

A DAY FOR REMEMBRANCE

“How do we remember them? They died so young. They missed so much. They gave up so much: their dreams; their loved ones. They laid down their lives that their friends might live. Greater love has no man than this.”



Ninety seven years on the spirit of ANZAC continues to have meaning and relevance for our sense of national identity. It is a day of national memory, of the legend that the Anzacs forged on that distant shore long ago.

These words from Lieutenant-Colonel Ralph Honner, DSO, MC, who commanded the 39th Battalion on the Kokoda Track during World War II, capture the sacrifices of our service men and women and the true spirit of the Anzacs. ANZAC day goes beyond the anniversary of the landing on Gallipoli in 1915. We have a duty and obligation to never forget the courage and endurance of those who fought at Gallipoli. It is only one episode in Australia's military history, but it defines the qualities summarized in the word ANZAC- mateship, courage a sense of duty and an indomitable fighting spirit.

Commemorative ceremonies, with the crowds growing each year, are held in towns and cities across the nation, to acknowledge the service of our veterans.

I hope you have the opportunity to attend the very moving Dawn Service at Mount Macedon or a service in your town. These ceremonies can be a very personal and emotional experience. It is a time to stop to remember not just Gallipoli, but all the wars and conflicts, and those who have served in defence of our freedom.

Warm regards

Joanne Duncan

ANZAC Day Service – Wednesday April 25th 2012

The Romsey/Lancefield RSL Branch wishes to advise that the 2102 ANZAC Day Commemorative Service will be conducted in High St Lancefield on Wednesday April 25th. Marchers are requested to assemble at the Bakery at 0815hrs – the service begins at 0830. All families and individuals are invited to

attend the most important day in Australia's history, particularly the school children. Your attendance will be most appreciated. Refreshments will be served in the Lancefield Mechanics Institute after the service - all welcome. If you have queries please do not hesitate to call John Lynch on 0417 393 396.

Weather Comment 15-3-12

It is not very hard to find a starting point for this month's article. After my comments last month about the differences in the weather patterns over the previous years, everything changed even before the Mercury was delivered.

It just goes to show how unpredictable the weather can be. A week or so after writing last month we measured 61mm and followed 5 days later with another 22mm and after today's rain we are getting close to 100mm for the period.

There was of course a considerably heavier fall not far to the West of the town which caused some damage to roads and other infrastructure in the area.

We thankfully avoided the rain that caused floods in other parts of the country. I was amazed at

the quick strike of grass in the paddocks when I went to move some sheep on the Tuesday after the first rain and there was quite an amount of green grass in evidence even after only two days. With the rain that has fallen today we should expect to get a good Autumn break and head into Winter without too much worry about feed for the stock.

As I wrote last month I have sold some cattle last week and they returned a satisfactory profit. We will most likely sell some more in a month or so and then keep the rest until Spring as the younger ones will need the extra time to grow and fatten before they too will head for the saleyards. I moved the young ewes on to the lucerne for the Winter and they are also progressing well.

Our garden is still producing colour, now we have wind anemones [pink and white] the Easter and Michaelmas daisies, nerines, cannas, goldenrod / solidago, roses and the last of the gladioli.

Trees and shrubs are also adding to the display as they turn to their Autumn colours, to add to the mix are a few dandelions and thistles which always appear no matter how much weeding takes place

The vegie plot is still giving us beans, carrots, potatoes and onions but the other plants are about done. With all the rain the grass is greening up again and the plants have had their leaves washed clean of dust

Until next month

Robert Green

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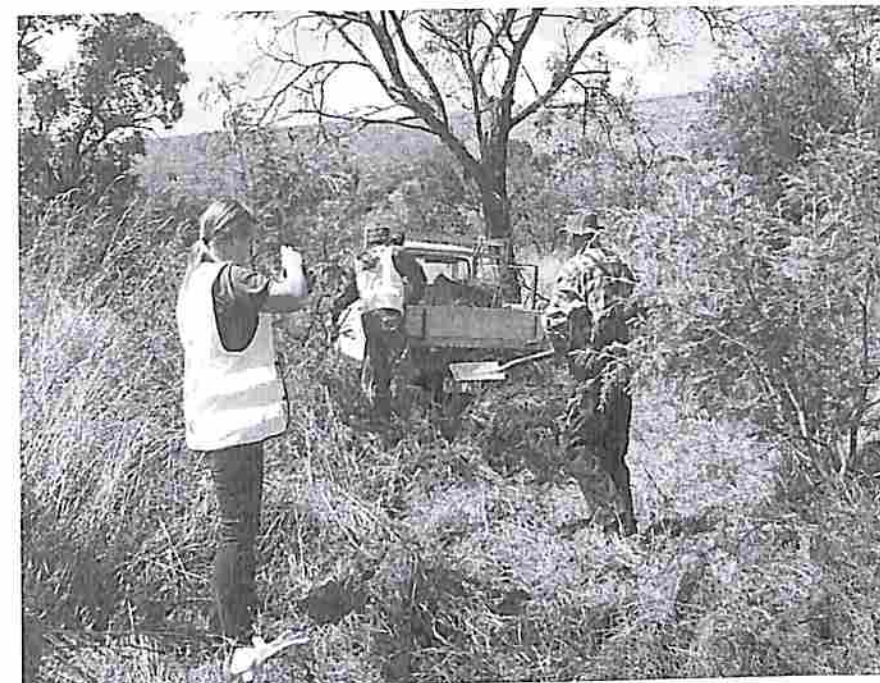
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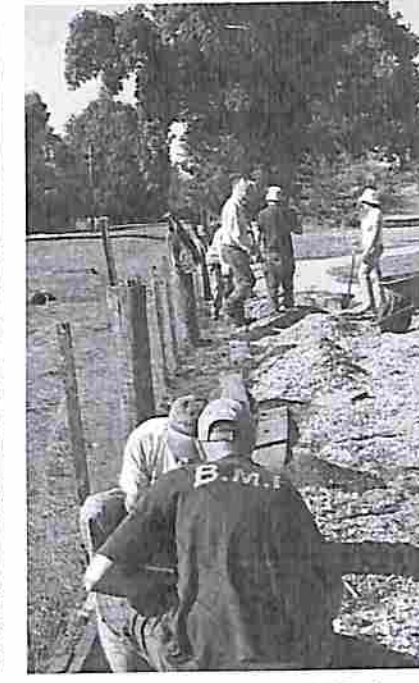
Deep Creek Landcare Lancefield & Romsey Get Works Underway



