

## Lancefield Romsey Lions Club

# Children of Courage Award

Lancefield Romsey Lions club hosted a Children of Courage Award last month. This was the first for this year. (Remembering our Lions year starts in July) These awards were introduced in 1983 to acknowledge a special group of young Australians and their families in the hope that such recognition would act as encouragement for their future, help them to believe in themselves and increase their self-worth.

To be eligible for an award a child needs to be between the ages of five and fifteen. Children of Courage Awards are awarded in three categories:

- Special needs, Children with special needs who have shown courage in the face of adversity. This includes disabled children, or those who have undergone long periods of medical treatment, surgery or hospitalisation, causing pain or trauma.

- Bravery, Children who, without regard for personal safety, have been instrumental in the preservation of life and/or property, or who have rendered assistance in an accident, or whose concern for others is worthy of recognition.

- Sporting, Children who have overcome personal hardship and/or disadvantage to achieve a high degree of sporting prowess, either individually or as a team member.

This award is given to these children so that they can be recognised with an Inscribed Plaque, Inscribed Trophy and a Lions Teddy.

The recipient to get this award was Eliza Consiglio from Lancefield. Her parents Christine and Colin and other family members were joined by many of the Lions club members to



see Eliza receive her award. Eliza's journey began back in 2007 she had been seriously unwell for several months, previous that had led to two separate hospital admissions. Eliza had a Sacrococcygeal teratoma (A tumour at the base of her coccyx bone) Stage 1V which has been removed. The tumour took the space of her whole pelvic cavity and had spread to her lungs, spine and ribs.

Eliza has endured endless stays in hospital, needles, general anaesthetics, blood Transfusions, over hundreds of diagnostic tests and the list goes on and on, without the major player of all being the intensive chemotherapy.

Today we see a determined, bright, cheeky little girl who has proven beyond all doubt what it means to have courage and give everything her best shot.

The Children of Courage Awards are an important and worthwhile annual project for the Lancefield Romsey Lions Club. If you have someone in mind that you would like to nominate for these awards, or would like to know more about other lions projects, we meet every second Tuesday evening (Business) and every forth Tuesday evening (Dinner). Please don't hesitate to call me on my mobile 0411 643 407 or at home 5429 1990

*Lion Julie Starec.*



Lancefield Mercury

## Calling all candidates

All candidates for East Ward in the upcoming Macedon Ranges Shire Council elections are offered a page in the October edition of the Mercury to tell about themselves and what they can do for our readers i.e. Lancefield residents. Candidates need to email editor@lancefieldmercury.org.au to register by September 17.

Submissions must be in by September 22.

## Call Out For Artists To Play Kyneton Music Festival 2013

The inaugural Kyneton Music Festival was launched in March 2012 as The Kyneton Boots & Roots Festival run by a committee of locals with a passion for live music and a thirst to draw talent out of their hills. Kyneton Music Festival celebrates all genres of live music on festival weekend and at events throughout the year. Applications for local artists to play at Kyneton Music Festival in March 2013 are open August 1st – October 31st 2012. Check out website for more details. [www.kynetonmusicfestival.com.au](http://www.kynetonmusicfestival.com.au)

Dear Editor

My husband and I live at 221 Racecourse Road, Lancefield. We have never received the Lancefield Mercury because we don't have the mail delivered to our address however we do have a Post Office Box in Romsey. I have read the newsletter on a couple of occasions when I have visited the doctors and I absolutely love it. Is there any possibility that we could have a copy sent to our mailbox in Romsey or perhaps we could pick one up from the Lancefield Post Office?

Regards,  
Anne and Martin BARRY.

*Thanks for the feedback. There are extra copies of the Mercury available at the Lancefield Post Office and other businesses around town. Or subscribe for \$25 a year.*

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The Lancefield Mercury should be delivered to every dwelling which receives a mail delivery from the Lancefield Post Office. The Mercury committee would be keen to make sure that no-one misses out on their monthly copy of the paper. If you have missed out on a copy, either regularly or occasionally, or know someone who has, can you let the editor know at editor@lancefieldmercury.org.au? Thank you.

## Council elections

One month out from the opening of nominations for council elections, the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) is calling on prospective candidates to make the decision to stand. Mr Rob Spence, CEO of the MAV said that it was important to have diverse representation around the council decision-making table that was reflective of our diverse communities.

"Over 750 local government election hopefuls have now attended candidate information sessions across Victoria, with a further 22 sessions still to run before nominations open on 20 September.

Standing for council is a great way to contribute and directly influence a better future for your local area. "Being a good councillor is not about your age, gender or occupation. Each individual's perspective is valued and relevant. The breadth of councillors' diverse experiences, energy and insights can help to improve outcomes for the community. Regardless of whether you want to put your hand up to nominate for council elections, August is the time to check your details on the voters' roll. Voting is compulsory at council elections if you're on the State electoral roll for an address where there will be a council election.

"You can also apply to be included on a voters' roll if you own property within a municipality but are not a resident; or if you're an occupier who pays rates - usually a tenant or business owner. If you previously applied to be on a voters' roll, you will need to re-enrol if you're still eligible as your enrolment is only valid for one election cycle. Voters have until 4pm on 31 August to check they're on the voters' roll and their details are correct," he said.

Find out more about standing for council:  
[www.standforcouncil.com.au](http://www.standforcouncil.com.au) and [www.facebook.com/standforcouncil](http://www.facebook.com/standforcouncil)



Lancefield & District Farmers' Market welcomes the HRB Strongheart Band as a fairly regular presence at the market!" Photo Maree Cardinale.

### Lancefield C.W.A Report

## Spring Show-

Friday 7th & Saturday 8th September.

Schedules are still available in the IGA Supermarket and the Milk Bar. The garden is blooming at last, check Class A and B - you may have an entry. Thank you to everyone who has taken a schedule, we have been kept busy refilling boxes, and look forward to heaps of entries. Parents encourage the children to have a go in their section. A cake or slice from Mum or dad would be good too.

See you at the show.  
Betty Bucknell, 54 291 568

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# Hall happenings

Our committee has been busy behind the scenes over the last few months and would like to take this opportunity to update you from our end. The Mechanics Hall committee were very excited to hear they were successful in gaining a \$4000 grant from Macedon Ranges Shire Council. This will enable us to move forward and have our master plan completed by an external company.

I attended the announcement ceremony in Gisborne and saw many faces from Lancefield and surrounds who were also successful with their submissions. Congratulations to you all.

We now have a gated area for our bins and the key for this gate will be available to you when hiring the hall. The hall committee were

also successful in getting some funding from DSE to fix a drainage problem in the kitchen, this is now piped directly to the septic and avoids overflow into the grease trap. We have bypassed the meter system for the heating in the hall, this now eliminates the need to use the coin meters when running the heating in the venue. We are also currently in discussion with the Macedon Ranges Council to have new heating installed. We look forward to the outcome of these discussions and will update you once we have news.

The Committee have also been working closely with the NHH who have agreed to provide funding for blinds in the annex area of the hall for privacy purpose. We look forward to moving forward on this

and have the blinds installed as soon as possible.

As many of you may be aware we have had the floor upgraded in the main hall. We have had some teething problems re the cleaning of the floor after functions. All users need to read the instructions provided for cleaning the floor to ensure it is kept to the standard it is now. Using products on the floor puts a sticky film on it, please avoid using any detergents or floor cleaners in the hall.

We have a new phone number, including an email address and a texting option is available for hall bookings. New signs have been made, and are currently being erected to ensure the number is clearly visible to hall users. Flyers have also been distributed around

# Volunteer Emergency Services benefit from equipment grants

Volunteer emergency services in the Macedon Ranges Shire will share in a \$11.95 million. Government investment in operational equipment, vehicles and amenities upgrades. Newstead CFA, Romsey CFA, Benloch CFA, Woodend SES and St John Ambulance Australia - Woodend Division were among 261 volunteer emergency services units across Victoria to receive funding under the 2012/2013 Volunteer Emergency Services Equipment Program (VESEP). Romsey CFA will receive \$55,000 for Field Command Vehicles, Benloch CFA will receive \$1,000 for amenities upgrades, Woodend SES will receive \$25,819 for Homatro Rapid Intervention Kits and St John Ambulance Australia - Woodend Division will receive \$1500 for Heartstart defibrillator training, pads and administrative support.

the town. New contact booking details are:  
Phone/text/email 0437 313 564  
Or lancefieldhall@gmail.com

The neighbourhood house is also holding Boxing Classes on a Monday evening and Yoga Tuesdays, for further information see the Neighbourhood House events calendar.

The Monday night dancing classes have now been moved to Wallan, please note these are no longer in the Lancefield Hall.

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There are a few other projects which we are involved in at the

moment including securing funds for mains sewerage connection, roof works, Bendigo Bank grant application and a few others, we will update you as soon as we can re these future funding projects.

All this work is being done behind the scenes to ensure the hall is kept operational and fit for use. We do plan to move forward with a large refit once our master plan has been completed and grants can be sourced and approved. Until then all these works being completed are very much needed and take many hours of negotiation and perseverance.

Thanks to all who have been part of these and helped in any way.

