

Skate Park in Lancefield *Location...Location...Location!!!!*

Community support for the Lancefield Skate Park has been strong and consistent throughout the past decade or so. However, there has been one sticking point for the Skate Park which has stopped it from being built. That is the location.

The Neighborhood House initiated a survey in 2012 as requested by the Youth Action Plan. The question was – do you want a skate park in Lancefield? Do you want it at the Men's Shed (on the main road, near the Primary School) or next to the BMX track (in Lancefield Park)?

Overwhelmingly, the community voted for the construction of the skate park next to the BMX track (80% of over 650 votes). In a town where there are less than 2000 people, the petition response defines community opinion – the town wants a skate park and the town wants it next to the BMX track.

The Lancefield Park Master Plan 2011 has a skate park on their agenda.

The Lancefield Park already has an excellent BMX facility that was recently renovated by a local resident. The youth from Lancefield are already using the improved BMX facility. The next step the community needs to know is what are the Park's plans for the Lancefield Skate Park?

Community members came together on Thursday 15th November to have another go at creating a Lancefield Skate Park. Representatives from MRSC, Romsey Lancefield Rotary, Lancefield Romsey Lions Club, the Neighborhood House, Park Lane, parents and young people met to discuss the petitions outcome. As Graeme Treadwell (MRSC Recreation Officer) pointed out, the support evidenced by the people present at the meeting can result in potential funding for a skate park from the government.

The people present at the meeting agreed on a few things – that the skate park location is going to affect someone wherever it is placed.

The location at the Park is opposed by some residents of Park Lane; conversely the location at the Men's Shed is rumoured to be unsupported by members of the community. The skate park needs to be utilized by young people of all ages. The skate park may need to be specifically designed to fit where it is built. The skate



park needs to be in a public space with lots of traffic. Most importantly, everyone agreed that the decision for the skate park location is the only thing stopping it from going ahead.

The people present also disagreed on a number of things. Namely that skate parks have a history of vandalism, aggression, bad language and rubbish associated with them. Pauline Neil of MRSC pointed out that it is the bad reputation of a few that mars the rest. Mrs. Neil said it was an urban myth that skate parks have such poor reputations when in reality they are an asset to the community increasing young people's sense of belonging and engagement to their community.

Particularly in rural communities with limited transport opportunities.

In practice, Mr. Treadwell has found that skaters are often too distracted with skating to bother with misbehavior as skaters come to skate. Their interest in their sport lends to the youth taking care of their equipment also. Finally, the committee noted that skaters are not just teenagers – many are in their twenties or even under the age of ten. Skating is also a family sport that people of any age can get involved in and their parents come along to watch. Many on the committee spoke of attending skate parks out of town for this purpose.

On conclusion, the meeting resulted in the formulation of the new Lancefield Skate Park Committee with Ben Richards as President. A couple of the committee members are going to meet with the Park Committee to see how we can all progress. The committee also agreed to redirect some of the skate park funds towards some benches at the BMX track (after Park's approval). The committee would like to thank the community of Lancefield, particularly all of the kids who have fought hard for this over the years. Thanks also to the Lancefield Romsey Lions Club, Romsey Lancefield Rotary, Lancefield Neighborhood House, Macedon Ranges Shire Council and parents of young people in Lancefield.

With persistence we will eventually get there.

For more information see: Lancefield What Do WE Need!!! & Make the lancefield sk8park on Facebook or contact Vivien Philpotts 0409 386 875 or Amy Bell 0408 001 028.

Merry Christmas from everyone at the Lancefield Mercury!

Another year rushes to its end, where does all the time go? Hopefully we will all take the opportunity at Christmas to 'make' some time to smell the roses. Thank you to all the Mercury contributors, advertisers and readers without whom the paper wouldn't exist. Thank you also to our small group of volunteers who somehow make it all happen more or less on time, eleven times a year. See you in February.

Andy

As a cyclist there are three essentials (apart from a bicycle) - lube on the chain, air in the tyres and lube for the engine. We all need our coffee especially at Christmas. As an aid to coffee addicts the Mercury is publishing a guide to opening times over the festive season.

MAD Gallery closes 3 pm Christmas eve and re-opens on the 8th of January. The Aspy closes Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Lancefield Bakery will be closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day then from the 7th to the 11th of January. Apologies to any one we have missed, send in your opening hours before 15th of the month before Easter and Christmas and let Lancefield know when you are open.

Merry Christmas

Andy

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Celebrate Remember Fightback!

Open letter to Macedon Ranges Shire Council

On Friday 19th October an important ceremony was held at the Mt William Green-stone Axe Quarry near Lancefield, to mark the hand-over of title to the traditional custodians - the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation. As local residents and Co-Convenors of the Macedon Ranges Reconciliation Group we are proud that this historical event has taken place in our community. We would like to recognise the vital role of the Macedon Ranges Shire Council in bringing about this important act of reconciliation. Our Council has demonstrated great leadership, working in partnership with the Wurundjeri people to protect the Mt William Green-stone Axe Quarry - a nationally significant Aboriginal heritage site. Since gifting the property to the Indigenous Land Corporation in 1997 the Macedon Ranges Shire Council has supported the Wurundjeri people to protect and manage the site, which was granted National Heritage Listing earlier this year. We hope the new Council will continue this commitment and support Council staff to build on these relationships with Aboriginal people and recognition of their history and culture.

*Erin McKinnon and Adam Mooney
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Advent is the season of preparation before Christmas. It is a space of mindfulness, a time to reflect on the meaning and mystery of Christmas. For the church, Christmas is not just the celebration of the birth of a baby, wonderful as every birth is, but a celebration of the coming of God into the world bringing liberation and justice and peace. To prepare for that coming, we try to do our part to help the world become a more just and peaceful place. We do this through gathering together to worship God, and through giving of ourselves and our resources to those in need.

The Uniting Church joins with eighteen other churches around Australia in donating to the Christmas Bowl, which raises money for the aid work of the National Council of Churches in Australia. Since

1949 money raised by the Christmas Bowl has helped to lift people from the world's most conflict-affected countries out of poverty. This year, money will go to support refugees who have fled violence in countries like Burma/Myanmar, Sri Lanka and Palestine. You can support the Christmas Bowl by putting money into the Bowl at the Combined Churches Carols, or making a donation at the Christmas Eve or Christmas Day services.

Combined Churches Christmas Carols

7 pm, Sunday 16 December, Romsey Mechanics Hall: Everyone welcome!

Sunday Services

10 am, 2 December, Romsey Uniting Church: Worship Team

10 am, 9 December, Lancefield Uniting Church: Rev. Dr Avril Hannah-Jones – Eucharist. We'll also

Christmas

be collecting toys for those in the local community who would otherwise get few Christmas presents. The Lancefield Uniting Church will be collecting toys for Broadmeadows Care and the Macedon Ranges Toy Shop. Toys need to be unwrapped and suitable for children between 0 and 12.

10 am, 15 December Romsey Uniting Church: Rev. Dr Adam McIntosh

10 am, 23 December, Lancefield Uniting Church: On-The-Spot Nativity Play. All children are welcome to come, dress-up and participate in a telling of the Christmas Story.

