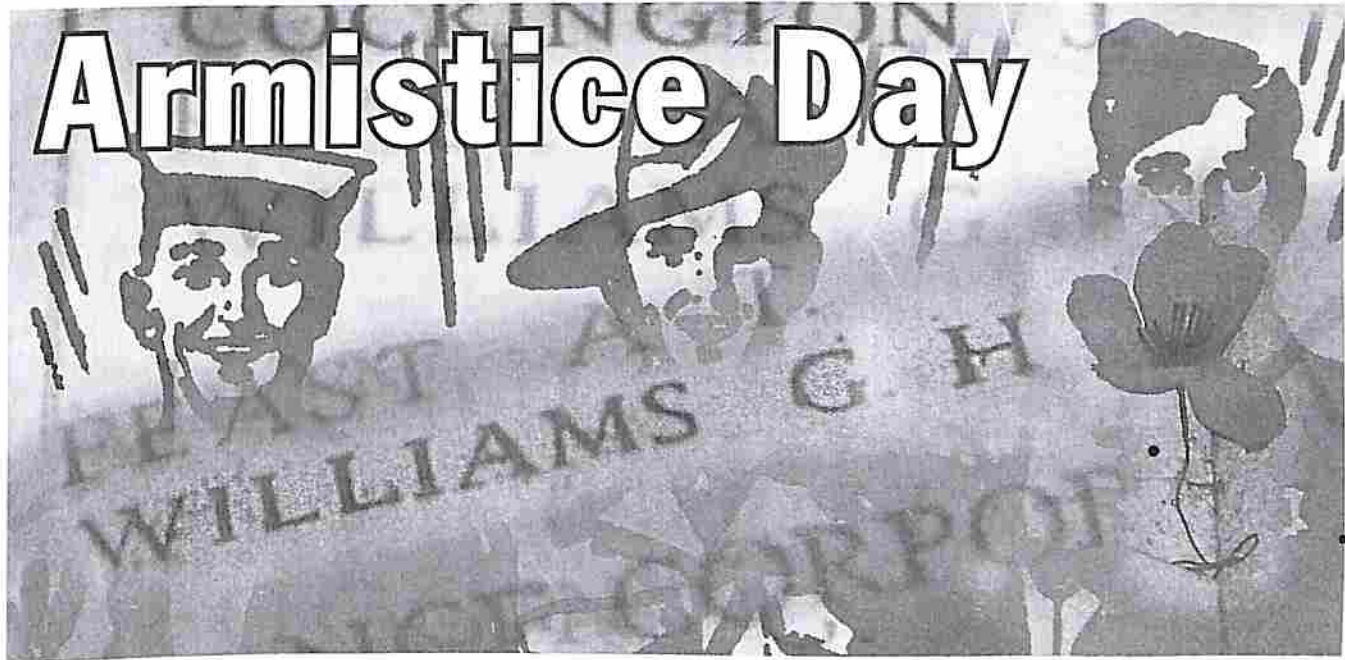


Lancefield Mercury

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Armistice Day

Ten years ago 10 junior firefighters along with trainers Barry Barnett and Bob Williams and their partners travelled to Austria where the juniors competed in the CTIF junior firefighter games. After the games they travelled to Belgium where the team met Michiel Fosseze and Gunther Braekevelt both volunteer members of the Roeselare Fire Brigade.

Along with members of their families Michiel and Gunther hosted the boys for a week showing them around many places in Roeselare and surrounding areas of Flanders. One of the places they visited was the Menin Gate in Ypres where they were invited to lay a wreath on behalf of the Romsey/Lancefield RSL - a memorable event organised by Michiel Fosseze.

The Menin Gate is a very large arch built over the road entering Ypres and on its walls are listed the names of soldiers who were killed but their bodies never found. The names of some 55 000 soldiers whose bodies could not be found are listed on the Gate.

One of the coaches of the team,

Bob Williams, has a connection with the Menin Gate: his grandfather's cousin George Henry Williams was a corporal in the Australian Infantry serving in Belgium in 1917 and was reported missing in action. Bob tried to find his name on the Menin Gate without success.

A decade later Bob and Pauline and Barry and Karen travelled back to Belgium to meet Michiel and Gunther again and like the previous time 10 years earlier they extended their great Belgium hospitality.

This time they visited Passchendaele, a First World War museum where Michiel along with Museum staff were able to find information about George Henry Williams. They found records that showed the field where it is believed George was killed.

With the assistance of Michiel and Gunther, Bob was able to visit that field and left a poppy in an appropriate spot in memory of George. At that time of the year the field was planted with corn but after the corn is harvested Michiel along with his son Ruben will return to see if they can find anything in the field.

Although it is nearly a century since the First World War in Belgium, remnants of the war are still being found.

Later that night we attended the ceremony that is held nightly at the Menin Gate. After the ceremony with the information gained by Michiel, Bob found the name of George Henry Williams on the wall where a poppy was placed in his memory. Michiel along with Ruben will visit both these places to check to see if the poppies are still there, if not they will replace them for Bob.

Unfortunately this time we did not get to meet up with Michiel's parents Guido and Elenora as they were not in good health. They also did much for the boys and us ten years ago.

It is amazing how a meeting with these two guys and their families 10 years ago has turned into a life long friendship and how it has connected Lancefield to Roeselare.

We have invited both Michiel and Gunter come and visit us and we will have to wait and see if we have an opportunity to return the hospitality and friendship.

Lancefield Mercury Inc Annual General Meeting

To be held on Tuesday
26th November Venue to
be advised. Details editor@
lancefieldmercury.org.au

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November Outing – Tuesday,
19th November. "Foodies
Dream Tour" at the Victoria
Market.

We will be travelling by train
and tram.

Our November meeting will be
on Thursday 28th November,
2013

The Guest Speaker will be
John Lynch, President of the
Romsey RSL. He will speak on
Remembrance Day, the role of
the RSL.

Free service helps people feel safer at home

Do you live alone? Are you concerned about your personal safety if you were to have a fall in your home or while you were out and about? If you, or someone you know would answer 'yes' to these questions then the Macedon Ranges Community Register may be able to help.

The Macedon Ranges Community Register is a free service provided by Macedon Ranges Shire Council and local police to frail older people and those with a disability, to assist them in feeling safer living at home.

Members receive an identification card that fits into their wallet or purse that they are encouraged to carry with them when they leave home. The card provides valuable information to emergency services in the event of an emergency. Members can also choose to receive a regular phone call from a volunteer to check on their welfare.

Inspector Ryan Irwin from Victoria Police said the register provides police with information that can be used to assist residents in times of need.

The Register also provides members with information and advice about avoiding heat stress and coping with difficult weather conditions. Also, if needed, it can act as a referral service for other Council services such as home care.

All volunteers working on the register have undergone Police Checks and relevant training. Access to all personal details is available to authorised people only.

Being a member of the register does not guarantee evacuation by emergency services in an emergency and each member will receive a copy of the CFA's Prepare Act Survive – your fire ready kit to assist them in preparing their own emergency plans.

For more information, contact Lauraine on 5422 0218 or drop in to any of Council's offices, police stations, your local doctor, community health centre or visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/community-register

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Pastor's Parables

Armistice Day

In 1948, at an Armistice Celebration, (Armistice was the declaration of peace at the end of World War I) it was declared on November 11 at 11.00 am. So 11, 11 at 11. They did that symbolically because they felt that they were at the eleventh hour. They actually felt if the war continued, the whole world would be destroyed by it. Over 20 million people were killed in World War I. It was the bloodiest, most destructive war in history up until that time. So they declared an Armistice. Even till today some celebrate that.

Omar Bradley, one of the Generals in World War II makes this commentary and I think that history has borne his testimony to be true.

"With the monstrous weapons man already has, humanity is in danger of being trapped in this world by its moral adolescents. Our knowledge of science has clearly outstripped our capacity to control it. We have many men of science; too few men of God. We have grasped the mystery of the atom and rejected the Sermon on the Mount. Man is stumbling blindly through a spiritual darkness while toying with the precarious secrets of life and death. The world has achieved brilliance without wisdom, power without conscience. Ours is a world of nuclear giants and ethical infants. We know more about war than we know about peace, more about killing than we know about living. We do not know how to make peace.

