

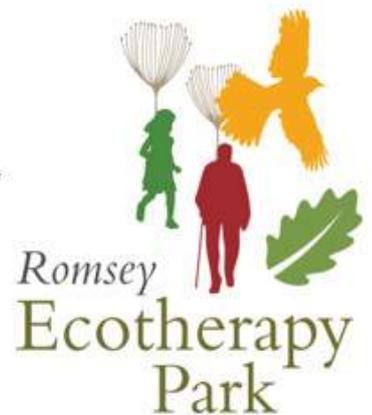


Circa 1933 (above) - *The Romsey Ecotherapy Park site was special for young people (and bunnies!)*

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Welcome to the June Edition

Its time to hibernate now, if possible, the Winter is official upon us. Having plenty of hot chocolates, home made soups and stews. If you haven't already dug out your scarves and hats, best to do so now to prevent winter chills and weakening your immune system - consider the flu jab as there seems to be lots of people succumbing this year already.

Just a reminder to ensure you are using the new email address for all correspondence:

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Also check out the new website, where you can download this and previous editions:

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WHAT'S ON in & around Romsey

5th June - Senior Citizens trip to Crown Casino.

21st June - Trivia Night at Romsey Library, 7pm.

Meet the Romsey Rag Committee of Management - Karen Read

Karen Read has resided in Romsey since 1993, moving here after growing up in Yarraville. Karen wanted to raise her family away from the "rat race" and in the fresh air.

When she moved here with her husband Paul, they were pregnant with their first child. Once Dean was born, Karen became more involved in the community.

Karen was president of the playgroup for two years, was enrolment officer at the Romsey kinder for a year. Helped out at Romsey Primary School as much as work would permit, attending numerous school camps as a helper. Karen started Karate around 2006 with her son Dean and made it to brown belt.

Karen is a cancer survivor and fundraises continually for the Cancer Council.

She has participated in "Run Melbourne" for the past three years as well as the Relay for Life this year at Werribee.

Karen currently volunteers for the Romsey Rag in the capacity of treasurer and has held this role since 2018.



Romsey Mechanics Institute

The plans for the replacement for the old lean-to storage room on the south side of the hall are now with the MRSC Planning Department. Once a planning permit has been obtained we will apply for a building permit and, if successful, works will begin to demolish the old room and replace it with a larger, weather-proof structure. This larger room will allow us to store the display boards as well as some chairs that can be quickly put out for smaller functions. The bulk of the RMI's chairs are stored up on the balcony.

During May our regular user, Cowboys & Angels Dance Academy, headed up to Tamworth to compete for the



Mayworth Trophy at the Australian Country Dance Festival. Well, what can you say? They were again very successful taking out the trophy and many individual and group awards. Their success is a credit to teachers Kate and Stacey and the 22 dancers

who performed in the competition. We hope to gain funds from DELWP to rebuild the small stairs and landing into the kitchen and to seal off the roof vents. During windy and wet times water blows under the existing caps and ends up on the floor of the hall making a safety hazard. In coming months we will also be sanding back and painting the doors and other sections at the front of the stage. We will also fit new handles and locking mechanisms.



In recent months the RSL has been able to take advantage in the Senior Citizens' rooms to hold monthly dinners. A great example of two community groups working together. The RMI CoM has installed five-minute lights that illuminate the rear of the RMI so people can get to their cars safely.

The RMI has ten eight-seat tables that we no longer use. These are quite solid articles with fold-up legs and would be ideal for undercover use. The tables are 240cm by 75cm. If you would like one of these tables, please contact us on 0458 726 106.

Vale Laurie "Chooka" Thomson

Laurie Thomson passed away on Sunday May 5th, a much-admired community member who was loved for his gentleness, humour, common sense and community involvement. Laurie moved into the Romsey area in 1931. He attended Romsey P. S., and often butted heads with Headmaster Mr Murray. The Headmaster had a large strap which disappeared suddenly and was not found again until the renovations at the old school. Laurie then owned up to one day in Gr 6 deciding "Enough is Enough!" and he found a good spot for it behind one of the blackboards.

Laurie was too young for WW2 but his elder brother Charlie served, losing his life in New Guinea. Not long after Laurie also lost his mother. In the early 2000's Laurie, with children Bev and Steven and nephew Robert, was able to visit his brother's grave at the Bomara Commonwealth War Cemetery, a very moving and meaningful trip for all.

Laurie met Jan Keleher in Springfield and the two married in 1952. They were together for the next 62 years and had four children, Beverly, Steven, Kathy & Roz



Laurie & Jan's Wedding



Laurie was a keen sportsman representing the town in football, golf, tennis and bowls. He played over 250 games for Romsey Football Club winning one premiership. He was also a determined and competitive pennant golfer who often left his more fancied opposition scratching their heads wondering how he managed to scramble the win. Laurie was a member of three winning pennant teams, two flags in 1978 (Inner Western & Dalhousie Districts) and again in 1981. In intraclub competition Laurie teamed with a number of partners to win the W. E. Tom 4BBB knockout in 1968, 76, 77, 85, 86 & 87. The shield for best junior net performance in the club championships is named after Laurie.

Laurie spent many years farming close to Monegetta and also in Trentham. One of his favourite stories was of the annual droving of sheep from Romsey across to Trentham, try that now! With his father Stephen he farmed largely sheep and potatoes. He even "developed" a special breed, "Laurie's Spuds" which were highly sought after by family and friends.

