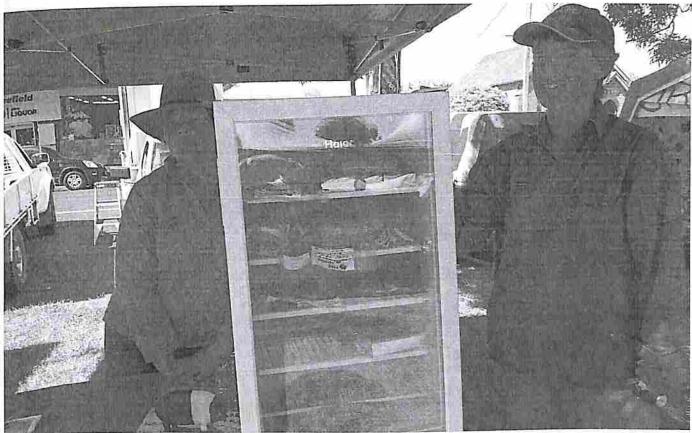
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# Mancefield Mercury

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# The Lancefield & District Farmers' Market is on again



The Lancefield & District Farmers' Market is on again on the 23rd June, the Macedon Ranges premier market for selection of fresh produce & foods \*direct from the producer\*!

This month we see lots of greens, beetroot, dutch carrots, potatoes, broccoli, cabbage, baby turnips, citrus fruits, apples & pears. Meats available include (all pasture grazed) beef & beef smallgoods, pork & pork smallgoods, lamb & chicken. Honey, free-range eggs, organic sourdough bread & pastries, sweet treats, preserves, quiches & dips, fresh cut flowers, worm products, emu oil products, wool & alpaca fleece/knits/animals, boutique beers,

Macedon Ranges wines, bio-dynamic wines, live poultry, olive oils, soap, puddings, cakes, stockfeed & much much more!

If that isn't enough to get you down there in your woollies, there is live entertainment from Sarah Wilkinson, who won the 2009 Macedon Ranges Youth award for individual music & also won the 2009 Maldon Minstrel award becoming the youngest winner to date!

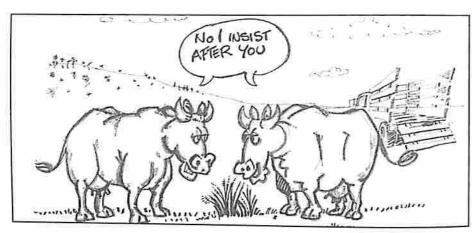
We may even get a surprise visit from the HRB Strongheart Band who have been delighting marketgoers at the Kyneton & Woodend Farmers' Markets. Special foods to enjoy from Taste of the Orient & Organic Sunrise. Community barbie cooking up a storm at the Lions Kiosk. Free face painting & Col's O'Connor's playdough area for the kids... Dogs are welcome on a leash & please remember to bring along your bags, baskets & trolleys as this market supports Lancefield Plastic Bag free.

For more information on the market & how to get involved, please call Meggs on 0407860320. This market is an initiative of the Lancefield Neighbourhood House & is proudly accredited with the Victorian Farmers' Markets Association.

### Weather Comment 15-5-12

My comments this month will be similar to last month, we have not had any useful falls of rain as we would all be aware .Growth in the paddocks is non existent and the garden, while more or less dormant. at this time of the year is also in need of a good soaking rain in preparation for some early planting. Rainfall for the reporting month has been 24mm which, although better than the same period last year when we measured 16mm, it is looking like the measurements we were getting during the drought. There is still no mention in the media of any long term concerns about the season ahead so I shall remain optimistic for the future.

The cattle continue to look well and are a bit more enthusiastic about eating their hay, the numbers remain the same but if I need to, some could find their way to market if necessary. No lambs yet from the Dorpers but some are showing signs that they may do so soon. The young ewes are



thriving and growing well and will need a change of paddock as they have the lucerne well eaten down. It will need time to recover before next hay season.

There is no doubt that Autumn can be a pretty time in the garden with deciduous trees and shrubs in their Autumn foliage, the frustrating part is that the leaves fall and look untidy and messy. This brings to mind last Saturday when I raked and picked up the leaves on the drive, patio and front lawns. Sunday morning after a damp and windy

night everything was covered in leaves again, so much for a somewhat tidy garden for Mother's Day. The other piece of excitement was when Meryl went to put some kitchen scraps into the compost bin she was greeted by two mice who had managed to find their way in. They have since disappeared. Roses are still blooming as well as the camellias and a few new annuals e.g. pansies but most of the garden is going to sleep, the Spring bulb are just starting to show up as we look forward to next Spring. Robert Green

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Our 6 local CFAs received \$2,000 each from Lancefield and Romsey Community Bank.

This month has turned out to be busier than during the Summer with calls to a car accident, a fire in a kitchen caused by an exhaust fan, a grass fire on Pyalong road and two separate shed fires one in Benloch and one in Romsey. The last three were on the same day which had us very busy. The kitchen fire was a very good instance of the benefit of having a smoke detector in good working order as their alarm alerted the residents to the fire and with quick thinking they turned off the power at the meter which removed the initial heat

source. When the Brigade arrived the fire was contained with damage limited mainly to electrical wiring and minimal fire and water damage which is always a good result. The roadside grass fire on Pyalong road was confined to a small area but still shows that the grass is dry enough to burn if the right conditions are there. This means to still be careful if burning off.

There is again a change to the operation of the Fire Siren. The siren now operates when a pager message alerting members of a turnout is received and will run for

two minutes before resetting itself automatically after that time. It has the added advantage of alerting the general public to an incident in our area which may have an influence on people and their property.

Training continues as usual on Thursdays and Sundays and will be part of the Brigade's routine during the cooler months .As always feel free to visit the Fire Station on any Sunday morning to see what is happening .

Stuart Mustey Captain Lancefield Fire Brigade

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#### Time Travel at St Mary's Lancefield.

The senior students at St Mary's have travelled back in time with their investigation into some of the events which have shaped Australia's identity. They began by looking at Aboriginal settlement, followed by the explorers and then the impact European settlement has had on our national identity. This included investigating the economic and social impact of the gold rush, bushrangers and our involvement in various wars.

Each student created a 3D model with an accompanying explanation, show casing an event, period or person which shaped our national identity. Our senior students became historians for a day, sharing what they'd learnt and explaining their models to others from our school community who visited the show

> John Doria and Tessa Burley are explaining features of their Aboriginal Exhibition to Mark Bennetts and his mum Nicole



Part of the exhibition included a gallery of war images created by the students



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Caitlin is explaining her bushrangers' model to Ruben Schembri, Oliver Nuttall and Thomas Knott



Jack Ryan is showing his model of a first fleet ship to Jack Perry and Maclaren Forbes



Molly Choate is doing some gold panning with some girls from Grade 1/2





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## Romsey & Lancefield Probus Club

President: Mrs. Jean Buist 5429 1116 Secretary: Mrs. Jeni Clampit 5429 5480

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 Wednesday June 20th, we are visiting the "Ancient Rome Exhibition" at Docklands.
Our June meeting will be on Thursday 28th June.

## Farewell To Fr. George O'Connor

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

The 10 am Mass at Lancefield on the 29th July will be his last Sunday Mass in the parish as parish priest. At 2 pm 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.

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## News from Number29



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Previously owned by the Anderson family (Alf was the local police officer in Lancefield for a considerable time), the home was always beautifully kept and became well known for the roses, planted many years ago, which continue to put on a lovely show for the community several times a year.

In keeping with this theme, but also as a tribute to David's mother, the house has been named 'Rosalie' as seen by the brass plaque as you enter

Now also as home to the Lancefield & Romsey Community Banks Senior Manager, Rod Browning who has taken up office at Number29, the business is a thriving hub which succeeds at meeting the needs of allied medical as well as business fields.

We offer comfortable fully maintained, fully serviced and fully furnished rooms designed to be suitable for many and varied professions, (medical, beauty and business) – and importantly for our neck of the woods, each room has its own quality heater & air-conditioner.

The flexibility and affordability in terms of days, times and rates we are able to offer our clients in turn, allows them to offer their own specialised service to the township without having to undergo the expense of purchasing and developing a property of their own which is not viable in most cases.