DCLG at work in Sheehan's Reserve

Both Lancefield and Romsey have benefited in the last few weeks from Deep Creek Landcare Group working bees. In Romsey, the Group has commenced a project to clean up and commence restoration of Sheehan's Reserve (also known as Sheehan's Crossing), funded to the tune of \$1,000 by Parks Vic. In Lancefield, the Group has started work on its "Celebrating Landcare Indigenous Garden" at Lancefield Park, the recreation centre of the town. Funding of \$3,731 for the project has been provided by

the State Government as part of the Victorian Landcare Grants delivered by the Port Phillip and Westernport CMA Community Grants Program. President Robin Ford says that the Group is keen to undertake works on the ground in both Romsey and Lancefield, and would love to have more local community members join in the fun. 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



DCLG at work in Lancefield Park.

Mechanics Institute, unless that day is a public holiday. The Group covers both the Lancefield and Romsey areas, and there are usually about a dozen community members in attendance to discuss landcare projects and matters in general. Anyone can join up on the night or just pop in for a chat.

Have a look at the Group's website at www.deepcreeklandcare.org.au Just come along, or give President Robin a call on 0428 315846 or Secretary Hayley on 0409 936814.

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Probus Meetings are held at St. Mary's Hall, Main Street, Romsey at 10am on the fourth Thursday in each month.

Probus is a mixed club for men and women
There is a guest speaker at each meeting.
We have an outing on the third Wednesday of the month. (Either a trip or luncheon)
Friday Morning Coffee
Musical Afternoons each month.
Ten Pin Bowling each fortnight.

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

On April 18th we are visiting Montsalvat, an artist colony in Eltham.

Our April meeting will be on Thursday 26th April.

LANCEFIELD FIRE BRIGADE

When you read this report the Proclaimed Fire Danger Period will be over in this area and the restrictions on the lighting of fires in the open lifted. Although the restrictions are lifted please be mindful of the weather conditions if you are contemplating burning off as there is still a bulk of dry grass in many areas and given the right conditions a grass fire could still occur. The Brigade has had a quiet season again and our thanks to all residents for their help in this regard. There has only been a small number of turnouts, with most due to lightning strikes in surrounding brigade areas and with the recent weather these may still happen so do not hesitate to call 000 if there are any concerns.

Training and skills maintenance will continue to be part of the Brigade's routine over the coming months and as usual we invite any members of the area who wish to know more about being a Brigade member either as operational or non operational call into the Station on a Sunday morning for a chat.

Again thanks to all members for their dedication and support during the Summer period just finished.

Stuart Mustey
Captain

The Romsey Region Women's Network

Want to meet some great everyday local women?

The Romsey Region Women's Network is a totally voluntary non-profit organisation that works to connect local women, 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 and expertise local women have to offer, have some laughs and gain plenty of inspiration. Current members represent a number of towns/areas throughout the district (Romsey, Lancefield, Rochford, Woodend, Riddells Creek & Gisborne),



spanning different backgrounds and age groups. We're about bringing women together to share ideas, connect people with common interests and support

women in our rural community to pursue their dreams. We meet the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7.30pm, so take some time out for yourself and come join us for a glass of wine and a chat. Our goal is also to host quarterly events throughout the year so watch this space for further information!

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Uniting church

Death no longer has dominion

'We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.' (Romans 6:9)

This month we celebrate Easter. On Good Friday the churches of Romsey and Lancefield combine in the Stations of the Cross, which will start at 10.30 am at the Anglican Church. As we walk around the town we will hear again the story of Jesus' crucifixion, and learn again how great God's love for us is. Then, on Easter Sunday, we will celebrate Jesus' resurrection and rejoice in our faith that goodness is stronger than evil, love is stronger than hatred, light is stronger than darkness and life is stronger than death.

As anyone who has seen me in one of my Doctor Who t-shirts, or checked out my extensive DVD collection knows, I am a complete geek. As someone who is both a geek

and a Christian, I see echoes of the Easter story in my favourite stories. Buffy the Vampire Slayer sacrifices herself for the sake of the world; the Doctor dies to save his companions; Obi-Wan Kenobi warns Darth Vader: 'If you strike me down I will become more powerful than you can possibly imagine'; Gandalf the Grey returns as Gandalf the White, for a brief time, until his task is done. J. K. Rowling has perhaps made most obvious reflection of the Easter story in the last of the Harry Potter series, as Harry walks willingly to his death and then discovers that love is more powerful even than death.

Some of these modern creators are Christian; some, like Joss Whedon who created Buffy the Vampire Slayer, are Christianity-haunted atheists; some, like Russell T. Davies of the modern Doctor Who, are deeply anti-Christian. To me that

doesn't matter. What matters is that in their stories we get hints, glimpses, of the overwhelming power of the story of the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus.

This year, on Sunday the 22nd of April, Romsey Uniting Church will once again be hosting a church service that draws on science fiction and fantasy to illuminate the Easter story. (Last year's service was a lot of fun; there's nothing like having a church full of children and young people all eager and excited to be there.) I invite fellow geeks, and anyone interested, to join me at this slightly unusual, but utterly orthodox, event.

