

Powerful Objections to a Transformer

The placement of a power transformer on the centre plantation.



Some Information

Streetscape History

- Volunteers from the community and council workers have been working on the Lancefield Streetscape project for ten years.
- The first project, with the suggestion of building toilets on the first plantation, caused a huge upset in the community.
- The latest project has also seen many volunteers and council workers spending many hours consulting with the community, negotiating constant planning hurdles and organising and paying for the work that has been done to date.
- Three years to organise trimming and removing bushes, installing seating, upgrading the kiosk, restoring the rotunda, adding lighting and organising a path (still to be completed) just to have an industrial box stuck in the middle of everything.

Why do we want the transformer relocated?

- Lancefield's Plantation is unique
- The transformer is here for the long stay – it will always be the centrepiece of the township if we don't rally to get it relocated.
- It is an historic plantation which enhances the township – it is about views, trees, relaxation – not industrial metal boxes
- Seating has been purchased that will mirror the seating on either side of the cenotaph – it was just waiting for the kiosk to be upgraded before they were installed. The idea that people could sit and contemplate the cenotaph and the view down the plantation is no longer possible.
- It's a great graffiti surface!
- Suggestions have been made to plant bushes around it – bushes have just been removed to open up the vista of the plantation and stop them being rubbish collection sites.
- Suggestions have been made to put tourist information boards, or advertising around the box – again

a great graffiti surface and will they be an enhancement to the street in ten, twenty or fifty years time – who covers the replacement when they get faded or damaged?

What action are we taking?

- There is a petition circulating for Powercor to relocate the transformer – not for the Shire to use ratepayers money. The cost for Powercor is minimal.
- Despite the fact that the Shire did approve the site, there were alternatives – it seems hard to believe that Powercor was so insensitive to the location they selected.

The Mayor has said if 1000 signatures are collected he will ask council to support our petition – a big ask in a community of 1200 with 27% of those being under 18 (2006 Census figures).

If you would like to support the effort to have the transformer moved please sign the petition.

Vivien Philpotts

Transform Lancefield

I write to advise outcomes and ongoing action in regard to the article on the front page of The Free Press on 1st June 2012 regarding the placement of a power transformer on the centre plantation in Lancefield. MRSC Mayor, Cr Henry McLaughlin stated that "the location is totally inappropriate" and stated that Council had not been consulted in regard to the placement of the transformer and he had requested an urgent on-site meeting with Powercor.

We have since been informed by Cr. McLaughlin and Council Director of Assets and Operations, Mr Dale Thornton that Council was consulted in regard to the placement of the transformer and that it "ticked all the boxes" in regard to engineering requirements. The position the transformer has been placed in was one of

three sites proposed, one of the others being near the toilet block on The Crescent. We have also been informed that Powercor are exempt from any Planning Permit requirements that everyone else is subject to. Apparently, at no time in the consultation or decision making process in regard to the placement of the transformer did alarm bells ring that the centre plantation and indeed the whole of High Street is under a council heritage overlay. It is an area used for the Farmers Market and community events and where we (Community Action Plan Streetscape Committee) intended to place some seating for people to sit and contemplate the cenotaph and the view down the plantation. We were waiting for the extension of the verandah around the Lioness' Kiosk to be completed prior to their installation but we were required to obtain a Building Permit and were waiting for this to

come through.

A petition is being distributed around the community which is showing that most residents and visitors to Lancefield feel very strongly that the transformer should be moved. Cr Henry McLaughlin the Mayor, is fully supporting our efforts to have the transformer moved and we hope to have support from the whole council after their next meeting later this month. We want Powercor to take responsibility for being so insensitive to the community. We would also like there to be a review of the rights for Powercor to build wherever they like without having a check list to cover items such as heritage overlays or community wishes. We would also like to see some process within Macedon Ranges Shire Council to prevent a similar situation arising again.

*Community Action Plan
Streetscape Committee*

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Lancefield & District Farmers' Market Sat 22nd July



Rug up on your visit to the market this month, this Winter has been icy!!

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The Lancefield & District Farmers' Market is the best place for shopping consciously - supporting local producers & encouraging small farming enterprises means that we are able to look after ourselves as a food producing community into the future.

The market is an initiative of the Lancefield Neighbourhood House & is open to new producers wishing to apply for stalls.

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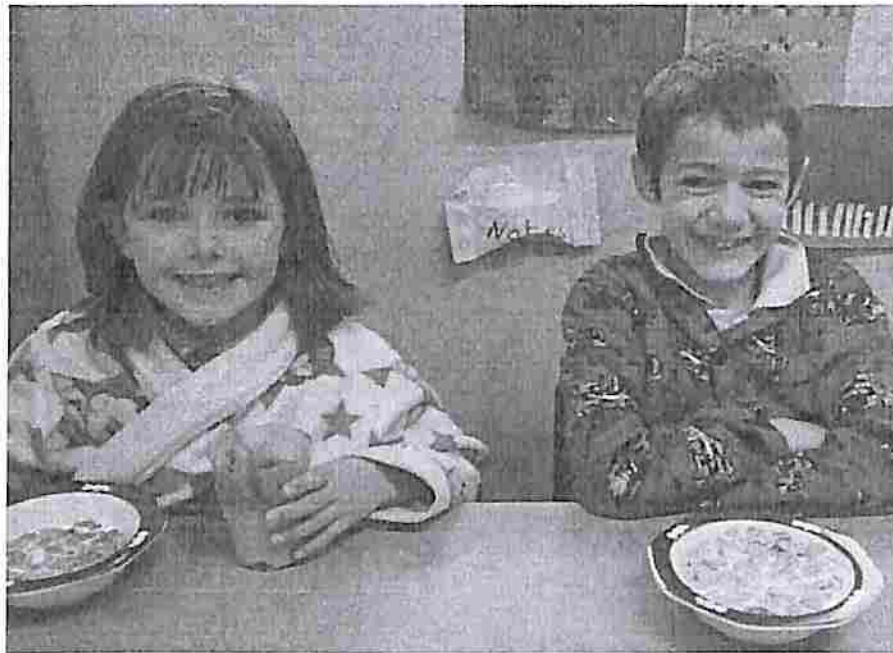
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Lancefield Primary School

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PJ Day

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Cross Age Buddy Program

Every second Monday our Cross Age Buddy program operates. The program focuses on building positive relationships through the implementation of the Bounceback Program and our school values -Excellence, Learning, Diversity, Creativity and Respect.

Our Prep and Year 6 students worked together to make volcanoes. There was a lot of excited anticipation



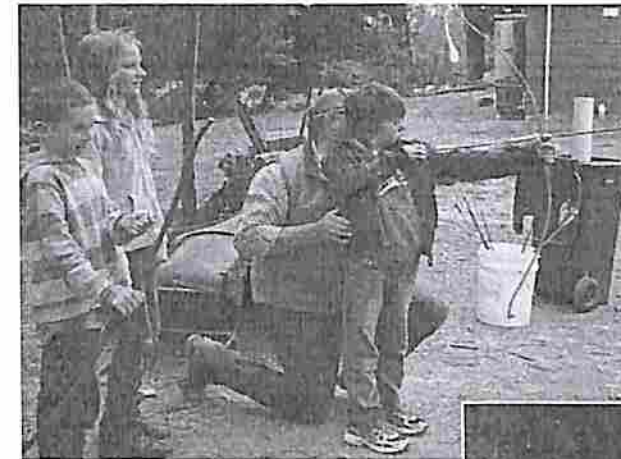
Walk to School Day

A number of parents, students and staff participated in walk to school day and promoted healthy life style choices.



