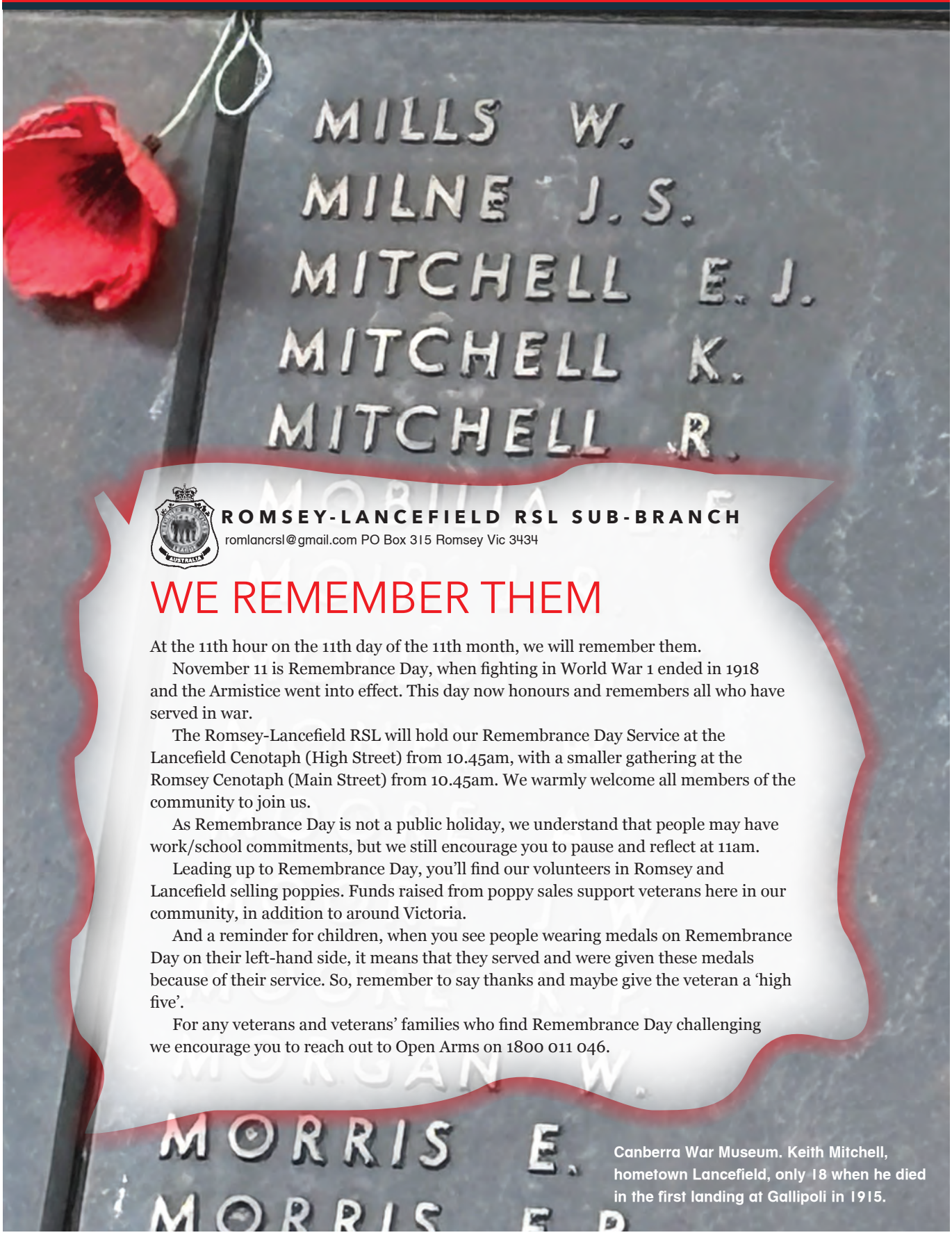
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WE REMEMBER THEM

At the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month, we will remember them.

November 11 is Remembrance Day, when fighting in World War 1 ended in 1918 and the Armistice went into effect. This day now honours and remembers all who have served in war.

The Romsey-Lancefield RSL will hold our Remembrance Day Service at the Lancefield Cenotaph (High Street) from 10.45am, with a smaller gathering at the Romsey Cenotaph (Main Street) from 10.45am. We warmly welcome all members of the community to join us.

As Remembrance Day is not a public holiday, we understand that people may have work/school commitments, but we still encourage you to pause and reflect at 11am.

Leading up to Remembrance Day, you'll find our volunteers in Romsey and Lancefield selling poppies. Funds raised from poppy sales support veterans here in our community, in addition to around Victoria.

And a reminder for children, when you see people wearing medals on Remembrance Day on their left-hand side, it means that they served and were given these medals because of their service. So, remember to say thanks and maybe give the veteran a 'high five'.

For any veterans and veterans' families who find Remembrance Day challenging we encourage you to reach out to Open Arms on 1800 011 046.

Canberra War Museum. Keith Mitchell, hometown Lancefield, only 18 when he died in the first landing at Gallipoli in 1915.

CULTURES AROUND THE WORLD



YEAR 1/2 WORLD DANCE INCURSION

As part of their learning in Inquiry unit, 'Cultures Around the World', our Year 1/2 students recently enjoyed a Dance incursion.

'I enjoyed having the dance party. I got to dance in the middle of the circle with other people. I enjoyed putting the new clothes that I haven't worn on' - Lyela

'On our incursion, I loved doing the dance party' - Neamh

'I liked dressing up with the African clothes because they had patterns and lots of different colours' - Hayden

'I learnt that you can move and sing like an animal' - Olivia C

'We learnt about different cultures and how they dance and what clothes they wear' - Eloise

'We learnt that you don't call the clothing other people wear 'costumes' because it is their normal clothing' - Olivia S

RSL WRITING COMPETITION

Our budding writers in Year 5/6 have been busy researching and crafting entries for the RSL Writing Competition, exploring this year's theme, 'Prisoners of War'.

Drawing on their research into the World Wars, the







Vietnam War and the war in Ukraine, students explored a variety of writing genres to share the stories and experiences of those affected by conflict and imprisonment. Their writing demonstrated a thoughtful understanding of the hardships and challenges of war, while highlighting the enduring bonds of family, the power of hope and the resilience of the human spirit in the face of adversity. Choosing a winner will certainly be a difficult task for the RSL Committee given the high quality and thoughtful nature of the entries!



2026 MACEDON RANGES WINE EXHIBITION

On Thursday 15 October, the winemakers and vignerons of the Macedon Ranges gathered together at Mount Monument Winery to celebrate the best wines in the region at the annual Macedon Ranges Wine Exhibition.

Taking out the top gong for 2026 was the 2025 Shadowfax Midhill Chardonnay, winner of the Laurie Williams Trophy for Best Wine of the Exhibition, with Hesket Estate taking home the Gordon Knight Trophy for Best Winery. Judging was conducted under wine show conditions by an expert panel, this year chaired by renowned wine writer Jane Faulkner. Wines were submitted across five categories from wineries located across the region.

