



# The Romsey Rag

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9.00 am for 9.30 am

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## Welcome to the October Edition

It might be October but the mince pies, Christmas cakes and Christmas cards are already in the shops, doesn't time fly! The gardens are starting to bloom, the birds are singing and looking for places to nest, the magpies are already swooping and becoming overly firendly. Halloween will be upon us soon, so make sure you make it known whether you are accepting door knockers.

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:

**<http://www.theromseyrag.com.au/>**

## WHAT'S ON in & around Romsey

**2nd Oct** - Senior Citizens trip to "Cranbourne Botanic Gardens".

**19th Oct** - Macedon Ranges Bird Blitz.

See page 7 for "Spring into Fun These Holidays" ideas this holidays.

Also page 11 "Library Report" for more great activities during the school holidays.

## Meet the Romsey Rag Committee of Management: Sonia Martin

Sonia is from a little town in Sussex in the UK, called Bexhill-on-Sea and first came to Australia in 1969 with her husband Michael. Living and working in Melbourne for the Institute for the Blind for many years before starting a family.

After a brief return to the UK, Sonia and the family moved back to Australia but to Perth this time for a change and to see another part of this country. Here Sonia decided to return to college to study and completed her studies with an Diploma of Enrolled Nursing. Although enjoying the study Sonia decided to pursue other interests, in particular gardening, and focussed much of her time on getting plants to grow in the harsh sandy conditions in Perth.

Sonia moved back to Victoria in 2016 and to Romsey in 2017. Sonia joined the Romsey Rag committee in 2018 to help ensure the publication continues. Much of the time now is spent wrangling the mafic clays typical of the Romsey area, beating the weeds into submission and working on the large back garden which is very much a work in progress! This is often supervised by the two chickens, Rosie and Esmeralda, and one duck, Webster as well as the many wild birds that enjoy feasting on their food!



## Romsey Mechanics Institute

Our plans to demolish the old lean-to storage room and replace it with a larger, far more secure building are now heading down the Building Permit/Demolition Permit process. We hope to have both these permits under control in the very near future so that works can begin before the end of the year.

The 2019 Art Show, an activity run in conjunction with the Romsey Neighbourhood House, will be held on Sunday November 17th. Art groups are most welcome to contact the RMI if they wish to exhibit or for more information on the show. This year the Romsey Rag will be exhibiting art works from their final 2019 primary school children's competition at the Art Show. This competition is on the theme "Summer" and will

include works in any medium, clay, oils, water-colour, line drawing, diorama, construction etc. Completed art works for the RR competition may be dropped off at the Romsey Library from Monday Nov 11th to Thursday November 14th. More information on the competition elsewhere in the RR. Entry to the Art Show will be **free**.



In 2017 the RMI was successful in obtaining a grant to install solar panels. The grant, \$6,000.00 was supplemented by funds from the RMI and in December 2018, 30 panels, inverter and necessary wiring were installed. In January of this year the system was connected to the grid. An indication of the success of these panels is; our Jun/Jul/Aug power bill for 2018 was well over \$400.00, the same power bill for 2019 was just over \$150.00.

**The Romsey/Lancefield Senior Citizens' Club** will turn 50 in December. They have "lived" in the Billiard Room at the RMI for all that time. A special event is being organised to celebrate this milestone.



*The Lit-up RMI*

[www.romseymechanicsinstitute.com](http://www.romseymechanicsinstitute.com)



## C.W.A 2019 STATE THEMES:

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|------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>THEME :</b>               | <b>Linking Hands in Friendship</b> |
| <b>Product/Resource :</b>    | <b>Sustainable Seafood</b>         |
| <b>Country of Study :</b>    | <b>Iceland</b>                     |
| <b>Thanksgiving Fund :</b>   | <b>Batten Disease</b>              |
| <b>State Project :</b>       | <b>Disaster Assistance</b>         |
| <b>Social Issues Focus :</b> | <b>Social Isolation</b>            |

### Romsey Branch of C.W.A. Inc

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CWA is *not just for older women*; it is for women of any age wanting to be involved in their local community and also be connected to a world-wide organisation of friendship and community care. We have a lot of fun and laughs while being creative and raising funds for community projects. CWA is a volunteer organisation.

Our friendly monthly meeting occurs on the 1st Wednesday of each month from 10.00 am to approx. 12.00 noon.

Our fun craft days occur on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 10.00 am to approx. 2.00 pm; both meetings are held in the supper room (side entrance) of the Romsey Mechanics Institute, Main Rd, Romsey. Examples of crafts we do are: knitting, sewing, crochet, cooking, beading, paper-craft.

**Well spring is in the air and the daffodils are out. So it was time for our members to attend the Annual Daffodil Festival at Kyneton with other branches from our Central Highlands Group. It is always a great fund raising event for our branch with lots of cakes, slices, craft items etc. for sale.**

21st September we went on the shopping tour. What a great day was had with lots of shopping at the various outlets.

It was great to see 2 new ladies attend our August meeting. I am sure they enjoyed the day and will continue to be a part of our club.

Craft days are always fun with lots of laughs and you may even learn something. At October craft day we are hoping to have a "learn to crochet day". So if you would like to learn to crochet come and join us. Craft days are free to members and only \$5 for non-members.

Our Romsey Branch participates in various community activities, and we welcome new members. Come and join us! Membership is very affordable.



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 August meeting will be on Thursday 24th October, 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!*

**Visit our WEB-Site: [www.rlprobud.org.au](http://www.rlprobud.org.au)**

Contact: President: Tony 0408536290; Vice President: Allan 0408098428 or Secretary: Jeni 5429 5480

## Ensure Your Property is Fire Ready

Council is encouraging residents to start cleaning up their properties in preparation for the fire season.

With summer just around the corner, now's the time to undertake necessary measures to ensure that you, your family and your property are fire ready.

Preparations to make sure you are fire ready include:

- Cut grass and keep it under 75mm in height
- Rake up and remove dry grass, leaves, twigs and loose bark (also called fine fuels)
- Remove any rubbish or material that is likely to cause, maintain or promote a fire
- Store flammable liquids well away from the house
- Keep gutters clean and free of fine fuels
- Store woodpiles away from the house
- Clear away noxious weeds, such as gorse and blackberry
- Store LPG cylinders securely in an upright position and face LPG cylinder vent-pipes away from the house.
- Plan and prepare a bushfire survival plan for your property, family and pets.

To assist residents in the clean-up, Council will lift burning off restrictions for the month of October for those residents living on land less than 4,000 square metres (one acre).

When burning off, please note the following:

- You must not cause a nuisance to neighbours
- Register your burn by calling 1800 668 511
- Burn-offs should not be left unattended.

Council urges residents to monitor weather conditions prior to the commencement of any burning off on their property.

Council's Fire Management Officer will begin inspecting private properties for fire risk throughout November and December. Fire Prevention Notices will be issued to any properties which pose a serious fire risk to their neighbourhood.