Education Week

It was wonderful during Education Week to have so many visitors to our school and an opportunity to showcase our school and engaging programs.



4/5 camp at Boomerang Ranch

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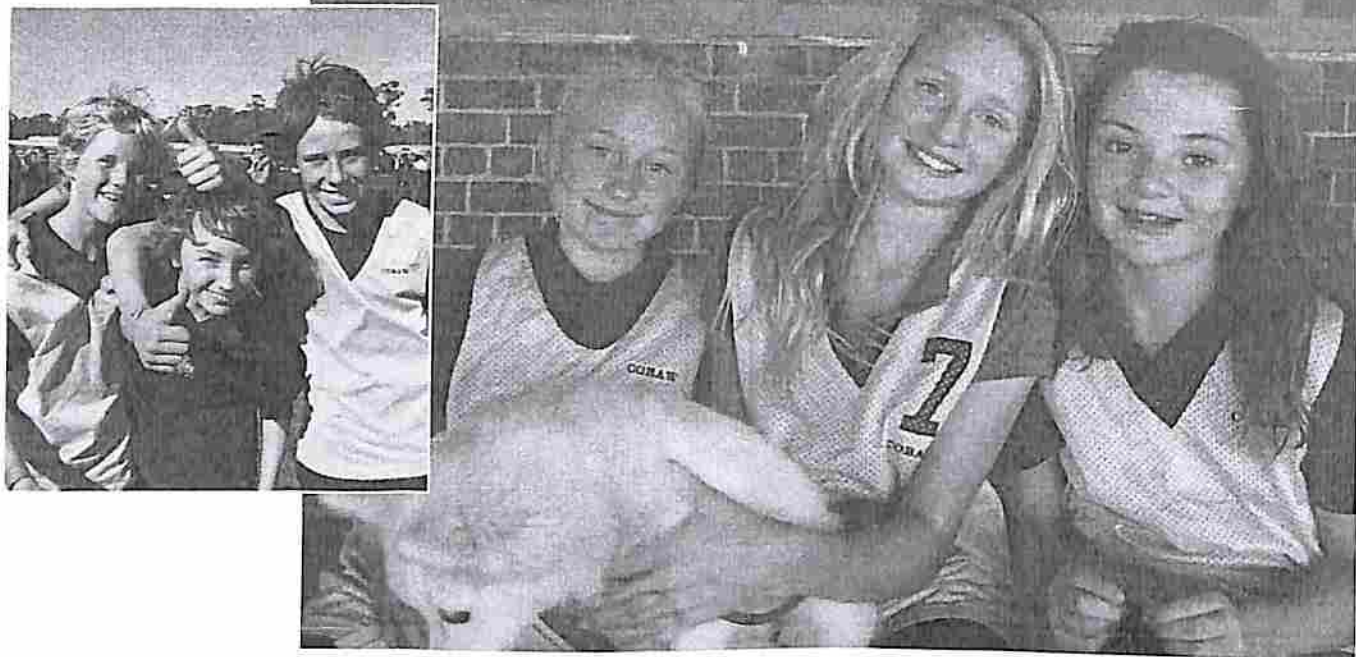
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Share the Load

A dinner was held on Wednesday, 6th June 2012 for representatives of many volunteer organisations in the town. With over eighty people in attendance it was a very successful evening. Hopefully all groups should have received a draft of contact details and ideas that came from the night, two of the more popular ideas being a volunteer register and a shared website.

Community Breakfast

A community breakfast was held on Saturday 16th June in the Youth Space at the Lancefield Mechanics Hall. While the town was very quiet and most were staying in keeping warm, those that came out and braved the frost enjoyed a lovely

breakfast of pancakes and bacon and eggs and some great company.

Both of these community events were funded by Flood Recovery Grants through the Shire of Macedon Ranges. The aim is to strengthen our volunteer organisations and meet people in our neighbourhood to create stronger more resilient communities in times of disaster.

What's Happening in Term Three

Hopefully you will have received your term three brochure in your letterbox. There are many new and exciting courses available at the Neighbourhood House including Cheese making and Bee Keeping and of course we

continue to have old favourites like decorative painting, card afternoons and computer classes for beginners through to the advanced student. Boxing has proven to be a hit (pardon the pun) on Monday evenings, a great way for people to get fit and also for the athlete looking for a different style of training. Currently we are seeking people who are keen to get a Community Gym started in Lancefield, if you think you have some experience to share, or time for investigation please contact the House 5429-1214 Yoga on Tuesday nights and Saturday mornings is now held at the Youth Space located at the rear of the Mechanics Institute. Lancefield Skate Park.... Yes it is still possible!!..... if you are

interested in being part of a sub-committee please call the house 5429-1214

MENS SHED just waiting for the final building inspection, so keep an eye out for an invitation to the Grand Opening Lunch

Movies With Meaning.

The House will be screening various movies on the last Wednesday of each month, starting in August with BAG IT, a great film for those wondering why have A PLASTIC BAG FREE TOWN

The House and the Op Shop have positions for volunteers available - phone the House for information.

"Democracy - Who Cares?"

"To make democracy work, we must be a nation of participants, not simply observers. One who does not vote has no right to complain" Louis L'Amour. I wonder what the American author would make of the Lowy Institute survey that shows many Australians are quite indifferent about democracy and younger Australians in particular do not believe democracy is the best form of government. Of those aged 18 to 29, 23 % believe that it doesn't matter what kind of government we have. They believe that "it doesn't matter what kind of government we have" 37 % say non democratic rule can be best, and only 39 % believe democracy is better than other forms of government.

This disconnection of young people from the political system is a problem. While they may seek to excuse themselves from political engagement they are possibly more affected by the outcomes of the democratic process than others. The impact of political decisions today will have a decisive and cumulative effect on their socio-economic circumstances across their lifetimes. Are they disengaged because we have a stable political system, they don't like the major political parties, or is it just youthful boredom?

What will it take for our younger citizens to embrace and participate in democracy and how do engage them? I am interested in your thoughts.

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Friday Morning Coffee



Musical Afternoons each month.



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Persons interested in this club and wish to have more information please contact the President or Secretary at the above phone numbers.

On Wednesday July 18th, we are traveling to Trentham and Daylesford.

Our July meeting will be on Thursday 26th July.

It is with much regret that we farewell Alice & Geoff Long from our club. They are moving away from the area. Both have served on the committee and we will all miss their contribution to our activities. Go with our best wishes.

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Uniting Church: 'When food comes last'

The SHARE Community Appeal supports some of the most disadvantaged and vulnerable people in the communities by giving grants to UnitingCare agencies and other community service groups providing emergency relief, child and family support, youth and disability services, alcohol and drug rehabilitation and aged care services.

The theme of this year's SHARE Winter Appeal is 'When food comes last' and refers to the fact that electricity, gas and water costs have risen and, when bills are pressing, food is often the first thing to be sacrificed. The SHARE Appeal supports organisations like Melton's Combined Churches emergency food relief warehouse.

With no soup kitchen or drop-in centre in Melton Shire, Melton's Combined Churches' food relief warehouse provides the one and only lifeline for those who struggle to put food on the table each week.