Jesus' Gift of Peace

Jesus said, "I am leaving you with a gift - peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid. John 14:27

When we have peace on the inside we will take that peace wherever we go. Why don't you declare an armistice today and receive Christ's peace for your life?

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If you would like to know more about faith in God please contact the Encourage Church Office on 5429 6327. We would be happy to assist you in your search for the true meaning of Life.

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Macedon Ranges Community Exchange News

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Sunday 13th of October heralded the first of the MRCE's trading days - at Lancefield's High St plantation - with around 25 members coming together to trade with each other, meet new members & have a cuppa for a short snappy session from 10 - 11am.

Organisers were happy with the turnout, seeing that the membership is open to having a regular place to trade & the variety of offerings was welcomed by attendees.

New offerings include counselling, exercise sessions, garden/farm produce, high school English tutoring, lessons in singing, piano and cooking and much much more.

Watch the group's website Facebook page for regular updates on new offerings & upcoming market days.

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Friendship

FRIENDS - How precious are true friends! How lonely it is when we start at a new school or work place or neighbourhood not knowing anyone, until we make new friends who often become friends for life.

Beautiful Friendships

Such was the close relationship between God and Abraham that Abraham was called the friend of God because of his faith and trust in God. Such was the friendship between David and Jonathan, they loved each other as brothers and swore never-ending friendship. How David mourned when Jonathan was killed in battle, "O Jonathan, laid low in death! I grieve for you, my brother; dear and delightful you were to me, your love for me was wonderful." 2 Samuel 1:25/26 NEB.

And such was the love the women of this parish, as expressed by their words "Our Beloved Friend" on their marble tablet in Christ Church Lancefield, for Elizabeth MacCullagh, who died in tragic circumstances in 1870, aged 27. She was the young wife of the first vicar of this parish, the revered Rev John MacCullagh.

Unworthy Friends

How hurt and disappointed we feel when a friend lets us down. David knew this experience when he

declared "even the friend in whom I trusted has betrayed me."

The ultimate betrayal was that of Judas at Gethsemane when Jesus said, "Would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?" Luke 22:48.

The True Friend - Jesus Christ - the friend of sinners

Jesus told his twelve disciples, "No longer do I call you servants but friends if you do what I command you. This is my commandment to you, That you love one another." John 15:17.

He also said, "Greater love has no man than this that he lays down his life for his friends."

Jesus laid down His life for you and for me that we might become His friends.

"God loved the world so much that He gave His only Son that everyone who has faith in Him may not die but have eternal life." John 3:16 NEB

October In Retrospect

October has been a very quiet month with annual meetings being the order of the day. Alpha classes have been in abeyance because of school holidays.

Diary - November 2013

Thur 14 Nov, 8pm: AMS meets in Christ Church, Lancefield. Enq to Tom, 5429-6060

Thur 21 Nov, 1.30pm: GUILD Meeting - Mrs F Carter's home, Monegeetta. Refer Doreen, 5429-6060.

Sun 17 Nov 10am COMBINED SERVICE AT LANCEFIELD - followed by Church AGM.

On November 20 we remember the tragic death in 1870 of Elizabeth MacCullagh, the wife of our first vicar, Rev John MacCullagh

Sat 30 Nov: ST ANDREW'S DAY, then ADVENT SUNDAY (1 Dec) - marks the beginning of the Church New Year. The 10am service trial will end then (feedback is needed re the trial).

Sat 7 Dec: 9am-12.30pm. Parish Christmas STREET STALL outside IGA, Romsey.

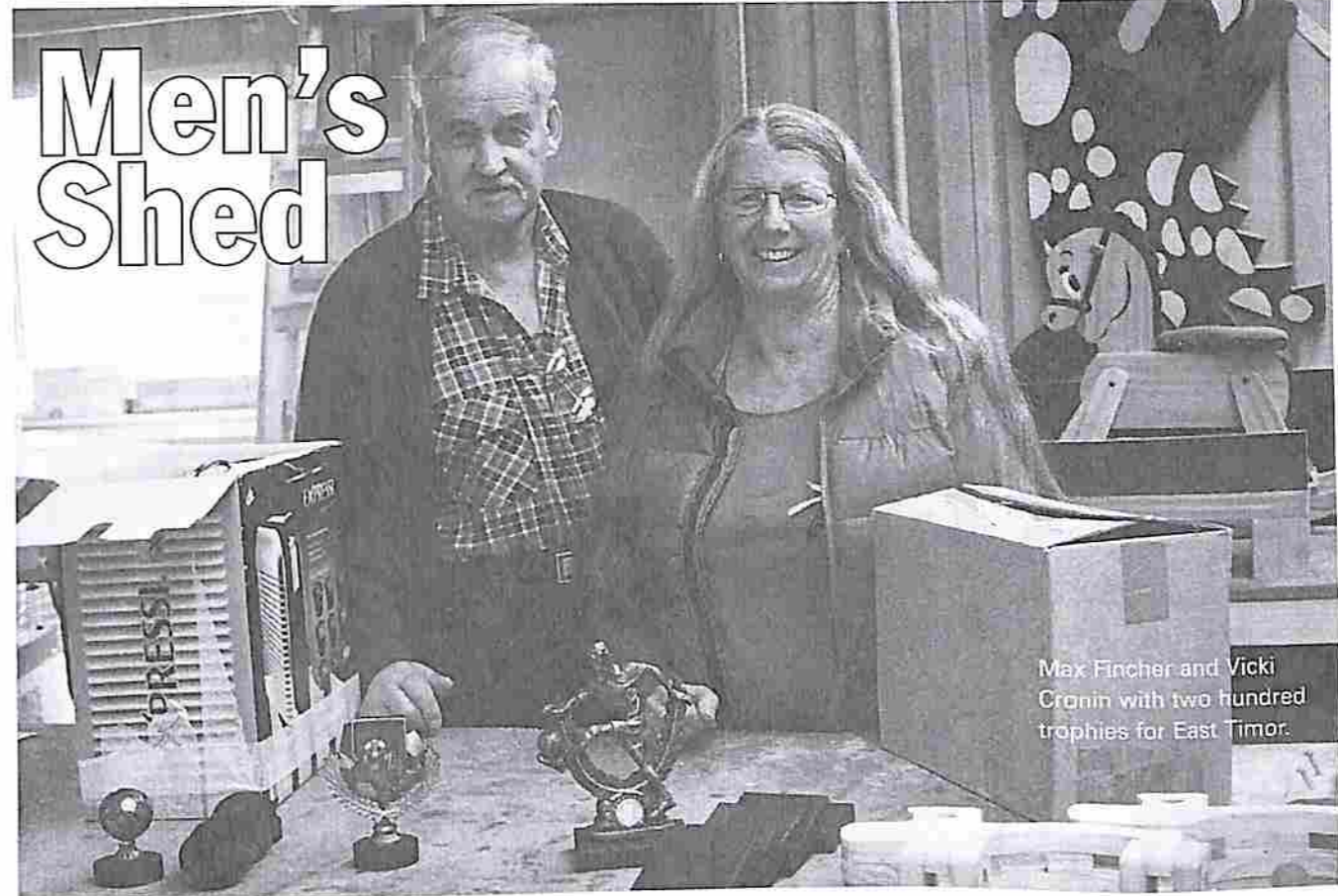
Service Times

ST PAUL'S ROMSEY (Main Street) 9.45am Prayers; 10.00am - Holy Communion (1st and 3rd Sundays), Morning Prayer (2nd and 4th) CHRIST CHURCH

LANCEFIELD (Chauncey Street) 9.45am Prayers; 10.00am - Holy Communion (2nd and 4th Sundays), Morning Prayer (1st and 3rd) (5th Sunday service times to be announced)

Sun 17 Nov, 7pm: HEALING SERVICE at Christ Church, Lancefield

Minister: Rev W Carroll - 0427918607
D Morgan (correspondent) Office 5429-1380



Max Fincher and Vicki Cronin with two hundred trophies for East Timor.

Are you retired or have time on your hands? Do you want to share good company and laughs while making or doing things etc?

Well... the Lancefield Men's Shed might be just the place for you!

