

# Lancefield Mercury

## NEW KINDER ON THE HORIZON



Early site works are set to begin this month to prepare for construction of a new Kindergarten and Maternal and Child Health centre in Lancefield. A planning permit has now been approved for the project at 76A High Street, with the modern three-room facility to be complemented by accessible and secure entries as well as a dedicated rear playground area. Early works will include the installation of temporary fencing, site clearing and levelling works, and installing building footings and stumps. This will then pave the way for installation of the modular buildings transported to site, building fit-outs, landscaping and all other required works.

Council's Director Community Maria Weiss said the priority project for Council was expected to be operational by mid-2024. "This project will provide many benefits for the community including increased kinder places for local children, local Maternal and Child Health services, and space for community-based and supported playgroups," she said. "We're grateful to many groups for collaborating with us to make this a reality including the Lancefield Park Recreation Reserve's Committee of Management, the neighbouring Men's Shed and the Lancefield Playgroup committee."

"We look forward to seeing the project take shape and will continue to work closely with these key stakeholders

and others – including contractors, the neighbouring primary school, residents and current kinder families – to enable a smooth build and transition once the new centre opens."

Key features of the current site will be protected and retained, including heritage gate pillars at the entrance and the mature trees bordering the west and south of the site. The off-site construction of the modular buildings means a more efficient and less disruptive build. The project has received \$3 million in funding through the Victorian Government's Building Blocks Capacity Building Grants stream and will be delivered by the Victorian School Building Authority. Council has allocated a further \$144,000 to ensure the new centre is fully furnished and has improved environmental and sustainable design elements.

Visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/lancefieldkinder](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/lancefieldkinder) or [www.schoolbuildings.vic.gov.au/lancefield-kindergarten](http://www.schoolbuildings.vic.gov.au/lancefield-kindergarten) for more information, including project updates.

Bill West'





LANCEFIELD BOWLING CLUB

# OUR NEWEST CHAMPIONS



Pictured are Lancefield Bowling Club's newest singles champions, Peter White and Ann Shipcott.

White moved to live in Lancefield three years ago after an illustrious bowls career spanning nearly 40 years at Sunbury and Gisborne. A former Champion of Champions

when playing at Gisborne, he won his first Lancefield championship 25-22 against the much-improved Dan Hollywood.

Ann Shipcott made it successive wins in the women's final by defeating Greta James.

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## GRAEME DAVISON TALK

# MY GRAND FATHER'S CLOCK

The Romsey & Lancefield Districts Historical Society is starting off the year's events with not a bang but a chime! Renowned historian, Emeritus Professor Graeme Davison is coming to the Lancefield Mechanics' Institute on February 10 to talk about his latest publication: *My Grand Father's Clock* – four centuries of a British-Australian family.

When the 200-year-old grandfather clock in his great-aunt's bequest finally came to live in Graeme's house it started him on a journey deep into his father's family's past. From the Scottish Borders to Carlisle to Birmingham to Edwardian Australia; from the Great War to his own suburban childhood. Graeme's inheritance started him on a contemplation of time and how we think about it, and he wrote the book having already explored his mother's family history in a previous book, *Lost Relations*.

Graeme's interest in history began in childhood, way before the clock was bequeathed to him. His grandfather was a printer, and a Methodist preacher, whose interest in books was both professional and artistic; his father was a tradesman with an ear for stories, and the tales suggested by historical artefacts like books and family treasures. It is a paradox most of us would recognise that the death of parents is often what spurs us to explore previous generations of our families – just when our access to memories which may enlighten us with facts and details has been lost to us.

Time regimes shape our lives, says

Graeme, who is, ironically, "notoriously unpunctual"; he endured more than one school detention for lateness, which made no difference after he left school and continued his tardy way into adult life. So much for watches and the regime of time!

Time and the clock are the unifying motifs tying this story together. This current book looks at how we are formed by previous generations, and it encourages us to reflect on the people and events, small and large, that affect our lives. The clock itself was made in Annan on the Scottish border with England around the beginning of the nineteenth century. An horologist has described it as "a good middle-class clock".

Graeme's uncle reported that when he was in the UK in 1929 for a Boy Scout Jamboree, their great grandfather said, when the clock whirred and struck: "Listen – our ancestors."

This fascinating talk takes place on February 10, with doors opening at 1.30pm, and the talk beginning at 2pm in the Annex of the Lancefield Mechanics' Institute, High Street, Lancefield.

Cost is \$35 which includes country style refreshments, including tea and coffee, local wines and beers. Graeme's book will be on sale for the special price of \$40 on the day; usually \$50 in bookshops or online.

Beth Child

Enquiries: Fay Woodhouse – 0427 042 753

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# LETTER FROM ROCHESTER

“Dear (Mercury committee)

I must apologise being so remiss in writing to you. The time seems to fly but also, I have had my mind on so many other things like getting the house back in order etc and the trades people are under the pump as well. Rochester seems such a wounded place at the moment, and no one seems to have the answer how to get out of the situation any time soon. Latest figures I heard there is 24 houses still to be demolished. I want to thank you so much for all the time and effort you all did enabling me to be able to keep Ken up to date with what was going on in Lancefield. He looked forward to it very much. Please accept the \$20 enclosed. I feel there is no need for you to continue sending them as Ken was the main reason; they were so looked forward to by him. I wonder how people who have no faith can carry on after losing a loved one as it would make the loss so much greater. I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and I look forward to going back into my house.

Once again thank you for all you have done and may God bless you all. love Gwen xx”

Gwen, who grew up in Lancefield, has been receiving a printed copy of the Mercury for many years, mainly to read to her husband Ken who also had a connection to our town. This letter was written before the new floods hit Rochester.

## JOIN THE HEART SONGS COMMUNITY CHOIR PROJECT

If you are keen to be part of a creative community collaboration where you can sing your heart out and meet others in the community, the Heart Songs Community Choir Project is for you.

