

Lancefield Mercury

LOVING LANCEFIELD



CELEBRATING THE HIGH STREET PLANTATION LIGHTS PROJECT

On Friday 15 May 2026, the Lancefield Town Centre Action Team invited residents to celebrate a major achievement: the completion of the High Street Plantation Lights Project. This project was supported by Eastern Macedon Ranges Business and Tourism Association (EMRBATA), Community Bank Lancefield Romsey and Macedon Ranges Shire Council as part of the Thriving Villages initiative. Team member John Severson, was the key mover and shaker of this project. His determination and enthusiastic negotiations with the Council ensured the successful upgrading of the lighting on the Plantation.

As the sun went down Friday 16 May, kids enjoyed having their faces painted, the Sunsets (local Macedon Ranges trio - Lucy, Tash and Rex - who perform regularly at the Lancefield Farmers' Market) sang a range of songs while others enjoyed a sausage – cooked expertly by team members Peter Chiller (formerly of the Lancefield Guesthouse) and Raf Fabris (Rafaels Coffee). At around 6pm, John Severson lead a walking tour of the Plantation, lighting it up as he went!

We are keen to encourage interested residents to become part of this team who are determined to promote further



projects. Loving Lancefield is what we are all about!

If you would like more information about the Loving Lancefield Town Centre Action Plan and the Team, and/or are interested in assisting with the Team's social media page, we would love to hear from you. Please email contact@easternmacedonranges.au.

Please search for 'Eastern Macedon Ranges' and under 'meet the locals' have a look at "Town Centre Action Plans" for more details which was produced with community input to energise Lancefield's Town Centre area..

Fay Woodhouse

PARKRUN CELEBRATES ANOTHER BIRTHDAY

On Saturday 9 May 2026, Lancefield Parkrun celebrated its eighth birthday. This was a great celebration! For those who aren't aware, parkrun was launched in 2004 as the 'Bushy Park Time Trial' in London; it was completed by just 13 participants. Parkrun was established by Tim Oberg in Australia in 2011 after he discovered the initiative in London.

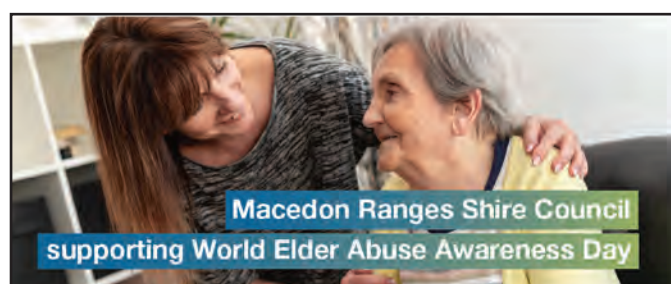
In late 2017, Erin Foster and a group of running, athletics and sporting enthusiasts, were keen to involve interested residents in a new weekly free event; her idea was to become part of the Australian parkrun organisation. Erin soon began the process of establishing a parkrun in Lancefield which was successfully launched at 8am on Saturday 12 May 2018 in the Lancefield Recreation Ground; a total of 87 runners arrived and took part in the event.

The photograph on the front page of the June 2018 edition of the Lancefield Mercury, publicising the first parkrun, shows a large group including a mother with a pram, as well as lots of kids and adults setting out on the event. The good thing about the 5 km parkrun is that you can walk, jog, run – or (as I do) – a combination of all options. Parkrun Lancefield organisers also remind participants each week that the weekly run is organised by volunteers – and



each week we applaud the volunteers for their contribution. As well as directing the event, volunteers set the course, time the run, scan people's barcode, photograph participants, and two marshals and a tail walker makes sure people are heading the right direction and aren't left behind.

But just have a look at these statistics: The most recent



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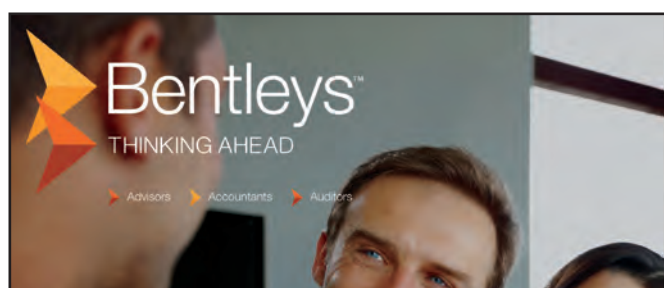
- Aged care rights
- Navigating the aged care system
- Recognising and responding to elder abuse
- Aged Care Volunteer Visitors Program

When: Monday 15th June 2pm
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run on Saturday 16 May 2026 was parkrun No. 297. On this day, 52 adults and children participated, along with seven volunteers. Nine people recorded their Personal Best times, and the fastest run was 21.27 minutes! And the last to finish, our volunteer tail walker, took 62 minutes.

It's a happy and healthy event, and the perfect way to

start the weekend. Put Saturday 8.00 am at the Lancefield Recreation Ground into your diary to become a participant in the next Lancefield parkrun – and what a good opportunity to train for the September 2026 Pub-to-Pub!

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Karl Kny attaching the Songmeter to a tree at Dugan

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Three years ago, the Newham & District Landcare Group embarked on a project to reinstate a triangle of land situated on the corner of Anderson and Boundary Roads in Woodend North. Over the three years, hundreds of trees, shrubs and grasses have been planted. The driving force to take on such a project was to provide a sanctuary for birds and wildlife and, of course, beautify our environment.

