

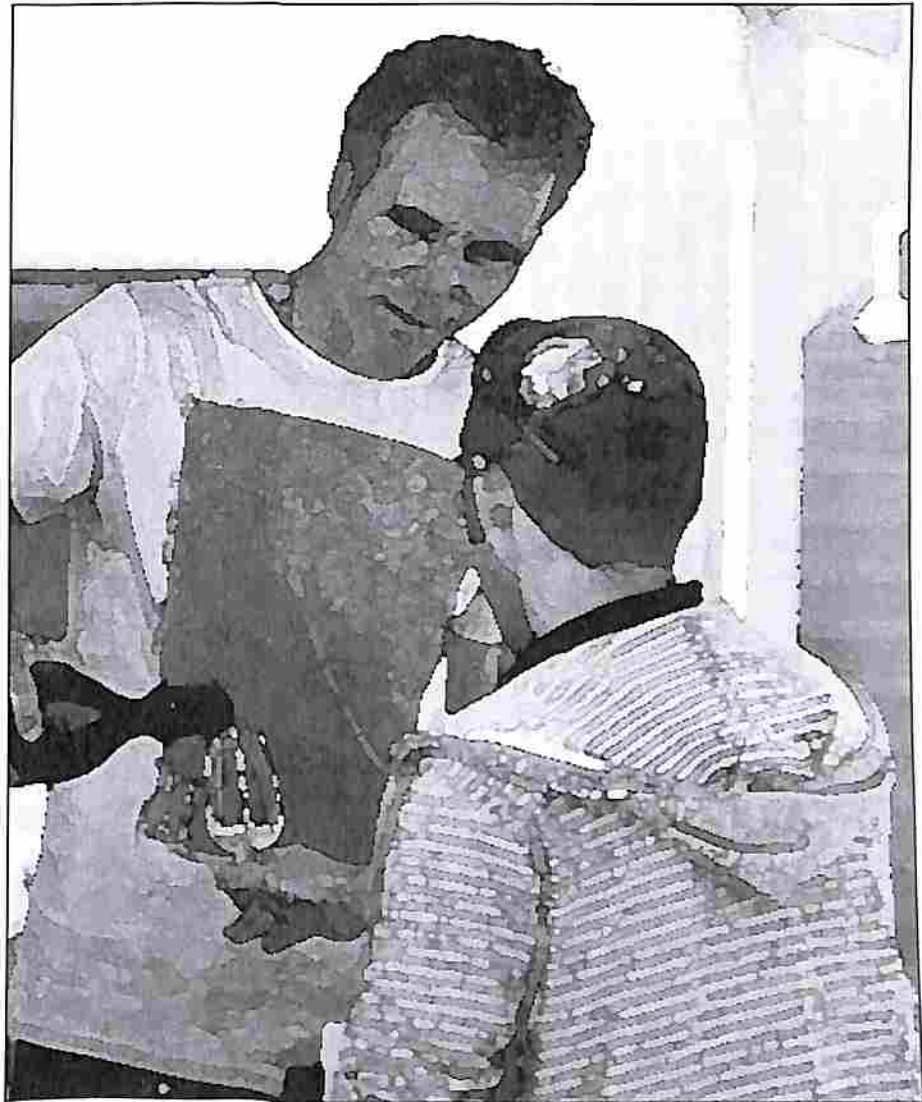
Budburst Returns for 2012

As the days lengthen and the sun slowly regains its strength, the grape vines are stirring from their winter slumber. The transformation from dormant crop to fruit laden vines will soon begin - heralded by the annual Budburst Food & Wine Festival on 17 - 18 November.

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The Budburst Wine and Food Festival is the perfect opportunity to tour the Macedon Ranges and visit wineries, winemakers and locations not usually accessible to the public. Macedon Ranges is home to some of the region's oldest and most acclaimed vineyards, including two winners from this year's Federation Square Wine Awards, Granite Hills and Chanters Ridge. Budburst offers a unique and personalised experience tasting new and exclusive wines. You can meet the winemakers, hear the stories behind each vintage and taste the diversity of the Macedon Ranges wines in the vineyards and wineries where they are grown and made.

Visitors to Budburst purchase a \$15 tasting glass which entitles them to entry and free tastings at all participating wineries across the weekend. The final program is being compiled and is due to be launched in the first week of October. As in previous years the



program will feature wine makers and restaurateurs matching food and wine; from formal dinners to wood fire pizzas, gourmet barbecues and picnic hampers, there will be something to please every palate. And nothing matches good food and great wine like the sound of fabulous music and Budburst always has more than its share with blues and roots, world music and pop performances

scheduled across the weekend.

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On Wednesday November 21st we will be visiting The Stokes Museum and Forest glade Gardens at Mt. Macedon.
Our November meeting will be on Thursday 22nd Romsey & Lancefield Probus Club now have a website as follows: rprobus.org.au
If you have a computer, please check it out!

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Lancefield / Macedon Ranges Relay for Life

Understanding the impact of cancer on our communities

Cancer is a leading cause of disease burden in Victoria with 78 new diagnoses and 29 deaths from cancer every day. A total of 28,363 Victorians were diagnosed and 10,673 died from cancer in 2010. An estimate of the effect of a disease on the community is the "years of potential life lost" (YPLL).

This measures the loss of life due to a disease up to an arbitrary life expectancy of 75 years. In 2010, persons dying of cancer in Victoria lost an estimated 62,000 years of potential life. This is more than four times the YPLL from other major causes of death, such as ischaemic heart disease, stroke and chronic respiratory disease.

Though cancer incidence rates continue to increase (annual % increases of 0.9% for men and 0.6% for women), death rates have declined steadily since 1982 with average falls of 1.4% per year for males and 1.1% for females.

This reflects earlier detection through screening, falling tobacco-related cancer rates for males and improvements in treatment and outcome. It is estimated that by 2013 the annual incidence of cancer will reach almost 32,000, an increase of 16% from 2010.

During the same period, deaths from cancer will increase to around 11,000 per year.

Though actual numbers of new cases and deaths are increasing rapidly, this is largely due to the growth and ageing of the Victorian population. The latest report on cancer from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare shows the five-year survival rate from all cancers increased from 47 per cent to 66 per cent from 1987 to 2010.

However the improvement was mixed for individual cancers. The cancers that had the largest survival gains over time were prostate cancer, kidney cancer and non-Hodgkin lymphoma. Over this period there was no appreciable improvement in five-year survival rates for those with mesothelioma, pancreatic cancer and lung cancer. Women recorded higher survival rates after a cancer diagnosis than men at 67 per cent, compared to 65 per cent.

The Cancer Council

The Cancer Council of Victoria has been leading the fight against cancer for over 70 years. It provides a range of support services for cancer sufferers and

their families, funds and conducts research into cancer and has an active public advocacy program directed at reducing the risk and incidence of cancer. For more detailed information about the activities of the Cancer Council go to www.cancervic.org.au

Relay For Life

Here in the Macedon Ranges the Relay For Life held each year at Lancefield Park works to raise funds to support the work of the Cancer Council. During the last 10 years this Relay has raised over \$960,000. As an event the Relay acknowledges and celebrates the lives of those who are living with cancer, remembers those we have lost to cancer and commits to fighting back against cancer by raising funds to be used by the Cancer Council in combating cancer.