He was also heavily involved in the community as a vestry member and church warden at St Paul's Anglican Church. He was on the reading list right up to his passing. Perhaps the most important element of his life was his family. Every family member spoke of how special he made them feel and the great support and life lessons he was able to give.

Laurie always seemed to know everyone's name and what was going on in the town, he had a positive opinion on most things. He will be remembered as an honest, reliable, kindly and gentle man. One who lived his life according to his beliefs, who was a good example to others and who was always around to help if and when needed.

Anthony Lakey.



Guilty or not guilty? The answer to this is known by over a thousand people who were lucky enough to have seen *Twelve Angry Men* during May. The verdict was of course..... an incredibly successful season for this iconic play. Students and teachers from the Gisborne Secondary College were invited to attend the final dress rehearsal as part of their Year 9 English curriculum and found it a wonderfully rewarding way to learn about the script. Congratulations to cast and crew for staging such a classy, superbly acted play. We wish them luck with this year's Victorian Drama League Awards. *12 Angry Men* is The Mount Players entry for 2019.

So, what's next at the Mountview Theatre? Our 16th annual **One Act Play Festival** will run over the weekend of 12/13 & 14 July. An assortment of short plays from visiting theatres will be staged across the weekend, winding up on Sunday afternoon with awards presented by a guest adjudicator. Come for a session or make a weekend of it. Full details can be viewed on our website www.themountplayers.com tickets only available at the venue.

Our musical this year, **Rock of Ages**, is now in rehearsal and will open on August 9th. More about that next month. See you at the theatre.

By Karen Hunt





Romsey - Lancefield Probus
Welcome to Friendship

Our club provides an opportunity for retirees or semi retired people to relax and enjoy the welcoming company of those at the same stage of life.

Our monthly meeting (4th Thursday of the month) is a chance to catch-up with new and old friends, share a pleasant morning tea, and hear interesting speakers on a wide variety of topics.

Meetings are held at St. Mary's Catholic Church Hall, Main Street, Romsey.
The June meeting will be on Thursday 27th June, 2019 at 10am

After the meeting, people so inclined, have lunch at a nearby restaurant. There are many activities members can be part of (including Trips and Outings); some being regular, and others planned from time to time.

Join us for coffee at one of the venues in Romsey or Lancefield every second Friday; or join the ten-pin bowling group for a bit of fun on the alternate Friday. Or form a group with others of similar interests at a time that suits.

We are a friendly welcoming group from diverse backgrounds and with a variety of interests, and we'd love to meet you!

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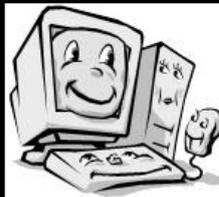
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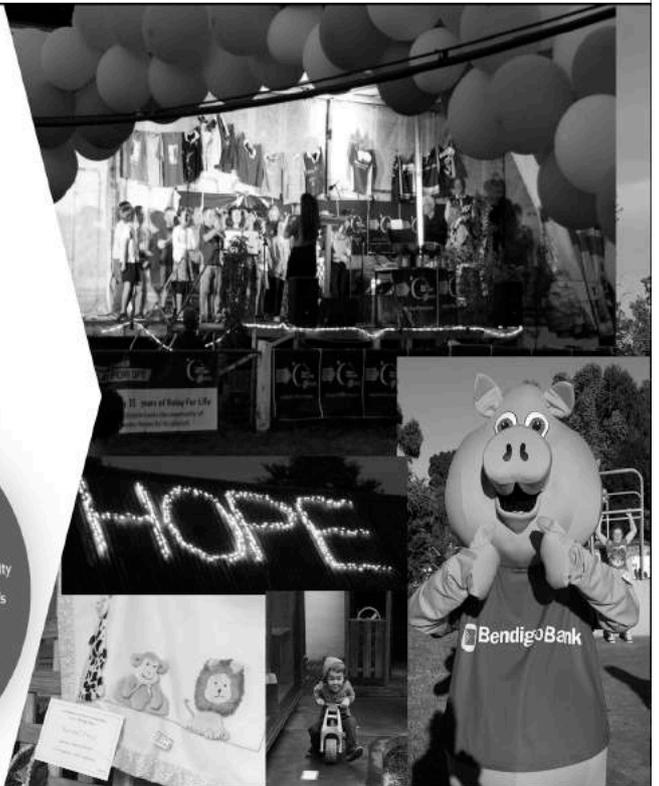
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What's on for your Business in June

Local business owners and entrepreneurs looking to increase sales, and explore the possibilities promotion via Instagram are invited to one of the following workshops as part of Council's 2019 Business Program.

Engage real followers with Instagram (Digital Solutions Program)

Want to learn how to use Instagram to grow your business?

Register for the *Engage real followers with Instagram* on Thursday 13 June from 9.30am–12.30pm at the Gisborne Administration Centre, 40 Robertson Street, Gisborne.

Small business owners will learn how to start an Instagram account, grow a following, establishing a brand in every post, etiquette and more.

This workshop is part of the Australian Small Business Advisory Service (ASBAS) Digital Solutions Program.

Participants who sign-up for the yearly program pay \$55 and have access to workshops, tailored mentoring, webinars and an online learning portal throughout the year that explore topics such as social media marketing, Facebook

advertising, Instagram and more.

