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# Ancefield Mercury

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**Lancefield Primary School** 

### Always plenty going on...

#### Crazy Hair Day

The last day of school was celebrated with Crazy Hair Day. There were many crazy styles on display from both the students and staff and an enjoyable way to end the term after a lot of hard work.

#### **Buddies**

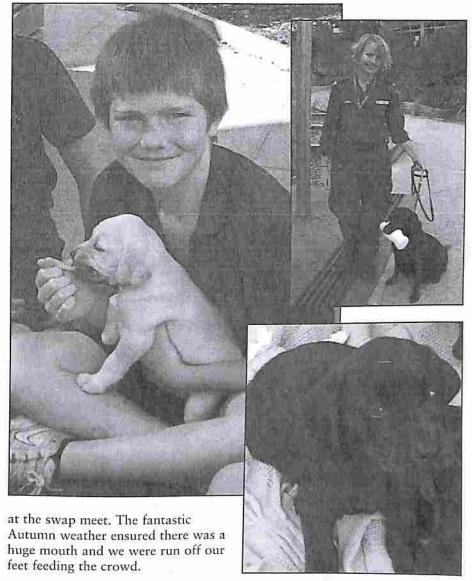
Our buddy program continues to be very successful throughout the school, with all students meeting and working with their cross age buddy every second Monday afternoon. This year the prep students have been allocated a year 6 buddy. The year 6 buddies have taken this role seriously and are very supportive in the playground and also during class activities.

#### Outdoor kitchen learning area

A big thank you to a group of men from the Men's shed and Nikki McLeod who volunteered their time to pour a concrete a slab in preparation for our barbecue to be installed. The purchase of the barbecue was a result of a \$1000 dollar grant previously given to the school by the Bendigo Bank. It is this type of support from both of the community groups that is so valuable to our school.

#### Lancefield Swap Meet

In another show of community relationships, L.P.S. joined with the football club to run the barbecue



#### **Customs Dogs at L.P.S**

Today our Senior Students were treated to a visit by 3 Customs Officers, a litter of puppies and an adult female due to give birth. The students enjoyed being entertained by the very cute puppies and learnt many interesting facts from the customs officers.

#### Tours of the school and enrolments

For people interested in a tour of the school and finding out more about our range of programs and comprehensive curriculum experiences, please ring the Principal Mrs. Diana Ellis on 45 292307 to make an appointment.

#### Linncefield Mercury

### Share The Load

The Lancefield Neighbourhood House invites Representatives from all organisations in Lancefield (and surrounds) to A Dinner on Wednesday, 6th June 2012 at Lancefield Mechanics Hall

The night is an opportunity to have a great dinner, meet people and explore possibilities of supporting each other to strengthen our organisations

RSVP: House on 54291214 for catering purposes

### 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 at the end of 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 |
|--------------------|----------|
| Rosalie McCarthy   | 54291282 |
| Rose McCarthy      | 54295270 |
| Joanne Reuther     | 54292130 |
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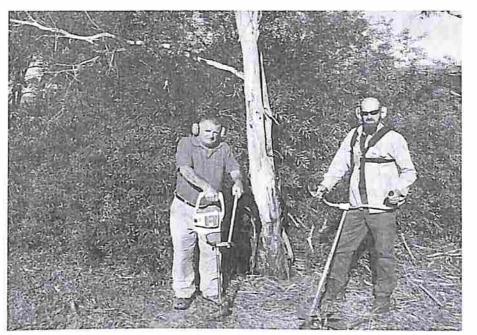
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John with the new augur and Robin with the new brushcutter.

### **Landcare Gets Good Gear**

Sheehan's Reserve, Romsey is getting ready for a facelift with a fantastic partnership project between the Deep Creek Landcare Group, Parks Vic and Melbourne Water. The Parks Vic "Healthy Parks, Healthy People" grant of \$1,000 has now been matched by a grant of \$3,095 from Melbourne Water's "Healthy Waterways" program. Melbourne Water's support has enabled the purchase of both a brushcutter and a much needed augur drill to assist with the revegetation planting. Gisborne Power Products gave the Group a good deal and have kindly provided the many extra bits needed to go with the gear.

Naturally, all the labour is being provided by the volunteers of the Deep Creek Landcare Group who would welcome other members of the community joining them in this and the other on-ground projects currently on the go.

Interested locals are welcome to attend the regular meeting of the Deep Creek Landcare Group held at 8pm on the second Monday of the month in the Lancefield Mechanics Institute, unless that day is a public holiday. The Group covers both the Lancefield and Romsey areas. Just come along, or give President Robin a call on 0428 315846 or Secretary Hayley on 0409 936814. Have a look at the Group's website at www.deepcreeklandcare.org.au

#### Understanding Your Soil Test Workshop

"You are what you eat!" may be true of humans and the food they eat, but it could also be said that the health of your crops reflects the health of the soil they grow in. For strong, healthy, pest and diseaseresistant plants, crops need well-structured soils with a wide range of readily available nutrients.

Baynton Sidonia Landcare group is offering a workshop to assist people to understand soil tests and how to improve their soils. The workshop is aimed at those new to the farming experience and wishing to learn non-chemical means of soil improvement. To make the most of the workshop, participants are encouraged to supply a copy of a soil test which will be discussed on the day. A field walk will be held after lunch to examine some nearby examples of soil improvement.

RSVP's are required by
Saturday April 14th.
Saturday May 5th, 2012 10 am
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### Weather Comment 15-4-12

What could one's comment about the weather be other than to say enjoy the beautiful days we are having at the moment. However, and there is always a however, when we look at weather patterns and their consequences. Rainfall for the month measured here at home has been a very low 8mm with the result that a reasonable fall of rain could be very useful at the moment. The growth in the paddocks has slowed if not stopped and the effects of the earlier rain has diminished considerably. The stock are still looking well and the hay is having the desired effect of maintaining their condition. The sheep too are doing well and if our calculations are right the Dorpers should soon show in lamb. I have been using the mulching mower to remove some of the dry grass which accumulated last year and I would like to see some rain to refresh these paddocks. Nothing much else to report on the farm front.

Autumn has come into its own now with glorious colours showing up on the trees in the area. When the leaves fall we shall have lots to put into the compost bins or just spread around the gardens, an added bonus at this time year. The vegie plot is slowing down, we've dug a good harvest of potatoes, carrots are still keeping us fed, tomatoes are nearly finished. We have spread much of the vegie plot with lime and blood and bone and will put some lucerne on top. Flower gardens are still colourful and will continue until the first decent frost arrives but some plants have decided they have had enough now and are quietly dying down. The first bulbs are coming through but it is still too early for the planting of tulips and they and the hyacinths are hiding in the fridge.