Special Services

7.30 pm, Sunday 23 December, Romsey Uniting Church: Blue Christmas Service. While Christmas is a time of great joy, it can also be bittersweet. All the emphasis on celebrating and the gatherings of family and friends can remind us of the people and events that

have been a part of our lives in the past, but that are now changed or gone. A Blue Christmas service is a quiet, meditative worship service that makes time for remembering, sharing our hurting places with God, and preparing our hearts for the coming of Christ. It is a particularly helpful for people who have lost someone this year and are facing their first Christmas without them, but many people find it a helpful moment of quiet in the midst of the busyness of the Christmas Season.

7.30 pm, 24 December, Romsey Uniting Church: Christmas Eve Service

9.30 am, 25 December, Romsey Uniting Church: Christmas Day Service

10.30 am, 30 December, Lancefield Uniting Church: Farewell Service for Rev. Dr Avril Hannah-Jones, who is moving to Williamstown Uniting Church – Electra Street.



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Time = 10am - 2pm
Venue = Woodend Community Centre High Street Woodend

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For further details please contact Encourage Church Office 5429 6327

We would also like to wish everyone in the local community a very happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.

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 December 19th we will be celebrating Christmas at the Australiana Restaurant at Wandong.

There will not be a meeting during December. We will be having a get-together BBQ on January 16th, 2013, at the home of Jean Buist.

Romsey & Lancefield Probus Club now have a website as follows: rlprobus.org.au

If you have a computer, please check it out

Weather Comment 15-11-12

Doesn't seem possible...

Doesn't seem possible that it is time to write my last weather comment for the year, but it is. Thank you to all who have spoken to me during the year and for the supportive remarks. It has been a year of contrasts, going from a wet Winter to the dry Spring that we are now experiencing. It appears my remarks about El Nino earlier on may come back to haunt me. It was surprising to watch Landline two weeks ago and see them say that the SOI was positive and reduced the likelihood of a strong El Nino effect over Summer. The weather is certainly difficult to predict especially by a layman with no training in this field. I will just say that with only 18mm of rain

fall for the month it is cause for concern for the rest of the season.

The stock however are doing well, with, at the moment, adequate feed and the water holes are full so there is no concern on that score at present.

The Dorpers have finally gone and next year we will retain some of the ewe lambs that we bought in January and will use these as nucleus breeding flock. The Dorpers did not seem to like our climate also the particular sheep we had did not shed their wool completely and because of this they always looked straggly and uncared for which translates into my not being very happy with them.

It may have been just this mob so it is probably not fair to knock the breed entirely.

Parts of the garden and grass patches are showing signs of our current dry weather but most things are doing nicely. The little vegie plot is looking more like it should with quite a selection, all growing well. The flower garden remains colourful. The flag and bearded irises are in full swing, but it's the cottage plants that provide the surprises. Also the roses which I nearly forgot to mention and the lovely old fashioned blue Ixias. A great time of year to be pottering outside.

Season's greetings to all
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Vanessa's Garden

With many plants exuberantly in full flower, December is a high point in the gardening year. Here are some tips to help keep the garden looking great for as long as possible and a couple of ways to bring food plants into your garden without setting aside a dedicated veggie area. For those with a veggie plot, there are a few key things to look out for.

To help keep your garden looking good, fill some pots with summer bedding. Pots can be a great way of adding a fresh splash of colour, similar to changing cushion covers to give furniture a quick lift.

In spite of your garden's general vigour at this time of year, the aftermath of the first flush of flowers can start to look really untidy and straggly about now, so cut the offenders back to encourage new growth. You can plug any gaps in the borders with pots of dahlias, or almost any medium sized annual such as marigolds.

Deadheading also helps to keep the garden looking fresh. Little and often is the key, especially if you have a lot of roses. Repeat flowering roses should be taken back to the point on the stem where you can see a strong new bud shoot, and they will generally happily take off again.

It's also safe to remove the

remaining untidy leaves from spring bulbs, such as daffodils. They need five to six weeks after flowering to feed up and removing the foliage any earlier deprives them of their ability to collect energy, leading to a poor show next spring.

The Tasty Garden

When you'd like a few edibles without a full vegetable garden, there are ways you can make a big difference for a small outlay in cost and time. The addition of a few herbs to your cooking livens up almost every meal. Widely used herbs (such as rosemary, thyme and chives) are hardy and, once established, will happily grow in poor soil in full sun. They will grow in pots or you can tuck them almost anywhere you have space. The nearer the back door they are, the more likely you are to use them. Summer lettuces for salads will also do well in pots. Do you grow nasturtiums? The flower petals are edible and add a vibrant splash of colour to summer salads.

In the Veggie Plot

For a steady supply of leaves, sow salad crops in succession, with two to three weeks between sowings. Keep to short rows, sown thinly, for a regular supply and to minimise the chance of a glut.

Powdery mildew can often plague wide-leaved plants such as zucchini. It is made worse by watering over the leaves, which not only spreads the disease, but can mean water doesn't really get to the roots. If you haven't got a drip system going, cut the bottom off a 2 litre plastic soft drink bottle, poke it in by the stem when you plant out your pumpkin or zucchini and water directly into the bottle. Water deeply once or twice a week. It's worth marking the spot with a cane, or the bottle will get lost amongst the exuberant foliage later in the season.

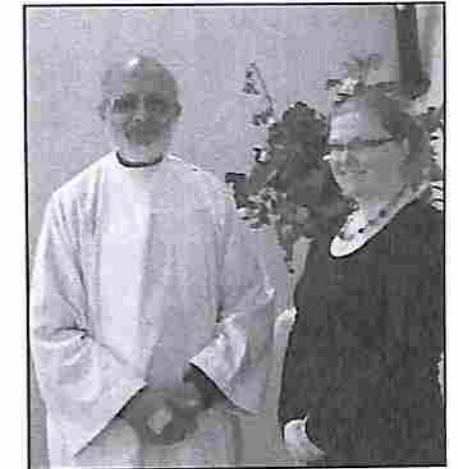
If climbing beans aren't setting pods, don't bother misting the flowers with water. The UK's Royal Horticultural society has tested this theory and hasn't found any evidence that it works. The society has found that pollinating insects seem to be more attracted to white rather than red bean flowers and suggests sowing accordingly.

You can harvest garlic as soon as the foliage starts to fade. Although you can use it 'green', to fully ripen the bulbs for storage, it's best to hang them in a warm dry spot. Bend onion tops over to stop them if they start to show signs of bolting.

Happy Christmas and may 2013 be all you could wish for!

Lancefield and Romsey Welcome Fr. Arnold

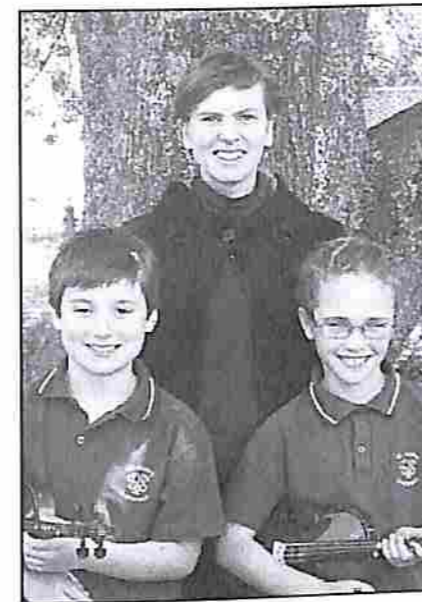
The Parish along with St Mary's Primary school have warmly welcomed their new Parish Priest Fr Arnold Heredia. He brings to our community a wealth of experience both here in Australia and Pakistan. Fr Arnold meets regularly with the school and is pictured here with the school's Religious Education Leader Miss Kahli Murtagh.



