teenager; popular, good at sports and struggling through his schoolwork, but he is hiding something. He can play with fire,

and sometimes control it too. When his struggle with math tasks becomes more evident, he is surprised to find Layne, the nerdy girl he never noticed before, helping him out. He finds himself getting closer to Layne and he fights to keep his secret and those of his family. When fires start occurring under strange circumstances, Gabriel is the prime suspect and needs to prove everyone wrong.

I thoroughly enjoyed this book. It had many of the same characters from Storm - the first book of the series - but new characters added made the story very interesting.

Adult fiction:

The Magician King by Lev Grossman. RRP \$19.95
Review by Emma Stevens



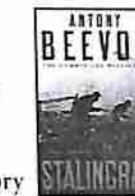
After years of turmoil, Quentin Coldwater has become

the much admired king of the land of Fillory, a magical and bizarre paradise where life generally runs smoothly. However, King Quentin soon discovers that a man, indeed a king, needs a quest to inspire him and his kingdom, and is soon presented with one that leads him to faraway lands, many adventures and a bittersweet conclusion.

This book touches on life, death, the universe, and everything else, using an imaginary land as a great stage. The characters are all flawed by their human qualities (greed, envy, lust, general nastiness etc) so the story is compelling even for those who find fantasy books a trial.

Non-fiction:

Stalingrad by Antony Beevor. RRP \$26.95
Review by John Webb



Antony Beevor writes excellent military history

books, which is no easy task.

Some military histories are factually accurate down to the last rifle serial number, but the writing can be so dry as to be almost unreadable. Beevor writes beautifully and vividly, including gripping human stories and impressions of war, but also manages to satisfy the most pedantic military buff's need for detail. Of his books, I think Stalingrad is my favourite.

The grim story of the World War Two German invasion of Russia, and Hitler's mad attempt to capture the city named for Stalin, and the eventual encirclement and destruction of the the Nazi armies has been written about many times, but I found Antony Beevor's telling of it the most compelling. I'd recommend reading this book in summer, as the descriptions of the cold of the Russian winter will leave you shivering on even the hottest day.

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Macedon Ranges Book Club

Inviting New Members



The Macedon Ranges Readers book club has been meeting for 9 years. It is a casual friendly group that meet once a month to discuss a book of the month over light refreshments. Book titles are chosen by the members. The group is kindly supported by the Red Door Book Shop in Lancefield. We would like to invite new members to join our group. So if you love reading and enjoy meeting friendly locals from all over the Macedon Ranges, please come along.

Date and Times - Second Tuesday of the month
7pm at Red Door Book Shop (Lancefield)

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Contacts
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Red Door Book Shop - Lancefield

Positive Ageing in the Macedon Ranges

Do you have an interest in the issues, needs and expectations of older people?

Macedon Ranges Shire Council is seeking expressions of interest from community members in the Romsey and Lancefield areas to join the Positive Ageing Advisory Committee, which works with Council to meet the growing needs of older people in our shire.

You should have an interest in and an understanding of issues affecting older people, and be able to attend monthly meetings at locations across the shire.

For more information, contact Stephanie Harper on 5422 0258 or email sharper@mrsc.vic.gov.au

Expressions of interest close on Thursday 21 February 2013.



Sustainable Living In the Macedon Ranges A showcase for local sustainability...

The Romsey Community House and Lancefield Neighbourhood House will present a one day sustainability event showcasing sustainable practices within our region.

Start the day with a visit to the popular Lancefield & District Farmers Market, an accredited market supporting local producers. Enjoy the launch of the new Market Demonstration Kitchen where a local chef will demonstrate the fabulous array of produce available at the market. The market will also see the commencement of the Macedon Ranges Community Exchange System which aims to support the development of a sustainable community across the region.

From 1 pm, Romsey Community House is hosting a number of presenters who will

discuss the benefits and challenges associated with building a sustainable dwelling. Discussions will include planning, layout and design issues, plumbing and energy considerations. Take the opportunity to speak with the presenters and ask them questions about your own project.