Still lots of jobs to be done Robert Green

### The Life of Koalas

Newham & District Landcare are pleased to present an exposition of the life and times of Koalas including the growing threat to their habitat. Deborah Tabart, CEO of Australian Koala Foundation, will discuss current issues and challenges for the survival of Koalas in Australia.

A supper will be provided after the presentation.

Friday May 11th, 2012 7pm for 7.30pm start Newham Hall, Dons Road, Newham

\$ gold coin donation for nonmembers

For further information and to RSVP contact:

Hilary Roberts, Newham & District Landcare 5427 0795 hproberts@bigpond.com

# and Times

The first item of information is the change to the positions of Secretary/Treasurer of the Brigade following the meeting held on 2nd April. The new Secretary is Kate Christie and we have now separated the position of Treasurer who is now Catherine Wemyss and contacts for these officers can be obtained through the normal Brigade system. The next item is that the brigade is holding a book sale on Saturday May 26th in the Lancefield Mechanics Hall, Youth Club Rooms between 9am and 1pm. Donations of books would be greatly appreciated and may be left at the Fire Station on a Sunday morning or contact Catherine on 0417337884 to arrange an

LANCEFIELD FIRE BRIGADE

We can now move on to the more serious part of this article. Now that Winter is approaching

alternative pick up point.

and the need for some warmth in our houses it is time to think about servicing heaters and also getting the flues of both heaters and fireplaces inspected and cleaned by people qualified to do so. We also need to change smoke alarm batteries if this has not been done at the suggested time of daylight saving ending. It is noticeable that there are signs of residents continuing their clean ups with smoke in the air. Please continue this vital work of preparation in advance of cold or wet weather which makes this task hard or unpleasant. There have been six turnouts for the month with some fires being deliberate and others burn offs escaping, so still take care.

Stuart Mustey Captain Lancefield Fire Brigade

### Mother's Day Miracle Makeover

Seven Lancefield businesses have combined for the 5th annual Mother's Day Miracle Makeover Competition, offering the winner a day of pampering valued at \$550. Children are asked to write in 25 words or less why their mum deserves a Miracle Makeover. The winner will receive a massage, manicure, a hair makeover, makeup, lunch, a bunch of flowers and a dinner for 2.

More information from Jodie Philippe The Hair Room

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#### Want to meet some great everyday local women?

The Romsey Region Women's Network is a group that aspires to connect local women in our rural communities in a warm and welcoming environment. It's a great way to meet new people in the local area, tap into the wealth of knowledge local women have to offer, gain inspiration and have some laughs.

Our group is not only a great way to network in a business/professional sense but also meet like-minded women and form new friendships. The intent is to provide a safe environment for women to gather together, exchange ideas, share about their lives and learn from each other. It is our hope to then to unite women through shared interests or hobbies such as a gardening group, book club, walking group, craft circle or similar time in life.

We meet at 7pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month at varying venues in the area. Our next meeting will be on Thursday 17th May at Sicilian Vespers @ 7pm, so take some time out for yourself and please come join us for a glass of wine and a chat. Our current members represent a number of towns/ areas throughout the district (Romsey, Lancefield,

Rochford, Woodend, Riddells Creek & Gisborne), spanning different backgrounds and age groups.

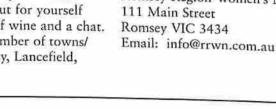
To complement our monthly meetings it is our goal to hold significant interest activities/events throughout the year and some of these events will also be open to non-members. These are some of the events we have planned for 2012: -

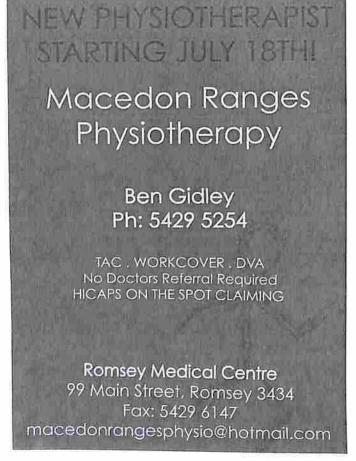
Life Painting – Bring out the Artist in You Cooking Class with Tonia Toddmann High Tea @ Campaspe House - TBA Wine & Cheese Tasting @ The Bentinck - TBA If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

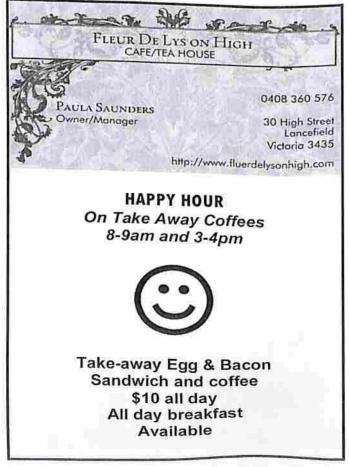
Enquiries: Annual membership: - \$20
Romsey Region Women's Network Inc.

111 Main Street

Barefoot Bowling Family Day







#### Limcefield Mercury

Romsey & Lancefield Districts Historical Society Inc.

> Email: lancefieldcourthouse@gmail.com Website: www.lancefieldcourthouse.org

The Society has several events coming up in the next month or two.

The Obituary Book is available for sale from the Courthouse or Cottage for \$10 each

Sheryl has been busy making fund-raising ribbons in red and black and yellow and black, prices for these vary. They will be available for purchase at the Cottage and the Courthouse.

The July Lunch will be held on 24th July, cost will be \$10.

The Cottage is having a Christmas in July Morning Tea on 10th July at 10.30 a.m.

Come along and have a cuppa with "Mrs. Seymour."

We still have no news as to when the plaques will be laid in Romsey. The plaques were purchased with money donated by RRBATA from the Romsey 150th dinner.

The annual Family History Day will be held on 5th August from 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. at the Lancefield Courthouse. Entry will be gold coin donation.

National Trust Heritage Festival is on from 21st April to 20th May. The Seymour Cottage will be open on 20th May and the Courthouse is open Mon – Wed & Friday 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. each week. Everybody welcome. Further information on www.nattrust.com.au

The Society is very interested in collecting information on houses in the towns of Lancefield and Romsey. It is quite difficult at times to know where and who owned homes and businesses in earlier times.

Last year the Historical Society received a Macedon Ranges Shire Community Grant to put together all the information we hold on all the schools that have existed in the Romsey Shire. There were 35 schools at one time or another, some were not in existence for long, others are still going strong and there are now two new schools - Red Rock Christian School at Clarkefield and Candlebark School at Cherokee, Do you have a special item from your school days? We would love to have a look at this item and photograph or copy it - we are not asking for it to be donated to the Society - we only want to see it and hear your story about it.