Over time, it was felt the site deserved an indigenous name rather than just 'The Triangle' so, after reviewing our request, the Taungurung Language Reference Group offered the Taungurung word 'Dugan' which means 'showing signs of life'. How perfect! We are incredibly excited by this and look forward to the Taungurung People holding a Healing to Country Ceremony in the near future.

In May a 'Song Meter' was attached to a tree and

recordings of every bird sound were recorded over a 24/7 period for 5 days. The result has been astonishing with over 50 species being recorded. From a variety of Wrens, Thornbills, Honeyeaters, Pardalotes, Shrikethrush and Parrots to Currawongs, Cormorants, Falcon and Owls! The site is already showing signs of life as its given name 'Dugan' suggests!

Our Landcare Group is very active and holds lots of events for the community to engage with. Go to www.newhamlandcare.info if you would like to learn more or become a member.

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Our present treasurer, Ken Allender, who has been looking after our advertising and accounts for the incredible period of ten years and has decided to step down as of June 30. Hence, we are looking to find



someone to join our small team to do this vital job which keeps the Mercury coming out every month. Ken estimates that it might be around 2 hours a week, with a little more time in the week before the middle of the month deadline. Message Ken at advertising3435@gmail.com for more information.

We are also looking at expanding the team that delivers

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

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

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

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

Enquiries about advertising: advertising3435@gmail.com – Ken Allender 0404 886 580

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the copies of the Mercury to letterboxes each month. This would take an hour or two of walking, once a month (or less frequently as a fill-in if that works for you). Message the editor at editor34352@gmail.com or ring Andy or Ken for more information.

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WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

MASS TIMES:

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

Sunday Mass will be celebrated each Sunday morning at 9am in the Romsey Church.

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

Weekday Masses are on Thursdays at 9:30am in the Romsey Church, except for the fourth Thursday when Mass will be celebrated at the Romsey Aged Care at 10:30am. Mass on Friday 9:30am is in the Lancefield Church. Please check the parish website for confirmation of weekday Mass times as they may change.

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

Reconciliation is held on the second Saturday of the month at 10am in St. Ambrose Church in Woodend, on the third Saturday of the month at 10am in St. Brigids

Church in Gisborne, 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 to make arrangement.

2026 SACRAMENTS

Registration is now open for Holy Communion to be celebrated in 2026. Please contact the office at lancefield@cam.org.au if you would like to be included in information sent out for Holy Communion. Reconciliation registration and Confirmation registration is now closed.

Holy Communion available to Year 4. Sacrament fee for 2026 is \$100. Baptism details are required for registration.

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LANCEFIELD COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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

90 YEARS YOUNG

By the time that you read this report the autumn foliage will be all on the ground and the nights will be starting to become very chilly. We trust that mothers, grandmothers, carers and all had a pleasurable Mother's Day with their special families.

Last month, thanks to the support of the Lancefield Hotel, we hosted the Friday night meat raffle. A total of \$374 was raised. Thanks again to the owners of the Lancefield Hotel and the patrons for their generosity. This will allow us to make donations to a variety of worthy local causes.

We celebrated our branch's 90th birthday on the May 22 by joining together at the Lancefield Hotel for lunch. We acknowledged and drank a toast to those committed members who have kept the branch active throughout the past 90 years.

At the forthcoming State Conference in late May, there are a variety of resolutions to be discussed. For instance, the CWA urges the Federal Government to strengthen the scams prevention legislative framework and to legislate consumer protection similar to those introduced in the

UK in 2023.

The introduction of a Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme.

The adequate staffing and funding of the Victorian Patient Transport Assistance Scheme (VTAS) so that the processing of claims does not exceed the 8-week timeframe.

And finally, that both the State and Federal Governments increase the number of vouchers and the value of subsidies available for the support of vulnerable and disadvantaged children participating in physical and sporting activities.

Our country of study is Canada. Here's an interesting fact. The town of Churchill, Manitoba is the polar bear capital of the world and has a 'polar bear jail' for bears that wander into town.

Our next meeting will be held in the annex of the Mechanics Institute on the last Friday of the month commencing at 10.30. You are very welcome to attend.

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EDGY VEG AWARDS HIGHLIGHT THRIVING FOOD SCENE

The Macedon Ranges and Mount Alexander Shire have once again demonstrated their culinary creativity, with the 2026 Edgy Veg Awards drawing a record 946 votes and celebrating the very best in vegetable-based dining.

Now in its fifth year in the Macedon Ranges, the awards continue to grow in popularity, encouraging locals and visitors to explore veg-rich dishes across a diverse range of cafés, restaurants, pubs and bakeries. This year's winners reflect both innovation and consistency, with new champions emerging alongside returning favourites.

In the Macedon Ranges, Woodend Cellar & Bar took out the Restaurant, Pub and Bar category in a breakthrough win. Its Faux Gras - a rich, savoury blend of roasted mushrooms, cashew butter and umami flavours - proved a standout among diners. Many praised the dish for its indulgence and creativity, with some saying they'll return to enjoy it again, or that they licked the jar clean.

And Macedon Ranges Wholefoods in Gisborne secured its second Café category win in a row. Its Turkish Bride Soup struck a chord with voters, who described it as nourishing, comforting and perfectly suited to the region's cooler climate. "This is the third time in 2 weeks I've ordered this to take away for my dinner. So wholesome and delicious" said one reviewer.

Beyond the winners, organisers say the real success of the awards lies in their broader impact on the community. By encouraging diners to seek out plant-based options, the Awards again helped promote healthier eating habits while supporting local businesses. Participating venues have reported increased foot traffic and customers asking them about veg-rich or plant-based options on the menu, during the competition period — a welcome boost to small businesses amid ongoing cost-of-living pressures.