'Death has no dominion' Service
Time: 3.30 pm
Date: Sunday, 22 April 2012
Place: Romsey Uniting Church, 21 Pohlman Street, Romsey 3434.
Dress: Feel free to come in a sci-fi

Antiques & Collectables

Valuations afternoon

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or fantasy costume but, remember, all stakes, swords, light sabres, blasters and other weapons must be left at the church door.

Bring a plate: For a shared afternoon tea; anything shaped like a TARDIS or made from a recipe in Wookie Cookies will be particularly welcome.

Further information: email Avril on avrilhj@bigpond.com.

Other Services in April

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

- 1 April: Lay Worship Team
- 6 April: Good Friday Stations of the Cross, 10.30 am, commencing at the Lancefield Anglican Church
- 8 April: Rev. Dr Avril Hannah-Jones - Eucharist
- 15 April: Guest Preacher
- 22 April: Rev. Dr Paul Walton
- 29 April: Joint Service at 10.30 am at the Riddells Creek Uniting Church, Sutherlands Road, Riddells Creek

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The judge asked, "Guilty, or not guilty?" When Graham pleaded guilty, the judge replied, "That'll be ten dollars -- a dollar for every mile you went over the limit."

Suddenly the judge recognized the famous minister. "You have violated the law," he said. "The fine must be paid--but I am going to pay it for you." He took a ten

dollar bill from his own wallet, attached it to the ticket, and then took Graham out and bought him a steak dinner! "That," said Billy Graham, "is how God treats repentant sinners!"

The message Bible puts it this way: "Become friends with God; He's already a friend with you."

How? You ask. In Christ. God put the wrong on Him who never did anything wrong, so we could be put right with God." 2 Cor. 5:20-21

Q. What do you have to do to receive this wonderful gift of a new

start in Life from God who loves us so much?

A. BELIEVE - John 3:16

If you would like to learn more about the Christian Faith you are invited to join us at one of our Sunday Services; one of our fortnightly Life Groups; or simply contact us at our Church office 5429 6327.

We would be blessed to be of assistance to you.

*Pastor Marilyn Hunter
- Senior Pastor - The "Living Word" Christian Church*

Grants available

Council's Funding Scheme Opens

On the 1st March 2012 the annual Community Funding Scheme opened for applications. Up to \$6000 is available but is hotly contested so be quick! The scheme has three levels of funding and is available to community groups and not for profit organisations. Business and Tourism

Associations are eligible and we encourage you to read the guidelines and apply if your project is eligible. A range of outcomes will be supported based on the merit of each application; some examples to consider:- Christmas Decorations- Tourism Events- Business Events- Projects providing

an economic outcome- Street furniture or town beautification works. The application forms are available from Councils website or by contacting a customer service centre on 5422 0333.

Council Officers are also available should you wish to discuss any element of your application. Applications close at 5.00pm on 30 April 2012.

Tourism Grants Open for Applications

Tourism businesses across Australia can apply for grants of up to \$100,000 to develop and refresh

their products as the 2012 round of the T-QUAL grants - Tourism Quality Projects program- has now opened. T-QUAL grants are designed to spur private investment in tourism experiences, from eco-cabins and farm stays to wine trails and interactive displays.

Grants can also be awarded to help build the online capacity of tourism providers and address labour and skills shortages. Applications close at 5.00pm on 19 April 2012. For more information about Tourism Quality Projects click here. Alternatively, please email tqualgrants@ret.gov.au or call 02 6243 7604.

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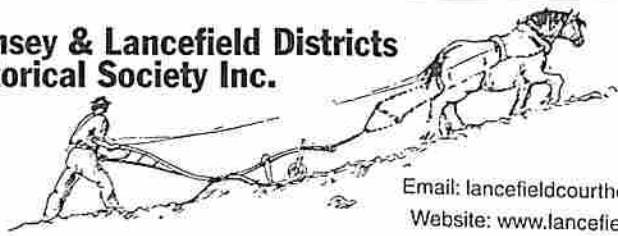
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Everyone is welcome to attend and to share a cuppa afterwards. A Book Launch will be held shortly for 'he drew his last breath

and expired' a transcription of obituaries from our local newspapers with the time frame 1870 -1879. Please keep a look out for posters around the town prior to this event.

The newspapers from 1870 to 1920 for both Lancefield and Romsey are available to read on computer at the Courthouse. Births, Deaths and Marriages are also available on computer. Photographs from our collection are also available for sale. For any enquiries please contact Shirley on 0402 248 540 or Robyn on 0418 172 659.



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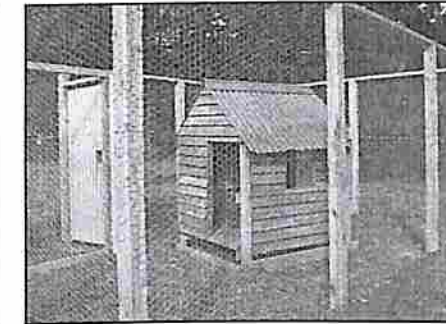
Lancefield Primary School



Garden Awards Presentation

A highlight of one of our Monday morning assemblies was the imposing appearance of the School's new ride on mower. The Kubota mower which was won at last year's State Garden Awards was presented to the school captains, John & Jett and Andrea van Gils by Mr Les Harrison from Kubota.

It will be a valuable asset for the school as there is plenty of grass to be mowed.



the chook enclosure has been completed. Money was raised for this construction by the school's Spring Bulb fundraiser last year and from sales in the Opportunity Shop. Parents are asked to support the shop in any way that they can as we are being well supported by its fund raising activities.



Harmony Day

On Wednesday 21st March we celebrated Harmony Day. This

is a national event to appreciate Australia's Multicultural diversity. The children came dressed in orange and were involved in varying activities embracing different cultures.

Softball

Congratulations to Miss Cooper and the softball team for their victory in the regional round robin. They will now proceed to the next round in Bendigo.