Days and time slots are still available so if you're looking at 'stepping up' your business or are tired and hamstrung by all the distractions of carrying out your business from home – give us a call.



#### Lancefield Red Cross



On Saturday March 31st, the Lancefield Unit together with Father George O'Connors and family members of the late Ann Connors planted a rose bush in her memory in the garden of the Lancefield Catholic Church. Ann was a dedicated member of Red Cross for many years and was a much loved, compassionate and caring member of the Lancefield community and will be greatly missed by her family and many friends.

Due to the generous residents of Lancefield our unit doorknockers raised \$1601.90 for Red Cross Calling this March. Our Easter raffle was drawn on Saturday 31st and the winners were First prize Easter egg basket - G. Meyer, second prize wine and glasses - Jennine Reily

New members most welcome. Jean Buist Hon Sec 5429 1116

## **Lancefield And** Romsey History More Than Just A Memory

The local stories, buildings and memories that make up the history of Lancefield and Romsey will continue to captivate future generations thanks to the work of dedicated local volunteers supported by a \$1080 Local History Grant. Member for Northern Victoria, Donna Petrovich, said the Victorian Government was committed to the preservation of local history, and grateful for the hours contributed by historical societies in achieving that goal. Romsey & Lancefield Districts Historical Society received a grant to develop booklets detailing historical sites located along the Lancefield and Romsey History Trails. Our beautiful region has a long and rich history and we are lucky enough to have many historic buildings still in use today. The booklet will be of great interest to locals and tourists alike and will also form a valuable historical document for future generations.

A full list of grant recipients is available on Public Record Office Victoria's website www.prov. vic.gov.au

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Romsey & Lancefield Districts Historical Society Inc.



The Society needs help!! We are seeking new members. For as little as \$20.00 per year you can help our Society fund its two areas of responsibility. Seymour Cottage built c1855 and the Archives held at the Lancefield Courthouse. As with most people our costs have risen and any small donation would assist greatly.

The assistance of anyone with a spare couple of hours a week to assist at the archives would be greatly appreciated. We have a number of projects underway in regards to the history of the area. Computer skills are not essential.

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

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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."

As you walk around the town you should notice the plaques identifying some of the early buildings. As mentioned previously these plaques were organized by the Society and purchased with money donated by RRBATA from the Romsey 150th dinner.

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.

#### The School project is continuing.

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.

There are two events listed for July and they are open for anyone interested in attending. If you do not have transport to either event and wish to attend, you can contact S.Kishere 0402 248 540, R.Miller 0418 172 659, W.McDonald 0421 599 876. We will arrange for you to be collected and returned to your home following the event.

We will be assisting the Library in conducting a preliminary Family History meeting on 21 July 2012 at 2pm.

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## The Practical Results from Budget 2012

There are always a number of publications following political budgets which either focus on the politics of the budget or the content of the budget. In our response, we've decided to take a different approach to both the budget and the upcoming end of financial year. This is a practical guide – decisions to make and actions to take NOW to get the most from every dollar and avoid some traps.

1. Private Health Insurance – the 30% federal government rebate for Private Health Insurance premiums will be means tested from 1 July 2012. If your premiums will rise as a result of this change you can prepay your premium prior to 30 June, 2012 and retain the benefit of the rebate for the period prepaid. Where the monthly premium currently paid with the benefit of the rebate is \$250, a 12 month prepayment could save you in excess of \$1,200

2. Superannuation Contribution Limits – from 1 July 2012 the maximum deductible superannuation contribution will be \$25,000 per annum regardless of your age. For over 50s this means that if you want to maximise your deductible superannuation benefits this financial year is the last time you can obtain a \$50,000 deduction. For people of all ages

this is a trigger to review all salary sacrifice arrangements currently in place – the \$25,000 is made up of both salary sacrifice superannuation contributions and the employer superannuation guarantee. If the total of these exceeds \$25,000 you will pay 46.5% tax on the excess so there is a penalty for exceeding these limits.

3. Trust Distributions – if you have a trust and wish to distribute income amongst your family group this paperwork should be prepared by 30 June, 2012 to be valid. Remember that minor beneficiaries are no longer eligible for the low income tax offset and the distributions should reflect this.

4. Medical Expenses Offset - from 1 July 2012 this offset is means tested. If your family income exceeds the limits where Medicare Levy Surcharge is payable the medical expenses offset threshold increases from the current \$2,000 to \$5,000. If you have children who are on longer term medical or dental payment arrangements (eg braces) and there may be a benefit to paying those costs all before 30 June. Of course the tax benefit should be considered against the cash flow impact of an upfront payment.

5. From 1 July 2012, depreciable assets costing less than \$6,500 may be written off immediately for small business entities. Unlike the general principal of rushing out to buy equipment and tools before 30 June, this year it may be more tax effective to hold off purchases to the 2012/13 financial year.

6. From 1 July 2012, motor vehicles purchased by small business entities will be entitled to an immediate write off of the first \$5,000 of the purchase price with the balance to be depreciated as per the usual rules. Again, this may result in holding off purchases until the 2012/13 year. Alternately, this change may result in a greater ability to negotiate the purchase price prior to 30 June if this change leads to lower motor vehicle sales in June.

Whilst there were a number of other changes announced for non residents, higher income earners, fringe benefits tax and company tax losses which will be relevant to some the above are simply 6 practical matters to consider between now & 30 June, 2012.

To find out more about these issues or anything to do with the budget, simply call McMahon Osborne Group on 03 9744 7144 to discuss your specific issues. If you would like an extended budget wrap email your name & contact details to kristie@ mcmahonosborne.com.au

## Landcare 25th Anniversary Garden Gets Going

The "Celebrating Landcare Indigenous Garden" at Lancefield Park, the recreation centre of the town, is nearing completion after the Deep Creek Landcare Group had a rewarding Sunday morning working bee and well deserved bbq lunch. 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. All the works are being undertaken by the members of the Deep Creek Landcare Group, and President Robin Ford says that the Group would love to have more local community members join in the fun at both their Lancefield and Romsey projects currently underway.

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, 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.

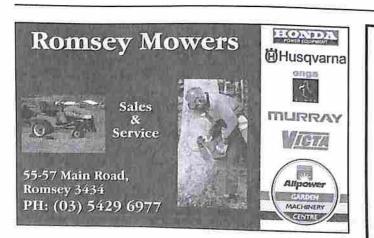
Have a look at the Group's website at www.deepcreeklandcare. org.au Just come along, or give President Robin a call on 0428 315846 or Secretary Hayley on 0409 936814.



Stephen, Sequoia, Jeanette, Donna and Margaret take a break for a photo opp.



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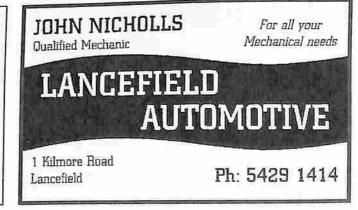
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### **Lancefield Police** News

#### **Ouestions You Have Raised**

There are a couple of issues that I have been asked to address in this month's Mercury.

The first of these is 1. Double Lines, What Do They Mean??

This was raised as a result of concerns expressed by residents with being overtaken again and again on double lines on Melbourne Lancefield Road and by residents who have been confronted with vehicles swinging wide and crossing double lines while travelling up and down Big Hill on Burke and Wills Track.

It is really pretty straight forward.

- · At no time should your vehicle cross 2 parallel continuous dividing lines. This includes while overtaking, entering or leaving a road, or travelling to the right of two parallel continuous dividing
- And includes performing a U turn across two parallel continuous dividing lines.

· Your vehicle should not cross a single continuous dividing line, or a single continuous dividing line to the left of a broken line. As above this includes, while overtaking, and travelling to the right of a single continuous dividing line, or single continuous dividing line to the left of a broken line. (It excludes, crossing a single continuous dividing line when entering or leaving the road, or entering part of the road from another part for example, to or from a service road or emergency stopping lane)

· It is also an offence to perform a U turn across a single continuous dividing line or Single continuous dividing line to the left of a broken line.

For double lines the Penalty is \$244 and the loss of three demerit

For a single continuous line, or a single continuous line to the left of a broken line the penalty is \$244 and the loss of two demerit points.