With thanks

Aileen Webster



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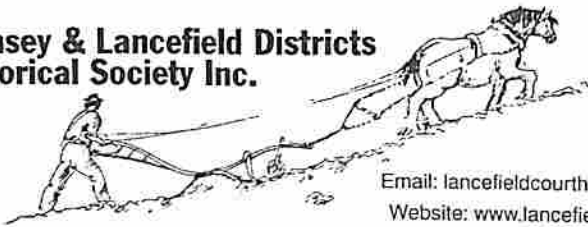
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**Romsey & Lancefield Districts Historical Society Inc.**



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The Society has been quite busy of late. We conducted a Christmas in July morning tea at Seymour Cottage, then our Winter Luncheon at Lancefield. The attendance was a little disappointing but there is often the possibility of another group conducting an event on the same date. We are endeavouring, as are other groups, to establish a calendar through RRABATA in Romsey and the Neighbourhood House at Lancefield so as to avoid this in the future. Our Sausage Sizzle conducted at the July Lancefield Farmers Market was a success and we thank both those who manned the stall as well as those who purchased our tasty

food.

Sunday 5th August was our Annual Family History Day as part of National Family History Week. This day was highly successful, with a good number of people visiting our Archives at the Lancefield Courthouse.

Don't forget that our Society will be conducting a stall at the Lancefield Show on 21 October. The main theme for our display will be the Obituaries Book published by the Society. The Lancefield Cemetery and some family histories of those buried in the Cemetery will be included at our stall. As History Week runs from 21 October to 28 October,

this will be our way of celebrating this event.

The heritage records of the district held at the Lancefield Courthouse include district newspapers that go back to 1870. For more information on these and other archive material including photographs of the people and their district, contact the Society's Archivist Robyn Miller tel. 0418 172 659. The Courthouse is staffed between 10-2 Monday, Wednesday & Friday. Arrangements can be made with the Archivist to visit the resources by Appointment.

Seymour Cottage will again be open to visitors on 16 September.

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Acc Name: Romsey Region Women's Network  
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We will resume our meetings to the 3rd Thursday of each month in October. If you are curious but unsure about what we are about, please come along to one of our monthly meetings. You are under no obligation to pay the membership fee the first night unless you decide there is something you will benefit from joining our gatherings. Our intent is to provide a safe environment for women to gather together, exchange ideas, share about their lives and have some laughs.

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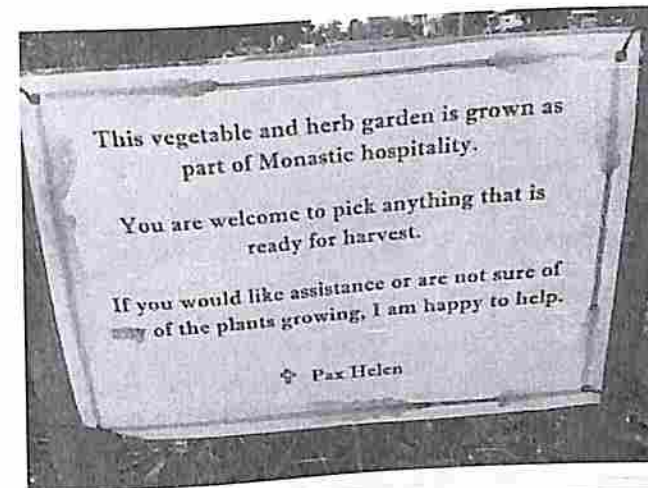
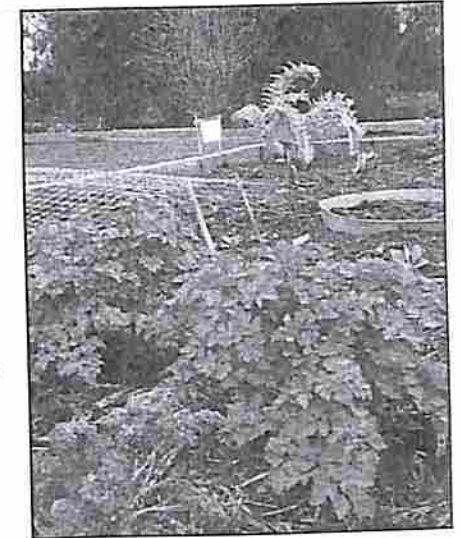
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## What Do Helen And Costa Georgiadis Have In Common?

Not a huge amount I hear you say. Too true indeed. He has long hair, a moustache and a beard. He is the host of Gardening Australia on ABC TV. However, both he and Helen have a love of people and gardening and an

enthusiasm to match! They are both developing vegetable gardens on their "Verge" or Nature Strip. They are both extremely approachable. Let's not push the similarities too far.

Helen's vegetable garden is part of a hermitage garden in Lancefield. She saves seeds when she can from previous crops for the following year. The fruits of her labour go to people in Lancefield who "are doing it tough". A number of people have helped Helen in the past by supplying some of the bits and pieces which make up the garden. For example, soil, vegetable seedlings and seeds, timber for edging. This has been most helpful and she is very grateful to those people.



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**WEATHER COMMENT 11-8-12**

I am writing this a little earlier than usual due to commitments next week but I don't expect it will have a big effect on this article. A thank you to Craig for the additional heading on last month's comment, it created a bit more of an impact in regards to the remarks about El Nino which of late is not being mentioned in the rural press. The winter as we all know has been cold and wet much like the winters we used to expect years ago. Perhaps my memory is not what it used to be but I can remember lambing times when we were cold and soaking wet day after day.

There has been no shortage of rain again this month with a total to date of 56mm but also has been variable in the district. The Deep Creek has been quite full at times although it has not flooded as yet. As we travel to Kyneton we also noticed the Campaspe flowing strongly but again not flooding.

Looking back at last year's figures

I saw that we were heading into a lower rainfall period for about a month or so but this does not look like being the case this year. The report on the stock is still minimal, too soon to make any judgement on the lessees cattle and little change as far the sheep are concerned.

We have put one of last year's Dorper lambs in the freezer but have not sampled it as yet. A few more flowers in the garden now as Spring approaches with camellias and japonicas adding their colour plus the garrya with its catkins and little correas that the wattle birds and the honeyeaters enjoy.

The ever reliable bulbs are doing their bit to brighten the grey days, also pansies and violets [pink and blue]. The brightest display at the moment is being produced by the anemones. Gardening is not on the agenda at the moment but when the weather warms up we will be back into it.

Robert Green

**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 September 19th we are planning a visit to the William Ricketts Sanctuary at Mt. Dandenong.

Our September meeting will be on Thursday 27th.

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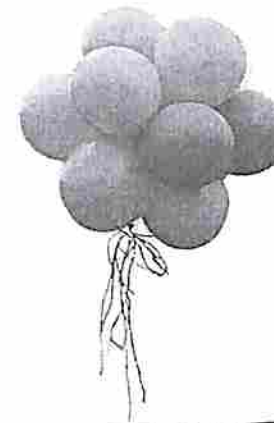
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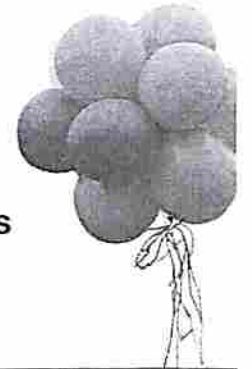