Last week the grade six softball team went to compete in the Cobaw District Competition at Woodend footy ground. We had a great day winning all of our six matches, and then beating the Kyneton Primary all boys team 11 to 2 in the grand final. Now we advance to next round of finals. Go Lancefield!!!!

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Bringing Community Together

Bringing community together is the basis of the Neighbourhood House aims.

In today's world everyone seems to be busy and our spare time is precious. Increasingly fewer people have the time to volunteer with clubs and organisations and we often can't even find the time to introduce ourselves to our neighbours.

Using funding received from the Shire of Macedon Ranges through the Flood Recovery Grants we are organising two events before the end of June aimed at strengthening our volunteer organisations and meeting people in our neighbourhood.

Share the Load

A dinner will be held on Wednesday, 6th June 2012 for representatives from every volunteer organisation in the town. The night is an opportunity to have a great dinner, meet people and explore possibilities of supporting each other to strengthen our organisations.

If your organisation doesn't receive an invitation by the beginning of May, or if you would like to come along and check out what groups are around town, please contact the House.

Celebrate Lancefield Day

Tentatively to be held on Sunday, 17th June 2012, this day is an opportunity to have a free day out and meet other people in the community. BYO picnic rug, a BBQ will be supplied, and there will be games, activities, music to be followed by a "Music in the Sticks" event for the young and young at heart.

We need some volunteers to help put this day together, so please contact Vivien at the House if you can help organise or help for an hour on the day. 54291214.

What's Happening in Term Two

Spend the next ten weeks getting fit.

We have a range of classes suitable for all fitness levels on the program. We will be running some classes in the youth space of the mechanics hall.

Boxing Fitness -

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Vanessa's Garden

Autumn is my favourite time of year, there's something about tidying up after a busy season of summer growth and actually harvesting the results of all that hard work that's extremely satisfying. Plus the trees can be beautiful at this time of year.

There's still plenty to do in the garden, both preparations for next year and general maintenance. Now is a good time to plant spring bulbs and you can also scatter seeds for spring and summer flowers such as aquilegia and carpets of pink and purple alyssum. Of course if you are planning this type of flower display, you'll also need to think about water needs



and laying irrigation in the beds if it's not already there.

As usual, it's a busy time in the veggie garden with ongoing compost making and continuing

to build up and improve the soil in the various beds. The clay bed in the naughty corner is, I'm afraid, going to require some serious digging so that I can incorporate the

necessary improvers such as sand and/or gypsum as well as generous amounts of compost.

Autumn is an ideal time to improve soil and, depending on what your garden needs, there is a huge range of products available including lime (although most Australian natives don't need it) which adds calcium to the soil and is a useful feed for stone fruit and in the veggie garden).

The other beds will be lightly turned over and if I get round to it, I will sow cover crops to help improve soil nutrients and structure as they get turned in, later on. Next year's garlic will be popped in round the roses again.

It doesn't matter if it starts to grow before winter, as it will get so far and then stop and wait for warmer times without damage. Similarly for broad beans sown now.

All being well, they should get their heads up and then weather the winter quite easily. In the UK

I have seen Autumn sown broad beans survive snow as well as frost, so I'm confident they should be OK here.

Nectarine and peach can be sprayed with Bordeaux mixture at leaf drop as well as "pink bud" if leaf curl is an issue. Old raspberry canes can be taken out now and similarly with blackcurrant bushes once the leaves are off. I was taught that blackcurrants should be pruned by a third each year and that has always seemed to work well. Essentially you look for the oldest dark stems and remove them, aiming to leave a nice open bowl shape for easy picking and air circulation.

If you are thinking of harvesting pumpkins for storage, it's worth pointing out that it can be helpful to leave them attached to the parent plant for as long as possible (while providing protection from any wildly early frosts - straw will do a good job. If pumpkins get frostbite they won't last very

long - weeks at most, rather than months). However it's perfectly OK to harvest around now if you prefer. The main thing is to try and leave a good bit of the parent attached, some say up to two feet (oops - I mean around half a metre) so that you protect the pumpkin's main stalk. The reason for taking such care with the stalk is that, if broken, it again leads to early rot. Broken stalks can be sealed with a bit of melted candle wax.

Then the pumpkins just need hardening off. This is generally just a matter of leaving them in the sun for about a week - making sure to cover them at night and in a place where the local wildlife won't get at them. This should see the skin set hard, after which they will keep. Depending on the variety, it is reckoned they can be kept for over 6 months although I've never tried leaving one quite this long - about 3 months is my record.

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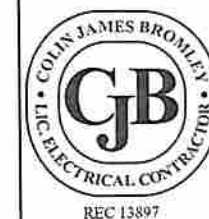
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(2 Corinthians 3:18,17,JB).

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Sacrament of Reconciliation

Well done to the students who celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesday 6th

March. Thank you to Fr George and Fr Gerry Spillane from the Gisborne parish. The parents, students and their teachers are to be congratulated on the preparation.

School Wide Positive Behaviour Program

Be Positive, Be Respectful, Be Cooperative.

During the week the teachers recognise students who are behaving well on the yard by writing their names down on a raffle ticket. At assembly 4 students are picked from the tickets and they are rewarded by a choice of an item from the rewards box.

This week at assembly, Year 1/2 I (Miss Inglis) performed a footy style chant about the 3 Bees which was fantastic. Well done. Year 5/6RG made 3 Bees bookmarks for all the students.

Parents and Friends.

The School fun run will be at the Lancefield oval. The students will also be involved in Tabloid sports so please let Melinda Giles know if you are available to help on the day.

The sponsorship forms have

gone home. The Landscape master plan will be available for people to view shortly and this will be displayed in the school. Many of the ideas will be funded by the P & F.

Lent

Miss Murtagh has organized for all the grades to support the Caritas organization by bringing a donation. Caritas is a Catholic group that supports people in less fortunate countries. The students will be able to fill in a cow poster as the money is raised hopefully allowing a town in a poorer country to purchase a cow.