Lucy Wise and the Heart Songs Community Choir Project will see a brand-new choir comprised of community members from the Macedon Ranges learn and perform a number of Lucy’s songs with her band, over a 10-week period under the direction of local choir leader Andrew Price.

Expect a warm, supportive and fun singing environment. A free singing workshop and sign-on day will be held at Kyneton Town Hall on Saturday 20 April from 10:30am-12:30pm.

Visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/get-involved](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/get-involved) or call Andrea on 5422 0333 for more information.

### 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](mailto:editor3435@gmail.com) – enquiries Andy Moore 0430 448 120

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Check [lancefieldmercury.org.au](http://lancefieldmercury.org.au) for general information about advertising and how to contribute articles, as well to see digital back copies.



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The Lancefield Mercury acknowledges the people of the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung as the Traditional Custodians of the Country that includes Lancefield and Wil-im-ee Moor-ring. We pay our respects to Elders past and present, and extend that respect to all people of the First Nations. We recognise their continuing connection to the land and waters, and thank them for protecting this country since time immemorial.



# LANCEFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

## January to March 2024

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### FEED IT FORWARD

#### Community Lunch Dates

Now fourth Wednesday of the month

Wed 28 February at Romsey Neighbourhood House

Wed 27 March at Lancefield Mechanics Institute

### LANCEFIELD FARMERS MARKET

Saturday 24 February

Saturday 23 March

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

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Heide Art Gallery- 9 Feb  
Dalysford - 22 Feb

Werribee Park Mansion & Gardens - 8 March

OP Shop Crawl - 21 March

The Lume show - 10 April

Werribee Zoo - 6 April

For more information call the House or visit [communitydriven.org.au](http://communitydriven.org.au)





**HALL HAPPENINGS**  
Lancefield Mechanics' Institute

# A BUMPER YEAR AHEAD

This year looks to be a bumper year at the hall with many bookings and coming events. Several events happened in January including Jason Trigg's Puppet Show, There's a Dinosaur in my Garden Shed, which was a delight for children.

As you read this article, all the regular activities and groups will have started up for an exciting and fun-filled year including Line Dancing on Monday and Wednesday mornings, Pilates on Tuesday mornings and evenings, Old time dancing on Wednesdays (on the fourth Wednesday of the month) and Elly's Playtime Music (for toddlers) on Monday mornings. The Patchwork group restarts from Feb 1 on Thursday mornings at 10am.

With the closure of Wu Lin Retreat at the end of 2023 we are lucky to have James and Shou Mei continue their great work in the Lancefield Mechanics' Institute – with Karate lessons/training on Tuesday and Thursday

evenings at 6:30pm. Tai Chi lessons/training will also be held on Saturday mornings.

## FEBRUARY EVENTS

The CoM will hold a Working Bee on Friday February 2 from 9am. If you would like to help us out in some way, please call John Severson on 0437 313 564.

- Saturday 10 Historical Society presentation
- Sunday 11 Witches of Macedon Fair
- Monday 12 Landcare meeting
- Sunday 18 Birthday celebration
- Friday 23 CWA meeting, Lancefield Old Time Dancers – monthly dance
- Saturday 24 Little Treasures Market, Macedon Rangers Rockers – Dance



Mon	6.00am - 5.30pm
Tues	6.00am - 5.30pm
Wed	6.00am - 5.30pm
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LANCEFIELD PARK

# FRIENDS OF LANCEFIELD PARK

This group is a way for our community to come together to learn more about our beautiful Lancefield Park. Our park has a long, proud history and is managed and maintained solely by dedicated volunteers. Our Friends of Lancefield Park events will be a mixture of mini working bees, information sessions and casual community catch ups. Everyone is invited to join us to learn a little more about our Park, share ideas for potential improvements and do a little work. All skill levels are welcome, tasks will vary from picking up fallen

branches to tidying up tree suckers and trimming trees.

Come to the park on Thursday 8 February between 5pm and 7pm (playground BBQ undercover area) and join us for half an hour or whatever suits. Bring a hat, gloves, gardening/work wear, sturdy non-slip shoes with socks, drink bottle, your favorite gardening tools, lots of energy and new ideas.

Contact: [Lancefieldpark@hotmail.com](mailto:Lancefieldpark@hotmail.com) or call Kathryn Lewis 04761114811.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Lancefield Park Recreation Reserves - Committee of Management currently has two vacancies and is calling for nominees to be appointed to the Committee. Potential nominees are invited to contact the Committee of Management by email: [lancefieldpark@hotmail.com](mailto:lancefieldpark@hotmail.com) or call the Chairperson (Kathryn Lewis 04761114811) or Secretary

(Bill Balcam 0411 195 501) for further information:

Nominations close on February 16 and will be discussed at our next meeting on February 19.

Information about Crown Land Committees of Management is available online at:

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Sponsored by Macedon Ranges Shire Council and Festivals Australia community halls across the Shire will feature live music as part of the Autumn Festival which runs throughout April. This means that every Friday or Saturday during the month of April there will be live music performances at one of the Community Halls across the Shire.

The first event of this program will be in Lancefield on Friday 5 April. Come and join us for Live & Local at the Lancefield Mechanics' Institute and enjoy performances by Jarrod Shaw and The Whiskey Rogues - bring your dancing shoes for a great family friendly evening - music starts at 6.30pm. Food and drink available on-site from 6.00 pm.

Please note: That this is a not a BYO drinks event.

Tickets are \$15 per person (under 15 are free). To buy tickets go to the MRSC website Live and Local Community Halls page.

## JARROD SHAW

Jarrod possesses a passion and appreciation for blues music that becomes obvious from the first note. He delivers a soulful, blues-inspired show, performed with conviction.

Jarrod was born and raised in Lancefield, down the dirt

roads of the Macedon Ranges. He taught himself to play guitar listening to the renowned blues greats, as well as the icons of the Australian and local Melbourne blues scene. Performing countless solo gigs has aided Jarrod in developing a musical style of his own. He blends his unique guitar approach, lying somewhere between Piedmont fingerstyle and the blues of the Delta, with a powerful voice often described as belying his years.

