

# Lancefield Mercury

## THE LANCEFIELD SHOW



**IT WAS  
WORTH THE WAIT!**

Chauncey Street, Park Street, Park Lane and Foy Street were full of cars on Sunday October 15 – it was the day of the much-anticipated return of the Lancefield Agricultural Show! Although the cold weather had set in, it did not deter a large number of locals and other enthusiasts lining up to enter the Show. Lines were long, but people were friendly and talked to each other while waiting – kids were excited, dogs were enjoying their walk, and a huge sense of fun pervaded the atmosphere which was also full of energy and enthusiasm for the event.

People queued – mainly for food – in a relaxed and light-hearted way; some people sat and listened to music while enjoying local food and local wine; others watched the wood chopping or the dog trials. The Laurie Green Pavilion was crowded with people eager to see the various displays. The always-popular Tractor Pull looked as if it was ready to get underway around the middle of the day. Camel rides entertained children and adults alike – although it was noticeable that this year the camels were much smaller

than they had been at the 2019 Show. And of course, the Megafauna display was a popular event! Hugh Parks, President of the Show Committee reports an early estimated crowd of 3000+ who came in droves from mid-morning onwards. Face painting, floristry and baking competitions, the Op Shop Challenge – using only Op Shop purchases to make a new garment – some wonderful locally-made wares, good coffee, yummy food for all tastes, a petting zoo, locally wineries offering their vintages to taste and buy, tractor pull, woodchopping – there was something for everyone.

A thoroughly enjoyable day was had by all – and everyone welcomed the return of the Lancefield Agricultural Show. Congratulations to Hugh and all the committee and helpers on the day, who made it such a success. It was worth the wait.

Fay Woodhouse

*See page 22 for more photos*

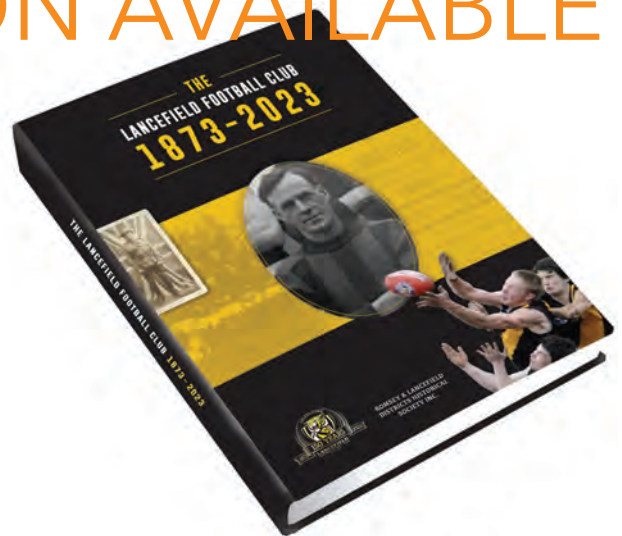


# SECOND EDITION AVAILABLE IN NOVEMBER

We are pleased to announce that the second edition of The Lancefield Football Club 1873-2023 book will be available for sale in mid-November at \$80 per copy (not including postage and handling) and will make a great Christmas gift.

The first edition sold out in the first month after the large gathering of past players and supporters at the book launch held prior to the 150th year anniversary football game against Romsey on May 27. The books' co-contributors have worked hard at reviewing the book and making necessary changes due to the name omissions of some sponsors, along with an update of some player profiles, photo captions and the usual typos. We thank those readers of the first edition who assisted with the editing. A full two-page addendum of these changes are now available for the first edition purchasers at the sales points provided below.

If you were one of the many who missed out on obtaining a copy of the first edition, the second edition will be available for purchase from the Historical Society at 55 Main Road Lancefield. Other outlets include the Bendigo Bank and Red Door Books and hopefully you will find us at the December Farmers Market as you undertake your last efforts of filling the Christmas stocking.



To ensure you don't miss out, you can preorder by contacting Shirley on 0402 248 540. Alternatively on-line orders can be made through the Historical Society's webpage. Postage can also be arranged at an additional cost of \$20.

In addition to acknowledging the generosity of sponsors of the first edition, we now add Central Victoria Conveyancing, Lancefield Hotel, Lancefield Mercury, Lancefield Neighbourhood House and Property Management Macedon Ranges who have assisted with printing costs for this new edition.



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The role of the brigade is to protect the lives and properties of the community in the local area as well as being pivotal in protecting the northern interface of the mountain when fires threaten. The brigade is also called upon to fight fires throughout the state when required.

The brigade is currently fundraising to purchase a 'Medium Tanker' which will supplement Government funding. The new, larger (more water), more technically advanced and much safer tanker will greatly assist in building the brigade's resources and strengthen its capabilities.

The target is to raise \$80,000 of which the brigade has already raised \$40,000 over the past few years by providing car parking duties and various events at Hanging Rock, tin rattling at the Gisborne Market, and of course some generous



donations from the community along the way. This amount will enable the brigade to provision the truck with breathing apparatus so structure fires can be accessed for both rescue and extinguishing fires. The target date is late April 2024.

If you are interested in supporting this worthy and vital cause please contact our Treasurer, Stuart McMinn via email [stuart.mcminn@members.cfa.vic.gov.au](mailto:stuart.mcminn@members.cfa.vic.gov.au) for further details. All donations are tax deductible.

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LANCEFIELD PARK IN NOVEMBER

# GREAT NEWS, FRIENDS

The Lancefield Park Recreation Reserves received more great news this month with the notification that our grant application to the Bendigo Bank Community Enterprise Foundation for our Laurie Green Pavilion Canteen Renovation project was successful. The Committee has agreed to call our new canteen the 'Community Bank Canteen' and we are looking forward to putting the \$47,000 funding to good use. The Park committee will work with the clubs and user groups to deliver the Canteen Renovation project, and we are looking forward to exciting times and some hard work ahead.

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A FRIEND OF LANCEFIELD PARK?

The Lancefield Park Recreation Reserves – Committee of Management wishes to gauge interest in creating a volunteer 'Friends of Lancefield Park' group. Forming such a group is a brand-new initiative and we are keen to hear the views of our Park users on our idea. Initial thoughts are that we will come together from time to time

to work together to improve our Park environment for the community, but we are keen to hear other thoughts and ideas.

If you are interested, we shall hold our first get together on Thursday November 9 between 5pm and 7pm.

This first event will be a small Working Bee, where we intend to walk around the Park cleaning up fallen branches, trimming trees and loading debris on to a trailer. All whilst getting to know our new friends of Lancefield Park and considering what other work we could do together in the future.

Bring your hat, gloves, gardening/work wear, sturdy non-slip shoes with socks, drink bottle, lots of energy and new ideas.

We will meet at the Lancefield Park Playground BBQ undercover area.

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# DEAR EDITOR

Just browsing through the articles in the most recent Lancefield Mercury and happened upon the interesting piece about genealogy and the contributors experience in discovering her ancestor's convict past.

Whereas I have a no real desire to personally visit genealogical sites and research my family tree, I was annoyed when I read in the feature that the Victorian state government had previously sold the original historical records of all its citizens to a commercial concern that is part of a foreign religious organisation.

These records belong to the citizens of the state they don't belong to the Government, the state records office is merely the custodians of these records on behalf of its citizens.

Therefore my question is to our local state MP is when did the government do this? Was the community consulted? Because I don't remember being consulted. Or was it done in a sneaky way for a cash grab?