The Men's Shed is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays 10:00am -4:00pm.

On Tuesdays we share time making group and individual projects using excellent new equipment. (No experience required - you will be assisted by others to use the tools, but safety standards must be adhered to at all times)

On Wednesdays we share social time together and enjoy a BBQ at 12:00 sharp... those wishing to partake of the delicious sausages need to be there on time. Good conversation and camaraderie are just part of the enjoyment of the day.

Lancefield is very fortunate to have the Shed as part of the Lancefield Neighbourhood House and for two years now has been developing as an important aspect of the life of Lancefield!

We would love to make contact with those of you who are looking

for something extra to participate in. Come along - you will be made most welcome! Contact: Max on 54291729 or mob 0438291729

Max Fincher from the Lancefield Men's Shed has joined together with Vicki Cronin of Friends 2 Friend, in preparing more than two hundred trophies, which now have been sent over to East Timor.

These trophies will be presented to the winners of the Soccer tournament that will be played in the capital Dili during the month of March

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Mass Times

Saturday:
 6.00 p.m. Lancefield
 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month:
 8.00 a.m. Lancefield and 10.00 a.m. Romsey
 2nd, 4th & 5th Sunday of the month:
 8.00 a.m. Romsey and 10.00 a.m. Lancefield

Reconciliation

Saturdays 9.45am Romsey & 5.45pm Lancefield.

Baptisms

February, April, June, August, October, December.
 For more information, please phone 5429 2130.

Regular Events

SVDP Drop-In: First Thursday of each month,
 10.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m., St. Mary's Church Hall,
 Romsey.

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

Advent Reconciliation

Tuesday 10th December Lancefield 7.00pm

Anointing Mass -

Wed 11th December - Karinya Nursing Home 2.00pm

Combined Community Christmas Carols

Sunday 15th December - Romsey Mech Hall
 6pm BBQ & entertainment
 7pm Carols

Christmas masses 2013

Christmas Vigil Family Mass
 Tuesday 24th December - Romsey Church 6.00pm -
 Nativity
 Midnight Mass: 11.30pm Carols - Lancefield
 Midnight Mass
 Christmas Day
 Wed 25th December - Lancefield 9.00am

Weather Comment 14-10-13

Last month I really put my foot in my mouth...

Last month I really put my foot in my mouth when I made remarks about the possibility that the rain pattern was changing for the worst and next day we recorded 43mm, not my best effort, however at this stage totals have again been on the light side also the weather is cold which has a detrimental effect on pasture growth.

On last Thursday I toured the farm to evaluate the amount of feed and I was quite disappointed, a little bit of rain since then and a change of paddocks may improve the situation and some milder days forecast for later in the week should make a difference.

The rainfall for the month, which includes the 43mm

mentioned above, has been 95 mm so there must be plenty of moisture in the soil, maybe it is the warmth we need to make things grow.

The sheep flock was shorn last Tuesday and yielded a very good result with the wool being well grown and to my surprise of very good colour and strength as I had thought that the wet months may have caused some yellowing of the wool. They averaged 4-8 kg a head which again I was very pleased with.

The lambs are also growing well and will continue to do so. Our 'triplet' pet Toby is out on grass and has been reduced to two bottles a day but still lets us know when he thinks its feed time The

steers here are now starting to lose their winter hair and as the grass has improved they are now gaining weight and look very good also.

The garden is now looking more springlike; the early bulbs are now finished and the later flowering plants are providing a colourful display along with the deciduous plants coming in to leaf the garden has taken on a very pleasant outlook.

We have added beetroot seedlings to our vegie plot but this area of the garden is slow moving as well and the only thing growing well is the "lawn" which is needing weekly mowing to keep it under control.

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Are you fire ready?

With the fire season just around the corner, it's important to make sure that you, your family and your property are fire ready.

Macedon Ranges Shire Council's Fire Management Officer will begin inspecting private properties for fire risk throughout November and December. Fire Prevention Notices will be issued to those properties that pose a serious fire risk to their neighbourhood.

The penalty for failing to comply with these notices has increased significantly this year to \$1,440.

If you receive a notice, don't ignore it. If it is not complied with, Council will be forced to complete the work required and you will be charged the associated costs, in addition to the \$1,440 fine.

Community Emergency Preparation Planner

To help you to prepare your property and household in the event of an emergency, call into any of Council's offices and pick up a free Community Emergency Preparation Planner.

This useful planner provides useful information about preparing for the fire season. It also identifies

the actions that everyone should take on high fire risk days and encourages community members to share information about emergencies.

Fire Ready in the Macedon Ranges Film Council has also produced a short film, Fire Ready in the Macedon Ranges, which highlights the importance of having a bushfire survival plan and provides tips on how to support your family and neighbours to be fire ready.

The film was produced in partnership with the Mount Players Theatre Group and the CFA. It can be viewed on our website, mrsc.vic.gov.au/fireready

Don't forget, you can find us on Facebook. Search for Macedon Ranges Emergency Alerts and 'like' our page. This page focuses on helping you to prepare for and respond to an emergency in your town or region, such as a fire, flood or heatwave. This page does not replace official emergency alerts from the CFA, Victoria Police or SES.

Remember, being fire ready is everyone's responsibility, so make sure you take the time to prepare yourself, your family, your animals and your property so that you can stay safe this summer.

Don't rely on mains water during fires, Western Water warns

Western Water is warning Lancefield residents to have an independent water supply ready if they plan to stay and defend their home this fire season.

"If electricity is cut or our infrastructure is affected by fire, our pumps may fail, cutting the mains water supply," Western Water's Managing Director, Neil Brennan, says.

"If we have extremely high demand for water from customers and the CFA during a fire, water pressure may also drop."

Mr Brennan says residents should consult their local CFA about their options for an independent water supply and plan ahead.

"We are also doing all we can to prepare for summer,

with backup generators ready and water storage tanks at high capacity to cope if we have a fire," he says.

Mr Brennan says Lancefield residents can also help the community to be prepared for fire season by 'adopting' a fire hydrant.

"The CFA needs to be able to access fire hydrants quickly and easily," he says.

"You can help by keeping fire hydrants near your home free of debris and vegetation, and calling us if you think a hydrant needs maintenance."

To find out more, visit Western Water's stall at the Bushfire and Emergency Services Expo in Riddells Creek on November 17.

Romsey Fire Brigade

The Romsey Fire Brigade is taking part in CFA Sunday this year on 24th November 2013 followed by a Church service blessing the vehicle fleet for the upcoming fire season. This is part of CFA's Fire Awareness Week running from the 17th November to 24th November.

CFA Sunday enables all Brigades to open their station to the public to view the appliance's meet volunteers and the opportunity to get information on all aspects of what the public can do for the fire season ahead.

Romsey F/B contributes not only to their area but was deployed to NSW this year and other major fires throughout Victoria. Our volunteers range from newly trained members to our Brigade Captain being part of CFA for 30 years this year. He will be awarded a 30 year service medal at our annual Brigade dinner to be held on 23rd November.

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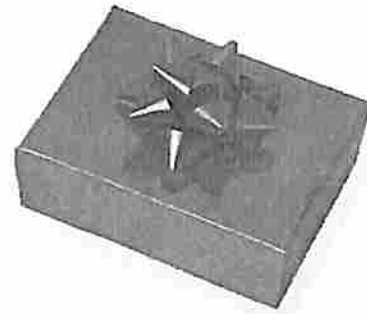
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Macedon Ranges Christmas Toy Shop



In past years the Combined Churches of the Macedon Ranges have organised a Christmas "Toy Shop" for families living in the shire who might struggle to afford a Christmas gift for their child. Each year we assist over 100 local families, or over 250 children.

As with each year, we anticipate the need to be even greater.

The Toy Shop relies completely on the generosity of our community, to donate gifts to stock the shop. Families are referred to us by local support and welfare agencies and are given a personal invite to attend the shop and pick out toys for their children.

As we rely on donated goods, there is no cost to the families for these gifts. We also offer gift wrapping and a cafe style space to enjoy free tea and coffee and home baked goodies.

For families who are facing challenging times, Christmas can become an incredibly stressful, lonely and sad season. Unable to participate in many of the traditions that our culture has come to know as "normal" these families can feel even more isolated and marginalised.