The Whiskey Rogues are a 3-piece pop and rock band, specialising in 70s, 80s and 90s music and beyond. Their vast experience in the music industry allows them to produce a polished, fun and very danceable show full of those 'left of centre' hit songs that you haven't heard in years. All skilled musicians, they pride themselves on their sound quality, arrangements and smooth three-part harmonies. They love the interaction and energy of playing live, and love playing parties, events and community function for people who love music as much as they do.

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

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# NEW FOR THE FARMERS' MARKET

This year is continuing to look good for our ever-diversifying Lancefield & District Farmers' Market with a full spread of local and regional producers booked to attend Saturday February 24 along the High Street from 9am to 1pm. Twenty years on from its inception the market continues to offer locals the best opportunity to buy direct from farmers and food producers in the local district (and beyond).

We are pleased to announce that this year two super local farming families will be joining the fold at Lancefield. Macedon Ranges Lamb is produced in Sidonia by John Stewart and his family. The farm has been in John's family for six generations and is now also a regenerative farming enterprise, committed to leaving the land in an improved state with a farming model that sequesters carbon, builds topsoil & creates conditions for healthy animals that are naturally more robust and healthy. Macedon Ranges Lamb has been available from online orders, with hampers of various meat cuts being sold prior to Christmas through the farm's online store. John is looking forward to trading at Lancefield.

Larder Mouse Farm is 130 acres located on Bryce's Lane, Newham and are producers of British White cattle, one of the oldest breeds of cattle native to the United Kingdom. Farmers Barnaby and Lucy Olson are also both from the UK. British White cattle are considered a rare breed, they are actually on the critical list of breeds with the Rare Breeds Trust of Australia. They are a resilient and hardy breed and also highly productive.

'LMF' will be supplying market-goers with individual beef cuts, sausages, mince and burgers, all vacuum sealed and labelled along with value boxes to give customers options when they commence at the market later in the year. The farm launched its farm gate shop in November last year and while this has been a great development for their farm plans, farmer Lucy Webb-Wilson said, "We would also like to give customers the option to pre-order online and collect from our stall at the market which would give them a chance to browse the market and purchase from other stall holders." Till they start trading at the market you can go online ([www.lardermousefarm.com.au](http://www.lardermousefarm.com.au)) to make an order to pick-up direct from their farm.

The Lancefield & District Farmers' Market is an initiative of the Lancefield Neighbourhood House and aims to connect local and regional food producers with the local community and build on farming and food production enterprises across the region. By shopping at the farmers' market you are supporting local families, creating new opportunities for trade and employment and keeping the funds flowing through our region.

We thank you for your ongoing support of the producers in attendance at the Lancefield & District Farmers' Market. For regular market updates follow our Facebook page, Lancefield & District Farmers' Market.

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On Easter Saturday March 30, St Paul's is holding its second annual Easter Fun Day. Lots of fun activities for the children and lunch will be served. The day is free to everyone, and everyone is invited and most welcome to come and join in the day's activities.

St Paul's Romsey, 77 Main Road Romsey at 12pm.

**PRAYER MEETING :**

Church Hall Lancefield Thursday 10:30am - Bible Study : Christ Church Lancefield Hall Thursday 10:30am. Enjoy a cuppa while spending time pondering the Bible.

Monthly Parish Community Lunches are held the second Saturday of the month at Christ Church Hall, Lancefield. Next Lunch will be on Saturday 9 March at 12 noon. The day is free to all and everyone is very welcome to join us with good homemade food and a great time to meet new people and chat with old friends.

St Paul's Op Shop is now open again, with lots of new interesting items. Hours are Friday 12:30-4:30 and Saturday 10-1pm. The Op Shop is on the Parish website for viewing of the week's specials.

The Op Shop will be closed for Good Friday 29 March and Saturday 1 April.

# YOUNG AGENTS OF CHANGEZZZ

Young People as Agents of Change is a collaborative effort in the Macedon Ranges, working with young individuals and partners like Council and the Centre Against Sexual Assault Central Victoria (CASACV). The goal is to organise inclusive workshops for 12-17-year-olds on healthy relationships, boundaries, and consent laws to combat sexual violence. Surveys in 2021 indicated that about 70 per cent of young people in the Macedon Ranges wanted more information on these topics. We're on the lookout for community groups to host these workshops from March to July 2024, to make our community safer. Community groups can participate in a 90-minute training on supporting youth in healthy relationships, led by experts from CASACV. Simultaneously, young people aged 12-17 will have a 90-minute workshop on healthy relationships, new consent laws, and staying safe, guided by youth Peer Educators with support from CASACV staff. These workshops were crafted by a team of 14 local young people, with assistance from various experts and organisations.

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# ENVIRONMENT EVENTS

## FINANCIAL REWARDS FOR CONSERVATION

Council already offers a partial rate rebate for landholders who have placed a Trust for Nature Conservation Covenant on their land. And now, since 1 January 2024, land protected with a covenant through Trust for Nature is exempt from land tax in Victoria. These changes may benefit landholders who are currently paying land tax on a covenanted property, or for those who are exploring the possibility of covenanting land that is not their primary residence. Visit [trustfornature.org.au](http://trustfornature.org.au) for information.

## NATURE STEWARDS PROGRAM

16 March to 25 May 2024 Daylesford, Beveridge and Woodend. Venues rotate during the program. Learn more about your local environment and hear from experts spanning Traditional Owners, Council, CSIRO, volunteering and industry. Known as the 'NW Hub', Macedon Ranges are partnering with neighbouring shires Hepburn and Mitchell. Residents of participating shires: \$175 / \$45 concession. Visit [vnpa.org.au/nature-stewards](http://vnpa.org.au/nature-stewards) to find out more.

