

Lancefield Mercury

PUB TO PUB RETURNS

THE COMMUNITY EVENT THAT'S BECOMING TRADITION



Last year we had this simple idea: run from one pub to the other along the Federation Trail, bring the towns together, and see who shows up. I would've been stoked if 100 people turned up. But come that cold September morning, we had over 300 people gathered outside the Lancefield Hotel, lacing up their runners, ready to take on the very first Pub to Pub. I was honestly blown away.

What began as a casual conversation between me and Alex Gorman—publican at both The Lancefield Hotel and The 1860 in Romsey - quickly turned into something real. Our aim wasn't complicated; it was about creating a local event to mark the end of winter and bring the community together. Footy and netball finals were wrapping up, summer still felt far off, and we figured most people (ourselves included) could use a little kickstart heading into the warmer months.

What made it even more special was seeing not just locals from Lancefield and Romsey, but people from neighbouring towns getting involved. It connected our communities in a way that wasn't about competition, it was just about getting out there, giving it a crack, and enjoying the day. ►



PUB TO PUB RETURNS

This year, we are back, and I couldn't be more excited. We've learned a few lessons, including one big one: don't clash with the RDFL Grand Final! So, we've pushed the date back to Saturday September 21, giving our local footy and netball clubs the chance to join in. We'd love to see teams from Lancefield, Romsey and beyond come along in their club gear, show some pride, and run together.

There's something for everyone:

The Junior Bolt – a 1.5km run for kids

Pub to Pub – 7.5km from Romsey to Lancefield

Pub to Pub to Pub – 15km return for those up for the challenge

And the best part? That moment afterwards, sitting in the sunshine outside the Lancefield Hotel, cold drink in hand, tired legs, and a massive sense of satisfaction. That's what it's all about.

We're keeping the same relaxed, community vibe, but this year's shaping up to be even bigger. Whether you're a runner, a walker, part of a club or just flying solo, we'd love to have you there.

Join us on Saturday September 21 for a great day out in the stunning Macedon Ranges and be part of something that's quickly becoming a local tradition.

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NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOMS

PREPS

What a great day we had celebrating the Preps 100 days of school! Everyone looked amazing in their 100-year-old costumes and great fun was had all day. We would like to thank all the parents and other family and friends who helped the preps get their costumes ready, the thought and detail was super impressive. A highlight of the day was the Froot Loop necklace making; we may have underestimated how long it would take to thread 100 pieces of cereal onto a piece of string, but the results were impressive.

In Term 3 the Preps are completing a reading unit based on the picture story book 'The Unwilling Twin'. This book is a multi-award-winning story written by Freya Blackwood and is a cheeky and charming story about the ups and downs of sibling love. We will use this book as a base to study things such as information reports, verbs and adjectives. In Maths we will continue to be looking at counting, place value and have started a unit on money.

YEAR 1s

In our Knowledge Building unit, we've been diving deep into the rich and fascinating culture of First Nations Australians. We've explored their traditions, sacred places, dreaming stories, and even added some rather impressive vocabulary to our word banks — including creation, ancestors, knowledge and traditions. Not bad for a bunch of six- and seven-year-olds!

Our ears have been treated to the sounds of First Nations bands and singers, where we've been tuning in to their languages and identifying traditional instruments. We now know a didgeridoo from a clapstick and a kulap. The stories we've read — How the Kangaroos Got Their Tails, When the Snake Bites the Sun, and The Porpoise and the Kangaroo — have sparked rich conversations and even richer writing. We've been working hard on expanding our sentences using conjunctions like because and but.



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YEAR 2/3 & 4/5

'The whole school enjoyed a soup and slipper day. We enjoyed chicken noodle soup and pumpkin soup. We all brought a gold coin donation to support foster kids. It was fun and the soup was amazing! And you got to have a slice of bread with it.' By Ruby and Mitchell.

'It was on Thursday July 31. It was really fun having the soup and wearing our slippers. We had a wash station, and we ate the soup inside. It was the best day ever.' By Charlotte and Maddison.'

'Pumpkin chicken soup was my most favourite. All the slippers were cute, cool, funny and stylish. It was so joyful'. By Amelie



YEAR 6s

This term we have been exploring the book *Young Dark Emu*. Students have been answering questions, sharing thoughtful discussions, and learning so much about First Nations culture and history. We are especially excited to put this knowledge into practice as we design and build our own First Nations inspired homes. In writing, we have been working hard on revising sentences, improving handwriting, and polishing up our punctuation. It has been great to see students taking pride in the presentation of their work. We practised a style of writing called 'Crosshatching', which proved to be difficult, but gave some perspective on writing in the 17th Century. We are beginning our explanation texts, writing about How First Nations Australians used sustainable land practices.



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IN ABUNDANCE

In the Bible, we read how God gives the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23) and God's armour (Ephesians 6:10-20) to those who follow Jesus.

The fruit of the Spirit being love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. The armour of God consists of the belt of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

The amazing aspect of the fruit and armour that God provides, is that he actually provides them in abundance. For example, the fruit of peace, which is also part of the armour, is a "peace ... which surpasses all understanding"

according to Philippians 4:7 (NKJV). A peace that is greater than we can understand! Likewise, John 15:11 (NLT) says that our "joy will overflow". Or that our "faith grows exceedingly" in 2 Thessalonians 1:3 (NKJV).

God gives abundantly each of these fruits and the spiritual aspects of the armour. Yes, we can limit them through our own actions and thoughts, but the provision of them to followers of Christ by God is unlimited.