Chief Judge, Jane Faulkner, praised the freshness, balance and complexity of the wines, commenting that the cool climate and topography of the Macedon Ranges made it perfect "sparkling territory", adding that "No wonder Pinot Noir rocks here!" Jane was also pleased to see a great showing of alternative white and red varietals, commenting "Yay a Gold for Gamay! A great variety, more please."

Ollie Rapson, President of the Macedon Ranges Vignerons Association was proud to see the depth and breadth of the wines on show, commenting, "for a relatively small region, we punch well above our weight in terms of the quality, complexity and range of wines we produce. Our cool climate Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and Sparkling Wines can stand shoulder to shoulder with the best in Australia based on what I've tasted today!" said Ollie.

Chief Steward, Renata Morello of Lyons Will Estate encouraged local residents to get out and taste the incredible wines the Macedon Ranges region has to offer.

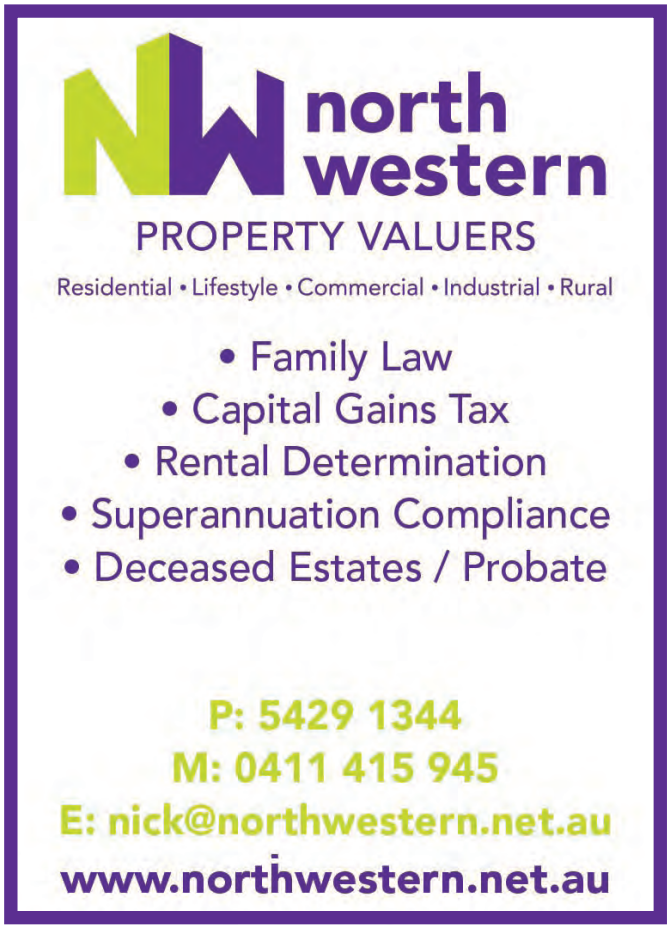
"Budburst Festival is coming up in November (14 and 15) and many of our producers only open their doors over this weekend, so it's the perfect opportunity to get out and enjoy our wines and their makers. We can't wait to see you there!"

FULL LIST OF TROPHY WINNERS

- The Macedon Ranges Shire Council Trophy Best Sparkling Wine - Passing Clouds NV Sparkling Chardonnay
- The Label House Trophy for Best White Variety or Blend - 2026 Hesket Estate, Sarah's Riesling
- The Muirs Trophy for Best Chardonnay - 2025 Shadowfax Midhill Chardonnay
- The Classic Oak Products Trophy for Best Pinot Noir - 2025 Mount Monument Pinot Noir
- The Midland Insurance Trophy for Best Red Variety or Blend - 2025 Lyons Will Greenways Hill Gamay
- The Laurie Williams Trophy for Best Wine in Show - 2025 Shadowfax Midhill Chardonnay
- The Gordon Knight Trophy for Best Overall Winery - Hesket Estate

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The Lancefield Equestrian group recently held a dinner to honour Robert and Syd Green

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72 Powells Track, Via Mount William Rd, Lancefield

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THE LANCEFIELD EQUESTRIAN GROUP

A DINNER FOR SYD

The Lancefield Equestrian group recently held a dinner to honour Syd and Robert Green.

"Today we're here to celebrate a truly remarkable milestone — 50 years of service from a man who has quietly, consistently, and wholeheartedly shaped the Lancefield Park Recreations Reserve. Syd Green has been on the committee for half a century, many of those years as President, and even now he continues to give his time, his care, and his steady presence to the Reserve and to our community.

And of course, Syd hasn't done all of this by himself. His son, Robert, has followed proudly in his father's footsteps. Robert has helped us countless times over the years — and very often, he brings his machinery into the park to grade, tidy, or fix whatever needs doing. Whether it's smoothing out surfaces, repairing areas after weather damage, or lending a hand with heavier work, Robert shows the same generosity and community spirit that Syd has modelled for decades. It's a legacy of service that clearly runs in the family.

For the Lancefield Equestrian Group (LEG), Syd has been one of our greatest supporters. Whenever something went wrong — a leaking pipe, blocked toilets, branches down or even the occasional snake deciding to make an appearance — Syd was there. He never hesitated, never complained, and never left us wondering who to call. He simply turned up and made things right again. His reliability has allowed LEG to run events, welcome riders, and feel confident that we were never facing challenges alone.

Syd, your 50 years of commitment have strengthened Lancefield in ways that are felt every day — in the events we run, the facilities we use, and the sense of community we share. The Lancefield Equestrian Group congratulates you on this extraordinary milestone, and we thank you deeply for everything you've done for us over so many years.

On behalf of everyone here today, we honour you, Syd. Your dedication, your kindness, and your willingness to help have left a lasting mark on our community. Lancefield is better because of you. Syd, please accept this plaque from all of LEG."

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WILIMEE OPENS FOR BUDBURST

Opening exclusively for Macedon Ranges Wine Festival "Budburst", Wilimee will be hosting Lane's End and Northern Hope for the weekend of 14-15 November. Located in a beautiful valley east of Mt William, Wilimee has established gardens and lawn in which you can relax and enjoy Korean Pulled Beef Brioche Buns and Eton Mess dessert by Summerleigh Farm.

Howard and Nicki from Lane's End Vineyard invite you to join us for a celebration of wine and the beginning of another vintage. Our wines are made in small quantities, with a focus on expressing the distinctive character of the Macedon Ranges. From our very approachable Cottage Chardonnay to a more complex barrel-fermented Chardonnay, explore two expressions of Macedon Ranges Pinot Noir, a savoury, summery Rosé, and our silky, concentrated Cabernet Franc. Whether Lane's End is already a favourite or you're yet to discover us, we hope you'll join us for a relaxing and fun weekend.

Northern Hope, run by Eddie and Samantha, brings a touch of Northern England charm to Wilimee's neighbours in Lancefield. After falling in love with Australian wine following their move from Manchester in 2012, the couple planted their hillside vineyard in 2018 and now craft small-batch wines with minimal intervention, hand-picking and basket-pressing every parcel. Try their Single Barrel Estate Pinot Noir or Pyrenees Syrah and hear the story behind their journey from Northerners to Macedon Ranges winemakers.