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We also have several exciting events coming up including:

- Grazing and farming discussion group – Newham 9 February
- Local farmers on small properties – webinar 13 February
- It's rabbit season – Kerrie 17 February; and Romsey 18 February
- Reducing the wildlife road toll community forum – Newham, 23 February
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# A NEW YEAR AWAITS

Welcome to the year 2024. By the time that you read this, all of the Christmas festivities will be well and truly behind us. We trust that your time with family and friends was happy and peaceful. The 2024 school year has begun, and we wish our primary, secondary and tertiary students all the very best.

We awarded the two annual CWA scholarships to Year Six pupils at the end of the previous school year. We congratulate Mali Mezzatesta from St.Mary's and Maddison Boyd from Lancefield Primary School on receiving them.

The CWA of Victoria are very proud of our continuing our role as advocates for women, children and families in this state. Recently we made a submission to the Senate Inquiry into bank closures in regional Australia. There are no more public hearings scheduled, and the inquiry has until May 2024 to deliver its findings.

The CWA will continue to advocate for those most affected by bank branch closures including rural, regional and metropolitan communities, the elderly, those without access to technology and the vulnerable and disadvantaged in our communities,

Check our website at <https://cwaofvic.org.au/> to see our submission.

Our branch meets on the fourth Friday of each month

in the annex of the Mechanics Institute at 10am. We would be delighted if you would like to join us.

## RECIPE

Here is a recipe to bring in the New Year:

### Shortbread

Ingredients:

- 250g butter
- 125 g castor sugar
- 250 g plain flour
- 125g of rice flour
- A pinch of salt

### Method

Beat butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Sift together plain flour, rice flour and salt. Gradually work into butter mixture. Knead lightly and then press into two well-greased baking tins. Prick all over with a fork, flute the edges or mark with a fork. Lightly mark into wedges with a tip of a knife. Bake in a moderate oven for 25 to 30 minutes or until lightly brown.

Enjoy!

Maybelle

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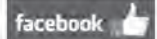
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We would like to take this opportunity to express heartfelt appreciation to our family, friends, neighbours and students in Lancefield for their support, friendship and kindness for the past 23 years.

In that time we have never had a bad experience, one

cross word with anyone, and I think that says a lot for the community of Lancefield.

We will miss living here and it has been a very hard decision to move, but the constant maintenance of a large property is becoming a burden.

Our Martial Art classes will continue on at the Lancefield Mechanics Hall as usual in addition to Romsey and Kyneton. Much love and warmth, Shou Mei and James Sumarac.









THE MOUNT PLAYERS HAPPENINGS

# A 'WILD' START TO 2024 FOR THE MOUNT PLAYERS

Another year kicks off at the Mountview Theatre with 'Wild' by Mike Bartlett.

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 in KFC, making plans for the future. Today he's in Moscow in an undisclosed hotel room, on the run and at risk of assassination.

One day an ordinary guy, the next one of America's most wanted! The play is loosely based on the story of Edward Snowden who leaked highly classified information when he was an employee of the National Security Agency.

It's a riveting story with an ending you won't see coming. The season runs from Friday 23 February – Sunday 10 March.

Tickets via [themountplayers.com](http://themountplayers.com) or call 5426 1892.

## AUDITIONS

For our second production in May will be held on Sunday 18 February at 2pm. 'Looped' is a comedy by Matthew Lombardo. During the Summer of 1965, celebrated actress Tallulah Bankhead entered a LA recording studio to re-record (or "loop") just one line of dialogue from her final film Die, Die My Darling. The looping should have taken about 8 minutes; Lombardo expands this event into a guesstimation as to what may have happened in that room on that day.

One female and two males are required. Go to [www.themountplayers.com](http://www.themountplayers.com) for full details. Bookings at [peter.newling@gmail.com](mailto:peter.newling@gmail.com) - by appointment only with director, Peter Newling.

Looking forward to a great year in 2024! See you at the theatre.

By Karen Hunt

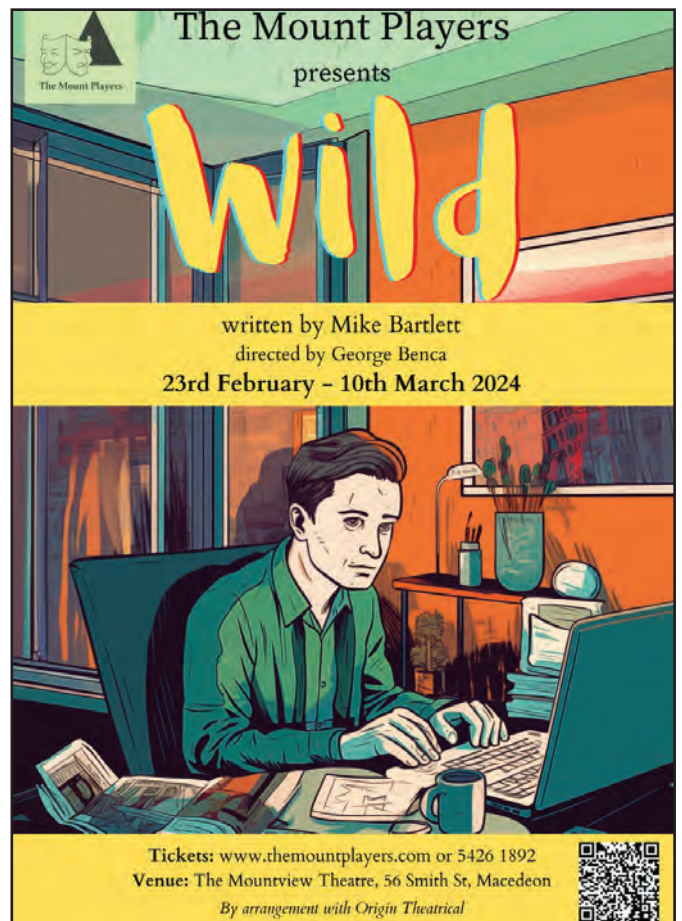


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# TEA FOR YOU?