The awards are delivered by Veg Action of the Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group and supported by Healthy Loddon Campaspe, Mount Alexander and Macedon Ranges Shire Councils, Community Bank Gisborne & District, Snap Fitness Woodend and RT Edgar.

The awards also showcase the region as a destination for high-quality, innovative dining from a sausage roll in Macedon to fine dining at Glen Erin at Lancefield. For towns like Lancefield, this broader regional recognition helps attract visitors and supports tourism across the Macedon Ranges. Lancefield and Riddells Creek participating venues this year were: The Lost Watering Hole, Little Vic's and Glen Erin at Lancefield.

As plant-based dining continues to grow in popularity, the Edgy Veg Awards demonstrate that vegetables are no longer a side dish, but a centrepiece of modern cuisine.

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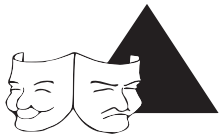
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ANOTHER WONDERFUL SUCCESS

Our May production of *Mr Bailey's Minder* by Debra Oswald was another wonderful success. Judging by the buzz in the foyer at every performance, we are certain every patron just loved it. Local director, Sonja Prater, used her creative talents to produce a memorable piece of theatre we are all so proud of. Congratulations to actors Robert Wallace, Melissa Forge, Tania Knight and Ruben Cameron, our incredible set designers, builders and artists, and the tech guys who wowed us yet again with sound and lighting! Hopefully all of this will hold us in good stead for this year's Victorian Drama League Awards. Our fingers are crossed for December when nominations and awards are presented.

Our next production *After-Light The Dramatic Prog-Rock Opera* by Zach Vanstone and Tom Foster will be staged in August. Musicians and actors are now being gathered for this contemporary musical. If you would like to know more or be involved contact the producer, Craig Lennaine-Smith at mountplayerspresident@gmail.com Lots more about this one next month.

Meanwhile, to keep up with everything happening at the Mountview Theatre go to www.themountplayers.com See you at the theatre!

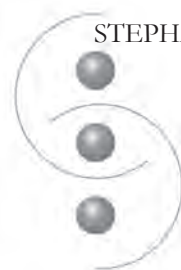
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Wednesday June 10, 5.30pm-7.30pm

Join our friendly gatherings and connect over craft.

This month's craft will be a two-part Cricut making series, where in June we will be creating digital designs that will then be printed and ironed onto a textile surface at our July session.

All are welcome and refreshments will be provided. Limited spots. Bookings are required.

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It can sometimes be overwhelming though. Loud noises and glaring lights – we've all felt the need to sit somewhere quiet and shut out the world for a time.

On Monday and Tuesday afternoons, between 3pm and 5pm, the Romsey library is switching off the lights in the children's area and asking all patrons to minimise noise. We have comfortable couches and soft cushions to help you relax. There are fidget toys available to borrow if you need to keep your hands busy while you read or listen to a story. In our quiet, darkened space, you can rest your eyes and slow your thoughts.

WHAT'S ON – WINTER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

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Wednesday July 22, 2pm-3pm

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researcher Anne Buist AO's third book in their Menzies Mental Health series - 'The General Hospital'.

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The 2026 ANZAC Day local Lancefield service was an example of our strong community spirit. What a beautiful autumn morning to come together, reflect and remember. Well done to our year 6 leaders, Sophie, Rowan, Remi and Harvey for representing our school; as well as students from Romsey PS, Bolinda PS and St Marys PS. All our schools were very proud of the job our students did representing our schools. A special mention to Willow who also had a role to play, along with Leroy Ristevski, supporting John McCosker (OAM - RSL member) whilst he read the Ode of Remembrance. So many families were in attendance and so many of our LPS students were in our uniform which showed such pride in our school and respect for the event. We would also like to acknowledge the LPS Scouts/Guides who were in attendance who stood to attention so proudly right throughout the service. Thank you to the Romsey/Lancefield RSL members who always organise such a wonderful service.

Thank you, Year 6 Breakfast Club Leaders, for the amazing job you are doing behind the scenes and on the ground in the running of our Breakfast Club. We are currently holding Breakfast Club on a Wednesday morning and have been lucky enough with the weather to keep enjoying the picnic table area. As we are starting to experience colder, wet mornings Breakfast Club will be in our Wil-im-ee-Mooring Centre. We generally have a selection of fresh fruit, Cheerios, and milk available to everyone. With winter on its way we will be hoping to offer toast and porridge. It is with the support of Foodbank for Schools that we can offer this service.

In addition to supporting breakfast at school, we also can support our families with take home packs of general household staples. LPS families can get in touch with us if this is something that could benefit your family. Lancefield



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Bakery also provide us with a selection of fresh bread/rolls which anyone is welcome to collect from the office area on a Wednesday. Thank you to the Bakery for your support of our school families and community.

Congratulations again to the 35 LPS year 3-6 students who ran in the Hanging Rock Cross Country on Tuesday 5 May. It was a wonderful day made all the better by the wonderful weather and fabulous enthusiasm of all students from schools in our network. Let's wish the very best of luck to our four runners going through to the Castlemaine event on Friday May 22 - Kaylee, Ayla, Ollie and Harry. Good luck and enjoy!



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Why do I garden? I started with a vegie patch as an 8-year-old in nanna's backyard next door, and I have gardened every year since, except for my uni. and house-share years. Maybe it's in my bones; my other nanna was gardening into her late nineties, and my dad is still gardening at 96! Gardening is good for physical and mental health. In fact, one time my father was mowing out the front (I was raking) and a regular walker said to me "Max shouldn't be mowing, he's 90". I said, "That's how he got to be 90!"