Ben Ranken, 2021 Young Gun of Wine Vigneron winner runs this family owned 4ha vineyard Wilimee with his wife Sally. Their wines include Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Shiraz, Pinot Syrah, Mourvedre and Fiano. Learn about Ben's passion for soil health and winemaking that extends over 25 years or chat about his underwater wine project or the distinct terroir differences and our connection with Wilimee Mooring- the Aboriginal stone axe quarry.

Wilimee Vineyard, 72 Powells Track, Via Mount William Rd, Lancefield. Telephone: Wilimee, Sally 0406 320 104, Lane's End, Howard: 0490 257 085, Northern Hope, Sam: 0437984313

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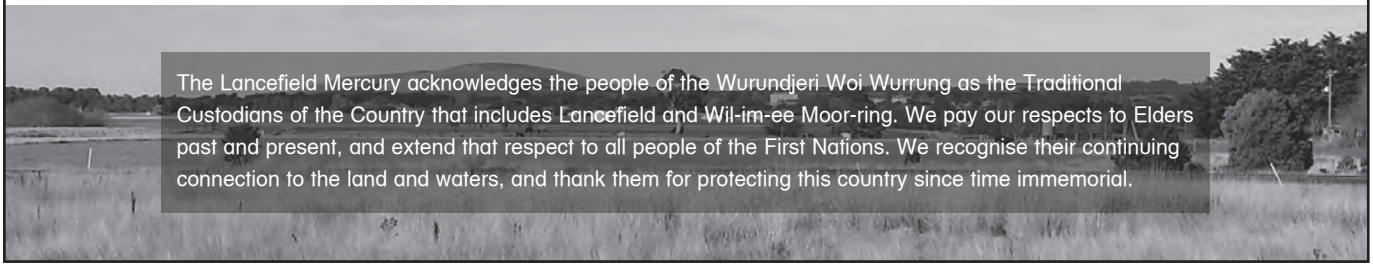
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SYD GREEN 50 YEARS OF SERVICE

A REMARKABLE MILESTONE AT LANCEFIELD PARK RECREATION RESERVE

This year the Lancefield Park Recreation Reserve community is proud to recognise an extraordinary milestone — 50 years of dedicated service by Syd Green.

For half a century, Syd has given his time, energy and commitment to Lancefield Park, contributing to the care, maintenance and ongoing improvement of one of our town's most treasured community assets. Lancefield Park is much more than a sporting reserve. It is a place where generations of families have gathered, children have played their first games of football, netball and cricket, friendships have been formed, and countless community events and celebrations have taken place.

Behind the scenes, volunteers like Syd have helped make this possible.

Fifty years of service represents an incredible commitment. Over those decades, Lancefield has grown and changed, sporting clubs have evolved, facilities have improved and new generations have come to enjoy the Park. Through it all, Syd's dedication has remained a constant.

The Lancefield Park Committee of Management is enormously grateful for his contribution and believes that such an outstanding record of volunteer service deserves to be recognised and celebrated. As part of the celebrations, the Committee will be honouring Syd with a special tribute, recognising the lasting contribution he has made to the Reserve and the wider Lancefield community.

We warmly extend an invitation to all members of the Lancefield community, past and present, to join us in celebrating Syd's remarkable achievement. The official presentation will take place at 1.30pm on Sunday, 6 December, outside the cricket rooms at Lancefield Park Recreation Reserve.

We encourage everyone who has known Syd, worked alongside him or simply enjoyed the facilities he has helped maintain over the years to come along and share in this special occasion. Syd's 50 years of service are a wonderful reminder of the importance of volunteering and the extraordinary difference one person can make to a community.

On behalf of the Lancefield Park Committee of Management and the many generations who have benefited from his dedication, we extend our heartfelt thanks and congratulations to Syd Green.

Thank you, Syd, for 50 remarkable years of service to Lancefield Park!

Lancefield Park Committee of Management



SONGS OF THE HEBRIDES –
SIDNEY SEYMOUR COTTAGE FUNDRAISER

29 NOVEMBER 2026 FROM 2-4 PM

On Sunday 29 November, the historic Sidney Seymour Cottage will be open once again to host a special fundraising event. In 2025 the Society was successful in its application to the Macedon Ranges Shire for half of the money needed to commission a Master Plan for the Cottage. But we still have a deficit of about $5,000 to pay for the Master Plan. We invite you to come along to something different – come and hear two artists performing the songs of the Hebrides. This is an important fundraiser for the Cottage and the Society.

The group named Barley-Kist come together to combine the haunting music of the harp and with voice. They are inspired by the folklore and musical traditions of the British Isles. With authentic period harps and songs sung in Gaelic and English, Frances and Dianne will present a performance steeped in historical interpretations of traditional folk music as arranged by antiquarians and folk song collectors of the 19th and early 20th century.

Sidney Seymour Cottage will open at 1.30 pm on Sunday 29 November and the concert will begin at 2.00 pm. The harpist, Dr Frances Thiele, with give a short talk about historic harps. She is a historian of the harp, and her knowledge about the arrival of harps in Victoria and her enthusiasm for them is infectious! The first bracket of songs will be introduced by Dianne before a short break for refreshments (sandwiches and slices, tea and coffee). After the interval, the second bracket of songs will follow, and the audience will then have an opportunity to ask questions before enjoying further refreshments.

You can learn about Barley-Kist at: https://frangipaniharp.com/musical-collaborations/

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MACEDON RANGES SUICIDE PREVENTION ACTION GROUP

BREAKING THE SILENCE

Men are often good at getting on with things — looking after family, turning up to work, catching up with mates and keeping moving, even when things aren't going well.

But what happens when the pressure builds and we don't talk about it?

The Macedon Ranges Suicide Prevention Action Group (MRSPAG) is bringing local men together for a special Men's Night at the Mount Macedon Golf Club on Thursday, 26 November.

The evening is an opportunity to connect, meet new people, catch up with mates and have conversations that might not otherwise happen.

Guest speaker Mark Walsham, from the not-for-profit organisation Purpose Through Pain, will explore why men so often suffer in silence — and what happens when they finally choose not to.

Mark will challenge the walls we build around ourselves and share a path forward that doesn't require losing everything first. His message is about connection, resilience, purpose and recognising that asking for support is a sign of strength, not weakness.

Come along with a mate or on your own. Listen, have a conversation and enjoy an evening with other local men.

Date: Thursday, 26 November at 6:00pm
Venue: Mount Macedon Golf Club

Details: Dinner provided to attendees at no cost
Hosted by the Macedon Ranges Suicide Prevention Action Group (MRSPAG)

Come along. Bring a mate. Start a conversation.

Please note: This will be a free evening, with further details about booking to be posted on MRSPAG's social media.

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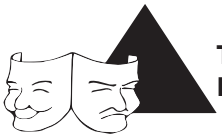
There are eight great prizes to be won!

Ticket will be available on November 6 and 7, High Street Lancefield and then November weekends outside IGA in Romsey. You will also be able to buy tickets at the Lancefield Farmers Market on November 28 and other places locally until the draw at the Romsey Carol Night on December 12.