COBAW Tennis.

Well done to the following students who represented our school in the COBAW tennis competition which is against State and Catholic schools in our area: Caitlyn Brown, Hannah Martin, Connor Dowling and Luke Newnham. Caitlyn will compete at the Zone championships in Bendigo in March. Good luck. Thank you to the wonderful volunteers who have worked at the Lancefield Op Shop as we now have a Defibrillator which will be placed in the hall as we have community events.



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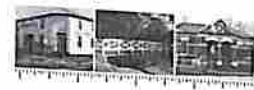
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Where is the Toy Library???

Since the Romsey Community Hub opened its doors in July 2008 the Toy Library has been located at the back of the library in the children's section. As we cater to children from birth to age 6 this is an ideal location for our service. We are a non-profit volunteer organisation that is run separately to the main library and therefore we have separate open hours. If you are interested in becoming a member and not able to attend during our open hours, please still get in contact with us as we are able to accommodate and be flexible for members with varying schedules

What's Been Happening?

We closed out the year 2011 with our Annual Christmas Morning Tea and had a great turn out. It was a fun morning with the kids busily decorating their gingerbread men in between licking their fingers and mums enjoying some chitchat over a cuppa. We'd like to say a big thank you to the Romsey Neighbourhood House for allowing us to use their space to hold this event.

We were also the lucky recipients of \$500 from the Lancefield & Romsey Community Bank© as part of the Community Investment Program. This donation will be used to install new shelving and storage as part of a project to improve the layout/design of our space to better showcase our toys and improve access to all visitors with prams or disabled access. We are extremely grateful for the generosity and support the Bendigo Bank continues to give the Romsey Toy Library.

Interested in joining our Toy Library?

All residents of the Romsey and Lancefield area, whether carers, parents or grandparents, are most welcome to join the library. Membership fees are \$25 for a whole year or if you are a Grandparent or member of Playgroup we are offering a discounted price of just \$15. Please drop in during our open times and view our range of toys or contact us to arrange an appointment if you would like a tour of our facilities.

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Cooking with Kids from the Toy Library**

Spending time in the kitchen with kids takes time and patience but it can be a really lovely experience if you view it like a craft activity - don't be in a hurry and don't expect to want to eat anything you cook! Be generous with your praise, and encourage them to 'help' you tidy up after your cooking time together.

Tips: -

Get them to 'help' with small tasks like tipping measured ingredients into a bowl, stirring batter, greasing pans, handing over the utensils.

Enjoy making simple recipes such as fruit salad, pizza, cupcakes (and then it's all about licking the spoon!)

Make things that are all about instant pleasure - so don't choose to make a recipe that requires hours of baking & cooling before you can eat it!

5-Minute Cake in a Mug

- Ingredients
- 4 tbsp self-raising flour
 - 2 tbsp sugar
 - 2 tbsp cocoa
 - 1 egg
 - 3 tbsp milk
 - 3 tbsp vegetable oil or butter
 - ½ tsp vanilla essence
 - 1 tbsp choc chips (optional)
 - 1 large mug

Method

In a large mug, place all the dry ingredients and mix well with a spoon. Use the spoon or fork to grind all of the cocoa against the side of the cup so there are no lumps.

Add the egg and beat well making sure to get rid of all the pockets of flour in the corners. Add the oil, milk and vanilla and mix until well combined.

Stir the chocolate chips in and put into the microwave on high for 3 minutes.

Wait until the cake stops rising and sets in the mug. Be careful it will be VERY HOT. If you like can run a knife around the mug and tip onto a saucer and serve with a nice big scoop of ice-cream. YUM!

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THEFT OF LIVESTOCK

We have had some sheep stolen from Staffords Road Lancefield which follows on from the sheep stolen recently from Clarkefield and reported in the local papers. This is a very under reported crime



due to the perception that because it might be difficult to narrow down the specific time of the theft police will not be interested. This is false a Myth. If ALL local theft incidents are reported it allows police to construct patterns of operation by the thieves. This in turn will enable police to investigate all avenues that might lead to a conviction. Livestock producers owe it to themselves and their neighbours to provide police with as full a picture of livestock theft as is possible. Just one arrest in a district will knock down livestock theft.

Myth 2. Serious Livestock Thieves are Too Smart and Rarely Caught.

There is nothing smart about driving a large truck or ute and trailer up a dirt road to unsupervised

stock yards in the middle of the night. Locals know who should be around and soon pick up on unusual activity. What we need is for these matters to be reported to 000 at the time they occur. The best security you can have in a rural location is your neighbour. If you see someone acting oddly in a rural area at night or in the day ring 000. If you can get a registration number all the better, write it down and pass it on to your local police when they attend.

Myth 3. The Theft of a Couple of Animals is not Serious and Will Not Be Investigated.

This is also false. Offenders, especially those who help themselves to neighbours stock rely on this attitude to hope that disappearances of small numbers will not be reported. It may be six

months since you last mustered and so cannot be specific as to the time of the theft but it is still important to report all livestock theft. Victoria Police are also taking the re development of a dedicated livestock investigation squad. These members have links with stock and station agents, carriers and sale yards to investigate these matters. Remember though it all starts with you. We cannot investigate it if it not reported. You will not be identified if you do report a livestock theft and if you wish to do so anonymously you can call crime stoppers on 1800 333 000.

RUBBISH DUMPING ON BACK ROADS

We have had a lot of rubbish dumped on back roads around

Lancefield lately and as a result a number of people will be facing charges for Aggravated Littering. If you see someone dumping rubbish get a registration number and ring it in. It is disgusting to see how some people treat this beautiful area of the Macedon Ranges and dump trailer loads of rubbish on the sides of local roads. The Macedon Ranges Shire should be contacted in the first instance and if necessary they will refer the matter to the police.

That's all for this month but we all need to remember you don't have to be a part of neighbourhood watch to watch out for your neighbours. Let's look after each other.