In her recent book "Why We Garden", Hannah Moloney revealed that in her multiple-choice questionnaire 94.6% of respondents ticked "for joy" as a reason for gardening. I can identify with that, but all gardeners would have multiple reasons, and we have all learnt lessons along the way. In previous articles I have shared some of my learning's but nevertheless here is a summary, in no particular order.

- Avoid herbicides. Not good for our little critters, particularly frogs. Not good for pets and not good for us.
- Some grasses should not be planted in backyards due to

their invasiveness. Kikuyu and couch grasses are in this category and are very difficult to control without liberal use of poisons.

- Avoid plastic matting to stop weeds. It doesn't work and eventually starts breaking down into ever smaller pieces.
- Provide water and they will come. Insects, birds, lizards and frogs will hang around your place if they can get a drink.
- Plant and they will come. Put the right plants in and you will attract the little critters and loads of birds. All they want is something to eat. Nectar, seeds and insects will cover their dietary requirements and some cover, and a few prickly bushes will provide habitat.
- Include some indigenous plants and our native insects and birds will be even happier.
- Mulch your garden. You will use less water; have less weeds and healthier plants.
- Gardens are not just lawns, agapanthus and yuccas! Agapanthus is weedy, harbour slugs and snails and yuccas

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can cause eye injuries.

- Grow vegetables. We may live in a cool climate- zone but most vegetables grow well here if planted at the right time. Warmer, more humid locations pose problems that we rarely have to worry about.
- Not using poisons enables healthy populations of pest controllers to establish naturally. For example, the ladybird army will control aphids on the vegies and roses. Attracting small birds such as wrens and thornbills to your garden will also help.
- Keep cats indoors. Our birds and little critters are endangered when cats can roam.
- Gardening might be joyful but having a garden is also joyful. There is joy in watching plants grow and change through the seasons. There is joy in discovering insects and little critters that you have never seen before and there is joy in watching and hearing Mr Spinebill go about his work checking for nectar in the correas and salvias!

Deep Creek Landcare has nesting boxes for bats, birds, possums 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, our website, contact our President, Phil Severs (0476 324 000), attend our monthly meetings in the Lancefield Mechanics Hall or pop along to the Lancefield Farmers Market when we return in spring.

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ANZAC DAY

All classes reflected on the significance of ANZAC Day and made a wreath to lay during our school ANZAC service. Our service, led by our school leaders and attended by members of the Romsey Lancefield RSL, was a beautiful tribute to those who have, and are, serving our country in times of war and conflict.

Mr John Horan from the Romsey Lancefield RSL spoke to our students about Simpson and his donkey and the carrier pigeon, G.I. Joe, reminding us of the service of animals as well as people.

Our school captains, Alice, Chase and Jazrelle proudly represented our school at the Lancefield ANZAC service on ANZAC Day.

MOTHERS' DAY

On Friday 8 May we enjoyed celebrating our Mums with a variety of special events. Firstly, our students were excited to buy a gift for their Mum at the PnF Mothers' Day stall. We then gathered for a beautiful liturgy followed by activities which gave our students the opportunity to pamper and have fun with their Mums.

It was wonderful to see so many mums being spoilt by their children including having their hair and nails done and having a hand massage. Fun was also had with families joining together to make fairy bread, plant a succulent, and play games, including our famous St Mary's tree ball and down ball. Some families spent time reading books about grandmothers and mothers while others made some jewellery together.

It was a fabulous afternoon which gave us the chance to show how much our mothers mean to us!



SRC'S RECYCLING PROJECT

Our SRCs were excited to announce a new initiative at St Mary's this week.

A message from Georgia, Lyela, Milla, Aedan, Orla, Adelaide, Summer, Molly and Archie H -

'We're going to collect items that can be recycled and take them to the Neighbourhood House collection station. We are asking that you bring along from home items that can be recycled. The SRC reps will collect these items from classrooms and put them in a collection tub in the hall. When our tub is full, we'll sort the items and take them to the Neighbourhood House Recycle Centre. They will then send them off to be recycled.

This will help save our Earth's resources and reduce the quantity of items going into landfill.

Items we'll collect are batteries, small e-waste, plastic bottle caps, printer cartridges, mobile phone and phone batteries, Nescafe and L'Or coffee pods, packets of seeds and egg cartons.

Every small action makes a difference. Let's all do our part.'

MINI VINNIES

Our Mini Vinnies visited the Romsey Community Aged Care facility. These visits will be ongoing throughout the year, and we hope to build some great bonds with the residents over this time. It was a great hour spent there, getting to know each other and having a fun time. It was clear to see the residents enjoyed it as much as our students did.

Thank you to our Mini Vinnies - Kayla, James, Lucy, Stephanie, Isabella, Harry, Holly, Cillian, Kayleigh and Milla for their friendly and respectful behaviour whilst there and for their enthusiasm and positive attitude. We are already looking forward to our next visit.

ICE BUCKET RELAY

St Mary's will once again be supporting the fight against 'The Beast' to raise funds for the Fight MND campaign. Our



school leaders will be competing against our nominated parents and staff in an ice bucket relay. A chilly but fun way to support a great cause.

SINGING GROUP

Our singing group has been working hard to learn a song based on ANZAC Day.

They sang beautifully at the Mechanics Hall in Lancefield and at our school ANZAC Day service.

Congratulations to the following students who represented our school so beautifully -

Blake, Levi, Eleanor, Sunny, Madelyn, Abi, Holly, Zoe, Annabelle, Kayla, Holly, Isabella, Milla, Georgia, Olivia and Sophie.