Veggie Garden at St Mary's

The students at St Mary's recently planted out their veggie gardens with some spring time delights. The vegetable patches are part of the school's master landscape plan. The students are hoping their crops will

yield some vegetables before the long Christmas holidays. Pictured by the wheel barrow are Grace Marr, Elle Choate, Jaya Broadhurst, Daniel Azzopardi, Patrick Holmes and Reuben Schembri.



Another String to Their Bow

St. Mary's Primary School Lancefield grade three students Hunter White and Ella Marr each achieved a sterling result in their first ever violin exams in August. They both received Honours.

They sat the Australian Music Examination Board practical exam in Preliminary Grade which involves presenting a program of technical syllabus and three pieces of music. Lizanne Richards has been teaching Hunter and Ella violin since July 2010.

St Mary's Primary school wishes to thank their major sponsors, Bendigo Bank, CHES property Consultants and RTA: Robot Technologies Taking Technology Further, who supported the recent Drive In Movie night.



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Sewerage connection including new toilets installed. This project was funded by Regional Community Grants and we are pleased to advise the project is finalised.

Blind installation in the annex area of the hall. Funded by the Op Shop and volunteers a big thank you to all who helped make this possible.

Renew concrete works around

the outer of the annex area. The committee received some grant funding to complete these works from DSE as a health and safety grant. We have been given the go ahead to complete these works and they will commence as soon as possible.

We were successful recipients of a Bendigo Bank grant, which will enable us to purchase more tables and chairs in the hall for functions and hall users.

The sub committee for the Master Plan are also advancing on the Master Plan project. The plan is in draft stage and we will receive it shortly to comment and then meet with consultants to discuss next steps.

David Cockcroft has been working closely with the

consultants and a full update in the new year will be available.

All of the above works are assisting with increased community usage. Signage on the hall has also made it easier to contact our booking number and we also have an online calendar which has streamlined our booking system. There are various ways you can now contact us, so if you have a booking query please don't hesitate to either text, phone or email. 0437 313 564 or lancefieldhall@gmail.com

The committee will also be visible at the Christmas Farmers Market, we will be running the sausage sizzle from the kiosk on the plantation, so come across and support us and have a chat.

Christmas is a time for sharing

Dear Friends

Christmas! No matter how we may dread the rush, the long Christmas lists for gifts and cards to be bought and given-when Christmas Day comes with the hot roast on a summers day, and mum's magic pudding there is still the same warm feeling and anticipation we had as children. Christmas is a time for families and friends, a time for sharing. It is a time for caring for those we love. But there are many people who do not have that same love and support.

We should ask ourselves what we really need, and perhaps, more importantly, to ask what others really need that they won't be able to afford? This Christmas, let's all make a small sacrifice for those in the community who need it most. It might simply be taking a moment in your day to offer a neighbourly hand, or perhaps involve a small donation at a 'giving tree' near you. We are very fortunate in our community to have wonderful emergency organisations, service groups and churches who tirelessly contribute to our community all year round and especially at Christmas time. A big thank you to our local CFA, SES and emergency organisations who spend the holidays protecting our homes and properties, and our service groups and churches who provide food and shelter to those less fortunate in our community.

Wishing you and your family a happy and safe Christmas & New Year.
Warm regards

Joanne Duncan MP
STATE MEMBER FOR MACEDON

Tell us what you would like to see change in the hall and we will ensure your comments will inform the master plan.

We will be holding a working bee again in January so if you would like to help and donate some time it will be greatly appreciated. Further information will be available in January, however please let a committee member know if you are interested in helping.

The committee hope you all have a safe and happy Christmas and New Year. We look forward to your patronage in 2013 and we will update you on our progress in the early new Year.

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On behalf of The Lancefield
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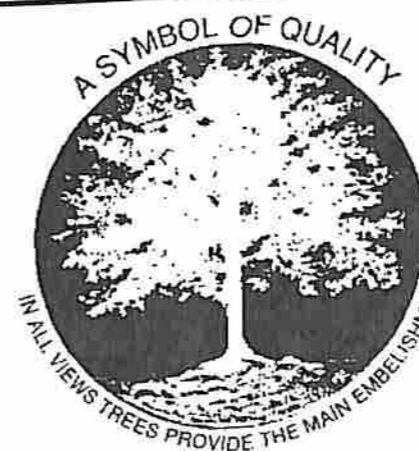
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Another year nearly gone, another report to write and another year to plan! It is the so-called silly season but we need to keep a lid on it for just a few more weeks, then the lucky ones amongst us can sit back, breathe the Lancefield air and enjoy what Christmas is really about. Meet and greet with at least a smile and make someone's day and/or Christmas. Who knows what is really happening in people's lives and how they choose to or not to celebrate Christmas, give a thought to all those who are lonely at Christmas.

Sadly we again said goodbye recently to people who were very good friends to the Neighbourhood House. Both supported the House for many years as members and contributors. Mrs Annie Chisholm

and Charlie Smith will be very fondly remembered by us all and our sincere sympathy and love goes to the Chisholm family and Smith family. Two members of the Men's shed have also lost their very much loved wives recently and our love goes out to them also.

On a brighter note: By the time The Mercury arrives in your letterbox you will have very little time to reserve your spot at - The Lancefield Neighbourhood House Community Christmas Lunch. Call us now! Held at Lancefield Mechanics Hall on Tuesday, 11th December 2012 at 12 noon. Lots of good company, even more good food, priceless entertainment, Father Christmas will attend with lots of gifts and the inevitable raffle (so please bring a few \$'s). Everyone

welcome!!!

We have been working hard within the Community and have recently spent some Opportunity Knocks funds on great new blinds on the Mechanics Institute Hall. This will allow the Youth space to be used more frequently with much more privacy, will make the area cooler in summer and warmer in winter. Thanks to the Hall Committee for working with us in this venture. We have also organised for 16 young people to attend Defensive Driving Courses within the next weeks/months. We are working with John Bowe Driving who has been very supportive of our endeavours to provide this wonderful experience to our young drivers. This will be an ongoing project of the Neighbourhood

House, so if you are a new driver give us a call and we will give you the information you need to participate in this wonderful Course at no expense to you or your family. Check out the course on www.johnbowedriving.com.au.

Community Gym

We are organising a meeting with the 30 people who marked on the survey that they were interested in being on a Community Gym Committee. We are planning this for the second week of December - a time which allows people reading this to join if they want to (also there are a few people who said they were interested who didn't leave their contact details on the survey). If you don't hear from us give us a call. There were over 160 people who responded to the survey - a result which shows there is plenty of interest in this project. A number of people have offered donations of equipment and we have been very lucky to receive \$2000 from the Bendigo Bank to purchase equipment - a very big thank you to

our Community Bank. The first role of the committee will be to look at where we can set up a gym, what the gym will offer and when it will be open. 100 people marked that they would be interested in doing a gym circuit class, to start this off in the New Year all we need is a tutor. So any trainers out there interested in being involved please give us a call at the House on 54291 214. 78 people marked that they would be interested in boxing. We are currently running a Monday evening class and the tutor is happy to train someone to be able to run a class at another time, so think of who you know that might be interested.