The next Lancefield Macedon Ranges Relay For Life is on 2 and 3 March 2013. To find out more about Relay For Life and to register a team go to www.relayforlife.org.au

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The Neighbourhood House will be hosting a few big events before the end of the year, we hope you can join us.

The official opening of the Mens Shed on Wednesday 14 November has been a long awaited celebration. An invitation is extended to everyone to join us at noon for a bbq lunch. Join us to find out what the Shed is all about and to acknowledge the incredibly generous donations of time, skills and expertise of community members who have made the Shed a reality. Please let us know if you are intending to join us for lunch to help with catering. Either phone the House on 5429 1214 or drop into the 'Townhouse' and leave a message there.

The Community Christmas Lunch will be held on Tuesday 11 December, 12 noon in the Mechanics Hall. As always every member of the community is welcome to join us for this fabulous annual lunch. With the absence of a Christmas Carnival this year we are adding some special Christmas entertainment to make it a celebration for the year and the season. So if you are in Lancefield on the day please make sure you join us. For catering it would be really helpful if you let us know if you are coming. Either phone the House on 5429 1214 or drop into the 'Townhouse' and leave a message there.

The Community Gym survey had more responses than any survey we

have been involved in, so thank you to everyone who contributed. By the time the Mercury is circulated we will have summarised all the responses and should have an idea of what sort of Gym will be viable in Lancefield. We can then investigate how and where we can best get one started. A very big thank you to the Bendigo Bank for awarding us a community grant of \$2,500 to purchase equipment. Also a very big thank you to our boxing tutor, Brenton Walters, who is still donating his time every Monday night to raise funds for the gym.

The Boxing classes, held at 6.15 on Monday nights, is the ultimate way to get fit - \$10 and the willingness to sweat and puff a

lot is all that you need to bring to a class. Brenton is also keen to hear from any young people who would be interested in joining a serious boxing technique class. You can phone the House on 5429 1214 or email lancefieldhouse@tpg.com.au.

A Community Garden is starting to take shape with the creation of an orchard and some vegetable beds created by the school next to their new chook house. A wicking bed making class will be a hands on practical class which will result in community herb garden. Make your bookings early to learn how to create your own easily maintained vegetable garden which requires only minimal water and attention to flourish.

Don't miss out on Florence's

Learn Massage classes - a great opportunity to discover if you would be interested in studying to be a masseuse or to obtain the skills to help family and friends relax. (I'm enrolling my family members so they have to practice on me!)

Other activities for November include a second cheese making workshop and our Shopping Bus Trip is to Airport West on Friday 10 November.

You can call the House on 5429 1214 for information about yoga, the Lancefield Singers, decorative painting and the Cooking for 1 or 2 class. Please contact us if you are interested in volunteering to support the House and our activities such as the Farmers Market, Op Shop, Town House, Youth Action Plan,

Community Gym, Community Garden or Mens Shed.

Our AGM was held on Tuesday 16 October. Congratulations to committee for 2013.

The Neighbourhood House Annual General Meeting was held on Tuesday 16

October. Thank you to everyone who attended. Peter Quinn remains as President of the House, Will Cochrane is Vice President, Ingrid Mooy as Secretary, Rhonda Cusack remains as Treasurer and committee members are; Linda Davies, Caroline Middenway, Michael Fitzgerald, Peter Willis, Robert Johnstone, Richard McDonald, Glenys Bowen-Hill, Richard Dickinson and Maureen Thomas.

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Tongues

The king made a banquet and ordered his clever slave to serve the best food that money could buy. The main food at the meal was tongue... all kinds of tongue cooked in all kinds of ways. All the side dishes and even dessert were also tongue... When the king objected, the slave said: "My Lord, what excels the tongue? It is the channel of wisdom and learning. By it we make speeches and carry out business. By it great personas are made known. With our tongue we speak even to God. King, there is nothing equal to the tongue." The king all the guests were astounded to hear all this wit and wisdom come from the slave. The next day the king threw another banquet. The same guests came back. This time the king ordered

the slave to serve the worst kind of meat he could find. Again, he served tongue - and only tongue. When the king began to scold the slave over this, he answered: "My Lord, can there be anything worse than the tongue? Treasons, deaths, violence, injustices, fraud, murder, wars - all are debated and decided by the tongue. The tongue ruins empires and countries, peoples and families. What is worse than the tongue?"

The bible says in the Book of James:

"And so blessing and cursing come pouring out of the same mouth. Surely, my brothers and sisters, this is not right! For if we could control our tongues, we would be perfect and could also control ourselves in

every other way.

And those who are peacemakers will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of righteousness. What sort of a harvest are you planting with your tongue? You choose!

If you would like to know more about how Jesus can help you control your tongue please contact the Encourage Church Office on 5429 6327. We would be happy to assist you in reaping a New Harvest in Life.

You are also invited to join us at one of our Sunday Services or one of our fortnightly Life Groups.

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Wear a White Ribbon this November

Dear Friends

November 25th November marks a very important day in our community. It's the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, better known as White Ribbon Day. White Ribbon Day seeks to change the attitudes and behaviours that lead to and perpetuate violence against women. The stereotype surrounding abuse is that it consists only of physical abuse. Physical abuse is only one aspect of the problem. Other forms of abuse are just as real, just as important, just as dangerous. There is no

'lesser' form of abuse,

Of course, most men are not violent towards women, but many of us ignore the problem, or see it as something which doesn't have anything to do with us. Take a stand against violence. By wearing a white ribbon and taking the White Ribbon Oath, you will be joining a community of like-minded people determined to treat all women with respect. Taking the Oath is a powerful symbol of your intention to be part of real change to stand up for the women in your life. The money raised through the sale of white ribbons goes to

the White Ribbon Foundation for education and male leadership programmes aimed at men and boys around Australia. If you would like more information about White Ribbon Day visit www.whiteribbonday.org.au

If you or someone you know is concerned about domestic violence; for urgent assistance please call 000, or for help and information, please call LifeLine on 13 11 14 or Mensline Australia on 1300 78 99 78.

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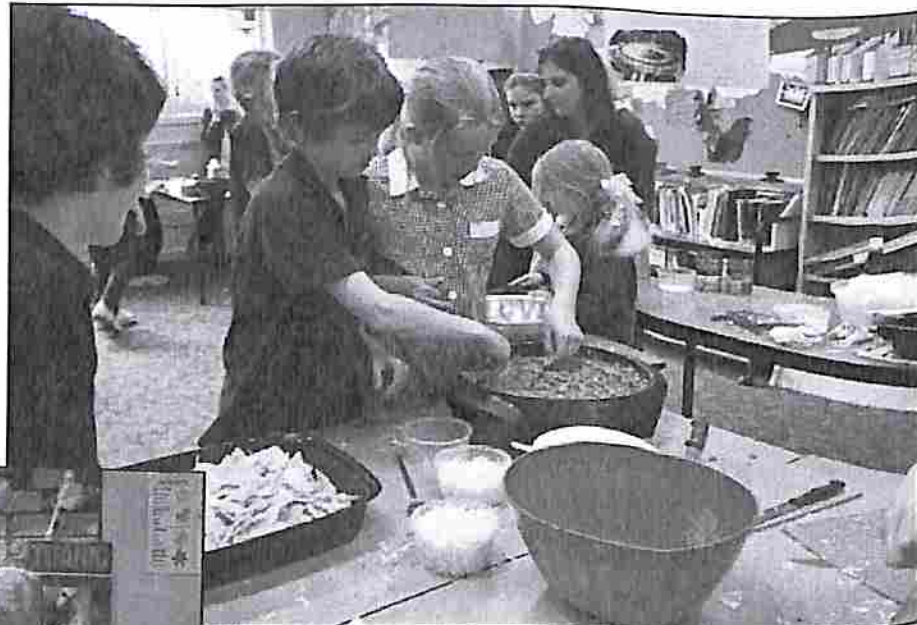
Thank you to the Bendigo Bank Community Grants Program