In colonial times tea-trees were unloved; to be cleared to make way for crops and grazing pasture. An exception was when tea supplies didn't arrive from England and an infusion of native tea-tree leaves in hot water had to suffice – hence, their common name.

Tea -trees are a favourite of our Landcare group. Over the years we have planted plenty of Prickly Tea-trees (*leptospermum continentale*) and Woolly Tea-trees (*leptospermum lanigerum*); often in damp areas and along creeks. Prickly Tea-trees grow quickly to around 2 to 3 m and flower profusely in late spring and summer. Woolly Tea-trees flower around the same time and grow quickly to about 4 m, both can be cut back and hedged if desired or used in flower arrangements. Tea-tree flowers attract a myriad of insects and birds. They are important in the production of honey with Manuka honey coming from the nectar of *leptospermum scoparium* which is indigenous to New Zealand and some parts of coastal Australia. Tea-tree oil, however, does not come from tea-trees but from *Melaleuca*

*alternifolia*.

A couple of other similar shrubs that we love are Sweet Bursaria (*bursaria spinosa*) and Bushy Needlewood (*hakea decurrens*). Like tea-trees, the flowers on both are fairly small and sweetly scented. Sweet Bursaria grows quickly up to about 8 m and flowers during early summer. Bushy Needlewood grows to about 5 m and has white, sometimes pink flowers during winter. Both are great habitat plants – they are prickly and offer protection for small birds such as blue wrens and their flowers attract bees and insects which in turn attracts micro bats and birds that feed on insects.

Varroa mite poses a real problem for the European honey bee and insecticide use and climate change are impacting on insect populations around the world; consequently we must aim to improve habitat and the diversity of pollinators.

Australia is home to 400 butterfly, 11000 moth and 2000 bee species. There are 1300 known species of ants, 3000 species of beetles, 5650 species of bugs and up to 30000 species of flies! Add in caddisflies, dragon flies, earwigs, cockroaches, wasps, lacewings, grasshoppers, phasmids, mantids, mayflies, scorpion-flies, spiders and others. No wonder, when I pop outside and have a close look at plants, particularly indigenous plants, I see a vast array of insects, many of which are beautiful and unknown to me. However, what I do know is that they are all important –they are doing their bit to sustain ecosystems, millions of years in the making. These insects need shrubs, trees and grasses and the plants, in turn, need insects. Planting shrubs such as Tea-trees, Sweet Bursaria and Bushy Needlewood is a great step in the right direction and their scale allows for many of the insects to be at eye level. This means that they are easy to find and observe, but be patient! Many insects are skittish but get used to our presence after a while and resume activity. Combine this with the beautiful, scented flowers and we are on a winner!

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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In July 2023 the Lancefield parkrun celebrated 150 runs – in January 2024 the group registered run number 175. While smaller numbers attended over the Christmas and New Year period, the weekly parkrun continues to be enjoyed by all those attending. Each week visitors from Melbourne, country Victoria and interstate attend and run, walk or jog – with or without dogs or prams.

And after the run, runners and volunteers usually adjourn to The Lodge for a delightful breakfast – or just coffee. It's a good start to the day.

Visit <https://www.parkrun.com.au/lancefield> or just come down to the Park before 8am on any Saturday morning.

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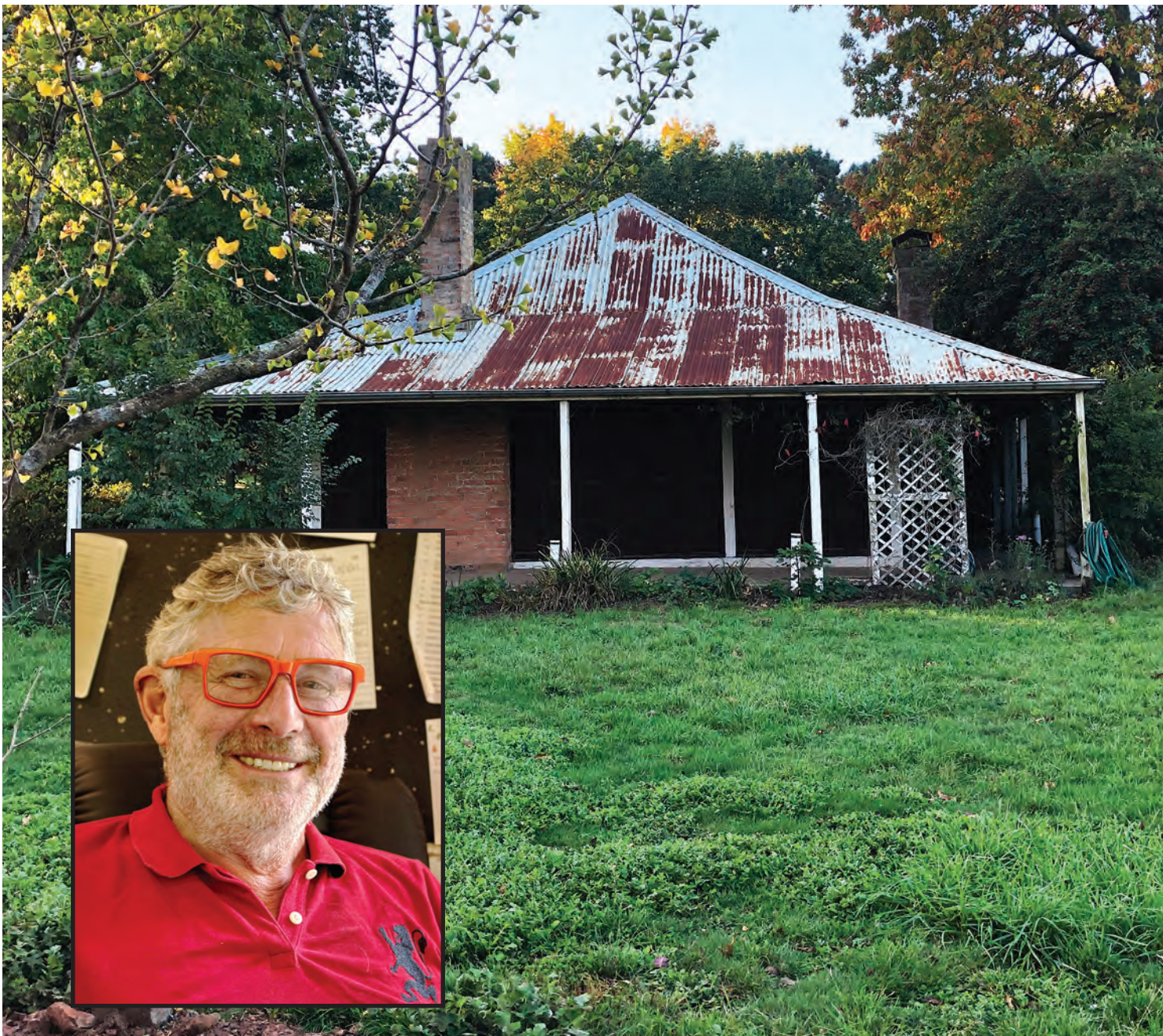
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# COMMUNITY OPEN DAY SEYMOUR COTTAGE