One of our locals was intercepted for this offence the other day and made the comment to the member

issuing the ticket, "But I know these roads." Yep you guessed it they still got booked. We only have to look at recent tragic events to know how important it is to obey the double lines regulations.

Double lines and Single lines are there for a purpose and there are

2. Who Has Right Of Way At The Intersection Of Main Road and Kilmore Road/High Street.

There have over the years been a number of accidents at this intersection so it obviously confuses some people. Some of this confusion results from the design of the intersection. It is quite involved when you take into account the service lanes in front of the Hotel, the Shell Service Station, the Antique Centre, and the Police Station. You then have the offsetting of the median strip and the gap between the median strip to allow vehicles to u turn at the end of High Street or to enter the service lane in front of the Hotel.

As if this wasn't enough the next area that confuses the motorists

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is the signage. There is a Give Way Sign on the Kilmore Road side of the intersection and a Stop Sign on the High Street side of the intersection. I will try to keep the Vehicles approaching the intersection from both Kilmore Road and High Street must - Give Way to all traffic travelling along or turning

> Sign in Kilmore Road. The car in High Street in this circumstance is "through traffic" despite the stop sign.

 Left turning vehicles have right of way before right turning vehicles

This applies to both sides of the intersection equally.

• The tricky situation is who has right of way when there is a right turning vehicle on both sides of the intersection ie High Street in front of the hotel and Kilmore Road in front of the Antique Centre??

I must admit I had to ask a member of the Kyneton Traffic Management Unit to clarify this for me. His advice was that in this situation the vehicle facing the Give Way Sign has right of way. My understanding is however that this is probably more of a courtesy and common sense than law. This again is a design fault of this particular intersection.

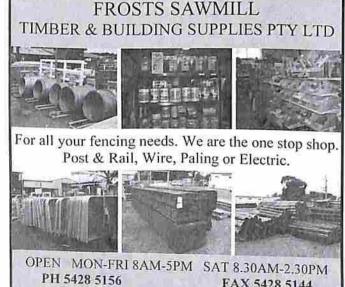
In a normal cross intersection both vehicles would be able to turn right at the same time. An example of this is at the Hotel in Romsey

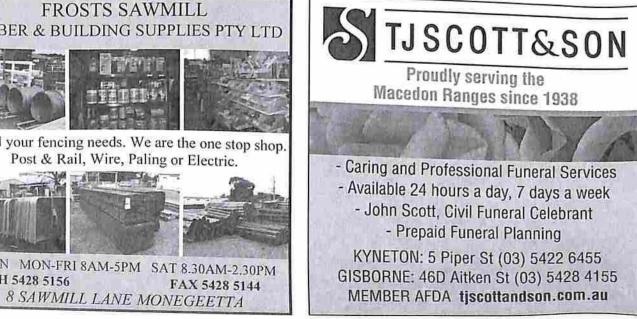
where cars on Barry Street from both directions can turn right at the same time. In Lancefield, due to the offset of this intersection (designed for bullock wagons not cars) a head on would occur if this was attempted.

Some years ago Vic Roads looked at this intersection with a view to putting in a roundabout. My recollection was that it would have cost in excess of \$1,000 000 to install. Once again the problem was the design of the intersection and the access required to the business situated on the intersection. It would have been a huge undertaking to complete and of course there are intersections that carry more traffic and probably have more accidents than this one.

As with all driving situations most accidents can be avoided by the use of the three C's, Courtesy, Common Sense and Care. Drive Safely.

Roger BARR Officer In Charge Lancefield









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Stop Sign in front of the hotel in

High Street must also come to a

Problems sometimes occur

when vehicles enter Main Road

to travel south from the Service

Station entrance off Main Road.

Cars at High Street and Kilmore

and see nothing coming along

Main Road and then go to pull

Road sometimes look to the north

out only to be cut off by a car that

has entered Main Road from the

service Station. With the current

design of the intersection this is

way over turning traffic.

· Through Traffic has right of

So a car that has completed its

stop at the Stop Sign in High Street

has right of way over a vehicle

turning right from the Give Way

(Main Road). Vehicles at the



## Lancefield Neighbourhood House

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#### Share the Load Dinner

If your organisation hasn't responded yet to attend the dinner on Wednesday, 6th June, please do so straight away. This is an opportunity for us to explore how we can strengthen all the clubs and organisations in the town through getting together and sharing ideas and resources. We also get to share a great meal catered for by the Tennis Club.

#### Being young in Lancefield Punching for a Cause

Local Boxer and Personal Trainer. Brenton Walters, has been running a Boxing Class on Monday nights at the Youth Drop In Centre at the back of the Hall. Brenton is

donating his time to raise money to fund a community gym in Lancefield. The gym will be run as a business with young people being mentored to run the administration side and be part of the decision making. Proceeds from the gym will be channelled into community projects decided on by the young people.

If you would like to support this initiative you can come along to Boxing, and get fit in the process, or phone the House to see how you can help. 5429 1214

Classes are held on a Monday at 6.15 pm. Age and fitness level are no barriers - come along to get fit or come along to learn how to box or improve your technique.

A SKATEPARK IS ON THE AGENDA AGAIN - AND SO IT SHOULD BE! HELP OUR YOUNG PEOPLE KNOW THAT THEY ARE PART OF OUR COMMUNITY AND THAT THEIR WISHES CAN BE OUR WISHES.

A skatepark is still the most requested 'thing' for the young people of our town. Please join us for a short meeting on Saturday, 23rd June (Farmers Market Day) at 11am at the Neighbourhood House if you are interested in being part of the Skatepark Support Committee. This group will look at moving the project forward by deciding on the location of the Park, applying for the permits, assisting



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for beginner riders and has some jumps that to me are only for the brave at heart. Dave has more plans for improving the track and with some luck he may pass on some of his knowledge about riding. Have a chat with him if you see him at the Park.

### **Op Shop Request**

Would the person who donated a knitting machine recently please check their cupboards for a part that was missing. The new owner would be very appreciative if you could drop it off at the Op Shop.

### **Christmas Carnival**

A committee to organise this year's carnival has been formed. They have some great ideas about how we can have a fun, spectacular event at the end of the year. Please phone Peter if you would like to contribute some ideas or time or join the committee. 0400 581 674

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"The final plan is due to go to the State Government's water industry regulator, the Essential Services Commission, in September, so we are asking for feedback before the end of July."

To give their feedback, Western Water customers need to register on the website, WesternWater.com.au, to access a draft plan summary and answer a range of questions.

Anyone who doesn't have access to the Internet can call Western Water on 1300 650 425 to register and receive a copy of the draft plan in the mail.

"Everyone who registers will go into a draw to win \$500 off their water bill, or an equivalent prize," Mr Wilkinson says.

## Lancefield and Romsey Community **Grants Scheme** for 2012/2013

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## Lincefield Mercury

19 local community groups received grants the projects included \$10,000 to the Lancefield Cemetery Trust to assist in building toilet facilities; the Romsey Bowling Club purchased a defibrillator and our 6 local CFAs received \$2,000 each.

Applications for 2012/13 community investment grants will soon be open

We have emailed all community groups in May to confirm their contact details. If your community group, school, kindergarten or sporting club has not been contacted and would like to apply, please register your interest to Emily Blades at emily@ itsmeanttobe.com.au by Wednesday 28th June.

Please provide details of your group and contact person (name, postal address, phone and email).

The grants process will open on the 1st July and all applications must be in by 10th August.

## Pastor's Parables . . . The power of one light.

In one corner of the world squatted a sullen, sulking, friendless darkness. Suddenly a tiny light appeared. It was very small but it was a light. Someone had put it there. It just stood there and sent out its rays. A passerby remarked to the light: "Don't you think you would be of more use somewhere else and not in this God-forsaken corner?" "Not really," said the little light. "I shine because I am a light. And because I shine, I am a light. I don't shine in order to be seen, but so that others could see in the dark." When the gloomy darkness heard this, it gritted its teeth and full of fury, tried to put out the light. But the gigantic darkness was powerless against this tiny light that wanted to shine. John 8:12 - Jesus said "I am the light of the world.

Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+8:11-13&version=NIVHow are you seeing life right now?