Council has also put together a useful planner which outlines the preparation activities that you should undertake to adequately prepare your property and household in the event of an emergency. The Macedon Ranges Community Emergency Preparation Planner can be picked up from one of Council's customer service centres in Kyneton, Gisborne, Romsey and Woodend.

The planner also provides information on what to do on high fire risk days, and encourages community members to share information about emergencies.

For more information about preparing your property for the fire season and burning off, visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/fireready](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/fireready) or call Council on 5422 0333.

## Plenty to Learn at October Environment Events

Join the move to sustainable living and care for the environment by learning to build with natural materials.

### Build with natural materials

Come along and learn methods for incorporating natural materials, such as rammed earth, straw and hemp and stone into your house design. The workshop will be held from 7.30pm to 8.30pm on Thursday 10 October at Woodend Neighbourhood House, 41 Forest Street. For bookings and further information, visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/environment-events](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/environment-events).

### Wildflower walk at Hobbs Road

The Macedon Ranges has numerous types of different wildflowers and Council is offering the opportunity to take a guided tour of Hobbs Road Reserve with botanist Ben Courtice. The guided walk will be held from 10am to 12pm on Sunday 13 October at Hobbs Road Reserve, Bullengarook. For further information, visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/environment-events](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/environment-events).

## Macedon Ranges Bird Blitz

Help us survey birds in the Macedon Ranges on Saturday 19 October. Bird enthusiasts of all skill levels are welcome and each group will be led by expert field guides. Participants are asked to arrive by 9.30am at Bald Hill Reserve, 281 Pipers Creek Road, Kyneton for breakfast before forming into groups and then heading out to various sites. Lunch will be supplied and the day will conclude at 2.30pm. For bookings and further information, visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/environment-events](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/environment-events).

## Learn about gorse control

Do you have a problem with gorse in your area? Gorse is a major weed in central Victoria. It has the potential to overtake large areas of farming land, reducing environmental quality and adding to extreme fire danger. The main components of a successful gorse control program include a long-term commitment from landowners combined with a combination of control methods and techniques. Council is inviting people to attend a walk, from 10am to 12pm, through Bald Hill Bushland Reserve on Saturday 26 October, aimed at providing information about best practice treatment of this statelisted noxious weed and highlighting success stories.



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Large range of printers for sale

### **The Sapphires Will Bring Life to Stage**

Council is bringing The Sapphires—one of Australia's best-loved stories—to Kyneton. The Sapphires, which won multiple awards as a play, film and soundtrack album, is now taking the show on a national tour.

Written by Tony Briggs, The Sapphires is a funny, heart-warming tale inspired by the true story of Brigg's mother. It tells of the incredible journey of a singing group of four Yorta Yorta Women, who sing Motown soul against a backdrop of massive social upheaval.

The play depicts the lives of four young women from regional Australia who love to sing country music. They suddenly get the chance to change everything about their lives and, wearing sequins and armed only with microphones, they find themselves trying to spread joy during the Vietnam War.

The play will bring the raw energy, fun and emotion directly to communities throughout Victoria, including on stage at Kyneton Town Hall. The Sapphires will be in Kyneton for one show, starting at 7.45pm on Friday 4 October at Kyneton Town Hall, 129 Mollison Street. For bookings and further

information, call 1300 888802 (Monday to Friday).

### **Share culture through art with Nathan Patterson**

Indigenous artist Nathan Patterson will hold workshops at Kyneton Town Hall in October. Nathan rose to prominence four years ago and his art has since been commissioned for large-scale mural projects, as well as designing AFL Indigenous guernseys for Richmond, Essendon, Collingwood and Geelong football clubs.

He runs workshops, teaching about the symbols used in Aboriginal art artefacts used by Aboriginal people for hunting and gathering, and holds discussions about traditional and contemporary designs, including original paints from ochre and didgeridoo playing.

The workshops will be held from 9:30am to 2:30pm on Thursday 10 October, Friday 11 October, and Friday 18 October at Kyneton Town Hall, 129 Mollison Street, Kyneton.

For more information or to find out whether there are workshop vacancies for your school, call Andrea MacDonald on (03) 5422 0394 or email [amacdonald@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:amacdonald@mrsc.vic.gov.au)

### **Bird Enthusiasts Needed to Help with Bird Blitz**

Did you know that we have had more than 227 species of birds recorded in our shire? Of this, 18 per cent are considered threatened with extinction.

Birds are great biodiversity indicators and can tell us a lot about the health of the environment. As part of Council's biodiversity monitoring program, we are undertaking a shire-wide survey of more than 100 sites—the Bird Blitz—to help us learn more about our local bird communities.

To do this, Council needs citizen scientists to help out, and everyone—from complete beginners to expert bird watchers—is invited to participate. The Bird Blitz will be held on Saturday 19 October, from 9.30am to 2.30pm and all participants are asked to meet at Bald Hill Reserve, near Kyneton, for a hot breakfast and a discussion about the bird survey process.

Participants will then form small groups, assisted by at least one bird expert to help with identification. Groups will then car pool to the survey sites located across the Shire.

All participants, regardless of whether they are a beginner or an expert bird watcher, are welcome to attend and participate.

Bookings required at [www.mrsc.vic.gov.au/environment-events](http://www.mrsc.vic.gov.au/environment-events)

### **Film Explores Growing Up in the Digital Age**

Live4Life will host a special event for Macedon Ranges' parents, carers and school staff as part of National Mental Health Week activities in October. The event will be held on Thursday 10 October and will include a film screening of Screenagers and a panel discussion.

The film Screenagers looks at the place of screens and social media in the lives of children and young people in today's society. It explores the research on the impact of screen use on the wellbeing of young people and features young people sharing their experiences about the place of screens in their day-to-day lives.

Screenagers was produced by a parent in the United States in response to her own concerns and challenges in negotiating screen use with her young family and navigating the digital world. The panel discussion will focus on the ways families can negotiate screen use to achieve a healthy balance of screen time and screen-free time. It will include representatives from local primary and secondary schools who will share their experiences within the school environment, and young people who will present the results of a social media survey of Year 8 students across the Macedon Ranges. The event, from 6pm to 8.30pm, on Thursday 10 October will be held at the Sacred Heart Secondary College Theatre.

Tickets are \$5 per adult and free for children and young people aged 18 years and under. To register for this event, please email [lpolzot@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:lpolzot@mrsc.vic.gov.au) or call 5422 0333.

## **Full Colour Edition for December**

This year The Romsey Rag will be publishing the entire December edition in colour. The edition will be limited to 24 pages, so if you wish to have something published, please get in quick it will be on a first come, first served basis!

## Spring into Fun These School Holidays

Council has a full schedule of activities for all ages and interests these school holidays.

### Get crafty with the Rainbow Serpent

Help bring the Rainbow Serpent to life with this fun, craft activity using a cardboard template in the shape of a serpent, where children can paint, wrap or weave wool, creating an art piece to display.