Recently myself and our School Council President attended an evening where the Bendigo Bank announced the recipients of its community grants. An amount of \$10 000 was announced to be shared between the 3 local schools – Romsey Primary School, St. Mary's Primary School and Lancefield Primary School. The money we received will go towards the development of a new playground to cater for our increasing enrolments and to support a program for our children with disabilities, aimed at developing their co-ordination, balance and social skills. We would like to thank the Bendigo Bank for their ongoing community support and in particular the assistance they provide to our school.



Cooking up a storm in the senior school

Recently our year 4/5 students have been doing a number of hands on cooking and Science activities. To complete their theme and look at countries they had studied throughout the Olympics they had a cooking day which featured recipes from their chosen countries.



Annual footy Day

At the end of term we held our annual footy day. A lot lot of fun was had by all.



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Olympic constructions in the middle school

As a homework task students were asked to construct something that related to the London Olympics. There were some very creative designs.



Field Store

Two sisters, Jennine and Kris Rielly, run Field Store, which recently opened in High Street Lancefield. Jennine moved to Lancefield three years ago and Kris has lived in the area for fifteen years. Both sisters are inspired by beautiful things and saw an opportunity to open Field Store earlier this year. After some long months of renovation they very proudly opened two weeks ago.

Their main motivation is to stock items that they like and desire and to bring high quality and accessible design/products to Lancefield. They hope to source locally produced artisan products and some vintage finds but also products from further afield that appeal.

A William Morris quote to 'Have nothing in your home



you do not know to be useful and believe to be beautiful' really appeals to both sisters and they have tried to bring that idea to Field Store.

Kris and Jennine will constantly be changing the stock to suit the season and when new products catch their eye. Field Store

currently stocks Elk, Angus & Celeste, Uimi, Planet Luxe, Mozi, Robert Gordon, Redecker Brushes, Riddells Creek Organics and many other gorgeous things.

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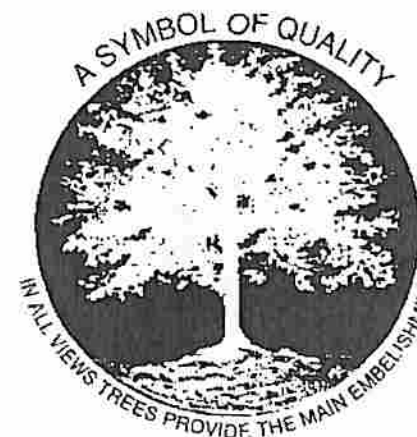
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St Mary's Primary School Lancefield recently held their annual Art Show and Performing Arts Concert. Pictured below are some of the tessellating patterns the students have been designing and producing. Also at the exhibition were some terrific 3D models.

The Art show was followed by the music concert, where students performed acts to music they had chosen with moves they had choreographed. They audience was thrilled by the talented performances and the students received thunderous applause.



Flynn Carrington from year 6 with some of his work.

Pictured below are the Year 1/2s performing one of their acts.



St Mary's Primary School takes up the Olympic Torch

The students at St Mary's Primary School in Lancefield investigated the Olympics, throughout Term 3. They looked at the diversity of nations and athletes competing at the London games. The students also looked at the Olympics through a social justice lens.

The 5/6 students organised an Olympic competition against Lancefield Primary, with all the students having a great afternoon.

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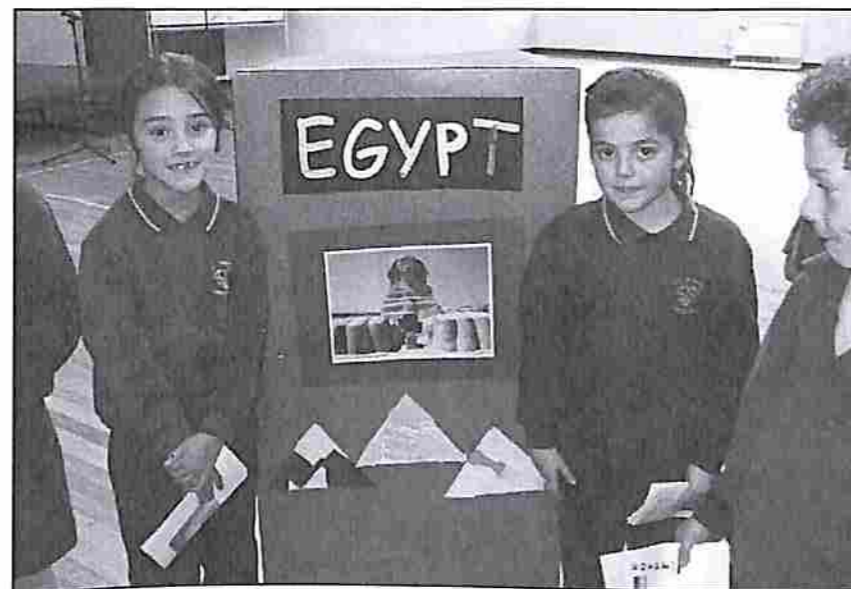
The day included an opening ceremony where flag bearers and competitors marched.

The 3/4 students designed a series of Olympic events suitable for the kinder kids. They made

sure everyone received a medal for participating in the events. Pictured below are Jake O'Meara with his brother Flynn and Matthew Sankey meeting the children at Lancefield Kinder.

The students in Year 1 and 2, used the school's new ipads to research some of the countries competing at the games. They used this information to design travel brochures, which they handed out at their Travel Expo.

The Preps investigated what happens at an opening and closing ceremony and then held their own ceremony complete with flags, medals, flowers and of course the national anthem. Each student was presented with a book the class had written about the adventures that London Bear had been on during the term.



Pictured below with their ceremony spoils are Hayden Balcam-Kratz, Emily Miles, Maisie Wilson and Kendra Meader



Pictured left at the Egypt booth are Hayley Azzopardi, Olivia Doria and James Ryan.

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Weather Comment

The weather patterns are becoming similar to last year with a wet early Spring and now rainfall totals are reducing in both size and frequency as we progress further into the season. Paddocks, however, are in a mixed state with some dry and needing a good soaking while other parts of the farm are still too wet to safely drive on. We have measured 46mm so far and the sky is looking as though a change is possible so we shall wait and see what eventuates. The young ewes have been shorn and look very well and should present well at ewe sales in January. The cattle are also losing their Winter coat and showing improvement in their condition. The growth in the lucerne paddock has been slow but a dose of D.A.P. fertiliser this week will hopefully produce some extra growth.