Saturday 23 February, 2013
Lancefield Market 9 am to 1 pm
Sustainable Dwellings Event 1 pm to 4 pm
Lancefield & District Farmers Market - Centre Plantation, High Street, Lancefield

Cost: Lancefield Market - Free entry
Sustainable Dwellings Event - \$5.00

For more information contact: Judi Nicholson, Romsey Community House Inc 5429 6724
Email: romseyhouse@bigpond.com
<mailto:romseyhouse@bigpond.com>

Where Are We Headed? Your Vision for Our Shire

Macedon Ranges Shire Council is developing its next Council Plan and is inviting people to share what they think needs to be changed, protected or created across various aspects of life in the Macedon Ranges. The plan sets Council's course for the future and outlines what we want to achieve over the next four years. Council wants to hear your comments and ideas about what we should focus on. Council will be exploring five key themes with the community: Families and children, young people,

working and living, older people and Council leadership. To share your thoughts and ideas about the future of our shire, you can attend a community gathering in Kyneton, Woodend, Romsey or Gisborne in February. You can also complete an online survey or send in a written submission by 31 March 2013. Community gatherings will be held on Tuesday 18 February at the Kyneton Mechanics Institute from 10am-12pm and the Woodend Community Centre from 6-8pm. Further sessions will be held on Thursday 21 February at the Romsey Community Hub from 10-12pm and the Gisborne Administration Centre from 6-8pm.

To complete the online survey, visit www.mrsc.vic.gov.au. You can also send a written submission to Peter Johnston, CEO Macedon Ranges Shire Council, PO Box 151, Kyneton VIC 3444 or mrsc@mrsc.vic.gov.au



Trust For Nature Conservation Covenants

If you own an area of native bushland or know someone who does, consider protecting it with a Trust for Nature Covenant...

Trust for Nature is a not-for-profit organisation that carries out land protection and monitoring, and purchases and on-sells private land in an effort to conserve some of Victoria's most threatened species of flora and fauna. Trust for Nature now has more than 1088 conservation covenants, protecting 45,848 hectares across Victoria.

A conservation covenant is a permanent, legally-binding agreement placed on a property's title to ensure native vegetation on the property is protected forever. The agreement is voluntary and is negotiated between Trust for Nature and the individual landholder.

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Bore water blending into Lancefield's water supply

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Romsey Recreation Centre

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Term 1 Program

Facility News

Renovations to the Romsey Recreation Centre amenities will commence in January, and will be completed during February. The toilets will be closed for use, with the disabled toilet to be utilized during this time. The renovations will include showers, baby change facilities and completely new fixtures.

Junior Basketball

Our Junior Basketball programs resume from Monday 4th of February. We are currently accepting new enrolments for Aussie Hoops and Under 10's. All other competitions re-start in April (limited spaces may be available in some current competitions).

Aussie Hoops: 5 - 10 years Tuesday
Under 10's D'ment: 2004/2005 Wednesday
Under 12's Comp: 2002/2003 Monday
Under 14's Comp: 2000/2001 Tuesday
Under 16's Comp: 1998/1999 Tuesday

Junior Indoor Soccer

Our junior soccer competitions resume on Friday 1st of

February. New enrolments are now being accepted for under 14's and Goal Kick. Under 12's new competition will start in April.

Goal Kick: 5 - 10 years Friday
Under 12's Comp: 8 - 11 years Friday
Under 14's Comp: 12 - 14 years Friday

Senior Mixed Basketball

The Summer season resumes on Wednesday 6th of February. We are accepting expressions of interest for the Winter season which will commence in April.

Senior Mixed Soccer

The Summer season resumes on Friday 1st of February. We are accepting expressions of interest for the Winter season which will commence in April.

Senior Mixed Netball

We are now accepting team and individual registrations for the summer season of senior mixed netball. Season expected to commence in February 2013.

Senior Mixed Squash

The Romsey Squash Competition runs on Tuesday

nights from 7.30pm. A fun social comp for people of all abilities. Contact Bruce on 0402 595 368.