## SUNDAY 3 MARCH - 10AM TO 4PM

Our forthcoming 'Seymour Cottage' Community Open Day Sunday 3 March is for all residents and visitors to the Macedon Ranges. A range of heritage education, entertainment activities and refreshments will be available and on show between 10am and 4pm at this historic Romsey property at 20 Palmer Street.

Our keynote speaker for the day is local Mount Macedon nurseryman and former ABC Gardening Australia presenter Stephen Ryan. He will present two talks, one late morning and another in the afternoon on his gardening and media experiences and will also be available for horticultural questions. Stephen's presentations are being sponsored by local business Frost's Timber and Building Supplies at Monegeetta.

Another feature of the day will be two captioned photographic print displays, one illustrating the long and significant heritage of Romsey's Sidney Seymour Cottage. Residents and visitors will learn about the remarkable history of this former farmhouse, constructed in 1856 with walls made out of four-panel doors constructed from Singaporean Meranti.

A second large photographic print exhibition will show historic photographs of local buildings and street views compared with their current-day appearance.

Society members will be in attendance to answer your

questions about local and regional history. This Open Day will include the Society's first second-hand book sale. Come along to find novels, history, biography, CDs and DVDs. This will be one of our fundraising events for the historic upkeep of Seymour Cottage.

There will also be the opportunity to purchase from the Society's extensive range of local history publications. They include Seymour Cottage Romsey: 165 years of History and Heritage, The Lancefield Football Club 1873-2023, Benloch: a journey through time, Springfield Revisited and Snapshots in time: images of Lancefield, Romsey and surrounding villages.

Come along and learn about our Society, its membership and activities. We are very appreciative of major event sponsorship from the local Romsey and Lancefield Bendigo Community Bank.

Entry will be by gold coin donation.

For more information please contact the Society's secretary Shirley Kishere (0402 248 540 or email lancefieldcourthouse@gmail.com ) or the event Coordinator John Spring (0409 861 876 or john\_spring@dodo.com.au) or visit our web site.

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How to avoid mosquito bites:

There are many simple things you can do to avoid getting bitten by mosquitoes, including:

- wearing long, loose-fitting clothes if mosquitoes are around
- covering up as much as possible
- using an effective mosquito repellent, containing either

- picaridin or diethyltoluamide (DEET) on all exposed skin
- using plug-in mosquito vaporisers or diffusers with repellent-treatment pads in enclosed external areas like verandahs and decks - these should be switched off as soon as the area is no longer in use
- preventing mosquito breeding around your own home
- maintaining fly screens on windows, doors, vents and chimneys (screens should be no coarser than 12 x 12 meshes per 25mm, or 1.2mm - use an even coarser mesh if you wish to keep out other smaller biting insects, like sandflies)
- using mosquito coils in outdoor areas – these should be supervised at all times.

Council has a dedicated Environmental Health unit which assists in monitoring and responding to any localised health-related matters. Visit <https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/protect-yourself-mosquito-borne-disease> for more tips.

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# AROUND THE RANGES

## REMOVAL OF LANCEFIELD DEVELOPMENT PLAN OVERLAY DECLINED

A request to the Minister for Planning to remove the Lancefield Development Plan Overlay, which would have simplified development requirements for affected landowners, has been declined. The request to remove the Development Plan Overlay Schedule 24 (DPO24) from the Macedon Ranges Planning Scheme was submitted in April 2023 following a resolution by Council.

In reviewing the application, the Minister acknowledged that DPO24 was introduced to provide certainty and guidance for landowners, and coordination and conformity of residential development in the three development areas of Lancefield. In addition, its introduction occurred via a statutory process that included public exhibition; that provided an opportunity for interested parties to make submissions and to have their views considered by an independent planning panel.

In declining the request, the Minister explained that the removal of DPO24 may give rise to potential risks associated with land being developed in an uncoordinated manner and create further difficulties for residential development to take place. Director Planning and Environment, Rebecca Stockfeld, said Council was disappointed with the outcome. "We have worked closely with impacted residents and listened to their concerns and frustrations with the current

planning overlay," she said.

"Council will continue to work with the affected landowners on future options for development in the area."

## RAGLAN STREET CLOSURE

Council also endorsed the closure of Raglan Street – at the intersection of Chauncey Street – in Lancefield, in consideration of feedback through earlier community consultations. The information presented to Council at their October 27 meeting stated that pedestrian access would be maintained.

The new Lancefield Kindergarten is expected to be ready on site in the second quarter of this year. It will be built off site and moved to the block beside the Primary school.