Is it confusing, bewildering, sometimes seems full of hopelessness? When we come to Jesus, we are able to see things clearly - as they

If you would like to learn more about Jesus, see more clearly and make sense of life, feel free to join us at any one of our Mid week Life groups, or either of our Sunday services: (10:00am Romsey; 6:00pm - Woodend)

Or contact us at our Church office on 5429 6327 to speak to someone we would be happy to be of assistance to you.

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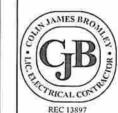
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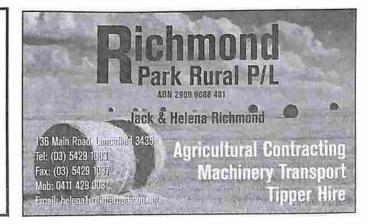
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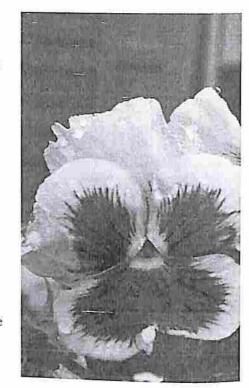
I think the grass has finally stopped growing – or at least it has slowed down considerably – and leaves are starting to drop from the oaks and fruit trees and blow all over the place. It can be quite a job, keeping on top of the autumn leaves but it's worth it because they can be a useful resource. Rather than viewing the annual fall of leaves as a nuisance to be got rid of, why not rake them up and use them as mulch round trees and shrubs?

This might be a particularly effective way of mulching newly planted trees, which could do with an extra helping hand while they develop enough of a root system to find deep sources of water.

The leaves need to be put on in quite a thick layer, so if you've only got a small amount of leaves, be selective with what you mulch. They will gradually rot down, returning valuable organic material to the soil and enriching it in the process. It is better to use leaves on the surface like this rather than try to short-cut the process by digging them in. Leaves take a while to break down anyway and need the help of the active bacteria which live on the soil surface.

Although it might seem like a good idea to dig leaves in, in fact they'll take longer to break down because the surface bacteria can't get at them to help, and the underground rotting process can upset the existing soil chemistry. Leaves were designed by Nature to rot down as surface humus so let's leave them there but make sure they rot in a useful place, rather than killing the lawn.

If you want to try speeding



things up you could toss a bit of blood and bone or manure around over the top.

June and July is a great time of year to plant trees, assuming you've done any necessary land clearance and preparation in the preceding months. Although rainfall seems to have been quite low, so the soil isn't as moist as it could ideally be, cooler temperatures and the trees' natural winter dormancy period, combine to still make this the best planting time.

Oaks have recently been highlighted by the Diggers' Club as having remarkable fire retardant properties (based partly on the way they survived Black Saturday). They are also drought tolerant, so if you have the space (and patience – this slow-grower will be shading future generations) it might well be

worth popping in a few acorns at strategic locations. Oak leaves also reportedly produce the best humus.

If you are looking for garden colour then I love the Japanese flowering cherry, which usually does well in cooler areas and provides a glorious spring hit of white or pink. It is only a medium-size tree in terms of height but spreads its canopy quite widely so it won't suit a very small garden.

While you're there, why not under-plant the new tree with spring bulbs for an extra show of colour?

Fruit trees can also be planted now including peaches, nectarines, plums and apples. It is generally best to source a young tree rather than attempt to grow from a pip or kernel. While a lemon pip or peach kernel might well germinate

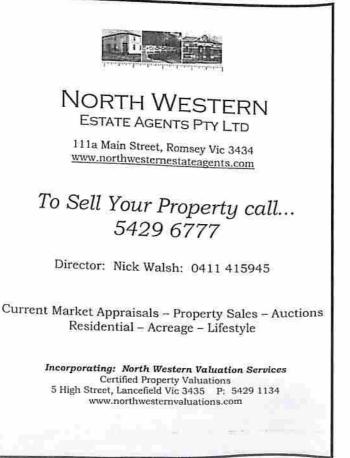
and grow strongly, fruit trees grown at random like this often seem to revert to a prickly, knobbly, distant ancestor, which bears quite low-quality fruit. I'm not saying that a home-germinated ruffian will never be magnificent, but it is unusual. In general, therefore, you'll get more reliable results from a well-bred tree!

Pick your planting spot carefully – you want your tree to thrive and be there for a long time.

Think about how big it will eventually get, whether you want to be able to see if from a particular room and whether it needs to be protected from strong southerly winds

Proper soil preparation when planting will help the tree get off to a good start, and I'll cover that next month.









**Lancefield Golf Club News** 

## Two big events

Two big events during April-May at Lancefield - the Ladies Present and Past Players Day on 26 April and the A Grade Men's Pennant Team taking newcomers to the Division, Woodend, to a 4/3 victory in the final held at Broadford on 6 May.

The Ladies Present and Past Players Day was a great success, with magnificent weather, a round of 9 holes and a wonderful lunch. Twelve past players were in attendance - Marion Craig, Vera Richmond, Bernadette Shannon, Lyn Murchison, Yvonne Smith, Ruby Smith, June Martin, Dorothy Hayes, Jenny Mustey, Marg Brackley, Jean Buist and Cath Rankin. Jill Bannon, Lurleen Nicholls, Editha Ott, Marg Murray and Ros Patterson sent their apologies.

Four of the past members played in the 9 hole competition - Marion Craig who plays at Melton Valley and Vera Richmond who plays at Castlemaine, together with Bernadette Shannon who has not played for 20 years and Lyn Murchison who was a Member about 10 years ago. Lyn is keen to re-join Lancefield. There were some great stories from past and present members. Vera Richmond

recounted the days of sand scrapes with wire around them to keep the sheep off and the fact that the ball was to be played as it lay, even if it was in sheep droppings. Some of the ladies recounted some very funny experiences when the Clubhouse was located near Baynton Road. Several of the ladies were given a tour of the Course in a golf cart and remarked how it had changed since the old days. Congratulations go to Lady Captain Florence Meyer for getting this occasion up and running.

The fantastic Pennant Final win by the A Grade Men's Team - a record three successive Flags for our A Grade team in the Dalhousie District - capped off Men's Pennant season for 2012. This year's Team won 17 of their past 18 games - a remarkable achievement. The Team consisted of Captain Brett Lockens, Chris Lingard, Trevor Lambert, Hugh Parks, Dennis Davenport, Danny Bellchambers and Darren Ryan. Fifteen-year-old Hugh, with his dad Bert as caddie, recorded a 2/1 win, and seasoned campaigner Dennis (but new to our Club) had a comfortable 4/3 win. Captain Brett played exceptional golf for a 3/2 victory. Darren, hampered by injury, lost on the 19th hole and

Danny, with a pinched nerve in his back took a 2/1 defeat graciously. Trevor, a former Lancefield Champion, in true sporting spirit, penalized himself when he accidentally moved his ball and lost 2/1. At this stage the Teams were square at 3-all. Current Club Champion Chris had a neck-andneck tussle to the last hole, when it came down to putts with Chris one hole up and only needing to halve the hole for a Team victory. Chris' opponent missed the putt, and conceded the match. Needless to say, celebrations continued back at the Clubhouse until the small hours!

The Club congratulates the players from all five Pennant teams for the manner in which they represented the Club during the Pennant season.

Colder weather and Pennant commitments have reduced the Men's fields in Saturday competition in recent weeks.

On 7 April Ray Schulz won the Monthly Medal and Easter Cup with 71 (15). A Grade winner was Chris Lingard 75 (+1), B Grade Ray Schulz 71 (15) and C Grade Kevin McBride 73 (20). Kevin won the Stableford event on 21 April with 44 points, from Dave



Plunkett on 38 points. The Monthly Medal on 5 May was won by Gavin Winwood 71 (13).

The Ladies May Monthly Medal was won by Di Rohde 76 (27), with Florence Meyer 81 (24) runner-up. Conditions were wet and windy, with just 5 players. In the second round of our Silver Spoon, Leanne Jeffrey took the prize from Florence Meyer (39 points each).