Look out for the flyers about the meeting around town.

Mens Shed Opening

What a wonderful opening we had on November 14. The day highlighted how many amazingly generous and community minded people and businesses there are in Lancefield - there were certainly too many to mention everyone in

the speeches (we'd still be there!). Thanks to one and all for your support of the Men's Shed. The Shed will continue to be open on Wednesdays for lunch from 11am - 1pm and this is a good time to drop in and see what the Shed is all about. If you are interested in joining the Shed you can also phone 5429 1214.

Next year the Shed will be open on other days during the week and the workshop machinery and tools will be available to members. We are also looking at building an extension which will house a welding bay - we have received grants from the Macedon Ranges Shire Council and Bendigo Bank towards this already which is a fantastic beginning.

Community BBQ trailer

We also had a chance to test out the new community BBQ and coolroom trailer. What a fantastic asset this is for our community. The trailer is available

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to community organisations and to individuals to hire. The trailer was funded by Macedon Ranges Shire Council, Flood Recovery Funding through the Macedon Ranges Cluster of Neighbourhood House in partnership with the Lancefield Motorcycle Run Group. The Motorcycle Run Group then received funding from the Macedon Ranges Shire Community Grants to add a coolroom to the trailer and kit it out with equipment. As the trailer is already shared by all these groups bookings will need to be made early to make sure it is available when you need it. Bookings are made through the Lancefield Neighbourhood House on 5429 1214 or lancefieldhouse@tpg.com.au.

What will we do in 2013?

We are currently doing our planning of courses and activities for first term 2013. If there is something you would like to learn how to do,

a group you would like to belong to, an activity you would like to be part of then please phone Vivien with your suggestions. Our surveys always show that people would be interested in doing craft activities but, like for anything we could offer, we need tutors to take the classes – if you have some skills you would like to pass on please give us a call to discuss. The Neighbourhood House committee will also be working on its Forward Plan for the next three years. With many wonderful projects already achieved – the Op Shop, Farmers Market, Men's Shed and now The Town House – we need to decide where the energy will be directed over the next three years. Community input is very welcome.

The What's On is distributed around Lancefield each week and lists the Neighbourhood House activities as well as meetings and events being held by other organisations in Lancefield. Please contact us if you have something you want included in The What's on. If

you would like to be emailed The What's On each week please email the House at lancefieldhouse@tpg.com.au.

Have a great Christmas, holiday and enjoy the festivities safely and come back to us in the New Year healthy and happy!!!

Thanks also to the staff of The Mercury who produce our fantastic newsletter every month. This publication allows groups such as ours to let our Community know what is happening and where to go for all things "Lancefield". Your efforts are always greatly appreciated. Have a great break and will see you back in February 2013.

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Lancefield Fire Brigade

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The news on the new fire station is much the same as last month. The planning application is still with the Shire and this is having an effect on the timing of the project which we hoped would be started by now.

The next item is a big thank you to the Support Group for their efforts conducting their second book sale on October 27th. They raised nearly \$500 which is a great achievement.

This group is in spite of rumours to the contrary still very much part of the Brigade. It is expected that the Fire Danger Period will be declared in early December so please

watch the papers for the official announcement.

The subject of fires and restrictions brings a reminder to be aware of the consequences of ignoring these regulations.

This community has a good record in this regard but one incident causes the Brigade to issue this reminder.

On Monday 12th November the Brigade was called to extinguish a fire in a stump in the Lancefield Park. This fire had to have been DELIBERATELY lit and it concerns the Brigade and should concern the community that this happened.

Deliberate vandalism of this

type will not be tolerated and will ensure the Police will be involved.

As I mention each month anybody interested in Brigade activities are most welcome to come to the Station any Sunday and meet with the members and find out more about what is done both operational and non operational

Wishing everyone a happy and fire safe Christmas and New Year. The next report will be in the February issue of the Mercury and we hope to be able to have some news of progress of the new Station

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IS IT BORING???

Every year at this time I trot out the usual talk about how we all need to be safe on the roads over the Christmas period. To be quite honest I get a bit bored with writing it each year so I dare say you are all pretty much over having to read it.

What I would like you to do this year is remember. I don't want you to remember my usual spiel about Speed, Fatigue and Alcohol. What I would like you to do is to remember someone that you knew who has passed away. It does not have to be someone who has passed away in the past 12 months just someone who you cared about that passed away. I want you to remember some of the feelings you felt, the sadness, despair, regret, and perhaps helplessness. An inability to change the course of events.

If someone dies of a serious disease there is often little we can do to stop that course of events. We can offer our support, be there for them, we can pray

for them, and look after their family and friends when they have passed. We can donate to research organisations to find cures, we can walk in relays and grow moustaches or maybe buy a badge. These are all great things and we must continue to do them, but can we personally stop disease in its tracks, no. This is why it is so important that we do take care on the roads over the Christmas Holiday period and at all other times for that matter. Most road deaths and injuries are caused by human error. A moment's inattention a wrong decision. These are deaths that we can all do something to avoid. We have proved this by the huge reduction that has occurred in the road toll over the past 20 years. Too many people still die. Time and time again people walk away from functions intoxicated get in their car with their family and drive off. We need to say something! We need to stop them not because it is against the law but because we care about them. Time and again we answer the mobile phone while driving, putting ourselves and all other road users at risk. Time and again we get in our cars after a hard weeks work and

drive long distances to get to a family Christmas location tired and fatigued. We know what it's like to feel helpless when someone dies, it's a terrible feeling. Imagine how much worse it would feel to be responsible for the death of someone else or for the death of a friend or family member. Or to realise you had the chance to say "Don't drive I will take you home." And didn't.

We can all speak up and stop someone from driving intoxicated. We can all wipe off 5 and slow down. We can all pull over and have a power nap. We can all pull over before we answer our phone. We can all ring 000 when we see that car weaving from side to side. These are choices we make, these are choices that can kill or save lives. The Road Toll is not boring, it's tragic. 163 deaths on country roads in Victoria last year. 129 Rural deaths for the 12 months up until midnight the 13th of November this year.

We need to do something, we can do something, we are not helpless!

Have a safe Christmas. Make safe choices.

*Roger Barr
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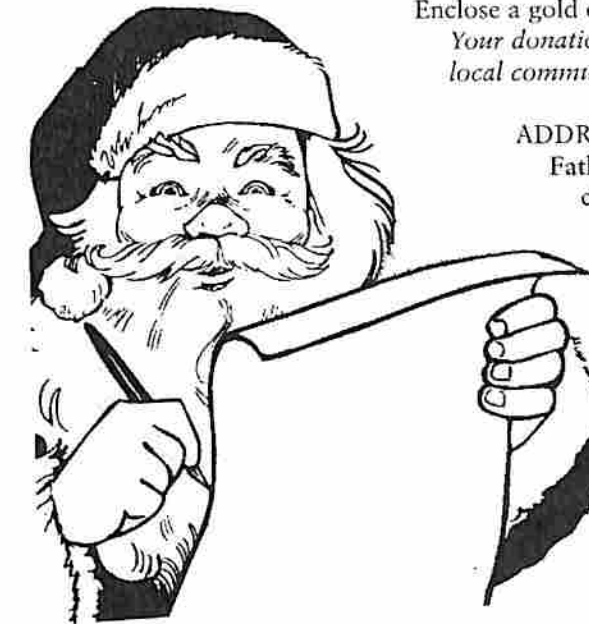
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New school web site

Recently we have launched our informative new web site. There are still some items that need to be added such as policies that are being reviewed. We are very proud of this collaborative result and hope that it is a useful tool to communicate information and market our school. Please take the time to look at the new web site at www.lancefieldps.vic.edu.au

The site will regularly be updated and will also be used to highlight achievements and events at the school.