Our next general meeting will be on 22nd May at 7.30 p.m. at the Courthouse, 55 Main Road, Lancefield. Topic will be the history of the buildings that are to be identified with the plaques donated by RRBATA.

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#### The Progression Of Motherhood.

Here are some of the ways having a second and third child is different from having the first.

#### Your Clothes:

1st baby: You begin wearing maternity clothes as soon as your doctor confirms your pregnancy. 2nd baby: You wear your regular clothes for as long as possible.

3rd baby: Your maternity clothes ARE your regular clothes.

#### Preparing for the Birth:

1st baby: You practice your breathing religiously.

2nd baby: You don't bother practicing because you remember that last time, breathing didn't do a thing.

3rd baby: You ask for an epidural in your 8th

#### **Baby clothes:**

1st baby: You pre-wash your newborn's clothes, colour-coordinate them, and fold them neatly in the baby's little bureau. 2nd baby: You check to make sure that the

clothes are clean and discard only the ones with the darkest stains.

3rd baby: Boys can wear pink, can't they?

#### Worries:

1st baby: At the first sign of distress--a whimper, a frown--you pick up the baby. 2nd baby: You pick the baby up when her wails threaten to wake your firstborn. 3rd baby: You teach your 3-year-old how to rewind the mechanical swing.

#### Dummy:

1st baby: If the Dummy falls on the floor, you put it away until you can go home and wash and boil it.

2nd baby: When the Dummy falls on the floor, you squirt it off with some juice from the

3rd baby: You wipe it off on your shirt and pop it back in.

#### Nappies:

1st baby: You change your baby's Nappy every hour, whether they need it or not.

2nd baby: You change their Nappy every 2 to 3 hours, if needed.

3rd baby: You try to change their Nappy before others start to complain about the smell or you see it sagging to their knees.

The Bible says in Psalm 128:1-8 that if we follow God's Instructions of how to treat and rear our Children that it will be well with our families throughout our lives and into following generations.

What better gift could a Mother receive this Mother's Day, than peace and joy in her

Mums if you need help in the rearing of your children, we would be happy to point you to God's ways so that you too, will reap the blessings of godliness in your homes.

Please feel free to join us at either of our Sunday services, Mid week Life groups, mainly music program or contact us at our Church office on 5429 6327. We would be happy to be of assistance to you.

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#### The Dads4Kids National Marriage and Family Conference

The Dads4Kids National Marriage and Family Conference, taking place in National Families Week www.familiesaustralia.org.au, will be a first for the Macedon Ranges in many ways. This is the first time the Dads4Kids Conference has been held in Victoria. This annual conference will be held at the 'House of the Rock Church', Nexus Centre, 17 Goode St. Gisborne from 18-19 May 2012.

Three events will be held on Friday 18 and Saturday 19 May. Events can be found and registrations made at: http://www. trybooking.com/Booking/BookingEventList. aspx?eid=24057

The events include Men's Ministries Leadership Roundtable from 1pm-4pm on Friday 18 May. Secondly, there will be a Men's Leadership Forum held later that evening from 6pm-9pm, Friday 18 May. This forum is for men and fathers interested in becoming great leaders in their homes and workplaces. Rob Koch, from www.bettermen. com.au will also be speaking. Thirdly, on Saturday there will be a 'Love & Respect' Marriage Bootcamp from 9am-4pm, 19 May. This day is a practical workshop for couples which promises to deliver an inspiring

injection of encouragement to any marriage. Warwick Marsh and his wife Alison will be conducting the 'Love & Respect' Marriage

Alan Carlyle, local organiser for these events, had this to say about the upcoming conference, "Hosting the Dads4Kids National Marriage and Family Conference 2012 is a first for the Macedon Ranges and a first for Victoria. It will be a great way to celebrate National Families Week. We hope many men and couples will take advantage of having such great speakers come to this part of Australia. We look forward to seeing you at one or all of the three events planned for the Dads4Kids National Marriage and Family Conference."

For more information: Alan Carlyle on 0407 721 218 Email: eaglewings@internode.

#### Reflection Taste and See

There is a story about a person who made a living selling artifical fruit. An argumentative customer complained that the fruit was not realistic enough. Pointing to an apple the

person suggested it was too red, too round and too big to be a real apple. The seller promply picked up the apple and proceeded to eat it. The Easter Resurrection, throughout the years has been critically examined. judged by authorities, and written about, most considered it is an event that cannot be proven and may even be too good to be true. It may look like an apple but is artifical fruit, they may conclude. But if you pick it up and 'take a bite' you will come to know that He really did rise from the grave. He is listening to our prayers.

George Bernard Shaw, the famous playwright was handed a newly written play by a young author. Shaw was asked to give the young man a criticism of the work a few days later. "How do you like it?" asked the author, "I fell asleep reading it," "Sleep is my comment of your work."

Unlike the young author's work, there is nothing boring about the Easter Event.

Easter dawns upon a world hidden in darkness. Easter reveals the news that Christianity is real and alive. Christianity is anything but boring. Let's wake up and smell the roses. The truth is that 'the Lord is risen'



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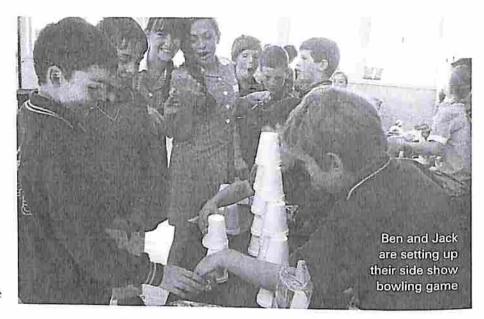


Mon - Fri 9am till 5.30pm

### A Cow Load of Cash

Each year in the lead up to Easter, the students of St Mary's Primary School Lancefield, raise money for those in need around the world. The Grade 3 and 4 students investigated ways they could raise money for the Catholic aid organisation "Caritas". In small groups the students designed activities such as colouring in competitions, egg and spoon races and a puppet show. The cost of participating in each activity was 10c. On Wednesday 28th March, the students invited other grades to attend their fundraising day. As a school over \$600 was raised, which was enough for Caritas to buy a cow, for a community in need.

> Tamzin and Hannah are manning the "exchange table" where 10c tokens can be purchased











Declan and Matthew are selling tickets for their Raffle



Zac is official time keeper and judge for this heat of the egg and spoon race

#### **Harvest Time**

May is a great time to visit and celebrate the growers, producers, chefs and vignerons of Daylesford and the Macedon Ranges. Taste your way around the region with our regional tasting plate collection and their matched local tipples. Visit farm gates and cellar doors for Harvest 'specials' or shop with the locals at farmers markets. Join us for tours on sustainable agriculture, winemaker's and visiting chef's dinners and classes in everything from confit and preserving to bread baking and so much more.