And why did you think you had the right to sell exclusive access to our records to a foreign private commercial concern that is also a part of the Mormon religion?

This fails the pub test by a wide margin.

Regards David Kemp  
Dundas St Lancefield

A clarification from Fay Woodhouse - my information regarding Victorian records was incorrect: according to the

office of the Minister for Government Services (Gabrielle Williams)

"Open historical records from our collection have always been, and remain, free and available for all Victorians to access both online and in person at our public reading rooms. The Public Record Office Victoria has never sold public records to any corporation or genealogical body. The Public Record Office Victoria (PROV) sometimes partners with organisations like Ancestry or Family Search to allow for the digitisation of historic records. The historic records they digitise do not contain private information about individuals who are living, as it set out in the Public Records Act 1973.

The State of Victoria doesn't surrender any rights under these partnerships.

Examples of records now available for free on the PROV website as a result of some of these partnerships include historic "wills and probate files, passenger lists and rate records up to 1930."

## VOICE REFERENDUM VOTING NUMBERS

Romsey total votes 2129 - NO votes 1324 - 62%

Lancefield votes 1404 - NO votes 851 - 60%

Bolinda votes 396 No 251 - 63.4%

Macedon Ranges overall - No 50.4% - (158 votes ahead of the Yes votes)

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### LANCEFIELD MERCURY INC.

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Deadline for articles and advertisements is the 15th of the month. The Mercury is distributed by post and volunteer deliverers to all premises with a letter box in the Lancefield postal area at the start of the month. Copies of the paper can also be found at the Romsey Library.

The Lancefield Mercury is produced by volunteers as a service to the people of Lancefield.

The editorial committee reserves the right to edit articles for length and clarity.

Items for publication should be sent to editor3435@gmail.com - enquiries Andy Moore 0430 448 120

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# WELCOME BACK



Amy (Centre) pictured with Karen and Matt from our Romsey Branch

Welcome back Amy after an incredible 12 months of maternity leave spent cherishing precious moments with her adorable little one, Lotti, we're absolutely thrilled to welcome Amy Gauld back into the branch.

On another note, we recently bid a fond farewell to our colleague, Pete Klages. Pete has been an integral part of our team whilst Amy was on leave, and his dedication and hard work have left a lasting mark on our branches.

## LANCEFELD AND ROMSEY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

We are committed to investing in our local youth, and one of the ways we continue to do this is via our local scholarship program. In 2023, we awarded 6 tertiary scholarships to local youth. Most recently, we awarded our Rebecca Harrison Memorial Bursary to Jeffrey Steele, who is studying a Bachelor of Engineering at RMIT University. Congratulations Jeffrey!

## APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR OUR 2024 SCHOLARSHIPS

For the first time this year, we are expanding our program beyond first year applicants. Applications for our Rebecca Harrison Memorial Bursary are now open to those in their second year or beyond, so long as you're aged 16-25, studying full-time and reside in the Lancefield, Romsey area. Our scholarships are not based on academic achievement, rather community involvement, leadership, and challenging circumstances to be overcome.

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## 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of Lancefield & Romsey Community Financial Services Limited (the local company that owns our Community Bank Lancefield and Romsey) will be held at 6.30pm on Thursday, November 30 at The Lancefield Lodge. Shareholders will have received formal notice of the AGM along with supporting documents mid-September.



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# A NUMBER OF PROJECTS ON THE GO

The Newham & District Landcare Group has been continuously busy this year by providing members with information evenings, newsletters packed with great articles and links, conservation projects and of course their Autumn and Spring tube stock sale.

The Group is delighted to report that a Victorian Landcare Grant of \$19,982, administered through North Central Catchment Management Authority, will assist with a number of projects they have embarked on of late. This vital funding will enable works to further enhance the Cobaw Biolink On-Ground works on both public and private land.

Weed control and additional tube stock for the Anderson Road Triangle will continue a very exciting project which will see it converting a 10,000 m2 triangle of degraded public

land into a significant patch of biodiverse woodland habitat within the Cobaw Biolink.

A stretch of seasonal waterway in the upper Campaspe Catchment that in the past was cleared for farming activities, will be fenced to exclude stock, and revegetated with indigenous native plants. Stream rehabilitation works such as this not only build a network of habitat across the landscape, but they also serve to mitigate the risk of erosion and improve water quality.

Being a member of a Landcare Group gives you the opportunity to put something back into nature, learn heaps about biodiversity and meet like-minded people who really care about our future. For more info contact Penny Roberts penroberts@bigpond.com or go to our website.

# PHYSIOTHERAPY APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE




Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health's Macedon Ranges physiotherapy team currently has appointments available within one to two weeks. As well as treating injuries, a physiotherapist can help with strengthening your muscles, improving balance, enhancing joint movement and flexibility and with the treatment of lung conditions. The service will

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# TWO STRIKING EVENTS

The middle weekend of October was a busy one in Lancefield with two striking events taking place. The first was a Lebanese meal presented by Amal Malouf; the second was the return of the Lancefield Agricultural Show. The Show was cancelled during the COVID-19 years – 2020 and 2021 and it was curtailed in 2022 by the October floods – the event was welcomed by locals and visitors alike.

## A TASTE OF LEBANON IN LANCEFIELD – SATURDAY 14 OCTOBER

Nearly 80 people gathered in the Lancefield Mechanic’s Institute hall to experience a feast of Lebanese food presented by chef and Lancefield local, Amal Malouf. The room looked very much like a restaurant and was decorated appropriately. The food choices were those I would have enjoyed in any Melbourne restaurant, and all for the modest cost of \$60. Despite being unable to attend myself, I spoke to Amal a day before the event and asked her about her background and how the Lebanese feast came about.

Amal Malouf and her family migrated from Lebanon because of the civil war. Travelling via Greece, they managed to come to Australia in 1976. As a 16-year-old when they arrived, Amal attended school and quickly learnt English.

The family embraced the food and restaurant business; when they ran the Travelodge in Geelong it was a family affair. Cooking must be in her blood! When she married, Amal and

her husband Geoff ran four restaurants, including Zumzum Restaurant in Carlton as well as restaurants in other suburbs.

Amal and Geoff have been living in Lancefield for two years – they chose Lancefield because their daughter lives in Newham and they loved the small town. Soon after they moved here, Amal began volunteering at the Town House. Recently she has been cooking the monthly Feed-it-Forward lunch. One recent highlight of cooking these lunches was that in September, everything was donated – this included racks of lamb and pears that formed the basis for the lunch. For that lunch, she cooked for 40 people. The idea for the Taste of Lebanon was born out of the popularity of her cooking for the Feed-it-Forward lunches.

The menu for the October 14 Taste of Lebanon dinner sounded fantastic: starter/dips with greens and breads included Tabouli, Hommus, Babaganouj and Falafel. The entrée was a choice of filo pastry with lamb & pine nuts served with pomegranate molasses; filo pastry with haloumi & feta with fresh herbs; Bastourma – air-dried beef cut wafer thin and served with fenugreek, mixed salads, radish and cheese. The main course was slow-cooked shoulder of lamb on the bone with Middle-Eastern spices, preserved lemon and rice served with roasted pumpkin and tossed salad. The desert was Turkish delight and Baklava. I was sad to miss it.

When I asked Amal if she had thoughts of doing it again – she gave a positive response!