The workshop will be held from 11am to 1pm on Wednesday 2 October, at the Kyneton Museum, 67 Piper St. Cost is \$5 per child and includes entry to the Museum and Bagungga—an exhibition of contemporary Aboriginal arts and crafts.

For more information or to book, visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/buytickets](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/buytickets) or call 1300 888 802.

### Take a walk with the wildflowers

Join Council's bushland reserve officer on a guided tour of Hobbs Road Reserve and learn about the many different types of wildflowers.

The walk will be from 10am to 12pm on Sunday 13 October at Hobbs Road Reserve, Bullengarook. For more information, visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/environment-events](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/environment-events)

### Intensive learn to swim program

Council's leisure and aquatic centres offer preschool, school holiday and learn to swim programs to help your child improve water confidence and build swimming skills

by enrolling in an intensive learn to swim program in Kyneton and Gisborne.

The 30-minute classes will be held from 9am–12pm and are suitable for children aged three years and over and are offered in four or five-day intensives.

#### Kyneton Toyota Sports & Aquatic Centre

**When:** Four-day intensive: Monday 23 September to Thursday 26 September Five-day intensive: Monday 30 September to Friday 4 October.

**Cost:** Four-day \$64.80, five-day \$81.00 Bookings are essential. Call (03) 5421 1477 or visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/school-holidays](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/school-holidays)

#### Gisborne Aquatic Centre

**When:** Four-day intensive: Monday 23 September to Thursday 26 September Five-day intensive: Monday, 30 September to Friday 4 October.

**Cost:** Four-day: \$64.80, Five-day: \$81.00 Bookings are essential. Call (03) 5421 1452 or visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/school-holidays](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/school-holidays)

### Inflatable fun at the pool

The large inflatable at Gisborne Aquatic Centre will operate from 1pm to 3pm each week day except Friday 27 September.

At Kyneton Toyota Sports and Aquatic Centre, the inflatable will operate from 12.30pm to 2.30pm on Monday 30 September, Wednesday 2 October and Friday 4 October.

For more information, visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/school-holidays](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/school-holidays)

## Time to Prepare for Summer Season Competition

Romsey Recreation Centre will be a hub of sport and activity as the summer season of sports competition heats up.

A full program of fun, interactive and inclusive sports competitions will start from Monday 7 October.

The basketball competition program will include a:

- senior men's competition (15 years and over)
- junior development program, and
- an under-13 mixed domestic junior competition.

For indoor soccer (Futsal) there will be:

- a junior development competition
- an under-12 training program
- under-12 and under-16 mixed domestic junior competitions, and
- a senior mixed competition (15 years and over)

With winter behind you, it is the ideal time to enter your preferred sport age and level of competition and enjoy some healthy team competition and physical activity. Bookings are advised, so register today.

For more information or to book your place, contact the centre on 5429 5637 or [rrc@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:rrc@mrsc.vic.gov.au) and to view the program of events, visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/rrc](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/rrc)

## Keep Up the Good Work on Removing Glass for Recycling

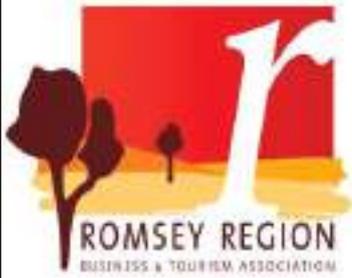
Thanks to community members who have already separated glass from their recycling and assisting Council in finding a solution to the current recycling crisis.

Public glass recycling skip bins will be installed in major towns and other locations in the shire in coming weeks as Council continues its work to find innovative solutions to the current recycling crisis.

Council has identified a recycling company which will process the shire's recycling going forward as long as glass is removed and the other recyclables are not contaminated. Shards and small pieces of glass can become embedded in paper and cardboard in recycling bins and contaminate the other recyclables.

Public place glass recycling skip bins will be installed in locations around the shire in coming weeks to assist residents in removing glass from recycling bins. Residents can also drop off glass free of charge to Council's transfer stations in Kyneton, Woodend and Romsey for recycling. As a last resort, glass can be placed in general rubbish bins (red lid).

Council will meet in late October to consider long-term options for recycling, including the possible introduction of an additional "glass-only" bin for the whole shire. For more information, see [mrsc.vic.gov.au/glass](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/glass)



## Romsey Region Business & Tourism Association (RRBATA)

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## RRBATA Update

### Romsey Business After Work Catch Up Night

RRBATA held its first After Work Catch Up Night for Romsey businesses on Thursday 5th September at Evan's Wine and Cheese Bar. Helen and Andy provided some lovely nibbles plates whilst attendees relaxed and chatted. The aim of these evenings is for business operators and employees to have a chance to catch up in an informal setting for an hour or so on the first Thursday of the month (5.30pm to 6.30pm). No bookings are necessary and you do not need to be a RRBATA member to attend. Stay tuned to RRBATA Facebook for October's Catch Up Night venue!

Development Victoria.

RRBATA thanks all of the community members involved in the Streetscape project working groups with special mention to Rhett Strautins and Geoff Bright who worked on the Lighting group. A huge thank you is also extended to Council staff members who supported the project during the period between its 2015 inception to now including Leanne Davey, Carina Doolan and former staff members Shane Power, Matt Irving, Janyce McMurtrie and Kylie Lethbridge. Last night was a testament to Romsey's town pride and another initiative to showcase the historic town centre.



### BOOK NOW - RRBATA 10th Annual Business Breakfast

The 10th Annual Business Breakfast is rapidly approaching and RRBATA has been very lucky to secure Mr. Michael Drapac as special guest speaker. Michael is founder and Chairman of Drapac Capital Partners, a highly specialized international property group. He founded the Drapac Cycling Team in 2004 to support the concept of holistic development for young elite athletes. His Romsey thoroughbred property will breed, raise, race and re-purpose equine athletes for life after racing as well as featuring a stock saddle museum. Michael is passionate about communities being developed which enhance an area for local residents without losing character - a particularly timely discussion with Romsey's Town Structure Plan is due to be developed over the next 2 to 3 years. So - if you are interested in the Romsey Mechanics' Institute, 2 to 3 years. So - if you are interested in the Fountain precinct, heritage lamps, Northern entry trees (Murphy Street intersection) and the former Shire Office building at the Hub. Council was represented by East Ward Councillor Bill West, Leanne Davey (Economic Development and Tourism Unit) and Kerry Wilkinson (Engineering and Projects). This project was made possible by funding from Macedon Ranges Shire Council and Regional at Glen Erin. Bookings through Try Booking.