## AUTUMN FESTIVAL - LAST CHANCE TO JOIN!

The Macedon Ranges will burst into life from April 5 to 28 with the annual shire-wide autumn celebration. The festival invites visitors and locals alike to explore the region's premium food, drink, artistry, and breathtaking open spaces.

If you are a business or community group eager to host an event or feature on the renowned Pie and Tart, Edgy Veg or Tipple Trail during the festival, don't miss this final opportunity to be included in the program.

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## AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

Village Connect has recently launched its Community Directory: an age-friendly resource, providing contact information for groups, clubs and organisations within the Macedon Ranges, and direction to a large number of local services and useful resources in the shire. Featuring community connections galore including local health and community services, clubs and groups, activities and lots of other useful resources. Hard copies of the directory are also available on request, or download a copy from the Council website.

## STAYING STRONG FOR OVER 50S

Council runs a number of low-to-moderate intensity group circuit classes for men and women 50+ years of age across Kyneton Toyota Sports & Aquatic Centre, Gisborne Fitness Centre, Buffalo Sports Stadium in Woodend and Romsey Recreation Centre.

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A number of draft policies or initiatives endorsed by Council for public consultation late last year are set to invite feedback throughout February 2024, including:

- Romsey Skatepark designs – proposed designs for a new skatepark that would feature a large bowl, a quarter pipe, pump track and a series of hips and corners. Funding of \$550,000 has already been committed by the Victorian Government towards construction, while Council allocated \$20,000 towards initial planning works in the Budget 2023/24.
- Draft Complaint and Unreasonable Behaviour Policy – this policy outlines how Council will manage complaints and unreasonable behaviour and provides clear guidance for both the complainant and Council.

- Draft Special Charge Scheme Policy – this policy applies to Special Charge Scheme (SCS) infrastructure projects such as resident-funded upgrading of roads and drainage.
- Draft Fair Access Policy – this policy supports Council in the identification and removal of systemic factors contributing to gender inequality relating to the availability of quality community sports infrastructure at times that are suitable.

The launch of Your Say supports a strategic priority in the Council Plan 2021-2031 to ‘Enhance customer experience through the transformation of our services, to ensure they are easy to access and provide user-friendly experiences’.

Visit [yoursay.mrsc.vic.gov.au](https://yoursay.mrsc.vic.gov.au) to view the current consultations, provide feedback and sign up to receive tailored alerts about future consultations as they are listed. Visit [yoursay.mrsc.vic.gov.au](https://yoursay.mrsc.vic.gov.au) to have your say on the Romsey Skatepark designs, view other current consultations and sign up to receive tailored alerts about future consultations as they are listed.

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# YOUR SOUL

If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake [that is, for Jesus], you will save it. And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? Is anything worth more than your soul? (Matthew 16:25-26, NLT)

Your soul is where the physical (your body) meets the spiritual. Your soul is all of you, your 'life'. When you refer to "my soul", you are literally saying "I, myself". The original word in Greek in the verses above is psychē (ψυχή), which sums it up pretty well. Even the translation of 'life' in the verses uses the Greek word psychē.

I have always found "And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul?" an evocative question. A

number of bible translations actually say, "forfeit your soul", making it sound like you have cancelled yourself. An attribute of your soul is its existence beyond physical survival and success. The verses above are saying that the things of this world will not do you any good if you "forfeit" your eternal existence.

We often think about "gaining the whole world" in terms of material possessions, but for me it also means instances of lowering my standards or compromising my morals. Romans 12:2 says, "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind."

Are you chasing after the things of this world, or are you compromising the things that you shouldn't? Is anything worth more than your soul?

# RURAL BIN COLLECTION CHANGES

Commencing Thursday 1 February, properties south of Three Chain Road and select properties north of Three Chain Road (including Institute Road, Wisemans Lane, Dohertys Road, Egans Lane, Forest Road, McKinley Track and Croziers Road) will be moving from the 2B collection area to the 1A collection area. These rural Lancefield properties will now

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# A TASTE OF SPAIN WITH EL PINTXO

Off the back a successful Budburst partnership, El Pintxo Melbourne will be popping up once again at Lyons Will for two exclusive lunches in February. They've created an exquisite five course meal traversing the regions of Spain. With a special focus on Basque country, they will also be sharing regional specialties from Cataluña and Andalucía.

El Pintxo Melbourne are chef Iker Garcia who hails from Basque Country, Spain and Shirin Harvison, Australian born and bred but with Spanish heritage. The couple have a wealth of hospitality experience under their collective belts. Iker honed his skills under his Michelin starred chef father, Jon, and has brought this passion to life here in Australia. Iker said, "They source their fresh ingredients locally, and the distinctive Spanish ingredients they use ensure a taste of Spain in every mouthful."

A Taste of Spain by El Pintxo will take place at Lyons Will Estate on Sunday 18 and 25 February. First seating at 12.30pm. \$75 per person for five courses. Matching wine flights, wine by the glass or bottle, and a selection of other drinks are available for purchase. Bookings on the website.

## GLOBAL FINE WINE CHALLENGE

Lancefield winery Lyons Will Estate have been recognised for their wine in several global wine judging panels receiving

Gold for their 2022 Lyons Will Estate Gamay in the Global Fine Wine Challenge and 93 points for their 2021 Lyons Will Estate Pinot Noir from Decanter Magazine in the UK.

"I am always pretty chuffed when we get good results at a local level, but to be recognised at a global level for something we grow and produce here is just superb" said Oliver Rapson, Lyons Will Estate owner and winemaker. "Wines from the Macedon Ranges are generally highly regarded but to get this level of recognition is something special. We only try to make the best wine we can, and each bottle has its own story of place and time. The Global Fine Wine Challenge is accessible by invitation only and is restricted to the top 120 wines of each country competing – Australia, Canada, New Zealand, South Africa and the USA.