It supports UnitingCare Outreach centres, like a small centre at Kangaroo Flat, only open two days a week, that has seen 100 new families coming for help in the past year, seeking food, so that the families can afford to pay utilities bills.

According to Bendigo UnitingCare CEO, Kathleen Tinton, most people who lose their job can only last for about three months before needing help, and UnitingCare will often see them near the end of that period.

Offerings for the SHARE Winter Appeal can be made at the Uniting Church throughout winter.

Combined Services

In July the Uniting Church will celebrate two combined services. The first is on July 8, when we'll join with the Anglican, Catholic and Living Word churches for an ecumenical service. On July 29, we'll unite with the Uniting churches of Mount Macedon, Riddells Creek

and Romsey for a joint service at Romsey. Everyone is welcome.

Farewell, Father George!

The Lancefield Uniting Church would like to join with the rest of Lancefield in expressing our appreciation of Father George O'Connor, and our best wishes as he starts his retirement. Father George, may God hold you in the palm of His hand. We'll miss you.

Services in July

All services are at 10.30 am at the Lancefield Uniting Church, unless otherwise indicated.

1 July: Lay Worship Team

8 July: Ecumenical Service at 10 am at St Mary's Catholic Church, Lancefield

15 July: Guest Preacher

22 July: Rev. Dr Paul Walton

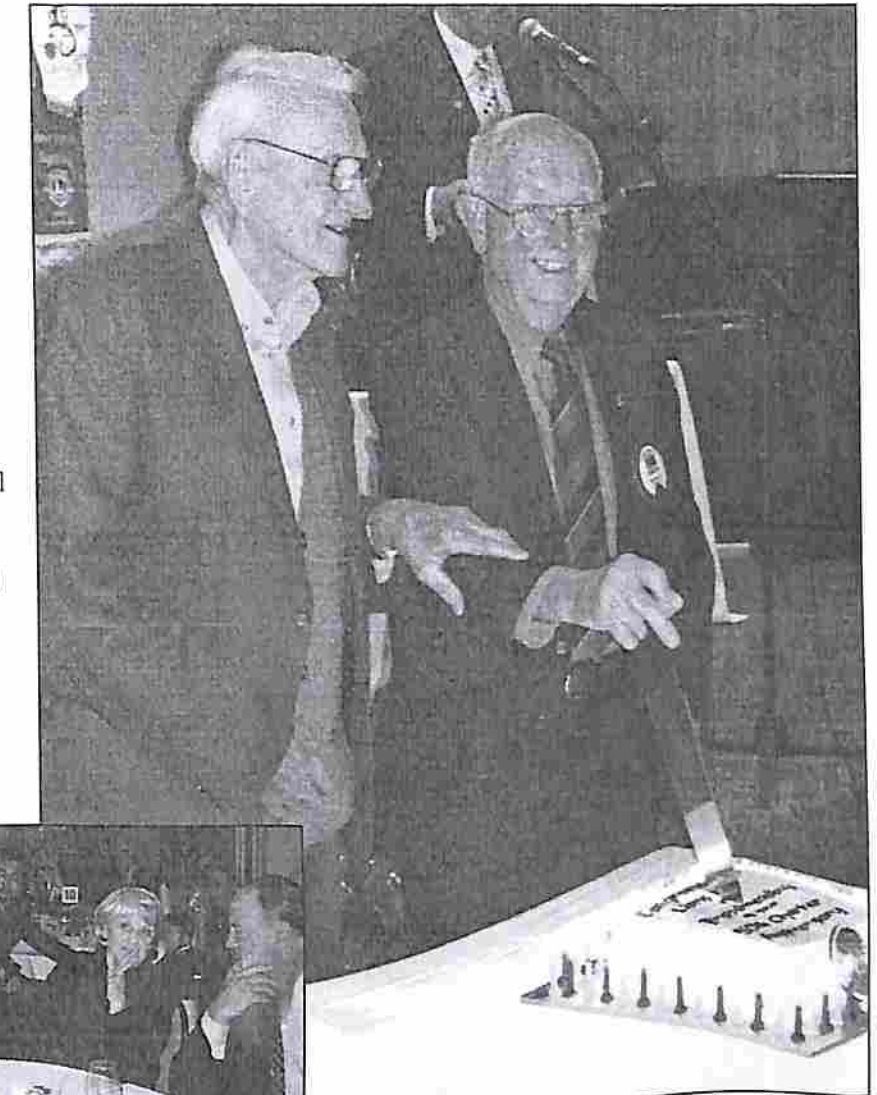
29 July: Joint Service at 9 am at the Romsey Uniting Church, 25 Pohlman Street.

LIONS CLUB

Lions Broadmeadows 50th

Lancefield/Romsey Lions Club present and past members and partners travelled to the celebration of Lions Club of Broadmeadows Inc. 50th year of Charter Anniversary. The dinner was held at the Northern Golf Club Glenroy. Broadmeadows Lions Club was the sponsoring club for Lancefield/Romsey Lions Club when it was formed, so we thought it right that we go and join in their celebration of such a mile stone. A very pleasant dinner, and entertainment, was enjoyed by all who attended and the Lancefield/Romsey Lions table scooped the pool of raffle prizes.

Lancefield/Romsey Lion members and partners at the Broadmeadows 50th anniversary Mr Doug Newnham, Mrs Julie Starec, Mrs Carol Newnham, Mrs Badger, Mr Milos Starec. Not in picture Mr & Mrs Ged McLaughlin, Mr Bill Badger, Mrs Pam Amezdroz and Mr Amezdroz.



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Recent statistics collated within our region have indicated that a large number of offences could easily have been prevented by simple measures. In many cases where thefts of cars or from cars have occurred, the vehicles were not locked. Similarly many homes that are burgled are not locked.

This relaxed attitude is to an extent symptomatic of living in the country and feeling removed from crime. The media often concentrates on events that occur in the city and as such we grow even more complacent.

We all need to recognise that all these thefts are costing

our community. There are increased insurance premiums, increased police man hours spent investigating crimes that could be spent preventing road trauma and the fact that a lot of items stolen, in particular jewellery that has a sentimental value, can never be replaced.

So what are we going to do about it?

Being more aware of locking up cars and houses is the first and easiest step, but there are other things we can do to make our homes more secure. To assist I have home safety and business safety audit forms available at the Police Station. These have been produced to identify things we can all do to make our homes and business's more secure. Not every idea will suit everyone but there are lots of ideas and doing something is better than doing nothing.

So, next time you are passing the police station drop in and collect a form, or if you give me a call or email me I will mail or email the appropriate form to you. My e mail address is roger.barr@police.vic.gov.au

Turn Those Lights On !!!!

For months now I have been

banging on about not using fog lights when it is not a case of "Inclement Weather." No I am not about to recant those articles. You still need to make sure your fog lights are not on for general driving unless the weather is inclement.

There is nothing however to stop you putting your head lights on (low beam) early in the morning, in the evening or even during the middle of the day when the gloom of winter is upon us.

I recently had a report of many drivers who were heading off early in the morning in the half light with no lights on at all. Bang Em On. It is a matter of safety for all road users to be visible on these miserable winter days.

Most cars now beep at us when we turn the ignition off with the headlights still on so it is not a case of flattening the battery

It costs nothing to do it.