Camping Program at Lancefield Primary School

Our Prep to year 2 students recently had a highly enjoyable camp day at school while our year 3 and 6 students were away on camp. The junior camp day was highly successful and well attended by many parents. The students participated in bush craft activities that complemented their current theme of Australian Animals.



Year 3 and 6 camp

The year 3 and 6 students participated in a range of activities including a task called geo-caching where they used GPS locate objects or places. Other activities were bushwalking, bush art, low ropes course, hut building and a campfire and damper.

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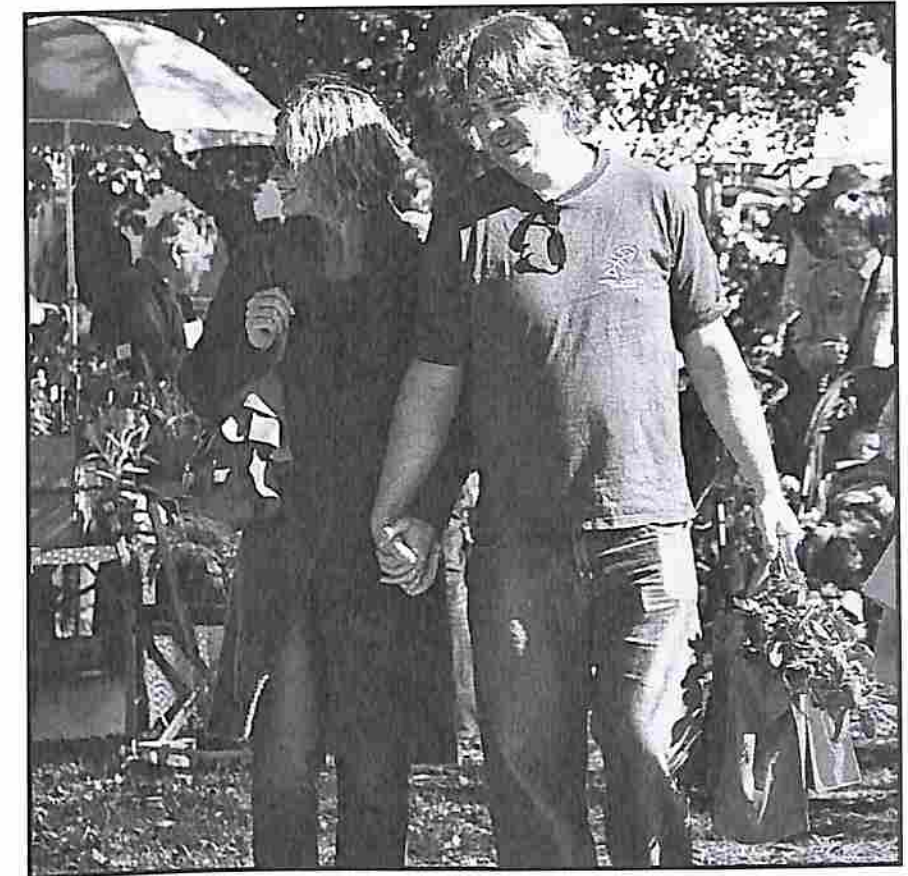
Farmers' Markets are not only a great place to shop for your weekly provisions, they are also treasure troves of interesting gifts for the special people in your life. Consider buying a locally produced gift this year & support the local economy in doing so. Christmas dinners are made all the more enjoyable & significant when you purchase free-



range meats for your meal. Orders are being taken for hams & turkeys at the moment from our producers, please call Meggs on 0407860320 for more information. These will be available for collection from the Farmers' Market on the 15th.

A great new development in the market is the MOBILE DEMONSTRATION KITCHEN. If you are in the market round 10am be sure to swing by & check out a great local chef whipping up a storm in this amazing new community facility. Seasonal Farmers' Market produce will be featured each month. So we look forward to seeing you all at the market enjoying the sweet sounds of our buskers, perhaps grabbing a cake from the Lancefield Primary School stand or a sausage from the community BBQ. Please bring your own bags, baskets or trolleys.

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Food, Glorious Food at Hesket Primary School

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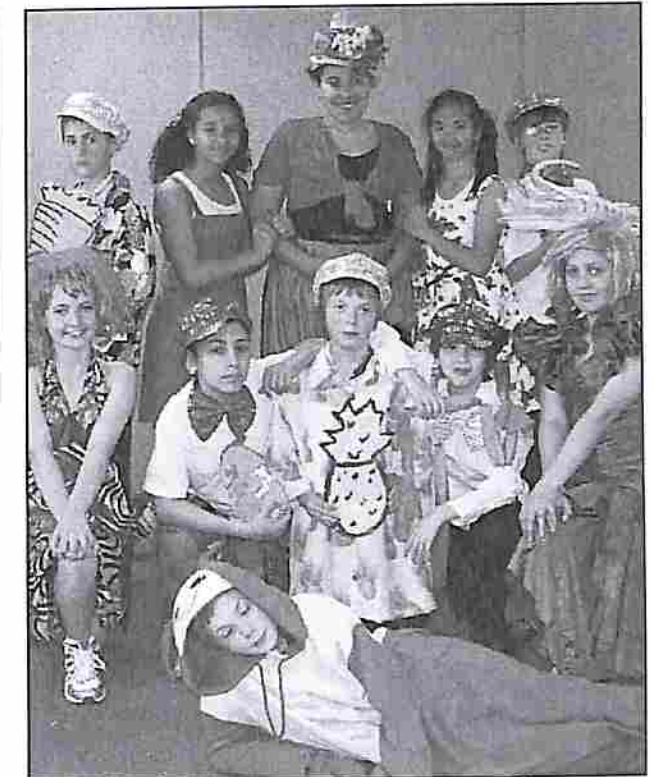
The grade 3/4 students dressed for their item as players in the story of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.



The junior school students dressed for The Good Ship Lollipop item at the concert.

from Oliver and saw the whole school on stage. The junior school students sang and danced about the Good Ship Lollipop and Purple People Eaters, while the middle school students ate vittles with the Beverly Hillbillies and chocolate with Willy Wonka. The senior students sang about eating Vegemite sandwiches from the Land Down Under and the B52's song about Rock Lobsters.

The Hesket Skippers also had the audience clapping loudly as they performed their fantastic partner and individual routines.



Senior students in their "rock Lobster" costumes.