Romsey Netball Association

Romsey Netball Association will be starting junior and senior competitions again in term 1. For more information contact Chris Dickinson on 0407 855 082 or christinedickinson@bigpond.com

Mini Maestros

Mini Maestros term 1 classes commence in February on Thursday mornings. Mini Maestros offers fun and educational music classes for babies, toddlers and preschoolers. Call Jo on 5426 4719 or 0417703690 for bookings and information.

You Can Fitness

You can fitness offer a range of fitness classes, boot camp and personal training for all fitness levels and abilities. They also offer Kids fitness classes. Call Mel and Anthony at the Studio on 5429 3857 or email info@youcanfitness.com.au.

Romsey Occasional Care

Romsey Occasional Care provides quality affordable care for your children in a safe, fun and relaxed environment. Sessions run Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. Now taking bookings for term 1. Contact Rebecca on 0409 407 696 or email romseyoccasionalcare@hotmail.com.

PlanetArk makes recycling in the Macedon Ranges easy...

Did you know that Aldi supermarkets, in conjunction with PlanetArk, offer a free recycling service for household AA, AAA, C, D and 9V batteries in every Australian store? Simply drop your batteries into the dedicated bins at your nearest Aldi store.

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RecyclingNearYou.com.au also provides information about council's kerbside recycling and green waste services, as well as drop-off recycling facilities for items such as hazardous materials and electronic goods.

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Cancer fundraisers out to beat \$1m

Raising money for cancer research is all the more meaningful when one is given a say in where the funds are directed. Every year the Cancer Council Victoria recognises teams who raise more than \$5000 at Relay For Life events by letting them nominate an area of research for assistance from a list of priority projects. In 2012, five teams participating at the Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay For Life earned a Research Award. Between them they collected more than \$45,000, with the highest fundraiser, Evergreens, amassing \$17,465. Other teams to win awards were: Romsey Birdies \$9316; Lynne & Wendy's Walkers \$8325; Team Cutajar \$5686; and 3 Ways \$5322.

More than \$110,000 was raised by the 34 registered teams in 2012, bringing the event's tally for the past 10 years to \$984,249. A record number of cancer survivors and carers attended last year's Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay For Life. Organisers hope to have another strong turnout for this year's opening lap which is dedicated to cancer survivors and carers. Whether a team

member or not, all are encouraged and welcome to join in the celebrations.

The smaller walking track introduced in 2012 will again be used this year at Lancefield Park and tent sites will also be inside the oval boundary, both moves which have enhanced the event's atmosphere. Live music and performances, children's activities, and cancer health information will feature over the weekend. Meals and refreshments will be available.

Relay For Life is a major fundraiser for the Cancer Council Victoria. Last year \$5.2 million was raised by events across the state to fund cancer research, education, advocacy and support services.

The Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay For Life starts at 3pm on Saturday, March 2 and runs until 10am on March 3. To register go to www.relayforlife.org.au, contact Kelly Milne on 0419 319 429 or call the Cancer Council Victoria on 1300 656 585. To register for the Survivors Walk or for further information email relayforlife@cancervic.or

Outdoor Pool Opening Hours

In the November edition of Macedon Ranges Shire Council's newsletter, the opening hours for the Lancefield Pool when the temperature is over 30 degrees weren't printed correctly. Included below is the complete list of opening times.

During school terms: 1-21 December 2012 and 29 January-10 March 2013				
Temperature	Under 23°	23-26°	27-30°	Over 30°
Woodend	Closed	3:30pm-6pm	11am-6pm	11am-6pm *
Lancefield	Closed	3:30pm-6pm	11am-6pm	11am-6pm *

School holidays, weekends and public holidays				
Temperature	Under 23°	23 to 26 °	27 to 30 °	Over 30°
Woodend	Closed	1:30pm-6pm	11am-6pm	11am-6pm *
Lancefield	Closed	1:30pm-6pm	11am - 6pm	11am-6pm *

*Centre managers may decide to extend the opening hours past 6pm, depending on patronage, staff availability and weather conditions.

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