Ticket Prices: 1 for $2 each or 3 for $5

The Auxiliary is a small group who strive to obtain funding for our Local Ambulance Station, for purchasing vital equipment for training and also items to assist them in saving lives.

We are a not-for-Profit Organisation attached to Ambulance Victoria.



THE MOUNT PLAYERS HAPPENINGS

FINAL SHOW FOR 2026

'Money and Friends', a comedy by David Williamson will run from 6 – 22 November; if you are very lucky you might get yourself a ticket, however, judging by the tickets sales through September/October we can't promise!

Our 2027 season was launched at a social evening in October, and we are very excited to announce the line-up. A little something for everyone -

"The Complete Works of Jane Austen 'Abridged'"

'A Comedy' by J. Bedford, K. MacMillan, C. Northeast & M. Winch. (Auditions 19 and 21 November)

'Peter and Alice' - A Drama by John Logan

'Blithe Spirit' - A Comedy by Noël Coward

'Anne of Green Gables' - Adapted by Joseph Robinette from the novel by L.M. Montgomery

Go to www.themountplayers.com for audition information, tickets and full details of our 2027 season.

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COOKING UP A STORM

Did you attend the Lancefield Show in October? Weren't we fortunate with the weather? It was another wonderful Lancefield occasion, full of goodwill and smiling faces. Did you visit our stall in the Laurie Green Pavillion? Hopefully you were able to purchase some of our goodies, as well as some of the CWA , before we sold out. We must congratulate the Lancefield Show Committee for their excellent organisation.

We held our AGM on October 23 and all office bearers have been returned. We would also like to extend a warm welcome to our new member, Natasha. We look forward to her friendship and contributions.

COOKING PROGRAM

The CWA is currently participating in a current weekly cooking program on the ABC on a Sunday night. The show is called 'Recipe of the Year'. It's hosted by Adam Liaw, Pia Miranda, and Ellice Schrader (a member of the CWA). It's a departure from the usual competitive cooking shows, as not only do the contestants bring their own recipes to cook and share their meals together, but it makes the show feel more accessible and more like cooking at home. Ellice ensures, in a pleasant manner, that all cooking is up to CWA standard.

In the last edition of the Mercury, we listed three aspects of our motto which we repeat at each meeting. Here are the final four.

"Let us take time for all things; make us grow calm, serene, gentle."

"Grant that we may realise that it is the little things that create differences; that in the big things of life we are one.

"And may we strive to touch and. Know the great women's hear common to us all"

"And O Lord God, let us not forget to be kind."

Our meeting is held on the last Friday of the month in the annex of the Mechanics' Institute at 10.30. You are very welcome to attend.

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CONFERENCE A GREAT SUCCESS

On the weekend of 3 and 4 October, the Royal Historical Society of Victoria Regional (RHSV), in conjunction with the Kilmore and Lancefield Historical Societies, hosted a regional conference. The RHSV hold three regional conference each year and it was the ffirst time two societies had combined for this event. Members of historical societies from across Victoria, and those interested in the subjects being discussed, gathered to learn about the development of rural and regional towns. Kilmore and Lancefield were fine examples of towns settled or expanded during the gold rush. Their nineteenth century buildings remain living reminders of that phase of Victorian history.

The weekend began on the afternoon of Saturday 3 October with a walking tour of Kilmore, concluding with a tour of the Catholic Church. The Conference Dinner, held in the conference room at the Lancefield Guesthouse, topped off the first day's activities. Tania Pearce, the new owner of the Guesthouse, provided an excellent dinner and a splendid range of local wines. One of the features of our dinner was a tour of the Guesthouse cellar – a small space with an elaborate staircase, hidden from guests most of the time.

On Sunday morning 4 October (the first day of daylight saving), more than twenty enthusiastic visitors set off early from the Courthouse on a walking tour of Lancefield. Guests enjoyed seeing the Courthouse and Lock-Up, and hearing stories about the old bank at No. 1 High Street and the former Macedonia Hotel. Lancefield residents enjoying coffee on the Sunday morning, saw a trail of people walking along High Street, looking, stopping and chatting about the various nineteenth century landmarks – including the Hay & Grain Store, the National and State Banks and the Post Office. The tour concluded at the Mechanics' Institute where morning tea was served and the conference began.

We were delighted to welcome the CEO of the Royal Historical Society of Victoria, Dr Steven Cooke who opened the proceedings. Some attendees were interested in the development of the railways in this region, others were fascinated by churches, hospitals, the school curriculum and pioneering women. And of course, the story of the Lancefield Guesthouse was an excellent example of the pattern of development of the township. This building remains noteworthy for its prominent public roles in Lancefield – as ▶



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a hotel, a public house, a local hospital and once again as accommodation.

Our Regional Conference concluded with mingling and live music. Our musician, Frances Thiele (of Barley-Kist), played the harp and entertained our visitors as we all discussed the two-day conference, bought books and enjoyed refreshments.

As the walking tours were very successful, suggestions were made for the two societies to organise something similar for 2027.

Fay Woodhouse, President, Romsey Lancefield Historical Society

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BUTTLEJORRK ARTISTS

CELEBRATE 50TH ANNIVERSARY

One of the Macedon Ranges' most enduring creative collectives, the Buttlejorrk Artists group, marks a remarkable milestone this November: 50 years of continuous exhibition and artistic fellowship.

To celebrate its golden anniversary, the collective presents its annual feature exhibition at The Old Auction House in Kyneton, running from 12 November to 24 December.

Formed in 1976 by a small group of potters, keen to share their craft and exhibit together, the collective takes its name from the historical district encompassing Sunbury and Diggers Rest. Today, Buttlejorrk brings together original founding members and newer talent, having expanded over five decades to include painting, woodwork, sculpture, textiles, and jewellery alongside ceramics.

This year's 50th anniversary show features original works by 12 collective members alongside invited guest artists from across the Macedon Ranges. Ranging from time-honoured traditional techniques to bold contemporary expressions, the exhibition showcases the depth of regional talent.

A long-standing fixture on the local arts calendar, the exhibition is an ideal opportunity to support local makers and discover one-of-a-kind distinctive, locally crafted gifts in the lead-up to Christmas.

The community is invited to a "Meet the Artists" Morning Tea on Saturday, 14 November from 11am. All are welcome, free admission.

If you've ever been part of the Buttlejorrk group, we'd love you to join us to celebrate 50 wonderful years.

12 November – 24 December

Morning Tea: Saturday, 14 November, 11am (free entry)

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

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PERFECT DAY FOR THE AG SHOW

The Lancefield Agricultural Show on October 18, at Lancefield Park, couldn't have asked for a better Spring day. Perfect weather, sunny, warm, ideal for wandering from stall to stall, exhibit to exhibit, in comfort.

From dogs managing sheep into pens, whip-cracking, tractor pulling and camel rides, to indoor displays of crafts, baked goods competitions, a man in full body armour, (mostly based on fantasy designs, not history) and some very good photography; to, on the far side of the Laurie Green Pavilion, the combined Emergency Services parked close by – SES, CFA, police and ambulance, with a toy koala getting medical attention on a stretcher at the back of the ambulance. Lots to see and do.