### Romsey Lights Turn On

Cold weather did not deter Romsey residents coming onto the Main Street on Friday 6th September 2019 to see the heritage lamps and building illuminations being turned on for the first time. Old Mates Cafe opened especially for the event, serving home-made donuts and hot drinks to grateful customers. At 7pm, electrician Lachy DeAraugo flicked the switches to illuminate the Romsey Mechanics' Institute, 2 to 3 years. So - if you are interested in the Fountain precinct, heritage lamps, Northern entry trees (Murphy Street intersection) and the former Shire Office building at the Hub. Council was represented by East Ward Councillor Bill West, Leanne Davey (Economic Development and Tourism Unit) and Kerry Wilkinson (Engineering and Projects). This project was made possible by funding from Macedon Ranges Shire Council and Regional at Glen Erin. Bookings through Try Booking.

## Woodland Ramble Planting Day - A lovely day in the Park



Thanks to a Macedon Ranges Shire Council (MRSC) grant (Places for People Community Funding program), Romsey Ecotherapy Park Inc (REP) recently conducted a planting day in the area of Romsey Ecotherapy Park known as the Woodland Ramble Space. The 60 Sheoak trees planted will act as a buffer on the southern boundary of the park.

Local horticulturalist Kerri Mewett oversaw the event which involved local community members and REP committee digging holes, spreading mulch, planting and watering trees on a glorious Spring day.

MRSC's Coordinator Community Places and Partnerships, Jodie Turner, also attended. Jodie has been a great friend to REP and her hard work was much appreciated. A sausage sizzle was generously supported by Romsey IGA with Romsey Cricket Club supplying the BBQ trailer.



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# Romsey Lancefield Senior Citizens Bendigo Bank Monthly Bus Trips

## Cranbourne Gardens

Well, our September Mystery Trip was a great success with 30 community members all having a wonderful time visiting the Kerrisdale Mountain Railway Museum near Seymour. We took a rail trip up the mountain to a spectacular view across the Tallarook Ranges followed by a lovely lunch at the Seymour Club.

**Our** next trip in October promises to be just as enjoyable. We will be travelling to the beautiful **Cranbourne Botanic Gardens**. The gardens have a wonderful display of native plants highlighting their wide diversity. Why not join us for this great day? The trip will include sightseeing and a beautiful two course lunch, it will be held on **Wednesday 2nd of October**.

Depart: **Lancefield – 8.45am;**  
**Romsey – 9am**



Future trips will be:

- **6th November Kyabram** – to visit a Camel Farm and home via Rochester Silos.
- **4th December Christmas Breakup** – at the Highlands Hotel.

In December we will be celebrating our 50th Anniversary, 50 wonderful years full of great memories and wonderful friends. There will be more details in November.

Remember, we meet every Monday in the rooms at the rear of the Romsey Mechanics Institute for lunch, some card games and a chat, for just \$5.00. Everyone is more than welcome. On the 2nd Monday of the month we have some professional cooks come in to prepare a two-course meal, costing only \$10.00. We would love to see you.

For further information please contact Helen on 0409 064 303 or Rae on 0408 338 759. Hope to see you soon

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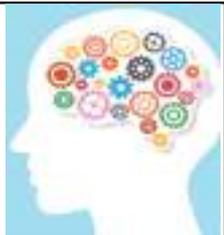
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**OPENING HOURS**

|           |            |                      |            |
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| Monday    | 9am to 9pm | Thursday             | 9am to 8pm |
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## FUN FACTS

- We, as humans, forget 90% of our dreams. 
- During thinking, we use on about 35% of our brains.
- The percentage of people dreaming in black and white started decreasing after the spread of colour TV.
- Approximately two-thirds of people tip their head to the right when they kiss. 
- Just days before the 1966 Soccer World Cup in England, the trophy was stolen and then later retrieved by a dog.



## Library News

### What's On at Romsey Library in Spring:

#### Vic Rocks

Tuesday 1 October (School holidays) from 2-3pm

Join the Vic Rocks painting craze for fun, fitness and creativity! Paint some little rocks and hide them in our beautiful parks, playgrounds and public places for others to find. Ages 5-12 years.

Bookings required via Eventbrite on our website: [www.ncgrl.vi.gov.au](http://www.ncgrl.vi.gov.au) or by phoning the Library on 54293086

**Drop-In Lego** (during school holidays only).

#### Little Big Bang Discovery Club

**Please note \*\*Participants must commit to all 4 sessions, held over 4 Mondays**

Mon 7 October, Mon 14 October, Mon 21 October and Mon 28 October: 2pm – 3pm

#### Birding Apps Workshop

Thursday 17 October, 3-4pm

Are you a keen birder? Come and learn about

some great apps for bird watchers, and how you can contribute to the Great Aussie Bird Count using your smartphone or tablet.

#### Armchair Travel: Sicily Sojourn

Thursday 31 October, 7pm

If travelling to Europe has long been on your bucket list, join us for a delightful evening of armchair travel with local resident and tour guide, Anita Triado. Anita will share photos, and insights from her travels highlighting the culture, history and beauty of Sicily.

#### International Games Week

3-9 November

Call into our Library to enjoy a game or two! Take part in our community jigsaw or continuous Scrabble game KANO workshop.

**Please note \*\*Participants must commit to all 4 sessions, held over 4 Mondays**

Mon 11 November, Mon 18 November, Mon 25 November and Mon 2 December, 3:45pm – 4:45pm.

### New Release DVDs recommended by Library Manager, Trish Gauci



#### Salt, fat, acid, heat: mastering the elements of good cooking by Samin Nosrat

If you are a food lover and you have seen the associated Netflix series Salt fat acid heat, you will already have developed a crush on its charming and enthusiastic host and this book's author, Samin Nosrat. This book is a wonderful, entertaining guide to learning the foundational elements of cooking. Nosrat's central idea is that delicious food is about balancing the four elements in the book's title. It is also beautifully presented with illustrations from Wendy MacNaughton – I don't know about you but I am a sucker for a nicely designed cookbook. Whether you are a novice

cook or a gun in the kitchen, I guarantee Nosrat will have something to teach you about flavour and food. It is my favourite cookbook since I discovered Ottolenghi.



#### Second skin: choosing and caring for fibres and clothing by India Flint

This is a precious book, beautifully produced and presented. Its underlying principle is thoughtful and reverential respect for the environment in the production and maintenance of the garments we wear. The book further offers guidance and instructions in the art of clothes mending, care and natural dying – an aspect I found particularly interesting, using plant material and kitchen waste to create beautiful hues on natural fibres. Most of all it's a gorgeous and inspiring book to look at and will have you thinking about the larger context in which our clothing choices are made.



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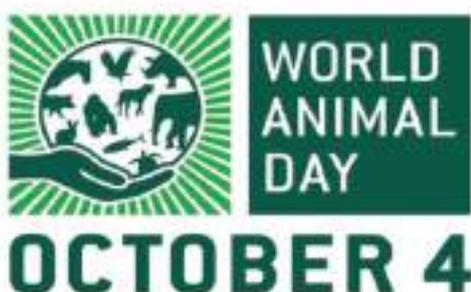
#### Opening hours

Monday 9.30am-5pm  
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World Animal Day is an international day of action for animal rights and welfare celebrated annually on October 4th, the feast day of Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals.