Daylesford Macedon Produce Harvest Festival has a full and delicious program of events and workshops that will appeal to everyone. From April 27 through to May 6, there is no excuse not to visit, take part or get hands on in the region.

The villages of the region will be abundant with local food and wine specials for you to taste and take home. Learn how to make your own bullboar sausages with Gary Thomas who will be using traditional recipes that have not seen daylight for some 50 years or learn to make fresh Italian cheeses with Sarah @ Aperitivo. Make jam, feast on local farm fresh produce, or take part in a wine appreciation class, so much to learn during the Harvest Week Festival.

"A Day on the Land" will take you on a sustainable farm tour throughout the Daylesford Macedon region, the perfect way to spend a day with award-winning farmers who embrace tradition and science to grow magnificent food and protect the land.

Kids we have lots for you too, make cooking fun and get your kids using fresh healthy food and help them to create a dish for the Junior Chef of Year Harvest Competition that showcases the local potato, you could win your own KitchenAid prize pack. It can be any dish that you want to create that centers around the humble tasty spud. Or try your hand at our special kids' workshop at Dromkeen, the home of Australia's Children Book illustration called "Food for Thought". This workshop will demonstrate the importance of food in our communities and allow kids to flex their creative side.

Roll up your sleeves and try your skills at beer making, cheese making or looking for truffles! We look forward to seeing you in the region.

For more information, dates and bookings please visit www.dmproduce. com.au/harvest or call Simone, Festival Coordinator on 0421 458 891.

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Welcome back to Term 2 and hopefully by the time you read this report you will have started with the Boxercise Classes, can now run 5km without a thought, are enjoying the Yoga, Tai Chi and have updated those computer skills. If not maybe you need to call the house and book in NOW!!

As I write this report, I am resting my very tired feet after attending the Lancefield Swap Meet which was held on the 15th April 2012. To all the Footy and Netball Club members - well done! How good is this event for the town of Lancefield? The park was absolutely full of stalls, beautiful cars and lots more. The weather

was stunning, the park is amazing (congrats to the Park Committee) and how many hundreds, if not thousands of people attracted to our town? On my way home the main street was buzzing with people, no car parks available and the shops were full!!!! Thanks and congratulations to the Lancefield Swap Meet committee.

#### Share the Load:

A dinner will be held on Wednesday, 6th June 2012 for representatives from every volunteer organisation in the town and surrounds and the businesses that support them. The night is an opportunity to have a great dinner

(catering by the Tennis Club), meet people and explore possibilities of supporting each other to strengthen our organisations. Please see an invitation to attend in this edition of the Mercury and keep you eye out in the mail or on email. We are going to discuss the possibilities of a town web site which will provide information on each group and a calendar of events. Put your thinking caps on and let us know your ideas. This function is being held at the Lancefield Mechanics Hall. Call the House as we need numbers for catering purposes.

This event along with 'Celebrate Lancefield Day', (tentatively booked for Sunday 17th June 2012) are

funded by Shire of Macedon Ranges through the Flood Recovery Grant. We desperately need people or groups on board to help us with the Celebrate Lancefield Day. Please contact Vivien at the House if you can help.

Opportunity Knocks continues to thrive and has just this week funded another defibrillator. The Lancefield Bowling Club has agreed to join the Defib Your Club For Life program and we welcome them. There are now 6 defibrillators in town, funded by the Op Shop. Lancefield Primary School, St Mary's School, Tennis Club, Equestrian Group and Football/Netball Clubs

already have been supplied with defibrillators. Hopefully they will never be used!!!!

The Men's Shed is getting there!!! Watch out as we are just about to start organising our official opening. Any men are more than welcome to call in on a Wednesday for a lunch and to help with the final touches that are needed if you can. If you can't you can just watch, supervise but please don't criticise.

As always we are asking for volunteers to join us in our activities, the Op Shop needs more volunteers and the house is always looking for more helpers. Please contact us if you have some spare time.

#### **Macedon Ranges to** share in \$400,000 heritage support

The Macedon Ranges Shire Council is one of 36 councils across Victoria to receive funding towards the provision of Heritage Advisory Services for 2011-12.

The Shire Council received the maximum funding of \$14,000.

Councils supplement the funds with a minimum \$1 for \$1 expenditure to provide Heritage Advisory Services through the appointment of an experienced professional to:

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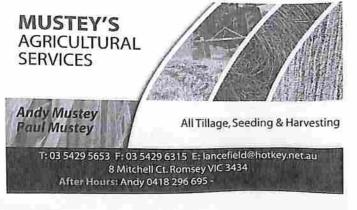
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#### What type of car is your business?

What type of car is your business? Over the past month I've been fortunate to work with a number

of clients on all sorts of projects but three have stood out. One client is looking to re-establish their successful business through a process of reengineering systems and processes. The second has made a huge personal decision to relocate their whole business and family and enter a new industry. The third is heading for a new stage in life as the owners seek to sell the business so that they can move towards retirement.

It would seem that each of the three has vastly different issues and needs and, on the exterior, this would be the interesting aspect but what has particularly stood out has been the exact opposite. Whilst each business has different issues,

underneath the hood, each business requires very similar structural work in order to obtain the maximum returns, both financial and personal, for their different needs.

And herein lies the paradox of small businesses - whilst every business has its different needs. nuances, systems and products, the underlying chassis of every business is very similar. The concept is not too different from a car - every car has doors, wheels, engine, brakes and a steering wheel - but cars have different colours, shapes and engine sizes. So on the outside there are different looks, features and characteristics yet all built on essentially the same chassis.

In working with these three clients, it has become extremely apparent that sustainable business success and the ability to adapt to different

business situations links directly to the strength of your "business chassis". In each case we have reviewed the underlying business model using our "7 points to a sound chassis" program and in each case the ability to change and adapt has been accelerated using this system. In short, sorting out the chassis has meant each client has moved closer to achieving their desired personal and business outcome.

The program has been developed to help business owners build a sound foundation. This increases the likelihood that the business can provide successful outcomes for the owners and their family - after all the ultimate purpose of a small business is to allow the owners to create success for themselves and their families.

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Do you understand the elements of your business chassis?

Does your existing business model allow you to adapt to change?

As your business evolves will your chassis allow your personal needs to align continuously with your business needs?

Do changes in the external environment blindside your business or does your model mean you are you ready for these challenges?