The garden is looking quite a picture as the flowers come into bloom and thanks to Meryl for all her hard work to make it look so attractive. The vegie plot is also underway with snow peas, beans onions, silver beet and potatoes. A short article this month but I hope to be back in form next month.

Robert Green

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"MOD" New work by Samantha Thompson

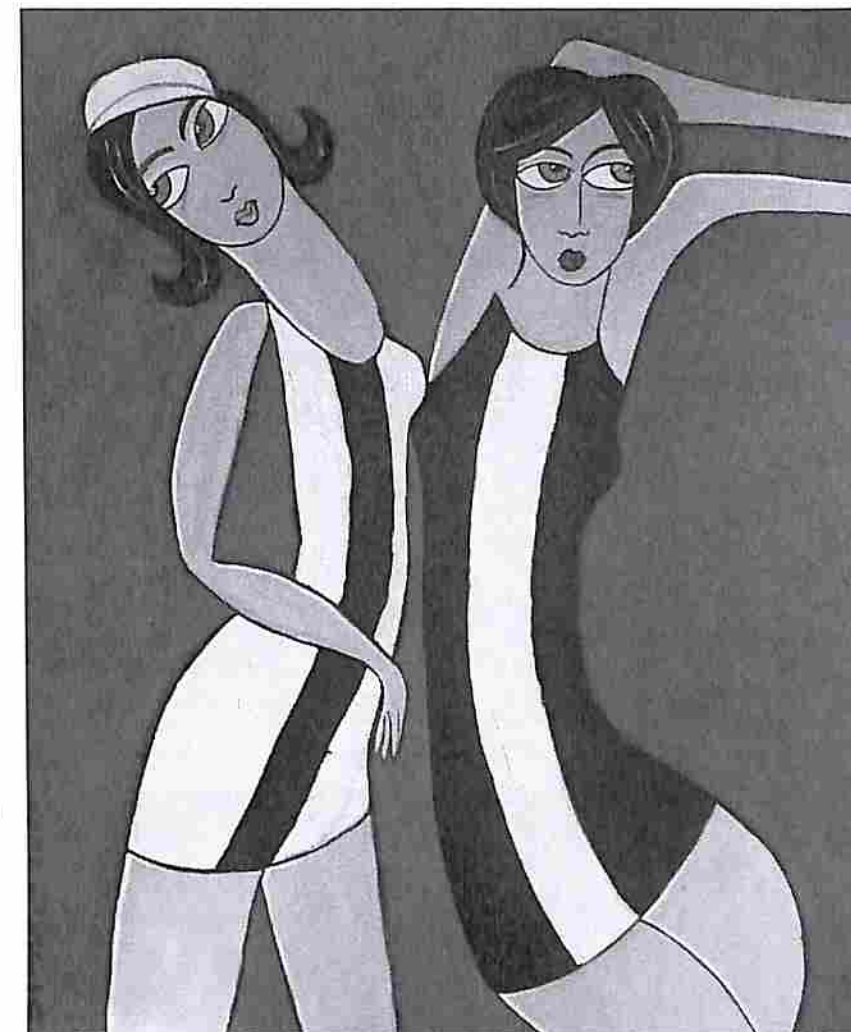
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Samantha Thompson is a Geelong based artist who works in acrylic & oil on canvas and pastel on paper as well as designing beautiful home ware pieces that are very popular which are feature pieces in the home, such as cushions, chair covers and stuffed dolls. With many years and many successful group and solo shows to her credit, Samantha has just returned from showing in her native USA in New York at the New York Expo in March 2012. Samantha Thompson picked up representation for the USA from the success of this showing and she is continuing to participate in several more local and international exhibitions.

The striking colours of her work capture a world of entertainment and often feature people interacting in a social scenario; characters drawn from the stage and life, displaying a variety of interactive attitudes. There is a dynamic of form



and structure to Samantha's work, which she has not tired of exploring in the confines of form and media. Colour, gaze and movement seem

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Since forming in August 2011 the Romsey Region Women's Network has continued to grow, not only in member numbers but diversity. This year we have enjoyed gathering in many different venues in the Macedon Ranges, which have ranged from sit-down dinners to a family day at Hanging Rock. However, the majority of the time our monthly get-togethers are usually just a circle of women who catch up for a casual glass of wine and a chat. This month our gathering will be on Thursday 15th November at Romsey Hotel @ 7pm. So take some time out for yourself and please come join us!

Last month we attended the annual Bendigo Bank event in which they announced the lucky recipients of funds from their Community Investment Program. Our women's network was fortunate enough to be awarded an impressive \$2500. These funds will be used to hold a

special event focusing on women's mental and physical health and the importance of women gathering in friendship to create a new and healthier community. The event will be open to all women in the Macedon Ranges, not just our members, so please look to this space for more information once planning is underway. We can't thank the Lancefield Romsey Community Bank enough for their generosity and giving us the opportunity to hold such an exciting event.

If you are wondering what the RRWN is about, we are a group that aspires to connect local women in our rural communities in a warm and welcoming environment in which they can exchange ideas, share about their lives and have some laughs. It's a great way to meet new people in the local area, tap into the wealth of knowledge local women have to offer and not only network

in a business/professional sense but also meet like-minded women and form new friendships.

We meet at 7pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month at varying venues in the area. 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. Follow us on Facebook - 'Romsey Region Women's Network Inc. (RRWN)' - to keep yourself updated on our upcoming events and any other useful local information that we hear on the grapevine!

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

Enquiries: - Annual membership: - \$20

Romsey Region Women's Network Inc. Tracey (President) - 0416 497 623

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Email: info@rrwn.com.au

Western Water says be fire-ready with water

Western Water is warning Lancefield residents that the town's mains water supply may be cut in the event of a fire this summer. "It's important for people to know that they need an independent water supply if they are planning to stay and defend their home," Western Water's Managing Director, Neil Brennan, says.

"If electricity is cut or our infrastructure is affected by fire, our pumps may fail, cutting the mains water supply," he says. "If we have extremely high demand for water from customers and the CFA during a fire, water pressure may also drop." Mr Brennan advises residents to consult their local CFA about their options for an independent water supply and plan ahead. "We are also doing all we can to prepare for summer, with backup generators ready and water storage tanks at high capacity to cope if we have a fire," he says. Mr Brennan says Lancefield residents can also help the community to be prepared for fire season by 'adopting' a fire hydrant. "The CFA needs to be able to access fire hydrants quickly and easily," he says. "You can help by keeping fire hydrants near your home free of debris and vegetation, and calling us if you think a hydrant needs maintenance." To find out more, visit Western Water's stall at the Bushfire and Emergency Services Expo in Riddells Creek on November 25.

The 3 Ways Relay for Life team has begun its fundraising for the walk at Lancefield Park in March

2013. We plan to have the Coin Snake again on the morning of the November Farmers Market, so please keep your loose change and put it on the snake for Relay for Life.

Also the team is offering a finger food catering service for local functions to raise funds, so if you are looking to support a worthy cause and need some catering done give us a call.