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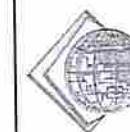
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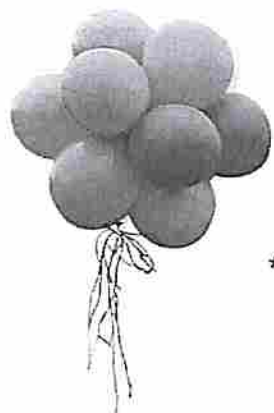


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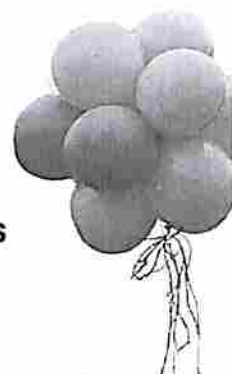


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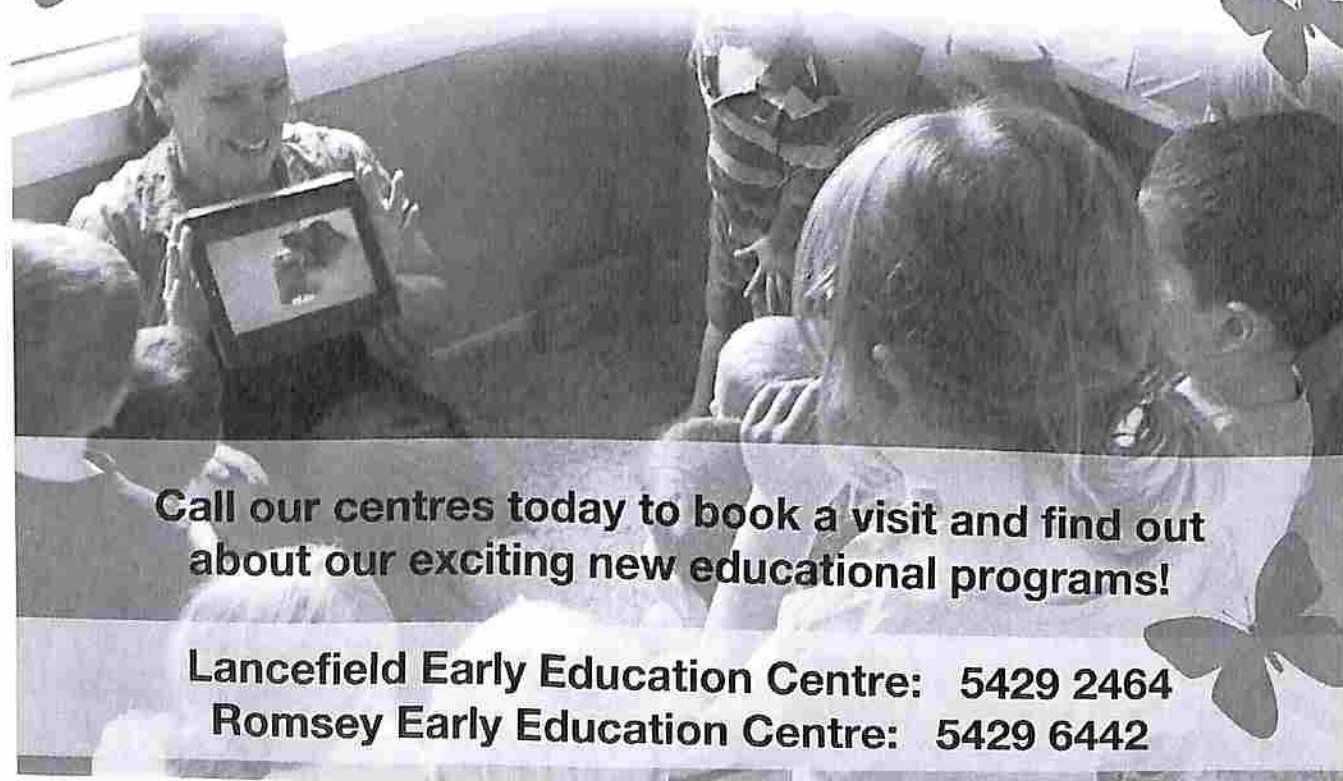
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- MATTHEW.S - Sculpture - 2nd Place
- TYSON .R - Collage - 2nd Place
- LACHLAN. B - Finger Painting - 2nd Place

PATRICK.S - Craft: Jewellery Section - 3rd Place (Special Mention)

- EBONY .S - Drawing - 3rd Place
- IMOGEN. S - Painting and/or Drawing - 3rd Place
- DEEGHAN. C - Sculpture - 3rd Place
- SETH. H - Collage - 3rd Place
- KANE .D - Finger Painting - 3rd Place

- JACKSON.S - Painting and/or Drawing - Highly Commended
- MONIQUEA. P - Flower Garden (Section 'N') - Highly Commended
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- LACHLAN .M - Finger Painting - Highly Commended

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Hair Room News

A lot of new and exciting things are going on in The Hair Room!

As usual, a lot of new and exciting things are going on in The Hair Room! Jodie, Jess, and Jade, are so happy to announce the great news....Olivia is back!

After a year of blazing a trail in London, and flitting around Europe we are so proud to have our favourite redhead back in Lancefield. Just in time to join in the fun and festivities of the silly season in the salon! Here we go again with lots of fabulous Christmas hairdo's, joy and laughter. We are happily opening right through the Christmas/New Year period.

This year De Lorenzo Haircare were proud to invite Jodie and her team at The Hair Room Lancefield to join its Prestigious Aspya Salon Membership Group. The Hair Room has shown commitment to the Hairdressing Industry by providing very high quality hairdressing services to their local regional community and a true commitment to continually improving the salons

professional services for their clients. The Hair Room has also shown a passion to develop through attending ongoing technical and educational classes enabling them to bring the latest and innovative techniques to share with their salon clients. This has enabled The Hair Room to stay abreast of fashion trends and be first to offer new products, techniques and knowledge to their clients. De Lorenzo Aspya program has been able to develop a unique business development program that supports our members' salons in creating a unique salon experience. De Lorenzo's Cathie Rudd congratulates Jodie and her team at The Hair Room Lancefield on their achievement.

'Tis the season to be jolly - May your holidays be filled with everything that makes you smile :) Merry Christmas to all.

Jodie Jade Jess & Olive xxxx

Seasons Greetings From Deep Creek Landcare Group

2012 has been a fruitful year for the Deep Creek Landcare Group. We have seen the establishment of many wonderful local projects, one of which the Port Phillip Westernport Catchment Management Authority saw fit to award our group the 2012 "caring for public land" landcare awards for revegetation and land protection works conducted at Sheehan's Reserve (Romsey).

The Lancefield Show proved to be a wonderful day, the weather being kind, and we managed to give away 500 free trees and shrubs to members of the community as well as a range of literature regarding weeds, local indigenous plants/trees, a presentation on the importance

of honey bees in agriculture and therapeutic properties of bee products.

We are also excited to let the local community know that we will be running some interesting community educational workshops in early 2013 which will include basic beekeeping, bats, monotremes (echidna's and platypus) and indigenous food and fibre workshops. All workshops are completely free to attend and we look forward to presenting them to you. We would like to acknowledge and thank the Romsey and Lancefield Community Bank's community investment program for providing funding for such worthwhile

community interest workshops.

If you are interested in attending any of the free workshop/presentations, check out our website in early 2013 for details at www.deepcreeklandcare.org.au and feel free to email us your interest via the link.

Everyone is welcome to attend the regular meeting held at 8pm on the second Monday of the month at the rear of the Lancefield Mechanics Institute, unless that day is a public holiday, or feel free to give president Robin a call on 0428 315 846 or secretary Jayne on 0433 251 164.

The Deep Creek Landcare Group would like to wish you all a safe and happy festive season.



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"Even though the drought is over, people need to make sure they don't become complacent about water," Western Water's Managing Director, Neil Brennan says.