On top of all that, there was live band music, assorted rides, some excellent food stalls, several coffee vans, and the Old Time Dance group from the Mechanics Institute doing demonstrations, with swirling skirts (the women), smart suits (the men) and much enthusiastic encouragement to join the weekly group and get a chance to trip the light fantastic with someone's arms around you.

The local Landcare group had a special display from the Maribyrnong River and Waterways Association (MRWA) – see separate article and photographs.

People streamed through the gates all day, some coming from quite a distance – one woman was from Toowoomba, though she probably didn't make the trip just for the Show! Many thanked the volunteers on the gates as they left. Healthy numbers made the committee happy, reporting that there were roughly 4500 attendees, which is 15% up on last year.

We look forward to next year. Well done to everyone involved for a seamlessly-run day. Onya Ag Show!

Beth Child












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TRAVELS WITH THE CRITTER QUILT

The Lancefield Agricultural Show had a special display in the Landcare Pavilion – Dr Rob Walsh came with his microscopes and petri dishes, and you could peer into eyepieces and see the aquatic microfauna featured in Mercury articles over the past few months, zipping around, with Rob at hand to describe what and how they all fit into the river ecosystem.

Displayed along the back of the pavilion was the Maribyrnong River and Waterways triptych quilt, made up of panels embroidered and decorated by several local quilt groups, including A Patch of Lancefield. The quilt has already been admired at the recent Victorian Quilters' show earlier this year in Jeff's Shed, and will be going on a tour to various events that organiser Angela Clarke has arranged to bring broad awareness to people who live in the Maribyrnong River catchment, and beyond, of the importance of maintaining the health of all our national waterways, not just this one catchment.

One of Angela's more flamboyant events was to be the Flotilla in National Water Week, on October 25, with over a hundred river users participating, calling for government action on promises for Victoria's beloved Maribyrnong River.

Rowing clubs, kayakers, paddleboarders, dragonboaters and the iconic Melbourne Tramboat were to be on the water as part of the Flotilla. Alongside, walking the riverbanks, would be community groups who want to see government action to deliver a fair share of water to the river.

The public event is organised by MRWA because keeping waterways flowing is good for people, recreation, agriculture and local businesses. MRWA is urging government action to:

- Prioritise water security for future generations, by creating an environmental water entitlement for Maribyrnong waterways.
- Ensure data centres don't increase cost of living for Victorians
- Upgrade water infrastructure to provide reliable water services for businesses and households, and to deliver water to the river.

The flotilla and walking parade was to start and finish at the Footscray Boat Club. Unfortunately, a surfeit of water of the wrong type (rain) scuttled the event for the time being! The new date is November 21.

The AMF Quilt, as part of this ongoing action to raise awareness of the importance of the Maribyrnong River, is a spectacular contribution from the talented craftswomen from A Patch of Lancefield, amongst others, to underline and celebrate the need for the life of the waterways to exist in a healthy balance, starting with the critters we can't even see.

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ANGEL'S HOMESTEAD – PURE SKINCARE

If you've been coming to the Farmers' Market in Lancefield for a few years, you may remember Angel when she ran a produce swap stall – she brought excess eggs, herbs and vegies from her garden, invited others to do the same, and even if you brought nothing, you could buy delicious fresh produce each month from her stall, one of several with home-grown farm to market goods available.

Along the way, as well as her homegrown vegies, she had an egg business with 500 chickens – this proved too onerous to handle and have any sort of life, given the constant demands throughout the day of feeding the 500, and collecting and preparing the eggs for sale, so the chickens were sold and Angel and her partner Tom went to South Australia for a break. They looked at wineries, and inspired by that, came back and thought to perhaps take on fixing up the family vineyard consisting of three acres of vines – shiraz and chardonnay – although that also proved to be more work with a not so handsome reward. Alongside this, she was also helped run her family sheep farm. Not long after, Angel and her partner Tom started their own business, Otway Beef — a hormone- and chemical-free, 100% grass-fed, paddock-to-plate beef business that now supplies customers across Victoria.

But how does a life spent growing vegetables, raising chickens and sheep, tending vineyards and eventually running cattle lead to Angel creating a natural skincare business? That's where the story really begins.

Angel's life has always been out on the farm, gardening, hands in the dirt, out in the sometimes-variable climate (hello, this is Victoria! Is there any other sort of weather?), Angel had to find effective protection for her hands and nails, and for her face and lips from her sensitive, easily windburned skin.

Having had a lifelong interest in skin care and having trained as a makeup artist earlier in her life, she began experimenting with making skin care with the medicinal herbs from her homestead, just out of Lancefield. Keeping each product purely natural, which - no surprises - gave the best results. She began with her first product, Soothing Balm, made with foraged plantain, calendula and chickweed. This balm has now helped hundreds of people suffering with conditions such as psoriasis, dermatitis, and rosacea.

There are three choices of Lip Balm: Tinted, Soothing and Hydrating. Hydrating is made with a base of coconut oil, Australian grown castor oil, peppermint, and cocoa butter which makes it luxurious; what Angel describes as "a mint slice for your lips". The Tinted Lip Balm offers a lovely rosy tint for lips and cheeks whilst adding antioxidants with raspberry seed and rosehip oil.

There are three Tallow Balms in the range: Blue Lotus, Lavender and Sensitive, all made using tallow rendered from their own Otway Beef cattle. Tallow is naturally rich and nourishing, and its fatty acid profile is similar to the oils naturally found in our skin, making it a beautiful moisturiser for a range of skin types, from dry to oily and sensitive.

Most of Angel's customers say their skin has never looked better, with many noticing improvements in the softness, texture and overall appearance of their skin that they hadn't experienced with other products. Reviews can be found on her website and Instagram page @angelshomesteadorganics. The Sensitive Tallow Balm, which contains no essential oils, has also become a favourite among customers with particularly sensitive skin.

You may be wondering, what exactly is tallow? Tallow is made from suet, the rich, nutrient-dense fat found around the kidneys of beef cattle. When carefully rendered, this pure fat produces a beautifully nourishing ingredient that has been used for centuries in skincare.

The homestead element comes in here – Angel slowly heats the beef fat to separate the pure, clean tallow from the other tissues, resulting in tallow with a buttery scent she likens to white chocolate. The number of times the rendering process needs to happen depends on each individual animal. Then the fat is sieved through fine mesh, so no proteins are left.

Castor oil, moringa, frankincense and raspberry seed oil are a few potent oils rich in antioxidants used in the Anti-Aging Face Oil; great to reduce pigmentation. Castor oil is also used in the Hair Growth Oil along with argan oil, rosemary oil and other oils encouraging blood to flow to the scalp which in turn helps to promote long healthy hair, quite apart from having a lovely fragrance.

The point of difference in all her products is the herbs. Herbs like plantain, chickweed and calendula, rosehips, rosemary and lavender are infused into locally sourced olive oil for the ultimate potency.