Lancefield will host the Annual Vigneron's Ambrose on 20 May - this is our chance to promote the great wine producers of the local

region, who generously donate their wines as prizes for the 4 - person team events. We expect to have entrants from many local Clubs, with a sumptuous lunch provided by Club Members. On the following weekend, Lancefield will hold the Annual Open Championship - a 4BBB mixed event on Saturday and the Men's 27 Hole Open on Sunday. More next month.

We'd like to remind prospective visitors that the Club operates the bar from 11.00 am to 5.30 pm on Saturdays and occasional Sundays. Social players are most welcome (contact the Club on 5429 1922 to check Competition times). Current Green Fees are \$20 for 18 holes (or all day play) and \$15 for 9 holes.

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

Caption for attached photo (Lancefield GC Past Players.jpg):

Lancefield Golf Club Present and Past Players 26 April 2012

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## **Book Reviews**

### Growing Old Outrageously:

A memoir of Travel and Friendship by Hilary Linstead and Elizabeth Davies RRP \$29.99



This is very well written travel book that accurately and wittily describes the trials and triumphs of travel overseas with a friend.

To my own great surprise, I read it to the end and enjoyed it, though it produced a mixed reaction. On one hand, I found the two English women and their "outrageous behavior" very annoying at times (especially the one called Liz) and often found myself siding with a third person (generally a long-suffering waiter or guide) who the author (Hilary) might describe as "the dour chap who failed to be swept up in our dance floor antics"

or some such.

On the other hand, I admired them both for pushing on with their travels at an age when many would give it away and, in spite of myself, occasionally found myself laughing out loud at their sometimes cruel jibes at each other.

If you like travel books and you are "of the age", you'll like this book and I recommend it. By the same token, I'm not going overseas with these two ladies in a hurry.

John Webb

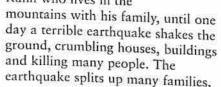
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## Mountain Wolf.

written by Rosanne Hawke, RRP \$16.99

Mountain Wolf is about a 14 year old boy called Razaq Kahn who lives in the



who suffer devastating losses, and Razaq loses his whole family. In the aftermath of the earthquake, a man offers to take Razaq to the city to find his uncle Javaid. Once they arrive in the city, Razaq realises that he has made a very bad decision to trust this man, as he is sold into slavery.

He struggles with the realisation of how difficult his situation is, because his uncle Javaid doesn't know that Razaq has come to the city, and therefore cannot save him from all of the evil on the streets.

He has many attempts at trying to find his uncle, but has to be careful not to be seen, or taken by the people in the city that will do anything for money; including take away children's rights of safety and remove them from their families.

I enjoyed this book because it shows how mistreated some people can be, and how they can still be determined to escape and live the life that they deserve.

Abbie Bennetts.

## Drowned.

By Therese Bohman RRP\$24.99

Unhappy Marina visits her sister and new husband in rural Sweden

and, from day one, finds herself deeply involved in their relationship struggles.

As the days grow more unbearably close, so does the relationship between Marina, Stella, and Gabriel. Inevitably, one uncontrolled act sets in motion a series of others that lead to tragedy. And for Gabriel, the writer with a passion for the Romantics, this is possibly what he wants.

This disturbing story is set in Sweden during a hot and humid summer, and the tension builds as the heat and humidity intensify. The atmosphere will haunt you long after you have finished reading the book...

Emma Stevens

Drowned

### Jandamarra

By Howard Pederson

Everyone has heard of Ned Kelly, but how many people have heard of Jandamarra?

This is the true story of Jandamarra, an Indigenous Australian man born in the Kimberleys during the early stages of white settlement in Australia. Jandamarra was a skilled horseman and marksman and therefore lived in both worlds, he worked for the white people and lived their ways, however he also retained strong links to his Indigenous heritage and family.

Jandamarra was employed as a police tracker until in an effort to protect his people, he shot and killed a police officer, he then went on to lead a 3 year long resistance, guerrilla campaign againstboth the police and European settlers to defend his people and their land.

Jandamarra is a legend amongst Indigenous people yet he is virtually unknown amongst the rest of the population, therefore, this book is an important read for all Australians.

It is at times confronting as the book travels into the brutal (yet truthful) past of the mistreatment and abuse towards Indigenous people as well as the injustice still experienced by today's generation.

However, the insight into the struggle for life by Indigenous people in the 1800s during white settlement, is invaluable and hence qualifies the often at times uncomfortable reading.

A must read. Macedon Ranges Book Club 0427 135 271

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If you have a glazing job then I urge you to support our locals and give Chris a call on 0428 535 101. Thanks very much Chris your support is greatly appreciated.

NO RAQUETS NO BALLS JUST A GIRLS NIGHT OUT - Report. What a great night we all had. With music, fashions, and all sorts of pampering, washed down with a glass or two of delicious Cope Williams bubbly or a lovely drop of Morganfield Pinot or Chardonnay. This fundraiser was a great success.

The club would like to thank Cherie Goodson for her work as MC on the night. What a versatile lady, Garden Guru, Auctioneer, Fashion Aficionado, and all round good sport. Your efforts Cherie were much appreciated. We would also like to thank the community for their support of this event. A special thanks to Jack Richmond, for rescuing us with his P/A system when the halls system could not be made to cooperate.

I would also like to thank Lorraine Kraus and the ladies and gents in the club that have worked so hard on the fundraising this year. I think we now get a couple of months off before Lorraine cracks the whip again and we fire up for the Ag Show. Thanks again to the Lancefield community for your continued

Stay Tuned for a Junior Tournament Possibly on the Melbourne Cup Weekend (date to be confirmed) and other social events.

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## Lancefield C.W.A.

We are saddened this month to report the loss of a loved and valued member -Mary Penberthy. Mary came from Kilmore and was very talented in ribbon embroidery, tapestry, sewing etc and was always happy to teach these skills to others. She was the "life of the party" and we will miss her. Our longest serving member Hilda Gallpen is now in Goonawarra Nursing Home and unable to come to meetings - but she is busy knitting bed socks for the folk there, and we are helping also. We have a pattern if anyone would like to help. We also have a friend who has knitted bundles of squares-these have been crocheted together by June and Jean and rugs have been taken to local hospitals and nursing homes as required. Last month 8 went to Goonawarra.

The Group Exhibition at Kyneton last month was a success, especially for Lancefield. Five members entered, each received an award and the Branch received a trophy. It is time to re-organise the Spring Show schedule. If you have a craft that has not appeared in the schedule, please give me a ring and we will include it. We need new ideas. Thank you to everyone who bought our biscuits at the Farmers Market - it was a great day

On the second Friday each month we meet at the MAD Gallery at 10-30 for morning coffee. This is our social day where we knit - talk crochet etc- talk - why not come and join us - no strings attached!

Our June meeting is at 10-30 am on Friday 22nd at the Mechanics Hall, we will have a speaker who will talk on collectables.

Betty Bucknell 54291568

### **Victorian Serrated Tussock Working Party Grants** program is now open...

The Victorian Serrated Tussock Working Party is offering community groups the opportunity to apply for small grants of up to \$5,000 to manage serrated tussock through community awareness, education and extension activities.

The grants are open to groups within the Port Phillip and Westernport and Corangamite catchments. Applications for the grants close at 5pm on Friday 8th June, 2012.

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## Linncefield Mercury

## Winners Are Grinners

At the time of writing this article the first five weekly winners of the 100 Club had been drawn.

The first five \$1000 winners were Marcus Ryan, Steve Thrum, Pam and Gary Choate, Andrew Memmolo and Tony Mckay. Congratulations to the winners. For the next 45 weeks the club will be giving away \$1000 and at the time of printing there were still some tickets available so get on board and have your chance to win.

## Get behind the Tigers in 2012

The "Tigers One Hundred Club" 50 Chances to WIN \$1,000 And support your Club Just \$20 / week

### The LFNC needs your help!

We have a proud history and have provided sporting and social opportunities to thousands of footballers and netballers over the years. As a sponsor / supporter of the LFNC we want to offer you a unique opportunity to help support the Club in a very tangible way, but also to give you the opportunity to WIN.

What's involved?

- •We are offering 100 memberships to the Tigers One Hundred Club (THC)
- •For \$20 per week you have the chance to win \$1,000 for 50 weeks

of the year (or you can pay in advance if easier for you). If you win, you still remain in the draw for the rest of the year - more chances!