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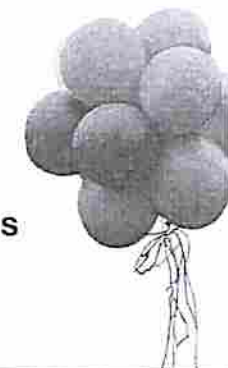


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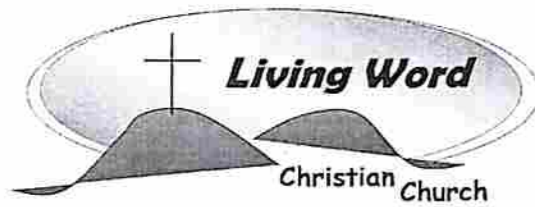
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Two men, both seriously ill, occupied the same hospital room.

One man was allowed to sit up in his bed for an hour each afternoon to help drain the fluid from his lungs. His bed was next to the room's only window.

The other man had to spend all his time flat on his back. The men talked for hours on end.

Every afternoon, when the man in the bed by the window could sit up, he would pass the time by describing to his roommate all the things he could see outside the window.

The man in the other bed began to live for those one hour periods where his world would be broadened and enlivened by all the activity and color of the world outside.

The window overlooked a park with a lovely lake. Ducks and swans played on the water while children sailed their model boats.

Young lovers walked arm in arm amidst flowers of every color and a fine view of the city skyline could be seen in the distance.

As the man by the window described all this in exquisite details,

the man on the other side of the room would close his eyes and imagine this picturesque scene.

Days, weeks and months passed.

One morning, the day nurse arrived only to find the lifeless body of the man by the window, who had died peacefully in his sleep. She was saddened and called the hospital attendants to take the body away.

As soon as it seemed appropriate, the other man asked if he could be moved next to the window. The nurse was happy to make the switch, and after making sure he was comfortable, she left him alone. Slowly, painfully,

he propped himself up on one elbow to take his first look at the real world outside. He strained to slowly turn to look out the window besides the bed. It faced a blank wall.

The man asked the nurse what could have compelled his deceased roommate who had described such wonderful things outside this window. The nurse responded that the man was blind and could not even see the wall. She said, 'Perhaps he just wanted to encourage you.'

There is tremendous happiness in

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The committee have been busy behind the scenes uncovering the many layers of local government, grants and paperwork. LMI have formed a sub committee to work on planning grant applications and paperwork. The initial grant for our Master Plan has been lodged with Macedon Ranges Shire Council and we wait to hear the outcome in July 2012. The committee have also had a building report completed which we hope to use along side the Master Plan for future grant applications for works to be completed. Our president John Severson also met with representatives from the Shire recently to discuss some grant opportunities for works at the hall. All in attendance completed a walk around of the LMI and have gone off to consider how the available funds should be best used within the complex until major grant monies become available. We have put forward some ideas for short

term wins ie heating in main hall, curtains/blinds and heating/cooling make over of annex area and storage units for user groups. These are all the items our current users have indicated would be most useful.

Should our application for the Master Plan be successful we will be moving forward with community feedback and we will especially appreciate input from our current user base and groups.

It was so good to see so many at the Dinner hosted by the Neighbourhood house recently. What a great initiative to get so many like minded people in one room to share ideas of the township. We all have one thing in common and that is we all give up our time and are part of the many groups that make Lancefield such a great place to live.

If you attended the dinner recently or have been at any of the local functions you will have noticed our fabulous floor. Again LMI would like to thank

the Bendigo Bank for their grant money received to enable this project to proceed. All of these improvements help us to slowly build on a great asset to the town.

LMI have had an increase in usage of the last few months. The NHH have been running a boxing class on Mondays, as always our patchwork ladies and CWA are meeting regularly, our bookings for weekends have increased with several private functions, parties and weekend events. The community breakfast was also hosted on 16 June.

To enable your bookings to be made easier we are also in the process of creating an online booking system. This will make the diary and available dates of the hall much more accessible to all. Stay tuned as we will be going live soon.

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St Peter went to open the Pearly Gates and saw two fellows standing waiting to come into Heaven. They were wearing hoodies and masks. He said to them "Just wait a moment, please".

St Peter ran to God's chamber and said, "There are two fellows waiting to come in and they are wearing hoodies and masks." God replied, "We must not be judgemental. All are welcome into Heaven, to be loved and prayed for. Please allow them entry, St Peter."

St Peter left, but was back in a couple of minutes saying "They're gone". God said, "That is very sad. You mean to tell me those two gentlemen have gone?" "No" said St Peter, the Pearly Gates have.

Approximately 50 art smocks have been delivered to Romsey Primary School and these were much appreciated by the Principal, Mrs Joan Gibbs, as well as the Art Teacher, Annie Betts. Some of these were displayed at the Open House evening at the school attended by Shirley, Elaine and Val.

Further art smocks will be constructed once we have results of our application for a Grant from the Macedon Ranges Shire Council. Ninety smocks were on the school's "wish list" so we are more than half way there. Purchase of material for the original ones were paid for from our limited bank account and should we be fortunate to receive a Grant, the expenses for material and ancillary items will be put back into our working account for distribution

as donations at the end of our CWA year.

Four members attended the State Conference, this year in Swan Hill, and found it to be most interesting and informative.

Our Branch was the Hostess Branch at our Group Meeting in early June where many decisions and arrangements were made for the 2013 Creative Arts Exhibition to be held at the Mechanics Hall in Romsey in April next year. This exhibition will be worthy of noting in your diaries to come along and see the wonderful display of cooking, floral art and craft made by the members of our Group. More about this in the coming months.

Four large bags of goodies have been forwarded to Head Office for International and Community Support. Articles included trauma reddsies, dolls and teddies for children in the various hospitals, including Peter McCallum Institute, pamper bags for filling with toiletries, etc. for flood affected families still coming to grips with their losses.

Other Pamper Bags have been filled with necessary toiletries for indigenous prisoners at the Dame Phyllis Frost prison.

Our Branch has just about completed its Community commitments for this year, and we now plan to spend our Craft Days learning new skills.

We shared a luncheon in late May with the Lancefield Branch of CWA. The menu was based on our Country of Study, Cambodia, and what a

wonderful choice of dishes from this country was served. Chicken, beef and vegetables served with rice were delicious, as well as tasty desserts, followed by tea or coffee. This was the first time we have combined to hold such a function, and as it was so successful we plan to make in an annual event with the theme of the country allocated for that year being the basis of our menu. Mrs Jean Buist from Lancefield gave an informative talk on her holiday in Cambodia as well as a DVD presentation.

Invitations keep rolling in, namely a couple of fashion parades, a Christmas in July luncheon as well another luncheon conducted by the Romsey Uniting Church ladies. This day should be interesting as the guest speaker is a member of the Flying Doctor Service, namely Ms Annette Allison.

As you can see with all the lunches we have attended, our next trip should be to Jenny Craig, Weight Watchers or somewhere similar!!!!

For details regarding our busy, busy Branch please contact our Secretary:

Val Jordan - Telephone 5429 2311 or email jordanval@bigpond.com

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Books

Be The Worst You Can Be

by Charles Saatchi
RRP \$19.95



This book is very, very funny. Since it arrived last week, Emma and I have been wasting a lot of time chuckling away at it when we should have been doing end-of-month reconciliation or some other onerous shop task.

Charles Saatchi is famous in the advertising and art worlds and while he rarely gives interviews, he seems to have a view on everything. This book contains his answers to questions put by journalists and readers. Here's a fine example:

Q: What is the most valuable life lesson you can offer?