Three years ago, the very first shop to stock Angel's Homestead was the Lancefield Pharmacy. From there, the business began to grow, and Meggs, who manages the Lancefield Farmers' Market, suggested that Angel set up a stall. That first market opened Angel's eyes to the potential of sharing her products directly with the community. Today, Angel attends 15 markets across Victoria, giving her the opportunity to connect with customers, hear their stories, and receive their feedback and suggestions. The business has also created employment opportunities within the community, with people employed to help run the markets, earning generous pay while developing valuable sales skills, gaining experience and getting out and connecting with their local communities.

Between markets, Angel is constantly working behind the scenes to keep the business running, from hand-filling every tub and bottle on the homestead to packing online orders and making regular trips to the Lancefield Post Office to ship orders Australia-wide. She also keeps over 50 stockists supplied — a number that continues to grow. Her sister Mariah is also an important part of the business, helping to run market stalls and manage spreadsheets and other behind-the-scenes tasks. Angel also helps with the cattle business by organising deliveries, communicating with customers and making sure everything runs smoothly. Tom, who helps design Angel's labels and website, also manages the cattle business. Today, we have access to locally sourced and manufactured skincare at very competitive prices, which I am happily using myself. I fall into the "ageing skin" category, and my face and lips are feeling beautifully nourished.

Beth Child

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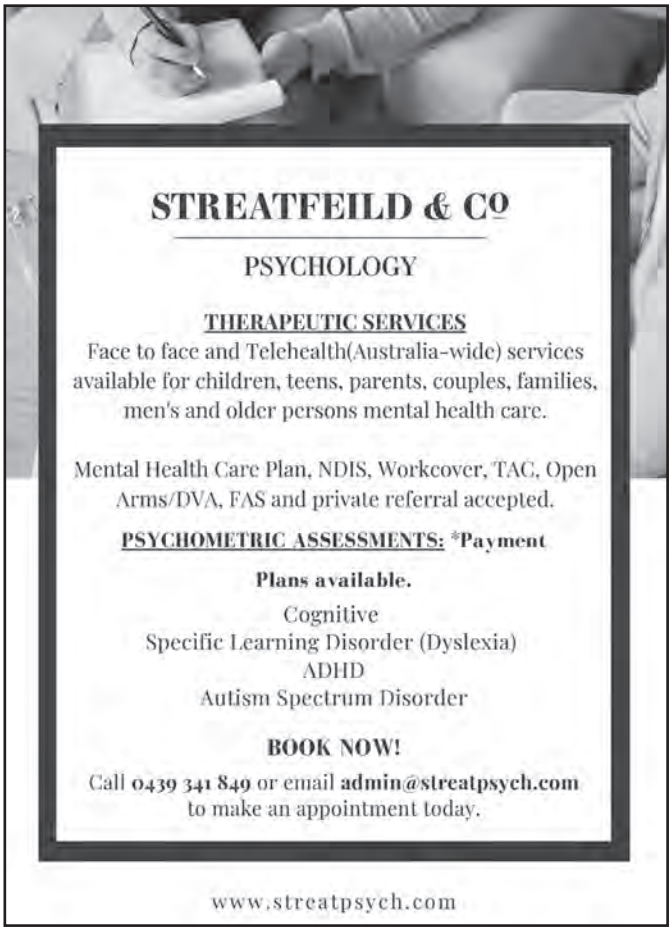
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KEEP GOING!

It's that time of year again when the calendar is getting full, with things like school concerts, end of year breakups, Christmas functions, you have that list of stuff that needs to be done before Christmas, and somehow you need to find time for shopping and cooking. In reality lots of us want to 'fast forward' to Boxing Day when we are camping with family or are watching the cricket.

The Apostal Paul wrote in Galatians "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." (Galatians 6:9)

This encouragement reminds us that is we are doing good we will reap a harvest, you've probably heard "you reap what you sow". So, keep on going and look for the joy in the busyness, the special family times, and the 'memory making' events.

This year because of the cost-of-living Christmas may be different, and if you need to please reach out to those around you. But remember it's family, friends, love and potentially backyard cricket that make it special. Maya Angelou said, "I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel".

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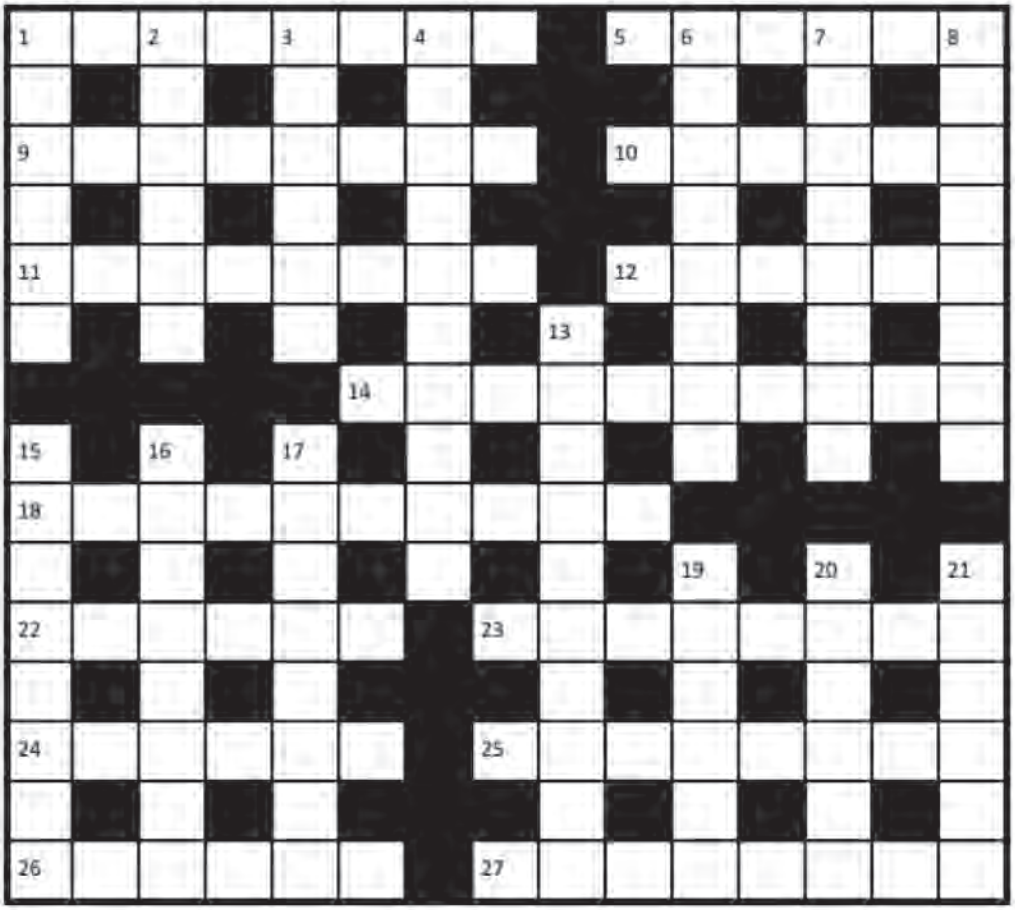
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By Kevin Moysey