Fay Woodhouse



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**Ordinary business** of the Annual General Meeting is as follows–

- (a) to confirm the minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting;
- (b) to receive and consider–
  - (i) Annual Report of the Committee on the activities of EMRBATA (formerly Romsey Region Business and Tourism Association Inc – RRBATA) during 2022–2023 financial year; and
  - (ii) 2022–2023 Financial Statements of RRBATA;
- (c) to elect the members of the Committee;
- (d) to confirm or vary the amounts of the annual subscription and joining fee.

**Note:** A member may appoint another member to act as proxy for the meeting. Proxy form available at:  
<https://easternmacedonranges.au/events/emrbata-agm-2023>

**Members and Guests WELCOME**

**Further Information:**  
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# THINGS TO TRY

## DIARY DATES

- Melbourne Cup: Tuesday November 7 - Library closed for public holiday.
- Kyneton Cup: Wednesday November 8 - Romsey Library open.
- Saturday Storytime: 10 – 10.30am, Saturday November 18.
- Whimsical Weaving Workshop: 1 – 4pm, Tuesday December 5

## CURIOSITY, CONNECTION, AND CREATIVITY WITH A CURIOUS CIRCLE

Join in with a lively and fun group of adult women as we explore our creativity each month with a different activity. Our final sessions for 2023 are:

- Wooden Block and Wire Art: 6.30 – 8.30pm, Thursday November 16.
  - Christmas Craft: 6.30 – 8.30pm, Thursday December 7.
- No special skills are needed to attend these sessions, and refreshments are provided.

Bookings essential – please phone 5429 3086 for more information.

## WHIMSICAL WEAVING

Tuesday December 5, 1 – 4pm

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5 November, 10am-12pm, Bald Hill

5 November, 2-4pm, Black Hill

Help us survey the threatened species; Clover Glycine. Clover Glycine is recorded at two of Council's Bushland Reserves, Black Hill and Bald Hill. However, it is unclear how these populations are faring, and we are keen to know more.

## KOALA COUNT - HANGING ROCK

10 November, 10am-12pm, Hanging Rock

Join our koala monitoring program! Council's Conservation Reserves Officer, Simon Purves, will lead a koala count at Hanging Rock. Come along as a citizen scientist to walk the Hanging Rock grasslands or summit on the lookout for koalas. Council's Biodiversity Projects Officer,

## NATURE GUIDE IN FOCUS: FLORA GUIDE

15 November, 7-8pm, online webinar

Expand your knowledge of the native plants of the Macedon Ranges and hear some identification tips. Martin Roberts, Bushland Reserves Officer, will take you on a journey to explore some special plants that are not featured in the guide and new species found locally such as Slender Tre-foil and Clover Glycine.

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# ANNE AND HELEN HUTCHINSON TWO WORTHY WOMEN OF ROMSEY



Born in 1838 in Lincolnshire, England, Anne Cousens was a twelve-year-old when she arrived in Melbourne in 1851 with her family on the sailing ship the Sea. By happy coincidence, travelling on the same ship was William Hutchinson also from Lincolnshire, and her future husband, although they were not known to each other while on the voyage to Australia.

For the first five years in Australia, her family lived in Tullamarine. How she and William Hutchinson met is, of course, unknown, yet Victorian records confirm that they married at St James Cathedral, Melbourne in 1855. Following their marriage, they settled in Romsey when the only other known settler was William J Smith, manager of William Dunsford's pastoral run. Soon after William and Anne settled there, Sidney Seymour and Owen Doolan also settled in the same vicinity of what was then the settlement

of Five Mile Creek.

Romsey (after the township in Hampshire, England) was first named in 1858; the township was gazetted in 1860 and was created a District in 1862. Squatters such as John Brock, Sir William J T Clarke, Captain James Cain and William Dunsford had established their pastoral runs in the 1840s. Dunsford's Run, or Dunsford Station as it was also known, extended from almost Baynton in the north of Lancefield to what is now the southern boundary of Lancefield on the edge of Romsey.

The Hutchinson, Doolan and Seymour families were the town's pioneers and were able to purchase land at the first land sales held at Kilmore in 1856. Purchasers of substantial parcels of land at the 1856 sales were George Coyle, William Hutchinson and John Pinney Bear. William Hutchinson

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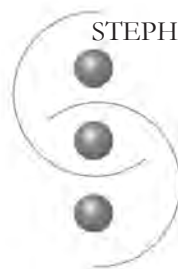
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purchased 60 acres on what is now Hutchinson's Lane. Although it was assumed for decades that Sidney Seymour purchased land at the 1856 sales, this has recently been disproved. After acquiring his land by adverse possession (that is, proving he had lived on the land he claimed for 30 years), he purchased the land from John Pinney Bear in 1885.

When William Hutchinson and Sidney Seymour settled in Romsey in 1855, they immediately began growing potatoes. Local history books written by local historians Peter Mitchell and John Reid recount stories of the two men's potato growing ventures. At the time of the gold rushes, diggers needed food and merchandise. Hutchinson and Seymour carted supplies of potatoes (and probably other goods) to the goldfields by bullock wagon and enjoyed a steady trade.

While William was growing and carting potatoes, Anne had 11 children, of whom five were living at the time of her death in 1924. Anne's husband William predeceased her by 43 years; he died in 1881. Most of her children married the children of other early settlers and continued living in the district. This may explain why their daughter Helen did not marry. As a young woman she had worked in Melbourne but had to give up her work 'when sickness came to the home'. She spent her life nursing members of the family and remained living with her mother until she died.

After an illness extending over some months, Anne Hutchinson died on 30 December 1924. In her Obituary, Anne Hutchinson is described as one of the earliest pioneers of the district. She was 'a very kindly, amiable lady, and, though never taking an active part in public matters, was keenly interested in everything that took place right up to within a few days of her death'. Her recollections of the early happenings of Romsey were said to be wonderful, 'and with these alone she could entertain her friends for hours at a time'. She was buried in Lancefield Cemetery on New Year's Day, 1925.

William and Anne's daughter Helen Hutchinson died in November 1941. She was well known in Romsey and was remembered as 'a fine personality'. It was noted in her Obituary that 'as a neighbour she was really wonderful, and many citizens have cause to remember with gratitude her ministrations in times of trouble'. She, too, was buried in Lancefield Cemetery.

Fay Woodhouse

## CARE FINDER

A new service is being offered to help Macedon Ranges residents access My Aged Care as well as help them find aged care services and other useful community supports. It provides people with local, personalised, face-to-face support.

Delivered by Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health, the service is free and can help people with the My Aged Care assessment process, assist with finding local health and care providers, and better connect them with the local community.

Care Finder is available to those eligible for aged care services (people aged over 65 years and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people 50 years and over) and who are experiencing difficulties accessing support.

For more information, contact Geri Gardner [geri.gardner@scchc.org.au](mailto:geri.gardner@scchc.org.au) or on 0417 949 162.

## SENIORS WEEK CELEBRATIONS

In a celebration of Seniors Week, we brought together our Aqua Aerobics and Staying Strong participants on Friday 6 October. Following these group fitness sessions, we hosted morning tea at four of our facilities across Macedon Ranges, providing an opportunity for our senior patrons to connect and engage.

Our Staying Strong program, tailored for those over 55, continues to be a valued part of our community. These circuit-based classes are offered in Gisborne, Kyneton, Romsey, and Woodend, drawing dedicated participation.