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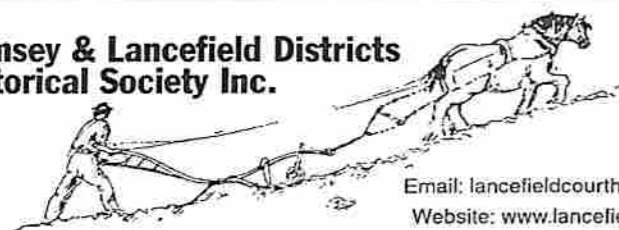
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The Romsey Festival is on Saturday 24 November and the Society will take part in activities as we did last year. Hope to see you there on the day. The Lancefield, Romsey & Springfield Rate Books in part are now available on DVD at the Courthouse. We were able to have the rate books digitized through a grant from Bendigo Bank last year. The Society

has been fortunate in obtaining a further grant from community funding through Bendigo Bank which will help with continuing maintenance work at Seymour Cottage.

With the recent opening of the Neighbourhood House "Town House" we have volunteers who work 3 hours a week to assist with local enquiries. We also have on display our items for sale including coasters, tea towels, bookmarks, post cards, books etc.,

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This will mean that the Brigade will have to operate away from the current site and this will cause some alteration to how we operate while the station is built. The station we now occupy and the shed at the back will be dismantled and the new building will be set back from the road to allow tankers and other vehicles to reverse into the new station off street not as at present from the road. Inside there will be increased meeting room area and kitchen, change rooms for putting on fire fighting gear and cleaning B.A. equipment amongst other changes.

This project is due to commence in late November or early December and may take 6 months to complete and this means we will need to do a lot of organising in a short space of time to have the site ready for the builder. Members will be advised by pager of the many

working bees needed to accomplish this task on time. Arrangements have been made with approval of Region to house the vehicles on private property. This will have an impact on turnout times but we plan that this will be minimal. As this project will be taking place during the Summer period we ask all residents to be particularly careful this Summer. We also recognise that the residents have a good record over past years in this regard.

Normal Brigade activities will happen as usual but may be at a different location from the ones we are used to. Training and skills maintenance continues as per the training calendar as a necessary part of our routine. As usual an open invitation to meet and perhaps take part in Brigade activities is extended to all interested residents.

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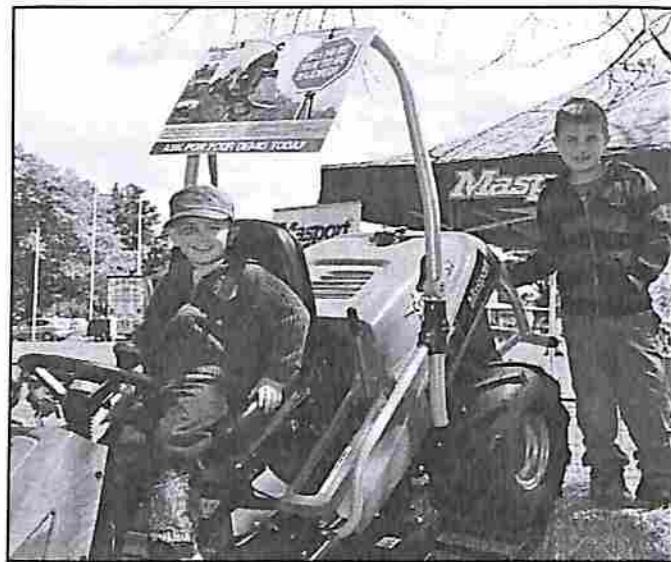
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The Lancefield and Romsey Community Bank branches have put more than \$500,000 back to the community over the past 11 years, following the distribution of a further \$65,000 in grants and sponsorships today. Bank Chair Tim McCarthy said the distribution to 49 local clubs and organisations was an excellent example of how our Bank kept profits in the community. Cheques for the grants and sponsorships were handed over to the local clubs and organisations at a gala Community Investment Program event at the Lancefield Bowling Club today. And to emphasise the "rolled gold" contribution our Bank branches make to the community, dual Olympian Collis Birmingham was on hand to help with the presentations.

Distance runner Collis, not long back from the London Olympics, began his career with the Lancefield/

Romsey Little Athletics Centre in 1988/89. "Our grants and sponsorships handed out today include \$1000 for the Lancefield/Romsey Little Athletics Centre," Mr McCarthy said. "Financial encouragement is of vital importance to local clubs and organisations, and our Bank is happy to be involved. "Perhaps our grant today may help the Little Aths Centre to uncover and encourage the next Collis Birmingham to compete for Australia."

Mr McCarthy said the Lancefield and Romsey Community Bank branches of Bendigo Bank were operated on behalf of around 500 local residents and businesses, who put up their own money to become shareholders. "Our two branches today provide full banking services in Romsey and Lancefield - open from 9am to 5pm week days, open during lunch hour and open on

Saturday mornings," he said. "The banking service alone is a landmark contribution to the prosperity of our district, yet it is the extra step we take that sets our Bank apart. Unlike any other business, our Bank disperses its profits in a truly remarkable way to enhance our lives here in Lancefield and Romsey."

This Year's Community Bank Sponsorships & Grants

Lancefield Football Netball Club - community project - fitness stations for Lancefield Park \$4000
Romsey Lancefield RSL Sub Branch - in-door / out-door audio system for several club use \$4000
Romsey Region Women's Network - womens health event \$2500
Romsey Lancefield Districts Historical Society - maintenance works at Seymour House and Lancefield Court House \$2500
Lancefield Mens Shed - extension of

shed \$2500

Community Gym Sub-committee, Lancefield Neighbourhood House - purchase gym equipment \$2000
Lancefield Kindergarten Parents Committee - enclose verandah with blinds to enhance outdoor space \$2000

Pastoral Associate on behalf of Parish Priest - install TV in Lancefield Church \$2000
Romsey Kindergarten - Wooden educational blocks \$2000
Deep Creek Landcare Group - educational workshops for community \$2000
Encourage Church (formerly Living Word Christian Church) - new chairs for hall \$1000
Lancefield Cricket Club - kitchen and equipment upgrade \$1000
Lancefield/Romsey Little Athletics Centre - high jump safety mat \$1000
Romsey Playgroup - shade sail \$1000
Romsey Toy Library - educational toys \$1000

Lancefield Mechanics Hall Committee - chair trolley and chairs \$1000

Romsey & Lancefield Senior Citizens Club - renovation of kitchen \$1000
Macedon Ranges Lodge #97 - Community Christmas Fun Day \$500

Lancefield CWA - Spring Show and scholarship \$500

Romsey Branch, CWA - toys for ambulance and police stations \$500
First Romsey Scout Group - chairs for members and parents \$400

Emergency Services grants \$2000 to each of Romsey CFA, Lancefield CFA, Nulla



Dave Plunkett Director of Lancefield and Romsey Community Bank (left) and Collis Birmingham Dual Olympian (right)

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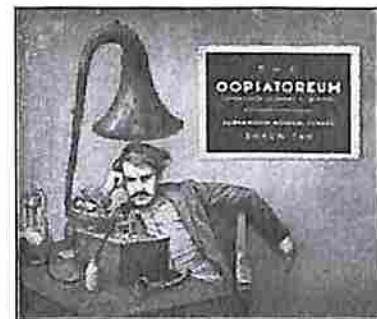
October Book Reviews



On the Trail of the Silver Brumby

Centenary Edition RRP \$49.99

This book has been published to celebrate the birthday centenary of author, Elyne Mitchell. It contains great photography, stories and anecdotes that celebrate the beauty of the Snowy Mountains, which were the inspiration for her Silver Brumby books. A must for high country enthusiasts and lovers of all things horsey! A great stocking filler.