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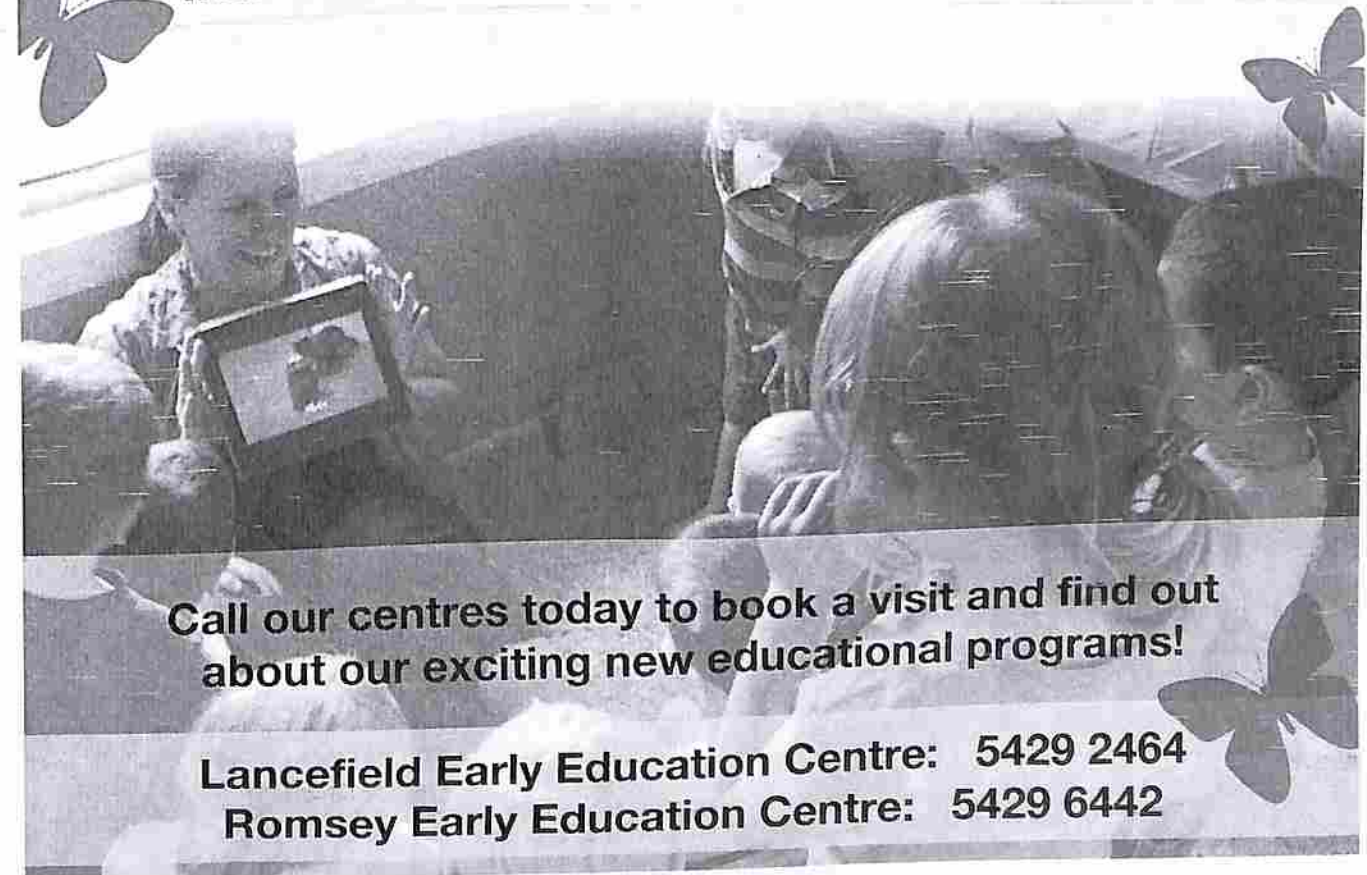
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These sessions will be run by educational consultants with a long history in education.

The topics that will be covered are:

The secondary school environment – timetables, subjects, bus travel, assignments etc

Managing homework and how to support your child

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If you would like to attend please ring the school on 54 292307

If you have further queries please speak to the principal Diana Ellis

## Enrolments

Enrolments are being taken this term. If you have not yet enrolled please do so by the end of the term. If you would like a tour of the school please ring the principal Diana Ellis and make an appointment on 54 2923



## Walkathon

Recently we had our whole school walkathon. Despite a cold, miserable day we were able to raise a substantial amount for the school. The funds will go towards our goal of a new playground. The day was highly successful due to the organisation done by our Parents and Friends committee and the support from the parents and local community.

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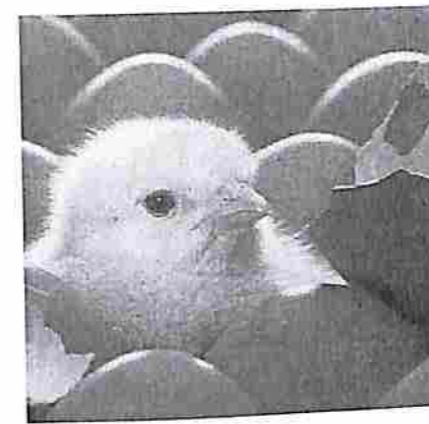
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## Chickens at L.P.S

A month ago we were excited by our new chook shed. Now the excitement has escalated with all of the newly hatched chickens. We even have our very own group of students who have formed the 'chicken project team'. They are busy researching feeders and nesting boxes etc to make our chickens happy when they are big enough to move into their permanent home.

## Cobaw District Basketball

Well done to our mixed team who competed in the Cobaw District Competition played a number of games against some very talented and competitive students. Apart from their achievements, the most important mention is the exemplary behaviour that the students displayed on the day.

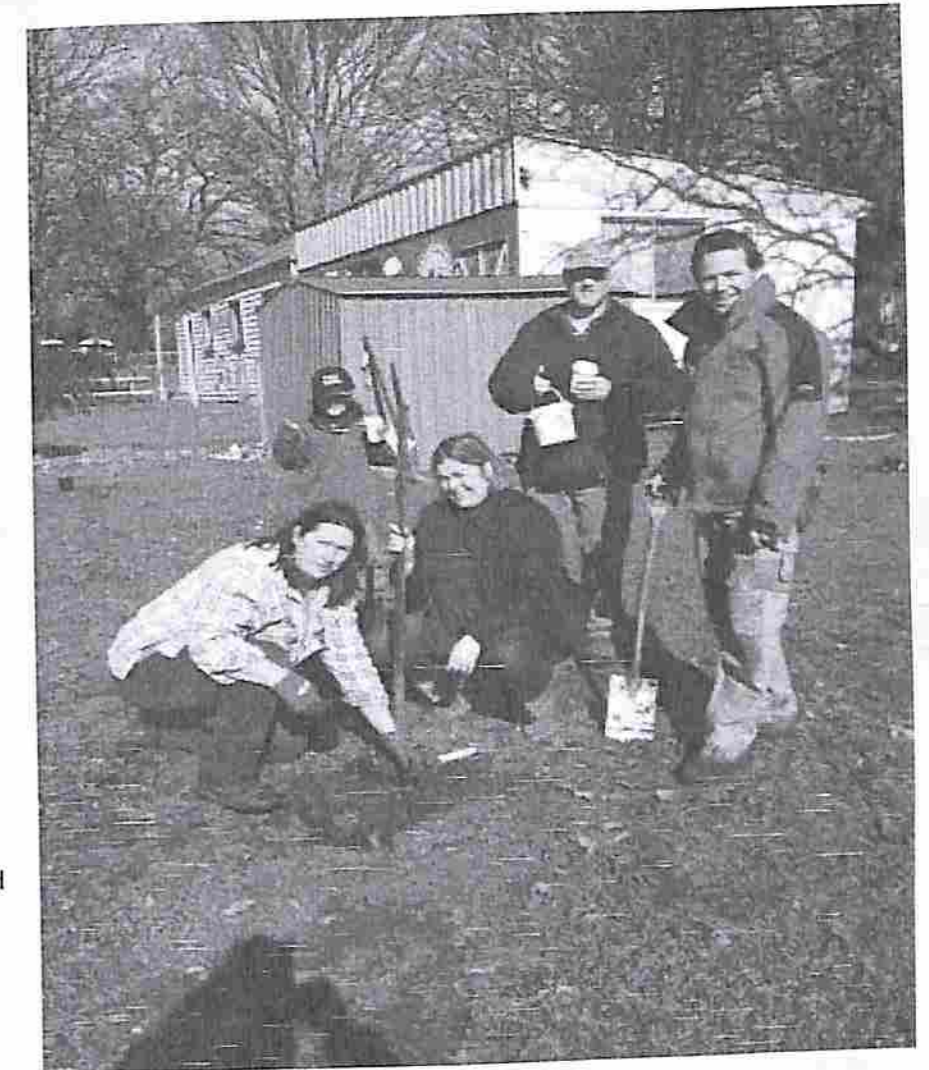
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## Tree Planting with the Neighbourhood House

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## LANCEFIELD FIRE BRIGADE

Firstly a welcome to Jason Amos and Harriet Betz who have transferred from Macedon and Riddells Creek respectively and we expect they will be an asset to the Brigade as they become part of our team. There has been little activity in the way of incidents or fires and hope that this continues. The date for the Awards night and unveiling of the honour boards has been tentatively set for October 20th, this will be confirmed at a later date. The Brigade has prepared a "wish list" to use the fund from the book sale and other donations more about this later also.

Training continues on a priority basis and we have received a new Training Discussion Paper via D.V.D and this is being worked through as part of our training programme. We have also received a newsletter from the Chief Officer expressing regret over the events at Fiskville and sorrow for the pain and stress it has caused. The C.F.A. states that it will implement all the recommendations from the Professor Joy Report and are proposing another eleven actions that they will also put in place. Hygienists and environmental management experts have been engaged and advise that there is no evidence to support the closure of Fiskville. C.F.A. will be instituting a regime of individual health monitoring and further retrospective health studies are proposed. C.F.A. Sunday will be held this year on November 25th when many Brigades will be open.

Stuart Mustey  
Captain  
Lancefield Fire Brigade

## September Riddells Creek Farmers Market Weed Workshop

### Hear from the experts...

This is the time of year that weeds start to grow, and it's also the best time to tackle them. The Farmers Market weed workshop will focus on identification and control of three major pasture weeds – serrated tussock, Chilean needle grass, and artichoke thistle.