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ACROSS

1 Sank for the end arrangement is abandoned (8)
5 Make up in a duct? (6)
9 Logical when numbers can be fractions (8)
10 Sounds like I ride a bike with frozen drip (6)
11 Came to bail and be friendly (8)
12 Marchers should be for top of foot (6)
14 Lemon must be end to create payments (10)
18 He knocks a bit off for this abacus? (10)
22 You may get them when cold or emotional (6)
23 Satires do start to be a complete failure (8)
24 Doctrines that result from electrically opening tents (6)
25 Tridents may turn out to be too loud (8)
26 Ads sit with someone who enjoys hurting (6)
27 Someone who agrees as the middle of a circle? (8)

DOWN

1 How it's laid out sounds like it's for Matthew (6)
2 Nature, I instead of you to be keep (6)
3 Roam as to find smells - but not badly (6)
4 Been lament that can make it happen (10)
6 Epithet is perhaps what we call Nicholas (8)
7 Watching or doing can both be this (8)
8 Go where you shouldn't from straps used endlessly (8)
13 I leave salt mess but makes it easier (8)
15 Cued a set to provide what a teacher does (8)
16 Tasked with - as autographed (8)
17 Arranges lace lots in an orderly manner (8)
19 It's deep and steep and reportedly bigger than a gully (6)
20 These smarts enable you to survive on it (6)
21 It may be left behind after a disaster, even on the moon! (6)

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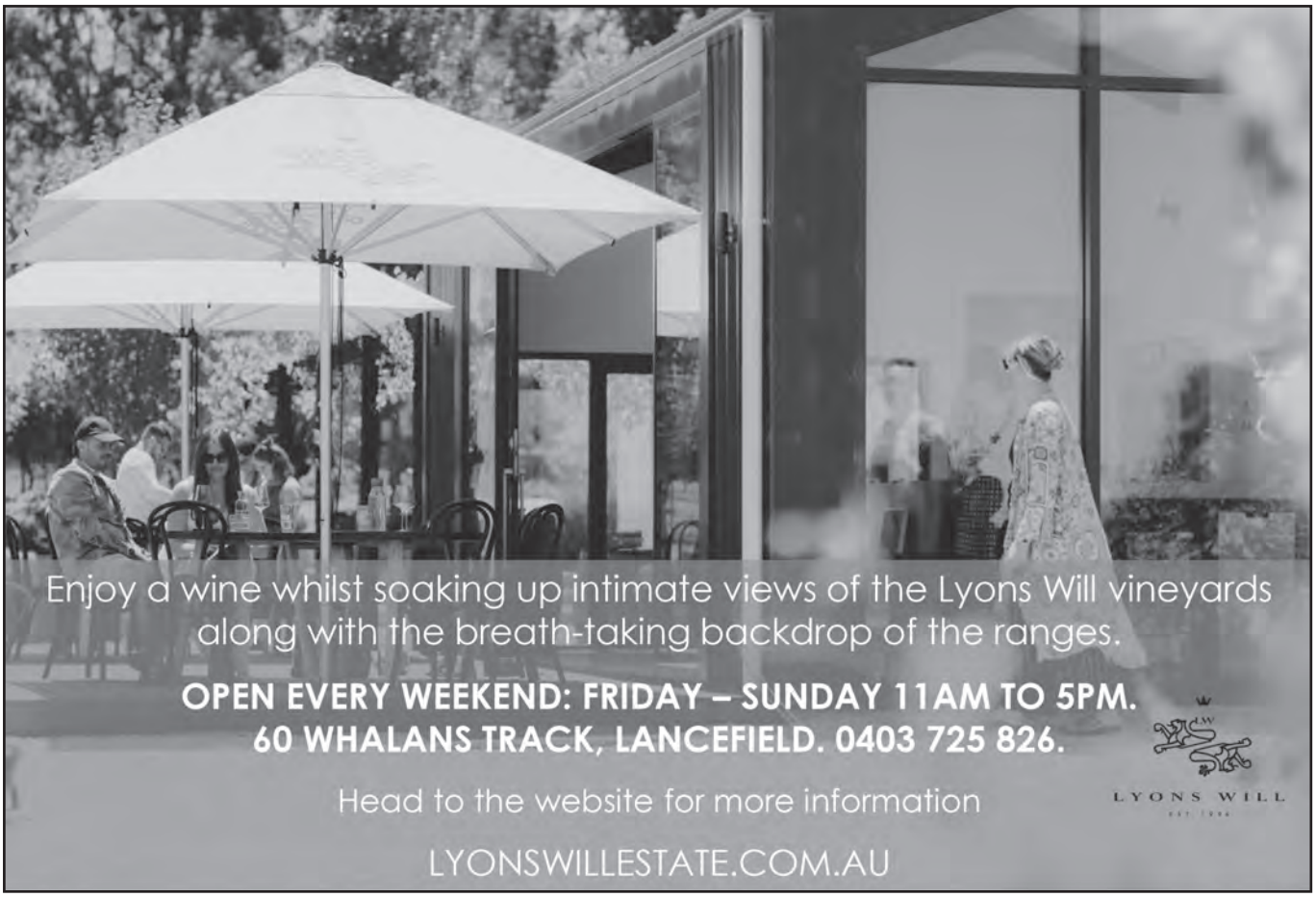
FROM THE DESK

Reflection: Rivers are the veins of life, flowing through our lands. Moving precious water from higher country through fields and valleys, eventually dividing up into streams and creeks. It's safe to say that without rivers, our land would not contain life. Since the earliest of days, humans have chosen to settle near rivers since we rely upon water so much. We need it to grow our food, to sustain our livestock, to clean ourselves and our stuff, and not to mention the obvious, but we need it in our bodies since we are literally made of approximately 60% of the stuff! This is all true for the life that exists within our bodies, but did you know we can have another life which is nourished by another source?

The Bible speaks about this life as the spiritual life. The life that begins within our bodies and this earthly life, but that promises to continue even after our hearts have stopped beating. The Bible reveals a glimpse of this life when it says: Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb... (Rev 22:1) The image of a river shows us the flow of life, and yet the source of this life is unlike any river that we would expect. Where we would expect a high mountain lake or snowy peak to be the source of a river, here the Bible reveals that the source of this spiritual life is not just a location, but a person.

The throne of God and of the Lamb. What does this image represent, and what does it mean for us today? This image shows us the source of this spiritual life is not geographically determined nor a scientific phenomenon, but rather it begins with God. God is the author and giver of all life, and this is especially true for the spiritual life. This life comes from God himself and no one else. But if it comes from God, how do we get it? Water is simple, go to a river and there you have your source of life, but how do we get to this river of life? Here is where the Lamb becomes so important. Jesus is the Lamb of God, the one who unites us to God when we put our faith in him. Through him, we receive this water of life. Through him, we come to the source of life, God himself. Do you want to explore more of this life? Why not join us on Sunday as we explore this life which is found in Jesus?

A note for your December Diary - The annual Christmas Night market will be held again on Sunday December 20. This great activity held at St. Pauls Anglican Church grounds 77 Main Rd Romsey from 5pm to 9pm. with lots of stall holders, food vans, fun activities, and as well, the Op Shop will be open for all the family to enjoy.