Increase sales in your business

Come along to a mentoring session with Milton Collins, from local business The Business Action Coach and learn how to:

- sell to the four key personality types
- get customers to sell themselves
- overcome any objection
- set up a sale from the first contact
- ask a great question
- ask for the sale time after time.

The workshop is being held on Tuesday 18 June from 6pm–8pm at The Victoria Hotel, Woodend.

The cost is \$20. Places are limited, and bookings are essential.

Many of the events in our program are being held in partnership with the Australian Small Business Advisory Service, Melbourne Innovation Centre, Australian Taxation Office, Macedon Ranges Women in Business, Small Business Victoria and the Kyneton Community and Learning Centre.

For more information on our 2019 program, or to book your place, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/business-events or call 5421 9616.

Don't Forget to Enter the Business Awards

Local businesses are encouraged to get their entries in to the 2019 Bendigo Bank Macedon Ranges Business Excellence Awards.

The awards recognise and acknowledge deserving businesses for their outstanding service, innovation, products and professionalism. Entrants, finalists and winners will be offered a free range of opportunities and experiences that will enhance and improve their business.

Any businesses operating (or who have an outstanding trainee or apprentice) within Macedon Ranges Shire boundaries are encouraged to enter.

The 12 award categories will showcase the diversity of businesses throughout the Macedon Ranges Shire.

- Excellence in Agribusiness and food manufacturing
- Excellence in Creative Industries & IT Technologies
- Excellence in Health and Community Service Providers

- Excellence in Hospitality
- Excellence in New Business
- Excellence in Professional Services
- Excellence in Retail
- Excellence in Tourism
- Excellence in Trades, Construction and Manufacturing
- Excellence in Wellness
- Trainee / Apprentice of the Year
- People's Choice Award
- Business of the Year and Runner-Up

Business awards sponsor and mentor, Milton Collins Action-Coach, said that it's important as a local business to get involved in the awards.

"Maximise this opportunity and really think about your plans and marketing strategies and how you can leverage from the awards publicity," he said.

Entries for the business awards close on Monday 24 June, with draft applications due for review and feedback by Monday 3 June.



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Junior Programs

Basketball and indoor soccer—Shooting Hoops and Goal Kick

Give your child the chance to learn the skills before progressing into our junior competitions.

Places are still available in Shooting Hoops and Goal Kick—our development programs for children aged 5 to 10 years to improve skills and confidence.

Shooting Hoops sessions are held on Mondays, 4pm–4.45pm and Goal Kick sessions are held on Fridays, 4pm–4.45pm.

Soccer—Under 12s

We have spots available in our U12 mixed indoor soccer

competition. Under 12 games are played Fridays from 4.50pm with training on Tuesdays at 5.30pm.

Call 5429 5637 or email your interest to rrc@mrsc.vic.gov.au

Basketball—Under 13s

Under 13 games are held from 4.50pm on Mondays.

Senior Programs

Indoor women's basketball

We're looking to run a women's basketball competition on Thursdays from 7.40pm.

It's a great way to exercise with friends, and open to female players (new and experienced) over 15 years of age.

For more information, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/rrc or call 5429 5637.

Register your Child for Kindergarten in 2020

Are you considering whether to register your child at kinder in 2020?

Give your child the best start to their learning journey at one of Council's eight kindergartens in the Macedon Ranges.

Vacancies currently exist in our three and four-year-old kindergarten programs at Kyneton, Lancefield, Macedon, Riddells Creek, Romsey, Gisborne and Woodend.

Kindergarten is the foundation of every child's formal learning journey. By experimenting and participating in group interactions, children make friends, build resilience and develop positive self-esteem.

Kindergarten and pre-kinder enrolments for 2020 must be lodged by 30 June.

For more information about kindergarten programs, Early Start Kindergarten, fees and enrolments call Council's Early Years unit on 5422 0239 or visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/kindergarten

Go in the draw to win with the 2019 Active Living Census

Council is encouraging all households in the shire to take part in the Healthy Heart of Victoria 2019 Active Living Census.

The census, which can be filled out online at scentre.com.au/ALC has also been delivered to more than 117,000 homes in the Loddon Campaspe region.

Information obtained in the census will be used by Council to plan recreational and health and wellbeing projects, and will also be shared with community clubs and organisations.

Residents who complete the census before Sunday 16 June will go in the draw to win bikes, food and shopping vouchers from a prize pool valued at \$12,000.

For more information, visit scentre.com.au/ALC or contact the Active Living Census Helpline on 1800 083 037.

Help Young People by Skilling up on Youth Mental Health

Register your interest in attending our popular Youth Mental Health First Aid training course, being held on Saturday 15 June (9am–5pm), Tuesday 18 June (6pm–9.30pm) and Tuesday 25 June (6pm–9.30pm) in Gisborne. The course is made up of all three sessions.

The 14-hour program for parents, guardians and teachers in the Macedon Ranges covers topics such as anxiety, depression, psychosis, alcohol abuse and other drug issues and eating disorders.

This fully-accredited course focuses on how to give initial help to young people who are in a mental health crisis situation, in the early stages of a mental illness, or experiencing the worsening of an existing mental health condition. The course is being held at the Gisborne Administration Centre, 40 Robertson Street in Gisborne.