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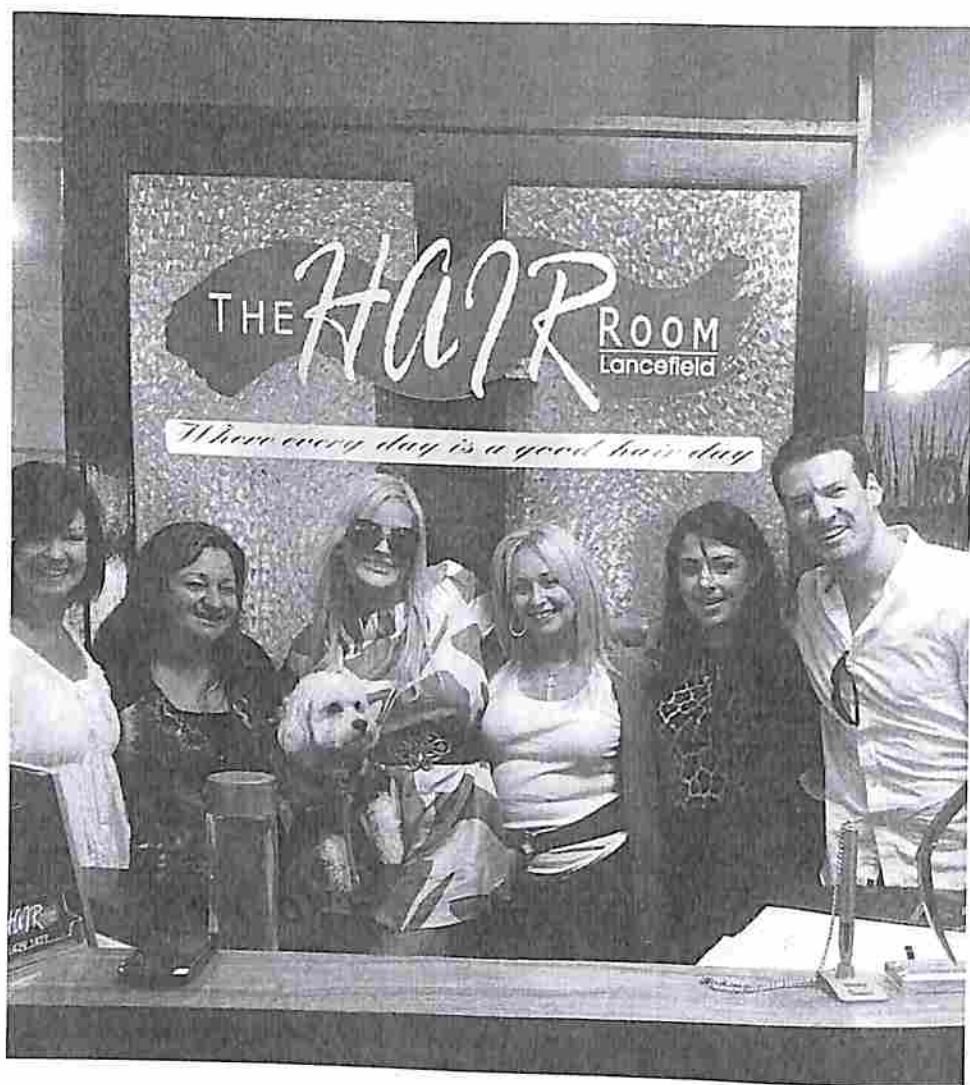
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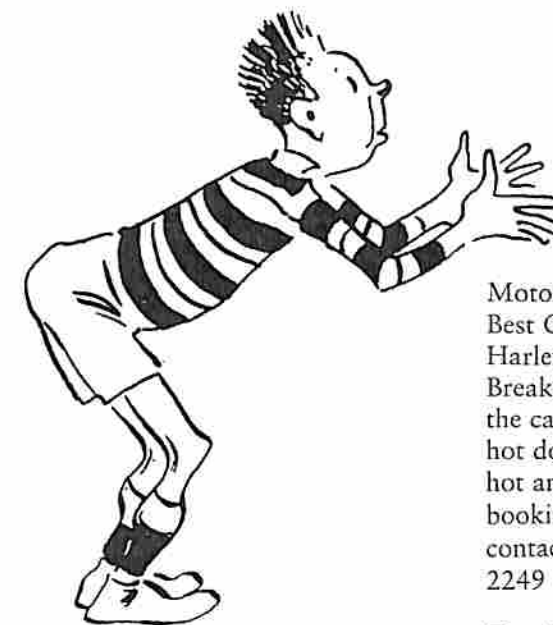
2012 RDFL SEASON OPENER

The 2012 RDFL football seasons starts on April 14th with Lancefield playing away against Melton Centrals at Mcpherson Park Melton. The Under 18's at the time of writing this article will have a bye first round if all teams remain in the competition.

The club needs your support and help so get along to the first game and purchase a 2012 membership and those that are able offer your assistance. The club has got a long proud history and been through lean times before and through sheer hard work and determination have worked through these times and gone on to be successful. For this to happen again we need the support of every available footballer to commit to training and playing out the season with LFNC. As we are only the custodians of the football club we need to work very hard so the club is around for future generations. Players that feel they may not have been given opportunities in the past or gave the game away early, or who have never fully committed now is your chance.

Training is Tuesday and Thursday nights starting at 6.30pm.