Gerry O'Keeffe, Department of Primary Industries  
<[www.dpi.vic.gov.au/agriculture/pests-diseases-and-weeds/weeds](http://www.dpi.vic.gov.au/agriculture/pests-diseases-and-weeds/weeds)> and other experts will be available to assist you with the current best practices for dealing with:

- \* Serrated tussock
- \* Chilean needle grass
- \* Artichoke thistle

Date: Saturday September 15, 2012

Time: 10 am to 12 pm

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## Lancefield - Romsey Lions Club



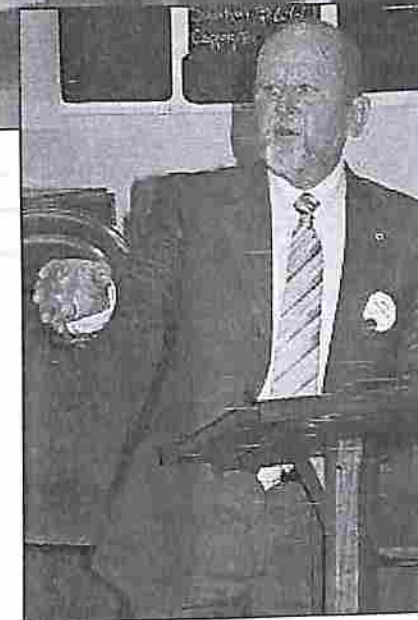
Lancefield - Romsey Lions Club held their change over dinner on Saturday night 11 August, at the Lancefield Golf Club. The night was a cold and misty one, but all were warmly welcomed at the door and invited into join the group enjoying the cosy room and the blazing fire.

Lion Pat Sullivan acted as Dinner Chairman for the night. The induction of office bearers was carried out by Life member Lion Doug Newnham. The incoming committee executive is made up as follows, President - Ken Colson, Vice

President - Julie Starec, Treasurer - Ged McLaughlin, Secretary - Werner Ladzik.

District Governor Phillip Sheriff presented special awards, to Lion Julie Starec a Guiding Lion Certificate, Lion Russell Neyland a 30 year Monarch and Lion Allen Collins a 20 year Monarch. Anyone interested in attending a Lions meeting please contact the Membership Officer Julie Starec 0411 643 407 Lion Pam Amezdroz

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# FREEDOM . . . . .

How refreshing to read Joanne's piece on the indifference of young Australians, about democracy. Yes "most children excuse themselves from political engagement".

Why? Because we have it so good. Abraham Lincoln said: "Ruled by the people for the people".

A democratic system gives citizens the most freedom. Freedom refers to a relation of human beings to other human beings. Some people live for others, but as in nature, the majority lives for themselves. Society is an environment where "survival of the fittest" rules.

One of the great advantages of democracy is that it gives us not only liberty and freedom of action, but also freedom of thought. Liberty is the absence of control and coercion, by others.

What we don't know is often more important than what we know. Yet children can learn from experiences and history is part of that. Of course we haven't complete control over liberty and freedom, as far as choice is concerned. We have very little freedom over the function of our bone marrow, a bit more over the function of our lungs and a lot more about the choice, what we want to do, read or see.

There are however great dangers

in restricting liberty and freedom. Modern societies have difficulty in adjusting to freedom and Australia is not immune to this.

Coercion is evil and it corrupts the individual, as a tool of others. It reduces us into bondage or slavery. In the early days, there were traditional limits on behaviour. One mainly obeyed the laws of the King/Queen or ruler. Nowadays some organizations like governments, trade unions, student organizations, sporting clubs, monopolies and the like, think they have the right to exclusive privileges.

However there can only be a free society, if there is no coercion, except in the case of the laws of the land.

There used to be a certain innocence towards behaviour and parents played a big part, in instilling self-control and frugality, in their off-spring. Religious observance was meant to lead people, to a happier life. The more freedom we get the more we lose sight of the comfort there is, in alleviating distress. Nowadays there is, less guidance towards individual acts.

In 1776, Adam Smith, a scholar in moral philosophy, wrote: "Money is a powerful force towards responsibility

and self restraint. But when life is stimulated with credit, responsibility and behaviour is often thrown out of the window". When Henry Kiesinger came to Australia, to promote the credit-card, It created an ideology of spending, helped by modern technology, such as ATM, Internet banking, email shopping etc.. This led people from their spending constrains, towards more consumption on credit, instead of saving "for a rainy day". It put many people into debt.

Even a long time ago, Charles Darwin wrote, in the 'Origin of Species', "No man can be free, who is in debt". Did we listen? People talk about deficits, as if they are a normal phenomena, but they are actually a shortfall of money. The results are inundation by mountains of debts, not only for individuals, but for Councils, States and even whole countries. If one cannot repay one's debts, freedom is lost. Lack of freedom is merely a license to exploit.

Let us hope that our younger generations recognizes the freedom they have under our democratic system. Otherwise we won't be able to freely, write such words as these.

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Pastoral Associate: Mrs. Joanne Reuther  
School Principal: Mr. Anthony Falls

Welcome to Fr. Sebastian who is temporarily in the parish from 12th August until Fr. Arnold arrives on the 24th September.

### Farewell

*My deep thanks to all of those who made last weekend such a very special and deeply moving farewell. Thanks to the committee, those who brought food and waited on the day and for the many gifts and prayers people have offered. The parish is very special and will always be in my prayers.*

Fr. George

### MASS TIMES

Saturday: 6.00 p.m. Lancefield  
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information, please phone 5429 2130.

### REGULAR EVENTS

SVDP Drop-In: First Thursday of  
each month, 10.30 a.m. to 4.00  
p.m., St. Mary's Church Hall,  
Romsey. All welcome to come for a  
game of cards/chat and free lunch.

Congratulations to all parishioners that contributed to making Fr. George's farewell so special for him last Sunday afternoon. For all those who helped in so many ways, from welcoming people at the Masses, musicians, youth choir, special ministers, our school teachers and

families for the Saturday night Mass and festivities afterwards, also our teachers and school children who decorated the school hall. We would also like to thank the parishioners who helped with the wonderful catering on the day. Our speakers and the hospitality shown by our parishioners to guests and other community members. Thank you ALL for your generous donations towards Fr. George's gifts and all who contributed to the memory book. The day was fantastic because you all were there to share the love and affection of a wonderful man and shepherd to our parish. "well done, good and faithful servants".

Fr. George Farewell Committee

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### COMING EVENTS

#### 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> November 2012

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#### 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> November

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## Tango in the Ranges

A collaborative concert between the brilliant string and piano accordion quintet, Cosmo Cosmolino and the Macedon Ranges' own orchestra, Resonance String Orchestra, will take place at Kyneton Town Hall, 3pm Sunday 16th of September. Cosmo Cosmolino takes its audience on a ride of passion in all its glorious colours. Gypsy inspired fury gives way to crazy waltzes, seductive tangos and heart-wrenching songs in an entrancing tapestry of sound that is both ancient and modern. Cosmo Cosmolino will perform an original set peppered with classics from the tango and gypsy repertoire in a virtuosic and visually enthralling live show which will have you laughing, crying and dancing in the aisles. Resonance students will undertake a series of inspiring rehearsals and workshops with Cosmo Cosmolino musicians. The project will culminate in Resonance and Cosmo Cosmolino joining forces to present this concert of superb tango music. The performance will showcase the sultry sounds of Piazzolla, Gade, Albeniz and more.



Resonance String Orchestra is an outstanding regional music educational initiative. Established in 2009, Resonance has been delighting audiences of the Macedon Ranges with its vibrant sound and captivating concert programmes. Resonance students have performed and studied with musicians from the Freshwater Trio and the Eyre Quartet (courtesy

of the Australian Youth Orchestra), as well as composer-violinist Andrea Keeble, klezmer violinist Ernie Gruner, violinist and fiddle-singer Jenny Thomas, and local choir 'the Pollyphonics'.

For more information about Resonance String Orchestra and its educational programme, go to [www.resonancestringorchestra.org.au](http://www.resonancestringorchestra.org.au).

## Film Society Embraces Its Inner Child



At the August meeting of the Macedon Ranges Film Society, there were some tears and sniffles as the story of Peter Pan and his creator, J.M. Barrie unfolded on the big screen. Set in London in 1903, Johnny Depp played a very convincing, naive and eccentric J.M. Barrie and no less charming was Kate Winslet in the role of Sylvia Llewelyn Davies, mother of the four rambunctious boys who were the inspiration for this much-loved children's story.

On September 12th, members are expecting to be charmed with one of Jacques Tati's marvellous observations of life in the film "Monsieur Hulot's Holiday. As with all of the Tati films,

misunderstandings and strange situations abound and M Hulot's holiday at the seaside is no exception. His intentions are good but not everything goes according to his innocent plans. There is very little dialogue but the character on the screen is bound to cause ripples of laughter all round.

The Macedon Ranges Film Society meets on the second Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. in the Woodend Community Centre. Film notes are supplied and for those who wish, there is discussion after the film with refreshment kindly supplied by the members. [mrfilmsociety@gmail.com](mailto:mrfilmsociety@gmail.com) or call Vicki on 5427 2323 or Christine on 5429 5452.

## Funding for Food and Fibre Marketing Co-operatives

In this, the International Year of Co-operatives, the Victorian Government has committed \$5 million to encourage the establishment of cooperative groups amongst farmers and value chain participants, using the collective capability of the groups to generate better access to markets and customers. The Food and Fibre Marketing Co-operatives Grants program offers grants of up to a total of \$50,000 to eligible cooperatives or collaborative marketing groups for activities such as feasibility studies and business plans, business and technical advice, market research and training in business management. The grants will be provided on a 50:50 cost share basis, with the remaining cash funds to be provided by the cooperative body. The maximum assistance available for each eligible activity is \$15,000 with the total assistance provided not exceeding \$50,000. The program will be open until 30 June 2016, or until program funding has been exhausted. For more information contact the Rural Finance Head Office on 5448 2600.