Check out the RSPCA who regularly hold celebrations or provide information on what you can do this October.

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



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Many RGC members have been working very hard to get Romsey Park & the golf course into its "best ever" condition. The trees we have planted are now surviving & thriving bringing many insects, birds & smaller mammals to the Park. We now have three nesting pairs of Bronze Winged pigeons as well as brightly coloured rosellas and grass parrots. Kookaburras can also be regularly seen flying between the larger, older trees. With both dams full the Park looks a treat.



*The 2019 Romsey Women's Open Winners*

On September 12th RGC held its 1st Women's Open Tournament. This tournament was generously sponsored by the Romsey Bendigo Bank, the club is very pleased to work with a bank who does so much positive work within our community. 36 golfers from 14 clubs competed. The first few holes were extremely windy and cold making play very challenging. The weather soon cleared, and the field began to enjoy themselves in the warmer, sunnier conditions. The 2019 champion was Jenny Vennel (Lancefield).

The club's oldest shield W. E. Tom 4BBB (1965) was played over Aug/Sept.

The RGC annual working bee was held on Fri September 27th. A spoon drain was run across the 3rd fairway and the 3rd green was increased in size. All greens were cored, top-dressed, seeded and fertilised. Our thanks to all the members who turned up to assist on the day.

## RGC Weekly Competition Results:

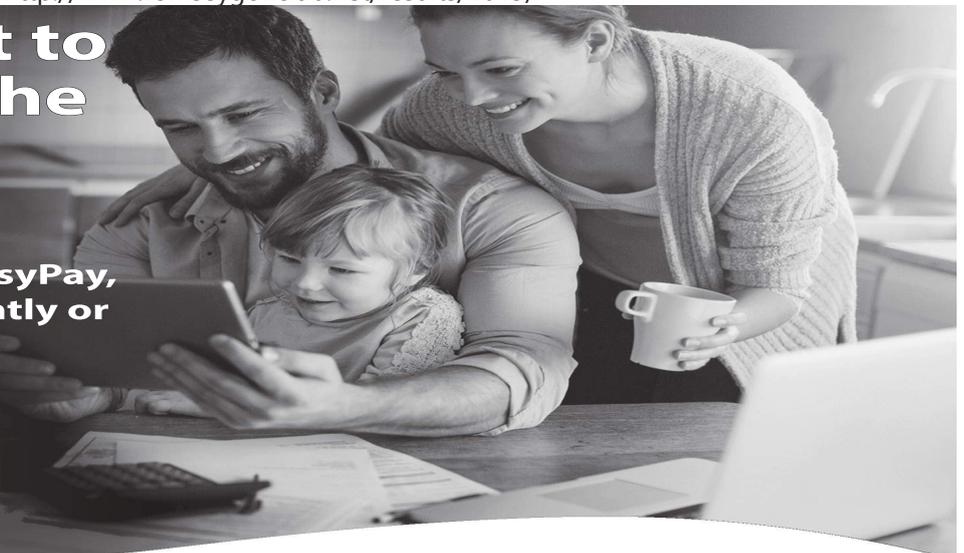
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| <b>14th Sept – Medal &amp; WE Tom 4BBB Final</b>            | Toby Clement – 95/33/62 from Jim Patton – 93/20/73 & Keith Hocking – 105/29/76. WE Tom - Scott Williams (12)/Chris vanDerVliet (24) D Daniel Wright (0)/Anthony Lakey (16) – 1up |
| <b>7th Sept - Stableford</b>                                | Mal Mottram (10) – 29 pts from Sherif Abdel-Sayed (25) C/B from Jim Patton (20) – 25 pts   |
| <b>4th Sept - Stableford</b>                                | Jenny Hartley (21) – 27pts from Wendy Gosden (27) – 22pts.   |
| <b>31st Aug Medal</b>                                       | Mick Squire – 77/5/72 from Mal Mottram – 86/10/76  |
| <b>28th Aug - Medal</b>                                     | Jenny Hartley – 100/21/79 C/B from Darlene Baker – 98/19/79 & Kath Jekabsons – 110/29/81   |
| <b>24th Aug - Stroke</b>                                    | Mitch Atlas – 86/12/74 from Andrew Laing – 95/19/76  |
| <b>21st Aug – 9-hole Stableford</b>                         | Darlene Baker – 17pts from Elaine Scanlon – 13 pts & Kath Jekabsons – 9 pts  |
| <b>17th Aug – W. E. Tom 4BBB Qualifier &amp; Stableford</b> | Scott Williams (15)/Chris vanDerVliet (27) – 39 pts C/B Steve Wilkins (16)/Mal Mottram (10) – 39 pts from John (28)/Andrew Laing (19) – 37 pts                                   |
| <b>14th Aug - Stableford</b>                                | Wendy Gosden/Jenny Hartley – 34 Pts from Lorraine Robb/Darlene Baker – 30 pts and Kath Jekabsons/Elaine Scanlon – 29 pts   |

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

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## Get Involved & Join in the Fun with Relay For Life Saturday 29th February & Sunday 1st March 2020



Planning is well underway for the 18th annual Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay For Life to be held at the Lancefield Recreation Reserve on Saturday 29 February and Sunday 1 March.

The longest running Relay event in the Macedon Ranges Shire, the Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay For Life has raised more than \$1.5 million, helping the 269 people diagnosed with cancer in the shire every year.

With 16 teams already signed up to participate, local residents are being asked to pick up the baton and get involved.

There are many ways to get involved in Relay For Life. Whether you want to start a new team, join an existing team, make a donation or volunteer, there's something for everyone.

The Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay For Life volunteer committee has a saying that 'many hands make light work'. Committees require assistance - in the lead up to the event and on the day- and our volunteers are key to bringing the Relay For Life to the Macedon Ranges community.

Any help you give will make a difference. With Relay For Life, there's no limit to the time you donate and the one

thing all of our volunteers agree on is that being part of the team is a lot of fun.

A celebration of hope, the Relay For Life provides community members the chance to join together and acknowledge local cancer survivors, patients and carers, while honouring those who are no longer with us.

Everyone is welcome at Relay, no matter your age or ability. You can take part however you like by walking, jogging, running, wheeling or even dancing – it's your Relay For Life! If you're thinking about starting a team or joining one then now is the time to register for the 2020 Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay For Life with early bird registrations costing only \$25 for a child, \$35 for an adult or \$75 for a family.

If you're interested in registering a team, joining a team or volunteering please email [lancefieldrfl@cancervic.org.au](mailto:lancefieldrfl@cancervic.org.au), call 1300 656 585 or visit the Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay For Life Facebook page or [http://fundraising.cancer.org.au/site/TR/RelayforLife/CCVIC?pg=entry&fr\\_id=5699](http://fundraising.cancer.org.au/site/TR/RelayforLife/CCVIC?pg=entry&fr_id=5699)

By getting involved with Relay For Life, you too can help fight back against cancer in the Macedon Ranges.