The Toy Shop gives struggling

families the opportunity to enjoy what most people take for granted - to choose something special for their child and be able to give it to them on Christmas morning.

Many of these families would otherwise be unable to give their child a gift on Christmas morning, and many of these children would miss out on the joy of opening a gift that is just for them.

For our community, the Toy Shop is a fantastic opportunity for local people to embrace the true Christmas spirit, and reach out in generosity and love to those in their own community who are facing a tough time.

Whether you are an individual or a business, you can get into the Christmas spirit and give some joy to local people who really need it.

The toy shop relies 100% on the goodwill and generosity of our community. We need your donations to make this important initiative possible.

We require donations of toys for boys and girls aged 0-18. Gifts need to be new and valued around \$20. We also welcome donations of books, plush toys and smaller items that would be suitable as stocking fillers. We particularly fall short in

gifts, books and stocking fillers for older children each year.

How to Donate:

The Uniting Church and Target Woodend are again running "Operation Santa" and have kindly agreed to donate all gifts to the Toy Shop. Members of the public can donate by leaving a gift at the tree located in Target Country Woodend.

- Donations will also be received at the offices of Cobaw Community Health in Kyneton and Woodend

- Contact Georgina Harvey (0404442891) directly to arrange pick up of donations

Donations of both gifts and money will be gratefully received. All financial donations will only be used to purchase toys to stock the shop. Gifts need to be received by Monday 16th December to allow time for sorting and setting up of the toy shop.

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Students Shine At Lancefield Primary School

Students of Lancefield Primary School celebrated the end of term 3 with a crowd pleasing show. All students participated in the bi-annual school concert held at Kyneton Town Hall on September 19th.. The theme for this concert was "Step Back in Time" and included such past hits such as The Charleston, Swinging on a Star, Rock Around the Clock, YMCA and Mmm Bop. Not only was it a feast for the eyes and ears but every child had the opportunity to be a star!!!

Students commented on how everyone put in so much effort and how confident they felt when on stage. Some of the older students realised that they became better team members and were more aware of other peoples strengths and feelings as they worked together to make it the best they possibly could.



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Vanessa's garden

November is here and with Christmas just around the corner and good spring rains behind us it is full steam ahead in the garden.

Summer garden colour

Now is a great time to plan and plant annuals for a hard-working summer garden full of colour. Many species do double duty because as well as looking good they attract pollinators and other useful insects that eat pests. You've a wide range to choose from including: cosmos, sunflowers, nasturtium, dianthus, gerbera, verbena, snapdragons, petunias, Shasta daisies, marigolds, phlox and celosia. Alyssum can be tucked into rockeries and chamomile is great at filling patio cracks or anywhere you want a bit of sweet groundcover that gently spills over hard edges for a lovely

softening effect.

Act now to prevent unused areas turning into weed beds

If there is a part of the garden you won't be able to use or plant up this year - which can happen for any number of reasons - the risk is it that it becomes covered in weeds and a bit of an eyesore. It can also give you to a good dose of gardener's gloom every time you look at it and see the monumental weeding task growing before your eyes. A simple solution is to sow a green manure crop.

A thickly sown green manure crop (such as millet, Lucerne or clover) covers the soil and keeps the weeds from getting a foothold. But it does far more than that as these crops are also great soil improvers. The deep-rooted green crops such as Lucerne do a fantastic job of

drawing deeply buried nutrients to the surface and improving the soil structure at the same time.

All green manures can be turned in just before flowering to further improve soil structure. You'll replace gardener's gloom with contentment and have a bed ready for autumn planting.

Veggie garden to do list

With your beds prepared over winter and early spring and early plants romping away, November is a great time to get started with main plantings of everything you want to eat in the veggie line.

We can still be caught out by frost until Melbourne Cup day but as long as you keep an eye on the weather forecast and have fleece or other temporary covers ready to go if necessary, you can plant

out lettuces, capsicum, eggplant, leeks, cucumber, climbing and bush beans, squash, sweet corn, zucchini, rocket and successional sowings of carrot and beetroot.

Tender herbs such as basil can be planted outside now too. It also lives quite happily in a pot on the kitchen window sill if you want to keep it really close at hand for last minute additions to summer salads and pizzas. Other staples of the herb garden such as parsley, sage, marjoram, rosemary and thyme are a bit tougher and can be planted earlier in spring but should still thrive if planted this month. Once established they need little supplementary watering.

There is one note of herbal caution - if you are planting lemon balm and mint it really is best to confine them to pots. They are

both thugs and if you let them talk you into putting them in the garden they'll take over in no time at all.

Slip, slop, slap for plants

As the sun gets fiercer some sensitive plants may need a bit of extra protection. You probably won't need it until December/January but now is the time to think about whether you want to accept the risk or prepare a couple of simple movable shade cloth 'tents' or covers that you can deploy if needs be.

Any plants that you see regularly wilting in the noonday and early afternoon sun such as eggplant and capsicum, are likely to welcome a bit of shade and produce better crops when you reduce heat stress with some temporary shade protection.

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"You do not have to form your own team to involve yourself in the Relay as a registered participant," says committee chairmanager Ken Wiltshire. "Why not look to joining an established team and give yourself the chance to partake of the Relay experience in the company of likeminded people." To find a potential team to join go to the Lancefield/Macedon Ranges event on the Relay For

Life website www.relayforlife.org.au. "Joining a team may be a great opportunity to meet people who share your commitment to fighting back against cancer."

Mr Wiltshire also highlights the Carers and Survivors ceremony as an important part of the Relay experience for individuals. This moving ceremony opens the Relay each year. If you are a Carer or a Survivor come along and take part in the first lap then be a guest at afternoon tea.

Relay For Life is an overnight team event to raise funds for the Cancer Council Victoria. For more information about the Lancefield event contact Emmett Bronca on 0447 502 178. Also visit the Facebook page www.facebook.com/pages/LancefieldMacedon-Ranges-Relay-For-Life/

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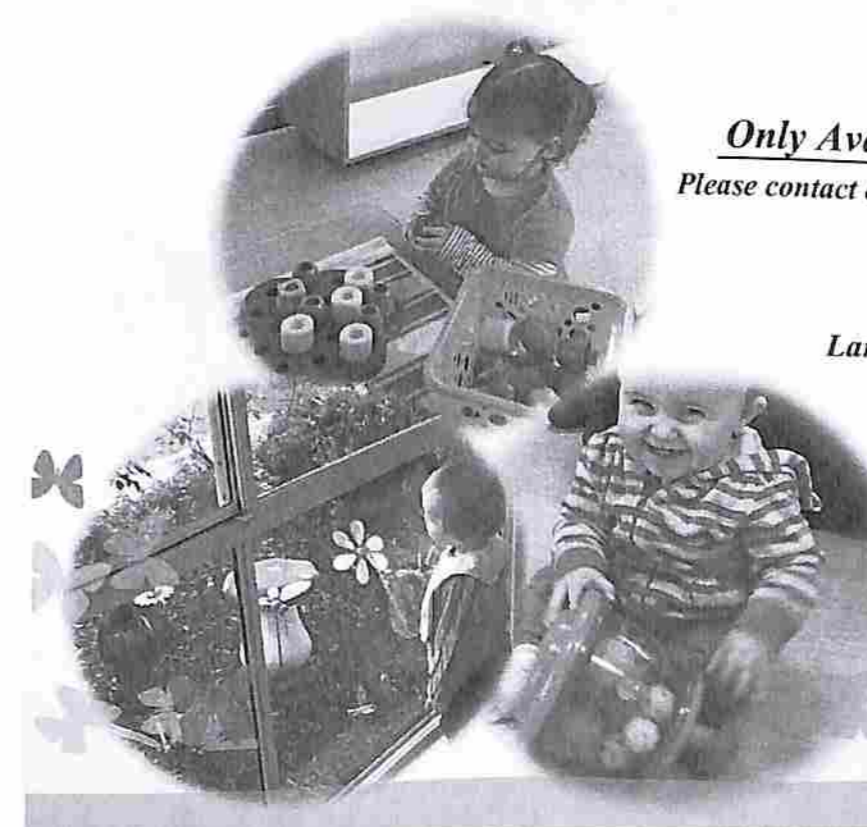
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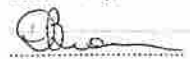
Re: Police Article – 9th October 2013 Edition

I refer to the Lancefield Police Article, written by Roger Barr – Officer in Charge – Lancefield, which appeared in your 9th October edition regarding "Dogs Attacking Sheep". It is noted with some concern, that a photo of a Weimaraner appeared alongside this article when in fact, the breed was not mentioned once in this article.