A: Eat a live toad first thing in

the morning and nothing worse will happen to you all day.
Highly recommended.

John Webb

Goodnight iPad

by Ann Droyd
RRP \$16.95



Bling, tweet, tap, bong – the sounds of our online lives, that hound us everywhere we go – we all recognise them immediately. Goodnight iPad is a short, thought-provoking portrayal of the doodahs and gismos and the way we constantly communicate with one another.

The family of gadget-lovers are tapping away when Grandma decides that enough is enough. Gathering up all the Netbooks, Angry Birds and digital books, she marches to the window and tosses

them out and announces, "Okay everyone...Bedtime!" Cries of protest ensue, but everyone complies eventually.

Goodnight iPad is a little jerk back to reality for those of us who sleep with our phones (guilty!), reminding us that we should occasionally leave them in the other room, turn off our lap-tops and say "goodnight" to our iPads.

By Gabby Smith

Storm

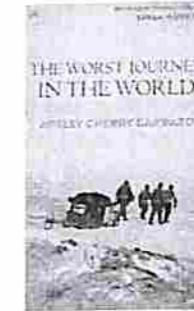
by Brigid Kemmerer
RRP \$14.99



Storm is about a teenager named Becca Chandler, who is beginning another dreaded year at school. She has a lot on her mind with rumours

The Worst Journey In The World

by Apsley Cherry-Garrard
RRP \$26.95



This is my favourite book.

It is story of Captain Scott's last expedition to Antarctica, told by one of its members. Apsley Cherry-Garrard was an enthusiastic contributor and was also closely involved in the final loss and eventual search for Scott's party that made it to the South Pole (only to find that Roald Amundsen had got there before them). Apsley is obviously an admirer and staunch defender of Scott and writes beautifully and with great emotion, about his experiences. His agonizing choice about whether to wait any longer at the depot for the lost party and thus risk his own life, and his

eventual decision to go back to base, obviously haunted him into old age. His description of the search for the bodies of his comrades and his earlier near-disastrous trip to Cape Crozier (with two of those who would later perish in the polar party) to collect Emperor Penguin eggs in the middle of winter is harrowing and very compelling. He also includes many details and his views on the practical workings of a polar expedition in the early 1900s, as well as many passages from Scott's own diary and those of other members of the expedition.

This book stands as a complete record of an expedition that became famous mainly as a tragic story, but was seen by Cherry-Garrard as much more than just a story of a simple race with a winner and a loser. I recommend this book to anyone with an interest in polar exploration and I rate it as highly as Shackleton's, South.

By John Webb

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Vanessa's Garden

Following on from last month, I want to expand on tree planting. Proper soil preparation when planting new trees is key to giving them a flying start. The size of the hole, the depth of planting and the nutrients/soil you backfill the planting hole with are the three main points.

Done well they will all contribute to the strength and health of the tree and by extension, to the quality of flowers and fruit.

The planting hole needs to be wide, wider than the root ball by some 3-5 cm all round and this is to help the roots spread. If the tree has particularly long roots you can either trim them or make sure the hole is big enough that you don't have to bend them to fit. Bent roots may grow in a spiral and fail to provide the tree with strong and balanced support.

The hole should be no deeper than the current soil level in the pot which you bought your tree in, or if bare-rooted, no deeper than the soil mark on the tree trunk. If you dig too deep a hole you'll generally find yourself in poorer quality subsoil, which won't help the tree take hold. If there's no help for it and you find this layer closer to the surface than you'd like, then make the hole a bit bigger, take out a generous amount of this poor stuff and replace with good soil from elsewhere in the garden.

Clay can be a particular

problem in this regard. Should you have set your heart on planting your new tree in a spot which proves to be cold, sticky clay as soon as you lift the first shovelful (and you'll know by the weight and difficulty of lifting that shovel) planting can still be successful but a bit more work is required.

Simply removing a hole worth of clay and filling with better soil can often mean the tree ends up standing in a pool of freezing water, as the surrounding clay acts a bit like a well and the tree is likely to die. While it is still worth replacing the soil, you should also either create a mound, so that the tree is planted higher, or insert simple drainage so that any surplus water has somewhere to go.

Like all young things, baby trees need extra feed. My old granddad started his tree planting preparations several weeks in advance of the big day. The dogs would be regularly groomed within an inch of their lives and the hair carefully stored or failing that he'd have the feathers of any chook heading for the pot. These would be dropped into the base of the planting hole with a heavy dusting of dolomite on top. He would finish this off with a layer of good soil (even using the upside down turf from where the planting hole had been opened) and then plant the tree on top.

Elaborate yes, but it always

produced good results as the baby tree had a slow-release supply of calcium and other vital trace elements to draw on.

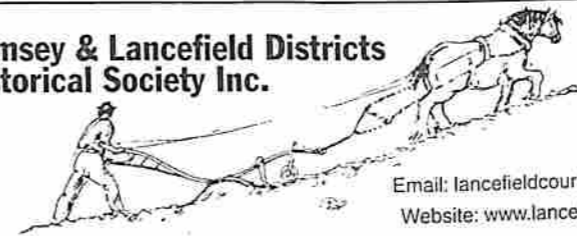
The final thing to do before placing the tree in its hole, is to bang in a wooden stake for support in the first couple of years. Wood please, not metal. Although wood may rot quicker than metal, it won't transmit heat/cold down to the roots in the way that metal does.

On placing the tree in its hole, backfill with a couple of shovels of good soil and then agitate the trunk to settle the soil so that there are no air pockets under or in between the roots. Firm gently with your boot and cover the roots with another shovel of soil.

When the roots are covered you can add a light handful of blood and bone and then about a half bucket of water to help settle the soil. When that has soaked in continue backfilling with soil until you've reached the top of the hole, carefully firming with your boot every so often.

Tie the tree to its stake with a suitable tie, either something which will rot quickly or an adjustable tie, to avoid it cutting into the trunk. Finally, prune the tree to outward facing buds, place a tree guard if necessary to avoid browsing wildlife and look forward to new life bursting forth in the spring.

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We are pleased ...

We are pleased with the reaction around town- Romsey - to our plaques. Their existence is apparently widely known as we had a phone call from a gentleman in Landsborough. He was visited by a member travelling through his area and the information he required delivered to him personally. The on-going projects are quite active, the rare books are on their way to be scanned, the History Trail booklets have been commenced, as has the Schools project. We have a volunteer who is trying to sort through press articles on sport in this area, and she is succeeding.

The Christmas in July Morning Tea to be held at Seymour Cottage is fast approaching. Commencing at 10.30 a.m. on 10th July. Entry is \$5.00

The Winter Lunch on 24th July, 12 noon at Christ Church Hall. Cost is \$10. Our Guest Speaker will be Dr. Greg Buist and his topic

will be Freemasonry.

We have a new request on the Springfield area, we are seeking photographs of the following men-

Douglas Brumley, Reginald Brumley, George Cottam, William Day, Farquhar Hodges, Algernon James, Colin James & Arthur Knight. The service records of these men were held by Springfield School and as we are putting a booklet together for the 100th Anniversary of the First World War thought a small photograph would enhance each of the records.

We have a Family History Day at the Courthouse on 5th August 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.. We have local papers from 1870s to 1960s, Birth, Death & Marriages CDs for all of Victoria and a good collection of local histories.