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# St Mary's Primary School

## Plenty of Books.

Thank you to the Lancefield Opp shop for donating money so we could update and renew the 'Take home' and Guided readers for the students.

## Sacred Heart College Kyneton

Congratulations to the following former students from St Mary's who are in the top 10% in their year level in academic progress.

Year 7: Jemma Clayton, Kate Redmond

Year 8: Gabrielle Veal

Year 9: Abbie Bennetts, Tayla Halpin, Fiona Redmond

## Fr George O'Connor

Last Saturday we said goodbye to Fr George on Saturday night with Mass followed by supper in the hall.

Mrs Kylie Sankey thanked Fr George for his support of the Parents and Friends committee and their endeavours including the Landscape Master Plan.

Mr Andrew Memmolo thanked Fr George for his support of the School Board especially in regards to the new school buildings and facilities.

Kayla Dyer and Jack Ryan (Year 5/6 students) thanked Fr George for making Mass a joyful experience and having a positive influence on the school community.



Amber Ryan, Benjamin Sankey and Kobe Memmolo are reading a book from the collection.



Mrs Walker, Mrs Tame and Mrs Gale are a part of the Literacy team.

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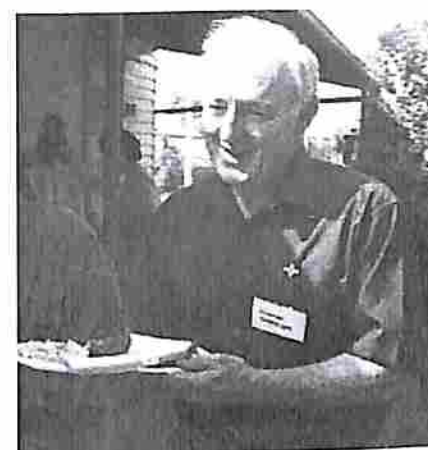
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Life moves on and we welcome Fr Arnold who will be with us in September. In the meantime Fr Sebastian will be celebrating Mass from August 11.

## Prep/1/2 Olympic Afternoon.

The students in Grade Prep -2 were involved in Olympic afternoon earlier this week as a part of their Inquiry Unit of work. The students were assisted by many parents (thanks) as they made scones,



produced art work and competed in physical activities. The students all received a medal for competing and being good sports. Go Australia.

## Year 5/6 Camp

On Monday 6th Aug the year 5/6 students and staff travelled to the Phillip Island Adventure Camp Resort. The behaviour of the students was excellent and there were many positive comments from the staff at the resort concerning the student's manners and organisational skills. The activities included a giant swing (18m), twin flying fox, canoeing, initiative games and rock wall climbing. The students supported and encouraged each other to try each activity.

The students and staff arrived back on Wednesday afternoon, tired but happy. Again many of the students have declared it the best camp they have been on.

Thank you to Ms. Fitzgerald and Mrs. Ryan for organising the camp and to Mrs. Gale and Mrs. Rachel

Dyer for their support.

Enrolments for 2013 Preps.

Please ring for a tour or a chat.

Our students go onto Assumption

College Kilmore and Sacred Heart

College Kyneton after being at St

Mary's for Prep - year 6.

Call Principal Tony Falls

54291359.

## Literacy Resources Received during the National Year of Reading

The students of St Mary's Primary Lancefield/Romsey have lots to smile about during the National Year of Reading! Thanks to the generosity of the Lancefield Opportunity Knocks store the children have received lots of new books to read.

These new resources to the library and classrooms have been able to be purchased thanks to a \$2200 donation received from the Lancefield Neighbourhood House Committee. The St Mary's Staff and Parents & Friends Association would like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the volunteers who assist in the "Opportunity Knocks" shop. Their role in contributing not only to our school, but the wider community plays a vital part in the growth of Lancefield. The children of St Mary's will benefit greatly from the efforts of all the volunteers.

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**Lancefield Police News**

**Another Scam**

A local resident has reported that he recently received a phone call from a person with an Indian accent stating he was from a Government Department. He went on to advise the resident that his pension had been underpaid by \$5000 and if he gave his bank details they would arrange for the money to be deposited into his account. The local resident was quick on the uptake and told the caller that Centrelink already had his bank details so they wouldn't need them. He further suggested that as the caller had his phone and address details he could send out a cheque as payment of the outstanding amount. The caller said, "I suppose we could too." And then hung up. Needless to say no cheque has been received. The caller did give the resident a contact phone number with an 02 prefix and a call reference number.

When the resident tried to call the number it was not connected.

These scams are becoming more and more common all the time. The rule of thumb is do not give our account details to anyone over the phone or internet who contacts you. If someone does contact you and asks for these details, get as many details as you can and then try to confirm the information by calling them back. Or finding another means of confirming the information they have given you. If they are part of a scam the information will not stand up to scrutiny.

**It Pays To Stay Legal And Use Your Cruise Control.**

In these difficult financial times we are all looking for something we can rely on. One thing you can rely on at the end of the financial year is that the fines for traffic offences will increase. The fine for speeding between 10 - 25 kph over the limit has gone up from \$244 to \$282 and of course the loss of three

demerit points. If you sneak up to more than 25 kph over the speed limit you are now looking at \$387 4 demerit points and one month's suspension.

Driving an Unregistered car is now \$704.

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If ever you were looking for a good reason to set that cruise control at 5 below the speed limit, this is it. It's safer for you and other road users, it will save you fuel, and it will certainly save you money if it prevents you from being booked for speeding. It makes sense,

I often shake my head when I see a flash new car with a perfectly good cruise control and the driver says to me, "I didn't realise I was speeding." It reminds me of the ad that used to say "Use it or Lose It." The same applies to your cruise control, use it or risk losing your licence.

Drive safe, and stay safe.

*Roger Barr  
Officer In Charge Lancefield Police.*

Joanne Duncan

**A National Year of Reading**

This year, 2012, is the National Year of Reading. It is about encouraging children to read, to keep keen readers engaged and to make Australia a nation of readers.

In Victoria we have a long history of encouraging and acknowledging the importance of reading. The Victorian Premier's Literary Awards were established in 1985 by John Cain and Victoria continues to be a national leader in literature. I think we all acknowledge the importance of reading to children. It provides a strong positive influence and can install a lifetime of benefits. But we now have a changing literary landscape with the emergence of ipads and e-books that is

causing much discussion amongst parents, teachers and researchers. Some schools are even removing the books from their libraries and totally replacing them with online databases. There are some that say children will choose an e-book over a print book and that their comprehension is just as much, or better, than with a print book. Others say old school books have time and research on their side - we know that the number of books in the home and family literacy behavior is highly predictive of positive educational outcomes for children. So who is right? Time will tell, but what everyone seems to agree on for now is that getting kids interested

in reading, and firing up their imagination, is what is important, regardless of the format. Whatever the outcome of the research for children's learning outcomes with new or old technology, chances are e-books and old school print books will have some overlap and each will offer some unique benefits as well as limitations. Personally, as a keen reader, former librarian, and a member of the Ministerial Advisory Council on Libraries I hope the reports of the death of the print book are greatly exaggerated (apologies to Mark Twain).

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Joanne

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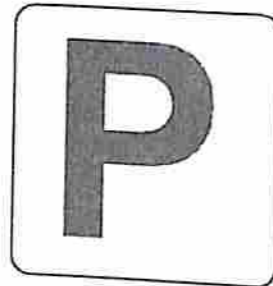
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### Defensive Driving Course

The Lancefield Neighbourhood House using funds generated by Opportunity Knocks are asking for expressions of interest from our new drivers to participate in a Defensive Driving Course. We are currently in negotiation with providers of this course to gain registration for the young men & women of Lancefield who have recently gained their Driver's Licences. This course will be fully funded by The Lancefield Neighbourhood House and it is envisaged that the course will be a full day's Program and you will need to provide your own vehicle. We are hoping to have the course



at Calder Park. We hope to be able to offer dates later this year or early next year. We also hope that this program will be ongoing to be offered to our new drivers shortly after obtaining their driver's licence. You must be a resident of Lancefield or live in the postcode area 3435 to qualify. Depending

on the response to this Expression of Interest a decision of how this program will be rolled out will be made shortly. It is hoped that we will be able to offer the course to all our young drivers under the age of 21.

If you are interested in participating please forward the following details to the House by the end of September:

Name  
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lancefieldhouse@tpg.com.au, or drop the information into The Town House at 34A High Street, or The School House at 78 High Street, Lancefield.

At the time of writing this article we, at the house, are busy organising our new extended space at 34A High Street, next to Opportunity Knocks. This new area will be known as "The Town House" and we expect that our main administrative office where we are located now and will remain, will affectionately be known as "The School House".

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If you are able to help at "The Town House" please contact us on 54291214 or come and see one of us at The Town House or The School House.