SPORT

Our Year 3 - 6 students competed in a cross-country event at Hanging Rock with 6 of our students making it to the next round. Congratulations to everyone who ran with such grit and determination.

In March, our Year 5/6 Tee Ball teams competed in

Romsey against 10 schools as part of the Cobaw Winter Sports. It was a fantastic day of sport and teamwork. The girls' team had an outstanding tournament, remaining undefeated throughout the day. The boys' team also performed exceptionally well, finishing tied for 2nd place after winning 4 games. In an incredibly close result, they narrowly missed progressing to the next round by just a single run. All students represented the school with great sportsmanship, determination and teamwork throughout the day.

PLAYGROUP @ ST MARY'S

It is great to see a steady number of attendees each week at our Playgroup. Some new faces have now joined along with our keen regulars. If you know someone in the community who might benefit from meeting others for socialisation and some fun playtime with their little ones, please let them know and invite them along. Our playgroup is for everyone in our local and wider community and it's free! Held on most Mondays during term time from 8.30am - 10am.

Remaining dates for this term are June 15 and 22. We hope to see you there!





Girl Guides of the Macedon Ranges are now the caretakers of the purple bows on trees that we see each June around the shire signifying respect and kindness to elders. Monday June 15 is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) and as well as looking after the bows in Romsey and Lancefield the Romsey/Lancefield Girl Guides have been busy writing letters and cards of friendship to residents in Romsey Community Aged Care home.

These will be delivered on the Monday of WEAAD along with letters from Scouts who've been writing in the hope to find former scouts themselves.

Also, in Romsey on Monday 15, a special WEAAD Information Hub will be set up at Verdure Bistro with resources and information on hand. Show your support for WEAAD over a cuppa or two. Table chats are also planned and for those wishing to talk matters financial, local shire specialists in aged care finance, Nixon Financial Services, will be on hand to assist.

June is also the month we congratulate Mr Bob Nixon on his retirement after 50 plus years giving financial advice to many generations in the shire. A highly valued supporter of the Kindness to Elders Initiative he leaves his business in the capable hands of advisors, three of whom are authorised to give advice on aged care matters.

Visit the Kindness to Elders Facebook page for all up to date information on WEAAD happenings around the shire.

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THE “DIRTY DOCKER DINNER” INSPIRES

EMRBATA’s “Dirty Docker Dinner – Stories, Sport and Community” fulfilled its promise to deliver connection, conversation and inspiration when a full house enjoyed a great night at Little Vic’s in Riddells Creek on Friday 8 May.

“In conversation” Mitch Docker had the audience enthralled as he discussed his “ride” through life so far from Melbourne to Europe to Lancefield. The ups and downs of pro-cycling and the transition to podcaster (Life in the Peloton), event organiser (the Pub-to-Pub Run and Dirty Docker Festival) and community advocate, captivated the audience. The great food and hospitality from Jodie and the Little Vic’s team added another great element to the evening

EMRBATA is committed to providing such opportunities for its members and the broader community across the eastern corridor to connect and be inspired!

Romsey’s Town Centre Action Team (“Thriving Romsey”) has several projects on the cusp of completion – stay tuned by following Thriving Romsey on Facebook. Whether it be the quick win actions or big moves, get on board your Town Centre Action Team and make a difference to your town.



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MACEDON RANGES POTTERS ANNUAL EXHIBITION RETURNS

Celebrating 41 years of creativity, camaraderie, and clay, the Macedon Ranges Potters will present their much-loved Annual Exhibition this June. This year marks an exciting new chapter, with the exhibition moving to The Old Auction House Gallery, Kyneton.

Formed over four decades ago, the Macedon Ranges Potters are a close-knit group who have long shared ideas, food, and plenty of laughter alongside their artistic practice. Now comprising 13 members, the group brings together a diverse range of ceramic styles—from finely crafted functional ware such as mugs, bowls and platters, to distinctive one-off sculptural and illustrated pieces.

The annual exhibition has become a highlight of the region's winter arts calendar, attracting visitors and collectors alike. The new gallery setting offers an ideal space to showcase the breadth and quality of the group's work.

Visitors are warmly invited to a special Meet the Artists Morning Tea held during the King's Birthday long

weekend on Saturday 6 June from 11 am to 1 pm. This informal gathering provides an opportunity to connect with the makers, learn about their processes, and enjoy the welcoming spirit that has sustained the group for over the decades.

EXHIBITION DETAILS:

Event: Macedon Ranges Potters Annual Exhibition

Venue: The Old Auction House Gallery,
52-56 Mollison St, Kyneton

Dates: June 4-22. The gallery is open 7 days a week from 10-4

Special Event: Meet the Artists Morning Tea
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FROM THE DESK

I've just had the privilege of witnessing the birth of my second daughter, and it's got me thinking about life. When a new life is born and this tiny person comes into the world, life in all its beauty and mystery is on display. This small person, so fragile, so pure, so full of potential. Who are they? We needed to name her! We thought Lucia was fitting, since she was like a light entering our world, reflecting the light of life in all its beauty and mystery. Who will she grow up to become? What will be her passions, interests, and talents? We can only wait and see, but for now, her life is just beginning, and it seems as though anything is possible. We all came into the world like this small, fragile, and full of potential. Yet as time has passed, the mystery of ourselves has been revealed. We grew up and discovered our passions, interests, and talents. We cultivated them and pursued these things, eventually growing into adults.