The Opsatoreum

by Shaun Tan RRP \$16.95

Weird and thought-provoking as usual, Shaun Tan explores the forgotten world of failed inventions in the Opsatoreum, a book devoted to the work of strikingly original, spectacularly unsuccessful and completely fictional inventor, Henry Mintox. This is a very odd book and also sharply funny. It may be for kids, but like all Shaun Tan books, it's hard to tell.



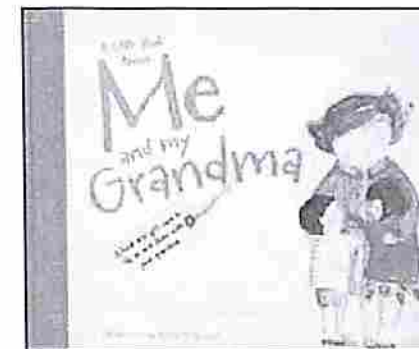
Black Caviar

by Gerard Whateley RRP \$45.00

This long-anticipated book traces the rise to glory of the horse who could not be beaten, who now proudly stands beside Phar Lap and the likes of Don Bradman, as sporting figures whose greatness transcended the world of their sports to capture the interest of an entire nation and beyond. Gerard Whateley tells the captivating story of the coming together of trainer, Peter Moody and the injury-prone yet promising

filly, Black Caviar, who matured into a champion racehorse, who made winning look effortless and always beyond doubt. A great read and a must for turf fans!

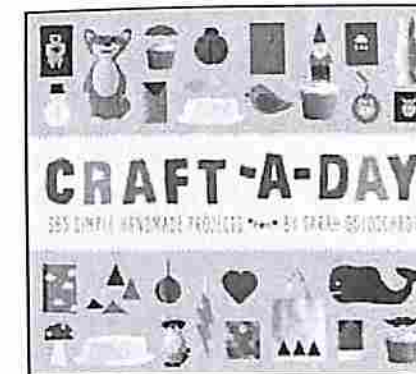
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Book Review – Macedon Ranges Book Club

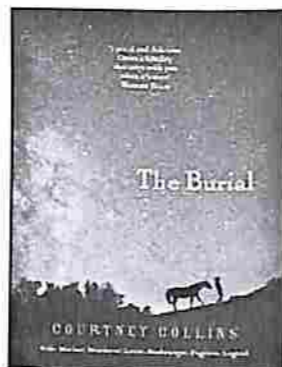
The Burial

Hot off the press first-time novelist Courtney Collins novel, *The Burial*, is based on an exploration of the life of Jessie Hackman (1890-1940), a New South Wales free-spirit, circus artiste and bushranger. Unusually, the tale is told through the eyes of Jessie's dead child, born prematurely due to an act of violence, and it is the dead child's love for, and desire to know its mother, that gives the book its "voice".

The book club entered into a lively discussion of the theme of "freedom" and how the novel explores what it takes to be truly free, along with the sacrifices that freedom may require, emotionally and physically. The group also discussed the way the book weaves between life and death, with the memory of bones given voice by the land in which they lie buried.

Great read.

Reviewed by the Macedon Ranges Book Club



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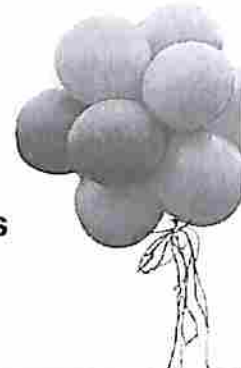


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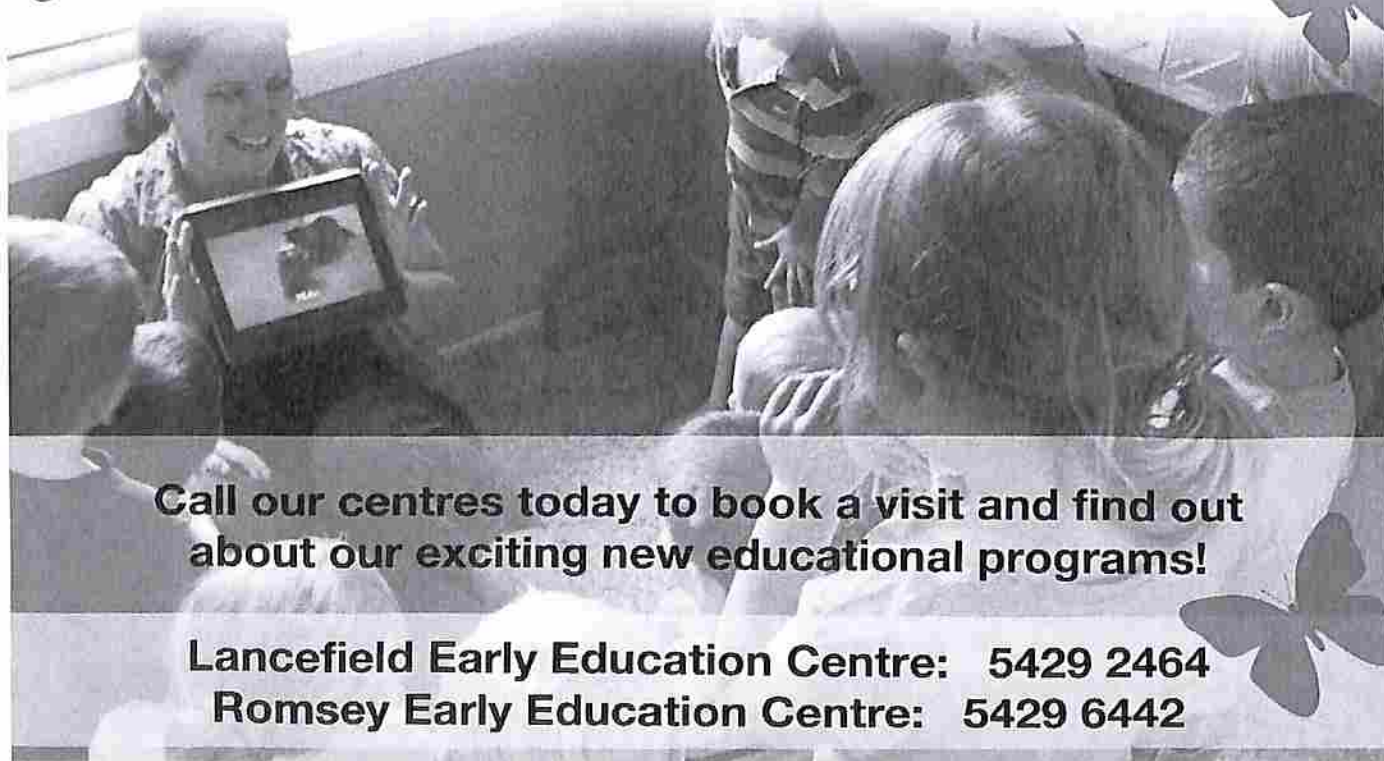
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Lancefield Police News

Fireworks

It is coming up to that time of year again when parties occur and people are likely to buy fireworks to let off. Be advised it is an offence to Set off Fireworks, Possess Fireworks, Sell Fireworks in Victoria. On a weekend in October this year some Fireworks were set off in Louise Lane Lancefield at a party. I attended and spoke to the occupier at the address and advised them of the above offences and warned them that not only is it an offence but its an extremely thoughtless act. The reason I brought this to his attention is that it terrifies many domestic animals and can cause dogs to run off and go missing. It could also cause horses to bolt through fences seriously injuring

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Please don't be thoughtless, do not purchase fireworks, or let them off as you risk committing serious offences and severe penalties.