The official opening of The Town House will be on Friday, 7th September 2012. Come and browse through the entries in the Photographic Competition. Winners will be announced during the day/evening.

Please see our offer in this

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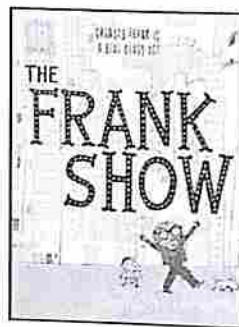
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## Children's Book Reviews for September.

### The Frank Show

by David Mackintosh rrp \$24.99



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And no-one is more surprised than Frank's very own grandson....The constant reference to the mundane aspects of getting old make us realize why we sometimes forget that old people had exciting and dynamic lives before us! Very funny story with great illustrations, and one that guarantees to warm the cockles of your heart because of the relationship between two generations.

### Noisy Neighbors

by Ruth Green rrp \$14.95



Sid the snail can't get any sleep, so he has a big party for all his noisy neighbors! With characters such as the singing foxes, the crashing squirrels, and the hooting owls, the story captivates the reader.....! Very colorful pictures and great rhyming text for younger children.

### In the Forest

by Anouck Boisrobert and Louis Rigaud rrp \$25.95

What happens to the sloth when all the rainforest is cut down? This beautiful pop-up book shows the life-cycle of a rainforest, and the importance of looking after our planet (with a happy ending!!)

### Rapido's next stop

by Jean-Luc Fromenthal and Joelle Jolivet rrp \$29.95



A detailed look at a day in the life of Rapido, the delivery van! Rapido's busy day reminds us of the importance of delivery trucks from dropping off oil to the wharf to delivering guitars to a rock star ready to get on stage! The illustrations are bright and colourful, and the catchy text will impress and intrigue all those budding logistics specialists out there!

### Operation Alphabet

by Al MacCuish rrp \$19.95



This is a story about Charlie Foxtrot, a little boy who finds learning the alphabet strange and confusing. Enter secret agents from the Ministry of Letters who engage the services of the SAS (Secret Alphabet Service) to help Charlie learn the alphabet and love his letters and stories. This is a great story for young children on their way to reading and writing!!

## Junior Netballers Scoring Goals

On Sunday 29th of July the Lancefield U13 netball team played in a tournament at Gisborne in terrible conditions. Comprising on the day of Zoe Babicka, Larissa Rix, Tara O'Sullivan, Caitlin Mitchell, Abbie Quigley, Erin Barr, Breanna Woodburn and Christie Brinkhaus with Eliza O'Donnell filling in for Olivia Coburn who was absent, the team had an outstanding day. They lost only one of 5 games on their way to the finals. Despite our having beaten them previously, Mitchell Magic were victorious in a close game having survived the conditions better on the day.

The team are now in their third year of playing together as Kilmore Black in the Kilmore Junior Netball League against teams from surrounding towns. Their coach Michelle Rix has done a superb job forming the girls into a well disciplined and close knit team who value playing fairly as highly as playing well. This philosophy has paid rewards with them achieving the Premiership in their first year and then Runners-up in 2011 when they moved up from U11 to U13 age group. They are undefeated so far and on track to make the Grand Final this year.

Wanting to further develop her teams skills, Michelle has now entered them in the Junior competition at The State Netball and Hockey Centre in Parkville. Playing in U15 the girls had their first game on 16th August and enjoyed a confidence boosting first win. Michelle would like to develop 2 U15 squad teams and will be holding try-outs for those interested in October. If you are interested please contact Michelle Rix on 0413 183 387.

## Men's Cooking Program

Would you like some inspiration in the kitchen? Do you wish you knew how to cook a variety of healthy meals? Then sign up to the Lancefield Men's Cooking for 1 or 2 program. When you sign up for Cooking for 1 or 2 you'll get together with a group once a week for six weeks to prepare a meal to enjoy together. You will gain basic cooking skills, learn more about nutrition, food hygiene, budgeting and weight management. You might even lose a centimetre or two! Sign up for this popular course before Friday 12 October 2012. Dates and times will be confirmed closer to October.

Register your interest today! Phone the Healthy Communities Team at Macedon Ranges Shire Council on 5422 0216 or email healthycommunities@mrsc.vic.gov.au.

The Macedon Ranges Healthy and Active People Initiative programs and activities are funded by the Australian Government. They are run by Macedon Ranges Shire Council in partnership with Cobaw Community Health and Macedon Ranges Health.

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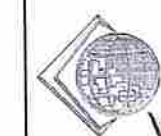
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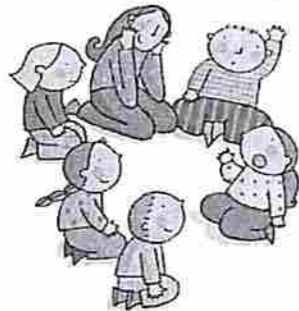


## Why send my child to 3yo Kinder?

I sometimes hear Mums talking about whether to send their child to a 3yo Kindergarten class. The process certainly has its pros and cons. I can recall clearly the disadvantages of 3yo Kinder - the 2 hr time allocation was more of a hindrance than a help to things and for the cost of the fees childcare provides more hours and doesn't stop for the holidays! Having said that, my next child will definitely be going to 3yo Kinder. Why? I strongly believe that going to 3yo Kinder made my son's transition into 4yo Kinder so much easier. Whether a child has had no exposure to out-of-family care or just because the kinder structure and social expectations are new, 3yo kinder can provide a valuable transition step towards 4yo kinder. Especially at a small country Kinder like Lancefield, the child returns to the same room and yard space and often some of the same teaching staff and friends. With 4yo set to be 15hrs/wk in the immediate future, anything that assists a successful start and smooth transition is great in my book! Having recently moved to Lancefield, it also proved an invaluable opportunity for our family to meet other families in the community.

Another reason I stand a 3yo Kinder advocate is the whole issue of 'school readiness' that is being spoken about increasingly by

professionals in early childhood learning. As I understand it, this concept is trying to encourage children to be sent to school when they are socially and emotionally ready, rather than by chronological age. Research suggests that children who are socially and emotionally ready to cope with the challenges of school (as opposed to just 'learning')



do much better academically, socially and emotionally in the short and longer term. Feedback received from schools has indicated that once a child has started school, repeating a year can be challenging. Parents may or may not be aware that repeating 4yo Kinder is not an easily arranged task. The government only provides each child one year of 4 yo Kinder funding. Even where a parent is prepared to pay the full fees, places for 4yo Kinder are in high demand so spots may simply not be available. Should a child be identified as benefiting from an extra year of kinder, 3yo Kinder is

the easier year to extend.

And Kinder teachers, especially our highly experienced Lancefield staff, are the best people to not only talk to about this issue, but to have the opportunity to watch your child over the 3yo Kinder year and make informed recommendations about sending a child to 4 yo Kinder or giving them another year of 3yo. I had this very experience with my son. He did 2 years of 3yo Kinder and now as we head down the path towards school next year, I am so glad we waited. Had he started this year I am quite sure he would have felt overwhelmed. I can see his potential to be more robust to the challenges of school and have a better opportunity to make a good start to the very long process of schooling. On the other hand, a concerned parent might well discover their child's development is on par with peers and is, in fact, ready to roll!

If you have questions about 3yo Kinder or school readiness, contact your local Kinder, Primary School or MCHN.

Thanks to the Lancefield Kinder Committee Mums who contributed to this article.

Kind Regards

*Katrina Needham*  
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## New blood brings fresh acclaim to the Tooborac Hotel & Brewery

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In a broad field that included indy-brewing giant Coopers, the Tooborac Hotel & Brewery's Woodcutter's Amber Ale was awarded a bronze medal while the Blacksmith's Porter collected gold and brought home the Champion Porter Trophy.

The award winning brews were hand crafted by the Tooborac Hotel & Brewery's new duo of accomplished amateur brewers turned pro, John Chapman and Simon Lew. Qualified brewer and 2012 Melbourne Brewers Club Champion, John Chapman joined the Tooborac team to marry his love of craft beer with his Degree in Physics and extensive

experience in manufacturing.

His brewing partner, Simon Lew, describes their dual brewing approach as "well balanced" like their beers. "Together we have a scientific approach balanced with practicality and an artisan flair." The pair have refined a number of the brewing processes at the Tooborac Hotel & Brewery introducing new beers to the range including an American Pale Ale and the Shearer's Lager.

Tooborac Hotel & Brewery owners, James and Valerie Carlin are quick to acknowledge the achievements of their new brewing team. "John and Simon are a huge asset," says James.

A destination location nestled in the picturesque landscape between Heathcote and Lancefield, the Tooborac Hotel & Brewery is open for meals, beer tastings and tours of the brewery. For more information about the Tooborac Hotel & Brewery and their award winning beers visit [www.tooborachotel.com.au](http://www.tooborachotel.com.au).