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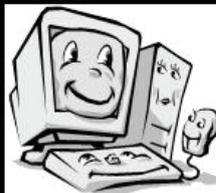
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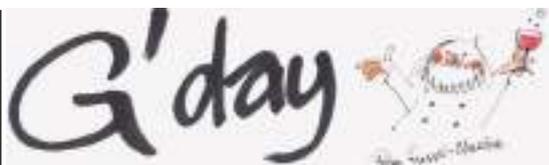
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## Cooking with Peter Russell-Clarke

### 'Avocado Ice-Cream Desert & Health Balls'



Some of the diets of our ancestors are to be applauded and repeated, while others are to be deplored.

One can, of course, go into the reasons - the whys and the wherefores of the reasons - certain peoples ate certain foods. For instance, I'm a daily consumer of nuts, seeds and grains which the Ancient Egyptians of the Pyramids times ate. But I'm not a daily consumer of the beer they drank as if it was water. (Although they did have a lot of water in their brew, which is maybe where some of our own brew masters got the idea.). Anyway, I've looked up the life expectancy of the average Ancient Egyptian - for those who survived childhood (they had a very high infant death rate due to high risks of infections resulting in an average age at death of 19 years) the life expectancy was 30 years for women and 34 years for men.

And, apart from intrigues or death by crocodile bite, or slaves being whipped for having placed a statue a millimetre too far to the right or left, or sunstroke or measles or ..... Strewth, the more I think about this, it's a wonder they didn't die on average much, much earlier.

What my original argument was to be was that their diet wasn't a diverse diet and so we shouldn't aspire to reproduce it today, when really what I should be thinking is - take the better parts of their food consumption and marry it with the better part of ours.

(Just as an aside, are our tomatoes as nutritious as those of

#### AVOCADO ICE-CREAM DESSERT

2 Avocados;  
Juice of 2 lemons;  
Splash of brandy;  
1 1/2 tablespoons sugar;  
1 cup vanilla ice-cream;  
3 egg whites;  
Whipped brandied cream;  
Strawberries for decoration.

Peel the avocados and take out the stone. Pop them into your blender with the lemon juice, brandy and sugar and puree them. Let the ice-cream soften and fold it into the puree, then beat the egg whites until they stand in soft peaks and fold them in too. Pour into individual serving dishes and pop into fridge until set. Decorate with a dob of whipped cream (with a spoonful of brandy whipped in if you like, and top with a strawberry.

#### DE CASTELLA'S HEALTH BALLS

3 slices multi-grained bread, crumbled;  
1/4 cup sultanas;  
1/4 cup raisins;  
1/2 cup crushed nuts;  
1/2 Granny Smith apple, cored, not peeled but finely chopped;  
1/2 cup grated tasty cheese;  
Good pinch dried rosemary leaves;  
1 clove garlic, crushed;  
3 thin slices fresh root ginger, finely chopped;  
Freshly ground black pepper;  
Juice of half an orange;  
Juice of half a lemon;  
1/4 cup wholemeal flour;  
A little more lemon juice;

yesteryear? Has all our forced growing and out-of-season demands altered the goodness of a tomato, or a pineapple, or banana for that matter?)

So, dear reader, the long and the short of all this is to vary our diet, but to think about our daily consumption. Green leaves, seeds and nuts, a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables. Limit processed food and don't swim in the Nile or build pyramids

Remember when Peters Ice Cream was lauded as "The Health Food of the Nation"? (I felt tremendously proud as a 'Peter' when I was a nipper). Anyway, not everyone believed 'em and I was, and still am, one of those sceptics. Nevertheless, I've written an ice-cream recipe - an AVOCADO ICE CREAM recipe. (Avocados are the health food of the nation as long as you don't discard the pip - which makes it a fruit - and fill the indentation with rubbish.)

By the way, the fruit, as we know it, is the reproductive organ of the plant. The bit we eat is the flesh which protects the pip.

If that's turned you off, I'm now presenting for your approval a recipe featuring the all-round good bloke Robert De Castella's Health Balls. (For short 'Deek's Balls'.)

I hope all this health stuff isn't too boring - but someone's got to do it, eh!

1/4 cup sesame seeds;  
1/3 cup olive oil for frying.

In a bowl mix together the bread, sultanas, raisins, nuts, apple, cheese, rosemary, garlic, ginger and freshly ground black pepper. Pour in the orange and lemon juice and mix well. Take spoonfuls of the mixture and form into balls - this amount of mixture will make 8-10 balls. Roll the balls in flour, sprinkle with a little more lemon juice then roll in sesame seeds. Heat the oil in a large heavy frying pan, then fry the balls till they're golden brown - they'll only take a couple of minutes. Drain on kitchen paper and eat hot.



## This Month In Your Garden

Spring is finally here! The season of yellow is upon us; daffodils, mahonia, forsythia, wattle, euryops (daisies) and the giant, cone-like spires of aeoniums. For about 5 weeks I can cut a bunch of daffodils every few days for the house. Their cheery presence brightens any room. Soon the yellows will give way to other colours and spring will move on. Today as the orange red-hot-pokers are finishing; I noticed a peek of another orange from my strelitzia (bird-of-paradise) which having escaped winter's frosts, is finally opening. It has taken many years for this plant to grow large enough to finally flower, as last winter the frosts really knocked it around. Currently it has two flower spikes which is very exciting!



Red Templetonia

I have been spreading wood chips to cover the bare soil before the warmer weather hits and sucks the moisture out of the soil (well I should say Lachie has been spreading the bulk of the woodchips). We have spread 3m so far and I think we might need some more! Over the years the garden has been mulched with whatever I could lay my hands on – tip mulch, pea straw, alpaca poo and sheep poo. Unfortunately no mulch lasts forever and it needs constant renewal. Look after your soil and your soil will look after you!

Another big job Lachie and I tackled has been the removal of the hebes that died last summer. The trailer was filled with masses of material and I added branches from a callistemon that needed to be cut back hard. I also added the thuja from beside the letterbox that died suddenly in autumn. Cutting it off at its base revealed extensive rot that had entered via damage to the trunk. This makes me quite fearful for the remainder of the thuja hedge! Planted in 2005 it has never grown as well as the 'mother' hedge we saw in the Dandenong Ranges. I'm quite sure it's the rainfall we never seem to get that has something to do with this. Maybe I should have planted a juniper hedge, as these appear to be the most drought hardy of the conifers.

In the Australian plant garden, as the red templetonia (cockies tongues) and scarlet Correa 'Ring-a-Ding-a-Ding' fade, the pinks are taking over! The pink form of Correa alba is covered with its bell-like flowers and Micromyrtus ciliata is covered in minute pale pink flowers. For once my Eucalyptus caesia has produced large pink flowers instead of the entire trunk snapping off just as they form buds. I can see that soon the delightful pinkish purple flowers of Kunzea pauciflora will emerge. This fabulous small shrub just continues to impress me with its drought hardiness and floriferousness (what a great word!)