Courses are held throughout the year in the shire, with places also available in our September course in Kyneton.

To find out more information or book your place, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/ymhfa phone Loren Polzot on 5422 0275 or lpolzot@mrsc.vic.gov.au

Nominations Opening Soon for our 2019 Youth Awards

Do you know a young person between 12–25 years doing amazing things in our community?

Council would like you tell us about the inspiring young people in your life by nominating them in our annual Youth Awards, which celebrate and recognise the incredible achievements of young people in the shire.

Nominations open Wednesday 11 June and can be for anyone aged 12–25 years who lives, works or attends school in the Macedon Ranges.

Young people can be nominated in one of the following categories:

- **Arts:** for excelling in the arts
- **Academic:** for giving their all to their education

- **Business:** for an exceptional employee or apprentice
- **Sport:** for excelling in a sporting endeavour
- **Live4Life:** for flying the flag for youth mental health and wellbeing
- **Community:** for contributing to our community in other ways.

Submit a nomination online, mrsc.vic.gov.au/youth or pick up a nomination form from a Council service centre in Gisborne, Romsey, Woodend or Kyneton.

Submissions close on Sunday 21 July 2019.

The winners will be announced at the 2019 Youth Awards presentation night on Tuesday 20 August in Kyneton Town Hall. The evening will be organised and run by the Macedon Ranges Youth Ambassador program leaders.

For more information, contact Lauren Day on 5422 0226 or email lday@mrsc.vic.gov.au

Nominate Someone you Know for the 2019 Victorian Senior of the Year Awards

Is there an older person you know who makes a difference in our community?

Recognise the valuable contribution that seniors make by nominating them for a 2019 Victoria Senior of the Year Award.

The awards acknowledge Victorians aged over 60 who volunteer to assist, support and encourage others in their communities. Nominations are also being accepted for community organisations or businesses that make Macedon Ranges more age-friendly by including older people and promoting positive attitudes towards ageing and older people.

The award categories are:

- Premier's Award for Victorian Senior of the Year for an outstanding contribution by an individual to their local

community and Victoria.

- Promotion of Multiculturalism Award to an individual for a significant contribution to promoting the benefits of cultural diversity in their local community or in the broader community.
- Healthy and Active Living Award to an individual for helping to create active and healthy communities through community involvement and as a role model.
- Veteran Community Award to an individual for an exceptional contribution to the veteran community. The recipient of the award does not need to be a veteran.
- Council on the Ageing Victoria Senior Achiever Awards to up to 10 individuals for significant contributions to local communities and Victoria.

For more information on the awards or to pick up a nomination form, visit seniorsonline.vic.gov.au or call Stephanie on 5422 0258.

Nominations close on Friday 5 July.

Award winners will be announced at a ceremony to be held at Government House on Thursday 3 October.

Hallowed Ground Shines a Light on Women's Experience of War

The experiences of women in war are brought to life in a new theatre work showing at Kyneton Town Hall in June.

Hallowed Ground: Women Doctors in War paints a portrait of what life was like for women who served with the armed forces during conflicts including WWI, WWII and those recently serving with our military in the Middle East.

Presented by Shift Theatre, the work is inspired by personal diaries, historical documents and face-to-face interviews. It also draws upon the real-life stories of Professor Susan Neuhaus, who served as a surgeon in Afghanistan and elsewhere with the Australian Army and chronicled her experiences in her book, *Not for Glory: A Century of*

Service by Medical Women to the Australian Army and its Allies.

Don't miss this moving tribute to the wise and remarkable women of war.

Hallowed Ground: Women Doctors in War is on being performing on Thursday 20 June at 7.30pm at Kyneton Town Hall.

Tickets are \$42 adults, \$38 seniors, \$35 concession and \$10 student/child.

To find out more or to book tickets, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/buytickets or call 1300 888 802.



Romsey Lancefield Senior Citizens Bendigo Bank Monthly Bus Trips

Come and join us on our monthly bus trips on the first Wednesday of the month. Our trips are to a variety of places and include morning tea and lunch and only cost \$45 (entry fees included).

For further information please contact Helen on 0409 064 303 or Rae on 0408 338 759.

Hope to see you soon.

Our last visit was to the Rochester Silo Art, a very enjoyable day.

Remember we meet every Monday at the rear of the Romsey Mechanics Institute for lunch, some card games and a chat, for just \$5 – everyone is more than welcome. On the 2nd Monday of the month we have some professional cooks come in to prepare a 2 course meal, costing only \$10. We would love to see you.

This month we will be visiting **Crown Casino** in Melbourne. We will have time to have a look around the shops and facilities at the Casino, plus enjoy some lunch. The trip is on

Wednesday 5th of June.

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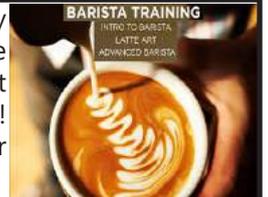
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For Regular updates on new activities check out our Facebook page. We have so many community initiatives on the go, all of which are aimed at supporting at enhancing our local community!