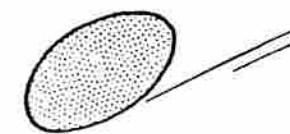
The LFNC also needs your support off the field in many areas from the committee, trainers,



volunteers each week at home and away games, canteen workers, helpers for Thursday night teas just to mention a few areas where help is needed. Lancefield Football Netball Club meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month at the Park in the Laurie Green Pavilion 8pm. All welcome

LANCEFIELD SWAP MEET APRIL 15TH 2012

On Sunday 15th April 2012, come along to the Lancefield Car and Collectables Swap Meet. Entry is \$5. An outdoor site is \$15 and an indoor site is \$20. The meet opens at 7.30am and judging begins at 11.00am on the main



oval. Categories include: Best Street Rod, Best Vintage Car, Best Vintage Motorcycle, Best Classic Car, Best Classic Motorcycle, Best Harley, Best Overall Vehicle. Breakfast BBQ from 6.00am and the canteen will have snacks, pies, hot dogs, soup, sandwiches and hot and cold drinks. For more bookings and more information contact Gary or Pam on (03)5429 2249

Football Trainers Required

The football club is looking for trainers to help during the 2012 season. Without trainers the games cannot go ahead and the club is right at the limit with only a couple of trainers to do training nights and three games on Saturday. Anyone who is interested please contact the club. THIS IS AN URGENT REQUEST THE CLUB NEEDS YOUR HELP.

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Sir Thomas More is a hugely influential presence on the history of England, though he is perhaps most famous for being beheaded by King Henry the Eighth in 1535. Utopia, the story of the 'perfect society' is a "must read" for all people with an interest in politics, history, literature or simply human interactions. However, it is not light reading. More wrote Utopia in 1515 and it is still extremely topical and relevant in the context of today's society.

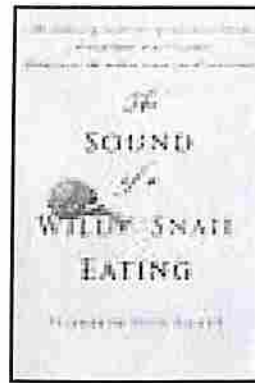
More's Utopia can readily be given credit for providing the ideal that inspired political theories such as socialism and communism. In Utopia there is no private property, everything is State owned, people cannot leave without a permit, men do manly jobs while women only do jobs meant for women. Whilst the simplistic views can be extremely frustrating and politically incorrect in today's world, the level of organization and detail More has given to this design is truly amazing.

THE SOUND OF A WILD SNAIL EATING by Elisabeth Tova Bailey

Reviewed by Justine Curatolo Macedon Ranges Book Club

The Sound of a Wild Snail Eating is very easy to read. I finished it in a couple of days. It is a biographical

work that describes an aspect of Bailey's recovery from ill health, which is long and extremely slow. Little is revealed about her actual illness or indeed her life, rather the focus is on the relationship she develops with a wild snail that her friend collects for her, kept in a terrarium by her bedside. Bailey is able to find similarities between herself and the snail. She gains inspiration from this connection with another living creature, which she ultimately credits to helping her keep her sanity. Furthermore, the facts provided about the life of the snail are truly fascinating reading.



IT'S A MIROOCOOL! by Christine Harris and Ann James

Reviewed by Red Door Books of Lancefield

I love a good tooth-fairy tale, especially one set in the Australian outback. Audrey lives in the bush, quite off the beaten track. When her tooth falls out, the tooth



fairy will need lots of help to find Audrey's house and collect her tooth...! With the help of all the family, maps are drawn and trails are made, with arrows and footprints showing the way through the dusty outback paddocks. Despite the dust-storms, wandering emus and dingoes, and hungry ants, the tooth-fairy collects the tooth - with a surprise left behind! The illustrations in this book have just the right amount of detail for this story, and the level of tension is perfect to hold the attention of tooth-fairy loving children!

MR BEAR BRANCHES AND THE CLOUD CONUNDRUM. by Terri-rose Baynton

Reviewed by Red Door Books of Lancefield

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Quite often when a change takes place there will be some form or honeymoon period or transitional phase and it is often in these times that we have the greatest opportunity to plan. Other times the change is effective immediately and we must make do.

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Community strides towards cancer cure

A record number of cancer survivors and carers attended this year's Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay For Life, undeterred by rain accompanying them for the traditional opening lap and uplifted by support from both loved ones and strangers. Results for the 10th Anniversary Relay held on March 3 and 4 have not been finalised but the total raised is expected to be more than \$110,000, falling just short of the amount needed to push the event's overall fundraising tally to \$1 million. The 2012 organising committee reduced the size of the Lancefield Park walking track and moved tent sites inside the oval boundary which the 34 teams agreed enhanced the atmosphere. They also injected more colour into the ceremonies and acknowledged the founders and history of the event. Evergreens, a new team of retirees from Kilmore, was the highest fundraiser with \$17,465.95. The Spirit of the Relay award was presented to the inaugural committee.

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

The 3 Ways Relay for Life team sincerely expresses their appreciation to all who supported and gave so generously, not only monetary, but also of their time to our fundraisers over the last year. Our Pamper and Fashion night in October was a great success, and we are very grateful to the local business people who donated to the silent auction and the pamperers who gave the girls a lovely night out. Our loose change coin fundraiser held in the street on Saturday 25th Feb raised \$204.70 towards our relay total which was just fantastic. The Spirit of Relay is very much embraced by the people of Lancefield and is truly something we should all be proud of as a community. *Pam Choate*
3 Ways Relay for Life Team 2012.

A Magic Time

On February 17, a Magic Show was held in Woodend for families, featuring magician Anthony De Masi (aka Luigi Zucchini). It raised \$1110 for the Cancer Council Victoria via my Relay For Life team.

The show would not have gone ahead without the generous support of the Rotary Club of Woodend, Bourkie's Bakehouse, Woodend Pharmacy, and the Brooke Street Medical Centre. Raffle donations, prizes and in kind assistance were also provided by Schatzi's, Kerri's Bundle of Bears, Bodywise, Collier Office & Business Assist, Belinda Shanahan and Karen McNeil. More than 100 people from across the Macedon Ranges attended and were treated to a highly entertaining and professional performance by one of Australia's most highly regarded magicians.

Thanks to everyone who bought tickets and contributed to the event's success in other ways. Spaghetti has never tasted so hilarious or enchanting!