Kunzea pauciflora

The news from the City of Melbourne is that the conservatory in the Fitzroy Gardens remains closed until late 2020 while major restorative work takes place. The annual displays in Hotham Walk are still worth a visit though. They will be in place until about mid-October.



**Macedon Ranges**  
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### Macedon Ranges Bird Blitz

Help us survey birds in the Macedon Ranges

Council is hosting a bird blitz to survey birds in the region. Participants of all skill levels are welcome.

**Saturday 19 October, 9.30am–2.30pm**  
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# The Wheelabarabak Bugle

by Jim Hayes

The Wheelabarabak Bugle, that's the paper in our town,  
It's the method by which all the news is spread around.  
Each Monday and each Thursday the Bugle hits the street  
And if you've never read it, you've missed out on a treat.

The editor, Old Jonesy, puts most of it together.  
He does the features, the photos, the farm news and the weather.

But, as it's only twice a week, the weather's yesterdays.  
Mrs Phillips does fashion news and reviews the local plays.

On Thursday it'll tell you the weekend netball draw  
And you read it on a Monday if you want to know the score.  
How did footy go on Sunday? What's news down at the school?

Call it 'two minutes silence' and you're only being cruel!

Sure, Jonesy sometimes rushes things and small mistakes occur.

The CWA President's mad at what he did to her!  
It was underneath a photo of her with a champion scone.  
Well, a name like 'Mrs Tucker' is a bad one to get wrong!

Even headline spelling errors are not difficult to find,  
'Members Active in The Loins Club' is one that comes to mind.

Like, 'Councillors Pass Motions on Brand New Town Hall Roof',  
And 'Surveyor Leaks on Subdivision Our Photo Shows the Truth!'

Though the news that's in the Bugle is always based on fact,  
The editor's prejudices .... They remain intact.  
And Jonesy was a decent, well-meaning country bloke  
Who hated unions, migrants, and all them 'city folk'.

One day he had a message, O'Shea's pig dog had gone wild!  
Broke its chain and tried to maul O'Shea's youngest child,  
Who no doubt had been tormenting it, as he was wont to do,  
But the child had been saved by a stranger passing through.

He'd pulled up, grabbed a tyre lever, dashed into the fray,  
Took the brunt of the attack, killed the dog and saved the day!

Jonesy soon was on the scene and the bloke was interviewed,  
(while waiting for the ambulance, 'cos he was badly chewed.)

He lived in Sydney, but he was born in the UK.

He was a trade union organizer visiting branches up our way.  
And the headline for our hero is Jonesy's best one yet,  
'City-Based Pommy Communist Kills Local Kiddy's Pet!'

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## Romsey Rag - Summer Children's Competition

Our final children's competition for 2019 will be on the theme of "SUMMER".

- What do you love about summer?
- How does summer make you feel?
- What special things do you and your family do during summer?
- How can you show the great events from summer's past?

### Entries

Entries will be accepted in three age groups – Gr P/1/2, Gr 3/4, Gr 5/6.

Entries will be accepted in any medium –clay, painting, lithograph, construction, blackline or colour drawing, diorama etc.

### Size

All entries must be no taller than an A4 portrait.

All entries must have a base no larger than an A4 sheet of paper

### Drop off of Entries

Entries may be left at the Romsey Library from 9.00am Mon Nov 11th to 4.30pm Thurs Nov 14th

### Display of Entries

Entries will be exhibited as part of the RMI/RNH Annual Art at the Romsey Mechanics Institute on **Sunday November 17th.**

All Entries can be collected at the end of the day, otherwise they will be disposed of.



## DARRAWEIT GUIM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS UPDATE

It has been an action-packed month at Darraweit Guim Primary School! Our students enjoyed participating in many book week activities and they looked amazing in their costumes for the Book Week parade. It has been an action-packed month at Darraweit Guim Primary School! Our students enjoyed participating in many book week activities and they looked amazing in their costumes for the Book Week parade.



We held our inaugural 'Father's Day celebration evening' and it was lovely to see so many fathers, uncles, grandfathers and family friends attending the evening and making wonderful memories with the children! The sausage sizzle and cupcakes were a huge success, and the children loved having a handmade gift to give to their special person.



In our Kitchen-Garden program recently, the junior class made Irish soda bread, butter from cream and blueberry and strawberry jam. The Foundation students prepared the 'tartines' (French for bread, butter and jam!) for everyone to taste. It was delicious! It is always a pleasure to have our parents in to help in this program. Many hands make light work!

**We are currently taking enrolments for 2020 and welcome school tours by appointment. Our 'First steps to Foundation' transition program continues throughout October. Please call 5789 1234 if you would like further information.**



**Carol Booker**  
Principal – Darraweit Guim PS.

ROMSEY  
OCTOBER 7TH - DECEMBER 20TH

### WHATS ON @ ROMSEY NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

#### TERM 4 BROCHURE OUT NOW

Join us at the Romsey Neighbourhood House and get involved in our new programs this term! We now run Kokedama Workshops, Zumba Toning Classes, Basic Chainsaw Classes, as well as plenty for the kids including: Arty-Crafty Kids, Intro to Sewing for Children and Children's Meditation. We also have some big events to look forward to such as our Women's Night, our monthly Feed it Forward lunch, as well as some festive fun including Wreath Making and a fun day out shopping for all your Christmas goodies! Please contact the RNH on: 5429 6724 for more details & bookings!



The house will continue to run services including:  
 --> Accredited courses including First Aid & CPR, Food Handlers, RSA, Boat & JetSki Licence and plenty more.  
 --> Our Food Bank service which operates 3 days a week.  
 --> Garden Club.  
 --> Community Transport (volunteer drivers taking community members to medical appointments.)  
**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**  
 --> Free Walking Group.  
 --> Boomerang Bags, join the plastic free movement!  
 + many more!

### Travelling in the Early Years of the Port Phillip Colony Supplied by Peter Mitchell

Travelling aboard a wagon or dray drawn by bullocks, in the early days of settlement was not a pleasant experience. Roads were just tracks with exposed tree roots and deep ruts gouged by the wheels of earlier traffic. Crossing creeks was achieved by the making of a structure of saplings cut down which enabled the wagon to drive across.

An example of this means of travel for a family is illustrated by the Adams family in 1866, who made their way from Lancefield to Nagambie, aboard an American style four-wheeled covered wagon drawn by bullocks.

Tied under the wagon hung a crate which held some laying fowls from which eggs were gathered daily. Drinking water hung underneath also. A heifer was tied by rope to the side of the wagon and at night she was tethered a distance from the wagon to be milked, then trotted beside the wagon by day. The camp oven was used to bake bread, meat was whatever was shot. The journey took about four weeks.



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**PASTOR'S PARABLES**

**The Intellegant Designer**



Two bushmen, who lived in the remote outback, went for a long walk and stumbled upon a city. "Wow! How do you think that got there?" one asked the other.