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OLD TIME MUSIC HALL
Thursday 18 July, 2:30pm

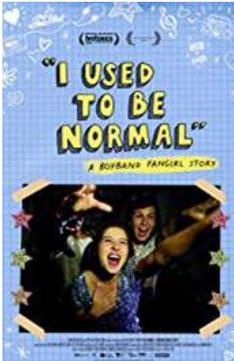
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****Bookings: phone Romsey Library on 54293086.**
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Come in out of the cold and warm up with an old-time sing-along! Featuring local artist Gabriel Macgura, we will relive the good old days including songs from Cole Porter, Vera Lynn and Frank Sinatra. No expertise necessary, just your enthusiasm! Light afternoon tea to follow.



This month's item reviews are from Laura Mitchell, Library Services Officer at Romsey Library:



The documentary "I Used To Be Normal" traces the stories of four devoted boyband fans from three generations. Each woman tells the story of their obsession with their chosen band (The Beatles, Take That, Backstreet Boys and One Direction) from its teenage-crush beginning to the place it holds in their lives today. Though it may seem

at first glance a frivolous pursuit, the framework of a boyband fandom offers an illuminating and sensitive insight into the lives of young women over the years. Certain patterns emerge, and it's clear that the boybands provide each woman with a strong sense of personal identity and an opportunity to exorcise the demons of teenage life that will be familiar to all of us. It makes for a very sweet and uplifting film. "I Used To Be Normal" is available on Kanopy, a free film streaming service that can be accessed in the eLibrary section of the library's website at www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au



"Finding Vivian Maier" is a documentary about photographer Vivian Maier, whose photos emerged from the sale of the contents of a storage unit in 2007. The unit contained over 150 000 negatives taken by a heretofore unknown photographer, and it quickly became apparent that a major talent had been unearthed – even as an amateur

it's clear that Maier's street photos from New York in the 1950s are beautiful and unsettling work. The film follows the story of the photos' discovery and subsequent popularity. It then goes on to delve into the life story of Maier, an intensely private, odd, and deeply complex person who spent forty years working as nanny and rarely if ever showed anyone her art. It's a fascinating and at times troubling story. "Finding Vivian Maier" is available on Kanopy, a free film streaming service that can be accessed in the eLibrary section of the library's website at www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au

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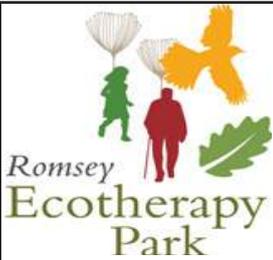
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Before there was Romsey Ecotherapy Park.....Reverend Tom, Laurie and Keith Remember.

Reverend Tom Morgan, Laurie Thomson and Keith Carroll were students at the former Romsey State (Primary) School (now Ecotherapy Park site) in the 1930s. Late last year, they re-visited the site and recalled fond memories of their early school days. The Park includes the pony paddock area of the former school yard where Laurie would leave his pony after riding the 6kms journey to school each morning.



Reverend Tom recalled his mother making the bunny outfit worn in the photo (c 1933) at left with his class mates taken on site.

All three gentlemen were impressed with the site's restoration and exciting future ahead.

- » Coming Soon > The HUGE Climbing Forest
- » Coming Soon > Announcement of REP Patron and Ambassadors ahead of the Arts Culture Space Fundraising Campaign

Subscribe to the new REP Newsletter by emailing romseyecotherapypark.com.au or view it on www.romseyecotherapypark.com.au

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Breathinginand
out,
Soundof wind in
the trees,
Onlythis...andthis
is morethan
enough."

Romsey Garden Club News

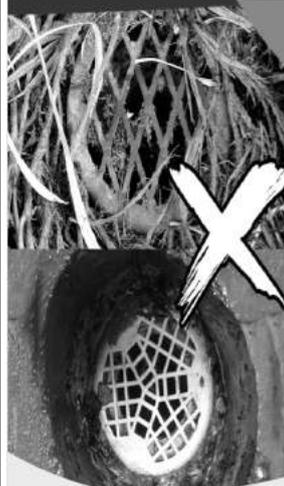
We are having Attila Kapitany, a renowned succulent expert, give us a presentation at the Romsey Mechanics Institute on Tuesday the 18th of June at 10 am. Non-members are welcome to join us for \$5 00; morning tea included.

Please phone Virginia for a seat on 0435 398 317.

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250 teams taking on the Australian outback in cars worth \$1000 or less hence 'the shitbox rally'. The Rally is a mammoth week-long charity event travelling through remote parts of Australia on some of the toughest roads.

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Local Events Receive Community Bank® Boost

The Community Bank® branches in Lancefield and Romsey were established to ensure there would always be banking services in our local towns.

But Community Bank® branches don't only provide banking products and services, they return their profits back to the local community in which they operate.

In the last 18 years, the Lancefield and Romsey branches have invested over \$1.5 million in our towns. As well as returning dividends to the local shareholders.