If you want to know more about the abundance of the fruit of the Spirit or God's armour, check out Encourage Church Romsey on YouTube and look for the services on 13 and 20 July 2025.

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SPRING MUST BE AROUND THE CORNER

I trust you have been keeping warm during the winter months. As I write it is a chilly eight degrees in Goldie, which with the wind, 'feels like two!'. At our last meeting we discussed plans for our stall at the Lancefield Agricultural Show on Sunday October 19 from 8 am to 4 pm. We will be selling recipe books, tea towels and, of course, lots of homemade tasty goodies like jams, jelly and marmalade. Drop by our stall and meet some of our wonderful members.

With Fathers' Day on Sunday 7 September, we wish our fathers and grandfathers all the very best. If you remember from the previous article, the CWA Conference was recently held at Shepparton. All resolutions were passed. The State President, Jennifer Nola has joined the State Drought Taskforce and has already presented the concerns of many communities who had been in contact with her. This year the CWA has already issued seven educational grants to the value of over \$50,000 to worthy tertiary students. Some were in the fields of nursing, agriculture, veterinary medicine, occupational therapy, rural health medicine, psychology, fine arts and eco-management.

This cold weather is the perfect opportunity to warm yourself and the family up with a dish of 'Pol Sambola' (Coconut Sambola), a Sri Lankan side dish. This recipe would be ideal to have with meat, chicken, fish or just by itself.

Ingredients:

- 1 cup of desiccated coconut
- 1 teaspoon of salt
- 1 teaspoon of chilli powder (or to taste)
- 2 teaspoons of paprika
- 2 teaspoons of fish sauce
- 2 tablespoons of lemon juice
- 1 medium onion, finely chopped
- 2 or 3 tablespoons of hot milk

Method: Combine coconut, salt, chilli powder, paprika and fish sauce in a bowl with lemon juice, onion and milk. Mix well with hands, rubbing ingredients together so that the coconut is evenly moistened. Pile into small bowl.

The Australian Marmalade Awards are back!

This is your chance to shine in the only marmalade competition in Australia. Whether you're a seasoned marmalade maker or giving it a go for the first time, you're invited to celebrate the flavours of our glorious winter citrus. Entries close on 26 September. Visit www.marmaladeawards.com.au to enter. Lancefield CWA meets on the fourth Friday of the month in the annex of the Mechanics Institute at 10:30 am. Come along and say 'Hello'.

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As mentioned in last month's article, the Show Committee is busy getting ready for this year's Agricultural Show on Sunday 19 October.

We still need the help of extra volunteers to help on Show Day, so if you would like to help for a couple of hours or longer, please contact us on the website – lancefieldshow.org.au or on our Facebook page.

HOME CRAFT COMPETITION SECTIONS.

The aim of this new competition is to make an article from something found on a farm such as twine, wire, part of machinery, tool. Use your imagination. Many a belt has been fashioned from haybale twine! Or a pot plant stand from horseshoes!

OP SHOP CHALLENGE

Create something new from item/s purchased from an Op Shop. Photos of purchased items must be provided please. The winner is determined by popular vote.

MEN ONLY COOKING

We all know that you guys like to bake, so here's your chance to have a go. Categories include Chocolate Cake,

Pikelets, or Own Choice – sweet or savoury. (One of our new Councillors entered this Section last year).

TABLE SETTING COMPETITION

Choose a theme, present one setting appropriate to the theme and a menu to suit.

In the Homecrafts Schedule there are lots of things on offer for you to enter.

- Photography,
- Cookery,
- Flowers,
- Floral Art,
- Knitting and Crochet,
- Needlecraft and
- Produce.

Let's not forget all the wonderful entries from our Junior entrants in Craft, Cookery, and Flowers. Hey kids, have a look and see what you can enter. This year's Schedule will be on the website by now and it is mostly the same as 2024 except for a few changes in the regulations. Homecraft enquiries to Judy Stammers 0437 566 138.

Keep your eye out for Show information on posters, on the website and on Facebook. Next Month's article will have details of entertainment and on the day activities including our Farmer's Challenge.

MACEDON RANGES DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB!

SPRING INTO SPRING WITH MRDOC!

Spring into spring with Macedon Ranges Dog Obedience Club! We are looking forward to some warmer weather finally arriving. It's a great time to start your puppies/dogs in training with us (our canine friends of all ages can benefit). If you are still unsure then let us provide some further information to assist you.

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New members' induction is held on the first Sunday of every month. You are required to join online initially before attending in person. Once we receive your application, you will be contacted via email to confirm the session time

Here's some extra goodies for you...upcoming events we have on the agenda for this upcoming October (sometimes it can be all fun and games).

October 19 - Fun Day

October 26 - Open Obedience Trial - NO GENERAL TRAINING

If you are interested in joining us, we look forward to seeing you. Details can be found on the website at www.macedonrangesdogclub.org.au or contact us via our Facebook page or email info@macedonrangesdogclub.org.au and a representative from the club will contact you.

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After our extremely successful biennial quilt show in late May, we met to decide which groups and organisations could share our income. We couldn't do without the

support of John Severson at our weekly home in the Annex of the Lancefield Mechanics' Institute – his energy, generosity and openness to options help to make running A Patch of Lancefield cohesive and welcoming.

As well as our usual rental, we are thrilled to be able to add to the coffers. The Lancefield Men's Shed helps with setting up the main hall every two years – the show would just be a vast pile of beautiful, nicely folded quilts without their muscles and expertise in constructing the frames and arranging the maze that showcases our work. We are very happy to be able to contribute to the four organisations mentioned below.