Pinot Noir is one of the most commonly grown varieties in the Macedon Ranges but Lyons Will Estate have led the way by being one of the first wineries to plant Gamay on their property 11 years ago. "I'm really proud that our Gamay got gold, its clearly indicates it has a great future as an alternative to Pinot Noir" noted Renata Morello, owner and winemaker.

Lyons Will Estate have also recently been awarded a trophy for their 2023 Lyons Will Estate Riesling at the 2023 Macedon Ranges Wine Exhibition, for Best White Variety or Blend other than Chardonnay. Check their website for all the details.





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We would love to see our local businesses from Romsey and Lancefield enter these awards. They are currently open for self-nomination until Friday 15 March via the Macedon Ranges Shire Council website.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

In accordance with corporate regulations, Lancefield and Romsey Community Financial Services Ltd held its AGM at Lancefield Lodge on Thursday 30 November. Amanda Mullins was elected as a Director of the Company. Directors Suzie Ewart and Graeme Kelly were re-elected to the Board. Rob Bryant retired from the Board after many years of service, and we thank him for his valued contribution over the years. Gina Morgan was appointed

to the board in early December, re-joining the board after spending 3 years working in PNG. The board welcomed her back as Treasurer and Chair of the Finance & Audit Committee.

## COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM FOR EVENTS

Applications for sponsorship of local events will open Friday 1 March 2024.

All applications need to be submitted via our new online platform once the program opens. To get a head start on your application planning, email [cip@lrfs.com.au](mailto:cip@lrfs.com.au) to be one of the first to hear all the details as they're released.

Alternatively, follow our Facebook page [facebook.com/communitybanklancefieldromsey](https://www.facebook.com/communitybanklancefieldromsey) or call into our branches for more information once the program opens. Applications will close midnight Sunday 31 March.

## RELAY FOR LIFE

Our Community Bank Carnival team is registered and ready to go for the 2024 Lancefield / Macedon Ranges Relay for Life on Saturday 2 March at Lancefield Park. We welcome our community to get behind this fantastic cause and join us on the day, and if you can, donate to help raise vital funds for Cancer Council's research, prevention, information and support services. See <https://www.relayforlife.org.au/fundraisers/CommunityBankCarnival4081> for more details.

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# YOGA FOR BEGINNERS

A NEW CLASS IN TOWN

On Saturday 3 February, Romsey resident Esther Tomsic-Pavlis will begin teaching the very popular Iyengar style of yoga in Lancefield. Classes will be held in the Lancefield Mechanics' Institute Annexe from 9.00-10.30 am. Cost is \$15.

For the last decade Esther has formally studied the Iyengar method under a senior Iyengar Yoga teacher in Melbourne; she is currently in her final year of teacher training. For those unaware of this particular style, Iyengar yoga is a method of teaching that emphasises precision, alignment, sequencing, timing and employs the use of props. It is a vibrant and energetic style of yoga and regardless of a student's age or fitness level, you can enjoy the physical, mental and spiritual benefits of Iyengar yoga.

As an experienced practitioner and a student teacher, Esther will enthusiastically share her knowledge and understanding of Iyengar yoga with students new to yoga – or anyone interested in yoga but unfamiliar with the Iyengar method.

If you're interested in attending and would like more information you can contact her via email at [yogainromsey@gmail.com](mailto:yogainromsey@gmail.com). And if you have your own yoga mat, please bring it with you!

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## MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Welcome back. We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year and were able to catch up with family and friends. Our weekly sessions have started back in our club rooms at the rear of the Romsey Mechanics Institute. We will be holding our monthly bus trips again this year. They will be held on the first Tuesday of each month starting on March 5. We are hopefully off to the Kerrisdale Mountain Railway, a narrow-gauge tourist railway with views over the Upper Goulburn Valley. Cost will be \$50 and includes a 2-course lunch.

We will be travelling to a variety of interesting places this year, including the Great Stupa in Bendigo, the Spannerman, Christmas in July, Tesselar Flower Farm, the Zoo and of course our Christmas breakup in December. Lots of exciting trips for the year.

Remember, we meet every Monday at the rear of the Romsey Mechanics Institute for lunch, for just \$10 – everyone is more than welcome. For further information please contact Helen on 0409 064 303.

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# A BUSY JANUARY

Christmas has gone, and the New Year has begun, and now we move into a busy January. Each month we are having a Picnic n' Petanque day where we travel away from our normal petanque pistes. So, on December 27 we celebrated in the sunshine, after all that torrential rain, out at Newham at Louise and Clive's home, with members bringing their own picnic, and playing 3 games on a very challenging piste. Jenny Large, one of our longstanding members took out the winner's prize, only dropping 1 point over the day.

The fourth of January saw our first Hanging Rock Challenge team night, with nine teams competing. All the players got into the spirit of the night by forming and naming their own team, all with different names, which only they could explain. The 'Shambles' team of Jill and David Shaw and Rohan Dickson took out the winner's prize and congratulations to them.

As we moved into January, we continued to play our beloved game of petanque on Mondays at the Old Racecourse in Forest Street in Woodend at 2pm and also, at 4pm on Thursdays at our beautiful Hanging Rock, on South Rock Road, Woodend.

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macedonrangesdogclub.org.au). Induction is the first Sunday of the month and once you have done your online member registration you will be contacted by email with your induction date and time.

So, if your new fur baby is 16 weeks or older come join us. We look forward to seeing all our new, and old, members and fur babies each month and look forward to providing you with a safe, friendly environment in which to learn and further bond with your new, or old, addition to the family.

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In 2023, over 760,000 Australians pulled on their gloves and gathered for the iconic Clean Up Australia Day. This year, Clean Up Australia is hoping to see a similar, if not better response, as generations come together to help

tidy our local communities while seeing first-hand why need to work together to prevent litter from entering our environment in the first place.

Registrations for Clean Up Australia Day 2024 are now open. All volunteers receive a free clean-up kit containing gloves, bags and other resources, with packs for individuals, families and community groups available (businesses are asked to pay a small fee to cover costs).

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