Our most recent funding program – the 2019 Event Sponsorship Program – is no exception. We will be investing \$20,000 to support 17 community groups with local events over the next six months, including:

- Junior Golf Clinic with Lancefield and St Mary's Primary Schools, hosted by Lancefield Golf Club
- Romsey Blue Light Discos
- Colour Run at Lancefield Park, organised by the Lancefield Junior Football Netball Club
- Romsey Primary School Comedy Night
- Community Walk at Woodend Children's Park, organised by the Macedon Ranges Suicide Prevention Action Group
- Romsey Golf Club's Inaugural Women's Open Tournament
- Open Day for the Lancefield Romsey Little Athletics Centre
- 2019 Landcare Photoprize, coordinated by the Nulla Vale Pyalong West Landcare Group
- Romsey Region Business & Tourism Association (RRBATA) 10th annual Business Breakfast
- 2019 Macedon Ranges Wine Exhibition Dog high jump event at the Lancefield Show
- Community Night Market at Romsey Primary School
- Fire N Friends Bonfire Night at Kerrie Hall

- Open Day and Community BBQ for Benloch Fire Brigade
- Extinct! Lancefield Megafauna Festival 2019
- 2019 Christmas in Romsey Festival, coordinated by RRBATA
- Romsey Bowling Club's Barefoot Bowls

Suzie Ewart is Chair of the Company that operates the Lancefield and Romsey Community Bank® branches and is keen to emphasise our significant contribution to the prosperity of Lancefield, Romsey and the surrounding areas. "In addition to being the only physical bank branches providing banking products and services to our local community, these investment programs are an added benefit that sets our Community Bank® branches apart," she said. "This latest funding allocation illustrates that local residents and businesses who bank with us are helping make a direct contribution to funding worthwhile initiatives in the community."

Jenny Stillman, President of RRBATA, is thrilled with the ongoing support from the local Romsey Community Bank®. "This is the fourth year of the Christmas in Romsey Festival – an initiative to enhance community spirit, connectivity and engagement; and to foster business and community interaction," she said. "The Romsey Community Bank® has supported the Festival from the outset. RRBATA is very pleased the Bank has come on board again as a major sponsor whilst sharing RRBATA's vision of increased visitation to the town and the subsequent economic benefits for the Macedon Ranges eastern corridor."

The next Community Investment Program (grants and sponsorships) opens on 17 June 2019. If you're a member of a local community group or sporting club and are interested in applying for funding, contact Sally Peeler at marketing@lancefieldromseybank.com.au

Entertaining Pets in Winter

Let's face it. It can be hard enough to motivate ourselves to go outside during winter, but it can be even more difficult encouraging your pets that dislike the cold to go outside too. Chilly weather or not, our pets do need their exercise!

By being creative with your pet's entertainment during the cold of winter, you will be more likely to avoid unwanted behaviours as a result of boredom. There are many things you can do to encourage your pet to come outside with you for exercise, and here are just a few tips:

- Use winter coats to keep them warm and ensure the coat is well fitted. You might want to consider a fleece lining to keep them extra toasty!
- Use pet waterproof gear for wet days.
- Increase food intake, this may be necessary as staying warm during winter takes more energy. Make sure you are careful to not over feed however!

If you have tried everything and your pet is still reluctant to venture outside (or you are experiencing extreme weather), a great way to keep your pet stimulated is to engage them in extra activities indoors:

- Consider some trick training for mental stimulation. This

could be behavioural training or why not try training your pet to do some household chores e.g. fetch slippers etc.

- Play games like 'find your favourite toy' or 'find a family member' around the house.
- Use enrichment toys such as tug-o-war ropes for physical exertion or use food dispensing toys to develop fun foraging instincts.
- Another option for dogs is socialising at doggy daycare or maybe you could plan a doggy play date.

Whatever your techniques are to keep your pet active during winter, do make sure they have good access to shelter and water at all times!

Sourced from RSPCA Victoria, <https://rspcavic.org/health-and-behaviour/seasonal-health/winter-care> accessed 24th May 2019.



Cooking with Peter Russell-Clarke

'Carrots'



Carrots;
Butter;
Olive oil;
Garlic;
Freshly ground black pepper;
Honey;
Baby spinach leaves;
Grated Parmesan cheese;
Grated Cheddar cheese.

Cut carrots into finger thick and length shapes. Melt some butter and olive oil in a pan with some garlic juice. Have the heat medium so as not to burn the butter. Toss the carrots in the butter/oil so they warm through. We are only warming and semi-softening the carrots - they will be a little crunchy.

Just before serving, grind fresh pepper into the pan and a good quantity of honey and baby spinach leaves. Turn up the heat so the honey bubbles.

Immediately serve sprinkled with a mixture of Parmesan and Cheddar cheese.

Serve this as an entree or with some lightly grilled fish which you haven't dried out through overcooking - not that you would of course - (that's overcook the fish!)

I've mentioned before that, during the reign of King Charles the First (the bloke who lost his head), the ladies of his Court wore carrot tops in their head-dress because the English had put an embargo on imports from South Africa and so ostrich feathers weren't available for the ladies. But they

did have to eat the carrots so they could get the tops. (One couldn't have the orange carrots poking into the wigs - so only the feathery tops were used.). Anyway, the vitamin A was good-o for the ladies' eyesight so they were able to see how ridiculous they looked.

Just a little more on carrots. They contain betacarotene, magnesium, potassium and phosphorus. They're a superb detoxifier and are excellent for the liver and digestion. They're rich in antioxidants and protect the body from certain cancers, aid night vision and are a good source of fibre.

Now what else to do with carrots - apart from the garlic and honey.

Steam them until soft, puree, add garlic and stir into mashed potato. Or grate with raw ginger, make a look-alike birds nest of the strings of carrot, pop a soft boiled egg into the nest (de-shelled of course), or grate a handful of carrot into a pan wet with a little butter and garlic juice, warm the carrot by tossing it with the melted butter, break two eggs into the pan with the carrots and mix as in scrambled eggs. Serve on a slice of wholemeal bread.