Parties

While on the subject of parties it is timely to remind you all that I have at the station Party Safe packs to assist party goers, and party hosts to run an incident free party. There is a lot of good information in these packs and you can register you party with the police and we will try to attend at some stage on the night just to be sure that everything

is going smoothly. Understand that poor party behaviour, hooning and the damaging of property reflects badly on you as a host. Yes you are responsible for your guests and should make sure that you monitor those at the party to ensure they leave the party in a safe condition to get home. Be also aware that it is your responsibility to ensure underage persons at your party that consume alcohol have written permission from their parent to do so or you may commit an offence of supplying alcohol to persons underage. Most Public halls and facilities will not accept 18th Birthday Parties for very good reason. These parties are best held at home with plenty of adult supervision. If you are having a party drop in and grab a party pack and register your party it costs nothing but could save you heaps.

Roger Barr

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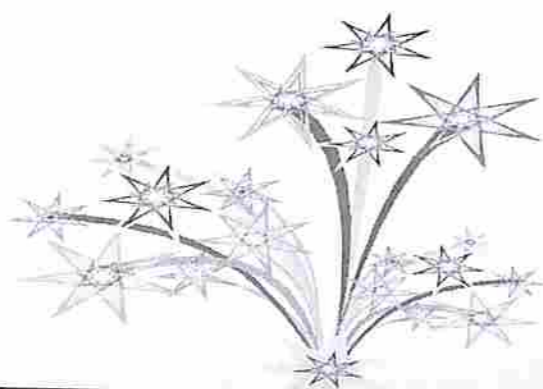
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Young musicians in Sunbury and Macedon Ranges apply now for FReeZA mentoring program

Donna Petrovich has called on young people aged 18 to 25 in Sunbury and the Macedon Ranges who have a passion for music to apply for the new FReeZA mentoring and skill development program. Initiated by the Victorian Government and youth music organisation The Push, the mentoring program allows young people to receive mentoring and support to develop their skills in a nominated area of interest including performance; technical production; marketing and publicity; event management; or music business operations.

Applications close on 20 November 2012 and for more information on how to apply visit www.thepush.com.au or www.freeza.vic.gov.au. The mentoring program commences in December this year and runs for six months.

Be fire ready for summer at the CFA Bushfire & Emergency Services Expo

Residents from the Macedon Ranges and beyond are encouraged to be fire ready for this summer by attending the CFA Bushfire & Emergency Services Expo, the one-stop shop for bushfire information and advice.

The expo, on Sunday 25 November from 10am to 3.00pm, will take place at the Riddells Creek Fire Station, Main Road, Riddells Creek. It will be an opportunity to pick up bushfire planning advice from CFA and DSE, attend a range of bushfire safety information seminars and chat to the agencies involved in bushfire preparation and recovery.

Event organizer, Riddells Creek Fire Brigade member Alex Batty, said the event was the ideal forum to learn about bushfire preparation and survival. "Having all the agencies and exhibitors in the one space allows people to ask as many questions as possible, which hopefully goes some way to informing their bushfire survival plans and decision-making on high risk fire days," he said.

People who would like more information about the expo are encouraged to visit the event website at www.riddellcfa.com.



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MP Welcomes Crackdown On Littering

Donna Petrovich has welcomed proposed changes to legislation introduced in the Victorian Parliament this week that will see a doubling of fines for some littering offences, to act as a deterrent to litterers and help keep our streets, parks and waterways clean.

Mrs Petrovich said people caught littering would face big fines.

"Victorians have had enough of litterers, particularly in rural areas. We all have a responsibility to care for our environment and the Victorian Government makes no apology for getting tough on people rubbishing our communities and natural environments," Mrs Petrovich said.

Minister for Environment and Climate Change Ryan Smith said littering pollutes our environment, harms wildlife, wastes resources and can have serious safety implications.

"Fines are a deterrent for people who might be tempted to litter - another way to remind them of the impact of littering," said Mr Smith.

"The choice is yours - if you

don't litter you don't pay."

Amendments to the Environment Protection Act will increase fines for offences involving litter that is burning when deposited - such as a lit cigarette - to \$563 (from two penalty points to four), while the penalty for offences involving an extinguished cigarette butt or other items such as wrappers, containers, bottles or papers will rise to \$282 (one penalty point to two).

The EPA found 80 per cent of Victorians believe it is appropriate to impose fines on those who litter.

The Victorian Government is committed to encouraging practical, local action that delivers results for the environment and the community.

Already, the Government has committed to:

- \$1.5 million for landfill levy relief to help charities prevent illegal dumping at their premises.
- Roadside Litter Grants where councils and public land managers across regional Victoria and metropolitan Melbourne are eligible to apply for grants ranging from

\$25,000 to \$50,000.

• \$1 billion of waterways work over the next five years to better protect the Yarra River and Port Phillip Bay, which includes identifying litter hotspots and forming community partnerships to reduce that litter. Parks Victoria and Melbourne Water remove more than 10,000 cubic metres of litter and organic debris from 160 traps along our rivers and bay every year.

• an EPA Strike Force to target the construction, demolition and skip bin hire sectors. This will include 200 planned inspections of these types of businesses.

• \$11.5 million to retrieve more material from the municipal waste stream and recover and process more of the commercial and industrial waste, such as cardboard, metals, plastics, glass and timber, that is going to waste in our landfills.

• Get it Right on Bin Night campaign that aims to divert the equivalent of more than 300,000 wheelie bins of recyclable material that still ends up in landfill every week.

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Vanessa's garden

With the growing season in full swing, and the holiday season fast approaching, two topics come to mind for this month's column. The first is wind damage. It can be very easy for young, soft plants (and older, brittle ones) to suffer nasty wind damage at this time of year, so let's look at what you can do to prevent it. The second is preparing your plants to survive if you're planning to go away on holiday.

Preventing Wind Damage

Wind damage is generally most obvious on trees, and there may be little more disheartening than seeing a carefully nurtured young tree with its leader lying on the ground, or one or more of its young branches ripped off. This type of damage never leaves a clean break either.

When it is a trunk which has been damaged, trim the area as soon as you can and ideally paste it with Bordeaux mix (moisten the powder with a little water). In my experience this is more likely to help the tree heal than attempting to tie the damage up. In fact, tying broken areas together may only serve to provide an entry point for pests and disease.