We recently received a donation of the 12 volume set of Official History of Australia in the War of 1914-18.

If you do not have transport

to any of our events and wish to attend, you can contact Shirley 0402 248 540, Robyn 0418 172 659 or Wendy 0421 599 876.

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Farewell To Fr. George O'Connor

Father George O'Connor, our parish priest of St. Mary's Lancefield/Romsey for the last 17 years will be retiring from our parish on 31st July 2012.

The 10.00am Mass at Lancefield on the 29th July will be his last Sunday Mass in the parish as parish priest.

At 2.00pm on that afternoon we shall be farewelling Father at an afternoon tea and presentation in St. Mary's Primary School Hall, Raglan Street, Lancefield.

If you are attending the afternoon tea, to assist with catering, would you please RSVP by 14th July to any of the below contacts.

RSVP: Rhonda Cusack 54291044
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Fr. George will leave Lancefield/Romsey at the end of July. All welcome to come to a cup of tea or coffee with him on

Sunday 29th July at 2pm at the St. Mary's Primary School Hall, Raglan St. Lancefield. The new parish priest for our area will be Fr. Arnold Heredia who will take up towards the end of September. Fr. Sebastian will reside at the presbytery until then.

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Council hosts 'how to' sessions for election hopefuls

Macedon Ranges Shire Council will host two public information sessions for residents considering standing for Council in the upcoming general elections on Saturday 27 October. Macedon Ranges Shire Council Chief Executive Officer, Peter Johnston, said that standing for Council is a relatively simple process but can be daunting if you're not quite certain what is required or how to go about it.

"The information sessions will outline the roles and responsibilities of a Councillor, describe the election process and provide useful advice for getting elected. I strongly encourage any residents contemplating standing for election to attend this information session," said Mr Johnston.

The information sessions for prospective candidates in the general elections for Macedon Ranges Shire Council will be held on Tuesday 3 July 2012 from 10.00am - 12.30 pm and on Tuesday 14 August from 6.30 pm - 9.00 pm. Both sessions will be held at the Gisborne Administration centre, 40 Robertson Street, Gisborne.

Speakers from surrounding councils, including a Chief Executive Officer and representatives from the Municipal Association of Victoria and Victorian Electoral Commission, will provide information about the council area, advice on who can nominate, how to nominate and what is required of a Councillor.

An experienced Councillor from a neighbouring municipality will also discuss their experiences to give prospective candidates an understanding of what the public will expect of you as a Councillor, time commitments, rewards and election campaign techniques. The sessions will include an opportunity for open discussion and questions. It is free of charge to attend and each registered participant will receive a comprehensive information kit. If you wish to attend or require further information please advise Stephen Mahon, Manager Council and Customer Service on 5422 0352 or smahon@mrsc.vic.gov.au.

WARNING Note the next deadline

The Lancefield Mercury deadline for the next two editions will be strictly enforced - the editor will be chasing leprauchans on his bicycle and drinking Guinness, leaving the Mercury in the capable hands of Andrea who will not be expected to spend time chasing contributors. Same phone number and email address - just don't be late!

Book name 'We need to talk about Kevin'

Author: Lionel Shriver
 Publisher: Text Publishing Company

We need to talk about Kevin is fictional, although the personality and traits of Kevin and his mother, Eva (who is the narrator), may be loosely based on real people. After all, there are numerous mentions of real life experiences of high school shootings and massacres. The story is a series of letters written by Eva to her husband, although she never sends them, in which she reflects on Kevin and tries to answer the question - was it all her fault? The letters recount details of Kevin as an extremely manipulative and calculating child, even at the age of 3 years old he is able to plot revenge against his mother. Eva details conversations she has had with Kevin as a child and these conversations give Kevin a sense of intelligence and rationality which doesn't seem to fit with the behaviour of a 'normal' child of comparative age, but then again, perhaps this is exactly the point? Do we question the accuracy and perspective of Eva as she recounts her memories or alternatively do we challenge our own ideas of what is 'normal'?

Furthermore, the debate of nature vs nature is essentially the basis of this book, if Eva had done something different, would Kevin be different? If she had loved him more, would he have done what he did? OR would it all be exactly the same?

Star - reading enjoyment 2, discussion 5,

Verdict: Not an easy read, however it is worth the effort as it is extremely well crafted and promoted lively discussion.

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St Mary's Primary School



Pictured is Kobe Memmolo, holding the school's colours and thanking the Lancefield branch manager Mr James Smithwick.

St Mary's Primary School thanks Bendigo Bank

Recently St Mary's Primary school received a special grant from the Bendigo Community Bank, to purchase a new set of footy jumpers. It's with great pride and excitement that the students will be wearing their new guernseys at their upcoming footy matches.



Improvements continue at St Mary's

The last of the temporary portables was removed from St Mary's at the end of May. This now provides a much more open space for the students to play in. Upgrading the surface of this play area is part of the parents and friends master landscape plan. Work associated with the master plan has seen new outdoor lighting and fencing erected along with the successful application for a grant to build a veggie garden. The committee is now inviting school families and the wider community to be involved in paving the front of the school through the purchase of personalised pavers.

Grandparents Day at St Mary's Lancefield

On Friday 18th of May, the students of St Mary's Lancefield invited their grandparents to visit them at school. The children shared lunch with their grandparents and showed them around the school yard at lunch time. During the afternoon the grandparents joined in some of the special activities which were happening in the classrooms.



Caitlyn Brown and Caitlin Mitchell created some "Out in Space" art works with their grandmothers.



Alan Sinclair's nana remembers writing on a slate board when she went to school, which was a little different from the computer driven interactive white board in Alan's classroom.



Matthew Sankey was surrounded by his grandparents



Just one look at Riley O'Meara pictured here with his grandma tells you they're from the same family.



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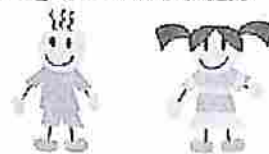
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SUMMER TENNIS IS COMING LETS GO PLAY!!!

Looking out the window it may not seem like summer is going to come, but it is coming, I promise. To make sure we are all ready to get out and have a hit there are a few things we need to do.

KIDS;

On Saturday the 11th of August there will be a Junior Registration Day held at the Lancefield Tennis Club for all those juniors wishing to play competition this summer. It will commence at 11.30 am and you can have a hit while you are there. On the 15th of September there will be a presentation day for all Juniors Playing Winter Tennis, watch your e mails for further details. We are planning a coaching clinic to fine hone those skills - Date to be announced. A junior tournament is being planned for cup weekend the 3rd and 4th of November further details will be placed on our website lancefieldtennis.com.au closer to the date and all club members will receive an e mail.

MEN AND LADIES;

The mixed competition on a Thursday night will commence in a couple of months but we need to know if you are interested in

playing competition now. This is a great way for those interested in playing competition to unwind on a Thursday night after work and still keep the weekends free for the family. It is a graded competition so caters for a range of abilities. If you are interested in playing dust off the racquet or borrow a racquet and give Jim Curry a call on 54291843. Come up on a Tuesday evening at 7.00 pm and have a social hit to get your eye in before the start of the season. If you want to play competition and have not played for some time Jim will let you know what grade you would be playing in. Tuesday night tennis is a social night for anyone who wants to have a hit, not just those that wish to play competition. As the nights get warmer come on up and give it a go.