Or grate a carrot, add orange segments and sliced pineapple, warm in a pan with a little butter and garlic juice and kalamata olives. Serve warm topped with a dollop of natural Greek yoghurt mixed with hummus.

There are lots and lots of other combinations which will suit your palate and purse - and your health regime. Simply remember not to overcook the carrot (except if you're going to puree it.)



Romsey Golf Club, Men's & Women's Reports



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In the first two weeks of May RGC hosted three rounds of pennant. The two men's teams Handicap Div 3 and Scratch Div 2 hosted and did not play, the women's team, Handicap Div 3, played Avenel. All teams have performed well and the two handicap teams have a real chance of success. The last round will decide the make-up the finals. Thanks to Mick Squire, John Freestone/Rob Rea and Beryl Cole who have all captained their teams with great distinction.

Laurie, an RGC Life Member, was a wonderful man and much loved by the golfing community. Well, now he will see if "The Big Bloke" can really use a one-iron, no-one on Earth can!

The 2019 Club Championships began in the 1st week of May. Both men's and women's competitions are tightly contested with a number of players in with a chance of taking our Club Champion or B and C grade.

The course and Park in general, continues to green as we get more dews and rain. The smaller trees that members have watered through summer have survived well and should be much more self-sufficient by next summer. We are especially pleased with the success of the planting along the eastern boundary. These small native flowering bushes are intended to provide food and habitat for insects and smaller birds and mammals. It will be wonderful to see them flower across the whole year.



Laurie presenting the 2019 Junior Championship to Michael McCarten

The club was very saddened by the death of Laurie Thomson.

RGC Weekly Competition Results:

May 1 – Rd 2 Club Champs	Les Gaunt – 78/7/71, Rob Rea – 90/18/72, John Freestone – 93/21/72
May 8 – Rd 2 Club Champs	Kath Jekabsons – 101/28/73 from Elaine Scanlon – 104/30/74 & Beryl Cole – 99/23/76
May 4 – Rd 1 Club Champs	Mick Nicholls Snr; 88/21/67 from Pat Chisholm – 81/13/69, Mal Mottram – 82/11/71 & Les Gaunt – 79/8/71
May 1 – Rd 1 Club Champs	Darlene Baker – 94/19/75 from Elaine Scanlon – 113/30/83 C/B Jenny Hartley – 102/19/83
Apr 27 – Monthly Medal	Kath Jekabsons – 100/29/71 from Jenny Hartley – 96/19/77
	J. Moody – 84/14/70 C/B from J. Freestone – 92/22/70, M.I Nicholls Jnr – 87/16/71, M. Nicholls Snr – 93/22/71
Apr 20 – Stoke (G4aC)	R. Walker – 96/25/71 from L. Gaunt – 80/8/72, S. Abdel Sayed – 96/24/72 & B. McLennan – 85/12/73
Apr 13 – Final Algie Mitchell	Our oldest shield – John Laing (7) D Mick Nicholls snr (0) – 2/1
	M.Squire (6) – +5 from P. Chisholm (14) – +3 & A.Laing (21) – +2

For more detailed reports please go to; <http://www.romseygolfclub.net/results/2019/>

The Romsey Football Saga By Peter Mitchell

During the years from 1925 – 1928, the Romsey Football teams were unbeatable. Their success helped to bring about their loss in 1929. Mrs Percy Bowen, the wife of a Romsey star footballer made beef tea for the football side during the half time break. This practice gave a Sunbury man the opportunity to make some money.. During the 1929 grand final, this man put a lot of money on Sunbury to win. He then sneaked into the Romsey rooms before half time and put a laxative into the beef tea.

match and the Sunbury man went home with his pockets full.

A former star footballer in the 1920's Romsey football side, Doug Parks estimated that a goal he kicked on the Romsey oval would never be beaten. Kicking a place kick from full back with the aid of a very strong wind, the ball went over the players' heads and rolled and bounced its way through the goalposts at the other end.

The second half of the game became a disaster for the Romsey Football Team, as the players were running off the field to the toilet and were uncomfortable. Sunbury won the



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PASTOR'S PARABLES

Hell - The Absence of God



The absence of water makes a desert. The absence of land makes an ocean. The absence of warmth makes the polar caps. The absence of light makes darkness. The absence of God's unconditional love & abundant provision makes Hell.

Hell, for want of a better word, is simply a place where God and all of His goodness is absent.

In life, God sustains us with oxygen, gravity, water, sunshine and all the universal laws of order - even when we make it quite clear that we want nothing to do with Him.

However, there will come a day (death) when

God must respect our decision to live apart from Him - His perfection demands it. On that day He may say to those who rejected salvation, 'It saddens Me that you have refused all My gracious offers of salvation and shown on all occasions that you want nothing to do with Me. I must respect your decision (free-will) and leave you in a place that has been set aside where My provision of healing, joy, love, kindness, goodness, mercy, forgiveness, patience and peace, shall be absent, where I will not sustain the environment or the universal laws of order, where My light will be nowhere to be seen and where you are beyond the reach of My comfort. It is a place where I shall respect your wish and remain absent from you for eternity.' (See 2 Thessalonians 1:9)

It is foolish to say we don't need God in our lives. Hell is the void created when God's providence is absent. It is a place of absolute darkness, chaos and everlasting discomfort. Let us not eternally regret being separated from God when Heaven is simply ours for the asking. The Bible clearly states: **For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son (Jesus Christ), that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.** (John 3:16). **CHOOSE God for your LIFE - TODAY.**

Pastor Marilyn Hunter



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LEADERSHIP

Most of us have voted to choose who will lead our nation over the next few years. They have a heavy responsibility. What influenced your choice: ability, charisma, knowing their electorate, the party platform?