Equally loved is our Aqua Aerobics program, held at Gisborne and Kyneton aquatic centres.

Seniors Week provided an opportunity to recognise our patrons and celebrate our senior community. We extend our gratitude for their continued support and look forward to their continued participation.

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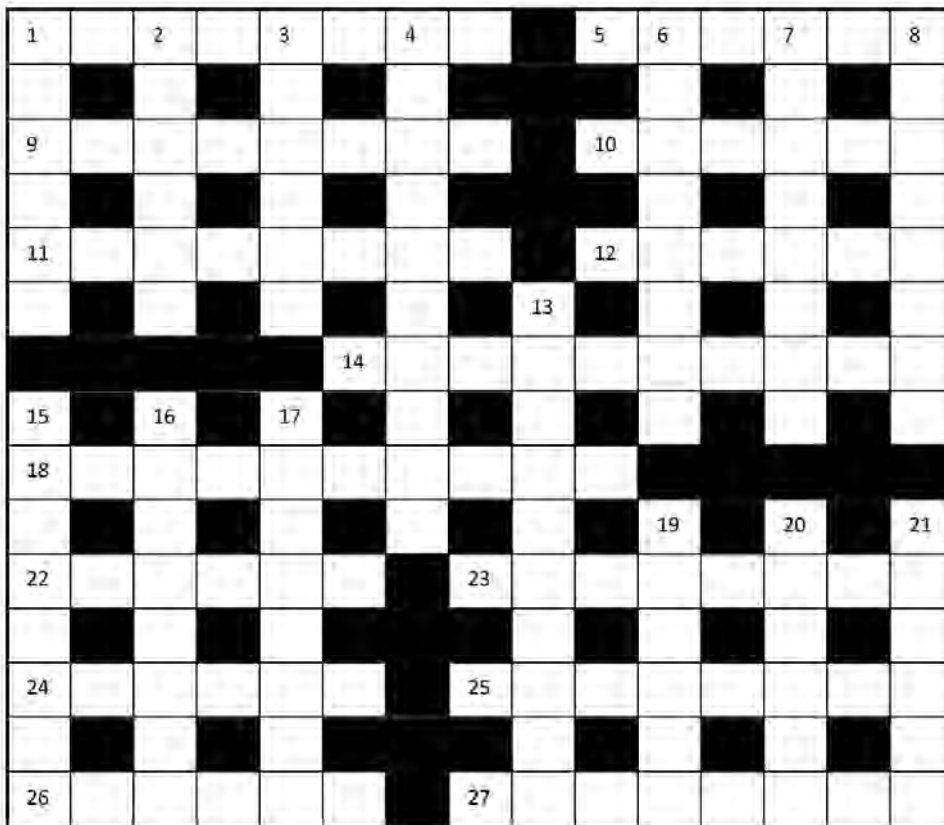
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# CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

Solution on page 34



Kevin Moyses the cross word maker

## ACROSS

- Uncovered bet which is something a jockey wouldn't be doing. (8)
- 5 Crammed with first crate out of order caused damage. (6)
- 9 Added although app finished. (8)
- 10 Youth club for those that go ahead. (6)
- 11 Lookout contains ten lines. (8)
- 12 You'll see one if you look up at night and sometimes during the day (6)
- 14 If you are not this, you'd have to be a bit naïve. (10)
- 18 The last less pines make what may precede a rest. (10)
- 22 Niece versus stir to make evident. (6)
- 23 Your birth was a special one but it can also be a cause. (8)
- 24 Maybe a sign of relaxing or fixing a loose end. (3,3)
- 25 Dam steep (spelt correctly!) causes headlong rush. (8)
- 26 Notice I've gone from a sleuth. (6)
- 27 Comes ahead of dear pets arrangement (8)

## DOWN

- Second class lift reveals slowly cook (6)
- Feel sorry - or have second thoughts. (6)
- Robber, and in a bit, could be a gang member. (6)
- Small citrus follows oh my for traditional western song. (10)
- A helper sounds correct. (8)
- You can climb it and supposedly move one. (8)
- Warranted but sounds like it could be taken away? (8)
- 13 Source of ill-treatment from pure sector. (10)
- 15 Claimed and insisted that dress ate letters. (8)
- 16 Inhabitant or working somewhere regularly. (8)
- 17 Clearly defined relative density when with gravity. (8)
- 19 Without after outsourced and worked the land. (6)
- 20 Deflect, detract or amuse - it's all the same. (6)
- 21 Mocks from all points except west and er, last. (6)

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A kennel houses your dog in an enclosure with shelter and bedding. They range from basic care to a resort full of luxuries including massage therapy, pools, and hydro spas. Look in your local area for something suitable or find one in the area you are holidaying, if you are driving, and they can spend time with you during the day.

A professional pet minder often house sits as well. This means no stress for your pet. The person will either attend your home on daily basis to feed, play and walk your dog or live in. Checking places like local vet, pet food stores

and yes. Facebook will help you find a suitable minder.

Family/friends mean your dog is with someone they know and often in their own home so they will love having the same places to sleep and enjoy a very similar routine.

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# MAKE SURE THAT LYONS WILL ESTATE IS ON YOUR BUDBURST LIST

Budburst, Macedon Ranges Wine Festival, is returning and Lyons Will Estate has a full weekend of exceptional food, delicious wine and music to get into the spring spirit, taking place in their new cellar door a secluded back road near Lancefield. So, make sure that Lyons Will Estate is on your Budburst shortlist!

Combining forces with Basque chef Iker Garcia and Shirin Harvison of El Pintxo, Lyons Will is playing host to a weekend of delicious paella and pintxos. Pintxos are a small savoury snack served typically in Spanish bars and they're the perfect food to accompany wine. El Pintxo source their fresh ingredients locally, while the distinctive Spanish ingredients they use ensure a taste of Basque country in every mouthful. A selection of newly released wines will be available to taste on the day, including the Lyons Will Estate Riesling, Rosé, Gamay, Pinot Noir and (a new wine for them) Syrah.

Explore the festival at your own pace or make your way to Lyons Will on the Lancefield Loop bus route, which takes in Lyons Will Estate, Double Oaks, Wilimee (including Northern Hope), Cleveland and

Parkside. Discover the cool wines and warm hearts of Macedon Ranges winemakers at Budburst, this spring from Friday 17 to Sunday 19 November. A once-a-year opportunity to step behind the vines and meet the family-owned and small-batch makers who shape mainland Australia's coolest wine region. Budburst ticket prices are from \$39 a day. Visit [budburst.com](http://budburst.com) for tickets and more information.

Visit [elpintxomelbourne.com.au](http://elpintxomelbourne.com.au) for more information about El Pintxo.

Don't forget the return of Fete de la Fleur at Lyons Will Estate on December 3. This is the celebration of flowering in the vineyard and we're having a party to mark it. Lorena Corso will be cooking a Sicilian barbecue in the courtyard. We'll have live music to take you through the day, so trust us when we say, there won't be a better deck in the Macedon Ranges to enjoy a chilled glass of Rose that weekend. Head to [lyonswillestate.com.au/events](http://lyonswillestate.com.au/events) for all the details and to book. For more information about Budburst and Fete de la Fleur at Lyons Will please contact: Renata Morello Owner and Winemaker, Lyons Will Estate 0412 681 940 [info@lyonswillestate.com.au](mailto:info@lyonswillestate.com.au)







# PLENTY OF COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, PRIVATE CELEBRATIONS AND VARIOUS EVENTS



October was another busy month at the hall with all our regulars and plenty of community activities, private celebrations and various events including the Witches Fair and an evening with the Music Factory (both with a Hallowe'en theme). Of note, we had another wonderful performance by the Savoy Opera company – the comedic operetta *Die Fledermaus* (aka 'The revenge of the Bat') by Johann Strauss II, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all those who attended.