- The Mechanics' Institute Hall - \$500
- The Men's Shed - \$500
- The Need for Feed - \$750. This is run by the Lions Club and 100% of donations goes towards feed for farmers in need.
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- The Cobawsome Gravel Ride - over four distances in the Cobaw Ridge Forest (Sunday 12 October)
- The Cross Vegas Cyclocross Race - Lancefield Park - a free-spirited cyclocross event where riders are free to get creative on a fun and unpredictable course. (Saturday 11 October)
- The Lanny Cross Country Run - Lancefield Park - throwback to classic cross-country running, a grassroots-style event featuring natural terrain, varied surfaces, and a challenging, no-frills course that captures the spirit of old-school racing. (Saturday 11 October)

"Athletes of all levels are welcome," Mitch said. "Whether you're in it for the fun, the challenge, or somewhere in between. You can sign up for any individual event or go

all-in with the Dirty Hat-Trick: three events, one incredible weekend. Run, ride, and revel your way through it all!

"Dirty Docker is about more than just competing. We wanted to create an event where people can push their limits on the course, then come together to enjoy great food, music and connection in a beautiful regional setting."

At the heart of the weekend is the Festival Village, featuring local food vendors and trucks, fire pits and relaxed seating, live music performances and regional craft beer and wine.

Last year's event attracted almost 600 participants, and this year promises to be even better, with the Dirty Docker team building on that momentum by expanding local engagement, increasing female athlete participation, and enhancing the event experience for both competitors and spectators.

Dirty Docker is proudly based at the Recreation Reserve in Lancefield and places a strong focus on sustainability, community involvement, and showcasing local producers.

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Over the last 18-24 months the region has experienced ongoing dry conditions, and we've seen an increase in water usage across the north-west of our service region. We're completing these works to strengthen the reliability of Lancefield's water supply by enabling water to flow to the treatment plant from both Bore 3 and Kerrie Reservoir at the same time, ensuring we can meet peak demand on hot summer days.

Works may cause dust or noise in the area, but we'll do our best to keep this to a minimum. There will be some temporary changes to traffic, such as reduced speeds. A traffic management crew will be onsite to help direct traffic and keep everyone safe. Your water and sewerage services will not be disrupted. Please visit yoursay.gww.com.au/lancefield-pipeline-duplication or email us at engagement@gww.com.au for more information.

EVERY BACKYARD COUNTS

Sunday 7 September is National Threatened Species Day. It is a reminder that even the smallest actions can make a big difference for our native plants and animals - and it all starts in your own backyard.

As more of our natural habitat is lost or fragmented, our backyards and balconies are becoming important refuges for wildlife. Whether it's insects buzzing in the garden, lizards warming themselves on a rock, or birds stopping in for a drink - your garden can provide much-needed food, water and shelter.

Insects might not get much attention, but they're vital to our ecosystems. They pollinate flowers, break down organic matter and support frogs, lizards and birds further up the food chain.

So how can you help? Try planting a few locally native species, leave some leaf litter for skinks, or put out a shallow dish of water for thirsty birds and bees. Even a single pot of flowers on a balcony can help attract pollinators.

Not sure where to start? Head to mrsc.vic.gov.au/backyard-biodiversity for easy-to-follow fact sheets and ideas on what native species you could attract and what to plant.

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SCHOOL KIDS AT THE SHED

Well, when I was asked to give a hand with some kids from the local Primary School to build a nest box and a pencil case, I was a bit nervous. Now, I am a great lover of kids. We have two beautiful successful grown men who once were kids, and we had barrels of fun bringing them up, although I think my missus did most of the hard stuff.

I don't hear all that well these days, and I was wondering how I would manage.

I am glad to say I was completely wrong; what a lovely morning with these fine young people. They all seemed to be having a great time and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. All the blokes were very grateful to our bloke who spends hours crafting all the component parts so the kids can put their nest box and pencil case together. We had about eight of our guys working with the kids, to ensure the items were being done safely and properly. They seemed to be thrilled with the result.

It's important to point out that each shed member who was there to help has a Working with Children Card. I am told that the Lancefield Men's shed is the only shed around this area that has a program that works with young Primary

School children. It's a very satisfying activity for both us and the kids.

A bloke at the recent monthly market came up to our stand and started looking through our "Brag Book" which shows many of the items that we make, repair and refurbish. He didn't realize the range of things that we do, and said he would immediately investigate joining his local shed. That's a win for us, as the more blokes we can encourage to join their local shed the better as far as we are concerned. Best thing I ever did!

OUR ANNUAL WOOD RAFFLE

Many thanks to Neville Meyer our local firewood merchant, who donates a load of firewood each year for our wood raffle. This year's raffle was another outstanding success and helps us fund the work we do. Well done Nev, very much appreciated.

The Shed Bloke



Lancefield Primary School group with Neil Vincett, Graeme Day, Daryl Bowen, Brian Kinseley (Hiding behind kids), Gavin Sparks, Gerard Hanrahan, Joe Lewandowski, Kevin Cusack from the Men's Shed





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Traditional owners have used and cared for wetlands for tens of thousands of years, but since colonisation wetlands have been undervalued in Australia. We have lost much of our wetlands to development and agriculture and many of the benefits that they offer. Victoria's remaining wetlands support 24% of our threatened species (water.vic.gov.au).