I acknowledge that dogs attacking sheep is very serious and is something that needs to be controlled, with dog owners ultimately being responsible for the actions of their pets and ensuring they are kept in a secured area and not allowed to roam, however this article reflects badly upon our breed. Anyone reading the article may automatically associate the breed as vicious sheep killers or worse. A copy of the article will be forwarded to the Publicity Department of our governing body Dogs Victoria (Victorian Canine Association).

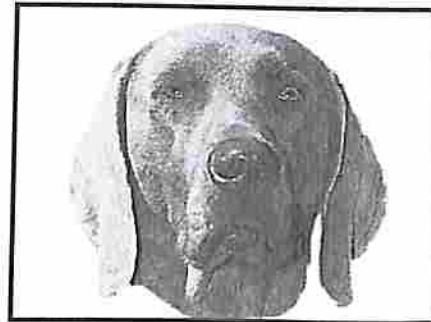
In view of the above, I respectfully request a retraction and apology be printed in your next edition.

Yours faithfully,

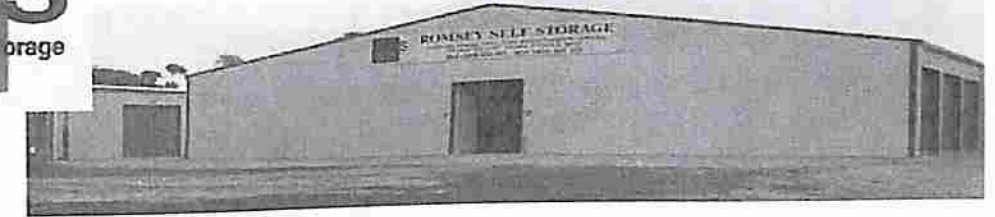
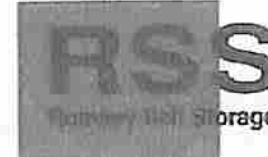


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"The Lancefield Mercury would like to apologise to the dog in the photo. We did not mean to suggest that this was the dog that was responsible for the action's described in Roger Barr's article."

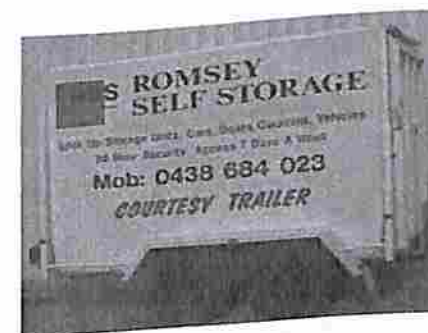
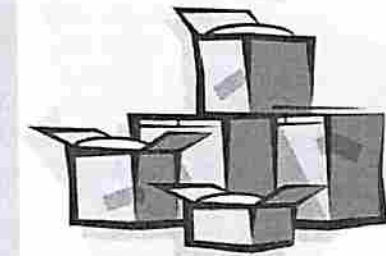


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Our Bank's Helping Our Clubs Help Our Community



Clubs, community groups and a range of other organisations around the district are sharing in more than \$94,000 in grants and sponsorships from the Lancefield and Romsey Community Bank branches, the Bank Chair, Tim McCarthy announced today. Hosting a Community Investment Program where the funding details were announced, Mr McCarthy said the community-owned Bank has now put more than \$600,000 directly into the community over the past 12 years.

"This distribution of money demonstrates exactly what our Community Bank is all about," he said.

"Our Romsey and Lancefield community-owned branches of Bendigo Bank were established to serve our communities, both by ensuring we always had local banking services and by our pledge to share the profits and proceeds generated with our communities.

"This latest allocation demonstrates that we have upheld our pledge, and that local residents and businesses who bank with us are also making a direct contribution to funding worthwhile projects and groups in the community.

Cheques for the grants and sponsorships were handed over to the local clubs and organisations at the Community Investment Program event at the Newnham Room at the Romsey Sporting Association today.

Mr McCarthy said the grants ranged from supporting some of the oldest groups in our Community - \$5000 each to the Lancefield Mechanics Institute and the Romsey Mechanics Institute - to groups supporting the youngest members of our community - \$3000 each to the Lancefield Kindergarten Parents Committee and the Romsey Kindergarten.

Six local CFA brigades - Lancefield, Romsey, Benloch,



Springfield, Nulla Vale and Bolinda/Monegeetta each received \$2000, as did the Romsey Lancefield Ambulance Auxiliary.

Mr McCarthy said the Lancefield and Romsey Community Bank branches of Bendigo Bank were operated on behalf of around 500 local residents and businesses, who put up their own money to become shareholders.

Community Investment grants in Lancefield

- Lancefield Mechanics Institute - refurbishment of 4 x historic tables \$5,000.00
- Lancefield Kindergarten Parents Committee -continuous looping bike path around the kinder playground \$3,000.00
- Lancefield Romsey Little Athletics Centre - New High Jump Safety Mat \$2,500.00
- Lancefield Tennis Club - development of the club house kitchen \$2,000.00
- Lancefield/Romsey Anglican Church - electrics upgrade \$1,500.00
- Lancefield Neighbourhood House - front verandah timbers have deteriorated and a window frame replaced \$1,500.00
- Lancefield & District Pony Club - upgrade of the Cross Country Course \$1,000.00
- Romsey Lancefield Rotary Club - maintenance and equipment \$1,000.00
- St. Mary's Catholic Church Lancefield/Romsey - maintenance and upgrade \$1,000.00
- Lancefield Light Harness Club Inc. - toilet roofing \$1,000.00
- Romsey & Lancefield Senior Citizens Club Inc - Replacement of the existing old and inadequate fridge \$1,000.00
- Romsey and Lancefield Girl Guides -backpacks with a drink bottle, mat, hat, lanyard and wallet \$1,000.00
- Romsey Toy Library - 10 memberships to disadvantaged and vulnerable families in the community \$1,000.00
- Lancefield C.W.A - hiring hall and catering costs spring show \$ 600.00
- Lancefield CFA \$2000
- Benloch CFA \$2000
- Romsey Lancefield Ambulance Auxiliary \$2000
- Lancefield Primary School - Kids Matter Program
- St Mary's Primary School - You Can Do It Program
- Lancefield Bowling Club
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- Lancefield Golf Club
- Lancefield Light Harness Club Inc.
- Lancefield Romsey Little Athletics Centre
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- Lancefield Agricultural Society Inc
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- Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay For Life, 2014
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Lancefield Police News

On Yer Bike Mate

Lancefield Police currently have a girl's pink and white 18 speed mountain bike that was found in Raglan Street. If you are the owner of this bike or know who it might belong to please give me a call on 54 292000. If I am not in leave a message.

Motorbikes For Christmas

I know you don't want to be reminded that Christmas is coming and your bank account is about to take a plunge for the worse. However if you are thinking of buying a motorbike for your son/daughter for Christmas you might like to first

consider where they will be able to ride it.

If the person you are buying the Motorbike for is too young to get a Learner's Permit (18 years of age) then the only place they can legally ride unlicensed on Private Property or as a member of a Motorcross Club on club property. The days of riding in the bush without a licence are gone. Having said this when it comes to riding on Private Property it is not that simple either, please read on!

Macedon Ranges Shire Council Local Law No. 10 came into effect on the 25th of September 2013 and limits where Motorbikes and Recreational Vehicles may be used within the Shire.

"motorised recreational vehicle" means all mini bikes, trail bikes, motor bikes, motor scooters, go-karts, motor cars and any other bike or vehicle propelled by a

motor which is normally used for recreational purposes, but does not include any vehicle used primarily in respect of primary production, construction or maintenance or motor homes or buses.