The second bushman, who considered himself quite scientific, replied: "Well, there are two theories. First, there is the 'Big-Prang Theory' where two mountains collided and all the rocks accidentally fell into place, forming what you see before you. The second theory, which most educated people accept, is known as the 'Ever-Popular-Solution' or 'Evolution' for short. This is where, given the right circumstances and enough time, rocks and minerals arrange themselves into complex mathematical shapes, complete with flashing lights and strange vehicles whizzing around them."

The first bushman scratched his head, saying: "I don't know, mate - it seems as if someone designed it."

"Don't be stupid," laughed the second. "You've gotta be pretty simple-minded to believe that."

It is just as unlikely for a city to accidentally form itself, as a DNA molecule (the most efficient information storage system in the known universe) is to form accidentally. Or, to use another example, frayed dinosaur scales transforming into symmetrical bird feathers is as likely as a frayed t-shirt transforming into an Armani suit.

Many eminent scientists, who see the enormous problems in outdated and unproven theories, are re-examining the scientific facts and concluding that everything in creation has intelligent design. So if there is intelligent design to creation, wouldn't that indicate there is an Intelligent Designer? (See Hebrews 11:3)

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**SEPTEMBER 2019 DIARY**

Nothing special is planned for this month.

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**RESPONSIBILITIES**

We all have responsibilities to a greater or lesser degree. Responsibilities keep us motivated. I believe that is why some of the elderly deteriorate when they go into 'care'. We have responsibilities as citizens of this WORLD, for our Church, families, friends, neighbours and fellow-citizens. SATAN, our enemy, wields much power and influence in the KINGDOM of the WORLD.

Christians live in two Kingdoms, the Kingdom of the World and the KINGDOM OF GOD where God reigns Supreme. But the end has not yet come, so the battle between good and evil still rages. Satan was defeated by Jesus on the Cross but he still fights a losing battle to take many souls with him into the outer darkness.

One area in which we have great responsibility is the government of our Nation and the right leaders we elect. Members have put themselves forward for these high positions and need our support - critical and supportive. There are subversive forces at work in our society today who work to destroy our Christian heritage and our laws based on Bible teachings. Christians must be aware of these forces and counteract them by intelligent, thoughtful reading and discussion and above all, taking St. Paul's advice, 'I urge you then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession,

thanksgiving be made for everyone - for kings, and all those in authority, that we might live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness." (1 Timothy 2:1-2).

And remember, Paul lived in the reign of the Roman Emperor Nero, at whose hands, he met his death.

Our God is LOVE, and love must govern all our actions - in thought, word and deed.

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Our church was brightened by all the coloured, beautifully knitted items donated for Anglicare which will be gratefully received. Here, in Melbourne, whatever the season we need "woolies." Some members travelled to Holy Trinity, Flora Hill (Bendigo) for the Bush Church Aid Spring Luncheon to hear the Rev. Kristan Slack from Katherine, tell of his ministry in The Top End. Congratulations and Happy Birthday to Jean Hassall who celebrates her 90th Birthday on the 21st October. The Lord richly bless and keep you!

**OCTOBER DIARY.**

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### The Uniting Church in Australia

#### Macedon Ranges Partnership

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 5429 5509

Secretary  
 Mrs. Jenifer Clampit  
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*Let the peace of Christ rule in  
 your hearts and homes.  
 Let the word of Christ dwell in  
 you richly.  
 God comes to us, each and  
 every one.  
 God bless you every day.*

### The 23rd Psalm for Busy People

*The Lord is my pacesetter I shall not rush,  
 He makes me stop and rest for quiet intervals,  
 He provides me with images of stillness,  
 Which restores my serenity.  
 He leads me in the way of efficiency through calmness of mind,  
 And His guidance is peace.  
 Even though I have a great many things to accomplish each day  
 And crisis may pile upon crisis  
 I will not fall apart for His presence is here,  
 His timelessness, His all importance will keep me in balance.  
 He prepares refreshment and renewal in the midst of my activity.  
 He anoints my mind with His oils of inspiration.  
 My cup overflows.  
 Surely harmony and effectiveness shall be the fruit of my hours,  
 For I shall walk in the peace of the Lord  
 And dwell in His house forever.  
 Amen*

*UCAF Network September 2015*

### Romsey Church Services & Activities during October 2019

**Wednesday 2nd 6pm.** Church Council dinner meeting at Stracks  
**Sunday 6th 9am.** Worship Service  
**Monday 7,14,21,28 2pm.** Coffee Get-together at Romsey Uniting Church  
**Wednesday 1.30pm.** UCAF meeting.  
**Sunday 13th 10.45am.** Worship Service & Holy Communion at Lancefield UC.  
**Sunday 20th 10am.** Partnership Service at Gisborne Uniting Church with the  
 UC President, Dr. Deidre Palmer.  
**Sunday 27th 9am** Worship Service & Holy Communion at Romsey

#### MASS TIMES

1st & 3rd Sunday of the month:  
 8:00am Lancefield and 10:00 am Romsey

2nd, 4th & 5th Sunday of the month:  
 8:00am Romsey and 10:00am Lancefield

1st Saturday of the month:  
 10:00am Romsey – Healing Mass

Reconciliation available from 9:30am

#### COMMUNION SERVICES

Tuesday 9:00am Romsey Church

Saturday 10:00am Romsey Church

#### ROSARY

Saturdays 9:45am Romsey

#### RECONCILIATION

By arrangement.

#### BAPTISMS

2019 – Romsey Church – December 1st.

2019 – Lancefield Church – November 10th.

For more information, please phone 5429 2130.

#### ST. MARY'S DROP-IN:

First Thursday of each month,  
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| Supply Priest    | Fr. Daryl Montecillo<br>C/O Woodend Presbytery<br>5427 2690                            |
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| School Secretary | Ms. Julie McDougall<br>5429 1359   |
| School Website   | <a href="http://www.smlancefield.catholic.edu.au">www.smlancefield.catholic.edu.au</a> |

### PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Tues 5th November Melbourne Cup  
 Weds 25th December Christmas Day  
 Thurs 26th December Boxing Day

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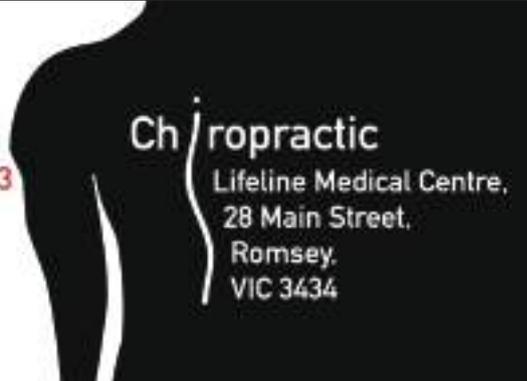
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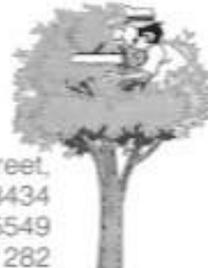
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