Wetlands are a critical part of our natural environment. They protect our shores from wave action, reduce the impact of floods, enable groundwater recharge and stream flow maintenance, act as a carbon sink, absorb pollutants and improve water quality. Wetlands provide a habitat for many plants and species of aquatic microfauna, fish, frogs, reptiles, birds and mammals that are uniquely adapted to aquatic environments. They are an important nursery for many varieties of fish and crustaceans.

Internationally important wetlands are listed under the Ramsar Convention. With 12 Ramsar-listed wetlands, Victoria possesses some of the most important wetlands in the world! For example, the Kerang wetlands regularly support 20,000 waterbirds and the nationally vulnerable Growling grass frog. The Eastern curlew is Australia's largest shorebird. It breeds in Russia and China before spending the non-breeding season along our coastline in wetlands such as Corner Inlet. Australia's wetlands provide habitat for 75% of the world's Eastern curlews.

Stormwater poses a threat to our waterways, and to people and infrastructure along our waterways. In October

2022, heavy rain flooded into our local creeks and down into the Maribyrnong River, flooding many properties along its lower reaches from Maribyrnong to Footscray and Kensington. We need to better handle stormwater. The establishment of wetlands and mitigating the consequences of building near our watercourses provide part of the solution, with the potential to provide much needed, high-quality water for our creeks and rivers.

The expansion of Sunbury along Lancefield Road provides challenges and opportunities for Emu Creek which flows into Deep Creek. Similarly, the growth of Romsey on its eastern and southern flanks poses challenges and opportunities for Deep Creek. In both cases unimpeded runoff from the new developments will wash litter and pollutants into the waterways. Hard surfaces: roads, footpaths, and roofs dominate our newer suburban developments. In rain events most of the water quickly flushes into our drains and down into our waterways. We need to slow the water down to minimise flooding and erosion and to ensure that it is of acceptable quality before it reaches our waterways.

We can slow the water down in a number of ways. Firstly, by reducing hard surfaces and by designing our urban landscapes so that more of the water has a chance to soak in to the ground.

We need to enable groundwater to recharge and help maintain stream flow in dry periods. You will have noticed the retention basin at the new aged care centre in Romsey

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and similar structures built at some of the new estates in our area. Secondly, our new estates can be designed so that urban runoff is captured in engineered wetlands. Deep Creek Landcare's submission to the Romsey Structure Plan last year advocated for an extensive wetland to be established at the eastern end of the Romsey South Drain. Litter traps could be employed to capture litter, the wetlands will slow the stormwater down, improve the water quality and provide habitat for wildlife.

The damage posed by storms can be minimised and the benefits to our impoverished waterways maximised through engineered solutions. In times of high rainfall, excess water can be pumped to storage facilities for later use when our waterways are in need. Also, water can be taken from our wetlands when rain events are forecast to enable our wetlands to function as a withholding basin to minimise the extent of flash flooding.

Deep Creek Landcare has nesting boxes for bats, birds, possums and phascogales for sale from \$30. We also have Myna bird traps to lend out. Annual Landcare membership is \$20 per family. You can follow us on Facebook, go to our new website, contact our President, Phil Severs (0476 324 000) or attend our monthly meetings in the Lancefield Mechanics Hall.

There is also the opportunity to join us at our regular working bees. On Sunday, September 28 from 9:00 to 11:30, we will be planting more than 500 understorey plants at Doggetts Bridge on the Lancefield-Kilmore Road. We would love to have your help and give you some indigenous plants to plant on your property!

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FISHING FOR MENTAL HEALTH

LATEST NEWS

The next Fishing for Mental Health event is coming up on 6 September at Lauriston Reservoir Playground, from 9am till 2pm. Entry is \$10/head. There will be food and music, a raffle, with some excellent prizes to be won for catching fish.

The main attraction of the entertainment is Sarah Holden, whose fee will be donated by Mary Anne Thomas. Sarah will be singing songs composed by Jack Bamford, Bush Poet who has been the main driver of Fishing for Mental Health from the beginning. Food will be donated by IGA Romsey, and Country Gourmet Gisborne are donating the BBQ meat.

Raffle items include a lantern and a rod from Aussie Disposals as first prize, and a fishing rod as second prize. There will be a Funniest Joke of the Day competition - the Aspy Café in Lancefield is donating two \$50 vouchers, for the two best jokes, the winners to be decided by a crowd vote. Romsey Hair Hub is donating a cash voucher for a \$40 haircut for the person who catches the biggest and a \$30 voucher for the catcher of the smallest fish.

Jack has attracted support from our local MP Rob Mitchell, who, for the second year running, is paying \$140 for the bait worms. Mary Anne Thomas MP has contacted Victorian Fisheries and they are donating 35 new rods, lures, and some stickers, hats and tote bags totalling over \$2000 worth of gear.

Mayor of Macedon Ranges Dom Bonnanno and Shire Co-ordinator Lisa are supporting Jack's initiative, with Sunbury Cobaw Community Health and Kyneton Cobaw Community Health working on the mental health element of the project. There are another six events planned between now and the attempt at the world record for most fish caught on the one day early in 2026. Start practicing!

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WHAT A WHIRLWIND OF A TERM IT'S BEEN SO FAR

As I write this, I can't believe we're already at the end of Week 4, Term 3. We returned after the holidays and hit the ground running. What a whirlwind of a term it's been so far beginning with celebrating our grandparents to kick off the term and then it's been go go go from there. I hope you enjoy reading about all our adventures.