•The draw will be held on a Saturday night for home games, Friday nights at the hotel on away games and during the "off season" What you get:

- •50 chances to win \$1,000
- •A special members only Tigers One Hundred Club vest and numbered key ring.
- •Single entrance to all home games •First drink at home games is "on the house"
- •During the end of the season, a double invite to the Sponsors & One Hundred Club Gala Lunch with all catering and refreshments provided.
- Your name / business name on our One Hundred Club notice board in the Social rooms
- •The knowledge that you are helping the LFNC to continue to provide support for football and netball players and to improve facilities at the ground.

### What's next?

Please contact Russell Pattinson by phone (0419872684) or email (miracledog@bigpond.com) to take up one of the above 3 options. Numbers are strictly limited to 100 so don't miss out. You can either make the full payment up front or arrange for it to be direct debited from your bank account at \$20 per week.

Membership of the THC will commence 1 April 2012 and will continue for 50 weeks.

We greatly value your support of our great Club - but we need your help

Thank you, Ian Brown

#### To the all the footballers, netballers, sponsors, supporters and volunteers

To the all the footballers, netballers, sponsors, supporters and volunteers that have stuck by the club in 2012, a big thankyou on behalf of the committee and myself. In my opinion it is very important the town has a senior and junior football club to provide recreation and social activities for the youth of the area. We are only custodians of the club and as previous people have done we are all working hard to provide to provide this avenue of recreation for now and the future but we do need more support.

## LFNC Requires your help

Helpers are still required so anybody who wishes to offer their services please come forward. For home games without allowing for bar staff and canteen helpers there is a requirement for about 30 people. Gate Keeper, time keepers x 3, trainers (2 per game) x6, Umpire

Escorts x3, water people (2 per game) x6, Runners x3, scoreboard x3, team managers x3, so the list goes on and this does not include people to set up before the games and clean up afterwards. Away games are easier but help is still required so if enough people are prepared to put their name on a roster, the work load can be shared by more people and reduce the number of Saturdays and or hours spent on a particular Saturday that some people have to put in. With more helpers it will stop people suffering burn out and not wanting to help at all. We all want a strong and successful club but the only way this can happen is with more help off the field to share the work load. Please contact Ian Brown on 0407 291 517.

#### Message to LFNC Footballers

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

from the club, begin this process now and carry it through for the rest of year. With club training nights I do not need to remind you of the old saying you play as you train. You need to get the concentration levels up and train at 110% to put yourself under match conditions to eliminate those skill errors that happen under pressure in matches that cost games. The numbers training each night have been overall quite good but for training to be beneficial you need to concentrate, work hard to get the best out of the drills. With the players that are training regularly you need to put pressure on your team mates and get them to commit to more regular training with and away from the club. Do not wait for others to lead the way, step up yourself take some responsibility and lead the way so others will follow both on and off the field.

The success of the team is in your hands. You have the power to make all the decisions and choices necessary to reach your teams goals. It really is up to you and you alone. Self regulation is your responsibility. Self-talk has an important role to play in developing a positive frame of mind, which will enable you to accept this responsibility with total commitment. You can transform your thoughts and behaviour and push forward to higher levels of performance.

One of the greatest problems an individual footballer experiences

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

#### **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 A URGENT REQUEST THE CLUB NEEDS YOUR HELP.

Training courses are available for those interested who are not qualified. Please contact the club via email on info@lancefieldfc.org. au. or ring Ian Brown on 0407 291 517.

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

Thanks Ian Brown

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#### RECONCILIATION

After weekday Mass or by arrangement.

#### **BAPTISMS**

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

#### REGULAR EVENTS

SVDP Drop-In: First Thursday of each month, 10.30 a.m. to 4 p.m., St. Mary's Church Hall, Romsey.

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

### Spiritual Guidance:

Last Tuesday/Wednesday of each month at the Presbytery, 27 Chauncey Street, Lancefield. John Stuart, Counsellor and Guide. Appointment necessary. Tel: 5429 2130 for more information.

#### BINGO!! BINGO!! BINGO!!

Every Thursday evening St. Mary's Church Hall at Romsey Doors Open 7.00 p.m. EYES DOWN 7.30 p.m. \$3.00 per 15 game book No entry fee Canteen facilities Free tea and coffee



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### NEWSLETTER

#### Clinic Hours - Romsey Medical

Monday to Friday: 8.30am to 8.00pm Saturday: 8.30am to 1pm Sunday: CLOSED

#### Clinic Hours — Lancefield Medical

Monday to Friday: 8.30am to 5.30pm Saturday: all services through Ramsey Medical Sunday: CLOSED

#### After Hours Services

When the two centres are closed, we always have an on-call doctor available for urgent matters. Please call 1300557512 to speak to a nurse who will contact the doctor on-call if required.

(we always provide 24 hours urgent medical care)

#### Telehealth Consultations Available

Telehealth Consultations from the Medical Centres with your Melbourne based specialist is now an option, this saves patients having to travel long distances for review appointments. Speak to your doctor to check if this service is available to you.

#### Bulk Billed Flu Vaccinations

Free Flu vaccinations are still available for:

Patients over the age of 65

Patients under the age of 65 with a chronic condition. Patients under 65 years of age can purchase a flu vaccine for \$20.00 from the practice on the day of vaccination.

Please speak to your doctor or contact reception to book an appointment.

### Travel Clinic (pre hip medical check-ups)

All patients travelling overseas should seek advice from a doctor to ensure their health and safety whilst away:

- Especially if you have Coronary Heart Disease, Hypertension or any other chronic condition, if you have had recent surgery or experienced a heart
- To discuss any particular health concerns you may have such as dietary
- changes that could have an impact on your specific condition. To find out how to safely stagger your medications to fit different time zones.
- To discuss having vaccinations depending on the areas which you intend to travel to, especially for those area with infectious diseases.
- To obtain a written note from your doctor detailing prescribed medications you intend to take with you.

#### Mental Health Nurse

Romsey Medical and Lancefield Medical now have a Mental Health Nurse working from

The aim of the nurse is to assist the GP (when consent is given by a patient) to provide Mental Health Care Services.

Please speak to your doctor for eligibility requirements.

## Care Plans & Dental Referral

Care Plans are available for eligible patients with chronic health conditions to enable Medicare funded Allied Health Services to be provided. Care Plans also give eligible patients access to funds for Dental treatment

### Health Assessments

During your next doctors visit see if the Practice Nurse is available for a quick health assessment whilst you wait. This will include your blood pressure, height, weight.

#### Remember:

Bulk billed Quick Clinic appointments are available every weekday at both centres, for urgent/lost repeat prescriptions, re-referrals and some vaccinations.

On the spot Medicare Claiming is available at both practices for your convenience.

## **Lancefield Primary School**



Recently representatives from the Bendigo Community Bank attended assembly and kindly donated a range of sporting equipment to our school. Currently the Men's Shed are doing the brick work to house our barbecue which was also purchased from a \$1000 Bendigo Bank Grant. This year we received \$500 from the Bendigo Bank which has helped fund the chook shed and also a donation from the Neighbourhood House. We appreciate the support from these community groups.

#### On line learning

All students at Lancefield Primary School have been using on line learning tools such as Mathletics and Edmodo. These on line Educational sites are helping student practice, consolidate and extend skills. Through Edmodo, students and staff have been able to participate in on line discussions and collaboration during school and whilst they are at home.

#### **Parents and Friends**

Our Parents and Friends Committee have been working hard to plan a number of fundraising events for the



school. The short term goal is to help raise funds toward sthe development of the chook shed and new vegetable gardens. The long term goal is to raise money towards the development of a new adventure playground area.

### Appreciations

Volunteers Week National Volunteers Week was May 14-20. On behalf of the Lancefield Primary School Community we would

like to express our gratitude to all of the people who volunteer their time in our school and in our community. These people often work tirelessly without much recognition and provide invaluable support. Thank you

#### Lancefield Football Club

Recently we had Mrs. Pam Choate attend assembly as a



representative of the Lancefield Football Club. Mrs. Choate made a donation to the school for assisting the football club to man the barbecue all day at the Swap meet. We would like to thank the football club for giving us the opportunity to work side by side with them on the day.