Also, a big congratulations to the Lancefield and Romsey Neighbourhood Houses who ran a very successful fundraiser

at the Hall – A taste of Lebanon in Lancefield - with proceeds donated to their Food Share program. This Lebanese feast consisted of 9 courses of authentic Lebanese favourites created by our own renowned and local Lancefield chef Amal Malouf. Well done, Amal and all her team for an absolutely delicious feast and creating a wonderful atmosphere and most enjoyable evening for all those attending. ('My personal favourite was the slow cooked lamb shoulder roasted with preserved lemons and 5 Arabic spice mix - and the other 8 courses' - JohnS)

On another note, have you ever noticed the foundation



stone inserted in the High Street wall of the Mechanics' Institute? This was laid on 16 November 1877 by W J Clarke, wealthy landowner, pastoralist, and first Australian-born baronet. Sir William Clarke built the mansion Rupertswood at Sunbury which now is part of Salesian College. A newspaper article in *The Weekly Times* titled *Laying the Foundation Stone of the Lancefield Mechanics' Institute*, provides a description of the festivities on that day.

"...The foundation stone of the Lancefield Mechanics' Institute was laid today by Mr W J Clarke. There were about 500 persons present. The town was gaily decorated and altogether wore a holiday appearance. After being presented with a handsome silver trowel by Mr Carlisle, president of the Institute, Mr Clarke declared the stone well and truly laid. He referred to the educational advantages to be derived from such institutions and thanked the committee for the honour conferred upon him by being invited to perform the ceremony...".

The current Committee have recently affixed a plaque to the building with information on the Institute's beginnings, as part of the Mechanics' Institute Victoria program. Have a look next time you are passing.

## COMING EVENTS

All the regular activities continue through to the end of this year, including Line Dancing on Monday and Wednesday mornings, Patchwork on Thursday mornings, Pilates on



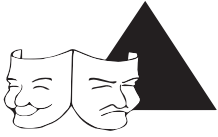
Tuesday mornings and evenings, Old Time Dancing on Tuesdays (Wednesdays on the fourth Wednesday of the month) and our newcomer Elly's Music Playtime (for Toddlers) on Monday mornings, as well as several family celebrations, community events and award nights.

### Coming events in November:

- Monday 13 Landcare AGM
- Friday 18 Rock'n'Roll Dance (Macedon Ranges Rockers)
- Friday 24 Lancefield Old Time Dancers – monthly dance
- Tuesday 21 Gardening Club - Christmas Luncheon
- Friday 24 CWA meeting
- Saturday 25 Little Treasures Market
- Sunday 26 Youth Band Event (Ranges Music Network)
- Tuesday 28 Feed it Forward - Community Lunch

For enquiries regarding events, classes or booking for all or part of the hall complex please contact our Booking Officer at lancefieldhall@gmail.com or mobile 0437 313 564.

Bronwyn Wilson  
Lancefield Mechanics' Institute Committee of Management



THE MOUNT PLAYERS HAPPENINGS

# COME JOIN PETER, WENDY, TINKERBELL AND CAPTAIN HOOK IN NEVERLAND

From November 3 to 26, The Mount Players have joined forces with Boiler House Theatre Co. (Sunbury) to bring Peter Pan a Musical Adventure to the Mountview Theatre. Join Peter (the boy who refuses to grow up), Wendy, Tinkerbell, The Lost Boys and of course the dastardly Captain Hook, in a musical the whole family will enjoy! With a spectacular mix of swashbuckling adventure and an infectious musical score, Peter Pan is guaranteed to bring forth one's inner child and send you reeling "Just Beyond the Stars".

Auditions for our first production in 2024 will be held on November 11 and 12. WILD is written by Mike Bartlett and directed by George Benca, is a darkly comic play that explores the unexpected, bewildering and life-changing consequences of challenging the status quo at a global level. Last week, Andrew was that guy with his girl lunching at KFC discussing their plans for the future. Today he's in Moscow, in an undisclosed hotel room, on the run and at risk of assassination. Last week a nobody, this week, America's most wanted.

This is a three-hander with two males and one female required. To read more about the play, performance dates and obtain a script, contact the director [georgebenca@gmail.com](mailto:georgebenca@gmail.com) Auditions are by appointment only between 10am – 2pm.



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# BAARACK THE SHEEP, FROM HEARTBREAK TO HOPE TO HEAVEN

Baarack, the much loved once woolly mammoth of a sheep has passed away aged around 10 years of age, succumbing to cancer. Found wandering the Cobaw State Forest in 2021, Baarack looked more like a moving cloud than a sheep. Burdened down as he was with some 35kgs of wool, Baarack was delivered to not-for-profit haven for formerly farmed animals, Edgar’s Mission, in Lancefield, Victoria.

“I doubt he would have survived much longer as he could hardly see and barely stand,” reported sanctuary founder Pam Ahern at the time.

Whilst Baarack’s fleece had taken at least six years to reach its outrageously wild and woolly state, his transformational rescue story quickly went viral reaching over 12 million people around the globe.

The sanctuary’s tribute post tells of Baarack’s “soft and gentle” nature, along with the fact he never held fear of humans despite his many years of never being in contact with them. A recent post spoke of his penchant for offering sanctuary staff his endearing toothy grin.

And it would seem that although Baarack managed to squeeze through cracks and escape the fate of most sheep, he was unable to escape those of his genetics. His ever-growing fleece, a result of selective breeding by humans designed for at least annual shearing, along with a great susceptibility of his kind to cancer, reminds us of this.



“Whilst our hearts are indeed heavy today from the passing of our much-loved woolly friend, Baarack’s legacy will long stay with us, reminding us all of just how amazing and forgiving sheep are. And too the incredible power of kindness, for had the kind heart who saved Baarack that day, all those years ago, looked the other way, Baarack would never have been seen. Seen for the soft and gentle animal who he was, and in doing so inspiring us all to be soft and gentle towards his kind,” said Ahern.

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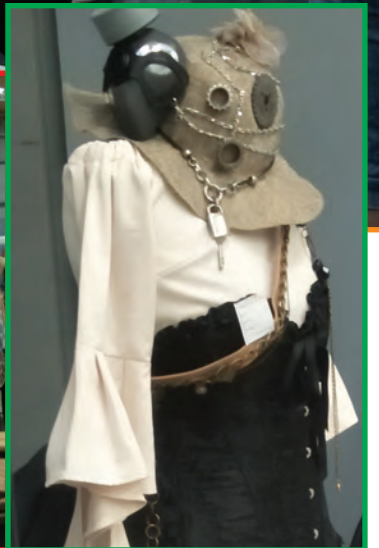
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# POPULATE AND PERISH!?

In the wake of World War 2 “Populate or Perish” was the catch cry used to help the Australian public to accept a higher migrant intake in order to improve our defence. In more recent times the need for a “big Australia” has been embraced by business and our major political parties.