The use of these vehicles is controlled as follows by section 24 of Local Law No.10

Motorised Recreation Vehicles
 (1) A person must obtain a permit to use or allow others to use a motorised recreation vehicle on land owned or occupied by him or her if:
 (a) that land is within a residential, commercial or industrial zone; or
 (b) that land is less than 4 hectares.
 1. Penalty: 10 Penalty Units
 (1) Whether a permit is required under sub-clause (1) or not, a person must not use or allow others to use a motorised recreation vehicle on land owned or occupied by him or her, which in the opinion of an authorised officer causes a nuisance

to others because of sound, smell, dust, smoke, soil erosion or any other factor that causes a nuisance.

2. Penalty: 10 Penalty Units
 (2) In addition to the requirement that the use of a motorised recreation vehicle on land must not cause a nuisance, a person must not use or allow others to use a motorised recreation vehicle on land owned or occupied by him or her:
 (a) unless it is possible to maintain a 500 metre distance from where the motorised recreation vehicle is being used and any neighbouring dwelling;
 (b) unless it is fitted with a muffler that effectively reduces external noise from motor vehicles or motor cycles and a spark arrester;
 (c) the number of vehicles is no more than 2 motorised recreation vehicles at any one time on land which is less than 20 hectares or no more than 4 motorised recreation vehicles at any one time on any land

greater than 20 hectares;
 (d) the motorised recreation vehicle is not used continuously for a period in excess of 1 hour after which no motorised recreation vehicle must be used for a minimum 2 hour period; and
 (d) the motorised recreation vehicle is not used other than between 10am to 6pm Monday to Saturday and 1pm to 4pm on Sundays and public holidays; and
 (e) on a day declared to be a Total Fire Ban Day under the Country Fire Authority Act 1958.
 3. Penalty: 10 Penalty Units
 Given that one penalty unit is about \$144.36 this is quite a substantial penalty.

As you can see from this By Law riding in the town is not an option and even riding on small acreages could be in breach of this By Law dependant on the size of the property and the duration for which the bike/vehicle is ridden. This By

Law is not that new and there have been restrictions on the riding/driving of Recreational Vehicles for some years now, but you need to be aware of them before you purchase a recreational vehicle.

My advice is that if you are considering the purchase of a motorbike, for a person too young to get a Learners Permit, make sure you first have somewhere they can ride it.

You need to have someone with a substantial property who is prepared to allow you to ride on their property or alternatively you could join a properly organised Motocross Club and ride on their track.

It is better to know this now as the cost of the bike could be equalled by the cost of the penalty for riding it where you shouldn't.

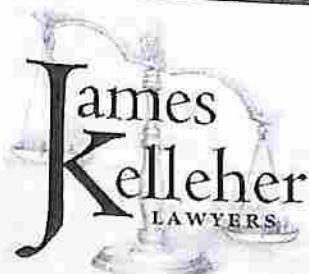
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Council's New Local Law No.10

Macedon Ranges Shire Council recently adopted a new local law that covers a range of activities that impact on the amenity of our community, such as animal keeping, activities on roads and streets, consumption of alcohol in public places, street furniture, burning off and lighting fires.

Some of the key changes as part of the new Local Law No.10 include:

- restrictions around using motorised recreation vehicles on land less than 4 hectares and the times of day at which you can ride and proximity to neighbouring houses
- changes to restrictions on open air burning. Burning off is now

prohibited on land less than 4,000 square metres (one acre).

However the Municipal Fire Prevention Officer can lift restrictions for a period of time for fire prevention purposes and this will be advertised in local newspapers and on Council's website. On land greater than 4,000 square metres, changes have been made to the times when people can burn off and the amount that can be burnt at any one time.

- changes to fencing requirements on building sites that have existing fences
- restrictions on caravans / motorhomes being used as dwellings on vacant land

- restrictions on bins on roadsides in residential areas.

- requirements for the placing of shipping containers on private land in residential areas

- changes to the numbers of animals that can be kept on certain land sizes

The Local Law No.10 is available on Council's website, mrsc.vic.gov.au or can be viewed in person at any of Council's offices in Gisborne, Kyneton, Romsey and Woodend.

The local law runs to 45 pages so you will some time to digest it all.

The Hair Room news...

Pollyanne Brown

Pollyanne Brown, a face familiar to many around Lancefield, has resumed her career in the beauty industry locating herself in The Beauty Room Lancefield.

Jodie Philippe of The Hair Room Lancefield was aware of Pollyanne's talents and years of experience and is very excited to have her join the team.

Operating The Beauty Room within her salon she is now providing Lancefield with a full list of beauty services including waxing, spray tanning and nails. Pollyanne is also introducing VPL Laser Hair Removal, featuring the very latest in U.K. technology and one hour Teeth Whitening Treatments "Now locals don't need to travel all the way to



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9th - Kyneton Farmers' Market - St Pauls Park, Piper St

16th - Riddells Creek Farmers' Market - Riddells Creek Primary School

23rd - Lancefield & District Farmers' Market

Spring springs into action this month, with a greater variety of produce being seen as we leave the 'lean time' & the weather warms up.

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Bolinda & Monegetta News

We're Celebrating A Year Of Our Hall Being 100!!

AND THE WEATHER...

A nice 245pts (61mm) of rain for September is giving us a lush, green spring and we're very grateful for it. There's always big smiles from the people on the land when the spring has been a wet one... HALL COMMITTEE: Work has begun on our kitchen up-grade and we're looking forward to the new, re-vamped result.

HISTORY: From the Minute Book. Here's a great idea for awakening interest in the Hall and for fund-raising... ' Moved that a series of euchre parties and dances (numbering five) be held until the end of the year... aggregate prize for the winning lady be purchased at a cost of 10/6d. ." AGM 17th June, 1935.

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We meet at Bolinda Hall at 1:30 for a chat and brief discussion session...and then we move off to our garden visit about 2pm. (Phone us first, if you haven't been before; we occasionally have earlier starts). s for this year are October 26th and November 30th.

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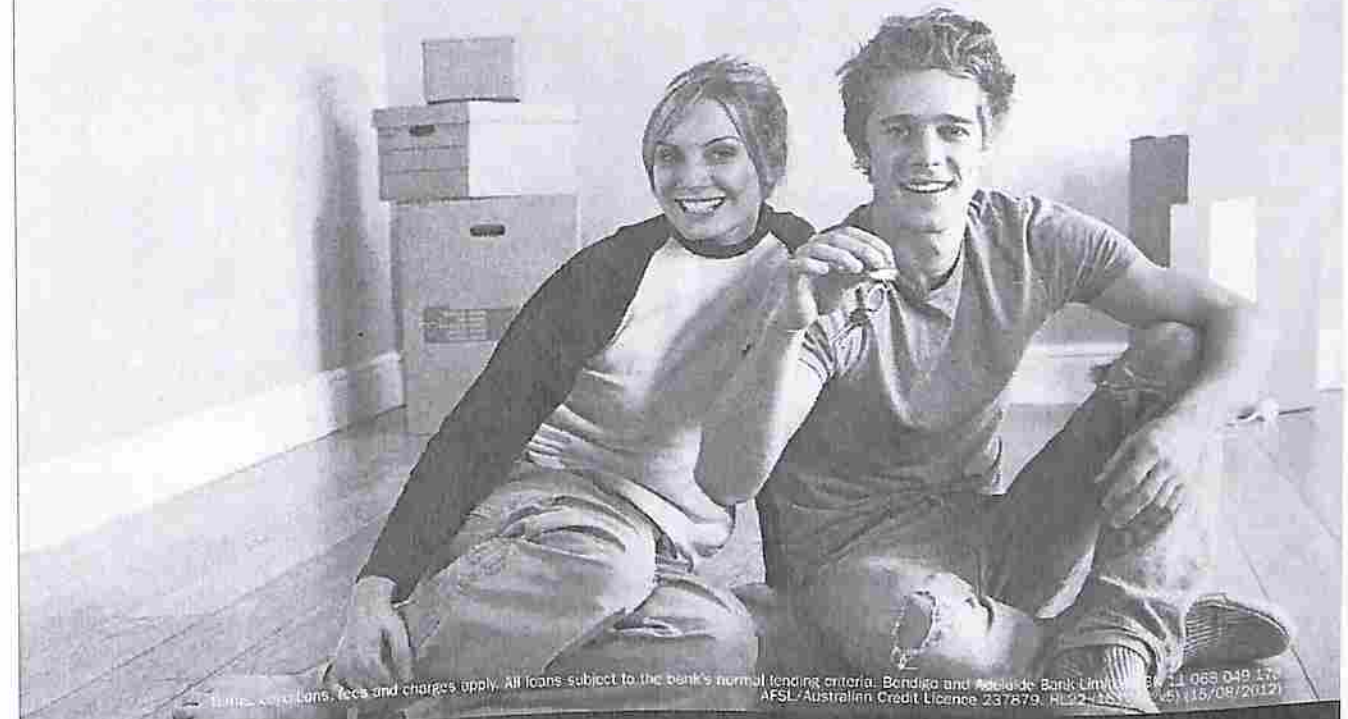
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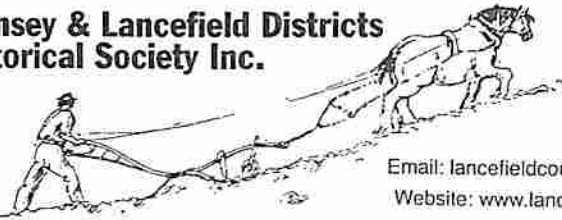
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Romsey and Lancefield District Historical Society have a great day planned for Sunday, November 3rd, to celebrate some milestones associated with the historic Seymour Cottage in Romsey.