LADIES;

The cold weather has brought a temporary halt to the ladies mornings and nights, but we are looking to place a Ladies Co Ordinator on the Committee to make sure there is plenty of action for the ladies as the weather warms up. We have a suspect in mind who has a leaning towards fun and social

events so if you came up for a hit before winter expect a call in the future months to fire up again.

A FUN AGM!!!

The Lancefield Tennis Club Annual General Meeting might not seem like every ones idea of a good night out but this year will be different. If you are interested in being involved in the club, getting on the committee, or just love tennis and want to know more about the club this is how you can do it. On the 13th of August we are planning to hold our AGM at the Aspy Restaurant. It will be a buy your own meal night (3 course set menu \$25 a head) and there will be a complimentary drink of your choice upon arrival provided by the Tennis Club.

You will need to book so RSVP by 1st of August 2012

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A booking fee of \$10 will apply, refundable upon your attendance.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Roger Barr
President.

Friends of the Macedon Ranges Inc.

Project Day and call for new members...

The Friends of the Macedon Ranges group was formed over 20 years ago. Since then the group has assisted Parks Victoria, Macedon Ranges with a variety of projects including the development and maintenance of walking tracks, tree planting and garden maintenance in and around the Memorial Cross Reserve.

Unfortunately, many of the original members have moved on and the group is in now in urgent need of new members. If you would like to join, take a look at the Friends of the Macedon Ranges Inc. <<https://sites.google.com/site/macedonrangesfriends>> website.

To register your interest contact:

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LANCEFIELD FIRE BRIGADE

The main item in this report is to thank all who supported the Book Sale held on Market day last month. The sale raised \$1500 and this money will be used to purchase new equipment for the office at the Fire Station. The support from the public in donating books and also by the purchase of same is greatly appreciated. Thanks is also due to the members who gave up their time to run the stall. We are considering having another sale later in the year.

This month has not been as busy as last month and this has taken the pressure off the members attending to incidents whatever they may entail. Training continues and as usual there is an open invitation to anybody who may like to find out more information about joining us either as operational or non-operational members.

Stuart Mustey
Captain

MP Encourages Nominations For This Years Regional Achievement And Community Awards

Donna Petrovich encourages individuals, businesses and community groups, clubs and organisations that are making a significant difference in our community to nominate for the 2012 Regional Achievement and Community awards.

Nominations are now open in the following categories:

- Prime Super Community Group of the Year Award
- Regional Development Victoria Business Achievement Award
- Blue Scope Distribution Leadership and Innovation Award
- Medibank Healthy Participation Award
- Department of Sustainability and Environment Water Efficiency Improvements Award
- Parks Victoria Environment and Sustainability Award
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- Parks Victoria Regional Achiever Award

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The Awards Gala Presentation Dinner will be held on Saturday 13th October 2012 at the All Seasons Bendigo and everyone is welcome. Three finalists in each category will be presented and winners announced at the event. Nominees who do not make the finals but attend the Awards evening, will be presented with framed certificates on stage. Nomination forms and posters are available from Mrs Petrovich's office at 84 Sydney Street Kilmore or by calling 5782 2011.

The Awards Office can also be contacted on 9720 2277, email: vic@awardsaustralia.com or by nominating online at www.awardsaustralia.com Nominations close Tuesday 17th July 2012.

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Facility News

We are extremely excited to announce that the Macedon Ranges Shire Council have approved funding to upgrade the amenities at the Romsey Recreation Centre. This \$50,000 project will include a full refurbishment of both the men's and women's facilities. We expect works will be completed by the end of the year.

Junior Indoor Soccer Finals

The Under 12 Junior Soccer finals were played on Friday 8th of June, with a fabulous grand final match to conclude the season. The Devils took on the Wolves in the showdown. Annabelle Pasic scored the first goal for the Wolves, but the Devils fought back with goals from Keith and Anthony Trail. Lachlan Jones equalised with a goal for the Wolves. A brilliant goal from Emily Robertson in the dying seconds gave the Devils the win 3 - 2. A brilliant game by all players. The 3rd and 4th playoff was contested between the Tigers and Victory. The match was played in great spirits, and Victory came out with the win 8 - 3. We would like to congratulate all of our players who have really improved throughout the season, and have played with great sportsmanship all season. Most valuable player awards went to James Phillips (Tigers), Thomas Knott (Victory), Keith Triall (Devils) and Lachlan Jones (Wolves). Most Improved awards went to Jack Ryan (Tigers), Sigrid McLaughlin (Victory), Emily Robertson (Devils) and Anabelle Pasic (Wolves). Any children wishing to register for the next season can do so now. It is due to start on Friday 20th July.

We are currently taking enrolments for the following programs which are expected to start in Term 3, 2012.

Junior Basketball

In Term 3 the Under 10 and 11 competitions will be a shortened 10 week program to fall into line with all basketball summer seasons, which start Term 4.
Aussie Hoops: Tuesday afternoons from 4.00pm. A 10 week program, which will start on Tuesday 17th of July. Fees are \$85.00 for 10 weeks and includes a basketball.

Under 10/11 Basketball (mini comp): Monday or Wednesday afternoons. This 10 week program will be a fun round robin competition, incorporating coaching and skills. Be warned, parents may be asked to participate in a mums and dads match! \$75.00 for 10 weeks. Starts 16th or 18th of July.

Under 12 Coaching Intensive: A basketball development program for children aged 10 - 12 years. The 30 minute session will look at developing different skills each week. A great opportunity for kids who are interested in representative basketball. 4.45pm - 5.15pm Tuesdays. \$50 for 10 week program. Starts Tuesday 17th July.

Junior Soccer

In Term 3 the Under 12 competition will be a shortened 10 week program to fall into line with the soccer summer seasons, which start Term 4.

Under 10 Soccer (Goal Kick): Friday afternoons from 4.00pm. A 10 week program, which will start on Friday 20th of July. Fees are \$85.00 for 10 weeks and includes a soccer ball.

Under 12 Soccer (mini comp): Friday afternoons from 4.50pm. This 10 week program will be a fun round robin competition, incorporating coaching and skills. Be warned, parents may be asked to participate in a mums and dads match! \$75.00 for 10 weeks. Commences Friday 20th July.

Ladies Daytime Netball

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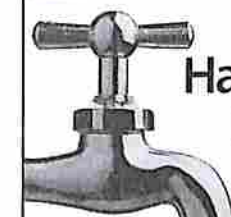
Weather Comment 17-6-12

Well Winter is certainly with us some heavy frosts winds and some rain which mostly fell in the early part of the month - 63mm our total for the period. I was watching Landline earlier this afternoon and the dreaded El NINO was being mentioned and I had seen a similar remark in one of the Rural papers recently so who can tell what to expect over the next months. In the same paper was an article on the problems were having in some parts of the state after floods and wet conditions, I am sure the farmers in the cropping areas would be pleased to have shared some of the excess rain as the window of opportunity to sow their crops becomes smaller.

There are now ten lambs in our small flock of Dorpers and hopefully the rest will lamb very soon. The cattle have been weighed in preparation for marketing and they have proved heavier than I expected which shows the benefits of feeding some sort of supplementary fodder which will continue until they are sold.

Read this in a garden diary recently and thought it quite appropriate "By this time less devoted gardeners have hung up their tools and retired indoors and continue gardening by the fire. Our garden is doing its own thing quietly at present with a few flowers on display. The correas and a little grevillea japonica etc. Bulbs are coming through and give a promise of spring colour. We have done quite a bit of pruning and tidying up, making the most of some of the nicer days but still have more roses to deal with. The vegie plot is having a rest.