In 1960, we had a population of 10.3 million with a median age of 28.6 and a birth rate of 3.45. By 2023, our population has increased to 26.5 m with a median age of 37.5 and a birth rate that has declined to 1.6, well below replacement. The reality is that with an ageing population, high levels of immigration will continue in order to provide the labour and skills required. However, a big Australia is not without its challenges; unless we are careful, it could be a case of Populate and Perish!

Deep Creek Landcare Group, as part of the council’s community consultation, was invited to meet with Jack Wiltshire (Strategic planner) from the MRSC and to make a submission to the Romsey Structure Plan which is currently in draft form. The plan is being developed to manage growth and development in Romsey to 2050. Over this period it is anticipated in the Macedon Ranges Statement of Planning Policy that the town will grow from around 5000 people, towards the lower end of a large town, which is between 6000 and 10,000.

The envisaged growth represents many challenges for residents and the environment. It is crucial that Romsey retains its rural character, and that development does not replicate many of the mistakes made in the outer suburbs of our cities. Lancefield faces the same challenges.

A warmer, drier climate necessitates that these factors are front and centre when planning the future development of our towns. To retain Lancefield’s character and improve the liveability and walkability of the new estates and to counter the “heat island” effect, a number of provisions need to be included. The inclusion of trees providing shade along roads and footpaths, where possible, the use of lighter coloured roofing, building materials and pavement and appropriate urban design with the inclusion of eaves, double glazing and a limit to large, west-facing windows. The inclusion of a variety of block sizes to meet the demographic profile, with some blocks large enough to have a reasonably sized backyard that could include gardens and trees and importantly, the provision of ample shade along the new residential streets.

Bike paths and walking tracks are important from a transport and recreational point of view, but they too should be shaded and separate from the roads to enable access to children and aged/disabled people, either walking or on scooters. To maintain Lancefield’s character and liveability,



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there is a need for good setbacks of houses off the main roads, ample open space and to improvement of entrances into town by including parks/gardens on both sides of the road.

We have concerns, like many others, regarding the Romsey Recycled Water Treatment Plant's ability to cater for current community needs and into the future. The plant must be upgraded to cater for the population in order to protect Deep Creek, as discharges reduce water quality and damage the environment downstream. We recommended that a significant buffer area around the treatment plant be maintained, and housing should avoid this area. The buffer zone

can enable screening of the plant and the Romsey Employment Precinct, add to the biodiversity of the area and allow a significant wetland to be developed.

Let's ensure that Romsey and Lancefield retain their character and embrace the benefits of growth without becoming suburban outposts of Melbourne.

Deep Creek Landcare Group has nesting boxes for bats, birds and phascogales for sale from \$25. We also have Myna bird traps to lend out. Annual Landcare membership is \$20 per family. You can follow us on Facebook, contact our President, Phil Severs (0476 324 000) or attend our monthly meetings in the Lancefield Mechanics Hall. We would love to see you!



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# JESUS AND THE WOMAN AT THE WELL

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The first boundary He crossed was a geographic one. It is accepted that Jews would go the long way around to avoid going that particular way through Samaria, but Jesus broke the custom of the day. Once he had crossed that geographic boundary and in his interaction with the woman at the well, we see Jesus break through ethnic, religious, gender, moral and social boundaries of the day to radically change this person's life. So much so, that the woman went back to her village and through her testimony, many believed in Jesus (John 4:39). Still more believed in Jesus when they heard from him, seeking him out directly (John 4:41-42).

Jesus has crossed the boundary between heaven and earth (John 6:38), so that the boundary between God and people would be removed. That is why the curtain in the Jewish temple of the day was torn in two when Jesus died (Matthew 27:51) – the curtain representing the boundary between people and God, and that boundary had now been broken through. Jesus' blood shed on the cross is to reconcile and



make peace with all (Colossians 1:19-20).

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# STUDENT ART SHOWCASE

The St Mary's Art Showcase at the end of Term 3 was a wonderful way of celebrating and recognising the artistic efforts of our students. Each child had several pieces of work displayed from Term 1 to Term 3 and proudly shared their pieces with their peers, teachers and families. Prep students completed projects such as ripped paper bears and parable lamps inspired by literature.

They also crafted textile birds and dot painted boomerangs as a result of being immersed in the Australian Indigenous Culture unit. Lastly, they worked on collages and drew pictures using a variety of shapes. Year 1/2 students engaged in personal mixed media collages, as well as a Lent/Easter collaborative collage that represented a LED light cross. They also created paintings which expressed shape and feelings through lines and colour inspired by Jimmy Pike, an Australian indigenous artist. Additionally, they hand sewed pillow friends made with felt and wadding. Year 3/4 students created textile wall art inspired by the works of a textile artist named Sheila Hicks. When exploring indigenous culture students delved into the connection between nature and Indigenous practices, creating bush medicine paintings. Lastly, they added texture to clay and explored block printing.

Year 5/6 students explored the works of a candy artist and sculptor named Peter Anton. Inspired by his works, students created large candy sculptures out of clay, expressed personal stories through indigenous symbols and traditional dot art paintings and experimented with a variety of techniques to create textured art on canvas. A huge thank you to our amazing Art Teacher Mrs Summut for giving the students all these wonderful opportunities through art and for setting up the display to showcase the students work, it was extraordinary! Thank you to the families who attended to support the students and the students themselves for their creative art pieces.

## DANIHER'S DRIVE - FIGHTMND

On Thursday October 12, we were lucky enough to have Daniher's Drive stop off at St Mary's as part of their FightMND tour. Daniher's Drive is one of FightMND's marquee fundraisers.

All funds raised during this unique event are committed to world's best practice research, including clinical trials and drug development projects. When they stopped at the school we experienced the amazing fundraising drive participants, classic cars, sporting legends and the Daniher's Drive team.

What a fabulous experience this event was for all of us. As part of the Drive visit, a team of St Mary's students and staff (our Principal Julie McDougall and 3/4 Teacher Colleen Breust - sister to Neale) participated in an Ice Bucket Relay against a team from Daniher's Drive.

The Drive team included two of the Daniher brothers, Chris and Anthony as well as other ex AFL players David Nietz, Guy Rigoni and Ben Holland. What a hilarious spectacle. The Drive team weren't taking themselves too seriously, but our students were out to win. There was certainly a roar from the student body when Mrs McDougall got iced! Such great fun and so many laughs.

We appreciate all participants for volunteering to get a bucket of iced water tipped over them on what was a fairly cold day. A huge thank you to all from Daniher's Drive for stopping off at our little school to give us all such a wonderful experience and to our school community for helping us to raise \$342 to help FightMND.

We hope the rest of Daniher's Drive was a big success for the wonderful team and crew, they've certainly left a lasting impression on all of us at St Mary's!