Sidney Seymour was born in 1813, in Somerset, England. He married Elizabeth Moon in 1840 and they travelled on the Himalaya to Melbourne - quite a perilous journey in that era. After working as a carrier of goods, Sidney and a mate tried their luck on the goldfields. The Romsey Examiner for June 1st, 1900, tells us 'for the first six months he only made rations. Before the end of the year, however, he and his mate had cleared 240 pound each, from gold mostly found in 21 days.' Sidney and Elizabeth (Eliza) bought land at the first land sale in Romsey in 1855. They settled with their

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family (eventually 10 children) near the Five Mile Creek (now Romsey) and farmed about 300 acres.

The cottage was their home. They erected the dwelling in 1855. During these gold-boom years, many kit houses were imported into Melbourne. They were made from S. E. Asian Meranti, and, according to expert advice from Melbourne University Department of Architecture, the cottage - really a substantial dwelling - appears to be made from left over door panels of these kit houses.

This very special day celebrates 200 years since Sidney Seymour was born in 1813; 100 years since he died in 1913, and yes, he was 100 when he died!

The house and garden have been restored by volunteers and many relics of that pioneering era have been acquired for display. Take the

time to come and browse through the rooms and learn some of the history of the era, see some of the common implements and utensils in use at the time, and get the flavour of the era by joining in some of the simple common games of the time.

You will enjoy a tour of the cottage, morning or afternoon tea, or a sausage sizzle lunch. The Cottage, in Palmer Street Romsey, is open from 11 - 3:00 on Sunday, November 3rd.

Information supplied by Archivist Robyn Miller

A delightful poem, by descendent Derrick Chapple, celebrates the life of Sidney and Eliza.

SIDNEY SEYMOUR 1813-1913
A Somerset Seymour named Sidney migrated out here for a quid, 'n 'e grew strong, 'e grew tough, the real pioneer stuff, and 'e lived to a hundred now, did'n'e.

Elizabeth Moon showed some nous coming out as our Sidney's spouse. They shared sorrows and joys with ten children, 3 boys, and resided in Romsey's first house.

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"CUCCIO" also has an amazing range of natural body treatments. These products will be available to everyone very shortly. My facebook page will keep everyone up-to-date on these products.

It was great to have so many take advantage of my October special. I now invite everyone to check out my fascinator head pieces. ALL \$35. These beautiful pieces will top off your Spring Racing Outfit. Continue watching this space (and Facebook)!!!!

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Red Door Books Reviews November 2013

Children's Picture Books:

Anna May's Cloak
by Christiane Cicioli
Illustrated by Susan
Pearson
Reviewed by
Gabbie Smith



We all have that one clock or painting that is kept in the best room in the house as tribute to your ancestors. The family heirloom represents the history of the family name and forges a special bond among the generations. Anna May's story captures the essence of that continuity and connection. Each of the descendants Anna May gifts receive a personalised item crafted from her old blue cloak, a memory of her childhood and a happy and blissful time. A sweet, touching story of wisdom, family and love accompanied by Susan Pearson's stunning water colours, Anna May's Cloak is a must read bed time story book.

Kissed by the Moon
by Alison Lester
RRP \$19.99



A lovely story to lull your small children to sleep with thoughts of beach holidays, bushwalks, snuggly blankets and moonlit nights infusing their dream time. The front cover is beautiful with a shimmering moonlit bay scene.

Lost Sloth by J Otto Seibold RRP \$22.99
Reviewed by Iain Graham



Starts good, reminds me of some of my relatives. Illustrations are bright though the ending lacks a bit of zing (like a sloth).

*RDB and the Lancefield Mercury apologises to any of Ian's relatives who may recognise themselves in this book.

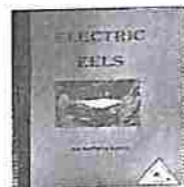
And a special treat from Lancefield Primary School students; these books were chosen because they made us laugh! Reviewed by Julianne Graham

Lawnmowers
written and
illustrated by
Maxx Robinson



This illustrated book has captured the essence of lawnmowers and needs to be captured by a wider audience for greater appreciation.

Electric Eels
by Bethany Lyons



Electric eels is clear and informative and holds your attention to the end. Wonderful stuff.

Teen Fiction:

The Last Thirteen By James Phelan RRP \$19.99 Reviewed By Abbie Bennetts

The first in a series of 13 books, The Last Thirteen tells the story of Sam's seemingly ordinary life being turned on its head. He is taken from school one day and meets Alex and Eva, where they are told that they might possess a very dangerous and powerful gift; to see the future in their dreams. As he learns new things about his life, Sam also discovers that he is part of an ancient prophecy and the safety of the world in his hands. This book is very fast paced and captivating. I really enjoyed it because it kept me interested and guessing the outcome until the very end.



Bit of Whimsy For Everyone:

Mr. M and the Red Thread by Soizick Meister RRP \$21.99 Reviewed by Gabbie Smith



My first thought when reading

Mr. M and the Red Thread was of its similarity to the classic French novella Le Petit Prince. As Soizick comes from the beautiful province of Brittany in France, my instinct may not be too far from the mark. The themes of connection, companionship and the search for someone who truly understands you embodied within both tales are expressed in lyrical prose by the French writer Antoine de Saint-Exupéry. However Meister's story, inspired by an old Chinese proverb describing the unbreakable connection of soul mates, is conveyed by her simplistic and beautiful illustrations. She captures an element of the absurd with exaggerated sizes and visual representations of the scarlet thread of destiny that connects Mr. M to his other half. The story is carried by these pictures, complemented by a grand total of 55 words. Elegantly constructed and with a simple yet pregnant storyline, Mr M is a poignant read for any age.

Adult Non-Fiction:

Boom! By Malcolm Knox RRP \$34.99 Reviewed by Nielsen BookData



Mining divides the country - development against conservation, north-and-west against south-and-east, pro-tax against anti-tax. It's an important industry, but why do passions run so high? What does mining really mean to us? And how much do we understand about our underground history? Although we favour the romantic vision of Australia riding to prosperity on the sheep's back, in reality we have always owed as much to the shovel. The gold rush kick-started the nation, populating our cities and building our regional centres, and our fortunes have both risen and fallen according to what we've been able to dig from the ground. To describe mining's place in the Australian story, Boom presents not a textbook history, but a

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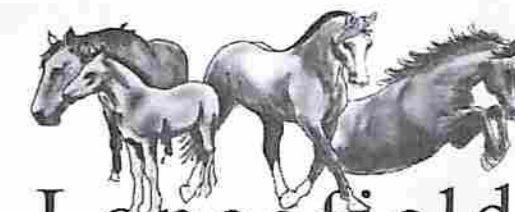
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narrative of the people behind the facts and figures, from the eccentric loners who staked the first claims to the emergence of the modern mega-magnates. It takes us deep underground with men working in extraordinary danger by candlelight, and on the extraordinary journey 25,000 tonnes of the raw Australian landscape makes from the Pilbara to Shanghai. Boom reveals the history of mining as the Australian story, for better or worse. Insightful, compellingly readable and full of extraordinary characters, it shows how mining and miners have

shaped our history and gripped our imagination through boom and bust.