Western Water's reservoirs are currently more than 90 per cent full.

Over summer don't forget:

Check water restrictions to ensure you are using water correctly around the home and garden

Western Water can't guarantee your water supply will be maintained in the event of a fire – it's important to have an independent water supply

Look out for fire hydrants in your area and make sure they are clear of vegetation and debris so CFA officers can access them easily

There are great rebates for water-saving appliances and other items such as drip systems, mulch and water tanks

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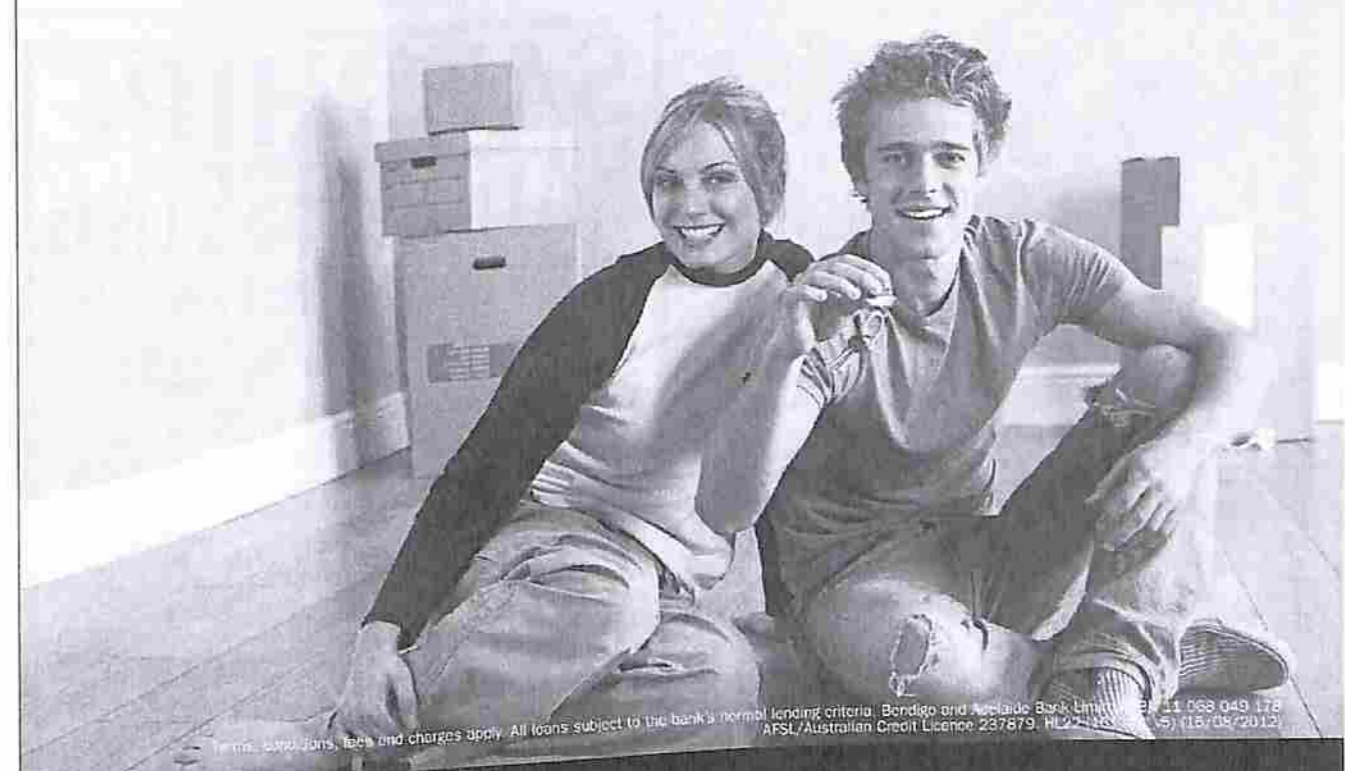
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Books

Fiction

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Koch's clever writing style and his use of the English language has the reader absorbing the experiences of the characters, getting an understanding of the plight of the convicts at that time and an overwhelming sense of the sights, sounds and smells of the bush and life in Tasmania. *Launceston Examiner*

Non Fiction

Easy by Bill Granger, ISBN: 9780732294816, RRP: \$49.99



'It's food we understand, ingredients we have in the fridge or cupboard,

and even the beginner cook can handle the recipes, which are written in Granger's signature chatty but direct style.' *Sydney Morning Herald*

Children's

White Ninja by Tiffany Hall, ISBN: 9780732294533, \$14.99



'empowering and inspiring, a must-read for children who are dealing with their own issues at school.' *Toowoomba Chronicle*

Teen fiction

The Debt - Catch the Zolt by Phillip Gwynne, ISBN: 9781742378442, \$14.99
Reviewed by Abbie Bennetts



When Dom Silvagni celebrates

his 15th birthday, his life takes an unexpected turn. His grandfather and father sit him down, and explain the truth about the family's history - that the family has a massive debt to be paid off.

This is not an amount of money that needs to be paid off, it is more complicated. There are a set of challenges that need to be completed. The Debt- the name that the ancient family is known by- set 6 challenging tasks for each male down Dom's family line. The deal is: complete these tasks or face the consequences. It is now Dom's turn.

When Dom faces the first challenge, the journey to complete it depends on him doing many things he never expected to.

The Debt- Catch the Zolt, is the first book in a 6 part series. It is action-packed, and there isn't a boring moment throughout the book. I found it really enjoyable and hard to put down.

Christmas Books

The Funniest Christmas Joke Book Ever

by Joe King, ISBN: 9781849395083 RRP \$12.95



Reviewed by Alexander Webb

My two favorite jokes were: Knock-knock", Who's there? Tree, Tree who? Tree wise men! and Knock knock, Who's there? Justin, Justin who? Justin time to deliver the presents! I like this book because it has very funny jokes!

Santa's Secret by Mike Dumbleton and Tom Jellett, ISBN: 9781742752396 RRP \$19.95

Reviewed by Angus Webb

I liked this book because it was surprising that Santa would do that! Do what, you may ask? You'll have to read it to find out.....



Queen Victoria's Christmas by Jackie French & Bruce Whatley, ISBN: 9780732293574 RRP \$24.99



To all those fans of the previous book, "Queen Victoria's Underpants", this will not disappoint! A great rhyming story about the origins of the Christmas tree.

For the older and more serious reader, the historical references will captivate, and for the younger and sillier reader, the illustrations of macaws exiting a soldiers busby will entertain.

A Pet isn't just for Christmas

by RSPCA, ISBN: 9781742757148 RRP \$12.95



I challenge anyone to resist a book with a cute fluffy dog with a Santa's helper hat on. This stocking-filler gift book covers all creatures from rainbow lorikeets and goldfish to ladybirds and guinea pigs. The message is a caring and sage piece of pre-Christmas prose, and the proceeds go to the RSPCA's animal welfare fund.

We knit you a Merry Christmas by Debbie Harrold, ISBN: 9781908449214, RRP \$10.99

For the crafty among us - learn to knit a "Ha Pea Christmas" (seriously), "Baa Humbug" (a cute lamb), and, my favorite, Mistle Toad and Wine (cute toad sitting on log with vino). Another great stocking filler with sewing and knitting basics at the back of the book.