Our potential, which once seemed infinite, has now been explored and, in this way, also expended. The infinite potential we had when we were first born is now gone, since the time that we were afforded has also passed. Now we are teachers, doctors, bus drivers, mums, dads, sisters, brothers

— and not anything else. We cannot change, for better or worse. This is who we are. And since we are running out of time, it is likely that this is who we will continue to be until the end. Yet the Bible speaks of a second birth, another moment in our lives where we can truly become new again. New, not in a physical sense, but from the inside out. From the inner spiritual person that we all are, we can be born again and made alive to a new reality. Just as we were once born into the reality of this world, we can be born again into the reality of the new world.

Jesus said it this way: "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again." This new world is the Kingdom of God. A reality where we are awakened to the realisation that there is more to this world than meets the eye. That there is a loving God who wants us to know him and journey with him. How can we be born again and begin this journey with him? It all begins with faith. Faith in the one whom he sent to make this reality possible: Jesus. Why not join us as we discover more of God and ourselves on this journey of faith? Blessings,

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Church Service 9am each Sunday Romsey : Lancefield 10:30 each Sunday

Prayer Meeting: Christ Church Hall Lancefield Thursday 10:00am

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THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

The Romsey-Lancefield RSL would like to thank everyone for their support this Anzac Day. Several people stopped to buy a badge and told us their personal and family stories, we were welcomed by schools and Romsey Community Aged Care to share Anzac Commemorations, and we had huge numbers of people join us at Romsey and Lancefield on Anzac Day. We're estimating that over 2,500 people from Lancefield and Romsey were personally involved in commemorating, pausing and remembering the fallen on Anzac Day or events prior.

It was wonderful to see so many children involved in Anzac Day. As an RSL we want to support the community, including children, to learn about the sacrifice of those who served.

The Anzac Day commemorations at Lancefield would not have been possible without the support of so many including local primary schools, fire brigades and other community groups.

The Romsey-Lancefield RSL will also commemorate Vietnam Veterans Day on 18 August and Remembrance Day on 11 November.



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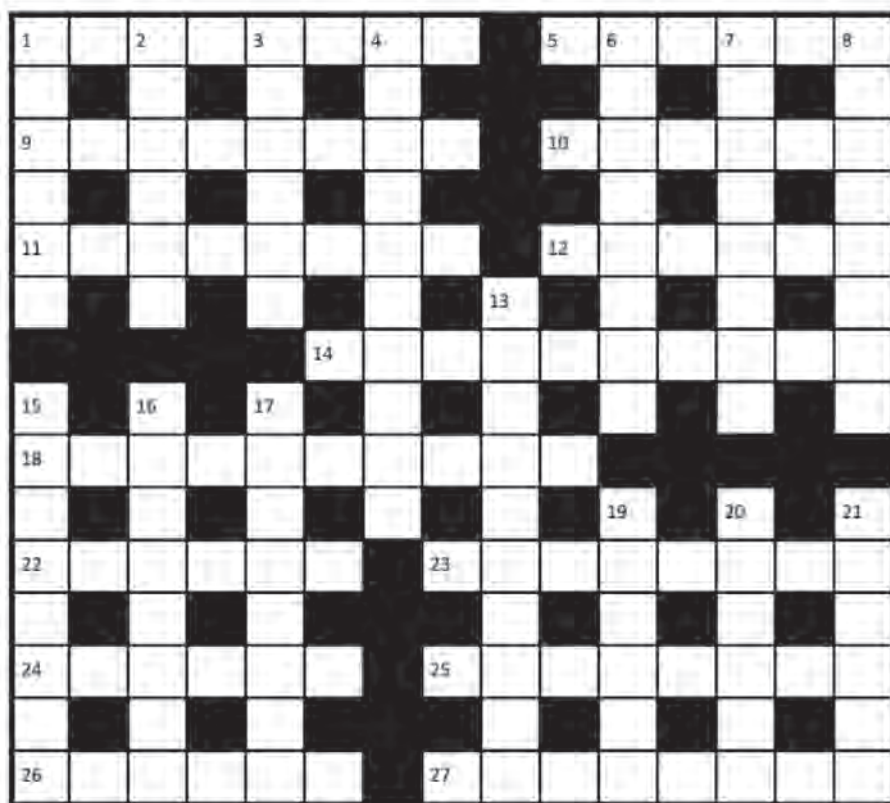
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- 1 Sounds like gifts have existence (8)
- 5 Cave in go start end rot arrangement (6)
- 9 Semi diet can be listed (8)
- 10 Light that results in fire (6)
- 11 Dine late and became involved (8)
- 12 Poem paragraph in countries like Pakistan, Zanzibar etc (6)
- 14 Attuned and ate weakened result (10)
- 18 Children may rely on social creatures (10)
- 22 It makes you sick - on purpose! (6)
- 23 Estrange sounds like ET had a meal (8)
- 24 Neared in order to ingratiate (6)
- 25 As waged sounds like eased (8)
- 26 The point may be archery circles (6)
- 27 Idol sat elsewhere, start to be kept apart (8)

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- 1 Dear - could it be pry see (6)
- 2 Refuses minus start bails out in flight (6)
- 3 Could illegal actually be electronically legal? (6)
- 4 Validating document for dental rice (10)
- 6 Legitimate opposite of left empty? (8)
- 7 Combine with sulphur to get salt of thionic acid (8)
- 8 Near pods are operated on (8)
- 13 Last men sit and they know what you're thinking (10)
- 15 Sounds like one who takes part may stick around (8)
- 16 Adder is a destination for tech logging (8)
- 17 Point out from acid in the ends (8)
- 19 "De ship body" is to remove shell (6)
- 20 Baby fly makes Tom gag (6)
- 21 Nursed when had a propensity (6)

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The session includes a visit to a nearby property to see a demonstration of rabbit management techniques.