The Crafty Minx at Home by Kelly Doust RRP \$39.99 Reviewed by Gabbie Smith



Spring weather always inspires me to get my shambles of a life together and start making the rooms I live in as beautiful as the brave new world of flora emerging outside. The Crafty Minx at Home is the perfect companion for anyone who wants simple, effective and cheap ways to

inject a little personality and charisma into their homes. Each of the 50+ projects can easily be adapted to fulfil individual taste. The book itself is beautiful, with a pastel palette and high quality images of finalised versions of the projects. This would make a lovely gift, whether to a friend or for yourself.

Liar! Liar! Pants on fire! by Jan Payne RRP \$14.95 Reviewed by Iain Graham



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Beauty Abounds For Film Society

At the October meeting of the Macedon Ranges Film Society the film American Beauty dealt with the dramatic and simple beauty of things.

Director Sam Mendes makes his mark as a serious film director in this drama starring Kevin Spacey (as Lester Burnham) and Annette Bening (as Carolyn Burnham). Disillusioned by the tedium of his life, Lester finds the inspiration for enjoyment comes from a very surprising source. One critic described the film as "showing up the hollow existence of living in the American suburbs".

More than forty years earlier, a film of a very different genre was made. On November 13th, members are sure to be amused by The Court Jester (1956) with Danny Kaye in the role of a hapless carnival performer who gets involved in more trickery than he bargains for, once he falls in love with Captain Jean played by Glynis

Johns. The cast includes a host of well-known actors such as Basil Rathbone and Angela Lansbury.

The screening of The Court Jester on November 13th will be the last offering of the Macedon Ranges Film Society for 2013. Next year, a variety of film styles will once again be shown. The 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 supper, kindly supplied by members, following the screening.

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Lancefield Football Netball Club

We have seen another year come and go of the Football and Netball season and the Lancefield Football and Netball Club has overall had a very successful year on the fields of play.

Firstly the football teams showed a steady improvement across all three of the teams from a slow start where the boys were finding their feet and ending up with wins for all sides.

This is how they sides ended up in Season 2013. Seniors: 8 th with 7 Wins. Reserves 10 th with 5. Under 18's 8 th with 5.

Netball: A Grade 8 th, B Grade 11 th, C Grade 12 th

Congratulations to all the players, coaches and supporting staff a great result and with continued effort we can look forward to a bright 2014 Season.

We have also to announce the coaching staff for the 2014 season on the Football side as follows:

Seniors Sean Tobias (0408252225) Reserves Mark Godbolt (0422768837). Under 18's Scoot Woolcock & Matt Bowden (0411359140)

The Netball coaches are yet to be finalised, but will be announced shortly. Next season there will be an Under 18's Netball side coming into the league and Leanne Backwell, our netball coordinator is hopeful of fielding a team from Lancefield. Any interested persons may contact her on 0407351149

We have secured a new sponsor for next year and the committee is proud to announce that The Grange Group (Cleveland Winery) is to be our major sponsor and our playing jumpers will bear the company logo and name for the 2014 season.

We urge all supporters to show their appreciation and visit the winery for your next function or just to sample their fine food and wine.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those volunteers who genuinely gave of their time and efforts this year to get us through a very hectic and rewarding year.

An extended thanks to Barry Hunt who won our club award for

Best Club person.

I have included all the award winners from the 2013 season and also congratulate them on their efforts for the year. Each new season brings its own challenges and next year will be no different as already we will struggle to field an Under 18's football team so if any of you out there who know of any young players who might like to try out then by all means contact any of the coaches.

The preseason training started on Wednesday the 23rd October at the ground at 6pm and is on each Monday and Wednesday night till Christmas.

We would also like to announce our AGM for 2013 is to be held at the Laurie Green Pavillion on Tuesday 12th November, at 7pm all are welcome especially to any new members wishing to help out as committee members.

Please get on board and support your local club as we need local support to keep this great club where it should be at the top of the RDFL.

Go Tigers in 2014 *Tony McKay*
President L.F.N.C 0421619259

Lancefield Football & Netball Club Award Results 2013

Football

Seniors
Best & Fairest (Jim DWYER Trophy) Matt Swindells
Runner Up (Sam HASLETT trophy) Chris Collins
Most Courageous (Club Sports Trophy) Scott Swindells
Most Committed (John & Margaret Williams Matt Bowden Trophy) Leading Goal Kicker (Jim Cusack Trophy) John Baker
Most Valuable Player (John Muggins Malone Chris Collins Trophy) Best Under 21 Player (Tom Hall Trophy) Matt Burkett

Reserves
Best & Fairest (Ted Tresider Trophy) Harley Tirpkos
Runner Up Corey Cook
Most Courageous Aaron Andrews
Most Committed (Graham Meyer Award) Brendan James
Most Improved Chris Barker
Under 18.5's
Best & Fairest (Kiera Cook Trophy)

Tim Page

Runner Up Luke Cook
Most Courageous Jamieson Liersch
Most Committed Andrew Lakin
Most Improved Dean Reed
Best Club Person (Bendigo Bank Award) John Morgan

Netball

A Grade
Best & Fairest Vivien Leong
Runner Up Kristie Parks
Coaches Award Gemma Jackson

B Grade
Best & Fairest Jessie Dreger
Runners Up Equal Votes Kristin Richmond
Amy Leahy
Coaches award Frances Dunne

C Grade
Best & Fairest Lucy Brown
Runner up Jordan Furness
Coaches Award Samantha Bender
Best Club Person (Bob Pattinson Award) Barry Hunt

Footy club

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Lancefield Tennis Club

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Lancefield Tennis club celebrated the end of the junior winter competition with a BBQ lunch and presentation day.

All teams and players put in a fantastic effort over the season with 6 teams representing Lancefield with some fantastic skills on the court.

Awards were presented in the following sections.

A2 section

Sportsmanship: Jack Hardy

Best player: Aaron Tame

Dedication: Jamie Taylor

B1 section

Sportsmanship: Ben Taylor

Best player: Ben Taylor

Dedication: Damian Meyer

C1 section

Sportsmanship: Jade Morgan

Best player: Orson Barrett-Scheen

Dedication: Reece Taylor, Corey Taylor and Jade Morgan

C3 section

Sportsmanship: Wilson Tautkus

Best player: Wilson Tautkas

Dedication: Wilson Tautkas

D1 Black

Sportsmanship: Lucinda Pauley

Best player: Jack Holster

Dedication: Eric Hartmann

D1 Gold

Sportsmanship: Darcy Potter

Best player: James Whitehead

On a beautiful sunny Saturday in 2013 a group of Lancefield's finest battled it out at the Lancefield tennis courts in the mixed doubles Jimmy Cusack tournament which has held for the social enjoyment of club members. Jimmy Cusack tournaments have been held by the club in the past, the first of which being held in 1986. Jimmy Cusack was president and a much loved member of the Lancefield Tennis Club for many years and sadly collapsed on the court playing the game he loved and then died soon after. The day proved to be a fitting memorial to Jimmy with player Loraine Kraus (the last active player to have played with Jimmy) participating with many



D1 Gold Players (Left - Right) Oliver Whitehead, Darcy Potter, James Whitehead, Miakoda Ostoja Absent: Lara Likos, Alex Tautkus

other well known club favourites. A good turn out of spectators, a BBQ lunch and plenty of friendly banter made the day a huge success which was enjoyed by all. The finalists of the day were Greg Pauley partnered with Loraine Kraus and John Poletti partnered with Emma Stevens, with John and Emma the proud winners of the event.




Jimmy Cusack
 Tournament
 Players
 (Left-Right)
 Greg Pauley,
 Loraine Kraus,
 Emma Stevens,
 John Poletti

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