If you would like a sneak peak of the "7 points to a sound chassis" program email tim@ memahonosborne.com.au for your FREE introduction to the program. This offer is without cost or obligation so please feel free to obtain your copy to start your own chassis.

In the meantime enjoy your business and enjoy the benefits that it is brings you and your family

#### **Daylesford Macedon Produce**

Harvest Week Festival 2012 April 27 - May 6

#### Harvest Week Junior Chef of the Year Competition

This region, with its mineral rich volcanic soil, is one of Victoria's premier potato growing areas. There are at least 30 varieties of potatoes grown here. A competition for children12 and under throughout the region are encouraged to produce a dish using local potatoes that will be judged by Gary Thomas (Spade to Blade) and Jo Richardson (KitchenAid) at the Daylesford Primary School (kitchen) on Saturday 5 May at 11.30am.

Make cooking fun and get your kids using fresh healthy food and help them to create a dish for the

Harvest Week Junior Chef of the Year Competition that showcases the local potato. It can be any dish that you want to create that centres around the humble tasty spud.

#### Criteria:

your recipe

- · Entrants must be 12 or under
- · Your recipe must feature local potatoes
- · Where possible use local produce in

Recipes will be judged based on the following criteria

- · Use of local potatoes as the main ingredient: 25%
- . Originality 15%
- Taste: 25%
- · Ease of preparation: 10%
- · Overall nutritional qualities of the recipe
- · Cost to make: 10%

Judging: - will take place at the Daylesford Primary School - Kitchen - Vincent Street, Daylesford at 11.30am Saturday 5 May 2012. Entrants must have their dishes complete and delivered to the kitchen by 11am at the latest to ensure they can be set for the judge. The kitchen will be open from 10.30am.

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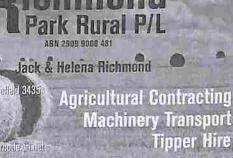
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#### Country Women's Association - Romsey Branch

### This will make you chuckle -

Whilst sitting at the doctor's the other day a man sat next to me. We got chatting and exchanged names. I said mine was "Val" and he said his was "Clock". I said to him that this was a strange name and asked how he came by it. He said he had been working in a saw mill and had had an accident. He showed me that he had five fingers on one hand and three fingers on the other. He had one large hand and one small hand. Consequently, the name "Clock" was given to him by his mates at the footy club.

Romsey Branch has had another busy month. Ladies attended a fashion parade at Sunbury where garments were able to be purchased. Another outing was to a display of collectible dolls at Mt Macedon. This display was conducted by the Macedon Branch of the Country Women's Association with two members exhibiting their collections.

A bus trip to the Melbourne Flower and Garden Show was organised by the Kyneton Branch and I am sure those that attended had a wonderful time. Three ladies attended an afternoon at Lancefield Christ Church to hear Rev. Bill Carroll speak of his time as Chaplain at the Grafton Prison. This was a most interesting presentation, followed by a delightful afternoon tea.

Other things on our agenda are a talk by the C.E.O. of Ray M. Begg Nursing home, a lady from ASPREE to tell us the pros and cons of taking an aspirin a day to ward off dementia, strokes,

Alzheimer's Disease, etc. Two more fashion parades and the Antiques and Collectables Valuation Day conducted by the Romsey Ambulance Auxiliary are listed for our ladies to attend if they wish.

The Central Highland Group, which includes Romsey and Lancefield, as well as other towns from Malmsbury to Craigieburn, is holding its Creative Arts Exhibition in Kyneton during April. Handicrafts and home industries (cooking) will be displayed and well worth inspection. Open to the public on Saturday April14th at the Masonic Hall, Yaldwin Street East.

Romsey Branch is having an afternoon where local resident, Anne Phelan, AOM, is the guest speaker. Anne is well known as a TV and stage actor, and is highly

involved with an organisation called "Positive Women" who support ladies with the HIV virus. Part of our proceeds on this day will go to support this group, in lieu of appearance money to Anne, as well as to our Head Office for distribution to our most recent flood victims in Victoria. This function will be held on Thursday, May 3rd at the Romsey Mechanics Hall at 1.00 pm. Anne's presentation will be followed by a delightful and typical CWA afternoon tea. Cost is \$7.00 per person and bookings to Val Jordan would be appreciated to help with catering.

Our major project for this year is to make Art Smocks (90 of them in three sizes) for the Romsey Primary School. With our limited coffers we will be able to start on some of them. We are applying for a grant from the Macedon Ranges Shire Council to enable us to fulfil

this request from the school. We have also been approached to make half a dozen barbecue aprons for the Lancefield Motor Cycle group, and these will be constructed when prices of materials are obtained. This group works tirelessly to raise funds for a child who has a life threatening illness to fulfil his or her "Wish List". The aprons requested will complement their mobile barbecue which is used for fund raising.

As you can see, we don't just sit around and chatter. Come along to one of our meetings and you will be made very welcome.

Bookings for our day with Anne Phelan and any other enquiries regarding our very busy branch of the Country Women's Association in Romsey can be made to: Val Jordan,

Telephone 5429 2311 Email - jordanval@bigpond.com

#### West Bourke Inc.

West Bourke Inc. (formerly Romsey Shire History Book Committee) has decided to disband. The retiring committee has published the following books: "When Memory Turns the Key", "All Wild and Lonely Bush", "From Sublime Solitude", "A Veritable Garden of Eden" and Mt William Stone Quarry Book. On Tuesday April 4 two members of the committee, Dr Greg Powell and Peter Mitchell will present a selection of local pioneering family history books to Goldfields Library Corporation Manager John Bourne and Romsey Library Manager Sara Bryant. These books will be housed at the Romsey Hub with restricted access for researchers of family history. This should prove a valuable resource for the local community. These books include histories of the Slattery, Lovenfosse, Mustey, and Clark families and histories of Woodend, Riddells Creek, Romsey, Bolinda, Newham, Cobaw, Macedon Ranges, Kilmore and much more.



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#### **Winners Are Grinners**

At the time of writing this article the first two weekly winners of the 100 Club had been announced at the Lancefield Hotel on Friday 13th April.

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Ian Brown Thank you,

### **The Victorian Serrated Tussock Working Party**

The Victorian Serrated Tussock Working Party produces a quarterly newsletter, the 'Tussock Times'. The newsletter reports on current Victorian Serrated Tussock Working party activities, issues and updates related to the management of serrated tussock, as well as opportunities to become involved in the attack against serrated tussock.

Edition 11 includes the newly released Victorian Serrated Tussock Strategy 2012 - 2017, upcoming community grants, and information on identifying serrated tussock. Also included are case studies on properties using integrated techniques to manage their serrated tussock.