GRANDPARENT'S DAY

Week one ended on a high note with the celebration of Grandparent's Day. We had over 215 grand guests join us on Friday 25 July so that we could show them how much they're loved and appreciated. This special day began with the most beautiful liturgy that brought a tear to the eye when the last song was played. Then we were able to show our grand guests a lovely morning tea to fire up their energy levels before they joined their student family members for their activity in the classrooms. Families were tasked with decorating a small square of calico material with their family name and any unique way they chose to then decorate the square. All these squares have now been collected by the quilting group 'A Patch of Lancefield' who are going to put it all together for us to make a magnificent quilt to display at school. We hope to unveil this later in the term on our Feast Day. Students also had the opportunity to ask their grand guests some questions to find out some information about things that they did when they were younger. Overall, it was a lovely day, enjoyed by all that were in attendance. We'd like to thank all our grand guests for making the effort to join us, many travelling long distances to be a part of this memorable day. These special days mean so much to our students and are a highlight on

our school calendar and we appreciate the fantastic support we have from our school community.

MINI VINNIES - ROMSEY COMMUNITY AGED CARE

On Monday 28 July, the Mini Vinnies had their first visit for Term 3 to Romsey Community Aged Care. The Mini Vinnies have been broken into three groups for the Aged Care and Feed it Forward visits as five is the perfect number of attendees for each of these events. It was Group One's turn to attend this time and Rory, Charlie, Lily, Sam and Alice were very excited to attend. The activity this time was the bean bag throw. There were about 12 residents who joined us, so we broke into two teams. The red team included Charlie, Lily and Alice while the blue team included Sam, Rory and me. There was a healthy dose of competitiveness, and the girls ramped it up as they became the Red teams cheer squad! There was lots of cheering, encouragement, many laughs and hilarious victory dances! Both teams ended up winning a round each as it came down to the wire and an extra throw by 2 members. Another successful visit, as we got to know a little more about the residents and enjoy each other's company. Thanks to our students for their ability to bring joy, have fun and be inclusive; these visits are a win for everyone, and we look forward to seeing all the residents again in the not-too-distant future.

PREP 100 DAYS

On August 1 our Preps celebrated 100 days of school. What a



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momentous occasion it was. At the beginning of the day they were greeted by their buddies who made a guard of honour for them to run through as they sang 'Happy 100 days of school!' After the guard of honour, were decorations, lots of balloons and glittering banners marking 100 days! Their day was then jam packed with activities based around 100. They decorated their special 100-day crowns, they had their photo taken by the North Central Review and each child brought in 100 items. Their 100 items were so creative - there were 100 icypole sticks, lacquer bands, buttons, beads, coloured crayons and even 100 Lego pieces. The students dressed up as 100-year-olds or as 100 days brighter! They decorated '100' biscuits, decorated monsters with 100 body parts, played the game 'Race to 100' and made 100's & 1000's fairy bread. At the end of the day they took home a special 100 helium balloon, a pack of smarties which read '100 days smarter'. What a fabulous day for all involved. Certainly, it will be a treasured memory for many years to come! A huge thank you to our prep staff, Mrs D, Mrs Zarb, Mrs Caton and Mrs Smith for making this fabulous day happen and of course for their excellent 100-year-old costumes - pure gold.

5/6 CAMP TO PHILLIP ISLAND BY LARA FARRUGIA

'This year we went to Phillip Island for camp, and it was so much fun! I really liked the giant swing because it was 18 metres tall, and I went all the way to the top. We had to

pull a rope that released us and sent us plummeting to the ground, then we swung back and forth until it stopped. I also liked the Twin Flying Fox because two people could go on it at a time. It was really high and really long. When you went down you felt the wind in your face, and you felt so free. We also sat around a campfire singing songs; did archery, a team obstacle course and so much more. This year was definitely the best camp I've ever gone to. Thank you to the teachers for making this an amazing last primary school camp!'

GARDENING CLUB WITH MRS OLIVER

On Wednesday 6 August we launched a brand-new club for students to participate in during lunchtime - 'Garden Club', which kicked off with lots of keen volunteers. Students planted brassicas and root crops in our new garden beds along with herbs and perennials to refresh the junior yard planter boxes. We hope that all of these plants will provide us with a decent harvest to be used in Term 4 Kitchen Garden lessons. To ensure the correct care of our new seedlings, students also painted identification rocks which were then matched to the correct plants. In the second week of Gardening Club, we got to work filling our newest and final garden bed thanks to the Lancefield Mens Shed. We filled the bed by alternating between "brown" (carbon-rich) and "green" (nitrogen-rich) materials to create nutrient-rich soil. There were many busy gardeners determined to fill it up before the bell rang. We also looked at creating a 'zero-waste'



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solution to planting pots by creating them out of recycled newspaper. We are hoping to speed up the growth of these seedlings and avoid losing them to frost before planting them in the garden bed. There was, of course, time to do some of our regular gardening jobs like watering and weeding. We look forward to continuing growing our new club and making the most of the students' enthusiasm and keenness to learn. Let's hope the sunshine continues.

YEAR 4 FIRST EUCHARIST

On Saturday 9 August our Year 4 students received the Blessed Eucharist for the first time:

Archie, Stephanie, Kayleigh, Harry, Lucy, Dom, Ethan, Scarlett, Hunter, Cillian, Jake, Milla and Ruby. Our Catechism teaches that the Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith. When we receive the Lord in the Eucharist, it is an act of thanksgiving to God. It recalls the Lord's Supper with his Apostles. The Eucharist is the nourishment that enables us to remain spiritually strong and healthy. Pope Leo refers to the Eucharist as a gift. Congratulations to all our students for taking this next step in their faith journey.