Nadine Hartnet
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Reflection: Christian Love

New Testament Writers, when wanting to write of the kind of love that is God's nature use an obscure Greek word "Agape".

The word is appropriately translated in the Old King James Bible as charity.

It is exemplified in the words of John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but may have eternal life." It is described in the action of the Good Samaritan, and is the call of Jesus to love enemies and forgive without limit.

Christianity is based upon agape of other people and the world, not ourselves. We have taken the hard option of responding to Jesus, to be His body in the world.

This has been the way of the Church since Jesus. Love to others must be the basis of our life together as Church. "By this will all know that you are my disciples, if you have love for another" (John 13:35).

It is not easy!! None of our attempts to be relevant in 2012 in an increasingly secular, selfish and cynical society will succeed if we do not Love One Another!! Let us pray that God will guide each of us to do

His will, that the Holy Spirit will give us gifts of discernment, and that Jesus will lead us to follow His ways, so that Churches of Lancefield & Romsey, draw more people of this community and beyond into a living, vibrant relationship with the 'Risen Lord' in love and fellowship.

Lenten Blessings

Rev Bill Carroll

Interim Vicar - Anglican Parish of Lancefield & Romsey

Easter Services are as follows:

Maundy Thursday: 5/04/12 Holy Eucharist, footwashing and solemn Stripping of the Altar 7.00pm St Pauls Romsey.

Good Friday, 6/04/12 Liturgy 9.00am Romsey - 10.30am Lancefield. Stations of the Cross.

Holy Saturday, Service of the New Fires - 7.00pm Lancefield

Easter Day, Renewal of Baptism vows and Holy Eucharist

9.00am Romsey - 10.30am Lancefield

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too numerous to mention, will lay before you an array of delights, with something to tempt everyone. What great timing! This is a pre Mothers Day opportunity, to find that perfect treat for your mum. Never sure what to get? Come along and let us inspire your imagination. There will be shoes, clothing and a mini fashion parade.

Not only are there temptations but we also have entertainment, 13 year old identical twins Yasmin and Yolanda, will be singing and playing some of their original songs from their recently released CD. All this topped off with an

array of free finger food and a well stocked bar of bubbly at very reasonable prices. There will be silent auctions, raffles and bargains for everyone. The first bargain is the entry price of only \$10.00 how good is that!!!

This fun event will be held at St Mary's Primary School hall and Tickets can be purchased from Lorraine 54 291520, Stephanie Wooster 0407 367 840, Sally Potts 54 292039, and after hours Rebecca 0417 397 193.

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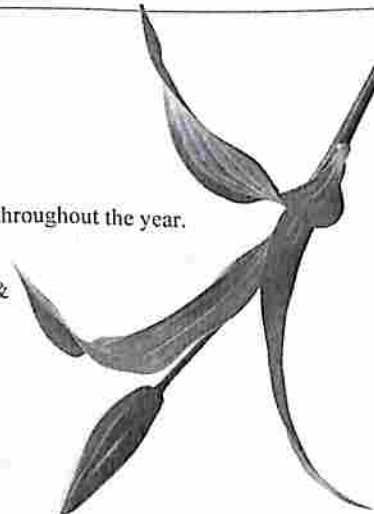
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Remember:

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Lancefield Cricket Club 2011/12 Season

It's the end of another season for the Lancefield Cricket Club and what a great season it was! Our junior team, the Under 12's, have had a great year with lots of fun and have achieved enormous knowledge from two very good coaches in Belinda Vandervalk and Greg Woodburn. Our Milo cricketers, 28 energetic and full of life youngsters have not only enjoyed themselves, but have learnt so much of the game thanks to Kev McDonald, Mel Bratovic and the many parents who gave their time to assist in teaching the kids the fundamentals of a great game. LCC would like to extend their many thanks to the above volunteers and let the community know the value of such people and appreciation of their efforts. Unfortunately our first XI team were not as successful as we had hoped, due to diminishing numbers on the field, but are very optimistic for next season.

Our second XI team had a terrific season only to be denied the chance to play off in the Grand Final due to complications with paper work. The club was devastated to find out that we were ineligible to play, but accept the decision of the GDCA with no animosity. We look forward to rectifying any such problems next year. On a more positive note, the season saw many wonderful social events, including our reverse raffle which was won by Eugene Faria who kindly donated half of his winnings back to the Club. Part of this was put into a great 'Ladies Day' enjoyed by players' wives, girlfriends, mothers, partners and friends. A great day was had by all and a huge thank you goes out to Kylie Sankey for all her organizational skills and help on the day. Our annual International one day game against India (aka The Faria Family) on Australia Day was once again a fabulous day, and for those who missed it - keep next year free as it is only getting bigger and better year after year.

The clubrooms are coming along nicely with a few reno's and are starting to look terrific. The new nets have given players an enjoyable experience at training, and with a healthy bank balance to hand over to the next Committee, only imagination is holding us back. Club awards for 2011/12 season were as follows:

1st XI Club Champion: Lyndon Thompson
 Batting Award: Lyndon Thompson
 Bowling Award: Glenn Caton
 Best Team Player: Kevin McDonald

2nd XI Batting Award: Peter Shannon
 Bowling Award: Bernie Halpin
 Best Team Player: Patrick McCrohan

Under 12's
 Batting Award: Alan Sinclair
 Bowling Award: William Phillips
 Most Improved: Lachlan Bendeich
 Coaches Award: Callum Sankey

Congratulations to not only the award winners, but to all players, families and friends for another fantastic season. Your support throughout the year has been undoubtedly welcomed by the Committee who made all positions vacant at the AGM held on 4th April. At the time of printing it was not known if all positions had been filled, so any person still wanting to be part of a club with a proud history please contact Mark Caton on 0408 541 893 or come to any meeting held on the 1st Wednesday of each month at the Clubrooms. With more parents involved, we can build on a solid junior base for the coming years.



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