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## ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL LANCEFIELD

### SHC JUNIOR CHEF 2023

Once again, our Year 4 students have been lucky enough to be able to apply for Sacred Heart College Kyneton's Junior Chef competition for 2023. Teams of four Year 4 students from the six feeder schools to Sacred Heart are invited to participate. Our students had to apply for a position with our team made up of Charlotte Collins, Lara Farrugia, Ellie Smith and Anna Newnham. Round One of Junior Chef was to make Pancakes with a Berry Sauce. We were very lucky to have parent assistance (thank you Ash Collins!) to practice making the pancakes and berry sauce. Ash not only helped them to make the dish but talked to them about presentation, hygiene and keeping their work space clean and tidy. The girls thoroughly enjoyed this practice session and it set them up well for Round One which took place at Sacred Heart on Tuesday October 10. All 6 teams were present, each with their own work station. Everything the teams required was there for them along with Hospitality students to assist should the teams have any questions or need assistance. The teams had 45 minutes to make their pancakes with berry sauce and dish them up for the judges. Charlotte and Anna made the pancakes while Ellie and Lara worked on the sauce and plating up the dish. Some feedback they received was:

Criteria on Final Product: Cooking Pancakes with a berry sauce - Judges feedback on the final product: Well done! I'd happily chow down on these pancakes at a Café'. Great effort! Recommendation: a bit more drizzle.



Criteria: Organisation skills - Judges feedback on the team's organisational skills: Very calm team. Worked well together. Good attention to detail when plating up the pancakes.

Round Two takes place in a couple of weeks' time where they will have to make pasta with a Napoletana sauce. When they arrive for Round Two, they will find out their scores from Round One and at the conclusion of Round Two the winners will be announced. We wish the girls the very best of luck and look forward to seeing how they go.

### STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

During the September school holidays the Youth Services Division of the Macedon Ranges Shire Council ran an Art

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Competition as part of their Youth Fest Program. The Art Competition was for 12–25-year-olds. The brief for the artwork was to promote positive mental wellbeing. All artworks entered were displayed at the Youth Fest Open Mic Night, where attendees voted for their favourite art piece. One of our Year 6 students, 12-year-old Molly Cusack entered the competition and was very excited when her piece 'Embrace the Colours' won the competition! We are very proud of Molly and congratulate her on a wonderful and creative piece of artwork.

### PLAYGROUP @ ST MARY'S

Do you have pre-schoolers? We'd like to invite all within our Lancefield and Romsey communities who have children under the age of 5 to join us for Playgroup @ St Mary's. This is a free session run by parents, for parents. A chance to meet new people, socialise with your child and have a lot of fun. It's free and there's no obligation. For Term Four, we will be running Playgroup every Thursday morning from 8.30am - 10am in St Mary's School Hall. Our final playgroup for the term will be on Thursday November 30 with a special Christmas theme, party games and face painting. If you'd like to meet new people and have some fun with your little ones, please join us for Playgroup @ St Mary's! We hope to see you soon!

Jo Shannon (Community Liaison Leader)



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President: Angela Turner, Secretary: Maybelle Briggs, Treasurer: Sandra Stevens, lancefieldcwa@gmail.com

# WELL UNDER WAY

By the time that you read this article Term Four will be well under way. We wish all the year six students a very positive and happy final term at primary school. CWA hopes that Year Seven orientation day will bring excitement that will be ahead for their chosen Secondary School. Best wishes to the Year 12 students who also will be sitting for their VCE.

Our Branch AGM was held at the end of October. All office bearers presented very pleasing reports.

Did you attend the Lancefield Show last month? There was a great atmosphere and lots of smiling faces from the littlies. Congratulations to the Lancefield Agricultural Society on a most successful effort.

On Saturday November 24 we will be holding a stall at the Lancefield Farmer's Market.

This will give you an opportunity to purchase some treats for Christmas giving, as well as some CWA merchandise, such as cookery books and tea towels.

Until next time.  
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There is no better reason to celebrate spring than by throwing a dinner party with a menu that suitably showcases darling spring fruits and vegetables to tickle your guests' fancies. Braised artichokes should accompany the main fare of spring lamb, whilst the swan song of cumquat bavarois to bequeath its own delirious monologue of deliciousness would be the only appropriate conclusion.

Artichoke lovers can thank Zeus for the creation of this unusual vegetable. Ancient Greeks believed that as punishment for deceiving him, Zeus transformed his beautiful lover Cynara into this prickly plant. High in fibre, vitamin K and folate, artichokes are also a grand source of magnesium and vitamin C. Traditionally, artichokes have been used as a remedy for indigestion and upset stomach. With only 60 calories per medium

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Monthly Parish Community Lunches are held on the second Saturday of the month at Christ Church Hall, Lancefield. Next lunch will be on Saturday November 11 at 12 noon. The day is free to all and everyone is very welcome to join us for good, homemade food and a great time, meet new people and chat with old friends.

## OP SHOP

St Paul's OpShop is open Fridays 12:30pm-4.30pm and Saturdays 10am-1pm.

The Op Shop is on the Parish Web site for viewing of the week's specials. Christmas items and some interesting gift ideas for your perusal. Your donations of clothing, bric-a-brac, craft items, books and good quality working toys can be left during open hours. These items are much appreciated, but donations left outside of the shop hours can result in weather damage. Unfortunately, as a result, those items need to be sent to the tip. Please note that owing to regulations we cannot accept electrical goods, prams, baby cots, furniture or mattresses. Your ongoing support and donations are much valued.

# PICKLEBALL HAS COME TO ROMSEY!

Tuesday mornings 10.30 until 12.30 at the Recreation Center. Call Trevor 0468 356 650 for details. Wikipedia will tell you that Pickleball is a racket or paddle sport in which two (singles) or four (doubles) players hit a perforated, hollow plastic ball with paddles over a 34-inch-high (0.86 m) net until

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Cost is \$50 and includes a 2-course lunch and a drink.

The bus departs from Romsey at 8:30am out the front of the Mechanics Institute and then picks up from Lancefield at 9am.

On Tuesday December 5 we will be heading to Highlands Hotel for our Christmas break-up. The cost will be \$50.

We meet every Monday at the rear of the Romsey Mechanics Institute for lunch for \$10 – everyone is more than welcome. Come along and join us for a chat or a game of cards.

For further information please contact Helen on 0409 064 303 or Jan on 0408 371 755.

Hope to see you soon.

# NATIONAL RECYCLING WEEK

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- Make lunch from leftovers
- Freeze fruit for smoothies.

## TIPS TO REDUCE YOUR PACKAGING WASTE:

- Remember your shopping bags, water bottle, and coffee cup when you leave the house
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**EMRBATA**

# DRAFT ROMSEY STRUCTURE PLAN

Following establishment of a working group and consultation with its members, EMRBATA drafted a submission to Macedon Ranges Shire Council in response to the Draft Romsey Structure Plan. Its focus areas were determined by EMRBATA's Vision, Mission and Statement of Purpose (<https://easternmacedonranges.au/emrbata>).

EMRBATA also met with Council's Strategic Planning unit and Plan2Place (which drafted the Plan) to provide extra background ahead of the submission's preparation.

EMRBATA looks forward to being a part of the ongoing evolution of the Romsey Structure Plan with, hopefully, an eventual final outcome that will provide a positive roadmap for Romsey's future.

Have you been to one of our After Work Catch-Ups yet? These are informal opportunities to connect with other businesses in our small community creating a sense of cooperation and mutual support.

Join us for the pre-Xmas After Work Catch Up on Friday November 24 at The Lost Watering Hole from

5.30pm.

Go to [contact@easternmacedonranges.au](mailto:contact@easternmacedonranges.au) to RSVP by November 17.

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE INVOLVED?