For Christians, the Bible gives us some guidelines as to the qualities needed in Leadership.

When Moses burdened with the responsibility of leading and ordering 2000 people was advised by his father-in-law to appoint assistants, "Select capable men from all the people, men who fear God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain." (Exodus 18:21). JESUS before choosing His 12 Leaders (Apostles) spent the night on a mountainside in prayer. (Luke 6:12). When the leaders of the infant Church in Jerusalem realized they needed help, they appointed assistants (deacons) who had to be wise - "Brothers, choose out from among you men of wisdom and who are known to be full of the Holy Spirit.." (Acts 5:3).

I wonder how many we voted for would pass these tests? I think most of us look for integrity, ability, wisdom in decision making, and remembering too they are only human and need our support.

St. Peter reminds of this in 1Peter 2:13ff,

"Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every authority instituted among men.."
All authority is in God's hands.

Some of the last words of Jesus before returning to the glory of heaven were: "All authority in heaven and earth is given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations...." (Matthew 28:18-19).

How were this small band of believers to do this? Only in the power of the Holy Spirit who would come to them on the Day of Pentecost (Whitsunday) to fill them with His power to make known the Gospel message. This happened ten days after the Ascension of Jesus to Heaven and which His Church will be celebrating this month on Sunday 9 June. The mission of the Spirit is to comfort - strengthen, fortify - to instruct and to change our sinful, fallen natures into the likeness of Christ.

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Last month we were saddened and shocked by the sudden death of our much loved and respected member, Laurie Thomson. He and his late wife Jan served our Church and our Community all their lives. We will miss his humour, wisdom, faithfulness in all he committed himself to do. "Well done, good and faithful servant enter into the joy of your Lord."
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JUNE 2019 DIARY

Sat 1/6 9am: Parish street stall - outside IGA Romsey. Cakes - from kitchen to you; Plants; Bric-a-Brac.

Sun 9/6 - Holy Communion services: 9am Romsey, 10.30am Lancefield. WHITSUNDAY/Day of Pentecost - (Wear a touch of red or white)

Sun16/6 - Holy Communion services: 9am Romsey, 10.30am Lancefield. TRINITY SUNDAY - Celebrating our TRIUNE God.

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Romsey Church Services & Activities during June 2019

Monday 3, 10, 17, 24. 2pm Coffee Get-together Romsey Uniting Church

Wednesday 5th. 6pm Church Council meeting at Stracks.

Sunday 2nd 10.45am Partnership Worship Service & Holy Communion at Lancefield.

Sunday 9th 9am Worship Service led by Carol Toy.

Sunday 16th 9am Worship Service led by Jay Brooks

Sunday 23rd 9am Worship Service led by Trevor Turnham

Sunday 30th 10am 5th Sunday Partnership Service at Woodend.

The Trouble Tree

The carpenter I hired to help me restore an old farmhouse had just finished a rough first day on the job. A flat tyre made him lose an hour of work, his electric saw failed and his ancient truck refused to start. While I drove him home, he sat in stony silence. On arriving he invited me in to meet his family. As we walked toward the front door, he paused briefly at a small tree, touching the tips of the branches with both hands. Upon opening the door he underwent an amazing transformation. His tanned face was wreathed in smiles and he hugged his two small children and gave his wife a kiss.

Afterward he walked me to the car. We passed the tree and my curiosity got the better of me. I asked him about what I had seen him do earlier. "Oh, that's my trouble tree", he replied. "I know I can't help having troubles on the job, but one thing for sure, troubles don't belong in the house with my wife and children. So I just hang them up on the tree every night when I come home. Then in the morning I pick them up again. Funny thing is," he smiled, "when I come out in the morning, there aren't nearly as many as I remember hanging up the night before."

- from UCAF Network Magazine May 2019.

MASS TIMES

1st & 3rd Sunday of the month:

8:00am Lancefield and 10:00 am Romsey

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8:00am Romsey and 10:00am Lancefield

1st Saturday of the month:

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COMMUNION SERVICES

Tuesday 9:00am Romsey Church

Saturday 10:00am Romsey Church

ROSARY

Saturdays 9:45am Romsey

RECONCILIATION

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2019 – Romsey Church – August 4th, October 6th & December 1st.

2019 – Lancefield Church – July 14th, September 8th & November 10th.

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lancefield@cam.org.au to register your child.

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First Thursday of each month,
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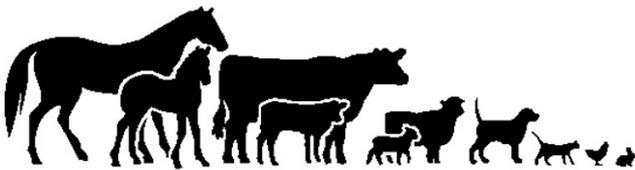
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