Go to mrsc.vic.gov.au/Environment-Events to register.

FACEBOOK: KINDNESS TO ELDERS

SUPPORTING WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY

Join Council for an information session with Elder Rights Australia on Monday 15 June, 2pm, Kyneton Library, 3 Baynton Street, Kyneton

This session will inform and empower older people and those who support them. Elder Rights Australia will explain who they are, what advocacy is, and how they can help individuals and the wider community. Topics include aged care rights, navigating the aged care system, recognising and responding to elder abuse, and aged care Volunteer Visitors Program. Registrations essential.

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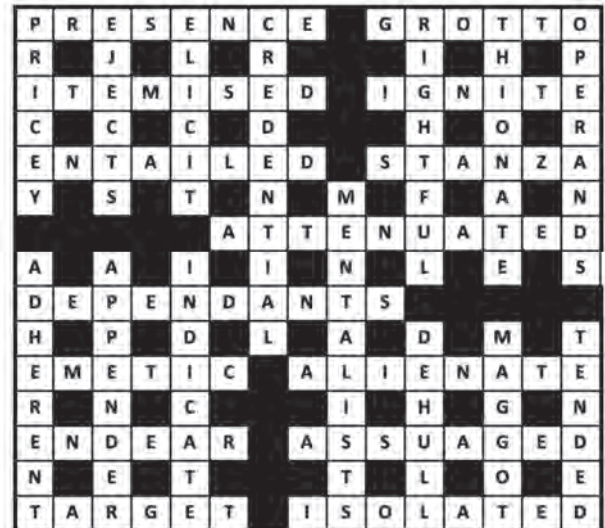


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The Romsey/Lancefield Probus Club is for outgoing or semi-retired people to meet, relax and enjoy the welcoming company of those at the same stage of life. There is a regular monthly meeting with guest speakers, morning tea and time to socialise with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

The club now has a Trips Coordinator as part of the club, which means a major trip is back on the agenda each year. Combining with other Probus Clubs has made this viable again so keep your eyes on this page for further updates. Local trips and outings are still taking place with the club utilising local venues for the present until fuel prices return to a more normal price.

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

Phone: President: Ken Colson 0404467125 Secretary: Lorraine Robb 0407349144

Visit our website: www.rlprobus.org.au



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Worship Service Sunday 10am, 7 Mitchell Court Romsey.
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BE STILL

You may have heard of brothers John and Charles Wesley who lived in the eighteenth century. They were Christian men who preached the Word of God, wrote thousands of hymns and were instrumental in the formation of the Methodist Church. But lesser known is their mother, Susanna Wesley. Susanna raised and homeschooled 10 children but would take time out for herself. She would sit on her favourite chair, put her apron over her head, and use this time for what was important to her – reading her Bible and praying. The entire family would know not to disturb her during this time, but this time gave her the strength to parent and lead in challenging circumstances.

The Bible tells us to 'be still', to wait on God, and to rest. "Now then, stand still and see the great thing the Lord is about to do before your eyes" 1 Samuel 12:16. Focus on the positive, and be grateful. Somehow in this busy twenty-first century, we've forgotten the importance of stopping, the importance of resting, and the importance of gratitude.

So maybe we should all be inspired by Susanna and 'be still'. Give yourself time to replenish so you can be the best version of yourself in whatever you do and to see what God is doing around you. If you would like more information about Bible reading and prayer, please join us any Sunday morning at 10am.

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Local Job opportunities to suit you

As a community partner with Homemade aged care services, Lancefield and Romsey Stay at Home is now working with our first clients to support them with their home care packages. The aim of the project is to also have local people employed to offer the services people require. Work hours can be as flexible as you like, only a few to top up your pension, work around family or study commitments. The services required are help with cleaning and social support but in particular we are looking for people who can help with gardening and maintenance, and health professionals, nurses to provide personal care, physiotherapists, exercise physiologists and occupational therapists. We can help individuals setup as self-employed workers for Mable or for established businesses to become Homemade approved. The idea is to build a pool of local support that can be called on for people who choose to get their aged care needs with local support, local advocacy and supporting local people and our local economy. Phone Vivien on 0409 386 875 for more information.

Regular Classes & Groups

French Conversation

French conversaton, for all levels,
Thursdays 6:30pm at the Townhouse. Gold Coin

Lancefield Jam

Any instrument, any level, or just come to listen.
Thursdays 6-8 pm Gold coin donation

Postural Alignment

Posture function and flow to improve mobility,
posture and joint alignment.
Mon, Tues, Thurs 11.30am - 1 hour - \$15

Boomerang Bags

Help create re-usable bags for Lancefield,
Wednesdays 10am - 12pm

Dungeons & Dragons

New Macedon Ranges Society meeting for
tabletop role playing games every second
Sunday 1- 5 pm at the Neighbourhood House

Yoga

Reconnect with your spirit within; gentle and
suitable for everyone of all abilities.
Wednesdays 7pm with Pina
Slow Flow restorative yoga **Sat 10am** with John

Community Singing Group

All ages and abilities welcome!
Every Tuesday 10:30am - 12pm \$5
Lancefield Hall Annexe - 4 The Crescent Lancefield

Residents Day 2027

We are about to start the planning for a huge residents day to be held in early 2027. This event is about bringing people together and showcasing what we have on offer in our community. There will be loads of information, activities and food for great afternoon out for all ages. If you have a small local business or are part of a local organisation that would like to have a stall on the day please contact the Neighbourhood House on 5429 1214



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Community Investment Program for Events: 2026 Recipients Announced

We're thrilled to share the recipients of our 2026 Community Investment Program Events round, with over \$100,000 going to events that bring our community together across Lancefield, Romsey and surrounds.