SHC JUNIOR CHEF

On Thursday 14 August our Year 4 Junior Chefs travelled to Sacred Heart College in Kyneton to compete in Round 1 of the 2025 SHC Junior Chef competition. James, Sophie, Maisie and Jake had already had a practice cook last week with Mrs Agius, and they'd all made the dish for their families at home. They were well prepared and knew what tasks they were each required to do in order to work together as a team to create their first dish - Cajun Chicken Quesadillas. It was most impressive to see how well they worked together, encouraging each other, assisting each other as required, keeping their workspace clean and tidy and completing the task with time to spare. Their plated dish looked fantastic, and they should all be very proud of Their efforts. We wish them the best of luck for Round 2 which will take place later this month.

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In a sense, the Church is a team—a gathering of many "I"s, many individuals who are different, coming from different backgrounds, cultures, and perspectives, yet all coming together, unified in pursuit of a greater purpose. What is that purpose? What unites all these people? What helps them give up their individual goals in pursuit of the greater goal of the Church? Simply put, it is God and his glory. God is our greatest good, our greatest joy, and the ultimate object of our praise and worship. He sent his Son, Jesus, to die on the cross for our sins. It's his sacrifice that gives us the opportunity to know God and be part of his great purpose for this world. In this we are humbled, so that we can lay down our "I"s—our own

individual goals—and find ourselves in the higher purpose and plan of God.

Do you want to be part of a plan that goes beyond yourself? Do you want to be part of a team, led by God and empowered for his purposes? Why not join us at one of our services as we seek to walk together, following Jesus and sharing his love with the world?

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The flu vaccine is recommended for everyone aged 6 months and over, and it's free under the National Immunisation Program (NIP) for eligible groups including:

- People aged 65 and over
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- Pregnant women
- Children aged 6 months to under 5 years
- People with certain medical conditions

Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) is another common virus that spreads in winter. It often causes cold-like symptoms but can lead to serious illness. Council is also offering RSV vaccination for eligible adults and infants.

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Over the past months our guest speakers have provided information about Wills and Succession Planning, information about the Romsey Aged Care Facility and Baptcare which have given a very detailed picture of options available for people in our age bracket.

Our outings have continued to support local venues such as the newly refurbished Macedon Village Hotel and this month the club has organised a day trip to the Move centre at Shepparton.

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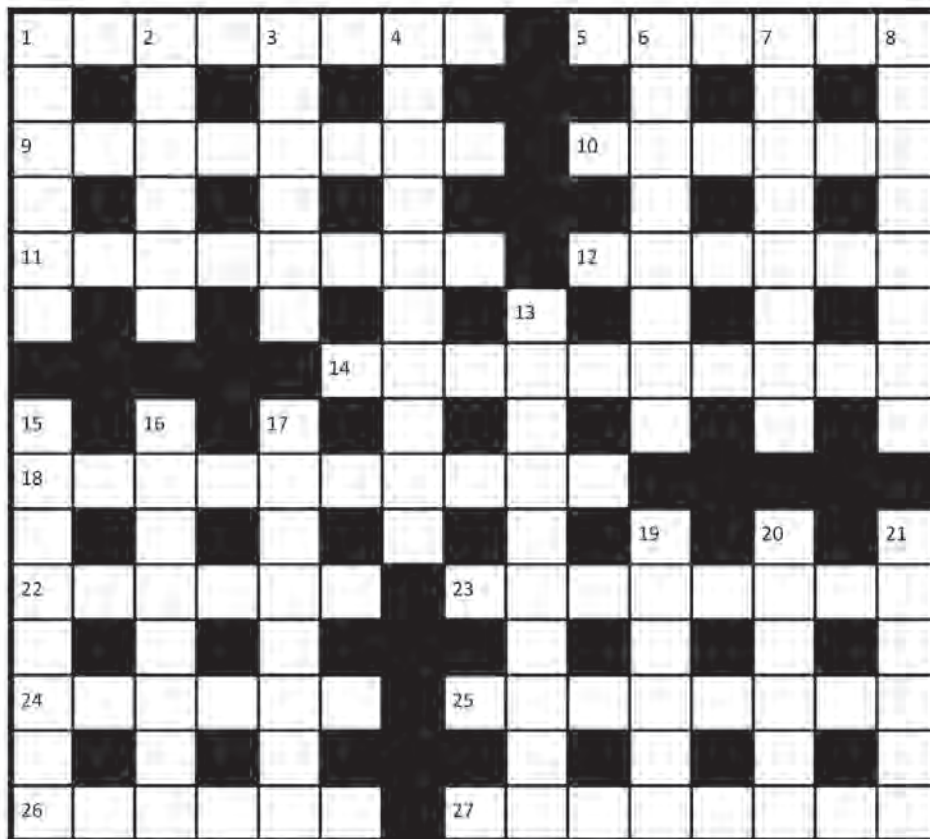
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- 9 Think about corn side (8)
- 10 Sloops can reverse winds (6)
- 11 Scatter and cry - centre order withdraws (8)
- 12 Layers start a sequence (6)
- 14 Latin creed could be a qualification (10)
- 18 Gluey comes from a tag in louse situation (10)
- 22 Corner you endlessly makes you bad-tempered (6)
- 23 Containing tin that can join twice (8)
- 24 Start ironing - but not the middle (6)
- 25 Publicly put down an ounce with an end (8)
- 26 Trug you minus you could be a dessert (6)
- 27 A dead tent was there (8)

DOWN

- 1 Tie down to be safe (6)
- 2 A nut and ale were arranged to be crescent shaped (6)
- 3 What a group might be trial mix (6)
- 4 Astronauts nearly home and typing in again (10)
- 6 Powerless although I'm strong (8)
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At Budburst, you don't just taste wine...you wander. You wonder. You get a little lost and you discover something rare and unforgettable.