## School Tours - 2013 Enrolments

All interested parents are invited to have a tour of our school and be informed in detail about our: learning programs, extra curriculum activities, wellbeing programs, student leadership, our buddies program, interschool sport and parent engagement in our

For any parents that are interested in a tour or enrolling their child, please contact the Principal, Diana Ellis on 43 292307 to make an appointment.

#### Trivia Night

Parents and Friends have planned a Trivia night for Saturday night August 18th.

Get a group of friends together and come along to support the school. There will be a range of activities on the night, including silent auctions, raffles and novelty games. Funds raised will go towards new playground equipment.

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to a beautiful new home at No. 12 High Street, Lancefield (Weigards Building).

Why, you ask? Well, more room is needed to display her evergrowing clothing range along with tasteful footwear, jewellery, beautiful accessories and sophisticated giftware. The list goes onl A private treatment room will be available for hand and foot pampering sessions.

You will love it!

Please contact Helena on 0437365700 for an appointment. Looking for something to buy for Mother's Day, don't forget our Gift Vouchers.

helenat@internode.on.net

### Small Farm Planning Workshop

Get the most out of your lifestyle property or hobby farm...

Do you own 5 to 100 acres? Are you looking for assistance and advice on how to produce a plan for your property? Come to a local introductory property planning workshop to learn about biodiversity, grazing and pasture management and water sensitive farm design.

This introductory planning workshop caters for lifestyle landholders and hobby farmers, however other landholders will benefit from the workshop and are welcome to attend.

The day long (10am - 4pm) workshop will provide an introductory to NRM principles, breakdown some of the complexities of owning and managing land and cover off on 3- 4 planning modules including Grazing and Pastures, Water, Biodiversity and Soils.

Participants will leave with an introductory plan and the skills to build on this plan in the future. The day will also provide info on funding opportunities to help participants put their plan into action.

Numbers are limited so registration is essential. RSVP's are required by 31st of May 2012

Saturday June 2nd, 2012 10.00 am to 4.00 pm Bullengarook Recreation Reserve Hall, 683 Bacchus Marsh Road, Bullengarook Free - refreshments and a tasty lunch will be provided. Registrations are available online:

Small Farm planning Workshop <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/C7XVGMB">https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/C7XVGMB</a>
For further information contact:
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william.hogg@ppwcma.vic.gov.au

## **Romsey CWA**

#### For lovers of Irish jokes:

Father Murphy walks into a pub in Donegal, and says to the first man he meets, "Do you want to go to Heaven?" The man says, "I do. Father." The priest says "Then stand over there against the wall". The priest asks a second man, "Do you want to go the Heaven?" "Certainly Father", was the man's reply. "Then stand over there against the wall", says the priest. Then Father Murphy walks up to O'Toole and says "Do you want to go to Heaven?" O'Toole replies "No, I don't Father". The priest says "I don't believe this. You mean to tell me that when you die you don't want to go to Heaven?" O'Toole says, "Oh, when I die, yes. I thought you were getting a group together to go right now".

Romsey Branch of the Country Women's Association held their Association Day early in May, with local resident Anne Phelan as guest speaker. Over 60 people, some coming from as far away as St. Albans, enjoyed her interesting talk on how she first got involved in her acting and singing career. It was assumed by an amateur theatrical producer, that because Anne's brothers had good singing voices, she should also be able to sing. This lead to Anne to be chosen for the chorus of the show and the rest is history. Anne also spoke of her involvement with Positive Women Victoria, an organisation that assists ladies dealing the HIV virus, and well as her interest in asylum

seekers. A donation was made by our Branch to Positive Women Victoria in lieu of appearance money. All visitors enjoyed a typical CWA afternoon tea.

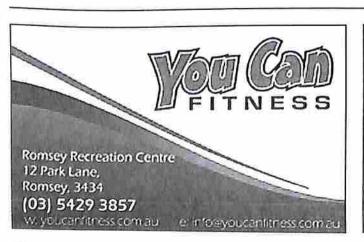
Next item on our Agenda is four of our ladies are to attend the CWA State Conference in Swan Hill in late May. Following this is a Group Meeting to be held early in June.

Our ladies are continuing with their current project of making art smocks for our local primary school. Several have been made, and the balance of the cut-out ones will be started on at our Craft Day on May 17th.

More than a dozen beanies, both adult and child's, have been knitted for the Kilmore Ambulance Station to be given to patients being transported and need that extra bit of warmth on their heads. Teddies also have been knitted or crocheted for our local station for kiddies that need their assistance.

Lots of other trauma teddies have been made by one of our members also, some going to hospitals for children, maybe undergoing an operation, as well as a supply for young cancer patients. The ones for young cancer sufferers are dressed, but heads are left plain, as they may be after chemotherapy. As a grandma who has gone through this traumatic time, I know these small gifts are much appreciated, both by the child as well as the parents.

Would you like to join our busy Branch? For further information, please contact our Secretary



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#### Draft Regional Catchment Strategy Community Consultation

Have your say...

The North Central Catchment Management Authority (CMA) is seeking input and feedback from the community on the draft 2012-2018 Regional Catchment Strategy. This strategy will be used to develop projects and to seek funding to protect and enhance the environmental features that the community values the most. With information from the community, a list of environmental priorities is identified in the draft strategy. These priorities include natural assets such as waterways, native flora and fauna, and soils.

Come and share your views on the priority sites already identified in your area at one of the ten community meetings planned between Friday 4 May and Friday 15 June 2012 in key regional centre near you.

To RSVP or for further information contact: NCCMA 5448 7124 info@nccma.vic.gov.au

For a copy of the draft Regional Catchment Strategy or to have your say on-line, visit Your Say North Central CMA <a href="http://nccma.bangthetable.com/rss">http://nccma.bangthetable.com/rss</a>

A limited number of printed copies of the draft RCS are available on request from the NCCMA

## Lancefield Tennis Club Shell Community Drive Result

This Australia wide competition which involved the submission of your fuel dockets and attached individual identification numbers onto a Web Site over a period of 5 weeks was a hard fought battle right to the end. In Victoria the Tennis Club was coming third for the first few weeks and then managed to wrestle our way into second spot behind Avoca pushing Yinnar into third, in the final week we jumped up to first then back to second and then secured the first spot again and held it until the end of the week. However like the AFL Ladder the percentages came into play and Yinnar jumped up to first and we were relegated to second spot when the dust had settled.

This means the club will receive a cheque for \$1000 and this is a terrific result. We would like to thank the community who supported us brilliantly and submitted around 7,000 dockets.

We would like to thank Kaylene and Mark Cruise for their support and a very very special thankyou to the console operators at Shell Lancefield. The console operators were our frontline troops who although under the pump still ensured the contact details and dockets were submitted and we would not have stood a chance without their efforts.

This is again a great example of the Lancefield Community and Business's working together to support a local community group. A good reason to support our local businesses. Thanks again everyone for your efforts.

## HOW THE 2012/2013 FEDERAL BUDGET MAY AFFECT YOU

The Federal Government announced a number of proposed changes to the income tax regime in the 2012/2013 budget that may affect you.

The most significant changes are:

- Introduction of loss "carry back" for companies, offsetting profits in a prior year
- Tightening of employment termination payment tax offset
   Means testing for net medical expenses tax offset
- Means testing for net medical expenses tax offset
   Doubling of tax (to 30%) on superannuation contributions for
- those with adjusted taxable income above \$300,000 p.a.

  Concessional superannuation contributions cap set to \$25,000
- for all individuals for the 2013 and 2014 financial years Restrictions to Living Away From Home Allowances
- Schoolkids Bonus to replace Education Tax Offset

There have also been increases in Family Tax Benefit A. In-order to receive these benefits you need to ensure your personal income tax return lodgements are up to date.

Please note the 2012/13 budget initiatives have not been passed through parliament at the time of printing and are subject to change.

To discuss further please contact Andrew Marshall or Janine Orpwood - 54273790 (85 High St, Woodend)

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## Upcoming Business **Events**

#### Home Based Business Morning Tea

Thursday 21 June 2012, 10am at Bay Tree Cafe, 119 Main Street, Romsey. Cost: FREE.