Organisation	Project	Funding
Lancefield Gift	Community Bank Lancefield Gift	\$20,000
Romsey Neighbourhood House	Residents Expo, Community Christmas Lunch, Christmas Gift Giving and Men's Health & Wellbeing Events	\$16,000
Eastern Macedon Ranges Business & Tourism Assoc.	The Lancefield Illuminations	\$14,000
Christmas in Romsey Action Group	Christmas in Romsey 2026	\$12,000
Lancefield Romsey Lions Club	Romsey Swapmeet 2026	\$10,699
Life in the Peloton	Lancefield Romsey Pub to Pub Community Fun Run	\$7,500
Lancefield Golf Club	Centenary Pro-Am Golf Championship	\$5,000
Life in the Peloton	Dirty Docker Festival	\$5,000
Romsey Men's Shed	Welfare Extension Grand Opening	\$3,900
Romsey Golf Club	2026 Romsey Women's and Men's Opens	\$3,000
The Romsey Bowling Club	Open Fours Grand Final Eve Tournament	\$2,000
Lancefield Bowling Club	Bendigo Bank Fours Tournament 2027	\$1,500
TOTAL		\$100,599

Congratulations to all our successful applicants. We can't wait to see your events come to life over the coming year. Our next general Community Investment Program round (grants and sponsorships) opens in Spring. Follow us on social media @CommunityBankLancefieldRomsey or email cip@lrcfsl.com.au to be kept up to date.

Banking safely online with Anish

Our Senior Branch Manager, Anish, recently dropped in on Romsey Men's Shed to deliver one of our free Banking Safely Online sessions. With scams growing more sophisticated by the day, these sessions cover practical tips for staying safe when banking and shopping online. If your group, club or organisation would like to host a free session, pop into one of our branches or give the team a call.

Lancefield turns 25

By the time this arrives in your letterbox, we'll have just celebrated 25 years of Community Banking in Lancefield at the Lancefield & District Farmers' Market. A big thank you to everyone who joined us. Full recap, including who took home our \$2,500 community donation, in next month's edition.



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WE HAVE BEEN BUSY AT THE SHED

As they say in the classics, it's all happening at the Shed. Here is an example of some of the projects we have been working on at the Shed: Ken's Street Library for St Mary's School; Jim's Nesting Boxes; Gavin's Raised Garden Bed; Yet another bleeding wood box from the Shed Bloke and last but not least, Brian's beautiful chopping boards that sell like hot cakes.

Since our Open Day, Russell tells me that we have had a big increase in projects, which is very encouraging, but he is a bit cross with me for buzzing off for a couple of months.

We have arranged some introductory woodturning classes for some of our members, kindly organized by Anita Blume and the great people at Sunbury Woodturning. We hope to turn this into another avenue of products we could sell at the monthly market.

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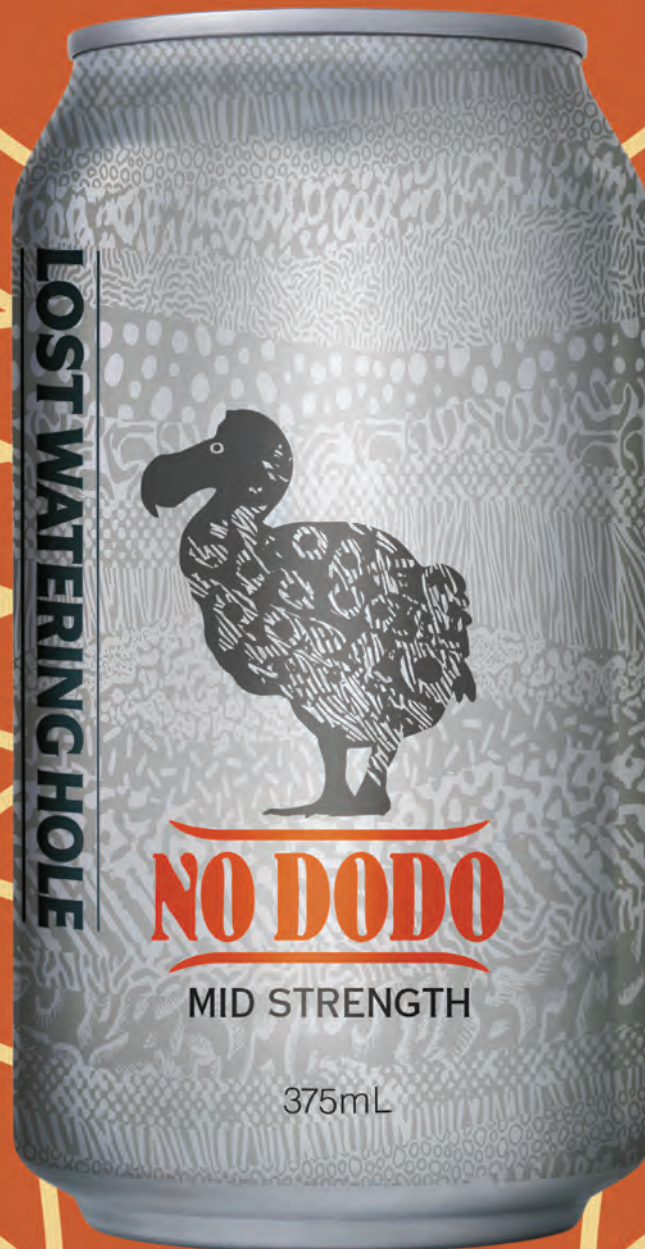
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