Over two festival days more than 20 winemakers across more than 15 Budburst venues will open their doors to offer wine tastings, varied food and entertainment offerings, while sharing their stories. From established icons to hidden gems, Budburst is all about connection - between the makers, the wines, and you.

A world away from the ordinary, Budburst is a must for wine enthusiasts, culture seekers and weekend wanderers Victoria wide and beyond to get lost in the wine, the produce and the magic of Macedon Ranges.

Festival hours run from 10am to 5pm each day, with tastings, curated food menus, and the chance to chat directly with the winemakers at every stop.

TICKETS

Festival Passes start from \$39. Tickets include:

- A keepsake Plumm crystal Macedon Ranges wine glass
- A festival passport with all the details you need to make the most of your weekend
- Wine tastings across participating wineries

Designated drivers and children under 18 are invited to join the festival for free.



TRANSPORT OPTIONS

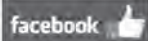
Leave the driving to someone else and jump on one of the hop-on/hop-off Budburst Saturday bus routes. On Saturday Budburst buses will take ticket holders directly to cellar doors around the Macedon Ranges, allowing you to visit up to 5 Budburst venues. On Sunday we will also be offering a limited bus service. Tickets are \$105 for a combined bus ticket and weekend festival pass. Alternatively, several local wine tour companies have bespoke options for you to choose from. More information available on the Budburst website. If you prefer to plan your own adventure, several suggested self-drive itineraries will be available on the festival website.

More details to come at budburst.com, your one-stop shop for planning your weekend.



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Parish Priest: Fr. John Healy C/- Woodend Presbytery 5427 2690. Assistant Priest: Fr. Wahid Riad

OUR UPCOMING EVENTS

MASS TIMES:

Vigil Mass will be celebrated each Saturday evening at 6:30pm in the Lancefield Church.

Sunday Mass will be celebrated at 9am and will alternate between Lancefield and Romsey.

First and third Sunday of the month in Romsey; second, fourth and fifth Sunday of the month in Lancefield.

The Healing Mass will be celebrated at 10:30am in Romsey on the first Saturday of each month.

Weekday Masses Thursday 9:30am at Romsey Church; Friday 9:30am at Lancefield Church

BAPTISMS

Baptisms are held on the first Sunday of the month at 2:30pm. Please contact the office for the next available dates.

CONFIRMATION IN 2025

Bookings are open for parish children to register for Confirmation in 2025.

Confirmation available to Yr 6 and above.

Please contact the office if you would like to register your child.

Reconciliation is held on the second Saturday of the month at 10am in St. Ambrose Church in Woodend and on the fourth Saturday of the month at 10am in St. Mary's Church in Lancefield. Should a parishioner want private Reconciliation, please contact Fr. John directly at Woodend.

NEW APPOINTMENT

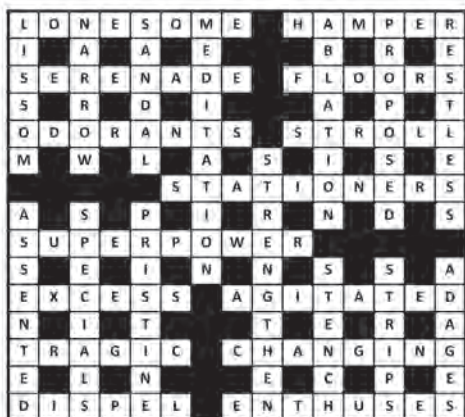
In addition to his current appointment of Parish Priest to St. Mary's Lancefield, Romsey and St. Ambrose Woodend, effective September 19, Fr. John Healy has been appointed Parish Priest of St. Brigid's in Gisborne which incorporates St. Patrick's Macedon and St. Ambrose Riddells Creek. Fr. Wahid Riad has been appointed as Assistant Priest and will reside in the Gisborne Presbytery.

Fr. John and Fr. Wahid will alternate weekends within the parishes.

Please direct enquiries by email at lancefield@cam.org.au or to the parish office on 5429 2130.

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MULTIPURPOSE ROOMS FOR HIRE

Council's multipurpose rooms are available for hire and can accommodate a wide range of activities and events. These spaces are suitable for meetings, classes, workshops, community programs, or small-scale events. Each room is well-maintained, accessible, and equipped to support varied uses. Options include open spaces for fitness or dance classes, seated arrangements for presentations, or practical setups for group activities. Hire is available on a casual or ongoing basis, and tours can be arranged through the Leisure team. Visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/See-Do/Swimming-Sport-Fitness/Pool-and-leisure-centres for availability and hire enquiries.

VACANCY ON MACEDON RANGES SHIRE COUNCIL

A countback to fill an extraordinary vacancy on Macedon Ranges Shire Council for South Ward will be held online at 10 am on Monday 1 September 2025. The vacancy is due to the death of Councillor Christine Walker.

The Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) will hold a countback of all formal votes from the 2024 Macedon Ranges Shire Council, South Ward election to fill the vacancy. Votes will be redistributed to candidates who were unsuccessful in 2024 but are still eligible to be elected.

The countback is based on the proportional representation method of counting, which means candidates must achieve a proportion of votes known as a quota.

'The candidate who gets the quota will be elected. If no candidate reaches the quota, the candidate with the highest number of countback votes will be elected,' Election Manager Sally Leung said.



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Through the Home Library Service we are able to offer regular deliveries of all available items, including fiction and non-fiction books, talking books, DVDs and magazines. A temporary delivery service is also available as required by patrons, for example, after hospitalisation.

For more information call us on 54293086 or send an email to romsey@ncgrl.vic.gov.au.

SEPTEMBER PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Storytimes: Mondays and Tuesday, 11.00am-11.45am

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Saturday Storytime, 20 September, 10.00am-10.45am

Baby Rhyme Times: Thursdays, 11.00am-11.30am

Join us for 30 minutes of songs and nursery rhymes. For ages 0-1 year.

A Curious Circle: Tuesday 9 August, 5.30pm-7.30pm

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Email : saskiaboonen01@hotmail.com if you have any questions or if you would like to attend.

THE NEXT COMMUNITY LUNCH



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20 years in Romsey

In August, we marked a milestone - 20 years since our Romsey branch first opened its doors.

It was wonderful to celebrate with customers, community partners, our branch team and directors over a cuppa and cake at our morning tea. Our thanks to everyone who came by to mark the occasion.

Together with our Lancefield branch, we've now returned more than \$3.5 million to our community since we were established in 2001, and we're just getting started!

**RDFNL junior season wrap**

After four fantastic years as Major Sponsor of the Riddell District Football Netball League, our final season is wrapping up with a bang. Since 2021, our partnership with the RDFNL, alongside other local Bendigo and Community Bank branches, has helped bring down participation costs for local football and netball clubs, providing a boost for players and families alike.

Congratulations to all teams on a terrific 2025 season. A special mention goes to Hayley Binney from Romsey Junior Football Netball Club, who was awarded Community Builder of the Year, a recognition of her outstanding contribution over many years at the club.

We've loved being part of the league over the past four years, however it doesn't end there – we're still involved with our local clubs in Romsey and Lancefield, and we'll always be proud of the role we've played in supporting local sport.

Community Investment Program

Thanks to the better banking of our customers, our profits go back into the community supporting great local initiatives.

Round 1 of our 2025–26 Community Investment Program has now closed. The Board of Directors of Community Bank Lancefield and Romsey are reviewing all submissions, with applicants to be notified in October. To stay informed about future funding opportunities, contact cip@lrcfsl.com.au

Spring events we're proud to sponsor

With the weather warming up, we're looking forward to a big few months supporting events that bring our community together, with the following on our calendar for September and October:

- Saturday 6 September: **Fishing for Mental Health**
- Saturday 13 September: **RDFNL Senior Grand Final Day**
- Sunday 21 September: **Pub to Pub Fun Run**
- Friday 26 September: **Romsey Bowling Club Open Fours Tournament**
- Friday 10 – Sunday 12 October: **Life in the Peloton Dirty Docker**
- Sunday 26 October: **Lancefield Romsey Lions Club Swapmeet**

If you're attending any of these events, keep an eye out for our team and say hello!

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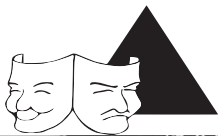
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ANOTHER SELLOUT SHOW



Our third production, *A Skull in Connemara* has just wound up and, as with all our shows this year, enjoyed a highly successful sellout season. Congratulations to the incredible director, cast and crew who brought this show to life with such creative, innovative skill. Anyone who was lucky enough to have seen it will agree that the set design, lighting and specialty props were indeed 'mind-blowing'.

Our final production for 2025, *Puffs*, has been cast and is now in full rehearsal under the experienced eye of Director, Craig Lenaine-Smith. This show will appeal to the whole family and provide patrons with a happy, feel-good experience to wind up our theatrical year. Lots more about that one next month.

Members and friends of The Mount Players packed out

Jubilee Hall in August to show off their general knowledge at our Trivia night. This event as with other evenings we put on are free to members with a small charge to non-members. Our next event will be our Season 2026 Launch in October at the theatre, where members and friends gather to hear all about the up-coming shows from the directors. Supper and drinks are provided and it's always a great opportunity to catch up with all things theatre. If you would like to become a member or simply keep up to date with everything at the Mountview Theatre, go to www.themountplayers.com for full details.

See you at the theatre!

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LANCEFIEELD PARKRUN

Everyone is welcome to come down to Lancefield Recreation Reserve on Saturday mornings to try out parkrun. Come and run, jog or walk – the full distance is 5 kilometres around the park on the granitic sand track; you can do one lap and build up to the full distance if you like. Entry is free, as is registration (do a search for parkrun and follow the prompts to join). Once you join you will get your result after each and every parkrun.

The weather is starting to improve and parkrun is a great way to start your weekend.

Come down at about 7.45 and the volunteers can tell you about the course and you can meet the

other participants. After the event come and join us for coffee.

Parkrun started in England and has spread around the world. Some of the parkruns in Melbourne attract more than 500 participants on a regular basis, with over 1000 people at Albert Park on some Saturdays. Our parkrun is slightly smaller than that, a boutique parkrun we like to say!

And the organisation is so low key we don't even have a capital for its name!

Andy Moore