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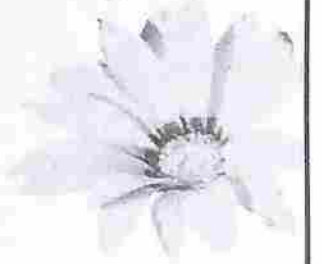
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and bills to pay, He learned to walk  
while I was away

And he was talkin' 'fore I knew it,  
and as he grew  
He'd say "I'm gonna be like you  
dad, You know I'm gonna be like you"

And the cat's in the cradle and the  
silver spoon, Little boy blue and the  
man on the moon

When you comin' home dad?  
I don't know when, but we'll get  
together then son, You know we'll  
have a good time then

My son turned ten just the other  
day, He said, "Thanks for the ball,  
Dad, come on let's play

Can you teach me to throw", I  
said "Not today, I got a lot to do",  
he said, "That's ok"

And he walked away but his smile  
never dimmed,

And said, "I'm gonna be like him,  
yeah, You know I'm gonna be like  
him"

And the cat's in the cradle and the  
silver spoon, Little boy blue and the  
man on the moon

When you comin' home dad?

I don't know when, but we'll get  
together then son, You know we'll  
have a good time then

Well, he came home from college  
just the other day, So much like a  
man I just had to say

"Son, I'm proud of you, can you  
sit for a while?", He shook his head  
and said with a smile,

"What I'd really like, Dad, is to  
borrow the car keys, See you later,  
can I have them please?"

And the car's in the cradle and the  
silver spoon, Little boy blue and the  
man on the moon

When you comin' home dad?

I don't know when, but we'll get  
together then son, You know we'll  
have a good time then

I've long since retired, my son's  
moved away, I called him up just the  
other day

I said, "I'd like to see you if you  
don't mind", He said, "I'd love to,  
Dad, if I can find the time

You see my new job's a hassle and  
kids have the flu,

But it's sure nice talking to you,  
Dad, It's been sure nice talking to  
you"

And as I hung up the phone it  
occurred to me, He'd grown up just  
like me, My boy was just like me!

Father's day is a time to bless our  
Dads. But it should also be a time of

reflection for each dad to evaluate  
how his role as a father is shaping  
his kids. It is a well known fact  
that if a girl does not get the love  
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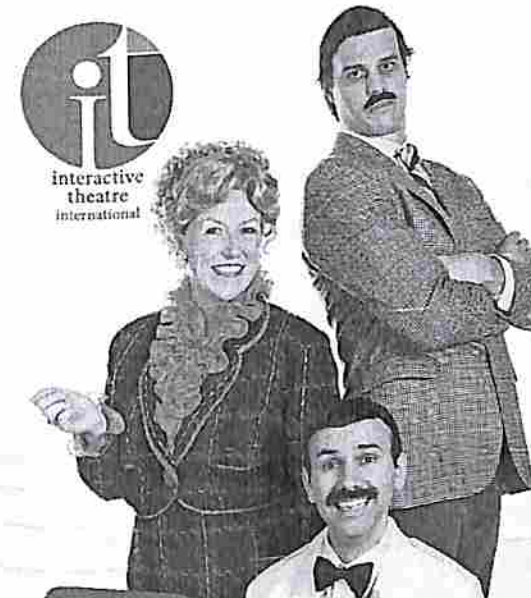
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Letter from Henry McLaughlin

## “A Romsey Pool”

The issue of the proposed Gisborne Aquatic Centre expansion has received a lot of media attention and has resulted in some confusion. The Macedon Ranges Shire Council Aquatic Strategy holds a vision of indoor aquatic facilities in Kyneton, Gisborne & Romsey.

The Gisborne Pool was built in 2005 and the Kyneton Pool in 2011, two excellent facilities. The third spoke to the aquatic strategy, being a Romsey pool, is subject to a council funded feasibility study this year. In Aug 2011 a \$7.85m expansion of the Gisborne facility was put to a council vote and not supported. In July 2012 the same proposal was put to a Council vote and once again not supported. The July 2012 decision was challenged at a Special Council Meeting on 8th Aug 2012 and again not supported. The decision

was further challenged at a Special Council Meeting on 15th Aug 2012. On this last occasion, the challenge was withdrawn moments after the meeting commenced.

There are certainly strong arguments as to why the Gisborne pool should be expanded. Gisborne is the largest and fastest growing town within the shire and its pool is expected to reach capacity by 2016. I did not support this proposed expansion for the following reasons.

- a) We are now in the last 8 weeks of the current Council's term and such a major decision should be left to the incoming Council.
- b) As we are entering times of economic uncertainty what may be argued an “affordable” increase in your rates today may be less affordable in the near future.
- c) Shire wide equity. One way to ease

the pressure on the Gisborne pool would be to fulfill Council's aquatic strategy and develop a facility in Romsey. It has been argued that the local community does not have the population to sustain such a facility however as Romsey/Lancefield residents currently travel to the Gisborne pool, excess Gisborne patrons could also travel to a Romsey pool. It's the same distance each way.

When you ask what your Councillors have done over the last four years there are number of significant and tangible achievements that can be listed however to appreciate the full picture one must also take into consideration what your local Councillors have prevented from happening. This is but one example.

Mayor Henry McLaughlin  
(East Ward Councillor)

## Sammy grants supporting community gardens

Two Lancefield community groups have received \$1000 grants under Western Water's Sammy's Community Garden Grants program. The Lancefield Community Garden and Deep Creek Landcare are among six organisations in the Macedon Ranges to receive the grants.

“These grants will be used to create or improve sustainable gardens across the region,” Western Water's Managing Director, Neil Brennan, says. “In particular it is great to see different community groups coming together, as with the Lancefield Community Garden, which is a partnership between the town's Primary School and Neighbourhood House.” The Lancefield Community Garden will use its grant to create vegetable gardens beside the primary school. The Deep Creek Landcare group will use its grant to build a native garden at Lancefield Park to celebrate 25 years of Landcare in the community. The grants, named for Western Water's slithering mascot, Sammy the Snake, are part of the organisation's Corporate Social Responsibility program, which aims to give back to the community.

## FReeZA grant

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## Vanessa's garden

With this year's veggie crops in mind, it may be a good time to talk a bit about crop rotation. The main reason for moving most things around year by year is simply that it helps keep the soil healthy. Of course you'll usually be adding some kind of food to the soil around your veggies, whether granular or liquid, but that's generally not enough to compensate for growing the same crop in the same place year after year.

Crops don't all take the same nutrients out of the soil or need the same type of food. For example, nitrogen promotes leaf growth, which means it's great for things like lettuces and beans, but of limited use with root crops. Feeding too much nitrogen to a root crop can mean that you see terrific healthy growth above ground, leading you to expect a bumper crop, but in fact all the plant's energy ends up going into the top, and the roots end up being spindly and disappointing.

Growing your veggies in a different spot each year also helps in the fight against pests and diseases. The number one defence plants have is the health of the soil they grow in, which helps makes them strong enough to withstand attack. Growing things in the same place every time risks depleting the soil and weakening

plants.

Some crops leave useful trace elements behind. For example your beans and peas. Their roots grow nodules which act as nitrogen fixers, enriching the ground for successive leafy crops. When the pea or bean crop is harvested, cut the stem or haulm off at ground level, to leave the roots to feed a later crop of greens.

There are a number of similar tips to factor into an ideal crop rotation. There are many resources online and you can find a great selection of gardening books at Red Door bookshop too. However, here is a simple outline of a basic four-bed rotation system to get you started. It doesn't matter how much or how little space you have, beds can be scaled up or down. Even if you are growing in pots, it's worth noting what goes best after which crop.

**BED ONE.** Assuming that you grew some tomatoes last year, designate that spot Bed One. That ground should have been limed, ideally at the end of the harvest, just after pulling out the plants. You could have then sown plants which prefer a good dose of lime, such as broad beans and (early) peas to over-winter. If you haven't limed the ground or planted broad beans and peas, don't worry, you can still use the

## Local Women Encouraged To Nominate For Council Elections

Speaking in Parliament this week Donna Petrovich encouraged women in her electorate of Northern Victoria to consider running for the 2012 local government elections.

Mrs Petrovich said that despite making up over 50% of our population and being major consumers of local government services, women represent only 29% of local councillors across Victoria. "Gannawarra, one of the municipalities in my electorate has no women councillors, while Greater Bendigo, Loddon and Swan Hill have only one woman each," said Mrs Petrovich.

Mrs Petrovich served as a councillor for the Macedon Ranges Shire for several terms and was the first female mayor elected to the municipality. "My experience of serving on council was very positive and rewarding. Getting involved in local government is a fantastic way to help your local community and really become a part of the fabric of that community."

It is usually women who deal with local government services like maternal and child health services, kindergartens and aged care services and it is important that women's views are adequately represented on council. "I urge them to get involved in local government for the betterment of their communities."

ground for later peas and (when it's warm enough) any beans that you want to grow. As you harvest, empty spots can be filled with broccoli, cabbage and cauliflower.

**BED TWO.** If you grew peas and/or beans last year, designate that area Bed Two. This is where you put your root crops this year. You can also put your onions and garlic (the latter if not already round your roses) in these beds. Remember, you can leave most carrots and parsnips in the ground over winter. Parsnips especially, as they benefit from frost which turns their starches to sugar and makes them sweeter.