Robert Green



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LFNC

Crowd Behaviour

The LFNC club works very hard to provide a good safe environment where young men and women and their families want to come and participate in a sporting activity and attend social events. The LFNC fully endorses the code of behaviour for all officials, players and supporters set down by the governing body of football in Victoria. It is very important that all supporters, players and anybody acting in an official capacity do the right thing, and if you observe anybody behaving in an unacceptable manner have a quiet word or contact someone from the committee. No player, official or spectators are allowed to approach the umpires. In relation to the people doing the running, no runner is allowed to approach the umpire. Coming in contact with any player from Lancefield or an opposition club and getting involved in melee is strictly prohibited. There are heavy fines for doing so, plus suspensions from playing if a player.

On crowd behaviour the LFNC belong to Good Sports Program, which in short basically means the club has a responsibility to create an atmosphere in and around the club where families can come with their children and enjoy themselves. This is achieved by having smoke free areas, the responsible serving of alcohol, not tolerating underage drinking and making sure drunk, violent or quarrelsome people do not remain on the premises. Remember to set an example. Your behaviour and comments should be positive and supportive. Players participate in sport for their enjoyment and benefit not yours. Applaud good performances and efforts from all individuals and teams. Congratulate all participants on their performances regardless of the game's outcome. Respect the decisions of officials and encourage players to follow the rules. Condemn the use of violence in any form, whether it is by spectators, coaches, officials or players. Respect the

rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural. I ask all players to be mindful that when you are out in groups this time of year, regardless if it is a LFNC function or not, you are associated with club and any bad behaviour does reflect badly on the club. Be mindful that at all times you are ambassadors of the club and you should look out for one another and prevent any anti social behaviour developing.

The LFNC club supports encouragement and barracking at all teams but bad language and abuse coming from any part of the ground and in particular from the coaches box or its surrounds can lead to the club being fined and or the umpire giving a free kick and or 50m penalties to the opposition.

A reminder to all players coming and going from the ground that any hoon behaviour when leaving the ground is not only extremely dangerous, but reflects badly on the club and when caught by the

police, will lead to your car being confiscated by the police and heavy fines. Our volunteer bar staff under the liquor licensing laws are required to ask for proof of age otherwise no purchase. So please do not ask as this can make our volunteer bar staff job difficult and refusal may cause embarrassment.

Message to LFNC Footballers and Netballers

To the footballers and netballers involved in all the Lancefield teams I do admire the way most games have been fought out and the way that players have stepped up when given the opportunity. It is evident we have to improve in many areas both on and off the field to have success in the future. This is why it is important that the players from each team should be getting together as a group and be discussing where they have fallen down and work out ways of improving, for example commit to some extra training away from the club, begin this process now and carry it through for the rest of year. With club training nights I do

not need to remind you of the old saying you play as you train. You need to get the concentration levels up and train at 110% to put yourself under match conditions to eliminate those skill errors that happen under pressure in matches that cost games.

The numbers training each night should and could be much higher, for training to be beneficial you need to concentrate, work hard to get the best out of the drills. With the players that are training regularly you need to put pressure on your team mates and get them to commit to more regular training with and away from the club. Do not wait for others to lead the way, step up yourself take some responsibility and lead the way so others will follow both on and off the field. The success of the team is in your hands. You have the power to make all the decisions and choices necessary to reach your teams goals. It really is up to you and you alone. Self regulation is your responsibility. Self-talk has an important role to play in developing a positive frame of mind, which will enable you to

accept this responsibility with total commitment. You can transform your thoughts and behaviour and push forward to higher levels of performance.

One of the greatest problems an individual footballer experiences regarding 'choice' is the need to exercise self discipline if one is to acquire a specific goal. The statement, "If it is to be - it is up to me" emphasises that the future is in the individual's own hands. Often victories are claimed or upset wins occur as a result of individuals collectively as a team deliberately choosing to ignore the opinions of others and to persevere until they have achieved exactly what they want. Display initiative and inner strength to demonstrate via action the desired result of victory.

The supporters and committee are right behind all players that are putting in for the LFNC in 2012 and we are very appreciative of all efforts and support in building a team that will have success in the future.

Ian Brown
LFNC

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New Community Projects Funded

Macedon Ranges Shire Council has welcomed a funding announcement by Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Development, Damian Drum, today for the development of community infrastructure in Bullengarook, Carlsruhe and Lancefield. In addition to the \$276K committed by the Victorian Government, Council will make a combined in-kind and cash contribution of \$140K towards the community projects, bringing the total funding commitment from state and local government to \$416K.

The community projects include upgrades to a range of infrastructure to support community recreation and events in the three towns. Mayor, Cr Henry McLaughlin said he was pleased that Council was able to work with the state government to support local communities in achieving some of the goals in their community plans:

"These projects have been driven by community needs and priorities and Council is pleased to be able to support them, both in applying for state funding on the communities' behalf and in making a direct contribution to these projects," he said.

The community planning groups also welcomed the funding announcement and are looking forward to informing their town residents that these projects will be implemented.

The community projects involve:

- upgrading the Bullengarook Recreation Reserve for it to host community and equestrian events by improving driveway access, installing new toilets and upgrading existing facilities such as the Old School Hall building and stage
- upgrading the Carlsruhe Yelka Park and surrounds by installing public seating, walking trails, car parking, toilets and indigenous cultural interpretative signage
- upgrading community facilities in Lancefield by constructing a performance space in the common, improving the Mechanics Hall, walking/cycling path network and undertaking a feasibility study to investigate the capacity of the Laurie Green Pavilion at Lancefield Park to host events.



LANCEFIELD GOLF CLUB NEWS

Winter is well and truly with us and has certainly affected the numbers of golfers regularly playing in regular club competition. But fortunately we had great weather for two very successful events in May. On Sunday May 26 we held our annual Vignerons Invitational Ambrose - a four-person team event that attracted over 50 players from Lancefield and district golf clubs. The event was sponsored by local wineries who very generously donated samples of their produce as event prizes. This year we were fortunate in receiving donations from the following wine-growers - Curly Flat Vineyards, Morganfield Winery, Portree Winery, Granite Hills Winery, Paramoor Wines, Hanging Rock Winery and Shelmerdine Vineyards. In addition, Grange Cleveland Winery generously donated lunch for 4 people at their restaurant as a major raffle prize. Players were treated to a wonderful lunch prepared by member Hilda Caly and husband Peter, who were ably assisted in the kitchen and in the provision of sweets by several of our members. The event was won by the "family" team of John Parks, Faye Parks, nephew Hugh and Mark Bollinger (an honorary Parks for the day). Their nett score of 53 1/4 was streets ahead of nearest rivals, Chris Lingard, Danny Bellchambers, Alan Renfree and Diane Brennan (nett 60).

On the following weekend Lancefield held its Open - a mixed teams event on Saturday followed by the Men's 27 Hole Championship on Sunday. Open Men's Champion for 2012 is Trevor Lambert, with Gavin Winwood and Wayne Mee winning the 27 hole B and C grade events, respectively.

Social players and new members are always welcome. You are invited to contact the Club on 5429 1922 or at lgclub@bigpond.net.au. You can visit our website at www.lancefieldgolfclub.com.au.



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