The Tussock Times aims to raise awareness of serrated tussock and the important work that is being conducted in the community to fight this invasive plant.

To receive the Tussock Times newsletter, contact:

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#### **RUBBISH DUMPING**

We have had a terrific response to last month's Mercury article on the dumping of rubbish on back roads with a number of people spoken to and some charges pending. In one instance the prompt action of a resident in Hardings Road resulted in persons being spoken to regarding the dumping of 6 Car Gas Tanks off the back of a ute. Some of these tanks were quite dangerous in that they still contained in some instances between a quarter and half of a tank of LPG.

The tanks were promptly retrieved and removed by the offenders. This is the sort of result we can achieve when prompt action is taken. Remember if you need police attendance then call 000 this is a POLICE ATTENDANCE NUMBER and not just an emergency number as some people think.

#### WE ARE THE TOLL

The "We are the toll" campaign comes as police release predictions

that 2012's final road toll could be 30-40 deaths higher than last year. As part of the campaign all Victorian Police officers will be increasing enforcement with large scale operations throughout the state.

Easter was an example of what you can expect with police for the first time conducting lock-down style operations with Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) technology being used to detect unlicensed drivers who should not be on our roads.

We have already had 94 Road Deaths this year and we cannot be complacent. It should be remembered that in 2010 there were 163 deaths on country roads. That's our back yard and we need to make sure that it is a safe place for us all to drive in.

This campaign is about saying road victims are not just an anonymous name in the paper – They are our neighbours, they are our family, they are police, - WE ARE THE TOLL.

Chief Commissioner Ken Lay says, "I am incredibly concerned about what can only be described as a horror start to the year on Victorias road- as are all police" "We are here today to say enough. Our warning is this – all police officers from commissioners through to our newest constables will be enforcing the road rules. No warnings, No apologies, Just Don't Do It."

### Lancefield & District Farmers' Market Saturday 26th May, 9am to 1pm\*

\* \*That's right folks the market is on again this month with the ever expanding selection of great fresh produce, meats- beef, lamb, pork, chicken, free-range eggs, honey, preserves, home-made foods, bread, herbs, backyard produce, plants, emu products, live poultry, stockfeed, cut flowers, worm products, fruit trees & more! We have between 50-60 producers at the market each month now, a long way from our beginnings in 2003 with just 23 producers!

Look out for our new market fliers for the fridge with all the market dates, so you can keep up to date with the local producers & where they will

Work continues on the mobile demonstration kitchen for the Macedon Ranges Farmers' Markets & we are currently working with Monash University on a marketing plan for the market as part of students studies.

Rug up for the market & have a great morning shopping under the trees to the sounds of local buskers, free face paint for the kids & friendly dogs welcome on a leash. Please bring your bags, baskets & trolleys.

Macedon Ranges Farmers' Markets also include Woodend – Saturday 5th May, Kyneton – Saturday 12th May & Riddells Creek – Saturday 19th May.

All markets are now proudly accredited with the Victorian Farmers' Markets Association, the peak body for farmers' markets in the state, look for the ticks of authenticity at the market.

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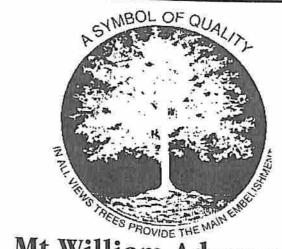
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With the onset of colder weather there has been a recent spate of house fires, and while we focus on fire risk in summer, we also need to be mindful of fire in winter. Often the causes of fires are literally right under our noses! Whether it's leaving a flammable item too close to the heater, a lit candle unattended, or frayed electrical wires, there are numerous situations that can create the potential for disaster.

Statistics reveal that almost half of all home fires are started in the kitchen and 43% of all fire fatalities occur in winter. The key to reducing the risk of fire occurring in your home and to surviving a house fire is being prepared.

Remember to:

Fit working smoke alarms and change the batteries once a year.

Clean the lint filter of your clothes dryer every time you use it.

Never smoke in bed.

Don't overload power points and switch off appliances when not in use.

Always keep lighters and matches away from children and educate them that fire is a "tool not a toy"

Take extra care when using heaters, electric blankets or open fires.

Use a fire guard in front of open fires

Never leave lit candles unattended

Never dry clothes on a heater

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Warm regards Joanne Duncan MP State Member for Macedon

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#### Vanessa's Garden

Autumn has shown us some wonderful colour this year, don't you think? We recently went on a road trip up through NSW and into Queensland as far as Toowoomba and back down the coast, cutting through the Snowy Mountains and down through Bright on our way back to Lancefield. What a glorious time of year to see the Snowy Mountains for the first time!

The air was sparkling, poplars stood in lines like great golden brush strokes on a pure blue canvas and here and there, bright yellow leaves sifted thoughtfully down through still air. From the glorious crimson show in Romsey Main Street to the trees putting on magnificent displays around Mount Macedon, from cold in the early morning to still, warm afternoons, from putting certain parts of the garden to bed, to planting next year's garlic, this is truly my favourite time of year.

Our road trip started amidst uncertainty and floods. Detours and early morning starts were the order of the day as town after town encouraged its visitors to hop it quick, for fear of getting stranded. No drama though, we were in a Toyota 4WD which coped without fuss, even loaded with rooftop tent and gear for five. Three of whom hung eager heads out of the rear windows at every opportunity, ears horizontal in the

wind, alert to every new scent and storing it all away to be replayed in twitchy dreams at day's end.

Travelling with 3 large dogs can be interesting and we discovered that planning ahead pays. Some places which describe themselves as "dog friendly" mean they are mentally prepared for one or at the most two, small tidy versions. Not the river of golden fur which poured out the back of our truck. Even though they are soft as butter.

We saw fields of sunflowers in Queensland between Warwick and Toowoomba and a fair sprinkling of escapees along the roadside. These rebels had reverted to a more natural state, waving about jauntily with far smaller faces than their highly bred cousins who stood focussed on the sun like a crowd of concert-goers intent on every note.

A highlight of the trip was a visit to Queen Mary Falls, close to the Queensland/ NSW border, where we were treated to the spectacular sound of a choir of bell birds. These hidden bell ringers filled the gorge with a rapid series of crystal chimes - a bit like the sonar ping on a submarine but not as sinister.

At Port Macquarie we introduced the dogs to the sea. They all enjoy a dip in the dam, we didn't know whether they'd ever encountered salt water. Turns out they are not ocean-going

dogs. Used to water you can drink and which stays where it is, they greeted water that crept up and then ran away with cautious noses and pricked ears. Water that was rude enough to hump itself up and bump into them well the dominant one barked at it, the dopy one sat down in bewilderment and the timid one hid behind me.