**BED THREE.** Work in a good deal of well rotted manure to this patch. Here is where you will plant your sweetcorn, pumpkins and zucchinis when it's warm enough. Remember to plant sweetcorn in blocks rather than rows, to help with pollination. Post crops, this bed can be sown with a green manure to be dug in, in early spring.

**BED FOUR.** This is the spot for this year's tomatoes. Remember to lime the ground after the crop has finished. This bed can also carry capsicum and eggplant.

Lettuce is not fussy and can be tucked in anywhere convenient. Strawberries are much the same, except they should be moved every three years, to avoid build-up of disease.

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## Nominate A Local Health Promotion Champion

Donna Petrovich is encouraging all Sunbury and Macedon Ranges residents to nominate health promotion champions for the Victorian Health Promotion Foundation Awards 2012, to be announced at a ceremony in Melbourne in December. Building upon the VicHealth Awards in recognition of inspiring health promotion work throughout Victoria, applications for the awards are now open to the general public, as well as health, sports, education, not-for-profit organisations and governments.

These awards represent an opportunity to recognise and publicise their efforts in promoting health in our local community.

There are nine categories to enter:

Knowledge and understanding  
Tackling health inequalities

Building health through arts  
Building health through sports  
Building health through education  
Building health through community and local governments  
Building health through workplaces  
Communications in health promotion  
Outstanding individual contribution to health promotion practice.

Nominations, which close Friday 14 September, can be submitted at: [www.vichealth.vic.gov.au/awards](http://www.vichealth.vic.gov.au/awards)

The awards recognise the most outstanding research projects, individual champions, community programs and initiatives designed to improve the health of Victorians.

Nominations close at 5pm 14 September and should be submitted online at [www.vichealth.vic.gov.au/awards](http://www.vichealth.vic.gov.au/awards) where the full entry criteria is outlined.

The initiative, project or individual nominated must have been active in Victoria from the period of 1 July 2011 to 1 July 2012. Entry is free. Winners will be announced at VicHealth's Annual General Meeting on 5 December 2012.

Self-nominations are accepted, as are nominations on another person or organisation's behalf. Nominations will be judged by a panel drawn from key health promotion and public health experts.

Alternatively, email [awards@vichealth.vic.gov.au](mailto:awards@vichealth.vic.gov.au) or call 03 9667 1323 for more information



## Macedon Ranges Shire Council Elections October 2012 East Ward

Dear Resident,

In October 2012, Council Elections will take place throughout Victoria (election day is 29<sup>th</sup> October).

Macedon Ranges Shire Elections will be by postal ballot. Residents should receive their ballot papers in the mail from October 9<sup>th</sup>.

### About Me

By way of introduction, my name is Geoff NEIL. I will be a candidate for the East Ward in these elections.

Pam and I moved to Romsey in 1977. We have raised a family and, along the way, participated in the many community groups that make this area a vibrant and wonderful place.

I have worked in the Macedon Ranges since 1978, serving the community as a local Policeman. I am currently the Officer in Charge of the Macedon Ranges Highway Patrol based out of Kyneton.

My involvement in Local Government came about when the independent local kindergarten shut its doors and another was needed to take its place. The Romsey Kindergarten/IWC facility which we have today was the result of hard work by a group of likeminded residents in partnership with the then Shire of Romsey

### Local Government Experience

Councillor – Shire of Romsey 9 years (Shire President - 2 terms)

Councillor – Shire of Macedon Ranges 9 years (Mayor - 2 terms, Deputy Mayor - 1 term)

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Lancefield Football Club

# AGM

Our AGM will be conducted on the 8th October. Time: 8pm

Where: Laurie Green Social rooms

All positions will be declared vacant. New members are both welcomed to the club and welcome to apply for positions vacant.

Support for the club as committee members and club volunteers are sought after as well.

Help us to help the players.

### A message from the President of the Lancefield Football /Netball Club

Lancefield football netball club moving forward to 2013 and beyond.

While off-field the LFNC is strong

and performing well, there is no doubt that the last couple of years have been tough on the field for the young men and women who proudly represent our Club each week. The strategy of investing in our own young people through all grades (which is different to some other Clubs in the League) is really starting to pay dividends - and the second half of the season has seen a very competitive unit that augers well for the future.

So, what is next for the LFNC? Firstly, the club is committed to supporting our young netballers and footballers and if they also commit for next year and beyond we will see the club move forward into another successful period.

Off field the club is financially sound and has facilities that are in good condition. Since I have been president over the last 6 years I have been promoting the community club theme and how it is important to have a club in the area for our youth to come and play sport and enjoy 'mateship' that will last a lifetime.

The club has survived for many years with a very small hard working committee. This is the area I feel where our club is lacking and needs much more support. There are people around the club that have been doing jobs since the late 1990's and they are becoming tired and need greater support as we cannot afford to lose them.

A couple of examples include:

our three trainers who start at 8am on game day but don't finish working till around 5.30pm after the game cleaning rooms and picking up rubbish around the ground. all those volunteers who come in and help Lorraine Kraus in the canteen throughout the year including our netballers. Without this help it would be very difficult for Lorraine to run a successful canteen (and how would we survive with out Lorraine?), but more helpers are needed to cut down the hours done by everyone.

The workload to run a successful football netball club needs to be shared and taken up by other people in the community - whether it is parents / partners of footballers and netballers or people from the wider community that can lend a hand for a couple of hours a week to keep our club alive.

There are so many areas around the club that need the support of more helpers to lessen the work load on the few people that put in week in and week out.

It is this lack of support and not the lack of finances or players that

will adversely affect the longevity of the club.

2012 will be my last year as President and Melinda Giles has signalled the end of her time as Treasurer. As well, some other committee members may not be staying on. I am flagging this now so that interested people can come to the club and be advised what has to be done and what is involved.

Our AGM will be held in October when a new committee will be formed. But a lot of planning and organisation has already been put in place. For example, if the new committee would like the current sub committees that run the swap meet and quick shear to continue in these roles then they are happy to run these events for another year. Additionally Simon Choate is happy to provide all the information required to run the \$10,000 draw next season.

Personally I will of course be happy to sit down and talk to the new committee and provide all the information necessary to ensure a smooth transition and keep the

continuity of the club running successfully into the future.

Alan Inman, our Football Operations Manager has been a huge plus for the club in 2012 and has signalled his intention to help again in 2013. The work load he has taken on has been amazing and the information he has been able to provide the club and coaching staff has been invaluable. The revamping of the Tiger Talk and making it available via the Internet, has enabled the LFNC to keep all players, sponsors and members up to date with what is happening around the club.

Our AGM is on October 9th 8pm at the Laurie Green Pavilion. Please come along to show your support and be prepared to put your hand up to join the committee and get involved. The Club is in good shape, but requires new members to help run it I appeal to those people in the community to come and join in the reward of supporting a local football/netball club.

Ian Brown  
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# Lancefield Tennis Club

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## New Competition

The Lancefield Tennis Club is seeking men and women who would like to play in a Saturday afternoon Mixed Tennis Competition over summer. The format is three men and three women on each team plus emergencies. There are three separate grades so it will cater for players of all abilities. If you are interested in playing in this competition please let either myself (Roger) know on 54292174 or 54292000 or Emma Stevens on 54292566 or 0428291904. The teams have to be in by 8th of September so it will be pretty close to the time you get your Mercury. I am sure we will need extra players to rotate in and out of the teams so give us a call anyway and we will endeavour to fit you in somewhere.

We have been trying to get the word out for the past three weeks with items in school newsletters and posters in the shops. There has already been considerable interest shown. So dust off the Dunlop Volleys, and grab the old Slazenger out of the broom cupboard and give us a call.

## Ladies Nights Are Back!!!!

Ladies Nights are commencing Monday the 8th of October at around 7.00 pm. On this first night we will have Champagne and Nibblys night so bring a plate and let's hope for a warm evening. The club is very keen to promote Ladies



Tennis in Lancefield and we will be guided by the ladies as to the format that you want. To ensure we cater for the ladies needs we have created the new Committee Position of Ladies Co-ordinator and I am proud to announce that Emma Stevens has taken on this role in the club. Emma would be known to many of you from Red Door Books in Lancefield and she is very keen to hear from any ladies interested in having a hit, be it socially or from those who wish to play competition. If there is sufficient interest we may even look at investigating the option an interclub ladies only competition with Romsey who have a strong ladies contingent.

As previously stated we will be guided by the ladies as to what

they want. The initial launch on Monday the 8th is very much to test the water and get some feedback. If another night or a day time session would suit better we will do our best to accommodate this.

## AGM Results

To cut a long story short most of the positions on the committee have remained unchanged with a few new positions.

- President Roger Barr
- Vice President Greg Paulay
- Secretary Rebecca Kraus
- Treasurer Peter Liersch
- Junior Co-ordinator Sally Potts
- Ladies Co-ordinator Emma Stevens
- Assistant Lorraine Kraus
- Mens Co-ordinator Jim Curry
- Safety Officer Jim Curry

The Tennis Club would like to thank Michelle Coon at the Aspy Restaurant for providing a wonderful venue and meal for the AGM. It made the evening a real pleasure.

If you wish to contact the club don't forget our e mail address, info@lancefieldtennisclub.com.au.

## Lancefield Tennis Club Announcement !!!!!

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