FREE WEBINAR

A free webinar will explore practical approaches to recruiting, onboarding and recognising volunteers. The session will also examine ways to create safe and inclusive organisations that benefit both volunteers and the wider community. Designed for members of grassroots community and sporting groups, attendees will leave with practical ideas that can be applied to any volunteer-run organisation. The webinar is being presented by Omnia Community Health and Volunteering Victoria and will be held on Tuesday 10 November from 6pm to 7pm.

Registrations can be made at www.omniacommunityhealth.org.au/grassroots-volunteering or by calling 5421 1666.

LOCAL COMMUNITY FOOD RELIEF

Member for Macedon, Mary-Anne Thomas has announced that Romsey Neighbourhood House will receive funding to provide vital food relief to the local community.

Romsey Neighbourhood House will receive $27,700 to purchase a van and upgrade food storage facilities, helping increase food collection and distribution to people in need.

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LANCEFIELD RESIDENTS DAY

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- **Lancefield Dreaming movie** - screening of the orginal and filming for a sequel.
- **Lancefield wines** - talk from one of our local vignerons exploring the local wine scene.
- **Free children's activities -** Pass the Parcel, jumping castles, sensory play.
- **Food** - free sausage sizzle from the Lions Club, discounted coffee and ice cream, food truck, Lancefield Brewery tastings.
- **Information** - local organisations and service providers.
- **Local business stalls** - craft stalls, demonstrations
- **Raffle and door prizes**

Whether you're new to Lancefield, have lived here for years or simply want to find out more about what our community has to offer, this event is a wonderful opportunity to get involved, enjoy some local entertainment and connect with fellow residents.

If you would like to showcase your business or group please email events@lancefieldhouse.org.au

See you on Sunday 29th November at Lancefield Hall and along The Crescent.

If the weather is bad we will move everything into the Laurie Green Pavilion at the Park.

Classes running in November

Postural Alignment - Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays 11.30am - 12.30pm
Boomerang Bags - Wednesdays 10am - 12pm Yoga - Saturday 10am
Lancefield Jam - Thursdays 6pm French Speaking - Thursdays 6pm - 8pm
Dungeons and Dragons - every second Sunday 1pm - 5pm



Please join us for our monthly community lunch



Next Market is on Saturday November 28



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Everyone is welcome at our Community Investment Evening on **Thursday 12 November, 6.30pm to 9.00pm, at the Lancefield Mechanics' Institute**. Join us for refreshments and finger food as we announce our latest round of local funding recipients. Please RSVP by **Friday 6 November** at CBLR.eventbrite.com.au

2026 Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of Lancefield & Romsey Community Financial Services Limited (the local company that owns our Community Bank Lancefield and Romsey) will be held at **6.00pm on Thursday 12 November 2026** at The Lancefield Mechanics Hall, just before our Community Investment Evening. Shareholders will have received formal notice of the AGM along with supporting documents in early October.

Out and about in our community

It has been great to see so many of you out and about at the local events we've sponsored recently. At this year's Pub to Pub on 20 September, Anish Paudel, our Senior Branch Manager, and Suzie Ewart, our Chair, were delighted to announce Lancefield Park Recreation Reserve as the recipient of our **$500 donation**, which will go towards maintaining the Parkrun course.



Tertiary Scholarships now open

Applications are now open for our 2027 Tertiary Scholarship Program. Our scholarships celebrate community involvement, leadership and resilience, rather than academic achievement alone.

Three Tertiary Scholarships are on offer, each worth $3,500 per year for up to three years, open to those studying full-time at university, TAFE or college for the first time in 2027. We will also award two **Rebecca Harrison Memorial Bursaries**, worth $1,500 each, in memory of our much-loved colleague. All five are awarded from one pool of first-year applicants, so there is just one application form to complete.

Applications close **Wednesday 3 February 2027**. Apply at communitybanklancefieldromsey.smartygrants.com.au or visit our branch for details.

Congratulations, Business Excellence Awards finalists

As proud gold sponsors of the Josh's Rainbow Eggs Macedon Ranges Business Excellence Awards for an eighth year, we congratulate every 2026 finalist on a fantastic achievement. Have your say in the **People's Choice Award** by following the instructions at www.mrsc.vic.gov.au/business-awards before **Monday 16 November**. Winners will be announced at the Gala Dinner on Friday 27 November.

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Our Deep Creek Landcare Group held its AGM on Monday, September 14. I had previously signalled my intention to stand down as President after 8 years in the position. I have also been our acting secretary after Pat Danko vacated the position last year after having served 9 years. New faces were required!

The AGM elected Jackson Potter as our new President. Monique Senior put her hand up to take on the dual position of Secretary and Membership Secretary. Ken Allender and Robin Ford remain as Treasurer and Project Manager respectively. After the elections attendees enjoyed our guest speaker on birds, Chris Timewell, with most staying for refreshments and a chat with each other and our knowledgeable guest.

Exciting times ahead for our Landcare Group! Jackson has brought youthful enthusiasm and knowledge of environmental issues over the 6 years he has been with us. He recently completed a degree in Environmental Science at Deakin University.

Monique has extensive experience in horticulture; she brings enthusiasm to the position and experience keeping the books for a family business. Monique is currently working on







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environmental projects.

Ken has experience to burn after a career in finance and many year's experience as our Treasurer and of looking after the finances of a plethora of other community groups. Robin is a qualified Natural Resource Manager; his understanding of our local ecosystems is invaluable in planning and carrying out our projects.

On Sunday, September 27, eight of our members were joined by our Mayor Cassie Borthwick, Cassandra Borg (Team Leader Conservation, Strategic Planning & Environment), and a member of the public with her young son to plant a 40 m section of Five Mile Creek in Romsey. The location is opposite our 2025 planting on the northern side of the creek, near the historic well and just upstream from the old swimming pool. We planted and guarded 46 trees and large shrubs as well as 170 small shrubs and grasses. Emma Stevens, our Junior Landcare Facilitator will work with the local Guide group to complete the planting with another 48 indigenous plants. Both the Council and Melbourne Water are supportive of our work and are keen to work with us on further plantings along the creek.

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, Jackson Potter (0497 749 584), attend our monthly meetings in the Lancefield Mechanics Hall or pop along to the Lancefield Farmers Market.



THE GISBORNE SINGERS NOVEMBER CONCERT

The choir is eagerly rehearsing for its November concert which will feature the works of Gabriel Fauré. The programme will include the sublime Cantique and Tantum Ergo, the haunting Les Djinns and the much-loved Requiem in D Minor. Conducted by Christopher Roache, the choir will be joined by soloists Michelle Clark (Soprano) and Jeremy Kleeman (Baritone), with organ and piano accompaniment by Dan Rigby. Afternoon tea will be provided after the performance.

Sunday 22 November at 2.30pm in the Church of the Resurrection, 6 Honour Avenue, Macedon. Tickets available via $35 full, $30 concession, under 12 free.

Further information at www.gisbornesingers.org.au or phone 0480 156 263.







The Royal Historical Society of Victoria Regional (RHSV), in conjunction with the Kilmore and Lancefield Historical Societies on a walking tour of Lancefield