Once back home I have been getting stuck into autumn jobs. This includes starting to prune fruit trees which have lost their leaves, preparing planting sites for new fruit trees, including a couple of cherry tree saplings and autumn rose pruning. Although you have to be severe with roses, good pruning is the best way to get better quality blooms and removing congestion and weak growth helps the plant protect itself against pests and disease.

On shrub or other old-fashioned roses, you can remove weak growth and dead bits at any time, occasionally cutting out some older branches at the base, in the spirit of reducing congestion. For hybrid-tea or floribunda types, as well as removing dead and weak growth, take out anything trying to grow into the centre of the bush to promote air flow. Finally, cut off any suckers growing beneath the graft, below the soil if you can.

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#### What's on at Dromkeen

#### **Exhibitions**

Our latest exhibition features the newly released picture book A Day to Remember. Written by Jackie French and illustrated by Mark Wilson the book explores Anzac Day. Anzac Day is the day when we remember and honour ANZAC traditions down the ages. This is a picture book that looks not only at traditions, but also the effects of war. The evocative illustrations of Mark Wilson visualize those traditions.

You can meet Mark Wilson at Dromkeen on Sunday June 17 to watch him drawing and talk with him about his creative process.

Looking Back - Australian History as seen Through our Children's Picture Books

This exhibition draws on artwork from the Collection and showcases aspects of Australia's history as seen through picture books. From books exploring our indigenous history to contemporary stories, this exhibition will continue until October 7 when the Collection in its entirety will move to the State Library of Victoria.

Fun Sundays April 29 & May 6 12-4pm Food for Thought

In conjunction with the Daylesford Macedon Produce Harvest Week Festival join us for fun filled afternoons showcasing picture books, food and produce. Well known illustrator/author Kevin Burgemeestre will be running a free illustration workshop between 1.30-2.30 on both days.

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#### Food for Thought @ Dromkeen

Join us for a fun filled afternoon showcasing picture books, food and produce.

Explore our food related trail, discover some local growers and be amazed by our 'Book Feast Table'. Illustrator, Kevin Burgemeestre will run a one hour workshop on both Sundays. Kevin is fantastic, great fun and will take the kids through drawing eggs, vegetables and more. Meet local honey and egg producers and peruse the "Little Kitchen Cookbook" collection - a great afternoon for the kids to learn and enjoy.

Date: Sunday 29 April & Sunday 6 May 2012 Location: Dromkeen, 1012 Kilmore Road, Riddells Creek

Time: 12pm - 4pm Cost: FREE for kids Bookings: 5428 6799



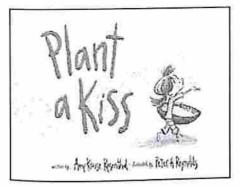
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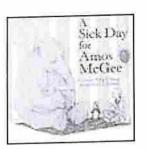
### Red Door Books April Book Reviews.



#### Plant A Kiss by Amy Krouse Rosenthal

This is a beautiful children's picture about how things grow. The text is in simple rhyming form that guarantees understanding and enjoyment from a range of ages, and the content is sophisticated enough to provoke thought but not overwhelm. The illustrations excite the imagination and match perfectly with the story. And the constant use

of sparkles always gets a thumbs-up from us at the bookshop....!



#### A Sick Day for Amos McGee by Philip C. Stead

I love books about friendship that aren't really soppy – and this picture book is one of those. When Amos is too sick to go to work, all his friends get on the bus and go to him! If you love stories about the zoo and the bonds between animals and their keepers, you will enjoy both the story and the illustrations.



### Big Wig – a little history of hair. By Kathleen Krull

If you are interested in hair, haircuts, and styles, this book about hair is certain to be a winner. It includes a chronological history of hairstyling, with extra pertinent pieces of history to fluff out the hairy bits. Or give it a bit of body. And shine. Sorry, I'll stop now while I can. The illustrations include pictures of our Neanderthal friends getting blowwaves, Egyptian wigs sprinkled with real gold-dust (for luck), and hairscent in Iraq to cover up the smell of camel wee. This book reminds me of the Horrible Histories series, and is totally enjoyable and informative.



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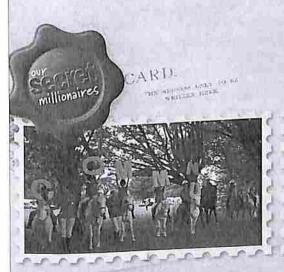
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#### Cancefield Mercury

#### **Lancefield Golf Club News**

Good rain in late February and early March gave the course a much - needed boost, resulting in excellent growth on the fairways, which are normally drying off at this time of the year. The good conditions continue to attract high numbers of men and women members and social players.

Our Wednesday Twilight competition has regularly attracted ten or more players, the final event for the 2011-2012 year being held on 28 March. Thanks are due to Barry Flentjar for organizing the weekly event and to Mark Andrews for the barbecues. Danny Bellchambers won this year's competition. Twilight Comp will commence again at the start of 2012 daylight saving.

Men's Pennant began on Sunday 25 March and the Ladies on Monday 2 April. The results of Pennant will be detailed next month by which time Pennant season will be finished for the year.

The Club recently ran a raffle for two members to play at Royal Melbourne Golf Club. Member Simon Dickie generously donated the prize. Lucky winners were David Muller and Colin Stirton.

Twelve very brave players fronted up for the Club's Men's Monthly Medal on Saturday 3 March in wet

and miserable conditions. The event was won by Garv Dudderidge (4) with net 75.

Bert Parks won the Stableford event on Saturday 17 March with 42 points, from Steve Hyndes, runner-up on 40 points.

On Saturday 24 March Rob McHenry and Trevor Lambert, defeating the team of Darren Ryan and Matt Sharpe 2-up, won the Men's 4BBB Matchplay final.

The Club's Ladies continue to grow in numbers and enthusiasm. Seventeen ladies played in the Monthly Medal on 7 March, with new member Sharon Matters (17) winning with a score of 69 from Wendy Nicholas (30) runner-up with 70. In B Grade, Jenni Vennel won with 76 net from Hilda Caley on 77.

On 29 February, Sue Cunningham, narrowly defeating Kaylene Cruise, won the Dorothy Hayes Ladies Singles Knockout. Sponsor Dorothy Hayes was invited to present the trophy.