EMRBATA is seeking expressions of interest from business community members for the following EMRBATA roles in 2024 which do not necessitate being on the EMRBATA committee:

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If you would like more information, please contact - Jenny Stillman ([jennystillman@optusnet.com.au](mailto:jennystillman@optusnet.com.au), ph. 0411 700464)

The EMRBATA AGM will be held on Tuesday November 21 commencing at 7pm in the Romsey Community Hub, 96 Main Street Romsey. Members and guests welcome

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Baptisms are held at 2:30pm on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Please contact the office for the next available date.

Bookings are now open for parish children to register for reconciliation (available to Year 3 and above), Holy

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The Romsey Lancefield Rotary Club, together with Romsey Men's Shed in collaboration with Eastern Macedon Ranges Business and Tourism Association, invites all local businesses, organisations, community groups and new businesses to participate in this year's Main Street Christmas tree display. Coordination of this event is now the responsibility of the Romsey Lancefield Rotary Club with generous support from the Romsey Men's Shed.

This event continues to be a highlight for the town bringing our community together in celebration of Christmas. We are looking forward to another successful Christmas tree display in the Main Street of Romsey. It is also a wonderful opportunity for those participating to highlight their business, organisation, and/or community group.

For anyone interested in decorating a Christmas tree, we

welcome your participation in this event. Please contact the Christmas Tree Rotary Club Sub-Committee.

Let's make 2023 our most colourful and creative display of Christmas Trees in the Main Street of Romsey. Please contact the Christmas Tree Rotary Club Sub-Committee [christmasinromsey@gmail.com](mailto:christmasinromsey@gmail.com) for further enquires.

The Romsey Lancefield Rotary Club Inc. meets every fortnight on Thursdays (7 pm – 9 pm) at Soltan Pepper Restaurant. Community members interested in becoming Rotarians are very welcome to join us. Contact our Club Secretary - Anne Collins [anne.collins@outlook.com.au](mailto:anne.collins@outlook.com.au) for further information.

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to trade in 'Favours' for our time, skills and items, things you can Offer, and use the 'Favours' you collect to get the things you Need. To explain it all and help get people started we are holding an Offers and Needs workshop and market on Saturday 11 of November and Sunday 12 November. Workshops are being held in Woodend and Castlemaine and we can help with transport.

For more information about these events or to make a booking (essential) phone the Neighbourhood House on 5429 1214, visit the lancefield.org.au website and see the link on the News page.

## UPDATE ON RATES CHARGES

During a recent review of Council's rates income for the year, an error was discovered in the calculation of Council's rates and charges.

The error meant that the amount of the municipal charge applied was too great, and a credit of \$23 for each rateable property was required to correct the error.

To make this adjustment, Council adopted a revised Budget 2023/24 on 28 September 2023 correcting the

declared municipal charge.

The revised Budget 2023/24 included the updated municipal charge of \$189 per rateable property for 2023, down from \$212 (the difference of \$23.)

You don't need to take any action to receive the credit on your rates account; the credit has already been processed and was applied to all rateable properties on Thursday 29 September 2023.

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# JOHN MARSDEN GUEST SPEAKER

The Romsey/Lancefield Probus Club is for active retirees or semi-retired people to meet, relax and enjoy the welcoming company of those at the same stage of life. There is a regular monthly meeting with guest speakers, morning tea and time to socialise with the other members. Each month there is a regular outing for lunch held at different venues around the region as well as short and longer trips throughout the year. There is a coffee morning at 10am every Friday at the Lancefield Corner Store where members meet for a chat and a bit of fun.

The club enjoyed a sausage sizzle at the Echo Therapy Park in Romsey where Jenny Stillman spoke to our group pointing out all the attractions and various craftspeople who contributed to the excellent facilities there. As this article is being published 21 club members and friends will be returning from a wonderful trip to Western Australia.

In November the club is being addressed by John Marsden, Australian author and Principal of Candlebark School in the Macedon Ranges. He will be talking about his role as principal and founder of the school, and also discussing the writing of the book series and movie 'Tomorrow When the War Began'.

The next meeting of the Romsey/Lancefield Probus Club will be on Thursday November 23 at 10am in St. Mary's

Catholic Church Hall Main Street Romsey.

We are a friendly, welcoming group from diverse backgrounds with a variety of interests and we'd love to meet you! Feel free to attend a meeting as a visitor.

President: Noreen 0401 579 180 Secretary: Betty 0409359048 [www.rlprobus.org.au](http://www.rlprobus.org.au)

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# Budburst

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Saturday 18 & Sunday

19 November

10:00am-5:00pm

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[budburst.com](http://budburst.com)



## ART, WINE AND TRUFFLES



Since the last time we met, Sharon Pappas has been busy, and has had a change of direction in her art practice. As she is about to have an exhibition over the last weekend in November (24, 25, 26) at Double Oaks Estate Winery, we thought we'd have a chat about what's happened lately.

Sharon was working in pastels until recently; she has switched to oils, the medium in which her grandfather worked, and taught her as a child, and she has been very productive, with her exhibition focussing on her connection to nature. This has evolved since her return to living in the country. Born in Queensland, then living in Melbourne, but now in the unique landscape of the Macedon Ranges, Sharon has been inspired to make work that depicts a female form appearing to manifest from the trees or water or rocks in the landscape she is depicting. She often starts with a quote as inspiration for a particular piece.

Kristy and Travis Chehab from Double Oaks Estate Winery are great fans of Sharon's art, and began as patrons, then selling her artworks to their own patrons at the Double Oaks cellar door. They've been at the vineyard since 2016, and as they've upgraded it and brought their own personalities to the business, the idea of displaying art followed – what better than to share their enthusiasm for Sharon's works?

Their seven acres of vines are currently growing chardonnay, pinot noir and cabernet sauvignon, and they have Riesling and Shiraz made with grapes purchased in from the Bendigo region; newly planted, the less well-known (to me) gruner veltliner (first vintage 2023) and saperavi, a Georgian red, whose name means “ink”, so you get the sense of how dark it is in the glass (first vintage 2024) - have been expanded to include five acres of truffles.

All I knew about truffles was: French and Italian, pigs or dogs snuffling around to find them and...expensive. Now was

my time to pump Travis for more detailed info. They have French winter black truffles maturing under in the roots of oak trees where the truffle development helps the trees with nutrients. Next year will be the first harvest. Kristy and Travis are hoping for 10 kg by the first year, and 200kg by the ten-year mark. In 2024 the Truffle Hunt will be on, for up to ten weeks, starting officially on June 15, and open to all to come and help Perri the beagle cross, and maybe a second truffle-sniffing dog (they are thinking of a field spaniel called a Lagotto, also known for its fine nose) to find and collect them. As with wine, the nose is all-important!

Truffles only last a week to ten days before they must be conserved (vacuum packed), so immediacy is key. Travis and Kristy intend to offer truffle oil, butter, honey and maybe down the track, ravioli. The ideal is to harvest 200kg/year, so some will be sold to local restaurants, included in their products and possibly also exported.

Sharon's exhibition opens at the Double Oaks cellar door, Ashworths Road, Lancefield, on Friday night November 24, from 6pm till 9pm, and runs until Sunday that weekend. Entry is free, so come along and enjoy some of the estate's wines, snacks and lovely nature-focussed artworks. The QCode is included here to assist catering with an idea of how many people to expect on the opening night, so do register your interest in helping to launch Sharon's latest collection of works in this lovely setting.



Tickets – [trybooking.com/CLMIP](https://trybooking.com/CLMIP)  
[www.sharonpappasartist@wordpress.com](mailto:www.sharonpappasartist@wordpress.com)

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