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Lancefield & Romsey scoop the pool in Volunteer Grants

Local community organisations are among 4,800 across Australia to benefit from the Federal Government's \$16 million Volunteer Grants program. Across the McEwen electorate, more than 60 organisations will share in over \$200,000 to support the work of their volunteers.

In Lancefield, Member for McEwen, Rob Mitchell MP met with representatives from each of the five local community groups successful in this year's grants program. Lancefield's Cricket Club, Football-Netball Club, Light Harness Club and Lancefield-Romsey's RSL sub-branch and Historical Society received grants between \$1600-\$4500. Mr Mitchell said the Government's investment was delivering

much-needed support to local volunteers.

"This is an outstanding result for a small community like Lancefield to have five groups sharing in almost \$15,000. We know that volunteers in our community give their time, energy and expertise to support our community," Mr Mitchell said

Meeting groups at the Laurie Green pavilion at Lancefield Park. Mr Mitchell thanked them for their work in the community and congratulated them on their successful applications. "These grants are well deserved by these Lancefield and Romsey community groups, and a credit to the quality of their applications," Mr Mitchell said.

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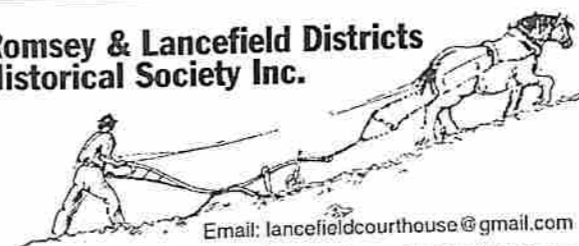


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The Christmas Breakup will again be held at the Cottage on the 1st December. Open House from 10.30am to 3pm. Members and visitors are most welcome. The time and place were greatly enjoyed last year. Members to bring a plate of food to assist catering.

Those interested in family research (genealogy) are most welcome to visit us.

We hold records for Victoria and our professional genealogist can search her extensive personal collection of records or guide your research in other states and overseas. Our Archives at the Lancefield Courthouse are available for perusal Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10-2. Contact Archivist Robyn Miller tel. 0418 172 659 for appointment at other times.

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We wish everyone a Happy and Safe Festive Season and would love to thank you for your great support throughout the year.

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Lancefield C.W.A News

Wow, where has the year gone.

By the time you read this we will be a few weeks out from Christmas. Wow, where has the year gone.

Back on October 26th, Lancefield CWA held our Annual General Meeting with Group President Margaret Sumpton in attendance. During the meeting we were able to recap on all the wonderful activities that had taken place throughout the 2011/2012 year.

Everyone agreed that this year's Spring Show, our biggest yet, was a huge highlight. The Spring Show, along with various other activities, has seen the Lancefield CWA being able to donate \$700 to various Lancefield community groups, as well as continue with donations to head office, school scholarship incentives and assist in various other activities.

This is something we are all extremely proud of

and we thank the community for supporting our events. Our AGM is also the time of year where we change all of our office bearers and I am very pleased to introduce our new Lancefield president, Mrs Beverley Cox.

Congratulations Mrs Cox, we wish you all the best for a very successful year. There are a few more activities for the CWA ladies before year's end but the highlight will be our Christmas lunch on Friday 23rd of November where we will be celebrating our year together.

If you are interested in joining our lovely group of women or coming along to one of our craft days which are always open to non-members, please don't hesitate to contact Meaghan Keogh on 0439 391 977.

Local Organisations Encouraged To Apply For Environmental Community Grants

Parliamentary Secretary for Sustainability and Environment, Donna Petrovich, is encouraging local Landcare and environmental groups, schools and community groups to lodge their applications for around \$1 million in community grants to support a range of environmental partnership initiatives.

\$700,000 in round two funding was available as part of the Victorian Coalition Government's \$20 million Communities for Nature program and \$300,000 for the Healthy Parks Healthy

People program. Communities for Nature grants are targeted towards local community groups and organisations, including schools, to support them in improving, protecting and conserving our environment.

Successful Round One funding recipients included Baynton Sidonia Landcare Group (\$6,000), Newham & District Landcare Group (\$5,310) and St Mary's School Lancefield (\$9,260).

Healthy Parks Healthy People grants are available to community-based groups and not for profit

organisations to help them deliver projects which protect and enhance the natural, cultural and heritage values of parks and reserves.

Information on the Coalition Government's environmental community grants programs is available on the following websites:

<http://parkweb.vic.gov.au/get-involved/healthy-parks-healthy-people-grants> (Parks Victoria)
<http://www.dse.vic.gov.au/conservation-and-environment/biodiversity/communities-for-nature-grant-program> (DSE).

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Debt Reduction

The Tennis club is on the home straight now as far as paying off our new courts. From an initial debt of \$85,000 we are down to our last \$9,000 and would like to thank all the community and in particular our sponsors, the Lancefield/Romsey Community Branch of the Bendigo Bank, Lancefield Motors Shell Service Station, Mt William Advanced Tree Nursery, Lancefield IGA, Red Door Books, Rix Roofing, Estate Risk Solutions (Connie Pullella), and North Western Real Estate, for your ongoing support.

Membership

Our membership has doubled over the past 12 months and continues to grow. Many people are taking advantage of our Social Membership \$55 for 12 months (including insurance) which entitles them to a key and allows them to come up and have a hit whenever they feel like it or to take part in the Wednesday night ladies social evenings or Tuesday night open social hits. Our Saturday Mixed doubles have been a great success with everyone having a great time and enjoying some wonderful competition in a great social atmosphere. The Thursday night open competition has five teams and members waiting to join in. It really is getting to the stage where we may have to look at increasing the number of courts or at least upgrading the old asphalt courts.

Christmas Raffle

The Tennis Club Christmas Raffle is underway again. We will be outside the Milk Bar or Fish and Chip Shop from the 24th of November on. There are some great prizes again this year with power tools and Christmas goods of all sorts. The raffle will be drawn on the 15th of December so keep your eyes open for tickets.

Don't forget if you would like to get a social membership or want to receive our newsletter jump on our web site www.lancefielddennisclub.com.au and you will find our membership forms and E mail address info@lancefielddennisclub.com.au there. The weather is great for tennis, and it's a great way to stay fit.

We hope everyone has a safe and happy Christmas.

*Roger Barr
President LTC*

Football

The Club's November meeting held on Tuesday 13th November was able to establish the Executive Committee vacancies from the October AGM. The October AGM saw only the Secretary's appointment made to Bronwyn Inman along with a General Committee of 23 members. The successful Executive Committee appointees for the Club are:-
President - Tony McKay
Vice President - Chris Jolly
Secretary - Bronwyn Inman
Treasurer - Catherine Weymss

All our new committee members look forward to taking the Lancefield Football / Netball Club and its teams into the 2013 season. The total new committee take this opportunity to pass on our thanks to the outgoing committee members who have worked tirelessly and dedicated their time over the past number of years to make the club what it is today.

Without that effort our club would not be the strong and viable club it is now to go forward with. Our Football Department is in need for the 2013 season a Seniors Team Manager and an Under 18 Team Manager. Can you help? If so, please contact Alan Inman the clubs Football Operations Manager on 0435 998014. Our Netball Department requires for the 2013 season an A Grade Coach and a B Grade Coach. Can you help? If so please contact Leanne Backwell Netball Operations Manager on 0407 351149

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