Another successful Mt William Cup was held on 5 April, with 65 players representing fifteen clubs. Kilmore Two (Jan Hourigan, Eileen Hall and Carolyn Morris) won with 109 points from Lancefield Two (Di Brennan, Sheena Carter and Tina Baker) on 105 points. A Grade winner was Jan Hourigan (41 points), B Grade Andrea Eacott (Woodend, 39 points) and C Grade Sheena Carter (Lancefield, 39 points). Thanks are due to all the volunteer helpers on the day, both on the course as spotters/drinks sellers, in the kitchen and in the Clubhouse with tallying the results. Annie Benson did her usual magic with the table

On Thursday 26 April, the ladies will host past lady members for a 9-hole competition and lunch at the Clubhouse. Captain Florence Meyer has been busy in the last few weeks contacting as many past lady members as possible to join in and socialize with current members.

The Course improvements are continuing, with the contractors now carrying out works on the roads, bridges and creek edges. Hopefully the work will be completed in the next few months.

We'd like to remind prospective visitors that the Club operates the bar from 11.00 am to 5.30 pm on Saturdays and from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm on Sundays, with light snacks available. Social players are most welcome (contact the Club on 5429 1922 to check Competition times).

New members are always welcome and you are invited to contact the Club for membership details, or visit our website at www.lancefieldgolfclub.com.au.

#### Rodney Hall, Silence

Silence is a collection of 29 short stories, each exploring an experience, interpretation or memory of silence - in all its forms ranging across continents and ages and from the very personal to the historically tragic and contemporary political. Silence is not just a theme that weaves its way (sometimes imperceptibly) throughout the collection, it is also a feature of Hall's inspiration, in that the stylistic approach and events at the heart of each story are a nod to the works of fellow writers - his 'silent partners' as he refers to them in the afterword.

Some in the group found the stories too short or the 'silent partners' too contrived. One found the stories too bleak and disturbing to finish the book. The majority of the group, however, were deeply moved or enthralled by the stories, and marvelled about how Hall's mastery of language and imagery could conjure whole worlds, other ages and states of being so vividly in such distilled form. Some are barely more than a page long - like the exquisite 'Korean House' in which a servant woman is determined to shame the invading Japanese army by leaving a house in immaculate order. Others, like 'Winter Campaign' builds layers of evocative imagery across several pages to tell the haunting story of an army of 9000 men making camp in the tundra at nightfall, against the backdrop of battle at dawn, and heavily falling snow.

The majority of us agreed that this is a collection of stories that we will want to re-read and savour. Despite the few who didn't warm to the book, the overwhelming enthusiasm of the rest of the group has put this collection of stories on our 'favourites' list. (Four stars)

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## Western Water's community grants

Western Water is urging schools, community and environmental groups in Western Water's service region to apply for grants under its environmental and community garden programs. The grants, named after Western Water mascots Sammy the Snake and Francis the Frog, are for school and community gardens and environmental projects.

Schools and community groups can apply for grants to purchase plants and equipment, or for hands-on support such as volunteer labour from Western Water staff. The Sammy grants are an opportunity for community gardeners to get a helping hand with establishing a new garden or improving an existing

one, with the added benefit of encouraging sustainable gardening and promoting the health and education benefits of gardens in our region.

The Frances grants will be available to Landcare and other environment groups for projects that improve environmental health and biodiversity.

Anyone applying for the grants must be part of a not-for-profit community group, or a school in Western Water's service region.

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- 2. Community Gardens (up to
- \$1,000 each for 10 community

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Applications for school garden grants close on May 11. Environment groups have until May 25 to apply for a project grant, while applications for community gardens are open until June 29.

For further information contact: 1300 650 425

Or to download an application form visit Garden and Environmental Grants - Western Water

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#### Junior Championship

Lancefield Tennis Club hosted its Iunior Championship on the 24th of March . Nathan Morgan won the Championship for 2011-12 and was one of 14 Junior Players who participated in this event. Our congratulations to Nathan and well played.

#### Sportsmanship Awards

The Tennis club has a sportsmanship award for each Junior team that plays in the Summer and Winter Competition. This award is for the player in the team that demonstrates the best attitude in the way they play their tennis and to the opposition and their fellow team members and is voted for by the opposition team members and managers. The following were the successful recipients,

2011 WINTER Jamie Taylor C2 Peter Devlin B2 2011-12 SUMMER Player Section Tom Martin D2 GOLD D2 BLACK Andrew Hicks Damian Meyer C2 Frin Barr **B3** Robert Nowland A1 and Jamieson Liersch

#### Shade Sail

The Club has installed a shade sail to the west of the club rooms enhancing the viewing enjoyment of those who attend and watch the tennis. Special thanks to Jim Curry for his project Management. The club would also like to thank Doug Kindred of Digrite Excavations who assisted with the provision of a machine for the destruction of an old water tank and to Steve Thrum of Thrummy's Mini Diggers for digging the holes for the posts. The assistance of these local tradesmen saved us hours of time and effort and was greatly appreciated.

#### Money For Jam

As featured on the front page of the Midland Express, the Tennis Club sold an array of wonderful homemade Jams, Chutneys, Cakes, and local produce at the Lancefield Swap Meet. This was a huge success and the club would like to thank Lorraine and Rebecca Kraus, and all the others who provided produce for this stall. We still have a quantity of jams left over including, Bramble Berry, Mixed Berry, Apricot, Raspberry, Melon and Lemon, Melon and Ginger, Plum, Peach and Pineapple, Apple and Strawberry, Tomato Relish, Green Tomato pickles, Plum Sauce, and Apple Jelly jut to name a few. If you missed out and would like to order some jams or produce please contact Lorraine on 54291520.

#### Support Required For LFNC Now And Into The Future

Come along and show your support and get involved in the club. For the club to survive into the future, it requires larger numbers of helpers and new ideas on how the club can go forward. The help offered could come in many forms you may want to take on a major or minor roll on the committee. You may have expertise in certain areas that would be of assistance in running one of our annual events for example the swap meet. quick shear or become a member of the social committee and help arrange social functions in 2012, which is vital for building camaraderie and mateship at the club.

You may have contacts in the business world that maybe able to help the club through sponsorships or assistance in running the club. The club needs to set in place a succession plan so when people come and go off the committee you do not loose all that experience so the LFNC can continue to move forward in a smooth manner regardless of the changes to the committee. No matter whether you are young or old, with or without experience, come along and get on board in 2012 so that your knowledge and know how can help the club grow and exist into the future.

Lancefield Football Netball Club meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month at the Park in the Laurie Green Pavilion 8pm. All welcome, the club needs your support.

#### Football Trainers Required

The football club is looking for trainers to help during the 2012 season. Anyone who is interested please contact the club. Training courses are available for those interested who are not qualified. Please contact the club via email on info@lancefieldfc.org.au. or ring lan Brown on 0407 291 517.



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