If you are a home based business and facing the challenges of working in isolation then this informal morning tea is an opportunity to meet with other like-minded business people in a friendly environment. Enjoy a FREE morning tea and listen to guest speakers with presentations on a range of topics relevant to small business.

#### **Understanding Financial Statements**

Tuesday 26 June 2012, 7pm-9pm at Victoria Hotel, 67 High Street, Woodend. Cost: \$20.

Do you struggle to read financial statements? The key to financial success is to understand how to read and use financial statements to make sound business decisions.

Find out how a balance sheet will assess the financial health of your business and gain a greater understanding of your profits through your Profit and Loss statement. Armed with the right tools achieving financial success is closer than

#### **Business Networking Evening**

Tuesday 31 July 2012, 6.30pm-10pm at Zarbys Bar and Bistro, 84 High Street, Woodend. Cost: \$30.

Join us for the second Business Networking Evening of the year. A great opportunity for local businesses to network, expand client bases and access current business information from Council.

#### Marketing Basics

Tuesday 14 August 2012, 7pm-9pm at Holgates, 79 High Street, Woodend. Cost: \$20.

Understand what marketing really is in this hands-on and results-orientated seminar for those with little marketing knowledge. Learn how to develop a marketing plan, how to separate yourself from the pack, how to identify your target market and gain tips on cost-effective marketing strategies to promote your business.

Bookings and further information:

Visit www.mrsc.vic.gov.au, phone 54219 616 or email ecodevadmin@mrsc.vic.gov.au acedon

## Winter And **Energy Bills**

As winter approaches our thoughts turn to cozy nights in front of the fire, but winter can also mean higher energy bills. Energy saving at home can be as easy as closing a door, but here are a few simple winter energy saving ideas to get you thinking.

 Seal gaps under doors and around windows to block draughts.

Keep doors to unused rooms closed.

• Leave window coverings open during the day to let in the sun's warmth, but closed at nigh to retain heat.

· Block off unused fireplaces to prevent heat being

Remember if you are a pensioner or health care card holder there are a range of Government payments and concession to assist you meet energy bills.

 Annual Energy Concession- 17.5 per cent discount off electricity bills all year round.

• Winter energy concession - 17.5 per cent discount off mains gas on usage from 1 May to 31 October of each year. From 1 July 2012 the concession will not apply to the first \$62.40 of a concession card winter bill.

 Off Peak Concession - the off-peak concession provides a 13 percent reduction on the off-peak tariff rates on all quarterly electricity bills.

Contact your energy supplier to have your concession automatically deducted from your bill and notify your provider who can let you know the payment options available if you are having trouble paying your energy

If you spend at least \$82 on LPG, oil or non-mains electricity between May 1st and October 31st the Non Mains Winter energy Concession is also available. Contact my office for a rebate form.

If you would like more information about concessions, please telephone the Concessions Information Line on 1800 658 521, or my office on 54 282138.

Warm regards

Joanne Duncan Mp State Member for Macedon

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## **Community Survey Prize Winners!**

The Macedon Ranges Healthy and Active People Initiative recently conducted a community survey to gather information about our community's healthy lifestyle behaviours. We would like to thank everyone who took the time to complete the survey; we received a fantastic 600 plus survey responses. Congratulations to the following prize winners:

1st Prize, 10 Pass Gym Card: Daniel Berger, Mt Macedon 2nd Prize, 10 Pass Swim Card: Mrs C Van Arkel, Romsey 3rd Prize, \$25 Coles Myer Gift Card: Karen Challis, Gisborne

4th Prize, \$25 Coles Myer Gift Card: Glenda Anstey-Sprigg, Kyneton

5th Prize, \$25 Coles Myer Gift Card: Rosemarie Rollfink, Mt Macedon

Information collected through the community survey will be used to assist in planning healthy lifestyle programs and activities across the Macedon Ranges Shire. For further information on the Macedon Ranges Healthy and Active People Initiative please contact Rebecca Putland on 5422 0216 or email healthycommunities@mrsc. vic.gov.au Alternatively you can register to receive our bi-monthly enewlsetter by visiting www.mrsc.vic.gov.au for updates on programs and activities happening soon.

## **Networking On A Platter**

Put your tourism business on a platter and come and share your story in a fun networking event hosted by Tourism Macedon Ranges.

On Monday 18th June at 7pm Tourism Macedon Ranges Inc invites all tourism businesses to attend a free networking night at Newham Mechanics Institute. This evening will be an opportunity to showcase your business and meet other Macedon Ranges tourism businesses. Chair Patrick Bell said 'The tourism industry in the Macedon Ranges is so wonderfully varied and Tourism Macedon Ranges Inc sees this event as a fantastic opportunity to get everyone together to become familiar with each other's businesses in an interesting way'.

Attendees will be provided with a platter to display their business upon through products, images, business cards, brochures and flyers - they will then present their platter in an informal networking session. Attendees are encouraged to be as creative as possible to share their story. This is a great opportunity to develop partnerships and gain an understanding of the product available in the region. Light refreshments will be provided by a local supplier.

Please RSVP by 11th June to dphyland@mrsc. vic.gov.au or call 5421 9638









## **Tiger Cubs Season Underway**

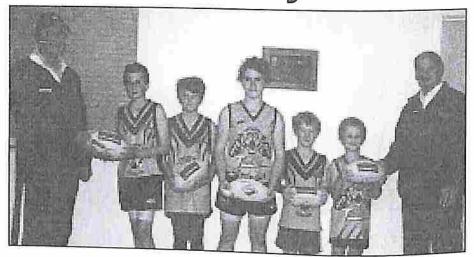
The Lancefield Junior Football Club's season has commenced for 2012. This season the club is fielding teams in the following age groups: Under 9's, 12's ( two teams ), 14's and 16's.

All teams have been well represented by the club and have had some good results so far this season. In particular, the improvement by our Under 14 team under the guidance of Shane Trewarne has been great. It is great to see these kids enjoying their football again.

With teams in different divisions this season, the club will almost certainly have teams playing games at Lancefield Park every Sunday. There are some exciting young players coming through the ranks. So, if you have some spare time on a Sunday morning, make some time to come up and support our stars of the future.

Being one of the biggest community groups in the township with in excess of 100 participants, there is a lot of time and effort put in to the running of the club. If you think you have anything to offer the club, whether it be manning the BBQ on a Sunday morning, or helping out the committee, feel free to come down to one of our meetings. They are held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month from 7.30pm in the Laurie Green Pavillion at Lancefield Park.

During the off season, the club was fortunate enough to receive funding from the Macedon Ranges Shire Council for the purchase of two portable defibrillator devices. One of these units will be permanently placed at Lancefield Park, and the other unit will be



taken to away games that our teams are playing in.

We were also fortunate enough to receive funding from the Lancefield Community Bendigo Bank for the purchase of footballs for our kids. Along with a contribution made by the club, all children were presented with their own personal football by Bendigo Bank manager Rod Browning

and director Dennis Graham.

The Lancefield Junior Football Club would like to thank the Lancefield Community Bendigo Bank for this wonderful initiative. For all other news on the Lancefield Junior Football Club and to check score results from all the weekend action, visit: www.lancefieldtigers.org.au

GO TIGES!!!!

## Lancefield Junior Football Club Presents Bogan Bingo

Get out your flannelette shirts and acid wash jeans and release your inner bogan. Join the Lancefield Junior Football Club for a chance to get together in a social environment away from the footy. As seen on TV shows such as Getaway, Australia's Got Talent and A Current Affair, Bogan Bingo is bingo with a rock themed edge. Join us for a rock filled evening of laughs and music, as our hosts take us through an eighties rock n' roll time warp, whilst playing the great Australian pastime of Bingo. Date: Friday June 29th

Venue: St.Mary's Primary School Hall Time: 7.30pm (Eyes Down at 8.00pm) Dress: Like A Bogan ( Or risk being fined!!! ) Cost: \$25 per person ( \$200 for a table of ten ) B.Y.O. Drinks and Light Supper Bookings: Fiona Dowling 0459 027 967 Shelley Thrum 0437 050 373 Kylie Sankey 0409 532 527

Raffles, Fashion Parades, and Best Dressed Bogan prizes throughout the night. Join the Lancefield Junior Football Club for a great night of entertainment. More details: www.lancefieldtigers.org.au



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