Cut broken branches back to the nearest junction (or cut off cleanly at the trunk if there is no handy junction). Try to make the final cut as straight as possible. There are differing schools of thought about the value of painting the wound. My

grandfather painted as a matter of routine, however today some say it isn't really necessary, especially as the heavy rains are likely to have finished by the time you read this. But if you have a bit of grease handy, there's no harm in a dab over the cut.

Sometimes the main indicator of wind damage isn't broken limbs but simply a very slow growth pattern due to root damage. You can often see this in native eucalypt windbreaks, where a number of 3-4 year old (and therefore larger and more expensive) nursery trees have been planted to supposedly give the shelter a head start. When these larger trees are interspersed with small tube stock, sometimes the babies catch up so quickly that you might as well not have planted the larger ones. This is because (even with staking) the older trees are more vulnerable to wind rock, which leads to root damage, whereas the younger ones have time to establish themselves securely before they get big enough for the wind to be a potential problem.

Soft-stemmed plants in the borders and veggie garden are usually best protected from wind damage with one or more stakes. It is quite important to use wood rather than metal, as the latter is an excellent conductor of heat in summer and cold in winter. These sharp temperature changes go directly down the metal to the roots, making your

plant feel ill and halting growth.

Surviving the Holidays

When you've put a lot of work into establishing a garden, selecting plants and nurturing them into a healthy display of colour and good things to eat, you'll probably be quite keen not to see all your efforts go to waste, just because the holidays happen to fall in the middle of the main growing season. On the other hand, this might be the best time of year for you to organise a holiday - so what do you do?

You might be able to set up an automated drip system on a timer. But if that's not feasible and there are no helpful family members or neighbours prepared to come round and water, the main key to helping your garden weather your absence is to deeply water before you go (particularly the most tender plants) and really pile on the mulch immediately after.

Plants which have had their first flush of flower will do much better while you are away if you are ruthless about dead-heading before the seed heads form. You can usually safely cut the plants back a bit at the same time. This will reduce their food and water needs during your absence. It will also give them a chance to rest and think about producing a second flush of flowers in a few weeks' time, in another effort to set seed.

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Mixed Doubles Begins

The 13th of December saw the first round of mixed doubles played and both teams were home at Lancefield. Both teams went down by a similar margin but there were some good set wins and everyone had a great time.

Section 3 saw our team compete with 4 emergencies filling in out of six players, but what a great job they did. Susie Kosa and Sally Potts both emergencies had a spirited 7-4 win and then Sally teamed up with Jade Morgan also an emergency to win their set in a nail biting 7-6.

Sally and Mark Goodwin then teamed up to win a very close 7-6 tussle. Jamie Taylor filled in for the men and showed us some great serving and rallies. We all improved as the day went on and Gisborne Green who we played against were great sports and made the day very

enjoyable.

Section 2 saw Rohan Barr and Captain Bruce Morgan take it to the wire with a 7-6 win in their set. Fiona Kraus and Carolin Cusack had the most convincing win with a 7-2 victory and then Bruce Morgan teamed up with Emma Stevens to take out the last set 7-5 each of the Lancefield teams only managed to win three of the nine sets on offer but a great time was had by all.

Ladies Night Kick's off.

Our first ladies night was a chilly old night but still saw a good turnout which will only improve as the year moves on and weather improves. This is a fun night and all ladies of any ability are welcome. Feel free to bring a drink or a plate of nibbly's for after the hit and turn it into a social night.

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The new shade cloth is up on the West end of the courts and our thanks to our sponsors from local business Michael and Ricky from Lancefield IGA, Connie Pulella of Estate Risk Solutions and Emma and John from Red Door Books who made this possible.

A special thanks to Jim Curry (Life Member) who put in so much work with the help of a few others to cut back the hedge, Ivy and Mistletoe on the west end of the courts. It's a great improvement.

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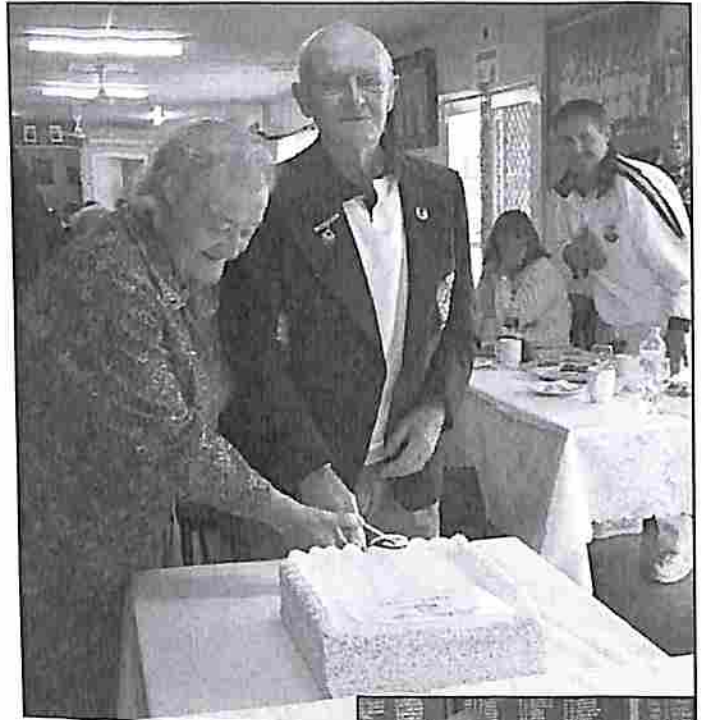


Lancefield Bowling Club 50Th Anniversary

On Sunday 14th October 2012 the Lancefield Bowling Club held a function in their club room to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the formation of the club .In attendance were many past and current members and a great many memories were revived and much conversation was heard throughout the rooms Among the guests were Mr Murray Rowe and also the current President and Secretary and member .

Mr Stan Pattinson Mr Peter Linehan and Mrs Doreen Linehan, and Mr Robert Green who were part of a photograph of members taken in 1962 and which hangs proudly in the club room were also in attendance. The passage of time sees these people as the only members still living who were in that photo and it was very pleasing that they could be part of the celebration .

Mr Gordon Charles ,the current secretary presented a history of the club and I enclose a condensed version for the interest of the community. A public meeting was convened by the local policeman at the time Mr Earnshan and chaired by the then Shire President Mr George Hall on 23rd March 1959 and 34 men and 2 women attended. The meeting agreed to form a bowling club and a committee was formed to progress the project. The next meeting was held at Lancefield Police Station on 5th June 1961 .At this meeting Mr Joe West was elected President and Mr Doug Rainey as Secretary/ Treasurer. Construction of the green began on 14th October 1961 with assistance from Mr R Linsten, Shire Engineer and on 20th June from Dr O'Lloughlin with the sowing of the grass and later rolling and mowing. The Associates were formed on 7th September 1962



and this began their long running fund raising efforts for the club which continues to this day .

The green was officially opened by Shire President Mr Ken Francis on 15th December 1962 and it was then decided to build a

club house which was officially opened on 24th October 1964 by Sir Kenneth and Lady Luke. The club house was extended in May 1989 and again in 2012 with the help of grants from Macedon Ranges Shire Council and Lancefield Community bank.

As the writer of this article I extend my thanks for the invitation to attend and the opportunity to relive old memories of the many hours spent constructing such a great bowling green, club house and club.

Robert Green



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